

Bank of the West Classic
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Marina Erakovic

"It is always difficult playing against your doubles partner. Fortunately for me, I played better today."

"I haven't played Vika (Victoria Azarenka) since juniors. She is obviously playing well and has won and done well at a lot of events this year. I will need to play well to win."

Sabine Lisicki

"It's always good to get that first match under your belt. Changing from grass to hard court is never an easy transition, but I have always felt good on the hard court and I am happy with the win today."

"I've been practicing really well here the last couple days. I actually arrived pretty early on Thursday, so everything has been going really well. There are still little things that can be improved but I am looking forward to my next match."

Ayumi Morita

"Today I had nothing to lose, so I just went out there trying to play my best. I was trying to move fast, and when I had the chance, play aggressively. I served well and really tried to fight every point."

"She is a really great player, a former world No. 1. So that was a big win for me and I hope that gives me confidence as I continue in the tournament."

Ana Ivanovic

"I definitely did not play up to the level of which I expect to perform. However, there were a few positive things, such as my serve. It takes time for some things to come around ... Maybe a few more weeks of practice will be helpful to work on a few things and get my confidence back. It was disappointing today but good to be out there and competing."

"There are a lot of parts of my game that need improvement, especially on the consistency and fitness side. I am trying to gain more confidence but these things take time. I have to learn to play aggressively and my serve must become a weapon again."

Maria Kirilenko

"It's never easy to play the first match, especially after such a long time after Wimbledon. I think I was quite consistent today. She made a lot of mistakes, but I played well and I'm just happy to get the win."

“I just played her (Serena Williams) at Wimbledon and for me it is always tough to play against her. I will just try to do my best and show her a good match. “

“I love it here. This is my fifth year in a row here and I think it is a great tournament. There’s a good atmosphere with everything here in the stadium.”

Serena Williams

“Tonight was basically just me being focused. I was just out there thinking through the match and trying to do my best. “

“Personally, I have never taken this much time off. So it’s totally different than any other time I have been off or had surgeries. There has never been this much time between matches.”

“I want to get back to the top and win. I have no patience. Maybe this is teaching me to have patience. Being No. 1 is great, but I really want to be able to do well in the Grand Slams.”

“I feel good. Just wanting to be more consistent and I think I was doing that tonight. Not going for too much and not trying to do too much.”