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News Release

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Springfield Lasers 2011 Schedule Announced

The Springfield, Mo. Lasers professional tennis team will host seven home matches this 2011 season of the World TeamTennis Pro League presented by GEICO, with a special Springfield visit by rising tennis player Melanie Oudin (pronounced Ooh-Dan) on Saturday, July 16.

Tickets for the Melanie Oudin home match are now **ONLY** available by buying 2011 Lasers season tickets. Individual tickets for all home matches will be available Monday, May 23. Season tickets are \$65 for grand stand and \$135 for chair-back, and can be purchased online now at www.springfieldlasers.com.

Career highlight information for Philadelphia Freedoms' Melanie Oudin is available at: www.wtt.com/playerspage.aspx.

The 2011 WTT Pro League schedule includes 66 matches in 9 markets, beginning July 4 and running through July 22. The Eastern and Western Conference Champions will battle for the WTT Championship title on July 24.

Springfield Lasers team roster will be finalized at the WTT Roster Draft at 11 a.m. CST, Tuesday, March 15 on WTT.com.

Springfield Lasers 2011 schedule (home matches in bold):

Monday, July 4 – Philadelphia Freedoms @ Springfield Lasers

Wednesday, July 6 – Newport Beach Breakers @ Springfield Lasers

Friday, July 8 – Washington Kastles @ Springfield Lasers

Saturday, July 9 – Kansas City Explorers @ Springfield Lasers

Sunday, July 10 – Springfield Lasers @ St. Louis Aces (Lindsay Davenport)

Tuesday, July 12 – Springfield Lasers @ Boston Lobsters (John Isner)

Wednesday, July 13 – Boston Lobsters @ Springfield Lasers

Thursday, July 14 – Springfield Lasers @ Washington Kastles

Friday, July 15 – Springfield Lasers @ New York Sportimes (John McEnroe/Martina Hingis)

***Saturday, July 16 – Philadelphia Freedoms (Melanie Oudin) @ Springfield Lasers**

Sunday, July 17 – Springfield @ Kansas City Explorers

Tuesday, July 19 – Sacramento @ Springfield Lasers

Wednesday, July 20 – Springfield Lasers @ Newport Beach Breakers

Thursday, July 21 – Springfield Lasers @ Sacramento Capitals

Friday, July 22 – WTT Western Conference Championships – Location TBD
Friday, July 22 – WTT Eastern Conference Championships – Location TBD
Sunday, July 24 - WTT Finals presented by GEICO – Location TBD

All Lasers home matches are played at the 2,500-seat outdoor Mediacom Tennis Stadium at Cooper Tennis Complex, 2331 E. Pythian St. In the event of inclement weather, matches are moved indoors.

In 2010, the Lasers were WTT Western Conference Champions with a 10-4 record. In 2009, the team had a perfect 8-0 record at home (ties WTT record), were the WTT Western Conference Champions and WTT Championship Finalists.

The World Team Tennis (WTT) Pro League presented by GEICO showcases the best in professional team tennis with the innovative coed team format co-founded by Billie Jean King in the 1970s. The WTT Pro League has featured virtually every major champion of the Open era over the League's past 35 seasons.

Official WTT Pro League sponsors for the 2011 season include Acura, DecoTurf, GEICO and Wilson Racquet Sports. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is a minority owner and promotional partner of World TeamTennis. WTT and the USTA are teaming up on number of initiatives, including development of the youth market through junior team tennis programs.

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