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Local 14 year old tennis phenom, Grace Min, Victorious at the Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Tennis Classic

(complete Tuesday's results; Wednesday's schedule attached)

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, October 14, 2008 – In today's action, four women from the qualifying draw played their way into the main draw, including Georgia Tech player and 2008 NCAA Women's Singles Champion Amanda McDowell. McDowell defeated Mirjana Lucic, 6-4, 3-6, 63.

As the qualifying draw wrapped, first round main draw singles and doubles matches began. Marietta resident and second ranked junior in the world, Melanie Oudin, won her first round match over Madison Brengle, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

The big news of the day was the first round victory of Lawrenceville resident, Grace Min, who defeated Julie Cohen, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. At only 14 years old, Min has already won major national championships in singles, doubles and even mixed doubles. Min will compete in doubles first round action tomorrow, and her second round singles match is set for Thursday.

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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Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Collins Hill Athletic Club
Lawrenceville, Georgia
Purse: \$50,000
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 – RESULTS

Singles-Qualifying Draw Finals

Amanda McDowell, United States def. Mirjana Lucic (1), Croatia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
Natalia Ryzhonkova (2), Russia def. Julia Boserup, United States, 3-6, 6-7(4), 6-2
Megan Moulton-Levy (4), United States def. Alison Riske, United States. 6-1, 6-0
Christina McHale (3), United States def. Johanna Konta (7), Australia, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2

Singles-Main Draw First Round

Melanie Oudin, United States def. Madison Brengle, United States, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0
Rosana De Los Rios (1), Paraguay def. Asia Muhammed, United States, 6-1, 6-4
Kimberly Coutts, United States def. Neuza Silva (7), Portugal, 7-5, 6-3
Irina Falconi, United States def. Arina Rodionova, Russia, 6-3, 6-1
Audra Cohen, United States def. Story Tweedie-Yates, United States, 6-1, 6-4
Grace Min, United States def. Julia Cohen, United States, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2

Doubles-Main Draw First Round

Tetiana Luzhanska, Ukraine and Abigail Spears, United States (3) def. Margot Carter, Great Britain and Svetlana Krivencheva, Bulgaria, 6-1, 6-2
Audra Cohen and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States def. Lauren Albanese and Madison Brengle, United States, 6-3, 6-2
Lindsay Lee-Waters and Melanie Oudin, United States def. Kimberly Coutts and Story Tweedie-Yates (4), United States, 6-1, 6-2
Yayuk Basuki and Romana Tedjakusuma, Indonesia def. Julia Boserup and Alison Riske, United States, 6-1, 6-3
Melinda Czink, Hungary and Angela Haynes, United States def. Margaret Boyette and Alexandra Clay, United States, 6-4, 6-1

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 – SCHEDULE (Main draw first round)

Court 1 – starting at 10:00 AM

Abigail Spears vs. Olga Puchkova (3), followed by
Romana Tedjakusuma vs. Julie Ditty (2), followed by
Angela Haynes (6) vs. Lindsay Lee-Waters, followed by
Natalia Ryzhonkova vs. Tetiana Luzhanska (8), followed by
Christina McHale/Asia Muhammed vs. Brittany Augustine/Grace Min

Court 3 – starting at 10:00 AM

Amanda McDowell vs. Petra Rampre, followed by
Melinda Czink (4) vs. Sandy Gumulya, followed by
Lauren Albanese vs. Christina McHale, followed by
Angelina Gabueva/Arina Rodionove vs. Sandy Gumulya/Petra Rampre

Court 5 – starting at 10:00 AM

Anna Tatishvili (5) vs. Ahsha Rolle, followed by
Carly Gullickson vs. Megan Moulton-Levy, followed by
Alexandra Stevenson vs. Shenay Perry, followed by
Julie Ditty/Carly Gullickson (1) vs. Olga Puchkova/Ahsha Rolle

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