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Qualifying Draw Finals Set For Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Tennis Classic, as Main Draw First Round Matches Get Started

(complete Monday results; Tuesday's schedule attached)

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, October 13, 2008 – Qualifying rounds of the Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Classic are coming to an end as main draw gets started on Tuesday. Moving into the qualifying draw finals is Amanda McDowell of Georgia Tech, the 2008 NCAA Singles Champion, who defeated Katerina Kramperova, 6-2, 6-2. McDowell is trying to join Audra Cohen, the 2007 NCAA Singles Champion in the main draw.

The main draw will feature two local juniors, who are among the best in the world, Melanie Oudin and Grace Min. Oudin won the Lexington, Kentucky \$50,000 event this past July, and has competed in this event the last two year's. Min enters the main draw as a wild card and at only 14 year's of age is a top up and comer in women's tennis. Other locals in the main draw are Irina Falconi, who plays for Georgia Tech and Lindsay Lee-Waters who resides in Atlanta.

Also competing in the Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Classic is Julie Ditty, who recently won her 32nd USTA Pro Circuit title, giving her the most in USTA Pro Circuit history. Ditty won this tournament last year and was runner up in 2006.

Over 60 professional women tennis players will converge on Collins Hill Athletic Club, October 12-19 for the 3rd Annual Women's 50K Classic, a United States Tennis Association (USTA) Women's Pro Circuit event. Presented by the Gwinnett Sports Commission, this eight-day event will feature 32 women competing in the qualifying event with the top four players moving on to compete in the main draw of 32. A doubles qualifying event with 16 teams will also take place, with the top two teams making the main draw.

Participants will be competing for part of the \$50,000 prize purse, and at the same time a local charity will benefit from the week long activities, the Gwinnett Tennis Foundation. The newly formed Gwinnett Tennis Foundation is a gateway for junior tennis players to compete and train for tennis at any level. Their mission is to provide opportunities in tennis for Gwinnett's top-ranked players, disabled and physically challenged juniors.

Family fun and community activities will be front and center all week. Activities will include a pro-am tournament, ladies clinics, kids clinics, media challenge, players party, raffles, prizes and featuring a "Community Tennis Festival Day" on Saturday, October 18th. These eight days of professional tennis are FREE to spectators.

For a complete schedule of events and more information visit the event website at www.gcvb.org/tennis or contact Pete Sherrard at 770-814-6052 or via email at psherrard@gcvb.org. Collins Hill Athletic Club is located at 100 Countryside Place, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043.

About the USTA:

The USTA launched its Pro Circuit more than 25 years ago to provide players with the opportunity to gain the professional ranking points needed to compete on the major pro tours. It has since grown to become the most comprehensive development tennis circuit in the world, consisting of 94 tournaments and more than \$3 million in prize money. The expanded schedule gives American players more competitive opportunities in the United States, thus making it easier and more affordable to earn a pro ranking.

The Gwinnett Sports Commission's mission is to foster economic development through coordinating and developing Gwinnett's role as a leading site for sports events involving youth, collegiate, amateur and professional organizations.

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Monday, October 13, 2008
Collins Hill Athletic Club
Lawrenceville, Georgia
Purse: \$50,000
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Monday, October 13, 2008 – RESULTS

Singles-Qualifying Draw Second Round

Amanda McDowell, United States def. Katerina Kramperova (5), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2
Natalia Ryzhonkova (2), Russia def. Julia Courter, United States, 6-2, 6-1
Megan Moulton-Levy (4), United States def. Diana Nacic, Slovenia, 6-7, 7-5
Christina McHale (3), United States def. Brittany Augustine, United States, 6-2, 6-3
Mirjana Lucic (1), Croatia def. Alexandra Anghelescu, United States, 6-3, 6-0
Julia Boserup, United States def. Lauren Herring, United States, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4
Johanna Konta (7), Australia def. Svetlana Krivencheva, Bulgaria, 6-2, 6-2
Alison Riske, United States def. Anastasia Kharchenko (8), Ukraine, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 – SCHEDULE

Court 1 – starting at 10:00 AM

Mirjana Lucic (1) vs. Amanda McDowell, (*Qualifying Draw*) followed by
Rosana De Los Rios (1) vs. Asia Muhammed, (*Main Draw Singles*) followed by
Julia Cohen vs. Grace Min, (*Main Draw Singles*) followed by
Margaret Boyette/Alexandra Clay vs. Melinda Czink/Angela Haynes (2) (*Main Draw Doubles*)

Court 3 – starting at 10:00 AM

Natalia Ryzhonkova (2) vs. Julia Boserup, (*Qualifying Draw*) followed by
Story Tweedie-Yates vs. Audra Cohen, (*Main Draw Singles*) followed by
Irina Falconi vs. Arina Rodionova, (*Main Draw Singles*) followed by
Julie Boserup/Alison Riske vs. Yayuk Basuki/Romana Tedjakusuma (*Main Draw Doubles*)

Court 5 – starting at 10:00 AM

Christina McHale (3) vs. Johanna Konta (7), (*Qualifying Draw*) followed by
Kimberly Coutts vs. Neuza Silva (7), (*Main Draw Singles*) followed by
Tetiana Luzhanska/Abigail Spears (3) vs. Margot Carter/Svetlana Krivencheva, (*Main Draw Doubles*) followed by
Lindsay Lee-Waters/Melanie Oudin vs. Kimberly Coutts/Story Tweedie-Yates (*Main Draw Doubles*)

Court 7 – starting at 10:00 AM

Megan Moulton-Levy (4) vs. Alison Riske, (*Qualifying Draw*) followed by
Madison Brengle vs. Melanie Oudin, (*Main Draw Singles*) followed by
Lauren Albanese/Madison Brengle vs. Audra Cohen/Megan Moulton-Levy, followed by (*Main Draw Doubles*)

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