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**Sunday's Singles Final To Showcase Bartoli Against Williams**  
*Meanwhile, the doubles final will feature a battle of the tournament's top two seeds.*

**STANFORD, Calif. ([www.BankOfTheWestClassic.com](http://www.BankOfTheWestClassic.com))** – After yet another dominating performance, Serena Williams finds herself on the brink of an impressive milestone as she continues her comeback.

Competing in only her third tournament since claiming her 13<sup>th</sup> Grand Slam title at Wimbledon last year, Williams registered her third straight-set win of the week, coasting past upstart Sabine Lisicki 6-1, 6-2 on Saturday night at the 2011 Bank of the West Classic.

Williams needed only 59 minutes to defeat Lisicki, closing out both sets after racing out to a 3-1 lead in the first frame and a 4-1 edge in the second. Saturday's result closely resembled Friday's 6-1, 6-3 rout of second-seeded Maria Sharapova, in which Williams pounded home six aces and required only one hour and nine minutes to secure the victory.

Williams is now in position to capture her 38<sup>th</sup> career singles title with a win on Sunday. She is making her third career appearance at the Bank of the West Classic, reaching the quarterfinals in 2009 and semifinals in 2008.

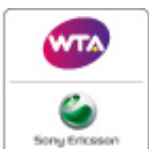
Having already upset fourth-seeded Samantha Stosur and fifth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska along the way, Lisicki was bidding to reach her sixth career singles final.

Meanwhile, 24 hours after advancing to the semifinals when Ayumi Morita was forced to retire at the start of the second set, Marion Bartoli broke even less of a sweat on Saturday. The tournament's No. 3 seed earned a berth in this year's final when eighth-seeded wildcard Dominika Cibulkova was forced to withdraw from competition due to a left abdominal strain.

With the withdrawal, Bartoli advanced to the Bank of the West Classic final for the third time in four years. Bartoli reached the final in 2008 and won the singles title in 2009. Bartoli now sports a 20-3 record over her last four events and will be looking for her seventh career singles crown.

Cibulkova, one of only two players in the top-20 yet to win a singles championship, had recorded her best result in four appearances at the Bank of the West Classic. Cibulkova's path to the final included wins over Kimiko Date-Krumm, Christina McHale and qualifier Marina Erakovic.

Sunday's doubles final represents a matchup of the tournament's top two seeds. The top-seeded duo of Liezel Huber and Lisa Raymond will square off against the second-seeded tandem of Victoria Azarenka and Maria Kirilenko.



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