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**MAYOR FENTY PRESENTS KEY TO THE CITY TO THE WASHINGTON KASTLES TO
COMMEMORATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON**
Kastles Recognized for Commitment to the Community

WASHINGTON, D.C. – August 27, 2009 – The Washington Kastles, the 2009 World Team Tennis Champions, were honored today by Mayor Adrian Fenty with a key to the city. Mayor Fenty presented the key to Kastles owner Mark Ein and head coach Murphy Jensen in tribute to the Kastles first championship and the team’s commitment to DC and the greater metropolitan community through local charities and youth tennis clinics.

“It’s very exciting to have this award presented to the District’s first professional Tennis Team,” Mayor Fenty said. “We are honored to present a key to the city to the Washington Kastles, not only for their success on the court, but also for their commitment to the District’s communities and our youth.”

“It truly was a dream season for us, on and off the court”, said owner Mark Ein. “From being asked to host the championship, to winning our first King Trophy in front of our fans, to seeing the smiles on kids’ faces while they enjoyed the matches and clinics, it’s been a truly unforgettable season. We’re humbled to receive this honor from the city for our contributions to the community and amazed by the support we’ve received from our fans over the past two years.”

The Kastles had a stunning second season in World Team Tennis. The squad, led by Grand Slam champion Jensen in his first season as coach, rebounded from an 0-4 start to defeat the Springfield Lasers for the WTT title before a near-capacity Kastles Stadium crowd on July 26 and league co-founder and tennis legend Billie Jean King. The Kastles put on a show while hosting the WTT Championship Finals with Olga Puchkova fending off three match points in the evening’s final event, women’s singles, before winning the set 5-4 to set off a raucous on-court celebration.

In addition to the stellar coaching of Jensen and the heroic finals performance of Puchkova, the Kastles received numerous league honors. Leander Paes was named the 2009 Men’s MVP for the regular season while Scott Oudsema took home the Finals MVP award for his performance in men’s singles and doubles. Rennae Stubbs teamed with Paes to make the Kastles mixed doubles pairing the top-ranked in the league while Stubbs was the top-ranked female mixed doubles player in the league. Stubbs and Puchkova joined the Kastles in a key pre-season trade that sent Angela Haynes and CoCo Vandeweghe to the Capitals for Stubbs and Puchkova.

The Kastles’ season turnaround was aided by the midseason addition of two-time Kastle and defending Wimbledon Champion, Serena Williams, who helped the Kastles to four wins during a

five-match victory streak to push their record to 5-4 with 5 matches to play. After a three-match losing skid, the Kastles found themselves at 5-7 and needing to run the regular season table to make the playoffs. The Kastles won their final two matches to qualify as the second seed in the Eastern Conference. The league chose Kastles Stadium as the site of the Eastern Conference final, a heated rematch between the Kastles and the top-seeded Sportimes. The fireworks were limited to the court this time, with Oudsema defeating Robert Kendrick in overtime in the night's final event, men's singles, to earn the Kastles their first conference title. Two days later, the Kastles won the King Trophy for the first time in front of nearly 3,000 Kastles supporters.

Following the ceremony, the team will join fans at Occidental Grill & Seafood for a championship luncheon before the Kastles jump on a Tourmobile Sightseeing, Inc. trolley to visit some of DC's best-known landmarks with the King Trophy.

On the evening of September 2, on Arthur Ashe stadium court at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, the Kastles will be honored during the evening session of the US Open. This marks the first time in WTT history the champions have been recognized during the grand slam tournament.

The Kastles also served off the court as well, working to share the game with DC youth. This season, the Kastles hosted nine community clinics supported by Bloomberg for 400 underprivileged youths. The clinics were led by Serena Williams, Venus Williams, Anna Kournikova, Coach Murphy Jensen and the Kastles players. The Kastles donated more than 2,300 tickets to local charities and youth groups, gave away nearly \$30,000 worth of tennis rackets, almost \$10,000 worth of Kastles merchandise and made more than \$20,000 worth of donations to charities. This year's commitment increased by more than 50 percent from the team's inaugural 2008 season.

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About the Washington Kastles

The Washington Kastles brought home the King Trophy as the 2009 Advanta World Team Tennis Champions in only their second season. The Kastles, owned by entrepreneur Mark Ein, were led by ten-time Grand Slam singles champion Serena Williams. The 34th season of World Team Tennis, co-founded in 1974 by tennis legend Billie Jean King, ran from July 2-26 and concluded with the Advanta WTT Finals held in Washington, D.C. Throughout the season, the Kastles worked with local charities and community organizations to share the mission of WTT and bring the game of tennis to the broader community. For more information about the Kastles or to purchase tickets, visit www.washingtonkastles.com or call 202-4TENNIS (483-6647). Become a Kastles fan on Facebook and follow us at twitter.com/WashKastles.