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Dominika Cibulkova

"It was really difficult to play today. I felt like I didn't play my best and it's not always easy to win matches like this. I'm really happy to be through. The second set was very up and down, but when I was down 3-2 in the second set, I started to play more aggressive and that's why I won."

"Sometimes a match like this gives you more confidence because you have to fight and play through it when you are struggling. Now in the next match, you can play even better knowing you just won a real tough match."

Christina McHale

"I knew she was going to keep fighting like she did. I just played a lousy game when I was serving at 3-2 in the second set to let her back in. Then she started playing more confidently."

"Obviously, I'm still disappointed that I lost but overall I feel like I played a good match. She's one of the top players so I think a match like this will help me in the long run."

Marion Bartoli

"I felt great. I love this tournament; it's a great way for me to start back. I lost to Rebecca last year in Quebec, so it was good for me to take revenge. I really felt like I was moving well. I was hitting the ball well for having three weeks off. I'm really pleased and know that I still must improve a few parts of my game here and there."

"I like the dry weather. My ball feels fast going into the air. The courts here are very fast, which I love as well. I think the combination of the two really helps. This is a good start. I lost here in the first round in 2007 after a great Wimbledon. So I was trying to avoid that this year. I was happy with my preparation for this event."

Agnieszka Radwanska

"I had never played her before and that wasn't my best tennis. She was playing well, hitting the ball hard and deep. I was in trouble a little bit and didn't take advantage of my chances in the second set. I was trying to come back in the second set, but she hit better shots. I was much more aggressive in the third set and felt much better. There were hot conditions today and the ball was flying pretty fast everywhere."

Daniela Hantuchova

"Leading 2-0 in the third set, that next game was crucial. She went on that unbelievable run and that's where it changed a little bit. Even though I wasn't playing my best tennis, I still felt like I had so many chances. I think I had 12 break points on two of those. It was a good fight. Unfortunately, I had to face someone like that in the second round. "

Maria Sharapova

"I did lose the first game of each set, but overall I felt like I had a good first set. I just kind of went away from some things I was doing well, like attacking the first volley and somehow it got away from me and I wasn't doing that. All of a sudden, she had all of the confidence in the world and all the momentum heading into the third set."

"I think I just got back to what helped me win the first set. I felt like I slowed everything down a little bit, and wasn't going for it as much. Sometimes when a player sees that and gets that confidence, it's tough to get that back. So I was quite fortunate, actually."

"She (Hantuchova) is a very experienced player and is capable of playing very great tennis. She has shown it in a lot of matches I have played against her. She can produce great tennis and I'm sure going into the match today, she was in a situation where she had nothing to lose."

"I think today I was frustrated by the fact that I did a good job in the first set, but wasn't able to maintain that in the second. When I was down 2-0 in the third, I broke her back, picked up the pace and was able to get my energy back."