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ERIC'S TRUE LOVE!

Y&R's Emmy-winning Braeden challenges the pro to a tennis match!

"I'm in heaven!" That's what **THE YOUNG & THE RESTLESS'** Eric Braeden (Victor) had to say of his whirlwind weekend of tennis in Toronto from August 14-16. Fans know the actor is in peak physical condition and that he has a passion for sports. So you can imagine his enthusiastic reaction when he received an invitation from Tennis Canada to take part in the annual du Maurier Open. He jumped at the chance to participate!

"We're trying to change the image that tennis had in the past of being quiet and boring," notes tournament

director Jane

Wynn to *Update*

in regards to snagging Braeden. "Having somebody like Eric here helps us to attract the non-tennis fans."

So how did the actor do on the court? Braeden

was a worthy opponent, firing solid volleys

against France's Mary Pierce.

Following the match, she talked about Braeden's strengths: "He was quick at the net and is a smooth and consistent player. I was very impressed," says Pierce. Between matches, Braeden took time to answer questions from the crowd. Of his current power-struggle storyline, the actor promises:

"It may take a few months, but Brad will get his. Trust me."

THIS JUST IN...

According to a show spokesperson, runners surrounding The WB and FOX adding **SWU** to their lineups are premature because NBC is still airing the show. But they added: "We would hope that someone would step us around if [NBC cancels the show]."



▲ Braeden poses with players (L to R) Serna, Pierce, Matheny and Delgado.



▲ Update captures both the Y&R star and our reporter Elaine Loring in action.

get closer to
DAYS at this fun-
 illed fan event!

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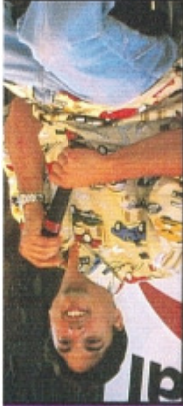
Austin Peck reacted to the
 word's romantic advice.



Dattilo joked with his fans:
 "I'm a channel surfer just like you!"



Spirtas kept his fans — and
 fellow actors — in stitches!



On August 15, four of the most popular stars of **DAYS OF OUR LIVES** hit the stage of Paramount Canada's Wonderland for Bryce Becker's annual Soap Opera Festival! Kristian Alfonso (Hope), Justin Peck (Austin), Bryan Dattilo (Lucas) and Kevin Spirtas (Craig) were welcomed with open arms by thousands of devoted **DAYS** fans.

The show opened with Peck coming out boxing like a champ. After the hot for planted a kiss on festival hostess Becker's lips, she called for a doctor, and in like a shot came Salem's west hospital chief of staff, Dr. Craig Wesley, in the form of Spirtas! Offered to check her heart and then took her pulse by kissing her arm, Dattilo reacted to the fans' antics.

The four actors share a common love of humor, and frequently had a crowd hysterical with their jokes. "I think they're going to part me up with Sami." His response netted a mixed reaction, including screams of "yes" and "no!"

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"DAYS viewers are going to be really happy in a few weeks!"

her personal thanks to his on-screen wife Nancy (Pantula Darbo) for all she's done for the self-esteem of full-figured women, Spirtas explained. "Craig and Nancy have a non-conventional relationship by television standards, but this is a marriage based on love."

Backstage, Spirtas continued: "Part-ka has taught me a lot about image. Within this lovely woman, there's a heart, joy, pain, sadness, and there's beauty inside and out. The gift that I get is to look beyond the outer, and there, inside, is a jewel."

When asked what will happen to his character romantically, Peck told fans: "I think they're going to part me up with Sami." His response netted a mixed reaction, including screams of "yes" and "no!"

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During a break between the two live shows, Alfonso called her current storyline — playing Hope/Craig/Princess Gina — a tremendous challenge. "I have to say, I'm having a lot of fun with it. I don't think I've ever worked so hard in my life. I'm working five days a week and taping up to 18 shows in one week because of all the characters. The actress went on to say that she loves the opportunity that she's been given acting-wise. Looking to the future for Princess Gina, Alfonso noted that "there's a lot that's going to happen throughout the castle."

Speaking about what may be ahead for Bo and Hope, Alfonso smiled and said, "I think they're going to part me up with Sami." His response netted a mixed reaction, including screams of "yes" and "no!"

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A Lady of DAYS

Photos by Jim Warren



With her trademark smile, Alfonso admitted, "I don't know who I am right now!"



▲ All four stars took time to pose for photos and personally greet many of their fans, giving the hearts of all who came.



▲ They may be enemies on screen, but here, Peck displayed brotherly love!

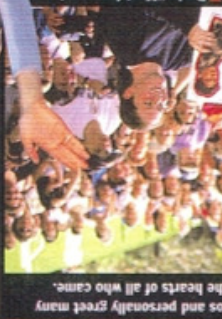
▲ Peck: "Most fans want Carrie and Austin together!"



"boxers" or briefs" is the best reply! When "boxers" is the question, the best reply is laughter!



▲ It was impossible to keep a straight face with this crowd!



Dattilo, who married a week later, kept his plans secret!

