

# Australian Open

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## Jasmine Paolini

Press Conference



J. PAOLINI/T. Maria

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THE MODERATOR: Congratulations. You're through to the third round. How do you feel after that?

JASMINE PAOLINI: Of course I'm feeling good. I think I played a really good match today, really solid. Yeah, I'm happy with my performance.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

**Q. Can you talk about what it means to be through to the third round of a major for the first time in your career?**

JASMINE PAOLINI: Finally (smiling). Yeah, I think it's really, really good for me. I never did a third round, so it was, like, kind of important match, you know.

I knew I had the opportunity to win today, but it wasn't easy because a lot of wind, you know, and I lost with her last time in Indian Wells. So it was a tough match, but I think I played really well, yeah.

**Q. Can you talk about your next match at all? It will either be Rybakina or Blinkova who you've played both a few times.**

JASMINE PAOLINI: Yeah. Yeah, I know them, of course. Elena, she serve very well, she's playing really good. So if she wins, it's going to be of course tough.

Last time, as well, I played with Blinkova in the final in Cluj, I lost. She was playing very good.

I mean, it's going to be tough, of course. Third round, there are not easy matches, you know.

**Q. Can you talk about your goals for this season?**

JASMINE PAOLINI: My goal for the season is to try to improve my game, to keep this level, you know, and yeah, to try to be, you know, competitive at this stage. Yeah.

**Q. Anything about the Olympics, or...**

JASMINE PAOLINI: Of course, the Olympics, I wish I'm gonna there. It's a huge event. I already played in Tokyo. Yeah, I'm looking forward to play in Paris as well.

**Q. Will you play mixed doubles there?**

JASMINE PAOLINI: I don't know still. But it would be nice to play mixed doubles, of course.

**Q. Is there anything you'd like to do off the court? I know Jannik goes to the Formula 1 and the soccer. Do you have any sport you like or anything else?**

JASMINE PAOLINI: Not really, but maybe I would like to go one time to the soccer game. I have never been. So yeah, I wish one time in San Siro, because my father and my brother are cheering for Milan, so me too (smiling).

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