

United Cup

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Team Poland

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THE MODERATOR: Congratulations, United Cup champions Team Poland. Let's hear from Mat on how it feels to win the United Cup on the third try.

MATEUSZ TERCZYNSKI: We're really happy. It's been our third final. It really tastes really sweet, especially with such a nice team here, everyone sticking together, supporting each other no matter what. It was a really team effort. I just want to thank everyone. We are super happy, yes.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Hubie, there's the emotion of finally getting the win after two runners-up. Such success in your first tournament back from injury. Can you speak to those two things.

HUBERT HURKACZ: Yeah, kind of speechless. It's really incredible I think obviously personally but also massive day for Poland, for Polish tennis. I think it's really unique and amazing we showed how strong we are as a Polish country in tennis. To win that trophy, it tastes incredible. As you mentioned, we came very close two times. Yeah, this just feels amazing.

Just so grateful to the whole team, everyone supporting each other, just being together and enjoying the competition.

Q. Katarzyna, the set point in the first set, can you talk to me what you saw on that volley to secure it,



what it means to get it done in the mixed doubles.

KATARZYNA KAWA: Yeah, I think it always pays off when you're brave on the important points, especially in doubles. It was like instinct decision. I just went for it.

Yeah, I'm really happy that we sealed this set and we were able to get this match won.

Q. Jan, you were quite vocal about your displeasure at the mixed doubles format in the US Open. Do you think you proved a point with this victory? Where does this rank in terms of atmosphere and occasions you've been a part of?

JAN ZIELINSKI: I'm not going to comment at all on the mixed doubles at the US Open anymore. I've spoken about it a lot of times.

There was nothing to prove from my side here. I was playing strictly for the country and the people that were sitting on the bench. There was nothing to prove.

I was proud to represent Poland, as always. I've always said it. It was about playing for the team, playing for the country, and lifting the trophy together that we felt like it was a long time coming for us.

Q. Iga, can we check in before you go to Melbourne on your fitness and health.

IGA SWIATEK: Everything is fine. Just super sore. I guess first tournament of the year, it costs the body a bit differently than during the season. But I had similar experience last year also.

I'll just get good recovery, couple days off. Also I know these team events. I love them but they really take a lot of energy from you. I still need to figure out how to balance that maybe in the future (smiling). I get so excited on the bench, yeah, it's almost like playing a match honestly.

Yeah, it's all good. I for sure physically wasn't in the second set the best version of myself. Belinda really used it to push me. For sure, I'll try to get that covered for Australian Open and we'll see.

Q. Iga, about the middle part of the match when you lost seven games in a row, what actually happened? Did you lose a bit of concentration? Belinda was playing terrific tennis. It's unlike something that



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would happen with you.

IGA SWIATEK: I'm still here. Nothing crazy happened. I think it was a mix of me losing the intensity, and I wasn't feeling so sharp with movements and with my legs. I wasn't so precise anymore physically I would say.

Belinda is a very aggressive player when she gets in the zone. She can really hit amazing shots, not miss a lot. I think it was a mix of that. Also credit to her because she was, yeah, pretty brave with taking the risk and everything.

Q. After the last two matches, how do you put that aside or what you learn from that going into the first Grand Slam of the year?

IGA SWIATEK: For sure these are good matches to analyze against really top players. Especially Belinda likes to play on fast surfaces. Yeah, it was a good test.

We're going to work now to improve some elements that didn't work this week. Still not a lot of time for that if I also want to have some recovery days. This is how tennis is. You got to go with the flow. We'll see.

Q. On the flamingo...

IGA SWIATEK: You don't know the story?

Q. No.

IGA SWIATEK: C'mon (smiling). It's part of the team. It's famous already.

JAN ZIELINSKI: A family member.

Q. Does it have a name?

JAN ZIELINSKI: It's called Flammie.

Q. How do you get it home?

JAN ZIELINSKI: Flamingos can fly. Traveled the whole way from Poland.

HUBERT HURKACZ: Taking an early flight tomorrow morning. Business class...

JAN ZIELINSKI: It is pretty cold in Poland. He migrates for the summer in Australia, then he goes back.

IGA SWIATEK: He'll be back again (laughter).

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