



Media Advisory

Tennis Players Kick-off the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour with a Special Dolphin Encounter at Miami Seaquarium®

WHO: Sam Querey from USA (USTA named him junior spotlight of the week), Nicolas Almagro from Spain, and Fernando Verdasco from Spain.

Women tennis players Shahar Peer from Israel, Severine Bremond from France, Anabel Medina Garrigues from Spain, and Karolina Sprem from Croatia.

(Be advised this list is tentative)

WHAT: Sony Ericsson tennis players will slip into a wet suit for an unforgettable up-close encounter with Flipper, the dolphin, during a *VIP Swim with the Dolphins* session at Miami Seaquarium.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 20, 2007
1:00pm- Dolphin swim session begins

Media is advised to arrive by 12:45pm.

WHERE: Miami Seaquarium Flipper Lagoon
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Miami, FL 33149

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Background Information

Sam Querrey

2005 – Won USTA Spring International Championships (def. Chekhov in final) and Easter Bowl (def. Ball in final) in consecutive weeks...Runner-up at USTA Boys' 18s Nationals (to D. Young)...Reached quarterfinals at Roland Garros and round of 16 at Wimbledon and US Open...In doubles, reached quarterfinals at USTA Spring International Championships and Easter Bowl w/ Damico, and Coffee Bowl w/ Seguso...**2004** – Swept singles and doubles w/ Vegosen at USTA Boys' 16s Nationals (def. Clayton in final)...Also won Easter Bowl Boys' 16s doubles title w/ Vegosen...In first two international events, reached quarterfinals at US Open (l. to eventual champion A. Murray), and round of 16 at Orange Bowl (upset No. 4 seed Chardy in second round)...**2003** – Reached semifinals at El Paso (l. to D. Young)...**2002** – Singles winner and doubles runner-up w/ Moallemi at USTA Boys' 14s Hard Courts.

Nicholas Amagro

2000 – At 14 years, 9 months, earned first ATP points at Spanish Futures where he reached 2nd RD... 2001 – Was 7-5 in Futures events, reaching one SF and two QFs... 2002 – Reached two SFs while going 11-7 in Futures events... 2003 – Improved his ATP Ranking by over 700 positions...Made ATP debut in Palermo and advanced to 2nd RD... Claimed six Futures titles in seven finals appearances...Also won first career Challenger title in Olbia... Reached doubles finals in Olbia and Manerbio (w/ Menedez)...2004 – Finished in Top 100 for first time...Claimed one Futures and three Challenger titles (Barletta, Manerbio, Kiev)...Reached Barcelona 2nd RD (d. Corretja, l. to Montanes)...Made Grand Slam debut as a qualifier at Roland Garros (l. to Kuerten)... Reached final at Cordoba Challenger (l. to Muller)...Earned second ATP win of year in Umag (d. Behrend)...2005 – Reached his first career ATP QF in Buenos Aires with wins over Ventura and Zabaleta (l. to Acasuso)... Made Australian Open debut (l. to Reynolds)...Reached 2nd RD in Vina del Mar (l. to eventual champion Gonzalez) and QF in Buenos Aires...In March, qualified in Miami but lost 7-6 in third set to Andreev...Returned to clay and qualified for AMS Roma, reaching 3rd RD with wins over Andreev and No. 4 Safin for first career Top 10 win (l. to Stepanek)... Also qualified for AMS Hamburg...Advanced to 2nd RD at Roland Garros for first time, losing to No. 1 Federer... After QF at Braunschweig Challenger, made Wimbledon debut and lost in 1st RD to Tursunov... Returned to European clay courts with best result coming with 3rd RD showing in Kitzbuehel (l. to Zabaleta)... In August, made US Open debut and reached 2nd RD (l. to Dent)...Compiled 12-17 record on clay and 1-4 on hard.

