

# Serving Notice

With her first Sony Ericsson WTA titles already on her record and a ranking inside the world's top ten, there is no doubting the huge potential of Serbian **Ana Ivanovic**.

In fact, after the 19-year-old dismantled Martina Hingis in the final of the Canadian Open, some observers predicted it would be a case of when, not if, she wins a Grand Slam title.

Ivanovic's game is boosted by powerful ground strokes and a **big serve**. With minor adjustments to that serve under the guidance of Aussie coach David Taylor, her rise up the rankings could become even quicker.

By Pat Cash



- 1 Ivanovic tilts her front foot up, a la Pete Sampras. It's a good trigger for forward body movement.
- 2 This starts as a perfect ball toss. Ana's weight moves on to her front foot as the ball leaves her hand. At this stage, very good.
- 3 Also note the good ball toss arm extension, with the Serbian's hitting arm at a perfect 90 degree angle.
- 4 The right side is lagging behind a little, while the ball toss arm comes down nice and quickly.



- 5 Here you see Ivanovic's right side come to contact point. However the ball is not curling around and remains a little too much to the side.
- 6 This is a terrible contact position – too wide off her body. Ivanovic not only risks losing power, but also a shoulder injury.
- 7 She's not able to get good wrist snap due to the poor ball toss. A good serve overall could be made massively better with a little adjustment of the ball toss. I rate it 8.5/10.

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Pat Cash, who won Wimbledon in 1987, contributing to a total of seven singles titles during his career, reached a career-high world No.4 ranking. The Melbourne-born champion will also be remembered as one of Australia's finest Davis Cup players. The classic hard-fighting serve and volleyer also reached the final of the Australian Open in 1987 and 1988, the first year at Melbourne Park. He currently runs the Pat Cash International Tennis Academy at Hope Island Resort on the Gold Coast. For more information, log on to [www.patcash.net](http://www.patcash.net)

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