

# Guadalajara Open

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## Victoria Azarenka

Press Conference



V. AZARENKA/D. Yastremska

6-4, 7-6

**Q. Congrats on the match. I have a question: How do you feel the weather in Guadalajara for your performance?**

VICTORIA AZARENKA: Sorry, can you repeat that?

**Q. How do you feel the weather in Guadalajara for your performance? It's sunny, sometimes it's rainy.**

VICTORIA AZARENKA: Well, I haven't experienced the rain yet. The sun was pretty hot today. It was pretty hot today. I feel like the weather, it's tricky, but more I think for me the most difficult I would say is the altitude, kind of getting adapted to it. It's tricky. The ball flies a lot so you kind of lose a little bit of control that I feel like you usually have. But conditions are the same for everybody and you try to do the best you can out of them.

**Q. How do you feel today? It was a different match, totally different match than yesterday. Yesterday you dropped just two games. Now it was different. How do you feel today?**

VICTORIA AZARENKA: Well, I felt that I played pretty good first set. Second set it was not my best tennis, for sure. But I'm very glad that I was able to find a way with not playing my best. I felt like I served pretty well today. I got a lot of free points on my serve, which was good.

I also played against a player who is really like a hit or miss, you know, winner or a big mistake. So it's kind of difficult to feel the rhythm and to get into the rhythm.

So I was expecting that, but I definitely would like to improve my game based on today. I found a way to win and sometimes those wins when you are not playing your best are more important than when everything kind of goes smoothly and you feel great.

**Q. Congratulations. I want to ask you, now that a lot**

**of top seeds withdraw from the tournament, do you feel with the people on your side? Do you think you're the favorite to win it?**

VICTORIA AZARENKA: I don't really think of it that way. I think there is still a lot of good, really good players in the draw.

As I said, the conditions aren't easy. You have to find a way to win. The tournament is long. So, do I feel like I have a chance? I always feel like I have a chance wherever I go, otherwise I wouldn't be here playing. But I definitely know that it takes to play one match at a time, one game at a time, one point at a time to succeed, so I kind of try to stay focused on that.

**Q. Your next match is against Kudermetova. What can you expect from it?**

VICTORIA AZARENKA: She's a very good player. I think I played her twice and I haven't, I don't think I have beaten her yet. But I feel like there is, every match is a new story, and I'm looking forward to the challenge. We'll see what happens.

It's definitely something that I want to do better than the previous matches. We had quite a good battle in Australia, so looking forward to that.

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