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**PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS DEFEATED BY THE SACRAMENTO CAPITALS  
DURING FIRST MATCH OF THE 2012 SEASON**

**Villanova, PA (July 10, 2012)** - The Philadelphia Freedoms were defeated in their first match of the 2012 WTT season in a loss to the Sacramento Capitals, with a final score of 22-16 after an exciting overtime match. The Freedoms were joined by American tennis superstar, James Blake, who captured the men's singles for the Freedoms in the fifth set with a 5-4 win over Alex Kuznetsov, but lost in overtime 1-0.

2,217 Freedoms fans were in attendance at the Villanova Pavilion to cheer on their team. Gerry Cuddy, President and CEO of Beneficial Bank, launched the season with the match's first serve.

The Capitals women's doubles team, Asia Muhammed and Yasmin Schnack defeated the Freedoms' Karolina and Kristyna Pliskova 5-4 during the evening's first set. Mark Knowles and Alex Kuznetsov scored another victory for the Capitals, 5-1, during the men's doubles match against Freedoms James Blake and Jordan Kerr.

The Freedoms made a strong comeback in the third set with a win in mixed doubles as Kristyna Pliskova and James Blake clinched an electric victory against the Capitals Yasmin Schnack and Mark Knowles, 5-2. Asia Muhammed of the Capitals defeated Karolina Pliskova, 5-1 in the women's singles set.

The Freedoms next match is Wednesday, July 11, 2012 against the Boston Lobsters at home. The Freedoms continue their 2012 home season throughout July with a roster of world-class tennis pros, including Bob and Mike Bryan for the Kansas Explorers (July 16), John McEnroe and Martina Hingis for the New York Sportimes (July 20), and Mark Philippoussis for the Freedoms (July 25), plus a special appearance by tennis legend Chris Evert (July 19). The Philadelphia Freedoms are presented by Beneficial Bank and hosted by Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

Individual match tickets, season tickets, and group ticket packages are available at [www.philadelphiafreedoms.com](http://www.philadelphiafreedoms.com) or by calling (877) 4-FLY-TIX. All seats are reserved.



## **GEICO World TeamTennis Pro League - Results for Tuesday, 7/10**

### **FINAL RESULTS**

#### **Sacramento Capitals def. PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS 22-16 (OT)**

Women's Doubles - Asia Muhammad\Yasmin Schnack (Capitals) def. Karolina Pliskova\Kristyna Pliskova (Freedoms) 5-4

Men's Doubles - Mark Knowles\Alex Kuznetsov (Capitals) def. James Blake\Jordan Kerr (Freedoms) 5-1

Mixed Doubles - James Blake\Kristyna Pliskova (Freedoms) def. Mark Knowles\Yasmin Schnack (Capitals) 5-2

Women's Singles - Asia Muhammad (Capitals) def. Karolina Pliskova (Freedoms) 5-1

Men's Singles - James Blake (Freedoms) def. Alex Kuznetsov (Capitals) 5-4

Overtime - Men's Singles - Alex Kuznetsov (Capitals) def. James Blake (Freedoms) 1-0

### **PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS 2012 HOME SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, July 10	versus Sacramento Capitals (James Blake – PHL)
Wednesday, July 11	versus Boston Lobsters
Saturday, July 14	versus Springfield Lasers
Monday, July 16	versus Kansas City Explorers (Bob & Mike Bryan – KC)
Thursday, July 19	versus Orange County Breakers
Friday, July 20	versus New York Sportimes (Martina Hingis & John McEnroe – NYS)
Wednesday, July 25	versus Boston Lobsters (Mark Philippoussis – PHL)

All matches begin at 7:00 p.m.

#### **About Philadelphia Freedoms:**

The Philadelphia Freedoms will play 14 matches during their 2012 regular season schedule in the WTT Pro League presented by GEICO, including seven home matches throughout July at The Pavilion at Villanova University. The Freedoms are owned by Billie Jean King and led by Head Coach Josh Cohen. 2012 team members include former No. 8 **Mark Philippoussis** and fan-favorite **James Blake**, plus the top overall pick in the WTT Roster Draft, doubles team of twin sisters **Karolina and Kristyna Pliskova** as well as **Luka Gregorc** of Slovenia, and doubles standout **Jordan Kerr** from Australia.

Freedoms events feature world-class tennis in an innovative, fast-paced World TeamTennis coed team format. Each evening includes exciting Block Parties featuring USTA Quick Start Tennis, live music, inflatables, mascots, kids' games, prizes, food and much more.



The 2012 Philadelphia Freedoms are presented by Beneficial Bank and hosted by Cancer Treatment Centers of America. Generous support is also provided by official sponsors 23K, Bulova, CBS3/CW Philly, Color Reflections, DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia – Valley Forge, Drexel Sport Management, Excel/Apex Physical Therapy, Fast Signs of Delaware, Fidelity Investments, Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Fromuth, Grimm & Grove Communications, Hamlin Family Foundation, Macy’s, McShane Sports Medicine, Philadelphia Magazine, Play Gr8.com, Secrets Limousine Service, Sweet Street Desserts, Tableleaf Wine, Tennis Farm, USTA Middle States and Yards Brewing Company. The official caterer of the Philadelphia Freedoms is Brûlée Catering.

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#### **About WTT Pro League presented by GEICO:**

The World TeamTennis (WTT) Pro League presented by GEICO showcases the best in professional team tennis with the innovative coed team format co-founded by Billie Jean King in the 1970s. The WTT Pro League has featured virtually every major champion of the Open era over the League's past 35 seasons.

Official WTT Pro League national and regional sponsors for the 2012 season include Cancer Treatment Centers of America, DecoTurf, GEICO, Kraft, Sims Recycling Solutions, UBS, and Wilson Racquet Sports. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is a minority owner and promotional partner of World TeamTennis. WTT and the USTA are teaming up on a number of initiatives, including development of the youth market through junior team tennis programs.

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