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**Sony Ericsson Open**

**S. WILLIAMS/S. Peng**

7-5, 6-2

An interview with:

## **SERENA WILLIAMS**

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. How concerned were you down 5-4 in the first there?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: I don't even remember being down 5-4, to be honest. I mean, obviously I must have been concerned, but until my hitter was like, You were down 5-4, I didn't remember.

**Q. How do you feel you played? Did you feel you played better as the match went on?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: I definitely played better as the match went on. I didn't play great. I had a lot of unforced errors. I haven't made that many unforced errors in a while.

**Q. You and Venus have dominated at this tournament. Why do you think that is? Is it the home crowd? Is it the home court? What does it for you?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: Home crowd, home court, I don't know. I mean, we just really enjoy playing, and we just, I don't know, get up for this tournament.

**Q. Do you have one year that you can look back and say, wow, that was spectacular, that stands out?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: Um, hmmm. Um, I don't remember. It's too late, you know. I don't quite remember. There's so many. I mean, I remember playing Capriati a couple times in the final. I don't know who else I played in the final.

**Q. What about the year you came back against Henin? Does that kind of stand out as a big win?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: I didn't have a spectacular year that year, so not really.

Hmm, I remember when I played Venus. I don't know if it was the final, and I think I lost. I think it was the final. I think I lost.

I remember the traffic was so much, it was from the toll booth all the way to the tennis, and that stood out for me.

**Q. Coming in before the match?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: Uh-huh. It was crazy. And we had to wait a long time to start the match because it was so much traffic.

**Q. Does the night crowd do anything for you, the energy? Does it kind of help you feel your game a little bit?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: Yeah, I think every player loves to play at night. I don't care when I play, really. So I think it's always -- always really fun.

**Q. You have to turn right around and be right back at again tomorrow afternoon. Three days in a row. Is that a problem, concern? Are you happy to just keep going?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: No, not anymore. I'm used to playing every day. And, you know, I like to play matches every day, because it kind of keeps your energy up and kind of keeps you going and keeps you motivated.

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