

### **AYU FANI DAMAYANTI FAILED TO ENTER THE MAIN DRAW**

**Bali, 12 September 2005...** In only 28 minutes, Ayu Fani the young promising tennis player many looked forward to in the Wismilak International Sony Ericsson WTA Tour match was defeated in a straight set by player rank 135, Ting Li from China with a score of 6-4, 6-1. Ting Li, the second seeded in the Qualifying draws of Wismilak International 2005, is tall and slim and somewhat masculine. While Ayu with her short posture, in the first game displayed a dynamic play. Ayu immediately lead the first set with 1-0 within 4 minutes. Ting Li, the Chinese young player, responded and took over the next set with a score of 1-1. Ayu fought back and won the third set changing the score into 2-1.

Ting Li matched Ayu's play and lead match evening the score at 2-2. In the fifth set, Ayu seemed exhausted, unable to score further, and completed at a score of 2-3. However, in the sixth set, Ayu evened the score to 3-3. Ayu, entering the seventh set heavily perspiring could still reach a score of 4-3.

Ting Li overall had better stamina fought and changed the score into 4-4. Unfortunately, in the ninth set of this first game, Ayu started to lag and got locked, thus Ting Li ended the first game with a score of 6-4 in only 40 minutes.

Applaus were often heard in battle fought in the center court, supporting Ayu. Unfortunately this support could not build up Ayu's spirit to show herself as a unrelenting champion.

At 12.00 WITA, the second game was played. A short break did not help Ayu restore her strength and stamina. In the first set, the second match was immediately controlled by Ting Li with 1-0. The play exhibited by Ting Li in placing directed balls rendered Ayu helpless. The points changed into 1-0 for Ting Li. Ayu's struggle was feeble and had no power, denying her famous diligent style of play. Ting Li continued to lead the second set with 2-0, but luckily Ayu managed to steal the third set and changed the score to 2-1.

Entering the fourth set of the second game, Ayu Fani left the court. She was followed by security guards and line's men out of the field. The crowds waited patiently with the umpire who stepped down from his chair. After almost five minutes, the center court was empty. When Ayu reappeared, her performance refreshed. Ayu appeared to ask permission to change outfit and used the time to restore her strength. However, after changing costume, her play failed to improve. She even looked exhausted and her fighting spirit seemed to have dissipated. In the fifth set second match, the score changed rapidly into 3-1, 4-1, 5-1 and ended at 6-1 for the vistory of Ting Li, with her masculine appearance.

Previously in the center court, Ryoko Fuda (JPN) played against Trudi Musgrave (AUS), won by Fuda with a score of 6-2 and 6-0. Meanwhile in court one, first match Tomoko Yonemura (JPN) against Leticia Sobral (BRA) won by Tomoko with a score of 6-

3, 6-4. In the second game, Mayumi Yamamoto played against Maria Jose Argeri (ARG) won by Maria with a score of 6-1 and 6-3. In court two for the first match, Claire Curran (GBR) played against Sophie Ferguson (AUS) won by Sophie with a score of 2-6, 7-6 and Claire retired due to injury. In the second match, Tiantian Sun (CHN) played against Denise Harijanto (INA) won by Tiantian with a score 6-1, 6-0.

In the third match, Martina Muller (GER) who received a bye in the first round, also the first seeded for the qualifying round, will play against Sophie Ferguson (AUS). Next in line, is FUDA Ryoko (JPN) against YONEMURA Tomoko (JPN). Ting Li (CHN) will play against the winner, determined by the play between Septi Mende (INA) and Zi Yan (CHN). This game had not started until 14.20 WITA. Afterwards, SUN Tiantian (CHN) will play against ARGERI Maria Jose (ARG). (~Mulyadi Putra~)

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