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Marietta Resident, Melanie Oudin Into Quarterfinals of the Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Tennis Classic

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

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, October 16, 2008 – Melanie Oudin of Marietta, and one of the top junior tennis players in the world, defeated Abigail Spears, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 to move into the Quarterfinals of the Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Tennis Classic at Collins Hill Athletic Club. Oudin will take on fellow American, Ahsha Rolle in a quarterfinal match on Friday.

Also moving on was last year's winner, Julie Ditty who defeated Audra Cohen, 6-4, 6-1. Ditty will play Angela Haynes in her quarterfinal match, which is a rematch of last year's final. Haynes defeated 14 year old Grace Min to move on.

Friday's matches begin at 10:00 AM at Collins Hill Athletic Club with main draw singles quarterfinal matches and main draw doubles semifinal matches.

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.

Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Tennis Classic
By The Associated Press
Thursday, October 16, 2008
Collins Hill Athletic Club
Lawrenceville, Georgia
Purse: \$50,000
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Thursday, October 16, 2008 – RESULTS

Singles-Main Draw Second Round

Megan Moulton-Levy, United States def. Tetiana Luzhanska, Ukraine (8), 6-3, 6-3
Shenay Perry, United States def. Kimberly Coutts, United States, 6-2, 6-1
Melanie Oudin, United States def. Abigail Spears, United States, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2
Angela Haynes, United States (6) def. Grace Min, United States, 6-0, 6-1
Julie Ditty, United States (2), def. Audra Cohen, United States, 6-4, 6-1
Rosana De Los Rios, Paraguay (1) def. Lauren Albanese, United States, 6-2, 6-0
Sandy Gumulya, Indonesia def. Petra Rampre, Slovenia, 6-4, 6-3
Ahsha Rolle, United States def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-3, 6-0

Doubles-Main Draw Quarterfinals

Tetiana Luzhanska, Ukraine and Abigail Spears, United States (3) def. Christina McHale and Asia Muhammed, United States, 6-1, 3-6 (11-9)
Audra Cohen and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States def. Lindsay Lee-Waters and Melanie Oudin, United States, 6-4, 6-2
Yayuk Basuki and Romana Tedjakusuma, Indonesia def. Melinda Czink, Hungary and Angela Haynes, United States (2) 6-4, 6-1
Julie Ditty and Carly Gullickson, United States (1) def. Sandy Gumulya, Indonesia and Petra Rampre, Slovenia, 6-3, 7-5

Friday, October 17, 2008 – SCHEDULE (Main draw singles-Quarterfinals; Main draw doubles-Semifinals)

Court 1 – starting at 10:00 AM

Angela Haynes (6) vs. Julie Ditty (2), followed by
Sandy Gumulya vs. Shenay Perry, followed by
Julie Ditty/Carly Gullickson vs. Tetiana Luzhanska/Abigail Spears

Court 3 – starting at 10:00 AM

Rosana De Los Rios (1) vs. Megan Moulton-Levy, followed by
Ahsha Rolle vs. Melanie Oudin, followed by
Audra Cohen/Megan Moulton-Levy vs. Yayuk Basuki/Romana Tedjakusuma

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