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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Can you talk through the match, your thoughts on what the key was tonight.

ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH: Yeah, it was a really good match for me. I play really well. I know she just won US Open. I lost there in the first round. So a little bit different, you see.

But I tried to go on court, I tried to enjoy. My dad told me, Just go and enjoy, just enjoy tennis, just live there. It was a good, solid match from me. I did everything right and I'm happy with the result, of course.

Q. She won the US Open. We haven't seen her play that many matches. What was it like for you and your father to prepare for this match? How familiar were you with her game? What did you think of her game?

ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH: Yeah, I saw few matches of her when she played US Open and Wimbledon as well. Yeah, she's really a talented girl. She have a strong forehand, backhand. She try to be always aggressive.

Honestly, I didn't see her match like today or yesterday. But my coach and my dad, they check how she play. They gave me plan how I need to play, what I need to do. I tried to do what they told me. Sometimes did something interesting from myself, you know, some dropshots, lobs. Yeah, I played how I felt just.

Q. What does getting a win like this mean to you? Do you consider this a big win, a medium win?

ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH: I won more money (smiling). Yeah, it's little different. But it's not about the money, just joking, yeah.

It's really important for me. It's interesting to play against the players who are the best in the world. I prefer to play

on the big arena with a lot of crowds. It doesn't matter they support me or my opponent. It doesn't matter. I just love to feel this energy, I just love to be on court and just enjoy.

Q. Can you talk about your season generally. Have there been struggles? Injury? What has been the difficulty of finding your best game?

ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH: Yeah, I stopped to work with my coach. It was on last September I think. Then I change. I was looking for the new coach. I was working with one from December, two months. I finished with him on February. Then I started to work with another one. So I'm always looking, you know, for someone. Like it's not easy to find a good coach.

For example this coach is good for me, but for other not so good. Same like you need to find something that good for you. Yeah, I think I find this coach, found this coach. He's in Belarus. I gave him time for relax to be without me for holidays, to be with the family. He asked me. I said, Of course, go. Here I'm with my dad.

I think this guy, he helps me so much. He's so positive. He work before with the one junior player from Belarus. It's his first appearance in WTA Tour with me. But we have a good communication. I love to spend time with him. It's really nice. Like he understand me. I understand him. It's a good team. My dad, as well. So we are three. It's nice.

I'm happy for the moment. But you never know what's going to be next year. But for the moment I like what I do. I like the style that I play tennis. I think I am more mature than I was before, more smart, more relaxable, more enjoying the life now. So more, like, calm, yeah. I feel it and I love it.

Q. What is his name?

ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH: Dmitry Klimenko. It's always nice to be around with the positive people. I choose just the positive, the good one, with the good energy. That's why it's not so easy for me to find a good coach because I feel so much like I'm so sensitive. I'm so sensitive and I'm, like, Oh, no, this one. Just positive

people around me.

In the life, so much negative. A lot people will tell you bad things. But I don't want to listen these bad things. I know about them, for example, in my tennis. I want to be be in good mood, in positive mood, yeah.

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