

SONY ERICSSON CHAMPIONSHIPS – POST MATCH

GROUP: SECOND SEMI-FINAL
PLAYER: JUSTINE HENIN
MATCH: JUSTINE HENIN Vs Ana Ivanovic
DATE: November 10th

Q. Great match, congratulations, but there was a moment in the 2nd set when you were 3-0 up and then it was 3-3. What happened there because Ana was saying, we want a 3rd set?

A. Yeah, I think that I've been under pressure for the first few games of the match so it was pretty intense. After that I took control of the rallies, I took control of the game and I lost the intensity a little bit and the concentration at that time of the match because it's been pretty high in the first set. As soon as I had the measure of her I took it and there was a mistake. But she played a very good match and there were some ups and downs but finally I could make it play well on the important points and also this challenge on an important point in the last game of the match so that was important but I'm happy to be in the final for the second year in a row.

Q. You made some double faults. Was it because you were taking some risks in the second?

A. Yeah, I can accept to take some risks on my second serve because I win so many points. I don't care if I have some double faults. I don't play to avoid mistakes, I just play to make winners and to push the others to make some mistakes so I can deal with even when I prefer that my serve is getting better.

Q. It would be you 25th victory in a row, do you really care about that or is just for the press?

A. No, it's an extra motivation. I am going to play to win my second championships tomorrow and try to win one more match. It's the last day of the season, the last match and I have already won the past 24 mtches in a row so it's going to be a good motivation for me tomorrow. It's been fantastic and I just want to enjoy this last moment. I can say that I am a bit sad that the season is almost over because it's been a lot of good memories and only good things this year so it's mixed feelings.

Q. Talking about your memories. What were the ones that you will remember most, with most emotions?

A. There were different ones but there's been a lot of emotions, good ones, bad ones but I kept growing up a lot. I think that my win at the French Open was my.... My family back in my life has been very important in my career becasue all the Grand Slams I won before was without them so that was important. I think my loss at Wimbledon has been pretty painful but helped me to build something better and with a lot of humility that's what you need in these tough periods to be better and that's what I did after and I think

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that helped me to win the US Open. Its been a lot of satisfaction with the draw I had to win in New York beacause it's a city that I need a lot of energy for. It was quite significant for me and yeah, it's been only good things, difficult at Wimbledon but finally I think that helped me a lot to be better after.