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#### Paula Badosa

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THE MODERATOR: Paula, can you tell us about your match tonight.

PAULA BADOSA: Well, the conditions were tough today. It was a tough day. A lot of wind. I knew I had to stay very solid. That's what I did. Try not to, like, go for it like that much on the lines. I started to play more in the middle, quite hard there.

I think I did it and it went quite well.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

#### Q. In coming up against Coco, what were you expecting? Were you surprised by the outcome?

PAULA BADOSA: I know she's an amazing player. She's going to be even better. But, yeah, I played her doubles, so more or less I know what I could find today. I know she has an amazing serve. I knew I had to be pretty solid on mine as well. An amazing backhand. She's very athletic as well. So I was expecting a tough match.

I know the conditions today were tough. Sometimes when you don't feel you have good feelings from the beginning, sometimes it's tough. I think that's what happen to her. I played quite well. I stayed very focused and solid, and I think that was the key of the match.

# Q. You hit a career high with your ranking. What do you believe is most improved in your game at this point?

PAULA BADOSA: I think a bit of everything. Mentally I did have a big step ahead. My tennis is improving day by day. Physically I did a big change, as well. I'm moving faster. It's a little bit of everything. Confidence as well. Everything is helping. I'm believing in myself. I think it's a big change.

### Q. You've played in different conditions in the two matches, but have adapted. What is the confidence



#### level like looking ahead?

PAULA BADOSA: Yeah, I feel confidence. I know now I'm going to have a tough match. But still I think I played two tough matches. Today was tough. But it was more mentally, adapting to the conditions. It was a very windy day. At the beginning I didn't have it clear at all. But I played quite solid. I think that was pretty much the tactic today, try to be intense and solid, and that's what I did.

### Q. You'll face either Krejcikova or Anisimova. Talk about the challenges of facing both.

PAULA BADOSA: Barbora, we are very good friends. We practice a lot. We played as well. She's doing an amazing year. She's a very talented player, so I know it's going to be a very, very tough match.

Amanda, she's amazing player. She has good shots, goes for it every point.

They're different players, but I know both of them, it's going to be a tough one.

## Q. What is the confidence level or impact of doing what you did here at Indian Wells, how good does it feel to post a result like this?

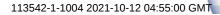
PAULA BADOSA: Yeah, it feels good. After US Open, all September, I didn't play that much. I was struggling a little bit with my shoulder. It was tough, so I didn't play a lot of matches. Sometimes you have a little bit of doubts.

But here I've been practicing very well. I'm happy that I'm through the fourth round. It's important for me. As well, the big changes I had of my coaching. It was tough as well. It's tough situations that I'm passing and I'm proud of myself.

## Q. On the change in coaching, what was the decision making there? What are you looking forward to setting up your team for the next season?

PAULA BADOSA: It was a change that came from one day to another. It was tough because I had to play the

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U.S. swing alone. So it was tough for me.

But finally I'm with my new coach. He was my coach before when I was 15 years old. We were talking before that my first (indiscernible) WTA I won with him a long time ago when I was 15 years old. He knows me a lot.

We have a good relationship and that's important. He's helping me and I'm happy with my decision.

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