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Dayana Yastremska

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THE MODERATOR: Tell us about your match, please, Dayana.

DAYANA YASTREMSKA: Well, I don't have anything to say really. Like, I wasn't really comfortable on court today, and I think she played pretty well. She was really lucky today with the net and with the shots she was hitting.

But, I mean, I tried to do my best, but today for sure wasn't my day.

THE MODERATOR: Any other question in English?

Q. We heard from Marta Kostyuk yesterday sort of talking about the Sabalenka thing, and she was sort of saying how she didn't respect her and that the question towards Sabalenka should be: Who do you want to win the war? I just thought I would ask your thoughts on what happened yesterday between those two and what you think of it?

DAYANA YASTREMSKA: I will say, actually, that's not my really business what happened between them two. I'm Ukrainian. I'm supporting Ukraine and Ukrainian girls.

I don't really want to get into it, but I think it's better to ask her or Sabalenka about all these questions.

Q. I want to continue a little bit about that. What do you think about players refusing to give a hand to the opponent? Can you explain that?

DAYANA YASTREMSKA: I think, well, since the war started, everybody said, Ukrainians, that we're not going to shake the hands against Russians and Belarusian players. There's nothing surprising for everybody.

How people reacted and that Marta didn't shake the hand against Sabalenka, well, I actually didn't expect this reaction. That wasn't really nice.

I'm actually supporting this because I played against



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Russians, and I also didn't shake the hand. That's our position, and everybody knew about this, so there is nothing wrong about it.

Q. Would you also refuse on this tournament to shake a hand?

DAYANA YASTREMSKA: What is the difference which tournament? If we play against Russian and Belarusian, it doesn't matter which tournament, we're not going to shake the hands.

Q. Last question, if you don't mind. How are your emotions right now being a Ukrainian player and knowing there are also Belarusian and Russian players on the tournament?

DAYANA YASTREMSKA: Every single tournament, same question, how we feel. We said already our position. We don't feel really good. Like, how we can go on court and play against people who -- like Russia, against the terroristic country? How? It's difficult emotionally.

So better ask them how they feel playing against us. Do they feel good or no? That would be better to ask them those questions.

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