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Petra Kvitova

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THE MODERATOR: After an epic match like that, what are all the emotions that go through your head?

PETRA KVITOVA: I think like a lot of emotions, because I couldn't make it -- well, I just had two match points, right? -- but the first one was like a little bit out, so it was always tough when you miss very close. It wasn't really easy. I guess it just was on the same way as me in that moment that she couldn't make four of them before.

Just kept going. I just tried still be aggressive but not always was there for me. The emotions were of course very happy. And a little bit exhausted now.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. When the balls are that close, do you like having the automatic line calling? Do you trust it? Or in that moment do you sometimes wish there was a person calling it?

PETRA KVITOVA: Well, obviously we have a Hawk-Eye, so I don't think that will change anything, because in these crucial moments, both of us will take a challenge. So in the end, maybe it's even worse than when you're waiting for the challenge and still, you know, wishing that it's in.

Yeah, I like electronic calling. I don't really mind either way. But I feel like it's a little bit like later to call out. The hope is still there until "Out."

Q. After such an exhausting but also I'm sure mentally stressful match, how long after does it take you for the adrenaline, for the stress to leave your body that you think you can relax, especially on an evening match?

PETRA KVITOVA: Well, when the match like this, very exhausting. The moment I finish actually I'm going for stretch. I'm already dead (smiling).

Just relaxing very much. You know, on the bicycle 10

minutes, still you have to move, but then the fitness coach is stretching me. Since this point, I'm out and really trying to relax. Yeah, I still have a lot of things to do still, because I'm playing tomorrow. I have to be perfect.

So, yeah, it's take me a little bit, but it's tough with the sleep then, of course.

Q. Speaking of tomorrow, you've got Maria Sakkari next. You have played quite a few times already, quite a few three-setters. What do you expect? How are you going to prepare for tomorrow?

PETRA KVITOVA: Well, I expect big fight, for sure. That's normally our matches looks like.

And I know that she's playing all three-setters here as well as me probably, so it will be really close one, for sure. I know what I have to play. I know I lost to her here in Indian Wells. So yeah, I know probably everything so I just will try my best to play aggressive as I did today.

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