Fernando Verdasco

2002 – Captured his first title at Spain #1 Futures stop (d. Holzinger) and runner-up at Spain #3... In second career Challenger in Segovia, reached final (d. Pioline, l. to Mutis)... In his second career ATP outing in Sopot, defeated Puerta in 1st RD before losing to Squillari in next round... In doubles, won back-to-back Futures titles... 2003 – Entered main draw in ATP level play as qualifier six times during season, tied for second most for year, including Miami where he reached 3rd RD with wins over Kucera and Mirnyi (l. to Moya) and Wimbledon (1st RD)... His best Challenger finishes were SF at Wolfsburg and Zagreb... Turned in his best Grand Slam at US Open where he came in as a lucky loser before defeating countryman and No. 17 Robredo and Sanguinetti (l. to Srichaphan)... 2004 – One of most improved players on ATP circuit, finishing in Top 40 for first time, capturing his first ATP title and registering a personal-best 31 match wins... In Acapulco, reached first ATP final (l. to Moya)... Won title in Valencia without dropping a set (d. No. 3 Ferrero in SF, Montanes in F)... Advanced to back-to-back QF in Halle and 's-Hertogenbosch... Reached SF in Kitzbuhel (l. to Gaudio)... Had late QF in Stockholm (l. to Agassi)... In doubles, captured first ATP title in Stockholm (w/F. Lopez)... 2005 – Won a career-high 35 matches... Reached his first ATP Masters Series QF in Rome (d. Davydenko, Roddick, l. to Coria)... Finalist in Kitzbuehel (l. to Gaudio in four sets)... Returned to hard courts in August and advanced to QF in New Haven (l. to Lopez) and followed with a 4th RD at US Open (d. Henman in 1st, l. to Henman)... Reached SF in St. Petersburg (l. to T. Johansson)... Went 2-4 vs. Top 10 opponents with both wins over No. 3 Roddick (Miami, Rome)... Compiled records of 15-11 on clay, 15-13 on hard, 4-2 on carpet and 1-2 on grass... Earned a career-high \$568,607.

Shahar Peer

(2007 coverage)

JANUARY- Excellent start to year, making SF at Gold Coast (as No.5 seed, d. No.3 seed Ivanovic in QF before falling to No.2 seed and eventual champion Safina 46 76(1) 61, having led 5-1 second set), and back-to-back QF at Sydney (d. No.7 seed Schnyder en route, falling to No.3 seed and eventual champion Clijsters; win over world No.9 Schnyder was second career Top 10 win) and Australian Open (as No.16 seed, saved mp down 5-4 third set to d. No.20 seed Golovin 36 75 75 in 3r, then d. No.3 seed Kuznetsova 64 62 in 4r before falling to eventual champion S.Williams 36 62 86 in first major quarterfinal; win over world No.4 Kuznetsova was third career Top 10 win); afterwards on January 29, rose from No.17 to No.15, a new career-high and equal-highest ranking ever for an Israeli woman (Smashnova also reached No.15).

FEBRUARY - Fell 1r at Tokyo [Pan Pacific] (as No.7 seed, l. to Kirilenko); runner-up at Memphis (as top seed, l. to No.7 seed V.Williams; now 3-1 lifetime in Tour singles finals).

Severine Bremond

(2007 coverage)

JANUARY - 2-3 during Australian season, reaching 2r at both Gold Coast (l. to Garbin) and Hobart (l. to No.7 seed Zheng in 3s) but falling 1r at Australian Open (l. to qualifier Paszek).

FEBRUARY - 2r at Tokyo [Pan Pacific] (l. to qualifier Vinci) and Acapulco (as No.4 seed, l. to qualifier Cornet) but fell 1r at Paris [Indoors] (l. to Medina Garrigues) and Antwerp (ret. vs. Poutchkova w/left groin strain)

Anabel Medina Garriguez

JANUARY - Best result in Australia was doubles runner-up finish at Hobart (as top seeds w/Ruano Pascual, l. to No.4 seeds Likhovtseva/Vesnina in final; now 7-7 lifetime in Tour doubles finals); singles results were 2r at Hobart (as No.2 seed, l. to Bammer) and 1r at Australian Open (as No.25 seed, l. to Vesnina in 3s).

FEBRUARY - Consecutive 2r finishes at Paris [Indoors] (l. to No.8 seed Chakvetadze in 3s), Dubai (l. to No.4 seed Hingis in 3s) and Doha (l. to No.5 seed Schnyder).