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More to life than tennis for Courier

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For a former World No. 1, **Jim Courier**'s pretty cool. The onetime tennis titan doesn't bore you with tedious tales of his on-court exploits. He'd much rather talk about tunes. "Life is long, and I want to take it all in," says Courier, who was in town yesterday to hype the second annual Champions Cup Boston. "I'm happier talking about R.E.M. than about tennis or training." Before playing table tennis with Tenacity students yesterday, Courier crowed a bit about persuading **Pete Sampras** to play the Boston tournament. (The Outback Champions Series tour stops at Agganis Arena May 2-6.) "Pete's a tennis player. That's what he's singularly suited to do," said Courier. "Boston tennis fans will eat him up."