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Team Canada

Bianca Andreescu

Press Conference

V. GOLUBIC/B. Andreescu

2-6, 6-3, 6-4

Team Switzerland - 1

Team Canada - 0

THE MODERATOR: Questions in English.

Q. A tough one today. Just give us your overall assessment of the match maybe.

BIANCA ANDREESCU: I think I fought well. She played amazing tennis. In the first set I felt like I was the more aggressive person, but she was also missing. And then in the second and third I thought I was doing the same thing. Then she just, you know, came out on fire.

I felt like being down 5-1 kind of made me feel like I need to do more, but then when I was doing more, it also wasn't working. So like today was just like super up-and-down, but I fought as much as I could. I felt like I definitely could have played better in certain moments, maybe be more smart with my tactics.

But it is what it is. Obviously disappointing.

Q. Did anything about the way she played today surprise you? I know you guys had a tough battle in the past. I thought she handled her backhand super well. Did anything surprise you or was it par for the course?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: I wouldn't say surprising, but she played really good. Forehand, backhand, she was really solid, wasn't really missing much. Her serve isn't the fastest, but it's effective some way, and her movement is incredible.

I felt like in the third set she just started the match, like she



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wasn't even sweating at all (smiling).

Yeah, she played great. She played great.

Q. I have asked some other players on the team about the courts. I feel like they're pretty slow. Do you enjoy or how do you find playing on them this week?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: They are a little bit weird. Sometimes there is weird bounces. Sometimes the ball just sits there. Sometimes the ball skids. It's just like super all over the place, so you have to really be ready physically. Always have to stay low.

Not my favorite courts, but they're fine (smiling).

Q. Leylah is obviously up against it. I think they are on serve in the second set. What's the kind of energy been like with the team today? I know it's obviously a big match, and Switzerland is a tough opponent. What was kind of the feeling going into today for you guys?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: We felt pretty good. We had a great tie yesterday. Super happy about that. So we came in with I guess some sort of confidence. But nothing overbearing in any way, because we know Switzerland is an incredible team. But it was good vibes, all good vibes. Hopefully Leylah can pull it out, and also the doubles too.

THE MODERATOR: We will move on to virtual media.

Q. Bianca, the last couple of games you came out real strong to get to 5-4. What happened in the last game?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: I just kind of had to go for it at that point, and then I felt that she was also getting a bit tight in certain moments, like her ball wasn't as heavy as it was previously. So I took advantage of that.

Then the last game she hit two body serves. Couldn't get them over the net. Yeah, honestly, like it could have went either way and I was feeling really good in that game, but wasn't meant to be today.

Q. You said she didn't look tired at all in the third set.

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Was there any element of fatigue for you as the match went on?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: A little bit, but I mean, that's kind of normal. I had to bounce back, and yeah. I wish I didn't sweat as much as I do, honestly. That kind of pisses me off (smiling).

Q. This has nothing to do with this, but do you know why Canada is not playing in the United Cup in Australia at the beginning of the next year? Men and women, we don't have an entry.

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Some people just didn't sign up for the tournament. I think it goes by ranking combined, and I think we needed Felix and Denis to play, but they decided not to play. I think, I think.

Q. I assume you wanted to play?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Definitely. I think it's a great way to start the year, but it's okay. I'll play the next tournament.

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