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Schnyder Tops Early W&SFG Women's Open List

Five Players Join **Serena Williams** in Committing to Cincinnati Event

CINCINNATI – April 17, 2007 – A preliminary list of players intending to play the 2007 Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open includes five players who've spent time in the top 20, two former champions and an up-and-comer.

Three current top 20 players are on the list, including 2005 W&SFG Women's Open champion **PATTY SCHNYDER**, 2006 Cincinnati champion **VERA ZVONAREVA**, and 20-year-old Russian **ANNA CHAVETADZE**, who's already won a title this year and reached the semifinals in March at the Tier I event in Miami.

Former world No. 1 and eight-time Grand Slam singles winner **SERENA WILLIAMS** has already announced her intention to play in Cincinnati.

"In addition to Serena returning, having two former champions coming back is just fantastic, and shows the players enjoy playing here," said tournament director Bruce Flory. "This is shaping up to be a very strong field and our fans will be the big winners."

Here are the players who've indicated their intentions to play, their country of origin, their current ranking, their singles record and best result here, and some information about each:

Player	From	R	Rec.	Pct.	Best Here	Best Results
Anna Chakvetadze	RUS	11	0-0	.000	1 st Apr.	Wins this year over Mirza, Schnyder, Petrova & Golovin
Patty Schnyder	SUI	19	8-1	.888	W in '05	Has 10 WTA titles; reached round of 16 at the Australian in Jan.
Vera Zvonareva	RUS	20	9-2	.818	W in '06	Defeated Maria Sharapova at Indian Wells in March; SF at Charleston
Katarina Srebotnik	SLO	21	4-1	.800	F in '06	Defeated No. 4 Svetlana Kuznetsova in Jan.
Maria Kirilenko	RUS	38	0-1	.000	1 st rnd in '04	Won doubles title at Doha in March

The complete list of players expected to play the 32-draw tournament will be announced in early June.

The W&SFG Women's Open is the only Sony Ericsson WTA Tour event in the American Midwest and will be held July 14-22 at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio, just north of downtown Cincinnati. The 2007 W&SFG Women's Open will be followed by the W&SFG MASTERS August 10-19. **Andy Roddick** is the defending champion of the men's event which should include all the stars of the men's tennis galaxy, including **Roger Federer**, **Rafael Nadal**, **James Blake** and **Andy Murray**, to name a few. For tickets or information on either event, visit www.cincytennis.com or call 513-651-0303. Tickets also are available via TicketMaster at 513-562-4949 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Pronunciations:

Anna Chavetadze.....chuk-veh-TAHD-zeh

Patty Schnyder.....SCHEE-der

Vera Zvonareva.....za-von-a-RAY-vuh

Katarina Srebotnik.....zree-BOT-nik

Maria Kirilenko.....ki-ri-LEN-koh



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