

United Cup

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Team Poland

Captain Mateusz Terczynski

Iga Swiatek

Hubert Hurkacz

Jan Zielinski

Katarzyna Kawa

Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. Hubie, another big win. How does it feel not only individually but as a team?

HUBERT HURKACZ: Definitely special as a team. We're in the finals again. It was really long match, so many emotions watching that, the mixed doubles. Yeah, was really amazing what they did at the end, how they played and competed. They break fast twice when they served for the match. There were some really incredible rallies.

JAN ZIELINSKI: Serving for the set.

HUBERT HURKACZ: Serving for the set, sorry (laughter).

Lots of positive emotions. So happy we're in the finals again. Also pleased with my performance on the singles court, especially after quite a difficult match the day before with Alex. So definitely looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. Jan, the fans were quite excited and supporting you. What was the experience like at the end there on the court?

JAN ZIELINSKI: Incredible. It's hard to put it into words. I mean, always said playing for your country, playing for your team, it's something special. It's bigger than just playing tournaments, winning all by yourself.

99% of the season is alone, we play for ourselves. For me these weeks where we play Davis Cup, Billie Jean



King Cup for the women, this United Cup event, is a special week for me. I always cherish all the moments.

Being able to help the team, put that one little brick from my side, help the team reach the finals, is an incredible feeling.

Third time in a row, hopefully third time's a charm.

Q. What makes you such a good mixed doubles player? Iga, head-to-head was in your favor against Coco. It's changed recently. What do you think the difference has been?

JAN ZIELINSKI: I mean, I started my mixed career 0-4 in slams. I was very, very close to retiring from mixed doubles completely. Then Su-Wei came in the picture. She showed me a little bit different approach to mixed doubles, with a smile on the face, being more relaxed.

This is a very tricky game. There's a very different rhythm than in the real doubles or even singles. It's a very, very special game. You have to adjust. You have to know how to time yourself at the net, at the back. It often is about adjusting to the speed of the opponents because some are serving faster, slower. Some are playing singles, doubles, different combinations that you don't see every day. You can't really practice it.

For me it's more about the connection with a partner on the court. That's what we've had with Su-Wei all these years, been so successful. I think that's what we have with Katia, too. We're out there supporting each other no matter what, having fun, with a smile on the face, most of the time, and trying to lift each other up in those tough moments.

IGA SWIATEK: Yeah, for sure I feel like Coco has improved stuff. It's quite visible. The matches we played couple years back where most of them were kind of one-sided. I feel like that's it. She's also growing in age, more experienced as well.

So yeah, she's a top player for many years now, even though she started with she was, like, 16, much earlier than most of us do. Yeah, congrats to her basically.

Q. Iga and Hubie, looking ahead to the final against Switzerland, your thoughts on playing Stan and Belinda.

HUBERT HURKACZ: Well, it's going to be fun match



against Stan. He's shown some amazing tennis throughout this tournament. Obviously it's his last year on tour. It's really inspiring to watch him play, watch him compete. It's going to be a fun challenge. Definitely looking forward to it.

IGA SWIATEK: Yeah, seems like Belinda is playing pretty well. We know each other pretty well. It's nice to see her playing so great after having a baby.

For sure it's going to be a challenge. She likes to play fast. First two balls will really matter because she's a heavy hitter. I'll try to be ready and dictate on my own.

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