

# Roland Garros

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## Olga Danilovic

### Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: We will begin with English questions.

**Q. Congratulations on the win today. First time into the third round of a Grand Slam. What are the emotions and what were the emotions right after the match?**

OLGA DANILOVIC: When that net went out, so relieved and so happy. Honestly, so proud of myself. It was 5-1 in the second set. 5-1, right? And I just kept being there and just fighting point by point, not thinking of the score. I think I didn't play so great until 5-1 obviously.

I was hanging in there, and I think I'm so proud of myself. Because of it, I just didn't let it go away.

Yeah, I'm so happy to be first time in the third round. It means a lot to me. You know, I have had some ups-and-downs, recently downs, so I'm just enjoying the moment.

**Q. I think if a lot of people were to be asked about you, they would assume you have already made it to the third round of a Grand Slam. How does that feel to get that off your back? What was the pressure coming into these last couple of slams feeling like when am I going to break through?**

OLGA DANILOVIC: You know, I always talk about that breakthrough moment. You know, I feel like I belong on big stages. I feel like I have game there. I love tennis. That's what we all work for.

You know, I'm just proud of myself I think in this moment, that I'm there and I'm in the third round. I had a lot of matches, and I'm just, you know, just happy. Nothing else.

**Q. What did you make of the crowd atmosphere out there today?**

OLGA DANILOVIC: I enjoyed it a lot. There are a lot of people, Serbian people, and it makes me so proud. I see



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our flag. Just people coming here, cheering for me. You know, they play point by point with me, which you all guys saw.

So they can be loud, I know. But, yeah, it's nice to have support.

**Q. How difficult is it to maybe want to celebrate a moment like this but know that you're still in the tournament with more matches ahead of you?**

OLGA DANILOVIC: It's a nice thing that you have a day off, I think, because you, you know, you enjoy the day that you want, but then the next day, okay, it's another day. You have practice. You talk about the next match.

I mean, before I think the emotions were overcoming me sometimes, but now I think I handled them well. You know, I'm satisfied but I'm never satisfied enough. I don't know how to say. So I always go for more, but I just try to enjoy in this moment, and then for tomorrow I will think about the next match.

**Q. Iga, in her preference conference earlier, said she practiced her English by listening to a lot of Taylor Swift. You obviously speak phenomenal English. Curious if you have a similar story where you watched a lot of TV or movies?**

OLGA DANILOVIC: I learned English when I went to play Little Mo in Florida, and I didn't know anything. And my mom was like, okay, older. So I'm, like, how?

I kind of learned like that. I listened more Serbian music, so I cannot learn. I listen to everything, but I think also good thing is that I was watching Nemo, that I talked the other day. Just from young age I think I learned quite good.

**Q. You deserve to be here. I want to know about your thoughts on facing a top-10 player next game, Ons Jabeur. Did you get the chance to see her playing recently, especially in the French Open?**

OLGA DANILOVIC: I watched her obviously. I mean, I know her game. I watched her a lot of times on TV.

I have played once I think a top-10 player, but, you know, I just go there. I will definitely enjoy every moment on court. I don't know. I feel good about my game at the moment, and, I mean, she's obviously a top-10 player so



I don't have to talk about her a lot, I think.

But I don't know. I love these kind of challenges. I like them. I play for that. You know, we all play to be on big stages to play big matches. So yeah.

**Q. So 15 years ago two Serbian players played for the No. 1 in the world here in this tournament. You were young. Do you remember that moment?**

OLGA DANILOVIC: That was very long time ago. I was maybe five or six. I definitely remember. I mean, we had Ana and Jelena for such a long time and they were my idols when I was little, watching them. They were the ones, we were watching them. Also Novak and Viktor and Janko and everyone.

Yeah, I think I'm proud to be in third round, and I'm still with Novak in the same tournament. So that's nice (smiling).

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