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## **U.S. FED CUP TEAM AND ZINA GARRISON TO JOIN IN TENNIS EXHIBITION AT THE BARNES TENNIS CENTER ON JANUARY 30 IN SAN DIEGO, CA**

**WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., January 29, 2008** -- The USTA today announced that the 2008 U.S. Fed Cup team will host a tennis clinic at the George E. Barnes Family Junior Tennis Center in San Diego, Calif., on Wednesday, January 30, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The exhibition will engage 600-800 children from the Youth Tennis San Diego After School Tennis program.

Youth Tennis San Diego is a nonprofit organization that provides local children, most of whom would otherwise be unsupervised, the opportunity to play tennis on weekday afternoons at their neighborhood school. Several times a year, the children travel to the Barnes Tennis Center to participate in special events, offering some of the children their first exposure to a "real" tennis court.

Garrison's squad – Lindsay Davenport, Lisa Raymond, Ashley Harkleroad, Laura Granville and future Fed Cuppers Julia Boserup and Christina McHale – will be on-site to participate in various on-court activities and interact with the children. Following the on-court activities, the children will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with the players.

The event is in anticipation of the quarterfinal against Germany in nearby La Jolla at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, February 2-3. A limited number of tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling (888) 334-USTA (8782) or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). The event is being organized, staged and promoted by the USTA.

"It is an honor for the Fed Cup team to interact directly with the children from the San Diego community," said Fed Cup Captain Zina Garrison. "Programs like Youth Tennis San Diego are very important -- they promote tennis while teaching valuable life skills."

The Barnes Tennis Center is owned and operated by Youth Tennis San Diego. The Center is the home of the Youth Tennis San Diego offices, all Youth Tennis San Diego junior tournaments, Barnes Center tennis programs, After School Tennis special events, adult programs, and a library for educational programs.

Fed Cup by BNP Paribas is the world's largest annual international women's team competition with 86 countries competing this year. The United States leads all nations with 17 Fed Cup titles, the last coming in 2000, and is one of eight nations competing for the 2008 Fed Cup title as part of the Fed Cup World Group.

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The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Olympus US Open Series linking 10 summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns the 94 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S., and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. A not-for-profit organization with 720,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. For more information on the USTA, log on to [usta.com](http://usta.com).

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