

Zheng Saisai (August 03, 2019)

Q: "First Premier-level semifinal, how excited are you for tomorrow's match?"

A: "It's been amazing to get into the final... I have a good treatment [after my matches] and relax and just waiting for the final to do whatever I can."

Q: "Did you have any expectations going into this tournament when you got here this week?"

A: "Not at all. I got here late, like Saturday night, and it was just one day of practice. I didn't have so much expectations, I just try to enjoy. Because before Wimbledon, on the grass — actually, on the clay — I was having a lot of expectations. Hopefully, I can play good. The result was I didn't play good at all. So after this, I was back to China, and I was just trying to tell myself, 'Okay, just enjoy being who I am on court. Just play my game.' Turns out, a good result."

Q: "[Maria] Sakkari said that you play a tricky game, with the looping of the balls and all of that. And it seemed like that frustrated her as well as it did Anisimova the day before. Is that something you bring in, that style, working to get them off their games?"

A: "Yeah, you know, you have to read everybody's game because everybody has different [games]. Like Anisimova is very aggressive, I didn't do that too much because like whenever I gave her this, I got killed right away. So, I played her last time, Sakkari, I think I remember last time she didn't like the no pace, high backhand. Because her stroke, it looked like she couldn't have the speed on that shot. So I add this one to my tactics and it looks like it worked."

Q: "Do you have a preference for who you play tomorrow [between Sabalenka and Vekic]?"

A: "I'm ready for the fight, whoever wins. And the result doesn't matter for me, I'm just going to enjoy it."

Q: "Have you played either of them before, though?"

A: "I think I've played both. I played Vekic last year... and I played Sabalenka maybe two or three years ago. Then, she was still growing. Now, she's a totally different player."

Q: "Will you use the same tactics that you did today in tomorrow's match? Or will you change it according to the player?"

A: "I'm going to change [based] on whoever I will face. I'm going to watch their videos and decide how I'm going to play. And, also, you have to see if it works. Sometimes, they don't like it, but they are feeling great so maybe some slice, more slice. If they like that, then I have to change. Always adapt to the game. So I don't know [yet] how I'm going to play tomorrow, we'll see."

Q: "You won a doubles title at this tournament a few years back. How's it going to be different, as far as your mindset tomorrow, knowing it's just you out there controlling your game? You're not going to be able to rely on a partner?"

A: "Obviously, singles and doubles are very different. In doubles, you have your partner and you feel like there's someone to support you next to you. In singles, you have to decide everything yourself. So it's a different pressure. Doubles is more fun, but now I'm turning to singles and also having fun, just enjoying it. I like what I'm doing right now."