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Ripon Save Mart Store Hosts U.S. Olympic Soccer Gold Medallist Tisha Venturini

Modesto, CA (June 15, 2007) – Come meet local Olympic soccer gold medallist, Tisha Venturini at the new Ripon Save Mart store on Saturday, June 23 from 1:30PM to 3:30PM. Customers presenting a Save Mart receipt for \$25.00 on event day will receive a FREE official Save Mart soccer ball for Tisha to autograph. Customers may purchase a soccer ball for \$25.00 to be signed. So Save Mart can accommodate as many as possible, there will be a limit of 2 FREE soccer balls and a limit of 5 purchased soccer balls per customer.

Tisha Venturini is in Ripon for the week hosting her annual soccer camp at Mistlin Sports Park for girls aged 6-17 and boys aged 6-12, June 25-28. This is the third year Tisha has hosted this specialized camp for local area soccer fans. For more information go to www.tishaventurinissocccercamp.com

Tisha was born and raised in Modesto and played Ajax United and Davis High School. She is a former USA National Team Member, four time national champion and four-time All-American at the University of North Carolina, WUSA national champion, World Cup champion (1999), and Olympic gold medallist (1996). Currently, she lives in Costa Mesa, California with her family but returns to the Valley to host this camp for area kids. Not only does Tisha give back to the community by returning to host her soccer camp here but with the help of camp sponsors offers a limited number of need based scholarships. Also, part of the proceeds from the camp go to Cricket House, a non-profit organization that provides shelter to abused and neglected children as well as guidance and counsel for parents.

Save Mart is also proud to support Venturini's soccer camp and the Ripon community by donating products to this year's campers.

Save Mart Supermarkets was founded January 17, 1952 in Modesto. The privately owned company operates 252 stores throughout Northern California from its headquarters in Modesto. Seventy-eight (78) stores operate as Save Mart; seven (7) stores as S-MART Foods in Stockton and Lodi; forty-four (44) warehouse stores as Food Maxx, and 123 recently acquired Albertson's stores. Visit us at our websites, www.savemart.com and www.foodmaxx.com

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