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SERENA AND VENUS WILLIAMS TO ASCEND TO TOP OF SONY ERICSSON WTA TOUR DOUBLES RANKINGS

Serena Williams becomes sixth player in Tour history to hold No.1 ranking in both singles and doubles simultaneously

PARIS, FRANCE - Following their Roland Garros semifinal victory against Liezel Huber and Anabel Medina Garrigues, Serena and Venus Williams will climb to the top of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Doubles Rankings (as of June 7, 2010) for the first time in their career. Currently ranked World No.1 and 2, respectively, on the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Singles Rankings, Serena and Venus will be joint doubles No.1 and Serena will become the sixth player in Tour history to hold the No.1 ranking in singles and doubles simultaneously, and first to do so since 2003.

“It’s a lifelong dream to be World No.1 in doubles and I am so excited,” said Serena Williams. “To be No.1 in singles and doubles simultaneously is such a great moment, something that I wouldn’t have imagined. It took a lot of hard work and was not easy for us to get to the top and I hope we can hold on to this accomplishment for a long time.”

“It’s an achievement that I never thought would happen. To clinch No. 1 in singles and doubles is an honor and to be able to achieve it in doubles with my sister is just wonderful,” added Venus Williams

“Serena and Venus Williams are two of the greatest champions in the history of women’s tennis and to be ranked at the very top in both singles and doubles at this stage of their long and celebrated careers is a testament to their talent and commitment to our sport,” said Stacey Allaster, Chairman and CEO of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour.

Serena and Venus recently collected their 18th Tour doubles title at the 2010 Mutua Madrilenia Open (Madrid), extending their finals record to 18-1, which includes 11 Grand Slam victories. Since the start of the 2009 season, the Williams sisters’ doubles team has amassed a 37-2 record (including their semifinal win at Roland Garros), collecting four of the last five Grand Slam doubles titles in addition to the 2009 Bank of the West Classic (Stanford) and the 2010 Mutua Madrilenia Open. Their only losses in this period came in the quarterfinals of 2009 Roland Garros and the semifinals of the 2009 Sony Ericsson Championships – Doha 2009. After their semifinal win at Roland Garros, the Williams sisters own a career doubles win-loss record of 144-18 (55-4 since the beginning of 2007)

Serena and Venus are one of five teams to complete a career doubles Grand Slam (2001/2003/2009 Australian Open, 1999 Roland Garros, 2000/2002/2008 Wimbledon, 1999 US Open) along with Margaret Court/Judy Tegart Dalton, Kathy Jordan/Anne Smith, Martina Navratilova/Pam Shriver and Gigi Fernandez/Natasha Zvereva. Additionally, they represent the only women’s doubles team to complete a career “Golden Slam”, adding two Olympic doubles gold medals (2000 Sydney and 2008 Beijing) to their career Grand Slam.

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Serena Williams joins an elite list of players to rank World No.1 in singles and doubles simultaneously, the others being Martina Navratilova, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Martina Hingis, Lindsay Davenport and Kim Clijsters.

PLAYERS TO RANK NO.1 IN SINGLES & DOUBLES SIMULTANEOUSLY

PLAYER	START	END	WEEKS	TOTAL WEEKS
Martina Navratilova	10 Sep 1984	9 June 1985	39	103
	14 Oct 1985	27 Oct 1985	2	
	9 Jun 1986	16 Aug 1987	62	
Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario	13 Feb 1995	19 Feb 1995	1	7
	27 Mar 1995	9 Apr 1995	2	
	15 May 1995	11 Jun 1995	4	
Martina Hingis	8 Jun 1998	2 Aug 1998	8	29
	17 Aug 1998	11 Oct 1998	8	
	7 Jun 1999	4 Jul 1999	4	
	9 Aug 1999	22 Aug 1999	2	
	31 Jan 2000	19 Mar 2000	7	
Lindsay Davenport	17 Apr 2000	7 May 2000	3	3
Kim Clijsters	18 Aug 2003	7 Sep 2003	3	3
Serena Williams	7 June 2010		1	1

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