

Medibank International Sydney Media Release

Dementieva crowned Medibank International Sydney champion

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Elena Dementieva has claimed her second **Medibank International Sydney** title tonight after a dominating display against world No. 1 **Serena Williams**.

The Russian fifth seed scored an impressive 6-3 6-2 win over Williams on **Ken Rosewall Arena** at the **Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre** and was presented with her the trophy by Australian tennis legend **Margaret Court**.

The 27 year old, who was playing in her ninth Medibank International Sydney, said she was very happy with the result.

She is the first woman since **Martina Hingis** in 2001 and 2002 to win the Medibank International Sydney in consecutive years.

"I'm very satisfied with the way I was playing today and the whole week," Dementieva said.

"It's just great to have a chance to play against the best players in the world this week, especially coming into the Grand Slam.

"Right now I just want to enjoy the moment of winning Sydney."

Dementieva dominated the match from the opening point, hitting winners from all corners of the court, and grabbed two breaks of serve en route to the first set 6-3.

The second set was a similar affair, with the Russian breaking serve early.

The world No.1, clearly hampered with a leg complaint, had no answers for Dementieva's punishing groundstrokes and court movement.

After just an hour and 15 minutes, Dementieva closed out the second set 6-2 to take the title.

The women's doubles final was won by top seeds **Cara Black** (ZIM) and **Liesel Huber** (USA) over **Tathiana Garbin** (ITA) and **Nadia Petrova** (RUS) 6-1 3-6 10-3.

Tickets to the Medibank International Sydney 2010 are available and on sale now through Ticketek and can be purchased online at www.ticketek.com.au or 1300 888 104.

The Medibank International Sydney will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre from Sunday 10 January to Saturday 16 January 2010.

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