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COURTSIDE SPORTS NAMED OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT STRINGER FOR THE 2005 VICTORIA OPEN

VICTORIA, BC - The 2005 Victoria Open Tennis Tournament & Festival is pleased to announce that Courtside Sports will be the Official Tournament Stringer for this major tennis event to be held in Victoria from May 4-15.

Courtside Sports will offer on-site racquet stringing by experienced, certified United States Racquet Stringing Association (USRSA) Master Racquet Technicians (MRT's). Courtside Sports has three MRT's on staff – more than any other racquet store in Canada – who will provide fast and professional racquet stringing for players of all levels (not just tournament players).

Stringing locations include the on-site Stringing Tent at the Henderson Courts during tournament matches and Courtside Sports at 1136 Hillside Ave. To book a "One Hour Stringing Appointment" call 386-4263 or 881-0344 during the Tournament (May 4th to May 15th).

As the tennis season opener, the 2005 Victoria Open is targeting players of all levels – from the first time novice to seasoned competitors seeking prize money. Top-notch juniors will attend this National Qualifier, and even child players, seniors and wheelchair athletes have events.

A Tennis Festival will be held in conjunction with the tournament, geared not only to the players but to their families, friends and other tennis enthusiasts as well. There will be various speaking sessions, fun activities and opportunities to see the latest tennis products and services.

With its mild climate and diverse tourist attractions, Victoria is the ideal location for this extravaganza which is attracting player interest from all over the Pacific Northwest. Victoria is well connected with BC Ferries to Vancouver, the Coho ferry to Port Angeles, the Seattle Clipper catamaran, Victoria Helijet and harbour-to-harbour float planes.

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