

Serena 'robbed' in Capriati loss

NEW YORK (AP) - Unfairly, unbelievably, Serena Williams was robbed of a point by an umpire's mistake at the U.S. Open, just like her sister was at Wimbledon.

It happened in the opening game of the third set between Williams and Jennifer Capriati, who went on to win their Open quarterfinal 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 Tuesday night.

"I'm very angry and bitter right now. I felt cheated. Shall I go on? I just feel robbed," a composed Williams said, laughing a bit. "At first, I thought it was another Wimbledon conspiracy."

The match was tight and testy, the way it almost always has been during their 17 matches: contested calls, spiked rackets, some gamesmanship and strokes pounded with power. A lot of power.

Capriati played superbly, without a doubt, but what always will be remembered is the miscue by chair umpire Mariana Alves of Portugal. She awarded the point to Capriati after Williams hit a backhand that landed in — and was ruled good by the line judge.

"I don't need to see the replay. I know my shots. Not only was it in, it wasn't even near the line," said Williams, who couldn't defend her 2002 Open title because of left

knee surgery that forced her to miss eight months. "But I'm not making excuses. I didn't lose because of that. I probably should have closed her out in the second set."

It was eerily reminiscent of Wimbledon, where Venus Williams lost in the second round after Karolina Sprem was mistakenly awarded an extra point in the final-set tiebreaker. Venus didn't argue at all, saying later she was confused; chair umpire Ted Watts was kicked out of the tournament.

"I'd prefer she not umpire at my court anymore," Serena Williams said of Alves. "She's obviously anti-Serena."

Williams wound up losing that pivotal game, and though she did break right back, she was broken again to 2-1 and never recovered. TV replays also appeared to show at least two other incorrect calls that went against Williams in the final game, when Capriati needed three match points to serve it out.

"I didn't even, like, look at it. It was close. I was just going to what the umpire said," Capriati told the crowd afterward, drawing some boos and murmurs.

"Believe me, I've had things go against me many times, plenty of times. I deserve to get a call once in a while."

Sports Pace

(Continued from Page 16) next year. The Giants came within a game of winning the World Series two years ago against the Anaheim Angels. They fell in game seven. The team is in a battle for the wild-card playoff spot this year. This could be the end of another fine career that didn't take home the grand prize. The number of championship trophies shouldn't measure greatness. Bonds has won six league most valuable player

awards. But he has never won a World Series. Is he is a champion or isn't he?

"World Series don't define me," Bonds reportedly said. He keeps getting on base and is hitting the ball where they haven't switched over to stop him.

He's not friendly to the press but who is besides Don

King. He was supposed to change this season and become fan friendly but he doesn't sign autographs.

If a person wants to be a champion, perhaps they should play tennis, run track, bowl, shoot pool or play golf. Team sports are the reason Evander Holyfield gave up football and chose boxing.

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Singh

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Singh took a three-stroke lead into the final day and made it four when he dropped to 15 under with a birdie on the first hole.

But the lead withered over the front nine and disappeared when Woods chipped in for birdie on 12 and Singh went over the green with an 8-iron on 13, then missed a 7-footer to save par.

That left them tied at 13 under, with Scott one stroke back.

On 14, a 485-yard par-4, Woods and Singh were 6 inches apart on the green, about 9 feet from the pin.

Singh sank his putt to save par, but Wood pushed his to the left for a bogey. On the par-5 15th their drives landed 6 yards apart on the fairway but Singh put his approach within 4 feet and Woods was 17 feet from the flag; Singh picked up another birdie to drop to minus 14 and Woods two-putted for par, leaving him two strokes back.

After making another birdie on 17 to expand his lead to three strokes, Singh smiled and seemed to relax. He acknowledged the cheers of the crowd for the first time all day.

"I made the putts that counted," said Singh, who birdied the last hole after

missing a 22-foot putt for eagle. "The big putt was on 17. When I made that one, I said, 'That's it.'"

On the second hole, a par-5, 553-yard dogleg right, both players got into trouble.

Singh couldn't find his ball and took a drop, hit to 14 feet of the pin and then two-putted for bogey; Woods found his among the rocks in front of the green, but when he swung at the ball he hit a rock instead, jamming his wrist, breaking his club and costing himself a stroke.

Shaking off the pain, he punched his way up the hill, chipped onto the green and two-putted from 18 feet for a bogey.

"You've made this thing personal and racial when this is a business decision," he said.

Council member James Fantroy said the community needed to be seen and heard at the council session.

"We spoke loud and clear today (on) how important the Prairie View/Grambling game is," Fantroy said during the meeting.

"And then they wonder why we get mad and kick chairs."

Andre Coe writes for the Dallas Examiner.

Game

(Continued from Page 16) done to prepare their teams, then I guess we remain where we are."

The Texas-OU game is held the last weekend in October in Fair Park.

If the motion had gone through, the athletic departments for Texas and OU, which are predominantly White, would have received \$125,000 each for the next five years from the City of Dallas' Convention and Event Service Current Funds, a five-year total of \$1.25 million.

The Black college athletic departments would have received \$25,000 each from the South Dallas/Fair Park Trust Fund for a five-year total of \$250,000.

The State Fair has raised

an additional \$375,000 over a five-year period to help fund the Grambling game.

Council member Leo Chaney called the trust fund proposal "outrageous."

At \$67 million, the University of Texas at Austin athletic department has the nation's second highest sports budget, surpassed only by Ohio State University, he said.

"The reality is we should offer them the same," Chaney said.

"We wanted to act on this last week," Chaney said. "I know the impact that these special events have on our city. This is not right... \$250,000 versus \$50,000. It's outrageous that you want to take from the poor citizens of South Dallas."



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