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2010 FRENCH OPEN CHAMPION AND WORLD NO. 6 FRANCESCA SCHIAVONE COMMITS TO PILOT PEN TENNIS

\$1 Daily Tickets Still Available; Ballkid Tryouts Begin Thursday, June 10

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 7, 2010 – 2010 French Open champion and World No. 6 Francesca Schiavone has committed to Pilot Pen Tennis at Yale, an Olympus US Open Series event on the ATP World Tour and Sony Ericsson WTA Tour, to be held August 20-28, 2010 at the Connecticut Tennis Center at Yale, it was announced today by Anne Worcester, tournament director.

Daily tickets for the Pilot Pen are now on sale, and fans can still take advantage of the special \$1 ticket promotion, which has been extended through Tuesday at midnight. Middle tier tickets for the first evening session on Monday, August 23, which typically are \$20, are available for \$1. Last year, more than 5,000 tickets were sold through this unique offering, so fans will want to take advantage before they are gone. The tournament will announce other exceptional ticket offers leading up to the Pilot Pen, which will feature World No. 3 and two-time defending champion Caroline Wozniacki, American Sam Querrey, and charismatic veteran Marcos Baghdatis, in addition to Schiavone.

With her best ever showing at a Grand Slam the past two weeks, Schiavone achieved two milestones; she became the highest-ranked female player in Italy's history and the first Italian woman to ever to win a Slam. The veteran, who turns 30 later this month, is the second-oldest player in the Open Era to win their first Grand Slam title (Ann Jones was 30 years, 8 months when she won Wimbledon in 1969). Earlier this year she captured a title in Barcelona, and last fall she won in Moscow. A Fed Cup stalwart, she led the Italian team to the title in 2009 with victories over France, Russia and the United States. This will be her fifth trip to the Pilot Pen, with her best result coming in 2007 when she reached the quarterfinals.

"This is an incredible late-blooming underdog story," said Worcester. "Francesca Schiavone is a great example of the international talent that comes to the Pilot Pen every single year. She has always been a terrific player with immense talent, and she now adds the coveted French Open title to her list of accomplishments."

In addition to players, the tournament will be looking to add to another important group in the coming weeks – the ballkids. Tryouts for ballkids begin this Thursday, June 10 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) at the Connecticut Tennis Center at Yale. All ballkids must attend at least four tryouts sessions and be available for the entire tournament. Additional tryout dates are Saturday, June 12 (9:00 a.m. – Noon), Sunday, June 13 (9:00 a.m. – Noon), Tuesday, June 15 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.), Saturday, June 26 (9:00 a.m. – Noon), Sunday, June 27 (9:00 – Noon), and Tuesday, July 6 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

For tickets, how to become a volunteer, or more information about the tournament, please call the Pilot Pen Tennis Box Office, 888/99-PILOT, 203/776-7331, or log on to www.pilotpentennis.com.

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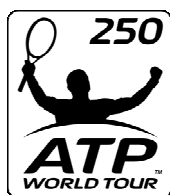
About Pilot Pen Tennis at Yale

Pilot Pen Tennis at Yale, an Olympus US Open Series event on the ATP World Tour and Sony Ericsson WTA Tour, will be held August 20-28, 2010 at the Connecticut Tennis Center at Yale and feature a number of international tennis stars. The 2009 Pilot Pen, whose champions are Caroline Wozniacki and Fernando Verdasco, drew nearly 80,000 spectators and was televised nationally for 16 hours on ESPN2 and CBS Sports. An economic impact study conducted in 2008 showed that the event generated an estimated total gross economic impact on the New Haven regional economy of more than \$26 million.

About the Olympus US Open Series

The Olympus US Open Series brings together the 10 summer tournaments in North America, three television networks, tennis' sanctioning bodies and top corporate sponsors during the summer tennis season. In 2009 the Series continued its enhancements to the sport, including more national TV hours, live back-to-back Finals every weekend, bonus prize money at the US Open, and a significant national marketing campaign.

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