

# 2006 Les Halles Cup



L to R: Philippe Lajaunie, Sklyar Morton, Mayor Anthony Williams, Saida Bennou, Charlie Brotman and Denise Skinner

## Washington, DC

On Saturday July 29th the 2006 Les Halles Cup Series began in spectacular fashion as **Pennsylvania Avenue** as well as the US Capitol Building provided the perfect back drop for a tennis clinic and information fair. **Wesley Moodie** and **Steven Huss**, 2005 Wimbledon Doubles Champions, took a break from their practice for the **Legg Mason Tennis Classic** to help DC kids with basic instruction in tennis fundamentals and hitting skills. Tennis on the avenue concluded with the player's registration and draw party for the Les Halles Cup tournament.

Les Halles Cup matches were played along side the Legg Mason Tennis Classic matches at the William FitzGerald Tennis Center. The girls' draw finished with **Sklyar Morton** and **Saida Bennou** competing for the title of girl's champion, with finalist honors going to Sklyar. Washington, DC **Mayor Anthony Williams** was on hand to congratulate Sklyar on her win and Saida for a match well played. The Mayor also presented players with trophies, medals and new **Babolat** racquets and equipment bags at the awards ceremony.

The boy's final featured defending boy's champion **Jerel Pleasant** against **Paul Webster**. Jerel successfully defended his title to repeat as the Washington, DC boy's winner. Both winners are going to Miami for the Les Halles Cup Finals in December.

## Thank You

The Les Halles Cup Series would not be possible without the generosity and support of the Washington, DC and New York tennis communities and tournament partners. The Les Halles Tennis Foundation is grateful to **Babolat**, **Wilson**, **SFX**, **George Washington University**, **Ciao Bella** and **Volvic** for their generous and continued support.

## New York City, NY

This year, Les Halles Cup celebrated a new partnership with the **Harlem Junior Tennis Program (HJTP)** by becoming the Title Sponsor of the Boys and Girls 12 and 14 at the Harlem Week/Les Halles Cup Tri-State Junior Tennis Classic. In addition, the Les Halles Tennis Foundation sponsored players in the 12 and 14 year old boy's and girl's from the Coop City Tennis program, HJTP, Youth and Tennis and Washington Heights so that they could participate in the tournament.

**Clark Ruiz** pulled out a win in the boys 12 after a long match while **Christian Waldron** emerged as the boys 14 winner. On the other side, **Tylah Gantt** proved herself as the girls 12 winner and the longest match of the day was won by **Gabrielle Sullivan** in the girls 14.



All semi-final players of the Harlem Week/Les Halles Cup Tournament

The three day tournament at the **Fred Johnson Tennis Courts** in Harlem concluded with a celebration of youth tennis featuring a tennis clinic and neighborhood barbecue.

The winners of both the Washington, DC and New York tournaments earned a trip to Miami in December to compete in the Les Halles Cup finals the Junior Orange Bowl in addition to awards and prizes.



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