

Australian Open

Serena Williams beats Sharapova, reaches Aussie Open semis

By JOHN PYE
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams attacked Maria Sharapova’s strength and it helped extend her complete domination of their rivalry, earning the six-time Australian Open champion a place in the semifinals.

Top-ranked Williams beat Sharapova 6-4, 6-1 in the quarterfinals on Tuesday, her 18th consecutive victory and 19th in their 21 career meetings back to 2004.

“It was super intense,” Williams said of the replay of last year’s final. “She’s an incredibly intense, focused player who was No. 1 and has won so many Grand Slams for a reason. You have to come out with a lot of fire and intensity.”

Each of the six previous times Williams has won a quarterfinal at Melbourne Park, she has won the title at the season-opening Grand Slam tournament.

Up next for her is fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska, who beat No. 10 Carla Suarez Navarro 6-1, 6-3 to reach a Grand Slam semifinal for the fifth time.

Sharapova has won five majors, including the 2008 Australian title, and has been in three other finals at Melbourne Park.

In her fourth-round win against No. 12 Belinda Bencic she had a career-high 21 aces. Against Williams, she had three, and seven double-faults. Williams had 13 aces, three double-faults, hit 31 winners to



Serena Williams yells after winning a point against Maria Sharapova during their quarterfinal match at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday.

Sharapova broke to open the match and held for a 2-0 lead. But Williams held in the third game and broke to quickly level at 2-2.

Early in the set, points were short. As it progressed, the rallies got longer, the shrieks and grunts got louder and the emotions were fully on display.

Both players struggled with their ball toss at one end, repeatedly practicing their toss to work out the best position to serve into the sun.

Williams also had to concentrate hard to hold in the ninth game, when a baby screamed loudly in the stands as she faced breakpoints.

She was able to protect her own serve, and go on the attack against Sharapova’s. It cost her in the eighth game when she had three break-point chances, taking the high-risk rather than the high-percentage option with her return.

But that approach is what has helped win her 21 major titles, and Williams’ aggressive returns finally helped her convert on her fourth set point, following a heavy ground stroke to the net and putting away a volley.

She went on a five-game roll until Sharapova held in the second set, and then finished it off in the seventh game after saving break points.

Williams had medical treatment between sets, and again in the second during a change-over, but it wasn’t clear what the problem was. She didn’t comment on it in her on-court interview.

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today

Pendleton at La Grande, 7 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Mac-Hi, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Hermiston at Hood River, 7 p.m.

The Dalles at Pendleton, 7 p.m.

Friday

Riverside at Nyssa, 6 p.m.

Umatilla at Vale, 6 p.m.

Irrigon at Heppner, 6 p.m.

Culver at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.

Stanfield at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.

Arlington at South Wasco, 7:30 p.m.

Sherman at Lone, 7:30 p.m.

Condon/Wheeler at Horizon Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Echo at Pine Eagle, 7:30 p.m.

Mac-Hi at Helix, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

La Grande 1-1 5-6 566 512 31

Umatilla at Nyssa, 3:30 p.m.

Riverside at Vale, 3:30 p.m.

Culver at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.

Ontario at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.

Heppner at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Irrigon, 5:30 p.m.

Mitchell/Spray at Arlington, 5:30 p.m.

Ione at Condon/Wheeler, 5:30 p.m.

Joseph at Echo, 5:30 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Powder Valley, 5:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Today

Weston-McEwen at Mac-Hi, 6 p.m.

La Grande at Pendleton, 7 p.m.

Friday

Stanfield at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.

Riverside at Nyssa, 5 p.m.

Umatilla at Vale, 5 p.m.

Culver at Weston-McEwen, 5:30 p.m.

Arlington at South Wasco, 6 p.m.

Condon/Wheeler at Horizon Christian, 6 p.m.

Sherman at Lone, 6 p.m.

Wallowa at Helix, 6 p.m.

Echo at Pine Eagle, 6 p.m.

Pendleton at The Dalles, 7 p.m.

Hood River at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Irrigon at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Riverside at Vale, 2 p.m.

Culver at Pilot Rock, 2:30 p.m.

Ontario at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.

Umatilla at Nyssa, 3 p.m.

Heppner at Stanfield, 4 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Irrigon, 4 p.m.

