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Anett Kontaveit

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A. KONTAVEIT/B. Haddad Maia

6-0, 6-2

THE MODERATOR: Can you walk us through your match today.

ANETT KONTAVEIT: I thought I played a very solid match. I was aggressive and managed to take my chances when I could, executed my game plan pretty well I think.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Seemed you were able to put the ball on a dime. Is that how you felt?

ANETT KONTAVEIT: Yeah, I felt like I was moving well. I am feeling the ball well. Did manage to place it well today, get her on the move a lot.

Q. Did you notice any changes in the conditions at all as you were out there?

ANETT KONTAVEIT: I mean, it's a little cooler, of course. I mean, it's dark. That's pretty much what's different.

I don't know. I felt the ball pretty much the same. I didn't feel like it was flying more during the day and less during the night. I didn't really feel that. I thought the ball felt pretty much the same.

Q. Into the quarterfinals, match and set win streak, 18 consecutive sets. How are you feeling going into the quarterfinals?

ANETT KONTAVEIT: Yeah, I mean, I'm feeling good. I've been playing good tennis. Have a few wins under my belt. I mean, I'm feeling really good about it. It's going to be a tough match for sure. I mean, Ons has been playing really well. Anna has had great wins this week.

Yeah, I mean, I'm feeling really good about my game so I'm ready for a battle and ready for whatever comes.

Q. Dmitry was talking about your aspirations as a team, breaking into the top 10. Have your ambitions changed where now you want to get into a certain level or has that always been your ambition? What do you think you need to do to get there?

ANETT KONTAVEIT: I don't think my ambitions have changed. I've always been an ambitious person. That's always sort of been my goal.

Now just feels like I'm really doing the right things. We're working on the right stuff. It really feels more realistic and more sort of like I kind of know it's possible. I feel that it's possible. I sort of know what I have to do to really get there.

Q. Do you feel like the work you're doing right now, is this all part of that plan or is this separate? It could be a situation where you have this plan to do things in the off-season for 2022. Is this part of the whole thing or a separate set of results?

ANETT KONTAVEIT: Yeah, I mean, I didn't really expect anything from these tournaments. I think I've put in a little bit more hard work. I've sort of found this, like, extra motivation, the way I've been sort of enjoying the matches. I think that's really what's given a lot to my game since I started working with Dmitry.

Yeah, we definitely have a lot of things that we want to work on during the off-season that you can't when you're playing tournaments a lot.

They're a lot of things that we've talked about working on. Yeah, that's definitely coming up in the off-season.

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