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Barbora Krejckova

Katerina Siniakova

Press Conference



KREJCIKOVA-SINIAKOVA/Haddad Maia-Siegemund

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THE MODERATOR: Barbora, Katerina, congratulations. What are your thoughts on your performance today and your year overall, actually?

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA: I think the thoughts are very positive. It's very nice to win another title. I think the whole tournament was very difficult. I felt that we played many tight matches, especially at the beginning. I'm really happy with the way how the match today turned out at the end.

I think today we didn't really perform maybe our best, but at the end it's a great feeling that we got through it and that we were able to win.

KATERINA SINIAKOVA: I think Barbora said pretty much. Yeah, I think it's really exciting to have the title. Even this performance wasn't the greatest, I'm really grateful that Barbora helped me and that we kept fighting and I'm really proud that we have the title. I'm really happy about it.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. Obviously you guys have won so many big things together but you have never won here. What does it mean to sort of be able to cross that off your list, an Indian Wells victory?

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA: Well, I think it's a great feeling. It's definitely a huge tournament. I mean, it's called a fifth slam, so it's definitely one of the tournaments that you want to win. I'm really happy that we were able to do it, because couple years ago we were in a finals, and it didn't work out back then. But now it did.

It feels great. Definitely this, for us, this tournament is ending right now, but I'm definitely looking forward coming back here next year and try to get the title again (smiling).

Q. Is it tricky at all in terms of this tournament, being

almost a two-week tournament, you know, just scheduling-wise, killing time, you know, kind of between matches and things like that? Is that hard here at this event, or was it refreshing? Was it stressful? How did each of you kind of manage it?

KATERINA SINIAKOVA: Actually, here it's pretty nice to spend some time off. I mean, every time I'm coming here I'm looking forward, because it just gives me positive energy. It's really nice to be here.

So, I mean, sometimes it's tough because if you just keep playing in doubles and you have two days, you kind of need to practice, but you also want to have some days off. I would say both it's hard but you kind of try to find the things you could more enjoy it.

Q. There is a get well card for Martina Navratilova that was going around the player lounge. I saw Petra Kvitova signed it. Wonder what she meant for your own career and as a role model growing up generationally?

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA: Well, I think there is a generational gap, a big gap, but then on the other hand I definitely knew who Martina was and how successful she was when I was actually playing, when I was a junior. So for me, having the opportunity to meet her and to actually become a friend is a really big thing for me.

I really like her, and she also is trying to help me with the development of my tennis. So I can say that for me, yeah, she is a really big, like, guiding light right now after not having Jana here anymore.

Yeah, I mean, obviously the situation that is happening, it's not good, and, I mean, I wish her all the best. I wish her, you know, to become healthy again and to be, you know, back again at the tournament, because I think she really loves it.

I mean, we are so happy to have her here around and to be able to talk to her.

Q. In terms of just getting this title on Saturday and



Miami obviously starts in a few days, do you guys stay here and chill out for one or two more days, or do you immediately head to Miami to prepare for singles starting?

KATERINA SINIAKOVA: Immediately go.

Q. Are you leaving today? Probably.

KATERINA SINIAKOVA: Yeah.

Q. And you too?

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA: Yes.

Q. So we won't see you courtside for tomorrow's final?

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA: No. No, I have seen a lot of tennis. I think I need something for the Miami, as well (smiling).

Q. In today's match, after you lost the second set, seemed like you were a little frustrated, how were you able to sort of regroup during the changeover and get ready for the super-tiebreaker and shake that off?

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA: It's a question on who?

Q. Either one of you.

KATERINA SINIAKOVA: I think you're used to it in tennis, so there is a lot of up-and-downs. So super-tiebreak, it's really quick, so you kind of need to be ready from the beginning.

You just try to keep fighting. Doesn't matter what. I mean, I am frustrated when it's not going well, but I never stop fighting.

There is a lot of emotions and a lot of thoughts, but, you know, you just need to pick every ball and you just keep fighting.

I think that's what's helping us. Yeah.

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