

Moving On Up!



Mary has now dominated three seeded players to make it to the finals. She has defeated the #2, #6 and #7 seeds. What a difference a David Nowick makes! There are a lot of great coaches out there, but if you lack the ability to transfer the knowledge to your student, and the student lacks the ability to understand and process the information, the only one who is aware the coach is great IS the coach. I have to shout from the mountain top, "Free at last, free at last, and thank God almighty Mary's free at last!" I attribute the success of Mary to Mary's desire to be the best that she can be, and to David's incredible ability to make her believe she can be the best that she can be. Now that's a coach! That's what I'm talking about!

The match started out the same as the other matches against the seeds. Mary and her opponent Shelly (I'm sure you know this isn't her real name.) played a few points, and of course Shelly disagreed with Mary's line calling and went to get a referee. Mary was smart! She went with her this time! No more benefit of the doubt like Farris Dobbs, "Where's the beef," oh I mean, "Where's the blood?"

Both girls hit the ball with pace. Shelly was definitely a big hitter, forehand was formidable! She tried to mix it up and high balled but Mary was taking those balls out the air. Mary's aggressiveness paid off tremendously. Shelly definitely knew when to call the ball out. Mary was up 6-5, Mary serving and she called Mary's serve out, but the ball was good. On the next point Shelly played the serve and Mary returned it with the ball landing on the line and Shelly's finger conspicuously goes up, blurting the infamous word, "Out." Incredible; and the ref was standing on the court! Shelly won that game tying the score 6 all. Mary bested Shelly in the tiebreak with a score of 7-4.

Shelly the once spry damsel is now moving audaciously laborious. First set both girls moved like the EverReady Bunny®, running to the scorecard eagerly flipping the cards. By the time the second set was underway, it was 3-0 Mary's favor and no one flipped the scorecard. I have to admit, both girls loss some spring in their step. Mary even chastised her feet shouting, "Run!" Remember the saying, "Act your age and not your shoe size?" Well, Mary feet are a larger number than her actual age! I could definitely understand her saying that. However, Mary was obviously the fresher of the two, and she dominated Shelly winning the second set 6-2. Oh by the way; the ref left after the first set, and made no corrections on Mary's line calling. Shelly did not bother to request another referee for the second set.

On to the finals against the #1 seed and the #1 ranked player in the 12s. That should be a pretty good match. Will let you know how it turns out. Any way it goes, Mary is moving on up!

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