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FIVE QUESTIONS WITH MARDY FISH, A REGULAR PARTICIPANT OF THE ANNUAL SWINGTIME -- A PRO-CELEBRITY, PRO-AM TENNIS & GOLF TOURNAMENT -- BENEFITING THE TIM & TOM GULLIKSON FOUNDATION

Fish Talks Tennis And Life As One of The Many Stars Taking Part in Swingtime's Action-Packed Tennis, Golf, Gala Weekend

NAPLES, Fla., -- Florida-based tennis star Mardy Fish offers insight into his life on the court, off the court and about looking forward to participating in this year's **10th annual Swingtime -- A Pro-Celebrity Pro-Am Tennis & Golf Tournament -- Benefiting the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation**, returning to **Naples, Florida** on **November 22-23, 2008**. The tennis pro-am and exhibition and the luau-styled **Swingtime Gala** presented by **The Law Offices of Andy M. Custer**, will take place at **The Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort** with the **golf pro-am tournament** returning to **Olde Cypress**.

Fish has posted some top flight results in 2008 with the highlight of his season coming in two final appearances at the Indian Wells, Calif., tournament and New Haven, Conn., event. The Vero Beach native, who now lives in Tampa, Fla., and Los Angeles, Calif., also reached the semifinal in Los Angeles, and the quarterfinals at San Jose, Delray Beach, Houston and the U.S. Open. His quarterfinal finish at the U.S. Open marks his second career quarterfinal showing at a Grand Slam – Fish reached the final eight at the 2007 Australian Open. **Fish's** incredible outing at Indian Wells included victories over three top 10 players – then No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko of Russia in the third round, then No. 7 David Nalbandian in the quarterfinals, and then No. 1 Roger Federer in the semifinals – before he lost to No. 3 Novak Djokovic of Serbia in a tough three-set final.

In his career thus far, **Fish** has won two singles and four doubles titles on the ATP Tour, captured the silver medal in singles at the 2004 Athens Games, participates on the U.S. Davis Cup Team and had been ranked within the elite top 20 in the world. Off the court, Fish walked down the aisle with fiancé, attorney and “Deal or No Deal” model Stacey Gardner in September.

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Questions and Answers with **Mardy Fish**:

Q1: **Mardy**, congratulations on your recent marriage to attorney and “Deal or No Deal” model Stacey Gardner. Just generally, tell us what it feels like now that you’re a married man?

Fish: It feels great to have everything go so well at the wedding. It is a very exciting time now for me both on-and-off the court. It’s definitely the happiest time of my life.

Q2: You had a number of impressive results this year. Can you just look at your year? What were your favorite moments from 2008?

Fish: It has definitely been an up-and-down year this year with some great highs. My first quarterfinal at the US Open was a fun time as well as playing well during most of the summer.

On the court my best moments were at the Pacific Life Open, making the final there and capturing a win over Federer was big. And then just playing so well at the end of the summer and into the U.S. Open was great. Also getting to play Davis Cup again for the United States in Spain (Fish teamed with Mike Bryan in doubles to deliver the only point for the U.S. in the Davis Cup semifinal) was awesome. Obviously off-the-court, this is the greatest time of my life.

Q3: You teamed with Mike Bryan in doubles at the Davis Cup semifinal against Spain, which the U.S. lost 4-1, and delivered the one point for the U.S. in a tough five-set match. It must have been both a good and bad outing for you. Can you talk about being involved as a player on the team again?

Fish: Being a part of the team again was truly amazing for me. It’s something that I love doing and love being a part of so much so that during the last few years I’ve gone along with the team just to help as a practice partner because I always want to be there to support the American effort in Davis Cup. It’s an honor to represent your country. In the semifinal, the Spanish were just too tough of an opponent, especially on clay.

Q4: What are you hoping for in terms of improvements in your game for the 2009 season?

Fish: My goals are to get back into the top 20 in the world. I am real close now (currently ranked No. 25) and it feels like I’m only one great tournament away from doing that.

Q5: Why is it important for you to take part in charity events such as Swingtime and also host your own charity event in your hometown of Vero Beach, Fla.?

Fish: I love being a part of charity events because for us it is so easy to do. It’s an opportunity to do what we love to do and be able to help people while doing it – what could be better than that. Swingtime is an awesome event and I look forward to coming year-in-year-out.

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This year's **Swingtime** celebrity guest list includes current and former tennis stars **Mardy Fish, Sebastien Grosjean, Xavier Malisse, Corina Morariu, MaliVai Washington, Jimmy Arias, Wendy Turnbull, Harold Solomon, Brian Gottfried, Ricardo Acuna, Jay Berger, Lori McNeil** and Event Host **Tom Gullikson**. Other celebrities planning to make the scene are actress **Robin Givens** and actor **Michael Lombardi** from FX's *Rescue Me*, , TV announcer **Brett Haber**, baseball's **Mike Cuellar, Rennie Stennett** and **Bill Gullickson**, football's **Jim "Crash" Jensen, Troy Drayton, Marvin Jones, Don Silvestri** and **Tom Sorensen**.

The **Tennis Exhibition** will be held at The Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 2:00 PM. The schedule is:

Mardy Fish vs. Xavier Malisse

Tom Gullikson / Sebastien Grosjean vs. Jimmy Arias / MaliVai Washington

Over the past ten years, **Swingtime** has raised more than \$1,000,000 for The Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation. The **Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation** was established in 1995 after Tim was diagnosed with malignant brain tumors. Tim Gullikson, who as a coach helped establish Pete Sampras as the top player in the world, died in 1996, at age 44, after losing his battle with the disease. The Foundation's mission is to fund care and support programs to assist brain-tumor patients and their families in managing the physical, emotional and social challenges presented by the illness. Among other things, the Foundation funds information and support phone lines for brain tumor patients and their families, sends children who are brain tumor survivors to camp, and gives college scholarships to students who have been affected by brain tumors.

Lee Memorial Health System, a seven hospital system with over 1,000 beds and numerous ambulatory systems throughout Lee County, is the local beneficiary of the 10th annual **Swingtime**. Lee Cancer Care is a service within the Lee Memorial Health System that provides programs and treatments for over 5,000 cancer patients each year. With the support of the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation, Lee Memorial Health System intends to establish a patient "Navigator" that will assist brain tumor patients throughout their journey.

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Tickets for **Swingtime’s Tennis Exhibition** are \$70 for Box Seats and \$35 for General Admission seating. For tickets to the Tennis Exhibition, call (800) 927-7242. For more information or to purchase spots in the Tennis Pro-Am, Golf Pro-Am Tournament or invitations to the Swingtime Gala presented by The Law Offices of Andy M. Custer phone (561) 394-9190 or visit www.chevents.com. Invitations to the Swingtime Gala presented by The Law Offices of Andy M. Custer cost \$250 per invitation. For information on the **Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation** please visit their website at gulliksonfoundation.org.

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