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Coach Stoops Joins the 5th Annual Gootter Grand Slam

To benefit Sudden Cardiac Death Research

Tucson, AZ--The 5th Annual Gootter Grand Slam weekend will take place on March 27th and 28th, 2010. Presented by the Steven M. Gootter Foundation, the annual event has raised over a million dollars to fund research projects and the Steven M. Gootter Endowed Chair for the Prevention and Treatment of Sudden Cardiac Death at the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center. Additionally in 2010 the Foundation, in partnership with the Sarver Center, donated automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to over 20 Southern Arizona public and private high schools. This year UA Football Coach Mike Stoops has joined the team to help find a cure for the disease that took his own father's life on the football field while he was coaching several years ago. Coach Stoops will participate in an exhibition tennis match and other activities over the weekend.

The 2010 Gootter Grand Slam weekend kicks off with a new event - the **Super Gootter Parent/Child Tournament** that will take place on Friday, March 26th from 6-8:30 pm at the Tucson Racquet Club. The entry fee is \$25 per team and includes a barbecue and live music following the tournament.

The 3rd Annual **Super Gootter USTA - Junior Tennis Classic** will take place on Saturday, March 27th from 11am to 4:00pm at The Reffkin Tennis Center at Randolph Park. This singles & doubles Level 3 tournament is a USTA sanctioned one-day, non-elimination event. Winners and runner-ups of each age division will also be presented awards by special guest tennis pro Mats Wilander at Reffkin Tennis Center's Stadium Court on Sunday, March 28th (see below). To register, contact Jeff Brack or Jim Reffkin at 520-791-4896 or on the USTA website: <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=87634>.

Following the juniors tournament, the festivities will continue at Skyline Country Club at 6:30pm for a gala dinner honoring Bobby Present, president and a founder of the Steven M. Gootter Foundation. The evening will feature a tribute to Bobby and an exciting live auction. Tickets to the dinner event are \$150 per person and can be purchased on the website at <http://www.gootter.org> or by calling 520-615-6430.

Sunday, March 28th, the **Gootter Grand Slam** jumps into action at 9am at the Reffkin Tennis Center at Randolph Park with a doubles tournament until noon, when an exciting pro-celebrity challenge match will take center court featuring 8 time Grand Slam Champion Mats Wilander, former world top 10 ranked singles player; Mikael Pernfors, and UA Head Football Coach Mike Stoops. Following the doubles match, the singles match between Wilander and Pernfors will take place. Other attractions throughout the day at the tennis center will include a health/wellness fair, food and drink and live music, concluding with the awards presentations at 2:45. Limited player spots are available in the doubles tournament at \$75 per person. Spectator Tickets are \$25 per person. Special family price (for up to 4 people – 2 adults, 2 children) for \$40 includes food, drink, live music, health and wellness fair and great tennis.

Tickets to all events can be purchased by calling 520-615-6430. Tennis event tickets can also be purchased at the Reffkin Tennis Center Pro Shop, and the Racquet Shack. For more information on the Gootter Foundation and Sudden Cardiac Death visit: www.gootter.org

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation was formed by the friends and family of Steve Gootter, a vibrant, athletic 42-year-old father of two who lost his life to sudden cardiac death on Feb. 10, 2005 and is dedicated to the mission of defeating sudden cardiac death (SCD), the leading cause of death in the United States. To achieve this mission, the Foundation has partnered with the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center to fund scientific research into the causes and prevention of sudden cardiac death. The Foundation works to increase awareness of the disease among those who may be at risk, and it fosters education about SCD among health care professionals and the general public. For more information on Sudden Cardiac Death and the Steven M. Gootter Foundation, visit the website at <http://www.gootter.org> or call Claudine Messing at (520) 615-6430.