Mitchell/Spray at Arlington, 4 p.m.

Ione at Condon/Wheeler, 4 p.m.

Joseph at Echo, 4 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Powder Valley, 4 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday

Hermiston at The Dalles, TBD

Friday

Mountain View at Pendleton, TBD

Bonanza at Irrigon, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Mac-Hi, Riverside, Heppner, Irrigon at BEO Invite, 10 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday

Pendleton, Hermiston at La Grande, Noon

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wednesday

Walla Walla at Blue Mountain, 8 p.m.

Friday

Eastern Oregon at Evergreen State, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.

Eastern Oregon at Northwest (WA), 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wednesday

Walla Walla at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.

Prep standings

BOYS BASKETBALL

Columbia River Conference (5A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Pendleton 1-0 7-6 753 724 11

Hermiston 1-0 8-8 978 979 16

The Dalles 0-1 3-12 795 1168 30

Arlington at 0-1 1-12 731 871 33

Greater Oregon League (4A)

Ovr. Conf. PS PA Rnk

Baker 2-0 8-10 949 1011 23

Mac-Hi 1-1 6-12 751 851 29

La Grande 1-1 5-6 566 512 31

Ontario 0-2 5-10 811 924 34

Eastern Oregon League (3A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Nyssa 4-0 9-10 952 945 14

Riverside 3-1 7-10 739 728 24

Umatilla 1-3 9-10 937 977 25

Vale 0-4 3-14 702 928 35

Columbia Basin Conference (2A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Heppner 5-0 15-1 917 706 2

Stanfield 4-1 12-3 965 734 12

Irrigon 3-2 12-5 958 712 7

Wes-McE. 2-3 6-9 776 840 26

Pilot Rock 1-4 7-12 817 926 30

Culver 0-5 5-12 687 947 40

Big Sky League (1A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Sherman 7-0 17-1 1334 867 3

S. Wasco 5-2 14-3 925 599 5

Dufur 5-2 8-7 787 721 22

Horizon Chr. 4-3 7-9 748 816 19

Con./Whe. 3-4 7-9 714 814 31

Ione 2-5 3-12 446 821 46

Arlington 1-6 7-11 798 806 49

Mitchell 1-6 7-10 598 791 41

Old Oregon League (1A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Nixyaawii 7-0 12-4 1062 810 4

Powder Val. 6-1 13-3 931 602 9

Joseph 4-2 8-7 663 663 26

Echo 4-3 6-12 797 852 43

Wallowa 2-5 3-12 487 743 39

Pine Eagle 1-6 2-13 511 851 63

Helix 0-7 2-15 511 875 63

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Columbia River Conference (5A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Hermiston 1-0 13-3 886 709 6

Pendleton 1-0 6-9 735 736 21

The Dalles 0-1 8-7 691 627 19

Hood River 0-1 3-11 479 683 32

Greater Oregon League (4A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

La Grande 2-0 12-4 946 725 5

Mac-Hi 1-1 11-6 670 669 22

Baker 1-1 8-9 736 828 16

Ontario 0-2 2-11 375 618 29

Eastern Oregon League (3A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Umatilla 4-0 15-4 886 615 9

Nyssa 2-2 11-7 766 657 14

Vale 2-2 10-8 752 706 18

Riverside 0-4 3-13 468 691 31

Columbia Basin Conference (2A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Wes-McE. 5-0 8-8 695 623 12

Pilot Rock 4-1 13-6 887 729 9

Culver 2-3 10-7 659 556 28

Stanfield 2-3 6-9 552 556 30

Irrigon 2-3 6-10 619 623 25

Heppner 0-5 2-14 425 680 38

Big Sky League (1A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Con./Whe. 6-1 15-2 771 543 6

Ione 6-1 9-6 646 646 19

Arlington 5-2 12-6 771 579 26

S. Wasco 3-4 8-8 535 615 31

Horizon Chr. 3-4 6-10 483 653 36

Sherman 3-4 3-11 462 684 45

Dufur 2-5 3-12 522 704 44

Mitchell 0-7 3-13 491 646 59

Old Oregon League (1A)

