

United Cup

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Team Italy

Jasmine Paolini

Flavio Cobolli

Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: Well done to both of you, both winning your singles to get Italy through to the next stage. Jasmine, your thoughts on the match, please.

JASMINE PAOLINI: Yes, I think I played a really solid match.

FLAVIO COBOLLI: Really (smiling)?

JASMINE PAOLINI: I'm happy with my performance. Yeah, I was focused every time. I think it work everything pretty well. I'm happy, as well, that Flavio won an amazing match. Unbelievable. He was set and break down. He turned the match. Unbelievable.

Bravo, Flavio.

FLAVIO COBOLLI: Grazie.

THE MODERATOR: Your comments, Flavio?

FLAVIO COBOLLI: Really tough match today. It's always tough to come back when you are set and break down. But I did it and I'm very happy about the performance.

I think my tennis today was really, really good. The atmosphere also on the bench. It was amazing to have Sara Errani to speak with me every point. It's always nice.

Now we go to...

JASMINE PAOLINI: ...quarterfinals.

FLAVIO COBOLLI: Quarterfinals (smiling).

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Not just a set and a break, but match point down as well.



FLAVIO COBOLLI: I forgot it (smiling).

Q. At that stage, what was in your mind to try to get out of that and keep the things alive?

FLAVIO COBOLLI: No, yeah, I was focused on my game and just play my tennis. I had a little bit luck on match point.

Q. Jasmine, it seemed like you were in a hurry to go to an appointment with the way you played.

JASMINE PAOLINI: The roads are going to be busy after 4:00 (laughter). Flavio played too long.

No, I'm joking.

FLAVIO COBOLLI: Like always (smiling).

JASMINE PAOLINI: Yeah, I played a really good match. Not too many mistakes. My level I think was high. I'm happy with my performance. Happy that we finish little bit earlier.

But now we have mixed doubles. We are going to watch because it's always fun. I like to watch mixed doubles.

Q. Team Italy has had a lot of strong support in the crowd. How important has it been having that support?

FLAVIO COBOLLI: We are everywhere (smiling).

No, it's nice because when you finish the point, you have all the crowd for you. Is always nice. Also the bench is always fire. I think it's nice thing.

JASMINE PAOLINI: Me too. I like personally when there are lot of people watching. Here in this competition, every time there are lot of people, especially in the afternoon maybe. Today it's not easy because it's also the last day of the year.

I like the atmosphere. I think there's more people that a normal tournament maybe at the early stages. It's really nice. I like it. I like when there are lot of Italians, of course.

Q. You probably play Australia or Great Britain in the quarterfinals. Do you have a preference?



JASMINE PAOLINI: No. I mean, I don't like to say. I don't like also to think which team or which opponent is going to be better. When you think one is better, you play against him or her, and you lost.

I prefer just to focus on what is going to be in the next round. I don't know. We are going to watch, of course, the other match.

But I don't know.

FLAVIO COBOLLI: Tomorrow is day off.

JASMINE PAOLINI: Tomorrow, yes.

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