

## Zheng Saisai (August 02, 2019)

**Q:** “Tough match, what did you do at the end to pull this [win] out?”

**A:** “The whole match was very intense. I feel like I really had to give it a little bit more and even more until the end. If I give her a little bit short or slow, [Anisimova] can step in and take control right away. So it was a really, really tough match today.”

**Q:** “It seemed like every time she tried to attack up front, you had an answer for her, whether it was a drop shot or down the line. Did you know you were going to be able to do that to her going into the match?”

**A:** “Yeah, gradually into the match I kind of little bit find where she liked to go, little bit find the reason. But still, she can go anywhere. She has just really good hands, she holds the ball really well. I was just fighting — just keep one more shot in, just run down everything, try the best I can.”

**Q:** “Before the third set, she was being taken care of, or had attention toward her waist. How did you keep yourself motivated, not to be flat when things did resume?”

**A:** “I didn’t really pay attention because I went to the toilet [laughs]. When I came back, I was just like trying not to be cooled down, trying to be more warm. I was not really like attention to what was going on on the other side. I was just trying to tell my like, ‘Focus right now, and just play, play every point. Just enjoy this battle.’”

**Q:** “The point where you argued that the shot was in, but you tried to say it was out. What did the chair umpire say to you about that call? Obviously, you weren’t happy about it. What was his explanation to you?”

**A:** “That ball — the linesman called out, and then the chair umpire was like, ‘Correction, it’s in.’ So that point, I could just easily hit in. Obviously, I missed, that’s why I lost the point. But if I could just easily, you know, put it just in then it’s going to be replayed. That’s why I was asking him, I don’t think this was the right decision in that moment.”

**Q:** “The young lady you just played is 17. Were you impressed by how good she is at this age, and how her court awareness is pretty on?”

**A:** “I played her last year in Hiroshima. I was also playing well, but by the time I played her, she was just putting in every winner. I was shocked, I was like, ‘Oh my God, she’s so good.’ So this time, I really prepare much, much more — like 200 percent. Because I knew how good she is. And I remember last time I played her, I told my coach, ‘Oh my god, this girl is amazing. She is going to be top ten, even top one for me.’ What can’t she have, and she’s still young.”

**Q:** “This is going to be the first Premier-level semifinal of your career. How excited are you about that, and are you going to be able to get some sleep tonight?”

**A:** “Yeah, very, very happy to be in semifinal [after] a long time. This is the first time in the states. Last time at this tournament... I think I won my first WTA match here [in 2016]. So I feel confident when I come back, I like to play here.”