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OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WINNING U.S. NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM WILL PLAY CHINA IN FINAL MATCH OF VICTORY TOUR AT FAU STADIUM

The Olympic spirit is coming to Palm Beach County and Boca Raton! The Palm Beach County Sports Commission is partnering with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) to host the 2012 Olympic gold medal-winning U.S. Women's National Team (WNT) at the new FAU Stadium in Boca Raton. The U.S. Women's National Team will play China in a marquee international matchup. The game will take place on December 15 and it represents the 10th and final match of the U.S. Soccer Federation's Fan Tribute Tour, presented by Panasonic. The game will kick off at 7pm.



After winning the gold medal for the United States in Wembley, England, the U.S. Soccer Federation announced that a 10 game victory tour would take place at venues throughout the United States. The Palm Beach County Sports Commission and Florida Atlantic University won the bid to host the only Fan Tribute Tour stop located in the nation's southeast region. The USA has played China once so far in 2012, a 4-1 victory on May 27 in front of a sell-out crowd at PPL Park in Chester, Pa. The Dec. 15 match in Florida will be the 49th between the USA and China.

The USA has averaged more than 18,000 fans during the first five (5) games of the Fan Tribute Tour. The USA's record during the tour is 3-0-2, defeating Costa Rica 8-0, beating Australia by 2-1 and 6-2 scores, and drawing Germany twice, 1-1 and 2-2. The USA returns to action for matches against Ireland on Nov. 28 at JELD-WEN Field in Portland, Oregon, and Dec. 1 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. Leading up to the match at FAU, the USA will play matches at Ford Field in Detroit on Dec. 8 and BBVA Compass Stadium in Houston on Dec. 12.

The U.S. Women's National Team made history this year by winning its third straight gold medal (and fourth gold medal overall) at the 2012 London Olympics. The USA went undefeated at 6-0-0 for the first time at an Olympic tournament, which included a thrilling come-from-behind overtime victory in the semifinal against Canada on Aug. 6 and Carli Lloyd's two-goal performance to lead the U.S. to a 2-1 win against 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup champion, Japan, in the gold medal match on Aug. 9.

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NATIONAL TEAM TO PLAY CHINA (CONTINUED)

The bid to host the U.S. Women's National Team is a special occasion. The Fan Tribute Tour will represent the first appearance for the U.S. Women's National Team in Palm Beach County and the first in South Florida in nearly 13 years. The USA's last appearance in the region came in February 2000 when the Americans faced Norway in Fort Lauderdale. The Tour will also represent the first international soccer game to take place at FAU Stadium. The newly built stadium, with a seating capacity of 30,000, is a \$70 million investment that opened in October 2011. FAU Stadium is home to varsity college football and was selected as the site for the Major League Lacrosse All Star Game in June 2012. FAU Stadium is the only of its kind that offers a picturesque view of the Atlantic Ocean.

In addition to world class soccer, Palm Beach County will receive significant economic benefits from hosting the United States and China. The game will attract soccer enthusiasts from across the state and region. The Palm Beach County Sports Commission estimates the Fan Tribute Tour could generate over \$1 million in economic impact. This game will showcase Palm Beach County on a national and global stage.

Tickets available through **ussoccer.com**, by phone at **1-800-745-3000**, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers throughout south Florida and at the Wally Sanger Owl Club Center ticket office on the Florida Atlantic



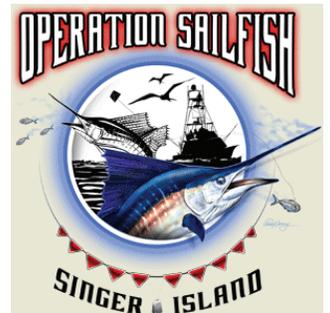
University campus (open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.). Tickets will be sold at FAU Stadium only during the day of the event.

Groups of 20 or more can obtain an order form at **ussoccer.com** or call **312-528-1290**. Ultimate Fan Tickets (special VIP packages that include a premium ticket, a custom-made official U.S. National Team jersey with name and number, VIP access to the field before and after the game, and other unique benefits) are also available exclusively through **ussoccer.com**.

STAKES WILL BE HIGH IN RENOWNED SAILFISH TOURNAMENT

On Dec 12th, a cavalry of elite sailfishing teams will converge on Sailfish Marina in Riviera Beach, to compete in the highly anticipated fishing tournament, Operation Sailfish. Some of the best billfishing teams in the world will compete for an estimated \$500,000 purse. This fishing tournament equals two days of battle against sailfish on the high seas off the Coast of Palm Beach County. Operation Sailfish is the first leg in the highly touted Quest for the Crest series, which stretches from West Palm Beach to Key Largo. The estimated purse for the series is in excess of \$1 million dollars.

