

Serena Reaches Final! - Australian Open
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Serena Williams won her semifinal match on Thursday, and will next face Maria Sharapova in the finals of the 2007 Australian Open.

Williams overcame 10th seeded Czech Nicole Pietrangeli in the semifinals 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. Serena Williams became the second unseeded woman in the world since Chris O'Neil in 1978 to win the Australian Open. Williams made a fantastic comeback during the Australian Open, defeating six seeded players as she made her way to winning the tournament.

Williams dominated 63 minutes of remarkable tennis, while overpowering Sharapova 6-1, 6-2, to win the Australian Open on Saturday.

"On the scoreboard it looked easy but I was fighting for every point," Williams said. "It was an awesome win."

As Williams walked on the court and started playing she illustrated many signs that she came to win the tournament, and nothing was going to stop her.

"You can never underestimate her as an opponent, and I don't think many of you expected her to be in the final, but I definitely did," Sharapova stated following the match. "I know what she's capable of. She showed it today. She's an amazing champion, and she showed it here many times, and of course I look forward to playing her many more times, and winning a few I hope."

Williams entered the Australian Open ranked No. 81 in the world. But as she exits the tournament her projected ranking is 14, which is a phenomenal achievement.