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6-0, 2-6, 6-3

An interview with:

VICTORIA AZARENKA

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. How come you lost the first set 6-Love?

VICTORIA AZARENKA: Well, I mean, it's tough. I came to the match. I mean, I thought I was ready, but I didn't really play my game. I was just everything back.

But she was playing unbelievable every point. I couldn't find my rhythm, couldn't find my game. I mean, that's how you lose, I guess.

Q. What did you tell yourself between the first and second set? How were you able to come back?

VICTORIA AZARENKA: I mean, I had to change something because like this I couldn't even win one game. So I had to step in and play more aggressive, and that's how I found my rhythm, put much more pressure on her, and it was a different game after.

Q. End of the second, beginning of the third, were you really fatigued?

VICTORIA AZARENKA: Well, the first three games, they were really close. I mean, it was not like somebody was commanding more and somebody was backing off. It was just very tight playing every point good.

And then I just started playing a little bit more defensive, let her play her game. That's

how, I mean, she got back again into the rhythm and started playing more, putting more pressure on me.

But, I mean, from 5-1, I was able to come back a little bit. But the last game, she was serving unbelievable. I didn't have a chance to get back more.

Q. How would you characterize your style of play?

VICTORIA AZARENKA: Well, I think I'm playing aggressive. I just have so many things to improve now. I just need to come in more. I think my character that I'm playing is the baseliner, aggressive baseliner.

Q. You had another match against her not too long ago.

VICTORIA AZARENKA: Yeah, but just last week. But that was very different match. I got injured right before our match. I mean, it was a little bit still injured here. But that match was just whole different story. I wasn't in my best shape. But she was playing really great there.

As you can see, she's playing -- since clay court season, Berlin, she's playing amazing. I think she's just playing like a No. 1 player in the world.

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