

# Western & Southern Open

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## Angelique Kerber

Press Conference



E. MAKAROVA/A. Kerber

6-4, 1-6, 7-6

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. It was a very dramatic match. Can you talk us through the ups and downs? Late in the third set, especially.**

ANGELIQUE KERBER: Yeah, I think it was up-and-down match, and I was finding my rhythm actually in the second set. But I had the chance as well in the first set. She played well then.

The third set was, yeah, a completely up-and-down set. She had chances; I had chances. In the end it was just one point which decide the match.

**Q. Looked like she struggled with cramping during the match. How did you feel out there? What were conditions like for you?**

ANGELIQUE KERBER: Yeah, I mean, I was trying just staying focused on my side and just trying, you know, to fighting.

Yeah, it's a tough loss, but at the end, I mean -- yeah.

**Q. How tough was it for you to focus on that when she has the trainer out at 6-5 in the third and then sort of down on the ground in the tiebreak?**

ANGELIQUE KERBER: Yeah, it's always not so easy, but yeah, I had matches all the time, a lot of matches like this, so it's nothing new that, yeah, that's happens something like this. If you have something, of course you can call a trainer or, yeah, whatever.

**Q. It's been a long season. Are you going to take a little bit of a break right now before New York but not touch a racquet for a while?**

ANGELIQUE KERBER: I think so. I think right now I have a little bit more time than last year to get ready for New York, so that's why I think I will sit down with my team today or maybe tomorrow and we will think about the next days how we will schedule it.

**Q. Overall what's your mindset heading to New York? You battled very well. It wasn't a win, but...**

ANGELIQUE KERBER: Yeah, I'm thinking that my fighting spirit is of course back and I'm feeling that it's

getting better and better. Of course I wished to win the match, especially in the situation now to have maybe a tough match before going to New York, but yeah, I mean, I can take also good things from that match and going, for sure, with good memories to New York.