

RESULTS ON WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2005

1st round

Flavia Pennetta (Italy) beat Martina Muller (Germany) 6-3, 6-1

2nd round

Francesca Schiavone (4-Italy) beat Laura Pous Tio (Spain) 6-3, 6-2

Lindsay Davenport (1-United States) beat Rika Fujiwara (Japan) 6-3, 6-2

Na Li (China) beat Zi Yan (China) 6-3, 6-4

Lindsay Davenport didn't play her best, but she didn't expect to in her first match at the Wismilak International. But she did enough to beat the inexperienced Rika Fujiwara from Japan 6-3, 6-2.

"I'm never one that necessarily plays their best right off the bat," Davenport admitted. "It took a little while to settle into the conditions and how Rika plays, but I do feel I started to improve some things in the second set. I did not play my best and know I have to get better, but typically I tend to get better as the tournament goes on."

A cushion of a break in the second game proved valuable as the top seeded American struggled to maintain her advantage. She fought off three break points at 3-1 and faced another at 5-3 before she closed out the opening set.

Davenport reduced the unforced error count in the second set, and after breaking for 1-0 she progressed without any serious problems. A second break at 4-2 when Fujiwara double-faulted let Davenport serving for the match.

"Both sets I was able to get off to a good lead," said Davenport. "The first set, I had a few really close games on my own serve, but it was always helpful to already be up that break. Then I got off to a good lead in the second set and in the second set I felt like I could be more aggressive. In the first set I was just a little tentative.

"Coming here, it's been a really great opportunity to relax and get back out on the court right away after losing in New York. Mentally it's different and I knew coming out here today that I might not play my best. But I wouldn't fly all this way if I didn't want to win the tournament and perform at a high level."

Fourth seed Francesca Schiavone also progressed to the third round, easing past Spain's Laura Pous Tio 6-3, 6-2.

The Italian dominated an opponent with little experience on the WTA Tour, giving up just four points as she swept to a 4-0 lead in the first set and then winning 12 of the first 13 points of the second.



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In other matches, US Open doubles finalist Flavia Pennetta of Italy swept aside German qualifier Martina Muller 6-3, 6-1 in the remaining first round match, and Na Li beat Zi Yan 6-3, 6-4 in an all-Chinese clash.

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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