

Women's Final at Pacific Life Open  
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The survivors of 11 days of intense tennis competition have dispatched their high quality opposition provided by an outstanding field of 96 aspirants who were all eager to decide on the court who would hold aloft the coveted trophy after Saturday's PacLife Tier 1 WTA final here in the California desert.

Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia, 21 years of age, will engage 23 year old Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia, much to the fan's delight, in temperatures expected to range above 100 degrees F. Many contenders have fallen along the way including such a perennial favourite as Maria Sharapova, who came here as the world #1 only to lose her grip on that ranking as a result of an early upset at the hands of her fellow Russian, Vera Zvonareva, in round of sixteen action.

The two hottest players of the week will meet head-on to establish the eventual winner of this \$2.1 million dollar event. A win here could invigorate either one's 2007 season. Combined with a similar performance for Kuznetsova next week at the Sony Ericsson event in Florida and Svetlana could edge closer to Justine Henin or Maria Sharapova in a spirited quest for the top rung on the woman's tennis rankings.

A sellout crowd is expected as the woman's final will be sandwiched between the men's semifinals guaranteeing a full house will be in attendance to close out the world's fifth largest attended tournament.

Since the US Open switched the woman's final to a separate night session, the Pacific Life has inherited the regal reputation of staging a Super Saturday tennis show that makes tickets a highly prized possession for those lucky enough to have acquired same.