



HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARTINA HINGIS WORLD TEAMTENNIS CONFERENCE CALL

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WTT NOTES ON MARTINA HINGIS: Martina Hingis is scheduled to play nine WTT matches this summer (2 on the road in Newport Beach and Sacramento; and 7 at home – including 5 of those at Randall's Island in NYC and one home match in Albany). There will be several exciting match ups in Martina's schedule including matches against Serena Williams and the Washington Kastles on July 19 in Albany and July 20 in New York. This will be Martina's fourth season with WTT and she returns to the Sportimes for the first time since 2006. Martina also led the Sportimes to the 2005 WTT title.

ON PLAYING WITH LINDSAY DAVENPORT AT WIMBLEDON IN THE LADIES INVITATION DOUBLES:

HINGIS: *I love playing with Lindsay, I mean we only played once before and we won, I think that was at the Stanford tournament, so that was quite cool.*

It's just really nice playing with someone who you were kind of rivals [with] and now we team up and practice and lots of work for playing, the chemistry works.

I love playing exhibitions. I love playing tennis and being out there -- playing the legends and some exhibitions in England and Prague, and TeamTennis. It was really a season, it's two or three months where I'm playing almost every day.

ON PLAYING IN SACRAMENTO FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE SHE PLAYED IN THE WTT FINALS SIX YEARS AGO & HOW IT INSPIRED HER COMEBACK:

HINGIS: *Playing [World TeamTennis] in Sacramento made me want to play again, it made me hungry.*

I was really proud of what I achieved for getting to the No. 6 ranking . . . it was a very nice experience, and I don't have any regrets.

ON LEADING THE NEW YORK SPORTIMES TO THE 2005 WTT TITLE:

HINGIS: *We had a great year in 2005 when we won the championship, so I'm looking forward [to that].*

ON PLAYING WORLD TEAMTENNIS WITH NEW YORK SPORTIMES TEAMMATE JOHN McENROE:

HINGIS: *With John it was just great. I still play a couple exhibitions with him. We have great chemistry, I mean, it was always fun. He puts a lot of pressure on the partner (laughs), so I better come up with a good A-game, and I hope I will.*

I just love playing the game, and I love the system [of World TeamTennis]. I think it's so much fun, you travel with the team. I think that on the tennis tour mostly, you're lonely, and this [playing World TeamTennis] is the one time that you're not. I always loved playing Hopman Cup or Fed cup....The team competitions and doubles, I would prefer to play than singles.

[World TeamTennis] gives the public the chance to see three generations, you have the upcoming players, you have the players of today, and you have the ones who are retired. The thing is it's a great combination, and the team spirit -- it's a great thing. Billie Jean King really did a great job with this.