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**THE BOAR'S HEAD TO HOST VIRGINIA NATIONAL BANK
MEN'S PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**INDOOR HARD COURT USTA CIRCUIT EVENT SET FOR OCTOBER 31-
NOVEMBER 8**

Field To Be Highlighted by U.Va.'s Own Somdev Devvarman, Taylor Dent, Vince Spadea, Scoville Jenkins, Brendan Evans, Kevin Anderson and Others

Charlottesville, VA (October 22, 2009) – The upcoming Virginia National Bank Men's Professional Championship, hosted by The Boar's Head, will feature several top young players in the game, some well-known players making their ways along the comeback trail, and one very special homecoming.

Heading the field for the event, set for October 31-November 8 at The Boar's Head Sports Club, will be U.Va.'s own Somdev Devvarman, looking to add a home-court championship to a fast-tracked professional career. The back-to-back NCAA Singles Champion, who recently received his career-best ranking of No. 124 in the world, started his professional career earlier this year with back-to-back singles titles in \$10,000 Futures tournaments in Rochester, NY and Pittsburgh, PA. Other career highlights so far have included reaching his first ATP Tour final at the 2009 Chennai Open in his Indian hometown, where he beat world number 42 Carlos Moya and 25th ranked Ivo Karlovic. In August, 2009 he upset Croatian Marin Cilic at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic in Washington. Devvarman qualified for his

first Grand Slam singles Main Draw at the 2009 U.S. Open, losing in the second round to 24th seed Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany.

Joining Devvarman in the draw will be hard-serving Taylor Dent, currently ranked No. 111 in the world. Dent had skyrocketed to a ranking of No. 24 before leaving the game in 2005 due to a back injury. He returned to the game three years later following surgery. Fellow American Vince Spadea comes to Charlottesville in the midst of one of the tennis world's more interesting and colorful careers. A former Top 20 player and two-time Olympian, Spadea has boasts career earnings of more than \$5 million and has notched ATP singles victories over the likes of Roger Federer, Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Rafael Nadal, Andy Roddick, Patrick Rafter and Jim Courier, among others. He has drawn nearly the same amount of attention off the court thanks to his 2006 memoir *Break Point: The Secret Diary of a Pro Tennis Player*. And his self-appointed role of "House Rapper" for the tour has landed him musical performances on The Today Show, ESPN, USA Network and The Tennis Channel.

The field will also include world No. 95 Kevin Kim, No. 111 Taylor Dent, No. 117 Brendan Evans, No. 130 player Kevin Anderson, Alex Bogomolv (No. 187); Donald Young (194) and Scoville Jenkins (241).

Match play for this week-long event will take place on only two courts at The Boar's Head Sports Club...resulting in plenty of tennis action for fans to take in all day long and into each night – all the while giving guests plenty of chances to play as well as observe the sport they love thanks to special tennis packages at the resort. Featured evening matches begin at 6:00 p.m. each evening starting Monday, November 2.

"This promises to be an absolutely great week of tennis," Boar's Head Sports Club Tournament Director Ron Manila said. "We are so excited to be furthering our relationship with the USTA by bringing our first men's tournament and hope it is the beginning of another great tradition here."

"This is yet another example of the unique tennis experience offered by The Boar's Head," said Club Manager James Neiderer. "When you look at the eight-year success of the Boyd

Tinsley \$50,000 USTA Women's Championships each spring and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Indoor Championship we hosted last November, The Boar's Head is earning its reputation as a premium venue for high quality tournament tennis events. We are also extremely appreciative of our partners at Virginia National Bank and our contributing sponsors, whose support makes it possible for us to bring this event to our community."

"It will be a treat for all of us to see Somdev return and play for his 'hometown' fans", Neiderer added. "UVA fans will also appreciate seeing some of its Men's Tennis team players test their skills against the pros in this event."

"This tournament allows us to showcase our extraordinary facilities and growing reputation as a training ground for the next generation of tennis stars", said Director of Tennis Tim Bauer.

Qualifying round matches on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1 will be free and open to the public. Main draw play, which will include as many as nine matches per day, will feature an all-day admission fee of \$7 (\$5 for Boar's Head members). Tickets may be purchased at the front desk of The Boar's Head Sports Club each day.

The tournament is one of only 29 professional tournaments and features men that will quickly rise to the upper levels of the ATP tour, play in the Grand Slam Championships and represent their country at the Davis Cup and in the Olympics. Ranked between 100 and 400 in the world, and representing over 100 countries, tournament participants include some of the best young talent in the game. Past tour participants who have earned their starts on the USTA Pro Circuit Futures Tour have included Andre Agassi, James Blake, Todd Martin and many others.

Ranked one of *TENNIS* Magazine's Top 50 Tennis Resorts, The Boar's Head boasts 26 USTA-regulation tennis courts (10 Har-Tru clay courts, 12 indoor DecoTurf hard courts and 4 outdoor DecoTurf hard courts). The Boar's Head Sports Club was also awarded the 2008 Private Facility of the Year by *Racquet Sports Industry* magazine.

Tennis lovers can take advantage of both The Boar's Head's tennis pedigree and its peerless reputation in the resort and hospitality world with the special "Tennis Getaway Package."

The package, beginning at \$313 (per room, per night, based on double occupancy), includes:

- One night's accommodations
- Breakfast for two in the Old Mill Room
- Two hours of court time daily
- Free use of ball machine
- Welcome gift
- Resort fees, taxes and gratuities

For more information or to book your Tennis Getaway Package or any other Boar's Head stay, call 800-476-1988 or visit www.boarsheadinn.com.

The Boar's Head, a 170-room resort set on 573 acres in the Virginia countryside, offers Four-Diamond dining, a state-of-the-art sports club, world-class tennis, championship golf, a luxury spa, children's programs, 22,000 square feet of meeting space including our new 5,600 square foot Pavilion, and proximity to attractions such as Monticello, the Blue Ridge Mountains and numerous wineries. The Boar's Head is owned and operated by The University of Virginia Foundation.

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