

United Cup

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Team Poland

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THE MODERATOR: Let's hear from the captain. A great result tonight. You're into the semifinals. Talk about how pleased you are and proud of your team.

MATEUSZ TERCZYNSKI: No, obviously it was a really difficult match also emotionally because of all of the Polish fans. Yeah, really proud of the team, how they stick together, of the energy everyone brought. We're happy to be in semis.

THE MODERATOR: Who would like the first question?

Q. Could you talk about the decision making with the mixed doubles, how you decided on the pair. Jan, you seemed to get quite fired up at a spectator early in the match. Did that motivate your performance?

JAN ZIELINSKI: Like Mat mentioned already, it was a very emotional match. All four of us have been sitting on the bench for a good five, four hours watching around. There was a lot of emotion building up leading towards that match, a lot of responsibility and pressure.

That was kind of my way to let it out and get myself fired up, get Katia fired up, show we're there to fight, to show that we're capable of winning this match, that even though it was a tough environment, we were ready to fight and face it.

MATEUSZ TERCZYNSKI: Obviously the decision itself wasn't easy. Jan and Katia have been playing really well. They already won two matches before that. That obviously made the decision easier.



We're looking forward for tomorrow.

HUBERT HURKACZ: Really proud of them, the way they played and competed in this deciding match. Yeah, really, really excited.

Q. Iga, it seemed throughout the whole time you were dictating where she was moving. From that perspective, how were you able to do that against her, have it pretty much the way you wanted?

IGA SWIATEK: How? Well, 20 years of work (smiling).

I had a clear plan of what I wanted to do. I just focused on that. Wanted to be intensive from the beginning, put pressure on Maya, and it worked.

I don't know. Every ball mattered. I didn't want to give any free points. I also kind of felt the court a bit better than the last two matches and used of the opportunities that I had.

Q. Your next tie will be against the United States. Year later, circumstances are different, but talk about the matchups against Coco and Taylor heading into the semifinal tomorrow.

IGA SWIATEK: Well, honestly, I had no idea we were playing U.S. I just got to know actually when I saw we had mixed doubles under control.

I'm going to prepare the plan tomorrow. For sure it's a good match, like exciting for the fans I think. But I'll focus on my singles. Obviously we know each other's game pretty well with Coco.

The key for me will be just to focus on myself, try to implement the stuff that I worked on during the pre-season and be brave with the decisions. Yeah, we'll see.

HUBERT HURKACZ: Same. I mean, Taylor, he's such a great player. Had a really good year last year. Yeah, it's going to be a fun challenge to play against him. I mean, we played in the finals last year. It was a close battle. Will try to be a bit better this year.

Q. Hubie, talk about today's match against Alex, the atmosphere, the high quality tennis that was played from both of you. Your thoughts on being part of a match like that. Iga, when you look ahead, will last year's final come into mind at all?



HUBERT HURKACZ: Well, I mean, it's fun, having not been playing tennis for quite a bit of time, just to be able to enjoy the atmosphere like this. Maybe also feel the huge crowd supporting the Aussies here, but also so many Polish fans out there, people enjoying tennis.

I just tried to produce my best tennis. Was not enough today. Had some opportunities that maybe with time, with more matches, I would be able to play a little bit wiser and be more committed to the game.

Overall obviously a little bit disappointed with the result at the end, but also proud with the fight and happy that I was able to compete again and play on a high, high level. Excited to have another difficult and fun challenge tomorrow.

IGA SWIATEK: Well, we played so many matches with Coco that I don't really, like, look at the previous ones so much. Like if I would have to do that every time, I would be thinking for a long time because we played many matches against each other.

But yeah, honestly after last year's tournament, I didn't really analyze this match that much. I was already kind of focused on Australian Open.

For sure I'm going to sit with Wim tomorrow and he will watch it and he will give me the tips.

Q. I was meaning more as an overall, that you lost to the United States last year. Does that result come into focus at all going in against them on this occasion?

IGA SWIATEK: Honestly, I feel that a whole year in our lives is pretty long. It wouldn't make sense to think about that. If it would happen a week ago, I think we would have pretty fresh memories. No point thinking about that and focusing on that. I don't think any of us will.

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