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Julie Ditty Advances to Finals in Both Singles and Doubles at Gwinnett Sports Commission 50K Tennis Classic

(Saturday's results and Sunday's schedule attached)

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, October 18, 2008 – Due to matches being rained out on Friday, Saturday was jammed packed with tennis at the Collins Hill Athletic Club for the Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Classic. That didn't stop Julie Ditty on continuing her winning ways, as she played three matches back to back to move into the finals of both singles and doubles. Ditty, looking to add to her record 32 USTA Pro Circuit titles, beat sixth seed Angela Haynes in the Quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-2. Facing Ditty in the semifinals was Marietta resident, Melanie Oudin, who won her quarterfinal match over Ahsha Rolle, 6-2, 6-2. In the semifinals, Oudin gave Ditty all she could handle, as Ditty came back and won the match in three sets, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-4. The shocker of the day was number one seed, Rosana De Los Rios, ranked 93 in the world, falling to Shenay Perry, world ranking of 324.

Both singles and doubles finals of the Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Classic will be played on Sunday. At 11:00 AM, Julie Ditty will take on Shenay Perry for the singles title. In doubles, Julie Ditty and Carly Gullickson will play Yayuk Basuki and Romana Tedjakusuma, from Indonesia.

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.

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

Saturday, October 18, 2008 – RESULTS

Main draw singles-Quarterfinals

Rosana De Los Rios, Paraguay (1) def. Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, 6-2, 6-3
Shenay Perry, United States def. Sandy Gumulya, Indonesia, 6-4, 6-1
Melanie Oudin, United States def. Ahsha Rolle, United States, 6-2, 6-2
Julie Ditty, United States (2) def. Angela Haynes, United States (6), 6-2, 6-2

Main draw singles-Semifinals

Shenay Perry, United States def. Rosana De Los Rios, Paraguay (1), 6-2, 6-1
Julie Ditty, United States (2) def. Melanie Oudin, United States, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-4

Main draw doubles-Semifinals

Julie Ditty and Carly Gullickson, United States (1) def. Tetiana Luzhanska, Ukraine and Abigail Spears, United States (3), 7-5, 6-7(8) [10-8]
Yayuk Basuki and Romana Tedjakusuma, Indonesia def. Audra Cohen and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, 6-2, 6-4

Sunday, October 19, 2008 – SCHEDULE

Court 1 – starting at 11:00 AM

Julie Ditty (2) vs. Shenay Perry
Julie Ditty/Carly Gullickson (1) vs. Yayuk Basuki/Romana Tedjakusuma

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