

# Venus might fill in for Serena at Fed Cup

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Sister Serena's sprained ankle might give Venus Williams a leg up on a starting role in next week's Fed Cup in Delray Beach.

Serena Williams told reporters Monday at an endorsement appearance in Miami Beach that she hoped to play the April 23-24 quarterfinal against Belgium, but, she added, "I have a little doubt."

She retired with the injury from a quarterfinal match Friday at Amelia Island.

Venus Williams, the third top-10 player on a U.S. team that includes Lindsay Davenport, agreed to join the squad without any guaranteed role. She joked at the Nasdaq-100 Open last month that she might make a "pretty good backup."

U.S. Fed Cup captain Zina Garrison will announce the official lineup Wednesday, U.S. Tennis Association spokesman Chris Widmaier said.

"I'm sure Zina's going to be in touch with Serena," Widmaier said. "It's too early to speculate."

If Garrison goes by rankings, Davenport and Serena Williams, if available, would play singles. Venus would be next in line. Davenport likely would team with Corina Morariu in doubles.