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News Release

For Immediate Release

The Springfield, Mo. Lasers professional tennis team will host seven home matches this 2009 Advanta World Team Tennis Pro League season, with a special Friday, July 10 home match featuring Anna Kournikova.

Kournikova returns for her seventh Advanta WTT Pro League season and her second with the St. Louis Aces. The former world no. 1 doubles star will play six matches for the Aces.

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 10 Kournikova home match are now available **ONLY** by buying 2009 season tickets. Individual tickets for all home matches will go on sale at 8 a.m., Monday, May 18, with pricing TBA. Season tickets are \$65 for grand stand and \$135 for chair-back, and can be purchased online now at <www.springfieldlasers.com>.

The 2009 Advanta WTT Pro League schedule includes 73 matches in 10 markets, beginning July 2 and running through July 26. The Eastern and Western Conference Champions will battle for the Advanta WTT Championship title on July 26.

Springfield Lasers 2009 schedule:

Thursday, July 2	Philadelphia Freedoms @ Springfield Lasers
Sunday, July 5	Kansas City Explorers @ Springfield Lasers
Monday, July 6	Newport Beach Breakers @ Springfield Lasers
Wednesday, July 8	Springfield Lasers @ Newport Beach Breakers
*Friday, July 10	St. Louis Aces (<i>Anna Kournikova</i>) @ Springfield Lasers
Saturday, July 11	Springfield Lasers @ St. Louis Aces (<i>Anna Kournikova</i>)
Sunday, July 12	Springfield Lasers @ Kansas City Explorers
Wednesday, July 15	Sacramento Capitals @ Springfield Lasers
Thursday, July 16	Springfield Lasers @ Boston Lobsters (<i>Martina Navratilova</i>)
Friday, July 17	Springfield Lasers @ New York Buzz
Saturday, July 18	St. Louis Aces @ Springfield Lasers
Monday, July 20	Washington Kastles @ Springfield Lasers
Tuesday, July 21	Springfield Lasers @ St. Louis Aces
Wednesday, July 22	Springfield Lasers @ Washington Kastles
Friday, July 24	Conference Championships – location TBD
	Western #1 vs. Western #2
	Eastern #1 vs. Eastern #2
Sunday, July 26	Advanta WTT Championship Finals – location TBD

**All games are played at 7:05 p.m., CDT, except for the 7:30 p.m. match on July 10 with Anna Kournikova.*

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.

The Springfield Lasers organization also will be co-sponsoring the upcoming Tennis Night in America with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board on March 1 & 2 by offering free tennis racquets and Lasers merchandise to youth players and will have information available on the Lasers Kids' Club. Anyone who signs up for the USTA Junior Team Tennis program that day will be given a voucher for one free ticket to a 2009 Lasers match, excluding July 10.

The Advanta WTT Pro League 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.

Advanta is the title sponsor of the Advanta WTT Pro League and the official business credit card of WorldTeamTennis. Official Advanta WTT Pro League sponsors for the 2009 season include FirmGreen Energy, GEICO and Wilson Racquet Sports. For more information on the Advanta WTT Pro League, visit www.WTT.com.

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