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Naomi Osaka

Mixed Zone

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Q. May I ask who you wished happy birthday to?

NAOMI OSAKA: This beautiful girl right here (laughing).

Q. Who is she?

NAOMI OSAKA: She's like my best friend and agent.

Q. How do you feel about what's happening here this week and your play?

NAOMI OSAKA: I'm really happy. I'm also really excited. I don't know. It's kind of interesting, because I told people this before, but like, obviously after Wimbledon, I was really disappointed. Then I just kind of let go of my expectations, and now we're here. So I find it kind of ironic, but I'm happy about it.

Q. What do you think is working for you?

NAOMI OSAKA: I mean, I trust myself a lot. I trust my fitness. I'm kind of not giving people free points, or I'm trying not to, and I'm kind of seeing what happens.

Q. What did you expect against an opponent tonight that looked hot since the start of the tournament? She had one-hour matches in straight sets. What did you expect against Elina tonight?

NAOMI OSAKA: I mean, I never really care about the stats of the person I'm playing. I know that everyone is really tough. I mean, I'm fortunate. I played her a couple of times before, and I know that she's one of the best fighters on tour, so I was just expecting a tough match.

Q. What do you remember from your first match against Clara Tauson? I know you retired with injury, but just about the first set.

NAOMI OSAKA: Honestly, I remember feeling like she was a little unconventional. I don't remember why exactly I



felt that way, but I think she had a really interesting game.

I did watch her play Keys a little bit, but I was, like, warming up and stuff. I'll be curious to see what happens.

Q. Throughout the year you obviously had disappointments because of the level of game was not what you expected. Do you feel that the way you are playing this week, you are getting a bit happier with yourself?

NAOMI OSAKA: Yeah, I mean, definitely, which it kind of sucks that, like, I'm happier when I win, but that's kind of the reality of an athlete.

But I also wonder if I'm winning because I'm happier. I don't know. It's tough to think about, but yeah, I feel a lot more at peace with myself and what I want to do in this part of the season.

Q. How long has it been since you've been, like, so happy about your game? Was it long ago? Have you felt this way, like, in the last couple of months?

NAOMI OSAKA: Like truly at peace or confident with myself, maybe Australian Open. I don't know.

I think there are tournaments that I go in there knowing, like, I practiced something, and I'm fully confident in that, and I feel that way a little now. I guess we'll see.

Q. May we ask what's that specific thing you practiced that you're happy?

NAOMI OSAKA: Honestly, my fitness, which I think helped me a lot against Elina today, because I know she's one of the best movers and also, like, she gets the ball back a lot. I felt like she would have to push me off the court if she wanted to win. Yeah, that went fairly well.

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