Conf. Ovr. PS PA Rnk

Nixyaawii 7-0 17-1 978 564 4

Helix 5-1 13-4 734 613 5

Powder Val. 5-2 10-7 781 592 25

Joseph 3-3 7-8 719 607 32

Echo 2-5 9-10 742 664 28

Pine Eagle 1-6 1-14 295 765 48

Wallowa 0-7 1-15 260 818 54

Today's Games

Houston 115, Dallas 104

Toronto 112, L.A. Clippers 94

Boston 112, Philadelphia 92

Brooklyn 116, Oklahoma City 106

Monday's Games

Cleveland 114, Minnesota 107

Boston 116, Washington 91

Miami 89, Chicago 84

Houston 112, New Orleans 111

Memphis 108, Orlando 102, OT

Detroit 95, Utah 92

Atlanta 119, Denver 105

Charlotte at Sacramento, late

Golden State 120, San Antonio 90

Today's Games

L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 4 p.m.

Phoenix at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Washington at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.

Miami at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.

Oklahoma City at New York, 4:30 p.m.

Orlando at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.

Sacramento at Portland, 7 p.m.

Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Top 25

Saturday

No. 1 Oklahoma 82, No. 13 Baylor 72

No. 3 Kansas 76, Texas 67

No. 5 Xavier 84, Seton Hall 76

No. 6 West Virginia 80, Texas Tech 76

No. 11 Michigan State 74, No. 7 Maryland 65

No. 10 Texas A&M 66, Missouri 53

California 74, No. 12 Arizona 73

No. 15 Miami 77, Wake Forest 63

No. 17 Louisville 75, Georgia Tech 71

Creighton 72, No. 18 Butler 64

No. 19 Iowa State 73, TCU 60

No. 20 Duke 88, NC State 78

No. 23 Kentucky 76, Vanderbilt 57

Tennessee 78, No. 24 South Carolina 69

No. 25 Indiana 89, Northwestern 57

Sunday

No. 2 North Carolina 75, Virginia Tech 70

No. 16 Providence 82, No. 4 Villanova 76

Temple 89, No. 8 SMU 80

No. 9 Iowa 83, No. 22 Purdue 71

No. 13 Virginia 73, Syracuse 65

Oregon State 85, No. 21 USC 70

Monday

No. 14 Iowa State 85, No. 4 Kansas 72

No. 15 Miami 80, No. 24 Duke 69

Today

No. 19 Indiana at Wisconsin, 4 p.m.

No. 11 Virginia at Wake Forest, 4 p.m.

Kansas State at No. 9 West Virginia, 4 p.m.

Texas Tech at No. 1 Oklahoma, 4 p.m.

No. 7 Xavier at No. 10 Providence, 5:30 p.m.

Women's Top 25

Saturday

No. 1 Connecticut 90, SMU 37

No. 4 Baylor 77, Iowa State 61

No. 6 Texas 83, No. 19 Oklahoma 76

Sunday

No. 2 South Carolina 57, No. 10 Mississippi State 51

No. 3 Notre Dame 80, Virginia Tech 41

No. 7 Ohio State 67, Rutgers 58

No. 8 Arizona State 62, Arizona 47

No. 11 Oregon State 61, Colorado 47

No. 20 UCLA 56, No. 12 Stanford 36

No. 14 Florida State 69, No. 16 Miami 58

No. 15 South Florida 85, UCF 49

No. 23 Missouri 79, No. 22 Florida 64

No. 24 DePaul 96, Providence 50

No. 25 West Virginia 97, TCU 84

Monday

No. 12 Kentucky 64, No. 19 Tennessee 63

No. 14 Louisville 71, Syracuse 53

Today

No games scheduled

Hockey

NHL

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Florida 48 28 15 5 61 130 107

Detroit 49 25 16 5 58 122 124

Boston 48 26 17 5 57 145 125

Tampa Bay 48 26 18 4 56 129 117

Montreal 49 24 21 4 52 134 129

Ottawa 49 23 20 6 52 137 152

Toronto 46 17 20 9 43 113 128

Buffalo 49 19 26 4 42 111 134

Metropolitan Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Washington 46 35 8 3 73 155 100

