

Photos by Norma Dubord



(l to r) **Chris Gambino, Luke Jensen, Beckett Ridge Director of Racquet Sports Jason Gray, Dave Ohlmuller and Murphy Jensen.**



(l to r) **Luke and Murphy Jensen warm up.**

As previewed in the Dec./Jan. issue, the **Battle at Beckett** was contested at the Beckett Ridge C.C. Jan. 15 in Cincinnati, Ohio, with Luke and Murphy Jensen taking on the No. 1-ranked platform tennis team of Chris Gambino and Dave Ohlmuller. At least 420 fans braved freezing cold temperatures to watch the exhibition between Gambino and Ohlmuller and the 1993 French Open doubles champion brothers. The Jensens lost the first set 6-1 and decided to swap partners: Luke Jensen hooking up with Ohlmuller and Murphy Jensen with Gambino. Dave and Luke were eventually victorious in the tie break with a score of 7-4. The match received coverage on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and The Tennis Channel as well as in papers such as the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Kentucky Journal. Please check out www.paddlepro.com for more information and to see numerous photos of the event.

The Washington Tennis & Education Foundation will honor **Chris Evert** at their Tennis Ball Gala Benefit on May 15. All proceeds from their Tenth Annual Capital Tennis Challenge and the benefit will go to the Foundation, whose mission is to improve the life prospects of nearly 1,500 at-risk Washington D.C. area youth. For information please call Thomasa Burton at (202) 726-0504.

Two-time Australian Open champ **Johan Kriek** announced the return of the **Johan Kriek Classic for Kids** charity event and debut at the Colony Golf & Country Club in Bonita Springs, Fla., on April 3-4. The tennis pro-am and exhibition, a golf tournament and a gala dinner will benefit the Naples Equestrian Challenge whose mission is to improve the lives of disabled children and adults in Collier County, Fla. For information and tickets, please call (561) 394-9190.

Peter Kaplan's Westhampton (N.Y.) Beach Tennis Camp will offer four scholarships to two juniors and two adults in memory of Mr. Kaplan's Cornell roommates Eamon McEneaney and Jay Gallagher and in memory of Sean Kimmerling and Amy Kohlberg. McEneaney perished in the 9/11 WTC attacks and Gallagher, Kimmerling and Kohlberg all died of cancer. To apply send a 200-word essay on why you should be considered to Peter Kaplan, 127 Indian Hill Rd., Bedford, N.Y. 10506.

The room rate for volunteers attending the USTA Annual Meeting in San Juan, P.R. at the Westin Rio Mar Beach Hotel is \$261 per night. Call Robustelli World Travel at (800) 344-1634 for flights and (787) 888-6000 for hotel reservations.

"**Big Bill!**" (l). A.R. Gurney's new play about the legendary Bill Tilden, opens Feb. 22 at Lincoln Center's Mitzi E. Newhouse Theater in New York City. Directed by Mark Lamos, the play stars John Michael Higgins as Tilden and depicts Tilden's distinguished tennis career, extravagant style, personal travails and his ultimate downfall. For information call (212) 561-3252, or for tickets, call TeleCharge at (212) 239-6200.

Daids Originals, has introduced the SilverSports Jewelry Collection, sports-themed silver products including ladies tennis (r) and golf bangle bracelets. The bracelets retail for \$59.99 and can be ordered at (800) 634-8393 or at silversport-jewelry.com.



Little Miss Tennis has offered contemporary kids tennis active wear for more than 25 years in the U.S. Featured are a lavender and white (l) cotton/spandex top and skirt which retails for \$63, and a turquoise and black (r) polyester/spandex ensemble that retails for \$67. Boys' clothes are also available. To find out more call (800) 388-0291 or go to littlemissstennis.com.

Xenna Corporation has developed products to combat the stress tennis players place on their hands and feet. **Callex® Callus Ointment** (r) is tough on calluses, but gentle on skin. **NonyX® Nail Gel** is a topical gel which exfoliates the source of nail discoloration (or keratin debris). To find out more call (800) 368-6003 or check out xenna.com.



Prince has unveiled the two rackets that have evolved from its much talked about "Experimental" racket at the U.S. Open. The **Tour Diablo** (l), used by Jennifer Capriati at the U.S. Open, features a 100 sq. inch headsize, is 10.9 oz. and is 27.25" in length. The **Tour NXGraphite** (r) has a 100 sq. inch head, weighs 11.6 oz. and is 27.25" in length. Juan Carlos Ferrero plays with the Tour NXGraphite. Visit princetennis.com for details.

