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Wang Xiyu

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WANG XIYU/Guo Hanyu

7-5, 6-1

THE MODERATOR: Congratulations, Xiyu. Can you tell us how the match went for you today.

WANG XIYU: Well, day before the match I know Guo Hanyu is very great fighter. She play really well this year. I know going to be really, really tough match. I was trying my best to fight every point as I can.

Yeah, I'm happy that I can fight until the end.

THE MODERATOR: Questions in English, please.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about how you are feeling coming back to the China Open physically and mentally, and what your hopes are for the week here.

WANG XIYU: Well, every year the China season is always very excited. Obviously I really hope I can play well in my hometown. For sure there are going to be a little bit pressure or nervous in the match. Anyway, I will try my best and trust my decision on courts.

Well, I hope I can play as many matches as I can in China season and stay longer (smiling).

Q. What have your observations been with respect to the facilities, improvements at the China Open? You can see parts of it that the rest of us can't, maybe behind the scenes. What have you been impressed with this year at the tournament?

WANG XIYU: Well, almost everything I see a lot big difference between last year and this year. The gym is much large than before. Also there's more courts for us to practice. Also there's more area for us to resting and activation. I think really nice.

I mean, almost everything is being better and better every year. I feel more comfortable staying China Open.

THE MODERATOR: Questions in Chinese.

Q. On the tour this year, compared to previous years, there were ups and downs. How have you adjusted yourself during this year?

WANG XIYU: Looking back on 2025, the first half I rested for three months because of injuries. But overall it is getting better. Ups and downs, these are very common in my career. This is very common to everybody else. We need to accept them and to adjust, make adjustments, as soon as possible.

Q. I saw you in previous interviews sharing your experience and reflections of this season. Could you talk about these reflections. You started at the age of 15. We saw a lot of potential in you. It seems like the progress wasn't as people expected. There were some ups and downs in previous years. Is that because Chinese players mature late or did you meet your expectations?

WANG XIYU: I would say that the paths will be quite different individually. Everyone has their own path to chart. There are ups and downs. It took some time to adjust to these ups and downs.

As long as it's going up, it's going in a positive direction, this is good. All the experiences in your life are lessons for you. To me, at this point in my career, just looking at what I'm experiencing, this is good.

Q. Last year during the China Open you donated hair to children with diseases. Could you share that story with us again.

WANG XIYU: It was proposed to me. I think it was back in 2020 and 2021, I wanted to cut my hair short. I just realized that one's hairstyle is very important to one's image. Then I read something on the news that a seven- or eight-year-old boy donated his hair to other children. It really touched me after reading this story. I thought I could do the same.

I grew my hair for three and a half years. Last year I was



successfully donating my hair to these children. I felt very honored to do so. I'm very happy I could offer some help to these people.

Q. The next round you'll be facing a Czech player. How will you prepare for it? What are your expectations for the tournament?

WANG XIYU: Second round I'll be playing Noskova. I played her two or three times. She is a very aggressive player. That's why I need to be fast, I need to prepare and adjust on court, try my best for each point. This is my plan.

I hope I can win another match. This will be my expectation (smiling).

Q. Your first win in the main draw in the China Open in the past three years. From your perspective, could you compare yourself in these three different wins in the China Open.

WANG XIYU: The biggest difference would be that I'm two years older. Every year I see myself adapt to the surface in the China Open. I really enjoy the competition here in the China Open.

I think on the WTA Tour, no matter which round you are in, people are putting 100% in. These are all very challenging and tough matches. It could be a two-set, three-set match. Slowly I'm gaining experience and I'm trying to implement what I've learned in previous matches on court. This is a really long process.

I'm really happy. I see myself improve this year. I will work harder towards my goals.

Q. In the first set, it was quite tough. It was easy in the second set. I think you adjusted your serve in the second set. Any changes to your serve? Any plans for the whole tournament?

WANG XIYU: It wasn't easy in the second set, to be honest. From just the scoreboard, it might look easy. Every game was quite challenging. She was so aggressive. I had to give 100% to defend against that.

On court I will just have to make adjustments according to the level of my opponent. I try to be more flexible on court.

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