

Duel Under the Oaks Talking Points

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1. The Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation is sponsoring the Duel Under the Oaks, a benefit exhibition tennis match between tennis greats Pete Sampras and Todd Martin October 29 at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.
2. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to help alleviate the financial challenges facing LSU Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) students impacted by the hurricanes that ripped through Louisiana in 2005
3. LSUHSC programs include: medical, dental, nursing, public health, allied health professions and graduate studies.
4. The “Duel Under the Oaks”, activities will include the exhibition match, a youth tennis clinic and a

celebrity tennis match, and are being presented in cooperation with the LSU Foundation and the Tiger Athletic Foundation.

5. Tickets are \$25 and \$20, with special \$10 tickets available for students and children.
6. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.lsusports.net or by calling the LSU Ticket Office at 800-960-8587 or 225-578-2184.
7. The youth tennis clinic ages 7 to 17 is open to the public and begins at 9 am at the LSU Tennis Courts.
8. Beginning at noon, there will be an LSU Tennis Team Exhibition in the PMAC.
9. Sampras and Martin are playing in the celebrity match that follows the LSU Tennis Team Exhibition with *American Idol's* Randy Jackson, a BR native and actor Wes Brown, also a BR native, who is co-

starring with Matthew McConaughey in “*We are Marshall*” to be released in December 2006.

10. Paula Pennington de la Bretonne of the Pennington Family Foundation is organizing the match to assist the thousands of students who were victims of either Hurricane Katrina or Rita. At the time of the hurricane, one of her sons was a senior in medical school. He has since graduated.

11. Sampras and Martin partnered at the Davis Cup in the United States in 1995 to win the doubles title. They competed in the 2001 Australian Open, with Martin beating Sampras in the fourth round.

12. Pete Sampras became the youngest man to win the U.S. Open in 1990 when he was 19 years old

13. Pete has won seven Wimbledons, five U.S. Opens and two Australian Opens throughout his career.

14. In 2001, Pete won his 9th ESPY award, the *ESPY award for Male Tennis Performer of the year and Record Breaking Performance of the Year*.
15. Pete finished his career defeating Andre Agassi in the 2002 U.S. Open to claim his 14th Grand Slam Title.
16. Todd Martin was a finalist at the 1999 U.S. Open and the 1994 Australian Open.
17. He reached the semifinals at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Grand Slam Cup in 1994.
18. Martin played the Davis Cup for the United States every year between 1994 and 2002.
19. He was twice recognized by his peers with the Tour Sportsmanship Award for his abiding respect for the sport and his competitors.

20. Major sponsors include Stanford Financial Group,
The Advocate, WBRZ-TV2, Eagle 98.1 and the
General Health System.