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Bianca Andreescu

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Bianca, just give us a short update on your injury and how you're feeling.

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Well, yeah, sadly, I have to pull out. I have to take the precautions of, yeah, what's going on. I have a little bit of torn ligaments in my ankle. Yeah, sadly, I won't be able to play the tournament.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. How does it make you feel when you hear, like, you're the unluckiest player on tour with injury?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Yeah, it definitely sucks because this has happened before. Honestly, guys, I don't have much to say. It's really frustrating for me and my team, obviously. We're doing the best that we can to prevent these things, but yeah, it's tough.

Q. How long do you expect to be out? Do you expect to miss more tournaments going forward?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Not necessarily. Taking it day by day, but obviously the ligaments are a little bit torn, so that takes time. So it's kind of a day-to-day thing. I'm hoping to be ready for Cincinnati, but yeah, we don't know. Can't say.

Q. Did you know right away when it happened that it was, like, done or...

BIANCA ANDREESCU: That it was done? What do you mean? Like I was going to pull out?

Q. When that happened, did you know that it was done for you for, the tournament?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Oh, no. No, I try to keep an optimistic outlook. Obviously, since I've been through these things many times, I kind of go to worst-case scenario obviously. So yes, that came into my mind, but no, I like to try to keep an open mind with those things, and then once I get examined and get the imaging done, which I couldn't do until the next day, right, so yeah.



I wanted to obviously see today how I felt to really make a decision, which is better than yesterday, but not enough to play.

Q. Very sorry for what happened. You were playing so well and on match point. That's so unfortunate.

BIANCA ANDREESCU: That's crazy.

Q. I know you maybe don't want to relive it again, but what went through your mind when it happened at such a moment in the match when you were playing?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Yeah. I mean, all I could think about is, honestly, like why, again? I think I even screamed out, "Why does this keep happening to me?"

Yeah, just a bunch of emotions. I was super overwhelmed obviously playing in front of home crowd. Winning the match, right? It was match point for me, and it was just crazy. It was crazy. I started laughing at one point because, honestly, at this point it's laughable.

For me it's just crazy. It's crazy. I'm trying to stay positive, but it's getting really tough. It's getting really tough.

Q. Was the ankle already bothering you at all, or was this just completely out of nowhere?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: No, it was out of nowhere. Just happened. I mean, we work proprioception every single day. We do foot exercises, ankles. Yeah, we can't really explain it. Maybe it was emotions. Maybe I was a little bit tired. I just stepped in a weird way.

Yeah, we're kind of just saying it was a freak accident. It's all we can really say.

Q. Looking back, you were talking a bit about the situation, but just how difficult was it to actually finish those two points? You mentioned being lucky that she couldn't return, but how challenging was it to actually finish the match?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: Yeah, I was obviously very grateful to be able to finish. When adrenaline is running and I'm still warm, you don't feel it as much. Obviously,



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afterwards it was really, really bad, but in the moment, yeah, I'm honestly grateful that I only, in a way, needed two points to win, if I won those two points. So that gave me kind of the motivation to be able to finish.

The crowd was incredible. I don't think I've ever played in front of a crowd like that, especially towards the end. The emotions that I got from everyone was honestly incredible. Like, seriously. Yeah, the Montreal crowd has something special.

Q. You were saying it's getting really tough and you're trying to stay positive, but it's not easy. On a broader side, maybe does it make you think about the future and the next step and about everything, like what the future might hold for you?

BIANCA ANDREESCU: For sure. On my bad days, which yesterday definitely was a very bad day for me, I definitely had different thoughts running through my head, but at the end of the day, I know that I truly love this sport.

It's given me so much, and the emotions that I get from -just an example, last night was incredible being able to play in front of my home crowd and actually win and finish the match off, even though I was still hurt.

If you are talking about retirement or whatever, that's definitely -- I don't know. Just because obviously I've thought about that too, but no, like, this for me, my goals are still set. Yes, I'm going to have bad days, but I know my goals, and I know what I want to accomplish in this sport.

So yeah, all I have to do is do my best, and I know that we didn't do anything wrong. Yeah, I guess, I don't know, it just happened. The universe just keeps testing me, but I know it's going to make me stronger, so...

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