N.Y. Rangers 49 27 17 5 59 142 129

N.Y. Islanders 47 25 16 6 56 130 118

New Jersey 49 25 19 5 55 114 116

Pittsburgh 47 23 17 7 53 119 120

Carolina 50 22 20 8 52 118 135

Philadelphia 46 20 18 8 48 105 124

Columbus 50 18 27 5 41 128 161

Western Conference

Central Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Chicago 52 33 15 4 70 147 117

Dallas 50 31 14 5 67 162 133

St. Louis 52 28 16 8 64 129 128

Minnesota 49 23 17 9 55 121 115

Nashville 49 22 17 7 53 138 133

Winnipeg 48 21 24 3 45 121 138

Pacific Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Los Angeles 48 30 15 3 63 126 109

San Jose 47 25 18 4 54 136 128

Arizona 48 24 19 5 53 129 141

Vancouver 49 20 18 11 51 121 137

Anaheim 46 21 18 7 49 95 109

Calgary 47 21 23 3 45 125 144

Edmonton 50 19 26 5 43 122 149

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Today's Games

Ottawa 3, N.Y. Rangers 0

Carolina 5, Calgary 2

Chicago 2, St. Louis 0

Los Angeles 3, San Jose 2, OT

Pittsburgh at Washington, ppd., inclement weather

Monday's Games

Arizona 2, Minnesota 1, SO

Detroit 4, N.Y. Islanders 2

Boston 3, Philadelphia 2

Columbus 5, Montreal 2

N.Y. Rangers 6, Buffalo 3

Dallas 2, Calgary 1

Today's Games

Anaheim at Boston, 4 p.m.

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.

Chicago at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.

Columbus at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.

Buffalo at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.

Toronto at Florida, 4:30 p.m.

Arizona at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.

Nashville at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Colorado at San Jose, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Australian Open

Monday

At Melbourne Park

Melbourne, Australia

Purse: \$30.18 million (Grand Slam)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Fourth Round

Gael Monfils (23), France, def. Andrej Kuznetsov, Russia, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4)

Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. Stan Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-3.

David Ferrer (8), Spain, def. John Isner (10), United States, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Bernard Tomic (16), Australia, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Women

Fourth Round

Angelique Kerber (7), Germany, def. Annika Beck, Germany, 6-4, 6-0.

Victoria Azarenka (14), Belarus, def. Barbora Strýcova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.

Johanna Konta, Britain, def. Ekaterina Makarova (21), Russia, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6.

Zhang Shuai, China, def. Madison Keys (15), United States, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Men

Third Round

Adrian Mannarino and Lucas Pouille, France, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah (12), Colombia, 6-3, 7-6 (6).

Jamie Murray, Britain, and Bruno Soares (7), Brazil, def. Dominic Inglot, Britain, and Robert Lindstedt (11), Sweden, 6-3, 6-4.

Raven Klaassen, South Africa, and Rajeef Ram (13), United States, def. Bob and Mike Bryan (3), United States, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (1), Romania, def. Marco Cecchinato and Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-6 (7), 6-3.

Women

Third Round

Julia Goerges, Germany, and Karoline Pliskova (21), Czech Republic, def. Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic (3), France, 6-1, 7-6 (6).

Ku Xu-Fan and Zheng Saisai (15), China, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia, 6-2, 6-4.

Vania King, United States, and Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Elena Vesnina (5), Russia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Sania Mirza (1), India, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, and Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-1, 6-3.

Mixed

Second Round

Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Rohan Bopanna (3), India, def. Andreea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 4-6, 6-3, 10-6.

Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Bob Bryan (2), United States, def. Sam Stosur and John Peers, Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (6).

Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and Jamie Murray (4), Britain, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, and Robert Farah, Colombia, 6-4, 6-4.

Elena Vesnina, Russia, and Bruno Soares (5), Brazil, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Alexander Peya, Austria, 6-2, 6-3.

Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, and Treat Huey, Philippines, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, and Robert Lindstedt, 6-3, 6-4.

Tuesday

At Melbourne Park

Melbourne, Australia

Purse: \$30.18 million (Grand Slam)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Women

Quarterfinals

Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Carla Suarez Navarro (10), Spain, 6-1, 6-3.

Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles

Men

Quarterfinals

Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, and Marcel Granollers (16), Spain, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock (9), United States, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

Women

Quarterfinals

Andreea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (7), Czech Republic, def. Chan Hao-ching and Yung-jan (2), Taiwan, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

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