

Tennis Notes on Wismilak 2005
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BATTLE BETWEEN GENERATIONS AT THE SEMI FINAL

It seems difficult for 80's generation players to repeat their recurrent success for the last four years as champion of Wismilak International Sony Ericsson WTA Tour tier III tournament at Nusa Dua, Bali.

Two 80's generation tennis players reached the semi finals, Na Li ranked 40 from China the seventh seeded and Francesca Schiavone ranked 26 the fourth seeded from Italy.

My prediction of semi finals, Francesca Schiavone (1980) fourth seeded from Italy with her strong forehand-backhand stroke and attractive appearance to win against second seeded Patty Schnyder rank 14, since she will have a hard time developing her play.

Francesca Schiavone should have a specific tactic and strategy to apprehend Patty Schnyder because she has experienced her semi-classical type of play using short strong fast forehand/backhand strokes combined with top heavy spin, and stumbled her efforts to reach quarter finals at the WTA tour tier I tournament San Diego in early August.

Could Francesca Schiavone attempt to play out and attack using shot/slice approach to overcome Patty Schnyder's classical strokes. If she can succeed with this strategy, then she can achieve her revenge. But if she fails, then she will have a hard time bearing the opponents pressure during play.

At the other semi final match Na Li (1982) ranked 40 will try her luck against the number one seeded Lindsay Davenport ranked 2.

Na Li has experienced Lindsay Davenport's hard and fast strokes that had become the reason for her lost to enter the second round of the recent US Open. From that experience, Na Li would have prepared herself some strategy to meet Lindsay Davenport's serves, forehand and flat backhand.

Na Li must try her best to develop variation of long baseline strokes, short- in court – also short long crosses to the corner of the court. Avoid strong strokes exchange, yet still within reach to this 1.89m player because of the wide reach she is able to put the ball well directed on to the thin sidelines. Two semi final matches will be a revenge match for Francesca Schiavone and Na Li.

It is quite difficult to hope for a final match between generations this year. **(Benny Mailili, tennis observer)**

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Editor's Notes :

Since its debut in 1994, the Wismilak International, part of the worldwide Sony Ericsson WTA Tour, has been held in Surabaya, Kuala Lumpur, and now Bali. Initially the event was named the "Wismilak Open", before changing it's name to the "Wismilak International" in 1996 as a reflection of the organiser's corporate expansion into the international market. The Wismilak International is still the largest tournament in the WTA's calendar in South East Asia. For more information please visit www.wismilakinternational.com

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