

JAMEA JACKSON, MALIVAI WASHINGTON ADDED TO NEWPORT SMASH ROSTER

*American tennis stars join Martina Navratilova and Rod Laver to support the
Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation*

NEWPORT, R.I. – Coming off the most notable tournament of her professional tennis career with an appearance in the final of a Wimbledon tune-up in Birmingham, England, Jamea Jackson will join a field of tennis standouts for the Newport Tennis Smash on July 17 and 18, 2006, benefiting the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation. MaliVai Washington, a Wimbledon singles finalist and formerly ranked among the world's top 15, has also joined the event's roster. Jackson and Washington are scheduled to play at the *Smash's* exhibition tennis matches on July 18 at the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

The players will join a legendary roster of stars that include Martina Navratilova, Rod Laver, Todd Martin, Stan Smith, Richey Reneberg, Tim Mayotte and Tom Gullikson at the sixth annual **Newport Tennis Smash** on Tuesday, July 18 to benefit the Foundation, which funds support programs to assist brain tumor patients and their families. The event will also include a pro-am golf tournament slated for July 17 at **The Carnegie Abbey Club** on its world-renowned Donald Steel designed Scottish links golf course. A gala dinner reception and auction at The Chanler Inn at Cliffwalk follows later that evening.

Jamea Jackson, a native of Atlanta who now resides in Bradenton, Fla., defeated two-time defending champion and top-seeded Maria Sharapova en route to the finals of the DFS Classic in Birmingham, England, June 20. The win over Sharapova was Jackson's first over a top 10 player since joining the WTA Tour in 2000. A member of the U.S. Fed Cup team in April, she notched a pair of wins to help the American women defeat Germany. Ranked career-high 54th in the world, Jackson made her way into the tennis record books for being the first player to ever use tennis' instant replay system in a tour match when she challenged a call in her opening round match (vs. Ashley Harkleroad) at the 2006 Nasdaq 100 Open in Miami earlier this year.

Washington, a favorite at The Campbell's grass court Tennis Tournament in Newport, won four singles tour titles and was ranked as high as No. 11 in the world. His professional tennis career was highlighted by a Grand Slam final appearance at Wimbledon against Richard Krajicek in 1996. His brawn and brains also made headlines as he was ranked among *People Magazine's* 50 Most Beautiful People in the World in 1994 and the Otis Smith Foundation Role Model of the Year (1996). A former collegiate No.1 player at the University of Michigan, he currently works as a television commentator for ESPN and guides the MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation.

Jackson and Washington will join the others in helping the **Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation** fund support programs that include college and camp scholarships, telephone and Internet assistance and daily task service referrals for brain tumor patients and their families. A 501 (c) 3 organization founded in 1995, the Foundation helps people manage the physical, emotional and social challenges presented by the illness. The Foundation was conceived and formed by tennis professionals Tim Gullikson and his twin brother, Tom, when Tim was diagnosed with brain tumors in 1995. He lost his battle with the illness in May 1996.

Tickets for the *Newport Tennis Smash* feature exhibition matches are \$30 for Courtside Chairs and \$25 for South Stand seats, and may be purchased by calling the International Tennis Hall of Fame at 401-849-6053 or online at www.tennisfame.com. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation and the International Tennis Hall of

Fame.

For information about the Foundation, please call 1-888-GULLIKSON (888-485—5457) or visit www.gulliksonfoundation.org.

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