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**PLAYES UPDATE FOR COMMONWEALTH BANK TENNIS CLASSIC
IN BALI THIS SEPTEMBER**
Formerly Known as The Wismilak International Bali

Bali, July 12, 2007 ...Two of the most exciting players on the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour this year are looking forward to being Bali-bound.

Jelena Jankovic and Daniela Hantuchova have both been busy mounting up victory and victory, and are anxious to add the Commonwealth Bank Tennis Classic title to their list of achievements when play gets underway at the Grand Hyatt Bali, Nusa Dua, in September.

Jelena, who is returning to Bali for the first time since 2004 when she fell in the first round to Angelique Widjaja, has been the pace-setter this year. She currently leads the race for the Sony Ericsson Championships, where the top eight players for the year will gather in Madrid at the end of the season.

Little more than a year ago the bubbly Serb was in despair and ready to retire from the game after a virus robbed her of the will to compete. She lost nine first round matches in a row, until things turned around for her in Rome where she reached the quarter-finals.

This year could not have been in greater contrast. She began the season by winning the Auckland title, and reaching the Sydney final where she held match point before surrendering the closest of battles to Kim Clijsters. Later, she reached the semi-finals in Dubai before having to retire with an ankle injury, and the semi-finals in Doha before losing to eventual champion Justine Henin.

A few weeks later she claimed her second title of the year, in Charleston, before going on to reach the semis in Warsaw and the quarters in Berlin, again falling to Henin. Next came Rome, the scene of her renaissance in 2006, and this time she went all the way, winning the title without dropping a set and beating three-time Bali champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in the final.

Even more was to come, as she reached the semi-finals in Strasbourg before surrendering the match because of illness. Despite that disappointment, Jelena recovered in time to enjoy her best-ever French Open campaign, reaching the semi-finals before losing to Henin yet again.

When she got onto the grass, things got even better, with a title in Birmingham with victory in the final over Maria Sharapova, and then a final in s'Hertogenbosch.

All that success meant that Jankovic became the fastest player to reach 50 wins in a season since Chris Evert in 1974.

"I've changed my attitude and I look at things in a positive way," Jankovic said of the reason for her success. "I always try to learn and don't try to look for excuses when I lose a match. I try to analyse my mistakes and what I can do better to keep improving and becoming a better player each time."

Daniela has also been enjoying her best season for years, returning to the top 10 in June after reaching the quarter-finals in Birmingham.

After a decent run at the Australian Open she reached the semi-finals in Doha, beating Martina Hingis before losing to Svetlana Kuznetsova, and then she beat all-comers to lift the title at Indian Wells - by coincidence beating Hingis along the way before beating Kuznetsova in the final.

A quarter-final at Amelia Island and then a semi-final in Rome followed, and after the French Open and her success in Birmingham she went all the way to the semis in s'Hertogenbosch.

Jankovic and Hantuchova are just two of the world-class players that will compete in the Commonwealth Bank Tennis Classic between 10th September and 16th September.

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 it's 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

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