

Venus Sneaks Past Serena For Wimbledon Title
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WIMBLEDON: The name Williams will certainly be engraved on the Venus Rosewater Trophy at Wimbledon but unfortunately for Serena it will be her sister Venus's first name.

After one hour 51 minutes Venus won the title 7-5, 6-4 on match point two. Serena saved the first match point with an ace but on the second match point she struck a backhand that seemed get caught by the wind and it floated wide. That gave Venus the title.

The on-court conditions were so incredibly difficult. The sun would move in and out of the clouds but what was worse still was the wind. It's not so often that Centre Court catches the wind but on this day it was getting quite gusty at times.

"It was so not easy," said Serena. "Every time I tried to hit a shot, the wind would blow it, and it was tough. But, you know, I tried."

Serena started well by breaking Venus's serve in the first game of the match but Venus leveled the set when she broke back for 4-4 and then four games later, with Serena working so hard to stay in the set, Venus broke again.

The third game of the second set seemed to go forever, in fact it lasted 14 minutes and after seven break points Serena went up 2-1 but in the very next game Venus leveled. She was keeping the ball deep and whatever Serena was trying was being affected by the awful gusts of wind.

"I've been working really hard and I'm just really fighting for everything," said Serena, "and I'm so happy that at least one of us was able to win."

"Venus played great this year. You know, but we're just glad to be in the finals again. We hope for it to keep happening."

While obviously very happy for herself and winning her fifth Wimbledon, Venus also reflected on the fact that it was her younger sister on the other side of the net.

"I have to first of all say great match to Serena. I mean, I can't believe that it's five," said Venus. "But when you're in the final against Serena Williams, five seems so far away from that first point. So, I mean, she played so awesome, it was really a task to beat her."