

## **SATURDAY'S RESULTS**

### **Semi-finals**

Francesca Schiavone (4-Italy) beat Patty Schnyder (2-Switzerland) 1-6, 6-4 retired

Lindsay Davenport (1-United States) beat Na Li (7-China) 6-2, 6-2

Lindsay Davenport will tackle feisty Italian Francesca Schiavone in the final of the Wismilak International on Sunday.

While top seeded Davenport enjoyed a straight-forward 6-2, 6-2 victory over seventh seeded Li Na of China, Schiavone progressed when second seed Patty Schnyder retired with heat illness after the second set, winning 1-6, 6-4.

Davenport had recently played Na at the US Open, winning a well-contested match 6-4, 6-4, and she was prepared for a tough battle.

The American broke in the opening game and, although Na levelled at 1-1, Davenport broke again for 3-2 and 5-2 when Na made backhand errors.

Using her more powerful game and making less errors than Na, a persistent Davenport broke for 1-0 on her fifth break point to lead the second set.

Another break for 3-0 left Davenport firmly in charge, and she responded to dropping her serve in the fourth game by breaking a sixth time to lead 4-1.

"It was the kind of tennis I wanted to play," said Davenport. "Even a few balls that I missed, I thought I struck the ball well, better than the other nights. I knew that she liked to dictate play so I was trying to overpower her and hit the ball hard and not let her have a lot of time."

Schnyder appeared to be coasting to victory against Schiavone, who made a succession of careless errors as the Swiss left-hander dominated the first set. And she seemed to be comfortable in the second, breaking to love to lead 1-0 and not facing a break point.

But Schnyder began to falter, eventually losing her lead with a double-fault as Schiavone levelled at 4-4 and then calling for the trainer after Schiavone took her first lead in the match at 5-4. After dropping her serve a second time to give Schiavone the set, Schnyder quit.

"I started to feel unwell at the beginning of the second set, after two or three games," Schnyder said. "I was feeling dizzy and like I couldn't co-ordinate what my legs and what my hands were doing. It was difficult to make any quick movements and my serve went off; I felt like a beginner out there."

"I'm very disappointed I couldn't keep playing and maybe reach the final. I was up 6-1, 4-2 and had 0-30 on her serve, but when the trainer came out at 5-4 I knew I wouldn't be able to continue. Apart from this, I've had a great week here and I hope to be back next year."

Schiavone, who has become a crowd favourite with her on-court personality, acknowledged that the conditions were tough.

"It is very, very hot," she said. "The humidity is high. For me too it was not easy. You have to change your shirt, you have to drink correct, eat correct, sleep correct. To stay here is wonderful, but you have to follow every step." **(Barry Wood)**

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