The historic Sailfish Marina is the headquarters for Operation Sailfish. This renowned marina is the closest marina to the Palm Beach inlet, complete with a dockside restaurant and rooms on the property. This is the largest national billfishing tournament to take place at the Sailfish Marina, since the Sailfish Open, a leg of the Sailfish Open Pro Series, which came to Palm Beach County in 2012.



The military undertones that accompany the tournament name are not by chance. Operation Sailfish honors the men and women who don the uniform and make the ultimate pledge to protect our freedom each and every day. A portion of the proceeds from the



tournament will be donated to Operation Homefront, a military based charity. This four star rated charity provides emergency financial assistance, food, household goods and other services to military families and wounded warriors.

The stakes will be high in this first leg of the series as teams hope to get off to a hot start in pursuit of what will be recognized as the most iconic achievement in competitive sailfishing – the Quest for the Crest Jacket. A 'Nascar' style point race will assign scores based on where the teams finish in each leg of the series. The team that accumulates the highest score will claim the jacket and undoubtedly be recognized as the most dominant team in competitive sailfishing!

PALM BEACH COUNTY SPORTS COMMISSION WINS BID TO HOST THE SUNSHINE STATE CONFERENCE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BOCA RATON



The Palm Beach County Sports Commission will partner with the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) to host the SSC Tennis Championships at South County Regional Park in Boca Raton, which will be held from Thursday April 18 to Saturday, April 20, 2013. Colleges and universities from across the state of Florida will compete in three days of competition to crown a conference champion for both men and women teams.

The SSC annually features some of the best tennis teams in NCAA Division II, with conference teams traditionally advancing far into the national tournament. League teams have won a total of 11 men's and women's NCAA tennis championships. The SSC is comprised of 9 Florida schools.

South County Regional Park features one of the premier tennis facilities in Palm Beach County. The park maintains 19 lighted all-weather courts. The 2013 conference championship will mark the first time an SSC event has taken place at South County Regional Park and Boca Raton.



The 2013 SSC Championships will feature all seven league men's teams and the top eight women's teams, according to the final regular-season standings. Play will begin with quarterfinal matches on Thursday, April 18, and conclude with the championship finals and consolation matches on Saturday, April 20. A total of 21 matches will be played. Each match will feature competition in three doubles and six singles flights. The first team to accumulate five points in those head-to-head matches will win the contest.

Headquartered in Winter Park, FL, the Sunshine State Conference sponsors 16 sports that compete in NCAA Division II. In addition to the tennis championship, the league annually conducts conference championships in cross country, soccer, swimming, basketball, golf, and women's rowing.



Founded in 1975, the Sunshine State Conference has risen from a single sport organization to the Division II "Conference of National Champions." Since its inception, the conference has grown steadily in sports played, membership and national prominence. Sunshine State Conference schools have won NCAA national championships (78 total) in baseball, softball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, men's basketball, men's and women's tennis and volleyball, and are nationally recognized in men's and women's cross country and men's and women's swimming, as well as women's rowing.

For more information on the Sunshine State Conference Tennis Championships, visit www.sunshinestateconference.com/



LITTLE MO INTERNATIONAL OPEN MAKES INAUGURAL APPEARANCE AT PGA NATIONAL

The Little Mo International Open will take place on the tennis courts at PGA National Resort and the Ballen Isle Country Club from December 7-12, 2012. This is the event's first appearance in Palm Beach County, after stints in Arlington, TX and Port St. Lucie. This youth tennis tournament will feature both boys and girls in 5 different age groups (12u, 11u, 10u, 9u, and 8u). The tournament will feature singles, double, and mixed doubles competitions for each age group. Approximately 250 athletes from more than 40 countries are expected to compete. A total of 25 tennis courts will be utilized (15 at PGA National & 10 at Ballen Isles).



The Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation conducts Little Mo tournaments throughout the country. This includes 17 sectionals, 4 regionals, 1 national, and 2 international tournaments. This event will represent the 6th Little Mo International Open. This tournament is named after Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly, who was the first woman to win the Grand Slam when she was only 18 years old in 1953. She is still the youngest and only American woman to have accomplished this feat. In addition to the tennis, the Little Mo International Open will provide an influx of tourism and economic benefits to Palm Beach County.

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