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The Big Match

Listening Script

L: All right so here we are. Welcome to English and Culture. I'm Lindsay. I'm here with Georgia. Georgia how's it going today?

G: Oh everything's wonderful thank you Lindsay.

L: Great. So we're gonna (going to) talk about one of the tennis matches that Georgia...Georgia's a big tennis player...she had a big tennis match a couple weeks ago, right?

G: That's right Lindsay.

L: That sounds great and was that a semifinal match that you had?

G: That was a New England semi-finals match for women who were 50 and older.

L: Awesome...and...so...what were the conditions like that day?

G: Well let me just go...**backtrack**...it was a **doubles**...women's doubles match meaning, ya know, two of us on each side, our own partners and the question now is?

L: So what were the conditions like?

G: Conditions, ok, the weather conditions, we were playing outside which is not something we always do we usually play inside but it was an outdoor tournament so it was very, very windy and uh sunny of course so...the wind made a big difference in, in everybody's play.

L: Ok great yeah I would imagine that's tough. I remember when I used to play tennis I had to really **compensate** for the wind and **work around** it and change my strategy based on the conditions yeah.

G: Exactly, Exactly

L: And how did you feel about your opponents like what were their games like?

G: One of the opponents was very very big and tall and she had a very strong cross-court **forehand**...just...she hit the ball really hard and they were fortunate enough to be on the side of the wind...uh...when uh...they were serving and we...

L: Oh lucky

G: And we...they had the sun in their eyes and we didn't but we had the wind against us.

L: Ok

G: Or at least my partner did and my partner is the harder hitter.

L: Ok

G: Um when she would go to serve, ya know, her serve would go into the net because she hits very low.

L: All right would you say that you and your partner communicated well during that match?

G: I wouldn't say so, no, I think that's really important but there wasn't a lot of communication.

L: Oh bummer.

G: Um unless, we, ya know, maybe once or twice and that, that was probably, could have been better

L: Yeah

G: We would have been doing better if we had talked a little bit more. We did make one change, um, as to who would start serving on the windy side and who would serve from the less windy side during the **second set** and that made a huge difference we almost **tied** and we almost could have won that second set. We were close.

L: All right so in the end you did sort of **put up a fight**, right?

G: Oh we put up a fight the whole time we just had **to get used to** their style and uh, ya know, it just, uh, took too long during the first set.

L: And what was the final score?

G: Um the final score...I think they won the first set 6-2 and then they won the second set 6-4.

L: Ok all right well I guess you became a better player for the experience right?

G: I believe our team has never, ever gotten to even the quarterfinals before in this New England tournament so to get to the semi-finals was quite, um, quite **a trip**

L: Cool congratulations hopefully you can do it next year as well.

G: We might. Ok thank you.

L: Thanks.