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Local Tennis Stars Hope to Continue Impressive Showing in Thursday Matches at the Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Tennis Classic

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

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, October 15, 2008 – In today's tennis action, Julie Ditty, last years singles winner of this event, moved on easily in both singles and doubles. In singles, Ditty defeated Romana Tedjakusuma of Indonesia, 7-6(5), 6-2. In doubles, Ditty and Carly Gullickson defeated Olga Puchkova and Ahsha Rolle, 6-1, 6-1, to move into the Quarterfinals.

Amanda McDowell's run in the tournament came to an end in today's action. McDowell, the 2008 NCAA Women's Single Champion out of Georgia Tech was defeated by Petra Rampre of Slovenia, 6-3, 7-5.

Local tennis stars take center stage in Thursday's matches. In singles, 14 year old, Grace Min will take on six seed Angela Haynes. Also in singles, Melanie Oudin will battle fellow American, Abigail Spears. A pair of locals will team up in a doubles quarterfinals match, as Oudin teams up with Atlanta resident, Lindsay Lee-Waters to take on Audra Cohen and Megan Moulton-Levy.

Over 60 professional women tennis players converged 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 featured 32 women competing in the qualifying event with the top four players moving on to compete in the main draw of 32.

Participants are 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 are 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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Collins Hill Athletic Club
Lawrenceville, Georgia
Purse: \$50,000
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 – RESULTS

Singles-Main Draw First Round

Sandy Gumulya, Indonesia def. Melinda Czink (4), Hungary, 4-1 ret.
Petra Rampre, Slovenia def. Amanda McDowell, United States, 6-3, 7-5
Ahsha Rolle, United States def. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, 7-5, 6-4
Abigail Spears, United States def. Olga Puchkova, Russia (3), 6-2, 6-3
Lauren Albanese, United States def. Christina McHale, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4
Megan Moulton-Levy, United States def. Carly Gullickson, United States, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3
Julie Ditty, United States (2) def. Romana Tedjakusuma, Indonesia, 7-6(5), 6-2
Shenay Perry, United States def. Alexandra Stevenson, United States, 6-4, 6-2
Angela Haynes, United States (6) def. Lindsay Lee-Waters, United States, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-1
Tetiana Luzhanska, Ukraine def. Natalia Ryzhonkova, Russia, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 7-5

Doubles-Main Draw First Round

Julie Ditty and Carly Gullickson, United States (1) def. Olga Puchkova, Russia and Ahsha Rolle, United States, 6-1, 6-1
Sandy Gumulya, Indonesia and Petra Rampre, Slovenia def. Angelina Gabueva and Arina Rodionova, Russia, 6-3, 6-3
Christina McHale and Asia Muhammed, United States def. Brittany Augustine and Grace Min, United States, 6-4, 6-3

Thursday, October 16, 2008 – SCHEDULE (Main draw first round)

Court 1 – starting at 10:00 AM

Audra Cohen vs. Julie Ditty (2), followed by
Angela Haynes (6) vs. Grace Min, followed by
Rosana De Los Rios (1) vs. Lauren Albanese, followed by
Yayuk Basuki/Romana Tedjakusuma vs. Melinda Czink/Angela Haynes (2)

Court 3 – starting at 10:00 AM

Shenay Perry vs. Kimberly Coutts, followed by
Megan Moulton-Levy vs.
Ahsha Rolle vs. Irina Falconi, followed by
Tetiana Luzhanska/Abigail Spears (3) vs.

Court 5 – starting at 10:00 AM

Melanie Oudin vs. Abigail Spears, followed by
Sandy Gumulya vs. Petra Rampre, followed by
Audra Cohen/Megan Moulton-Levy vs. Lindsay Lee-Waters/Melanie Oudin, followed by
Julie Ditty/Carly Gullickson (1) vs. Sandy Gumulya/Petra Rampre

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