



BOSTON LOBSTERS ANNOUNCE 2009 SCHEDULE

Martina Navratilova and Serena Williams to play at Ferncroft Country Club this July

Middleton, Mass. (Feb. 26, 2009) – Serena Williams and Martina Navratilova are two of the stars who will play World TeamTennis this summer at [Ferncroft Country Club](#) in Middleton, Mass. The Boston Lobsters announced their 2009 schedule today which includes seven home matches and seven on the road in the Advanta World TeamTennis Pro League.

Martina Navratilova returns for a record 20th WTT season and her fifth for the Lobsters when she plays her only home match on Thursday, July 16. Navratilova will also play three road matches for the Lobsters. Navratilova, who is the only player to have competed in WTT in four decades, was a member of the original Boston Lobsters in the 1970s.

Serena Williams, the 2009 Australian Open champion and world No. 1, makes her first visit to the Lobsters' stadium on July 9. Williams plays for the Washington Kastles, one of the Lobsters' Eastern Conference rivals.

"Martina Navratilova is the greatest player in tennis history and our fans love her and appreciate her remarkable talents," said team owner Bahar Uttam. "She is a part of the Lobsters' legacy and we are so excited to have her back this season. We know everyone will also enjoy the opportunity to watch Serena. She is one of the most exciting athletes in any sport and represents a new generation of tennis history."

The Lobsters start their 2009 campaign with road matches on July 2 in St. Louis and July 5 in Albany, N.Y., where they will take on the defending WTT Champions, the New York Buzz. Boston returns to Ferncroft for their first home match on July 6 when they host the Kansas City Explorers.

All home matches begin at 7 p.m. except for the Lobsters Family Day match which starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 18.

The Lobsters will finalize their team lineup at the Advanta WTT Roster Draft on March 31 in Miami. Season tickets are currently on sale by calling 508-435-6585 or visiting www.bostonlobsters.net.

2009 Season sponsorship opportunities are still available, please contact Darlene Hayes at 508-435-6585 or Darlene@Bostonlobsters.net

Boston plays in the Eastern Conference with the New York Buzz (Albany, N.Y.), New York Sportimes (New York City); Philadelphia Freedoms and the Washington Kastles. Western Conference teams are Kansas City Explorers, Newport Beach Breakers, Sacramento Capitals, St. Louis Aces and Springfield Lasers.

For more information on the Advanta WTT Pro League, visit WTT.com.

2009 BOSTON LOBSTERS SCHEDULE (*home matches in bold):

Thurs., July 2	Boston Lobsters @ St. Louis Aces
Sun., July 5	Boston Lobsters @ New York Buzz
*Mon., July 6	Kansas City Explorers @ Boston Lobsters
*Tues., July 7	Sacramento Capitals @ Boston Lobsters
*Thurs., July 9	Washington Kastles (Serena Williams) @ Boston Lobsters
Fri., July 10	Boston Lobsters @ Philadelphia Freedoms (Andre Agassi)
Sat., July 11	Boston Lobsters @ Kansas City Explorers
*Sun., July 12	Philadelphia Freedoms @ Boston Lobsters
Tues., July 14	Boston Lobsters (Martina Navratilova) @ New York Buzz
Wed., July 15	Boston Lobsters (Martina Navratilova) @ NY Sportstimes (John McEnroe)
*Thurs., July 16	Springfield Lasers @ Boston Lobsters (Martina Navratilova)
*Sat., July 18	New York Buzz @ Boston Lobsters – Family Day 4pm start
Mon., July 20	Boston Lobsters (Martina Navratilova) @ Philadelphia Freedoms
*Wed., July 22	New York Buzz @ Boston Lobsters

About Advanta WTT Pro League:

The 34th season of the Advanta WTT Pro League runs July 2-26, concluding with the Advanta WTT Championship Weekend where teams battle for the coveted King Trophy.

WTT is well known for introducing innovative elements to tennis including instant replay, co-ed format, multi-colored courts, cumulative and no-ad scoring, on-court coaching, Supertiebreakers and player names on back of their shirts.

Team matches consist of five events, with one set each of men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. The first team to reach five games wins each set. A nine-point tiebreaker is played if a set reaches four-all. One point is awarded for each game won. If necessary, Overtime and a Supertiebreaker are played to determine the winner of the match.