

TOP SEEDED STILL ADVANCING TOWARDS THE SEMI FINALS

Bali, 15 September 2005... From the eight singles women main seeded, only five have advanced into the semi finals. They are (1) Lindsay Davenport (USA), (2) Patty Schnyder (SUI), (4) Francesca Schiavone (ITA), (6) Flavia Pennetta (ITA) and (7) Na Li (CHN). While from the four main seeded for doubles, seeded third – the Greek 2004 Olympics gold medal winner couple, Li Ting/Sun Tiantian (CHN) failed to advance to the semifinals after losing at a rubber set 3-6, 6-3 and 2-6 from the “wild card” doubles pair, Francesca Schiavone (ITA) & Karolina Sprem (CRO). Today six games are set, four among them singles and two doubles. Four games are played in the centre court and two in court one.

The first match was conducted in the centre court. According to schedule, it will begin at 15.00 WITA, with sixth seeded Flavia Pennetta (ITA) rank 29 against fourth seeded Francesca Schiavone (ITA) rank 28. Flavia Pennetta (ITA) currently living in Milan, Italy, entered the semifinals after defeating Martina Muller (GER) in the first round and Jie Zheng in the second round. She was born in Brindisi, Italy, 25 February 1982, with a height of 172 cm and weighs 58 Kg. Involved in professional tennis since 25 February 2000, plays right hand and two hand backhand. Her opponent, also from Italy, Francesca Schiavone (ITA), lives in London, England. Francesca entered the semifinals after defeating Jamea Jackson (USA) in the first round and Laura Pous Tio (ESP). She was born in Milan, Italia, 23 June 1980, with a height 166 cm and weighs 64 kg. Involved in professional tennis since 1998 and plays with right hand.

The second match in the center court, first seeded Lindsay Davenport (USA) rank 2 played against unseeded tennis player Maria Elena Camerin (ITA) rank 72. Lindsay Davenport lives in Laguna Beach, California, USA. She was born in Palos Verdes, California, USA on 8 June 1976. Lindsay received a bye in the first round and defeated player Rika Fujiwara (JPN) in the second round. Lindsay's height is 189 cm and weighs 79 kg, involved in professional tennis since 22 February 1993.

While playing in court one, scheduled at 16.00 WITA, the non seeded player Alona Bondarenko (UKR) rank 82 will meet seventh seeded, Na Li (CHN) ranked 41. Alona Bondarenko (UKR), born on August 13, 1984 lives in Kriviyi Rig, Ukraine, has a body height of 168 cm and weighs 59 kg. She entered the semifinal by beating player Yoon Jeong Cho (KOR) in the first round and third seeded Alicia Molik (AUS) in the second round. While Na Li (CHN) born February 26, 1982 lives in Wuhan, Hubei, China has a body height of 172 cm and weighs 62 kg, initiated her professional tennis career in 1999. Na Li entered the semifinals after defeating Nuria Llagostera Vives (ESP) in the first round and Zi Yan (CHN) the tennis player that beat Wynne Prakusya (INA) in the second round.

The third match was between second seeded Patty Schnyder (SUI) rank 11, against non seeded Aiko Nakamura (JPN) rank 74 WTA. Patty Schnyder, a left handed player, lives in Baech, Switzerland. She was born in Basel, on December 14, 1978. Her

height is 168 cm and weighs 56,6 kg, involved in professional tennis since August 1994. She received a bye in the first round and beat Virginia Ruano Pascual (ESP) in the second round. The opponent Aiko Nakamura (JPN) born December 28, 1983 lives in Osaka, Japan, has a body height of 163 cm and weighs 56 kg. She reached the semifinals after beating her fellow countrywomen Tonoko Yonemura (JPN) in the first round and fifth seeded Anna-Lena Groenefeld (GER) in the second round.

The fourth doubles match player in the center court, where first seeded doubles pair Anna-lena GROENEFELD (GER) and Meghann SHAUGHNESSY (USA) plays against "wild card" pair Francesca SCHIAVONE (ITA) & Karolina SPREM (CRO). Anna-lena and Meghann advanced towards the semifinals after beating pairs Rika Fujiwara (JPN) & Trudi Musgrave (AUS) in the first round and Janet Lee (TPE) & Wynne Prakusya (INA) in the second round. Meanwhile, Francesca & Karolina advanced towards the semifinals after beating sisters Bondarenko, Alona & Valeria (UKR) in the first round. Then they halted the number one seeded pair, the Greek 2004 Olympics gold medal winner couple, Li Ting/Sun Tiantian (CHN) in the second round.

In court one, plays the doubles pair Maria Elena Camerin (ITA) & Maria Vento-Kabchi (VEN) against the second seeded Flavia Pennetta (ITA) & Virginia Ruano Pascual (ESP). Maria Elena Camerin & Maria Vento-Kabchi reached the second round after defeating pairs Ekaterina Bychova (RUS) & Kim Kilsdonk (NED). Today, in the second round, they will play against the second seeded pair, Flavia Pennetta (ITA) & Virginia Ruano Pascual (ESP) in order to advance into the semifinals.

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