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Pohl returns home after two month world tour

Hello everyone! I have just finished the year-long qualification process for the 2005 World Championships. In the past two months alone, I have traveled to Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Poland, the Netherlands, Peru, and Miami for both training and tournaments. Tournament results are now posted. The experience has been amazing. Training with the International Badminton Academy, the Finnish National Team, and the Dutch National Team has taught me so much about how I can improve my game. Pictures coming soon!

I am now ranked 76 in the world in women's singles - my highest ranking yet! I believe that this ranking is high enough to qualify me for the 2005 World Championships! Official invitations to this year's World Championships will be sent out on Thursday. I want to thank all my sponsors for giving me this great opportunity. I wouldn't have been able to achieve this major accomplishment without your support. Thank you so much.

Since my return to Arlington Heights, I recently did a badminton demonstration at Prospect High School with Canadian Olympian Charmaine Reid. It was a lot of fun to go to my old high school and teach the badminton, volleyball, and tennis teams what international badminton is all about! Here are some pictures:



Charmaine Reid and I with members of the Prospect High School Badminton Team





Charmaine Reid and I signing autographs on shoes, racket covers, t-shirts, and casts.

This past weekend I was an official at the IHSA Girls Badminton State Championships. It was a lot of fun to watch all the players compete for the Illinois state title as I did 7 years ago. It was also nice to see many of the players I competed against in high school who are now coaches! See the Girls' Badminton Yearbook from my senior year of high school! Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

For those in the Chicagoland area who would like to see me play, I am competing in the Susan Jurkonis Memorial Tournament this weekend in Villa Park, Illinois. All are welcome to come and watch!