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18th Annual Denver Polo Classic Denver's ORIGINAL Charity Polo Event

June 27, 2005 DENVER—Philanthropy, society and sport unite at the Denver Active 20-30 Children's Foundation (DA 20-30) **18th Annual Denver Polo Classic July 15-17** presented by Avanade. Located at the esteemed Columbine Polo Club, the Denver Polo Classic has matured as one of Denver's largest social events of the year—and one of the leading charitable Polo events in the country.

Charity:

The 2004 Denver Polo Classic rose over \$160,000, and all 2005 proceeds will assist the numerous beneficiaries of DA 20-30 Children's Foundation, WB2 Gives and the Denver Nuggets Community Fund, funds of the McCormick Tribune Foundation.

Bill Young, DA 20-30 President elect, has been involved with the Denver Polo Classic for five years. "This event is what has helped define our philanthropic organization for the last 18 years. In its time at the Columbine Polo Club, **over \$1.5 million has been raised for DA 20-30 charities**, and our success is due to the longstanding support from so many club members, sponsors and the community at large."

Society:

Sophistication. Class. Elegance. The Denver Polo Classic kicks off this year with the **British Airways Fiesta de Verano Black Tie Ball** July 15 6:30pm to 11:30pm. Guests will feast on Latin fare provided by Catering by Design, take part in the live and silent auctions, dance barefoot to Latin music and end the evening with an intimate musical performance by local favorite Hazel Miller.

Picnic baskets, blankets and families scatter the hillside and the sound of laughter fills the summer air. July 16 the **College Invest Family Day presented by Colorado Expression Magazine** and qualifying polo matches ensue at the Columbine Polo Club, where patrons (amateurs) and professionals team up and compete for Sunday's championship games. From 1:00pm to 5:00pm, families and friends gather for a day "out on the field." Food and beverages will be available from Odooba.

Kent Barker, founder of the Vail Polo Club, is playing as a patron in this year's matches with Columbine Polo Club founder and professional polo player Bob Koehler. Barker has played in the Polo Classic since the early 90's and feels that "The Denver Polo Classic provides an atmosphere very welcoming of families and people of distinction, but most of all, it presents an opportunity to witness world-class polo all while giving back to our community's underprivileged children."

On July 17, **The Wright Group Polo Championship Game Day**, ladies arrive decked out in garden party attire and wide-brimmed hats, and the men follow suit. From 10:30am to 3:30pm, spectators partake in time-honored divot stomping, fantastic food and competitive polo entertainment upon the Columbine Polo Grounds. Winners from Saturday's semifinals contend to win the Polo Cup, spectators cool off from the heat under tents and sample cuisine from some of Denver's finest restaurants, and exciting Jack Russell terrier races take place between rounds.

Sport:

Mallets launch polo balls in the air, horses run at incredible speeds, and team players exhibit extreme power and dexterity. Polo isn't all glitz and glamour--sports agility and physical strength are paramount in the game, and an unbridled commitment, from both the player and pony, earn its designation "King of Sports."

"[Polo] is gender blind. You earn your rating according to ability, not sex. We're all equal on the field. There's no teeing off 25 yards closer in Polo!"

Kathleen Roberts
2005 Denver Polo Classic patron

Kathleen Roberts joins the 18th Annual Denver Polo Classic as the **only female patron player**, but that doesn't daunt her. loves to be around horses as much as possible, so when the former tri-athlete and long distance cyclist chose a new sport—Polo became her passion. The 2005 Denver Polo Classic features four Polo teams showcasing Colorado, national and international patrons and pros. The teams face off for the winning Cup in Sunday's championship game.

Corporate Sponsors

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Participating Restaurants

Cherry Tomato, Mattie's House of Mirrors, Pasquini's Pizzeria and Bakery, Sambuca Jazz Café, Washington Park Grille, 5°, Imperial Chinese, Qdoba and many more.

Play Ball!

Ticket prices: Friday Black Tie Ball \$150, Saturday Family Day Semifinals \$30, Sunday Championship Games \$150, or \$275 for a Weekend Pass. Buy tickets at www.ticketmaster.com, or call 303-830-TIXS. For more information, visit www.denverpolo.com. Columbine Polo Club is located at 4401 W. Mineral Ave.

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