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### **LINDSAY DAVENPORT RETURNS TO BALI** **Commonwealth Bank Tennis Classic** (Formerly Known as The Wismilak International Bali)

*Bali, July 30, 2007* ...Lindsay Davenport has announced that she will play at the Commonwealth Bank Tennis Classic in Bali, returning to singles competition after an absence of almost a year.

In a remarkable coup for the biggest women's tennis event in South-East Asia, the popular 2005 Bali champion is to compete again just months after giving birth to her first child.

The 31-year old American, who recently announced that she would play doubles with Lisa Raymond at New Haven in August, has not competed on the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour since reaching the Beijing quarter-finals in September 2006, losing to Amelie Mauresmo.

The previous week, as defending champion in Bali, she reached the semi-finals, falling to eventual title-winner Svetlana Kuznetsova, and partnered Corina Morariu to claim the 36th doubles title of her career.

Davenport also won 51 singles titles including three Grand Slams and a gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, and reached number one in both singles and doubles. She married investment banker and former player Jon Leach in 2003 and gave birth to son Jagger Jonathan Leach on 10th June.

"I'm excited to be playing Bali once again," said Davenport. "It's such a beautiful environment and everyone is so friendly and supportive of all the players. It's always a great week and a lot of fun. I've really enjoyed playing the tournament in the past and feel it's the perfect place for me to begin playing singles again."

Davenport's opponents at the Grand Hyatt resort, Nusa Dua from 10th September will include world number three Jelena Jankovic of Serbia, Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova and Swiss left-hander Patty Schnyder.

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“We are thrilled that Lindsay will be returning to Bali to participate in the Commonwealth Bank Tennis Classic,” said tournament director Kevin Livesey. “Lindsay is a big star and she has been extremely popular these past two years in Bali and we all very much look forward to welcoming her back!”

***Editors Note:***

Since its debut in 1994, Wismilak International, part of the worldwide Sony Ericsson WTA Tour, has been held in Surabaya, Kuala Lumpur, and now Bali. Initially the event was named the “Wismilak Open”, before changing its name to the “Wismilak International” in 1996 as a reflection of the organiser’s corporate expansion into the international market. In June 2007 this international tennis tournament changed its name to become “COMMONWEALTH BANK TENNIS CLASSIC” with the change of the sponsorship from Wismilak International to Commonwealth Bank. The commitment from Commonwealth Bank to maintain the international standard of quality performance in the best of women’s tennis from the island of Bali will ensure yet another year of success for the tournament’s history. The Commonwealth Bank Tennis Classic, for what it is known for this year is still the largest tournament in the WTA’s calendar in South East Asia. The 2006 singles title was won by Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova while the doubles title was won by Lindsay Davenport and Corina Morariu. For more information please visit [www.bali-wtatour.com](http://www.bali-wtatour.com)

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