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Bianca Andreescu

Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: Bianca, congrats on the win. Can you just talk us through the match.

BIANCA ANDREESCU: I think it was just the fighting spirit of both of us. She's very consistent and I really had to push through, especially in the tough moments. I think I played those key moments a bit better today.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. You talked about playing those key moments so well. What can that do to get you feeling like you're at that peak level?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: I think it's super important. I think especially in these tight matches those are the key moments that you really need under your belt. And when you have them it definitely gives you a lot of confidence. And I hope I can continue that the rest of the tournament.

Q. Obviously emotions were running high in the stadium before your match and during your match. How did that feel having such a loud and boisterous crowd supporting for Serena and then for you?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: It's great. I absolutely love it. I said after the match I've never played in front of a crowd like this. And same went for 2019. And hopefully they can continue all the tournament.

Q. What did you think of the ovation that Serena got before, during and after her match?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: So after the match I didn't really pay attention. But, yeah, I mean, she deserves it. She's a legend. She's done so much for the sport and women's tennis. And it will be tough to see her go.

Q. Two tough physical matches back-to-back, on back-to-back days. Just how are you feeling going

into the next match? And how much do you know about Zheng Qinwen, the player you'll play next?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Okay. Again, yeah, just finding out now. Well, I'm feeling pretty good. No matter who I go up against I'm going to give a hundred percent with what I have. Yeah, it's normal. I'm feeling a little tired. But the crowd definitely pushed me and hopefully they can push me tomorrow as well.

Q. You said yesterday that your first two match against Alize were pretty tough. Did she play differently tonight? Was it you? What was the emphasis for you to get the win?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: I definitely performed different tactics. And it's a different surface as well. The last two times was on grass. I think she's incredible on grass. Even on hard court as well. But I feel that my game matched up a bit better on hard, I guess. I mean, I did pull out the win.

Yeah, I'm super happy. Like it was super tough. Very, very tough.

Q. Going back to what you said back in April when you kind of lost that enjoyment and you wanted to get away from being so results oriented, enjoying the process once again. What are maybe one or two of the things that you really enjoy about the process now?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Man, I just enjoy pushing myself a lot. I love challenging myself. Before it was kind of a hassle for me to do that. But now I really enjoy it. I love testing my limits.

And waking up early too. I never used to do that, but now I love it. I would say I'm a morning person now. Before I would say I'm a night person. But I tried it out and I really like it. I feel like I get a lot done during the day.

I go to bed early too. I go to bed around like 9:30. So what is it? 12 o'clock? It's a bit past my bedtime. But, yeah, but honestly, everything, everything has been so great.

Q. I saw your Instagram. But curious, can things like that, like how you respond to these kind of moments



or messages, can it give you motivation? Can you, is there a chip a little bit on the shoulder to kind of prove that, prove people wrong at all?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: A little bit. But it's more of me just standing up for other athletes as well, not just for myself.

But it's just so sad to see comments like that. They don't necessarily go to my head. And I never really speak out about it. But when I do I really hope that I can make a stand in some way and maybe shut them up. Maybe not, but hopefully. (Laughing).

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