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Mirra Andreeva

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M. ANDREEVA/V. Mboko

6-3, 6-1

THE MODERATOR: Mirra, congratulations on your title here in Adelaide. Just your thoughts on the match today and your whole run.

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Yeah, I'm just super happy to win title in Adelaide. I saw that Vicky, she played great in the beginning, and then I saw her struggling a little bit physically. I also hope that she can recover in time for Melbourne. She's an amazing player, so I was just also happy to share the final with her.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. When did you realize that your opponent might be hurt, and what did you do? Did you try and extend the rallies there, or keep it low, once you noticed there might be something wrong with her?

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Yeah, well, obviously she started very well, hitting the ball very solid, making a lot of winners. Then I just kind of felt that the intensity dropped a little bit from her. She still kept making some amazing shots. I just told myself not to pay attention to that, just stay focused, do my thing, try to build my game on just making her run. Then to find an option to just put a winner in the court, finish the rally.

So, yeah, after that I just saw that she was running less and less. She was struggling a little bit. Then obviously she called the physios. Then it all was clear that she doesn't feel hundred percent. Then after that I just told myself really not to think about that, focus on what I do until the very last point, and that's it.

Q. From Love-3 down early what was going through your mind early, and how did you turn that around so quickly?

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Yeah, I don't know what's happening with this tournament, but it's like I start pretty slow here. Then I kind of tend to take the situation in my hands, and just start playing more aggressive and start going for my shots more.

But I did have opportunities in the beginning to break her right away. I could also take my serve, and it would have been 2-0 to me already. But also it's a game. When I had a break point on her serve she hit an ace. Then she hit like a couple of winners as well. It just went her way, and there's nothing I can do about that.

Yeah, after she broke me, then she served well. So it's, basically she just needed one break, and now it's 3-0. So I just told myself to keep going, and stick to the plan, and after all it worked.

Q. We spoke to you yesterday in the preparation for today. Did you end up going to the dessert bar or did you watch Netflix?

MIRRA ANDREEVA: I stayed in the room. I honestly can't believe that... I feel like maybe I'm getting old, I don't know. I don't go out. Like, I just would rather stay in the room, in my bed, watch Netflix, and order in, and just be in my bed.

So I don't know what's happening to me, because before I would have a hundred percent chosen to go for the dessert and that's it. But I don't know. I have to change that. So, yeah, next time I will go for the dessert for sure.

Q. What does this win do for your confidence entering Melbourne, and what do you hope to achieve there? You really think you can go deep in that tournament obviously, but, yeah.

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Yeah, of course it's a great preparation to go into Melbourne and to play in the Australian Open. You know, of course it gives me a lot of confidence to see myself play well on the court, and it's just, in two days basically I'm going to play another match in Melbourne.

You know, I just have to bring the same level of my game and the same mindset into Melbourne. I think I'm going to play well there as well. Obviously I feel more confident after this win. Also winning a title is super special to me as well.

So, yeah, I just have to kind of, maybe today and tomorrow I relax a little bit, we practice, and then we have to get to work again.

Q. Can you take us a little bit more through how

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challenging it is to maintain a high level when you notice that your opposition is hampered, and I guess how you think you went with that today.

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Yeah, obviously it's not so easy to kind of, when you see that the opponent is struggling, it's not so easy to keep telling yourself that, you know, even if she struggles a little bit physically she can still play well. She has the level to play well at all the times.

It's not easy to keep the focus until the very last point because you kind of expect her maybe to miss a little bit more, maybe not to run for some shots. Then you start to wait for her mistake, you start to play more passive, and then that's when she takes the initiative and she starts playing more aggressive.

That's what she did after the medical timeout on her serve. I think that it was still a pretty good game for me, but she played very aggressive after I had a break point as well. Yeah, you just have to really try to keep the focus until the very last point.

Conchita was reminding me all the time, like, Keep the focus. Keep the focus. And, yeah, I'm just happy that I could do it until the end.

Q. What's this about taping your toes?

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Sorry?

Q. You said on court that you had your toes taped. What's happening there?

MIRRA ANDREEVA: (Laughing). Well, I have like little blisters on my toes. We've been taping my toes all week long since I came here to Adelaide. So every morning it was the same routine. I would come, I would get on the table. The physio would prepare everything for me. We would tape, we would spend some time catching up, and all of that. Obviously also tape my ankle.

Then I got, like we have this routine of taping my feet. And, yeah, I just felt that it's kind of an obligation to say thanks for coming every day for me, for preparing the tapes, for taking care of my toes.

And also another physio today, she was like, Let's make a final toes. I'm like, What is that? Like a toast? Like we drink or what? And then she said, No, final toes. And then she drew like smiley faces on my toes, like cartoon faces. I took a picture. I will post it on my Instagram so you guys can all see it. It was pretty funny. Yeah, I felt like it was funny to say, to mention that on this stage.

Q. Are you becoming a bit like Rafa, full of superstitions?

MIRRA ANDREEVA: I'm trying not to. Before I was

super bad. Before, like every single thing would matter to me. But now, you know, when you lose so many times doing the same thing, thinking about superstitions, doing the same routines, and then eventually you lose, you kind of realize that it doesn't work.

But then every time you go further in a tournament you still think that you have to keep the routine to make it work.

I did that a little bit today when I was doing the warmup. I said to Conchita, because when I do some exercises she said, Oh, this is better. You improved in this.

Then I said, Don't forget to say, This is better. You improved on this. And then she said, This is better. You improved on this. And so like we kept the routine going.

But then I also said, Okay, it's enough. We do whatever we do. Because sometimes it doesn't help. I think the more you focus on it, the more it kind of plays with your mind after.

Q. On your jacket you got an, "I want to thank myself" logo. Can you tell me where that started?

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Well, it started when I first said that sentence. It was when I won my first tournament in Romania, in Iasi, 250 WTA tournament. Since then, every time I win and I get to have a speech, I get to have, I get to say something on the court after I win, I always say thanks to myself.

But it's not my thing. I stole it from Snoop Dogg. Because I saw him saying that on some kind of interview when he said, "I want to thank me." And then his song was playing on the background. So I stole it from him.

Since then, like people love that, when I say that thing. I said it in Dubai. I said it in Indian Wells. And then, yeah, after that it kind of became the thing that I say on the speech.

Q. You played a couple matches in Brisbane last week, singles and doubles, and then you had a lot of matches here. Is that something that makes you feel better going into the Grand Slam or is that something that perhaps worries you in terms of the amount of matches you played leading into Melbourne?

MIRRA ANDREEVA: I would say for sure it doesn't worry me. I think if you play a lot of matches, and then you end up winning the match, I mean, to me it doesn't give anything but confidence in how I play, and the confidence in my game.

I've never done that, like to play the tournament right before a Grand Slam, like to be here until the end. So it's kind of the first time that happened to me. Yeah, I just,

all I can say is that it's more an amount of confidence that I'm going to take in, and the amount of matches that are going to suit me and going to go in my favor. Rather than worry me or, I don't know, give me whatever thoughts that can, I don't know, worry me in my head.

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