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Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Tennis Classic Kicks Off With Qualifying Draw First Round Matches

(complete Sunday results; Monday's schedule attached)

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, October 12, 2008 – Amongst gusty winds and cool temperatures, the Gwinnett Sports Commission Women's 50K Tennis Classic got started with the first round of the qualifying draw at Collins Hill Athletic Club in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

One notable moving on to the second round of the qualifying draw was Mirjana Lucic, who in 1998 won the Australian Open doubles title with partner Martina Hingis. Seven of the top eight seeds moved on to the second round which will begin tomorrow at Collins Hill Athletic Club at 10:00 AM.

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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Sunday, October 12, 2008
Collins Hill Athletic Club
Lawrenceville, Georgia
Purse: \$50,000
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Sunday, October 12, 2008 – RESULTS

Singles-Qualifying Draw First Round

Mirjana Lucic (1), Croatia def. Phoebe Di Leo, United States, W.O. inj.
Alexandra Anghelescu, United States def. Amy Dillingham, United States, 6-0, 6-2
Amanda McDowell, United States def. Anna Lubinsky, United States, 6-1, 6-0
Katerina Kramperova (5), Czech Republic def. Viet-Ha Ngo, Vietnam, 6-2, 6-4
Natalia Ryzhonkova (2), Russia def. Angelina Gabueva, Russia, 6-4, 6-1
Julia Courter, United States def. Katerina Gresova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-1
Lauren Herring, United States def. Martina Nitkova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-1
Julia Boserup, United States def. Maureen Diaz (6), United States, 6-3, 6-3
Christina McHale (3), United States def. Brooke Bolender, United States 3-6, 6-1, 6-2
Brittany Augustine, United States def. Margot Carter, Great Britain, 6-2, 6-1
Diana Nakic, Slovenia def. Linda Hricistova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-0
Alison Riske, United States def. Dariana Kozmina, Ukraine, 6-0, 6-2
Svetlana Krivencheva, Bulgaria def. Alexandra Clay, United State, 3-6, 7-6(6), 6-4
Johanna Konta (7), Australia def. Jacqueline Bohannon, United States, 6-0, 6-4
Megan Moulton-Levy (4), United States def. Chieh-Yu Hsu, United States, 6-3, 6-1
Anastasia Kharchenko (8), Ukraine def. Mary Jeremiah, United States, 6-2, 6-2

Monday, October 13, 2008 – SCHEDULE (Qualifying Draw)

Court 1 – starting at 10:00 AM

Lauren Herring vs. Julia Boserup, followed by
Alison Riske vs. Anastasia Kharchenko

Court 3 – starting at 10:00 AM

Megan Moulton-Levy vs. Diana Nakic, followed by
Mirjana Lucic vs. Alexandra Anghelescu

Court 5 – starting at 10:00 AM

Natalia Ryzhonkova vs. Julia Courter, followed by
Christina McHale vs. Brittany Augustine

Court 7 – starting at 10:00 AM

Amanda McDowell vs. Katerina Kramperova, followed by
Svetlana Krivencheva vs. Johanna Konta

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