

## NY SPORTIMES COMPLETE 2008 ROSTER

### -- Sromova & Witten Return--

April 3, 2008 - New York, NY: The NY Sportimes finalized their roster this week at the WTT Player Draft in Miami, Florida. The annual event follows the marquee draft, held previously, where the team drafted Sportime's star and perennial favorite, John McEnroe, who will play his 9<sup>th</sup> year of TeamTennis for the Sportimes. Sportime also drafted a visit from Serena Williams, who will be playing at Sportime's Stadium on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Of the eleven teams participating in the Player Draft, the Sportimes picked fourth; the team's home opener is scheduled for Thursday, July 3 at Sportime Stadium.

### Player Draft Results



Round #1: USA-born Bethanie Mattek was the team's first round pick. Mattek turned pro in 1999 and plays right handed with a two-handed backhand. She is currently ranked #29 in doubles on the WTA Tour, with a career-high singles ranking of #95 in the world. In addition to her continuing success as a player, she has made headlines with her unique and wild fashions on the court.

Round #2: The team "protected" crowd favorite Jessie Witten to return for his second WTT season with the Sportimes. In 2007, Witten was named "Male Rookie of the Year" after he led the League in men's singles. He has achieved a career high singles ranking of #171 in the world.



Round #3: The team assured the return of another Sportimes' player from 2007, Hana Sromova from the Czech Republic. Sromova achieved a career high singles ranking of #87 and doubles ranking of #63 in the world. This right handed competitor has eight ITF singles and 34 ITF doubles titles to her credit.

**Round #4:** The Sportimes drafted Brian Wilson, a 6' 3" Californian who plays right handed. Credited with leading the University of Illinois to an NCAA team title, this two time "All-American" is currently ranked #153 in the world in doubles. This is his second WTT season having previously played for the St. Louis Aces.



During the WTT Player Draft, 46 roster players representing 17 countries were added to the 2008 lineup, joining previously announced marquee players including Venus Williams (Philadelphia Freedoms), Serena Williams (Washington Kastles), Anna Kournikova (St. Louis Aces), John McEnroe (New York Sportimes), Lindsay Davenport (Newport Beach Breakers), Andy Roddick (St. Louis Aces) and Mike and Bob Bryan (Kansas City Explorers) to fill out the player list for the 2008 season.

The schedule for the WTT Pro League presented by Advanta includes 77 matches in 11 markets beginning July 3 and running through July 23 with the season-ending WTT Championship Weekend, set for July 24-27, in Roseville, Calif., home of the Sacramento Capitals. The 11-team League was co-founded by Billie Jean King in the early 1970s. Each team has two male and two female players who play singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches.

For more information about the Sportimes including the team's schedule and ticket information visit [www.nysportimes.com](http://www.nysportimes.com). For complete draft results visit [www.WTT.com](http://www.WTT.com).

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