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Iga Swiatek

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I. SWIATEK/C. Giorgi

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THE MODERATOR: A very good match for you today, very quick. Talk us through how it felt on court today.

IGA SWIATEK: It was great, as usual, here. Very happy I had an opportunity to play on center court because it's been two years. I was feeling really pretty confident and I just wanted to see how I'm going to feel the surface.

It was all really comfortable, so I'm happy.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Your ability and how you have evolved in how you can adjust to whatever, rain delays, court speed, balls, what has been the key thing, whether it was something somebody taught you or something that you had to realize, to be able to make those adjustments? You have become one of the better adjusters on the tour.

IGA SWIATEK: On the one hand I learned how to not focus on things I don't have any influence on, just accept them. On the other hand, I don't know, I just believe that I have abilities to play on any surface, especially here where it's a little bit slower usually.

I was kind of in a positive attitude. I already know that I could do it two years ago, so this experience has taught me that there's no need to worry or panic, you just have to really use every minute on court to be focused and get the right feeling. That's all you can do. You don't know if it's going to come or not.

Today for sure was a pretty positive day. I wouldn't say these courts are much different than Indian Wells. They are different, obviously, but I think it's more about the ball 'cause it's much more heavy here. But I like it, so that's not a problem.

Q. Do you know who you play next? What are your thoughts about that one?

IGA SWIATEK: Yeah, it's our third match, so pretty interesting. I mean, it would be nice if WTA could draw so we don't get bored. I'm kidding (smiling).

Playing against her is tough, as you could see in Australia. I'm going to focus on myself and learn what I did wrong, what I did good on our last matches and just use that knowledge so I can play in a solid way, really efficiently.

I will see. I mean, it's still going to be my second day of playing here, so I'm taking it easy. I'll just fight for every ball.

Q. If you look back, is there a tournament or an incident that stands out to you in terms of where you look back and you think, I really got rattled by something that wouldn't rattle you now, if that makes sense? In a tournament, I mean.

IGA SWIATEK: Yeah, I think Roland Garros 2021 was a great example 'cause -- for sure being the defending champion, especially after a Grand Slam where you weren't really expected to do anything, it wasn't really easy. I remember I couldn't sleep and everything. Now I have some solutions to overcome these kind of issues.

Back then, like, the whole tournament was really tough emotionally. I wouldn't have made the same mistakes on next ones. So yeah, this is a good example.

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