

Billie Jean King Cup

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Team Poland

Magda Linette

Press Conference



M. LINETTE/S. Sorribes Tormo

7-6, 2-6, 6-4

Team Spain - 0

Team Poland - 1

THE MODERATOR: Congratulations for the victory.
Questions in English.

Q. Magda, congratulations. That was an extraordinary match. Can you just talk about how you're feeling right now to have got that win?

MAGDA LINETTE: I feel I want to be happy and want to cry at the same time. Really proud, because it was really tough circumstances. I never beaten her. Felt responsibility and felt I have to deliver, and I really gave everything I had today against one of the toughest opponents against me.

So really, really proud. Really happy with today and with my team. Yeah, just very rare moment that I'm really proud (smiling).

Q. You have talked about how you don't like playing her. What's your reaction then when you see her on the team sheet and you know that you're facing her? How prepared do you have to be sort of mentally for the physical challenge?

MAGDA LINETTE: The thing is that I feel in every single match, so as much as I do not like playing her, she's super uncomfortable, she makes you really dig in and play your good tennis, and she kind of knows how to really make you uncomfortable, I do feel like every single time it's a lot up to me in every single match.

I just felt I really have to push this one more than last year, because it was kind of similar situation. A very, very difficult first set, and it didn't go my way. So I really wanted to make sure that this long first set goes my way, and then I will have a shot in the second or third set.

I just really tried to have a balance of being aggressive but also staying in the point, because I felt I was losing it throughout the match. I wasn't really stable with that.

So at Love-3 in the third, I felt that I found that balance out there a bit better, and I felt I'm controlling a little bit better what I'm doing. I mean, I let that advantage go for a second later on, but I just felt a little bit better what to do.

Q. Just wondering what the recovery is like after a match like that. In the short term just now, but also looking ahead to potential later rounds here.

MAGDA LINETTE: Pretty similar, just like you try to do to manage as much as you can. Obviously the help of the team was unbelievable. So we just, you know, try ice bath, try some stretching, massage, shower.

I think a lot of work is going to be after the match. We're still ahead of it but also getting electrolytes, getting some food in, and just trying to stay calm.

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