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All Remaining Seeds (7 Women, 5 Men) to See Action in a Jammed Lexington Challenger Slate

'Ladies Night' Crowd to See UK Star Bruno, Perhaps Broderick

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Lexington, KY – All singles matches in the \$100,000 USTA Fifth Third Bank Tennis Championships were postponed Wednesday at UK's Hilary Boone Tennis Center forcing a packed Thursday schedule that will mean some women playing twice – including the winner of Ahsha Rolle and Kentucky Wildcat Megan Broderick at approximately 11:30 a.m. Yulia Fedossova of France awaits the victor in one of the 7 p.m. singles featured in the stadium.

On the adjacent court, UK All-American Bruno Agostinelli will battle with Tim Smyczek. The Canadian Davis Cup hero a week ago, Agostinelli and former UK teammate Eric Quigley will afterwards take on second-seeded Brendan Evans-Ryan Sweeting, the Lexington Challenger doubles champs in '07. The women's 8:30 stadium feature is seventh-seeded Valerie Tetreault of Canada versus Lindsay Lee-Waters, a quarter-finalist here a year ago.

Play begins at 10 a.m. with five first-round women's matches highlighted by sixth-seeded Madison Brengle versus Audra Cohen, the former No. 1 collegian in the country for Northwestern, then Miami (Fla) and 2007 NCAA champ. Second-seeded Sania Mirza, 85th in the world – but, 27th two years ago, sees her first action at about 11:30 against Maria Fernanda Alvarez Teran of Boliva.

Top seeds in the singles – American Brendan Evans and Julie Coin – have second rounds at approximately 12:30 and 2 p.m., respectively, on stadium court 2. Fifth-seeded Harel Levy, who has the best recent win of anyone in the draw – over No. 24 Igor Andreev as Israel upset Russia in a Davis Cup quarter-final, has a second-rounder with Nick Lindahl of Australia on court 3 at 7 p.m.

A half dozen first-round doubles matches were played Wednesday in the indoor Boone Center including top-seeded brothers Sanchai and Sonchat Ratiwatana of Thailand – the 2006 Lexington champs – defeating Ky Tae Im of Korea and Yuichi Sugita of Japan 6-4, 6-2.

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Since 1979, 15 USTA Pro Circuit alums (including five Americans) achieved the No. 1 world singles ranking. Maria Sharapova, Andy Roddick, Lindsay Davenport, Jelena Jankovic, Pete Sampras, Justine Henin, Jim Courier and Andre Agassi are among the game's top stars who began their career on the USTA Pro Circuit. The past few years have featured breakout performances by USTA Pro Circuit players. In 2007, John Isner, Ahsha Rolle and Donald Young all reached the third round of the US Open.