

Patty Schnyder reaches Bangalore Open final

Fourth seed Patty Schnyder of Switzerland halted giant-killer Chinese Zi Yan's dream run, beating her in straight sets to reach the final of the \$600,000 [Bangalore](#) Open here Saturday.

Schnyder scored a 6-3, 6-4 win to tame Yan, who had knocked off top seed Jelana Jankovic and eighth seed Maria Kirilenko.

Schnyder showed intent right from the start and displayed her prowess from the back of the court with immaculate cross-court and down the line shots time and again.

Schnyder, ranked 12, broke Yan in the first game and then held her serve to go up 2-0.

The Swiss stepped up the tempo and, helped by unforced errors from Yan, got one more break in the ninth game to pocket the first set.

Schnyder seized the initiative early in the second set as she snapped Yan's serve in the fourth game with a perfect cross-court volley to go up 3-1. The 54th ranked Chinese fought back and broke Schnyder immediately.

Schnyder broke Yan again in the eighth game. Down 3-5, Yan was not in a mood to give up as she broke back Schnyder in the next game.

But Yan failed to keep her service intact and Schnyder sailed through to the final.

'I wasn't lucky enough. She (Schnyder) gave me a lot of trouble with her wide serves and from the back of the court,' Yan said.

Earlier, in the doubles semi final, third seed Chinese pair of Shuai Peng and Tiantian Sun beat compatriots Ji Chunmei and and Sengnan Sun 6-3, 6-2 in less than one hour.

They will now take on top seed Yung-Jan Chan and Chia-Jung Chuang of Chinese Taipei, who Friday defeated Ekaterina Dzehalevich of Belarus and Monica Niculescu in the first semi final.

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