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An interview with:

## **SERENA WILLIAMS**

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. Do you feel like the heat and the beginning-of-the-week-illness played a factor today?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: Well, I definitely wasn't as fit as I normally was. I never played worse in my life. It was really a bad match. I think I had about 50 unforced errors.

Any other questions? (Laughter.)

**Q. Will you be doing any touring for your book?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: I hope to do a lot of touring. I really want to go out there to the fans and where they are and sign.

**Q. Cleveland, Ohio?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: Hopefully I can make it there. I would love to do a lot. The tennis schedule is so hectic I have to see where I'll go.

**Q. When your sister is on the opposite side of the bracket, a lot of people look at that. Is that something you think about?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: No, I just look to see which side we're on. That's the only thing I look for.

**Q. Besides not feeling well, was there any other reason for having troubles today?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: No, I just did not play well at all. I hit balls in the bottom of the net

and made so many unforced errors it was wasn't my -- anyone could have beaten me today. It wasn't my day.

**Q. In the past when you've had games like that you've been able to turn it around. What was different about today?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: Not always. You can't always turn them around. Sometimes I can't and sometimes I do. I guess today was another one that I couldn't.

I really tried. I just kept making errors down to the last shot. I haven't hit that many errors in a few years, actually.

**Q. Were you feeling that during practice today, during warm-ups?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: No. I actually felt really good in warm-ups. I think I hit about 50 balls off the frame, in the match. I don't think you ever feel that bad going into it, but it is what it is. It's whatever.

**Q. It's kind of ironic. Venus had the same problem with a whole lot of unforced errors today.**

SERENA WILLIAMS: Yeah, I've been training so hard. So this is a little disappointing. But I hope my hard work pays off eventually, because I have been working really, really hard. We'll see.

**Q. Did you get a chance to talk to Venus before you went out?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: No. I saw her after the match, and she just said she had made a lot of errors. I was like, Wow, I didn't think I would do the same thing, so...

**Q. Do you guys use each other to bounce that off when you both have had losses in the same day?**

SERENA WILLIAMS: Yeah, we don't lose too much in the same day, so usually I'm so

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pumped - and I was pumped today. I just couldn't get it together.

That's fine. I can't be on my game every day. You know, as long as I say I went out there and I did what I could do today, that's all I can do. I just hope I don't have another day like this for another several years.

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