

Serena Moves Into Third Round  
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WIMBLEDON: Around the traps at Wimbledon the media and other people like to talk about Court Two as a spooky court. Over the years that court has seen its fair share of upsets. Tennis legends such as John McEnroe and Pete Sampras have been defeated out there.

As a result the court is nicknamed the "Graveyard of Champions". Even as recently as the first round of this year's Wimbledon a big name player, men's fourth seed Nikolay Davydenko, was upset on that court.

This time Serena Williams even said she thought about the history of Court Two. Normally it would not be something that would enter her mind but on this occasion she felt a "little tight".

She was facing last year's Wimbledon junior champion Urszula Radwanska of Poland who is ranked 190 in the world and when she won the first set she was excited. On another bright sunny day (it's getting quite monotonous, all this dry weather in London) Serena put herself into the third round of The Championships by the score of 6-4, 6-4.

"I think the only thing I need to do well is just stay positive and just, you know, not get down on myself and put too much pressure on me, because I tend to be a perfectionist and I want everything to go right," said Serena.

"I think it's just really important for me to just relax and realize that not every point is going to be perfect. I think that's mostly what I need to do."

Asked about the pressure of the early rounds of a Grand Slam like Wimbledon, Serena the only pressure on her is the pressure she puts on herself. As she tends to be a perfectionist, she wants everything to be perfect. She has been trying not to do that but instead to just relax.

In the next round she takes on former world number one and the Wimbledon champion from two years ago, Amelie Mauresmo. The record is 9-2 in Serena's favour, they have played twice at Wimbledon, in 2004 and 2006 and Serena won those, however Mauresmo won their last meeting at the US Open in 2006.

"I haven't played her in a while so I look forward to it," said Serena. "I had no idea I might play her. I'm excited about that. She's been struggling a lot this year. So you can only hope that she does well, especially being a past champion here, and a past champion in general. It will be a good match."