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## Harriet Dart

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5-7, 6-1, 7-5

THE MODERATOR: Hard luck, Harriet. Very tricky opponent on grass. What was your overall assessment of today's match?

HARRIET DART: Yeah, I mean, it was tricky anyway when you have a change of an opponent, but always knew whoever was going to take Belinda's place, it was going to be a really tough match, regardless.

I played Kamilla before, so I knew she's a tough opponent. She's had a few matches on the grass this week anyway. Yeah, she just played a bit better in the end.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

**Q. Can you clarify, did you strain your neck and have a medical treatment? Just tell us how you are, what happened, any diagnosis, please.**

HARRIET DART: Yeah, I was just suffering a bit out there, and in that area it always gets...

THE MODERATOR: Should we take a moment?

(Pause.)

HARRIET DART: Anyway, to answer your question, I'm okay. Just the match and everything, but I should recover fine.

**Q. Especially with Wimbledon, everything is heightened about participation, but you seem okay? You don't feel it's going to be a long-term...**

HARRIET DART: No, it happens to me quite a bit, so I'm aware of how to deal with it, yeah. No, I should be okay. Thanks.

**Q. Just with your couple of matches here, obviously a lot of time on the court and positives even today fighting back in the final set, how do you feel this sets you up for the rest of the grass?**

HARRIET DART: Yeah, I mean, last week I lost a really tight match, as well. I guess I just need to find ways to be able to close a lot of these tight matches out.

But, yeah, it's been great to be able to have the opportunity here to be at Queen's. I mean, it's amazing we have a woman's event here. I've just been really happy to be here.

**Q. You made a really lovely, lovely, classy quote after your first-round match. Olga, obviously she was the last lady to win this tournament, but I thought the quote you made, especially when you saw her picture as you went off, I thought that was classy. Are you still working with Olga?**

HARRIET DART: I don't work with her directly anymore, but we definitely stay in touch. She helped me a lot, so it's nice to be able to see her face as her younger self here on the board here, which is cool, because she was an incredible player herself.

**Q. Is it Nottingham next for you?**

HARRIET DART: Yes.

**Q. And after Nottingham, Eastbourne or...**

HARRIET DART: We'll have to see. At the moment, I play Nottingham and Wimbledon qualifying.

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