

# Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships

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## Sara Errani

Press Conference

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6-2, 1-6, 7-6

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. You were 4-1 trailing in the third set. What kept you going?**

SARA ERRANI: Yeah, just try to, I don't know, keep going. Try to make her feel that I was there. Maybe in the second I was too down, so I just want to try to come up and try to be there.

**Q. How important was it for you as a former champion in 2016 here, coming into 2018, qualifying through the rounds, to get into the main draw?**

SARA ERRANI: Well, is the only way to play. I mean, what I can do? I cannot play main draw, so I have to play qualify. I was lucky to get in, even in the qualify.

It's good to won matches. I need matches to be ready. Of course, is not easy here. You have three rounds of qualify, tough matches. I play tomorrow. Physically is tough, but I'm trying to be ready.

**Q. How far are you from your best?**

SARA ERRANI: I don't know. Is tough to say. I keep going. I think I'm in the right way. Of course, I need more matches, more confidence. But the way to arrive is good.

Of course, I know it is too difficult, maybe impossible, to reach the level that I had in 2012, '13, and last year. I know top 10 is really difficult.

Is not my goal, to be top 10 again. Is just to have fun playing, to find myself good, to reach the best that I can.

**Q. Do you have any doubts after what happened last year, a rough time, coming in? Does it affect you?**

SARA ERRANI: Well, I'm still waiting to finish that. Is not finish yet. Of course, is a thing that is always there. I hope that is finish soon.

