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COACHES DAY: THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE ATHLETES AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (June 26, 2006) – Coaches motivate and support their teams and athletes. They also teach the game and promote proper sportsmanship. The National Constitution Center presents *Sports Family Fun Day: Coaches Day: The People behind the Athletes* on Saturday, July 15, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This free event is one of the Center's monthly *Sports Family Fun Days* presented in conjunction with the *Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers* exhibition. Regular museum admission is not included.

Visitors will have the opportunity to hear coaches discuss what it is like to be on the other side of sports, helping the athletes succeed. Coaches will also describe the hardships they have endured in their devotion to teams and players. Guests include University of Pennsylvania volleyball coach Kerry Carr; Delaware Swim Team coaches Kathy Drysdale and Mike Ramone; Mark Masters from the Fencing Academy of Philadelphia; University of Pennsylvania fencing Coach Dave Micahnik; and Steve Schiffert, football coach at Easton Area High School.

Sports Family Fun Days occur one Saturday each month throughout the run of the exhibition, May 26 through August 20, 2006. These events give kids the opportunity to participate in fun and innovative family-oriented activities that complement the *Sports* exhibition experience. Event participation is free, but museum admission is not included.

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From May 26 through August 20, 2006 the National Constitution Center is hosting **Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers**, a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition that tells the stories of 35 athletes and their performances in 17 different sports. The exhibit also features an exclusive National Constitution Center created section, *Local Legends*, as a tribute to hometown heroes who have made a difference in the Philadelphia sports community.

Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers is free with regular museum admission of \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers was developed by the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). Audi is the exclusive national sponsor of the exhibition.

The Constitution Center's showing of the *Sports* exhibit is sponsored in part by the *Philadelphia Daily News*. The *Daily News* has a longstanding tradition for excellent sports coverage by an award-winning staff. *Daily News* sports writers also are seen each weekday on *Daily News Live* from 5-6:30 p.m. on Comcast SportsNet. The show is currently in its ninth season.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising."

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