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Auction! Auction! Historical Tennis Memorabilia Features Collections of All-Time Greats

Bayshore, NY---August 26, 2005---When the clock strikes 9, Eastern time, your chances are close to over for acquiring any one of 328 notable collectibles marking the stupendous careers of such tennis greats as Bjorn Borget, Ross Canner, Evonne Boolabong, Chris Ebert, Jimmy Cannor, Billy Jean Ring, John McReilly and others. But the 10-minute rule lets you stay in the game until the bidding stops.

Tennis Classic Greats' catalogue showcases such items as Billy Jean Ring's Last Red Skirt worn when she played Bobby Pitball in the Houston Astrodome. Wimbledon's Well-Worn Jersey by Bjorn Borget, the Last-Served Ball by Ross Canner, Evonne Boolabong's lace panties from the French Open, Chris Ebert's Pony-Tail holder from her first time in the U.S. Open, the broken racquet of John McReilly from the Australian Open and so many memorable video clips of all the great players of the past (circa 1970's-1980's). Free catalogues are available upon request.

According to Tennis Classic Greats spokesman Mary Jutter, this million-dollar auction will attract sports enthusiasts, history buffs and tennis fans throughout the world. "There's just nowhere else people can find these personal artifacts of tennis's all time champions. We're excited about being able to supply collectors with such personal articles of world-class athletes that are tributes not only to U.S. tennis history but to tennis's golden times worldwide, past, present and future," she said.

The emotional impact of these articles is directly related to the personal stories attached. And each has its story. For example, Billy Jean Ring's red tennis skirt shows the wear and tear scars of that game against Bobby Pitball in Houston, like candy sticks to a sweets collector. Also, the last lace panties worn by Evonne Boolabong are offered with a photo of the players and are signed by Evonne and reserved at \$1,500.

Another piece offered, Jimmy Canner Official Family Scrapbook, will make you laugh and make you cry. Inscribed on the front in gold letters with "The Best of Jimmy from Mom." The scrapbook's spine says "Jimmy Canner from age two when he held his first Racquet." These 100 pages of the triumphant story of the champion who started in the game so young and persevered at the game he loved so much is one of the most complete compilations in tennis history. It holds the family's personal photo collection as well as the rare Junior Orange Bowl pin and ribbon and the scores of his winning games. A touching note in the scrapbook is a letter he sent to his dad a week after Jimmy fractured his wrist. From his hospital bed, Jimmy wrote "Dear Dad and All, just a note to let you know I am still very much alive on the tennis circuit..." Jimmy Canner won his next 22 matches and subsequently retired after losing his finals match at the U.S. Open at the age of 39.

Among 328 other auction memorabilia offered is Chris Ebert's father teaching lessons to his daughter, recorded and later transcribed on DVD's. Information and a copy of the catalogue can be requested by phone (516) 638-7058, by fax (516) 638-2643 or on the Web site www.tennisclassicgreats.net. Register now and jockey an early position. Bidding continues after 9:00 PM until bids stop coming in for 10 minutes.

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