



## Media Release

### Exmouth set to love all tennis fans

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Whether you're an ace or a novice, Exmouth welcomes future Federers and wannabe Williams' to have a ball during its world-ranking tennis tournament from March 28.

Competitions including the longest rally and hit the target, mini tennis for kids and game-improving tips from the experts will ensure the week-long event proves a smash for everyone. There's even a fastest serve challenge using a real speed gun!

Leisure East Devon is hosting the international tournament at Exmouth Tennis and Leisure Centre until April 5 2008.

While the amateurs flex their forehands on court, they can also gain inspiration from world-ranked players battling throughout the week to be crowned champion on Finals Day. In its third year at Exmouth, the East Devon International Tennis Tournament has established itself as a testing ground for stars of the future, including Wimbledon mixed-doubles winner Jamie Murray who won at Exmouth two years ago.

Tournament director Jo Louis, who is a noted player and has beaten former women's champion Stefi Graf, said: "We look forward to welcoming tennis fans from far and wide to see the action. There's also the opportunity for all ages to come and test their skills each day in a series of tennis clinics and mini competitions."

Mike Hooper, head of business development and marketing at Leisure East Devon, said: “We urge tennis fans of all levels to get involved and experience the excellent facilities at Exmouth Tennis and Leisure Centre. It is a great opportunity for the people of East Devon to see such world-class competition and have the chance to take part.”

Entry to the event is free from March 28 to April 4, while tickets for the highlight of the tournament, Finals Day on April 5, are £4 for adults and £2 for juniors. The action-packed concluding day of the tournament will start at 10.30am with tennis demos by players, followed by a performance from Withycombe Stomp Band.

Exmouth Tennis and Leisure Centre is at Withycombe Village Road in Exmouth. For more information about the tournament, including a tournament programme, to book a tennis clinic or competition, please contact Exmouth Tennis and Leisure Centre on 01395 223355 or visit [www.ledleisure.co.uk](http://www.ledleisure.co.uk).

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**Notes to Editors:**

The Men’s \$10,000 ITF Futures Tournament is an international event that forms part of the professional tour. These tournaments are held throughout the world and are co-ordinated by the ITF (International Tennis Federation). Sixty-four players with a world ranking from 250 down to 800 will be taking part.

The venue for the tournament is owned by East Devon District Council and managed by Leisure East Devon.

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