

Sports Authority's annual report documents exceptional sports year

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SAN JOSE (Oct. 20, 2005) – By any measure the San Jose Sports Authority's just-completed fiscal year was an exceptional one for sports in the city, adding two major events to its annual calendar, and the future is brighter still.

San Jose not only hosted several major events in 2004-05, but this year the NHL and its players' union reached agreement, which means the Sharks are playing again in HP Pavilion.

Dean Munro, executive director of the Sports Authority, said "The accomplishments of the Sports Authority were made possible because of the extraordinary support of the organization's board and staff, Mayor Ron Gonzales and the City Council, the city administration – in particular the Office of Economic Development and Paul Krutko – the Convention and Visitors Bureau, with special thanks to Dan Fenton and Todd Dibs, and HP Pavilion under the exceptional leadership of Jim Goddard, its general manager and executive vice president. Major events come to San Jose because people like the city a great deal and because of an exceptional team of people who work in unison to present San Jose in the best possible light."

The [2005 Annual Report](#) for the San Jose Sports Authority is attached to this news release, and highlights of last year's achievements are listed below:

The running of the **Taylor Woodrow Grand Prix of San José**, which was the biggest sporting event ever held in the city, drew more than 150,000 people to the city center. One newspaper called it the most exciting event ever held in downtown. This event was telecast into more than 160 countries.

The holding of the **Toyota Challenge** event of the **Dew Action Sports Tour** inside and outside HP Pavilion. This action tour event included skateboarding, BMX and motocross competition. It was broadcast live on Saturday and Sunday on NBC and on Thursday and Friday on the USA Network.

The Sports Authority was selected to host the **USA Gymnastics VISA National Championships** in 2007. To be held in HP Pavilion, the women's competition will be accompanied by the organization's national coaches' convention and trade show, which will be held at McEnery Convention Center. The championships will bring several thousand people to San Jose and be broadcast twice on NBC.

The Sports Authority's youth golf program became a chapter of **The First Tee®**, a program of the World Golf Foundation. This year the program will have 500 youngsters participate and next year participation will increase to approximately 1,000.

The annual report normally covers the fiscal year from July 1 – June 30. This year, because of the scale of the events and the timing of the report, it includes some events that were held early in the new program year.