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### **THE LADIES COME IN FIRING TOO Women's Singles Championship**

#### **Three Top seeds Advance**

Jasna Reed, perennial favorite from Texas Wesleyan and this tournament's #1 seed, is through to the quarterfinals with wins of Elaine Kwok (VCU) and Mimi Bosika (Chicago).

Judy Hugh (Rutgers) went undefeated through the quarterfinals with easy wins over Johnese Evans of Texas Wesleyan, and her teammate Yen Pham. Pham managed some great blocking and tactical play, but Hugh was the far stronger player.

Ines Perhoc, the #2 seed, had wins over Di Kang (Johns Hopkins) and highly-rated Barbara Wei of Penn.

#### **3rd Seed Drops Out**

Whitney Ping of Stanford could not continue her match against Sina Fischer after injuring her ankle. Ping had no trouble with Pam Fontaine (Texas Wesleyan), but retired due to injury against Fontaine's teammate Sina Fischer.

#### **Semifinals**

Sina Fischer (Texas Wesleyan) advanced against Princeton's Sarah Zheng with a game that was both too fast and too powerful.

Top seed Jasna Reed (Texas Wesleyan) advanced to the finals of the Women's Championship with a thrilling seven-set victory over Judy Hugh. The match featured Hugh's backhand loop service-return game, and Reed's spectacular blocking of balls from deep behind the table. Throughout the match it appeared that Hugh might have the edge, but insurmountable play in the sixth game, and flurried exchanges that had Jasna dancing in game seven, resulted in a breathtaking 11-9 conclusion. Jasna Reed is on to the Finals, 4 games to 3.

#### **Finals: Top Seed Upended**

It was an all-Texas Wesleyan final, with the top two seeds going head to head. Jasna Reed squared-off against Ines Perhoc in a match that Jasna could only hope would remain close. "She is too good; I think that I can't beat her," said Reed after winning her tough match against Judy Hugh. Reed had won the long rallies against Hugh, but in this match Perhoc's backhand power dominated the match, taking

away any chance for Reed to assert her forehand. In the end it was Perhoc's power, and perhaps Reed's lack of belief, that wins it going away. Ines Perhoc over Jasna Reed 4 games to 1.

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