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## Wang Yafan

Press Conference



WANG YAFAN/E. Raducanu

6-4, 4-6, 6-4

THE MODERATOR: Congratulations. Through to the third round. How are you feeling after that?

WANG YAFAN: Of course, feeling very happy. This is first time I play with her, and also first time win the second round. So for me it's a little bit maybe crazy.

**Q. You weren't on the entry list for this tournament at the start. You were outside the cutoff. Then you made it in. Then in the first round you were down 6-Love, 4-1 to Cirstea, and now you're here in the third round of the slam for the first time. Like I said, crazy. What do you think of all of that?**

WANG YAFAN: I think I didn't thinking too much. So maybe first round, I thinking maybe don't lose 0-6, 0-6. So I just tried to maybe get one game or two game.

So I think just the focus of the match and what I need to do and don't think, didn't thinking too much for score. So try to play every point.

I think for first match and after maybe win two games, and feeling maybe you can win more. So I getting better for my tennis in first match.

After we have more confident for maybe final set. So just play every point, yeah.

**Q. Tonight's match was against Emma was so physical. It was three hours, and she was struggling with her breathing and had a medical time-out. You seemed really strong. How did you feel when the match was deep in the third set, and the rallies were so long? How were you feeling?**

WANG YAFAN: I think no very strong. I also cramping after. Yeah, I already treatment went over. So in final set I think I have cramping start maybe 3-2 just a little bit. Not very, very hard.

But for first game I have little bit. I can't jump too much, so I tried to hit more, more aggressive. So I think the good is I hit more in for today, so maybe lucky for me.

Also good day for me.

**Q. You played Qinwen Zheng in the third round. An all-Chinese match in the third round. Do you know her well? What do you think of that match and what that means for Chinese tennis?**

WANG YAFAN: I think it's very good for Chinese tennis because the match who win, we have people together (indiscernible). I didn't play with her before. It's first time. I think I don't thinking where from for her. Just hit, play my tennis. Doesn't matter who is my opponent. Do my best tennis like this, yeah. Also, she play very good, so I just try to do my best.

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