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Iga Swiatek

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I. SWIATEK/L. Noskova

6-7, 6-4, 6-4

THE MODERATOR: Iga, very hard-fought victory today. Talk us through the match and how you battled back to win.

IGA SWIATEK: Well, for sure it wasn't like the match went one way from the beginning till the end. I know that I could stay more consistent with my level. Sometimes we have matches like that and we need to figure out how to close them anyway.

I'm happy that I'm through to the next round. Yeah, for sure it wasn't easy. There were just many ups and downs. Yeah, I'm happy that after first set I had better idea on what to do, and I just tried to do that in important moments.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. What are the positives you take away from an intense victory on your way to another Sunshine Double?

IGA SWIATEK: As you can see, it's not like we can take everything for granted. You can be in trouble at the early stages of the tournament. No sense to talk about Sunshine Double.

For sure I'm taking just experience from this match and I know what I have to focus on little bit more because it wasn't like I felt 100% comfortable all the time. I mean, I thought it's going to be easier to get used to the new conditions and new balls, but it's been tricky today.

I know I kind of changed my mind after yesterday's press, but now I know that I still have some things to figure out and I know what to focus on.

Q. When you look back on a match like that, what is the turning point? Was there a moment in the match where you felt like it turned?

IGA SWIATEK: Well, I did, and then it turned again

(smiling).

As I said at the beginning, a lot of ups and downs. Usually I'm able to keep my intensity and keep my level throughout the whole match, but it's not going to come every day.

Yeah, I felt some moments like that. But I know that Linda is the kind of player that can just really go for it. She's pretty powerful then.

Sorry, I don't know how to answer that more.

Q. Final game, you missed the two forehands into the net, she hits a forehand, you're down Love-40. What do you tell yourself, because the response was pretty emphatic?

IGA SWIATEK: Honestly, I got a pretty good coaching from my box because I wasn't sure what to really focus on. Now it's obvious for me. At that moment it didn't seem like that.

I probably served a little bit too slow, so I tried to change that in next points.

Q. You're known to read books to relax. Are you reading anything during the Miami Open now or relaxing in some other way to get away from tennis?

IGA SWIATEK: Since beginning of Indian Wells I finished two books. I'm in a good shape in terms of the reading, so that's nice.

I read the newest Ken Follett book which was pretty long. Now I'm reading one Polish novel, pretty short, but fun to read.

I don't know what's going to be next. I'm probably going to finish it tomorrow, so yeah.

Q. A late finish tonight. You play again tomorrow. With everything that was going through your head throughout this match, what's the key to either set it aside so you can play with a clear head tomorrow, or do you mull it over?



IGA SWIATEK: No, there's no sense for me to do that. You know that I'm an over-thinker. Usually the best tactic for me is to let it go.

Yeah, as I said, I want to use this experience. I'm pretty sure tomorrow I'm going to do that if everything goes well. Usually also these kind of things just settle in my head on their own. I'm just going to trust that it's going to be like that again.

For sure I know tomorrow what to focus on a little bit more, and I'm going to do that during the match. Right now it doesn't make sense to overanalyze it.

Q. You mentioned some on-court coaching. Can you tell us what your coach told you? Are you a fan of on-court coaching?

IGA SWIATEK: Well, I never actually, like, thought more if it would be better or not to have coaching at all or if it's nice we have that system like that right now. Honestly, when I came on tour, there was more and more coaching every season basically.

The best way to deal with it is to talk with your team and tell them what you want or what not. Sometimes it's not easy to have these interactions because there's a lot of emotions as well.

Tonight for sure, yeah, my box just told me one thing to kind of focus on in the time when I had chaos in my head a little bit. I had something to lean on and it really helped me.

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