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## ***The 2007 U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships' Main Draw Features Green Har-Tru® Clay Courts***

*Westside Tennis and Fitness of Houston Texas Makes the Switch from Red Clay Courts to Green Har-Tru Clay Courts*

Charlottesville, VA (April 5, 2007) – Lee Tennis, the maker of **Har-Tru®**, announced today the **Westside Tennis and Fitness**, where the 2007 U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships are being held, has converted its red clay tennis courts to Har-Tru courts to provide their tournament players, pros and members alike with an ultimate playing experience. The 2007 U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships are slated for April 9 – 15 in Houston, TX., and may mark **the final tournament**, in which top tennis players have been convening since 2001 to compete in Texas on an annual basis.

"Our players are really excited about playing on the Har-Tru courts since the surfaces provide them with a much better experience; increasing **slide comfort** while minimizing risk for injuries," said Kim Barnett, facilities manager Westside Tennis and Fitness in Houston, TX. "We're also thrilled about our investment in the courts as **they're easy to maintain** and are aesthetically pleasing. They look great!"

John Welborn, director of business development at Lee Tennis, said "We are honored that Westside Tennis and Fitness decided to invest in the game by converting their courts to Har-Tru to ensure maximum playability for this major tournament." Welborn added, "At Lee Tennis, we are always seeking **to provide the latest and best array of clay surfacing options** for those who love the game of tennis by providing expert advice, quality products, and partnering with world renowned pros like **Jose Higuera**s who are committed to advancing the clay court tennis experience."

The **2007 U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships'** highlight includes three of the world's top ten players - Andy Roddick ranked 3rd, James Blake ranked 6th, and Tommy Haas ranked 9th, in addition to the top ten players in American tennis. The USMCCC has been held at Westside Tennis and Fitness since 2001, and has featured tennis greats Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras. This year's event is the last chance to see top tennis players together in one tournament in Texas. For more information, visit [www.mensclaycourt.com](http://www.mensclaycourt.com)

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**About Jose Higuera:**

Having more than 20 years of coaching experience, Jose Higuera shares his knowledge with his students through the world-class **Jose Higuera Tennis Institute** in Palm Springs, Ca. His game was rooted in the qualities he's known for: patience, hard work and sense of fair play. Higuera, a winner of 15 ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) tournament titles, ranked in the world top ten. Additionally, Higuera received the ATP sportsmanship award in 1983. For information on Jose Higuera and the Jose Higuera Tennis Institute, please visit [www.smoketreeranch.com](http://www.smoketreeranch.com).

**About Lee Tennis:**

An affiliate of **Luck Stone Corporation**, **LEE Tennis** has played a vital role in the development of the HAR-TRU tennis court. Having 40,000 Har-Tru courts, Lee Tennis has been the mainstay on the clay court business in North America since 1964. Lee Tennis' dedication to quality and refinement has made LEE's HAR-TRU the number one selling clay type surfacing material. To support surfacing, Lee Tennis manufactures a full line of quality maintenance equipment and accessories, and provides expert technical consulting and customer support. Lee Tennis is represented by some of the leading tennis real property contractors in the U.S., and its products are sold in many countries around the world. Please visit [www.leetennis.com](http://www.leetennis.com) for more information.

**About Luck Stone Corporation:**

**Luck Stone Corporation** is one of the largest private, family-owned and operated aggregates suppliers in the U.S. Headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, Luck Stone is the 9th largest producer of crushed stone in the nation. It operates 17 crushed stone plants in Virginia and North Carolina, 2 sand and gravel operations, 6 architectural stone centers and 2 granite fabrication facilities. The company's real estate arm, Luck Properties, strives to develop real estate that is community- and environmentally-friendly. Luck Stone also owns Lee Tennis/HAR-TRU®, the world's most popular type of clay tennis court and a leading supplier of court accessories. Luck Stone is committed to environmental stewardship and community involvement and has been recognized nationally for its conservation and community relations programs. Please visit [www.luckstone.com](http://www.luckstone.com) for more information.

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