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## Peyton Stearns

Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: Peyton, obviously a tough result today, but can you just give us your overall thoughts on the match and playing out there on center court?

PEYTON STEARNS: Yeah, it was a lot of fun playing on center. This is my first time playing this event, so it was definitely a good experience.

Didn't go the way I wanted to. I didn't play the way I wanted to, but Leyla played very well. So at the end of the day she's going to come out on top.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. I just wanted to know how you felt heading into the match physically and where you think things sort of started to go wrong for you?**

PEYTON STEARNS: I think things were going wrong with my movement, to start. I wasn't moving as fast as I wanted to, and because of that, I was catching the ball late a lot of times.

I think I was just a tad bit slow. Played a lot of matches in D.C. and had a very quick turnaround. Had a really long day of travel on Friday. I got in actually at 1 a.m. Saturday to play the match on quallies, so it was tough to have time to recover.

It was nice not playing yesterday, but I don't think it was enough time to fully get back and grooving, but I did my best, and that's all I can say, so...

**Q. If my math is right, so you just played seven matches in the last two weeks or so. How do you feel having played that kind of volume so quickly?**

PEYTON STEARNS: It definitely takes a toll on you physically, but I think it's a good thing that I'm getting a lot of matches because in grass court season I caught a parasite, so I was out for a little bit and didn't get a lot of

matches, so I feel like I'm kind of getting that groove back.

I got lucky last week getting the lucky loser in D.C. and was able to get two more matches out of it.

**Q. You've faced Leyla back on the clay back in May, I think. How different was she from then? What did you see different from her?**

PEYTON STEARNS: She was definitely making a lot more of her shots today, going after them a little more. I played her on red clay, so there's a big difference on red clay and hard. You have a little bit more time there.

But, I mean, she came out swinging and played very well.

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