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Family Circle Tennis Center to be renamed LTP-Daniel Island

CHARLESTON, S.C. - After the recent acquisition of Charleston Tennis LLC, which owns the sanction of the Volvo Car Open and operates the Family Circle Tennis Center, the facility will officially be renamed LTP - Daniel Island in an effort to consolidate both operational and instructional assets of these two world class facilities LTP - Mt. Pleasant and LTP - Daniel Island.

"As we have gone through the acquisition process and taken the time to look at both facilities and the opportunities they present, it only makes sense to bring both the Mt. Pleasant and Daniel Island properties under one umbrella," says Bob Moran, President of Charleston Tennis LLC.

Patrick Hieber will be named the Director of Tennis for the combined facilities under the LTP brand. Patrick has over 20 years of experience in tennis, most recently working closely with the Randy Pate Tennis Academy at LTP - Mt. Pleasant. Patrick has also served as the Tournament Director for the ITF professional events held at LTP - Mt. Pleasant as well as the USTA Girls 18s Clay Court Championships hosted here in Charleston.

"Patrick, a native of Fulda Germany, brings an amazing amount of experience in all aspects of tennis operations from his work helping to grow the Randy Pate Tennis Academy to his experience as Tournament Director of multiple nationally recognized events. We are extremely excited to have Patrick, along with his wife Sandra and their twin boys Silas and Yorrick, lead the LTP team."

"I also got to see, first hand, how accomplished a player Patrick is as he worked with Madison Keys as a hitting partner for Madison's run to the 2019 Volvo Car Open title!" commented Bob Moran.

"I am very excited for what we are building at the LTP facilities!" says Patrick Hieber. "The opportunity to work together with passionate and simply good people, just like a family, is what I really love about being part of LTP. Rob Eppelsheimer and Nancy Heinz have built an amazing culture at LTP Daniel Island and Ina O'Rourke at LTP Mt. Pleasant. I look forward to working with the teams at both facilities to deliver a consistent first class experience."

## Key announcements from Randy Pate Tennis Academy for LTP - Daniel Island

Charly Rasheed takes over as Adult Tennis Director at LTP- Daniel Island. Charly brings a wealth of knowledge to the team having served as the Director of Tennis at Wild Dunes Resort for the last 14 years. One of the most passionate teachers in the game, Charly has been a member of PTR and presented at the PTR International Symposium. In 2004, he was awarded the USTA South Carolina Tennis Professional of the Year as well as in 2011 the Adult Player of the Year. Charly played collegiate tennis at Clemson University and University of Mississippi.

Craig Cignarelli leads the 12 and under Tennis as the new Junior Development Director. Craig has been a dedicated and passionate tennis coach for 30 years. Renowned for his tactical teachings, he has helped take six juniors to #1 national rankings - earning the distinction of being "one of the most successful developmental coaches in the country." He has coached dozens of top college players, received a number of industry coaching awards and has traveled around the world as coach to players on both the ATP and WTA tours. He is an internationally recognized speaker at various events in the US and abroad, including the Australian Open Coaching Conference. His coaching app, "Ciggy" launches later this summer.