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FAMILY Ties

Family Circle Cup returns to Charleston

The Family Circle Cup, the oldest all-women's tier I event in the United States, will celebrate 32 years in women's tennis in 2004 April 10-18th at the Family Circle Tennis Center on Daniel Island near Charleston.

Family Circle magazine has always been committed to women's issues and in 1973 they made history by becoming the first women's magazine to fully underwrite a professional women's sporting event. Family Circle Cup was the first tournament to offer \$100,000 in prize money and the first to be televised on a national network. The tournament's parade of champions lists some of the biggest legends in women's professional tennis including Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, Tracy Austin, Gabriela Sabatini, Steffi Graf and Martina Hingis. It is a tournament that continues to showcase at the highest level the best in women's tennis.

In 2003 the Family Circle Cup celebrated its 30th anniversary in the world of professional sports. It was a week that highlighted the veterans of the game as well as many of the young up and coming players on the WTA Tour. The 2003 Family Circle Cup final between Serena Williams and Justine Henin-Hardenne was one of the most memorable on the women's pro tour in 2003. In just over an hour the young Belgian star



Serena Williams signs autographs.

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snapped Williams' 2003 21-match winning streak 6-3, 6-4.

The Family Circle Cup is more than just a tennis tournament; it's an action-packed seven days filled with high-level tennis and a host of other activities for all age groups from children to senior citizens.

In 2004 the tournament will offer \$1.3 million in prize money and will once again feature some of the biggest names in women's tennis, like Justine Henin-Hardenne, Serena Williams, Lindsay Davenport, Jennifer Capriati and Venus Williams all vying for one of the most coveted trophies in women's tennis. It is one of the hottest tickets in professional sports, and the tournament offers a variety of ticket packages to fit everyone's budget. Tickets can be ordered on line through the tournament's official Web site at www.familycirclecup.com. For more information on the Family Circle Cup or to purchase tickets please call 800-677-2293 or 843-856-7900. Fans can also get the latest news and player announcements by visiting the official Web site of the Family Circle Cup, www.familycirclecup.com. □



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