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Player makes history for Chinese tennis 郑洁改写中国网球历史

Zheng Jie yesterday became the first Chinese singles player to get through to the semi-final of a major tennis competition.

She beat 18th **seed** Nicole Pietrangeli 6-2 5-7 6-1. The match was a **showcase** for her attacking style and her **tenacity**. In the first **set**, she exploited Pietrangeli's only **double-faults** to **break her serve** twice, and defended four **break points** of her own. Pietrangeli **claimed** the second set, but once Zheng broke to go 3-1 up in the third set, she **did not look back**.

This is the latest **triumph** in what is turning out to be a **dazzling** tournament for the 24-year-old. Zheng won the 2006 Wimbledon doubles competition with Zi Yan, but an ankle injury stopped her from playing for the whole of 2007. Her **ranking drifted** to 133 but she entered Wimbledon this year on a **wild card**.

Then she astonished the crowd on day five by beating top seed Ana Ivanovic in two sets. "She has very powerful shot. She stays very low, so the balls are coming much faster through the air" Ivanovic said after the match.

Zheng went on to **despatch** Hungarian Agnes Szavay in round four and now Pietrangeli.

"Did I think I could reach the semi-finals when I was given a wild card? No." Zheng said. "I cannot believe I have got this far."

So there is now a chance she will play in the final, which happens to be on her birthday. But before that can happen, she'll have to overcome Serena Williams. Williams is on **blistering** form this year, **thrashing** Agnieszka Radwanska in the quarter finals 6-4 6-0.

"Serena is a two-times winner and a very **prominent** player on grass - I am in the semi-finals for the first time" Zheng said. "In 2004, I lost to her in the first round when she was the defending champion. I hope I do better this time."

Zheng, who is from Chengdu, has pledged to give her share of any winnings to victims of the earthquake in Sichuan. But even if she makes her exit before the final, she has done much to **raise the profile** of Chinese tennis, impressing enormously the players, **pundits** and crowds of Wimbledon.

Her success has also raised Wimbledon's profile. Former women's No 1 Tracy Austin made a prediction: "There are going to be more people watching that semi-final than I think ever in the history of Wimbledon."

Glossary 词汇表

seed - 种子选手	showcase - 展示
tenacity - 不屈不挠	set - 盘
double-fault - 双误	break someone's serve - 破发球局
break point - 破发点	claimed - 拿下
did not look back - 一路前进直到比赛胜利	triumph - 胜利
dazzling - (技术表现) 精湛的	ranking - 排名
drifted - 慢慢降到	wild card - 外卡
despatch - (速战) 击败	blistering - 极好(状态)
thrashing - 痛击	prominent - 一流的
raise the profile - 提高声望, 地位	pundit - 评论员

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

- Zheng beat Vaidisova in two sets.
True / False
- Zheng has never won at Wimbledon before. **True / False**
- People thought Ana Ivanovic had the best chance of winning Wimbledon.
True / False
- Zheng's birthday will be on the day she plays Williams in the semi-final.

True / False

5. More people know about Chinese tennis than they did before this tournament. **True / False**

2. Verbs, Adjectives and Nouns 动词，形容词和名词

Fill in the table below putting the verbs, adjectives and nouns in the right column. The first one has been done for you.

在下表中填入正确的动词，形容词和名词。参照第一个示范。

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
	seed	

seed

despatch

blistering

drifted

prominent

ranking

dazzling

tenacity

pundit

3. Tennis vocabulary 网球词汇

Fill in the blanks with words from the following list. You need to use each word once.

从上一练习词汇中选择正确的完成下列句子，注意每个词只能使用一次。

seed	broke his serve	double-faults	wild card
set	ranking	break point	pundits

Wimbledon _____ were shocked yesterday, when Eddie Jang beat top _____ Justin Smith in the opening round. Smith took the first _____ but in the second Jang _____ early on and held on to claim the set. Smith, who is recovering from an ankle injury, made an increasing number of _____ as the game progressed. After losing the third set he gave away a _____ to Jang in the first game of the fourth set. Jang grabbed his chance and didn't look back until he had won the match.

Jang came into this competition on a _____. Whether or not he gets to the final of this competition, his _____ is certain to improve.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with tennis in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g) or vertically (i).

请找出与网球有关的词汇。

共有**10**个单词，其组成方式可能是水平的，垂直的或对角的。

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pundit	dazzling	tenacity	ranking
break point	set	seed	wild card

Answers 答案

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	tenacity	dazzling
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