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YOUNG AMERICANS RECEIVE WILD CARDS INTO DELRAY BEACH
Taylor Fritz Into Main Draw, Tommy Paul Into Qualies

DELRAY BEACH, FLA: American teenager **Taylor Fritz** has been awarded a wild card into the Delray Beach Open's main draw, where he will be playing in the fourth ATP-level event of this pro career. The ATP World Tour event begins Monday, Feb. 15, at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center.

The tournament also announced that fellow teenager **Tommy Paul** has received a wild card to play in the DBO's 16-player qualifying tournament.

On Thursday, Fritz defeated world No. 29 **Steve Johnson** in the second round of the Memphis Open to reach his first ATP World Tour quarterfinal in only his sixth career Tour-level match.

Fritz, an 18-year-old American from California, turned pro in 2015 after winning the Junior US Open and has already moved up the ATP rankings to No. 145 in the world. The 2015 world No. 1 junior has won three ATP Challenger events, including a win in Australia in January where he defeated world No. 100 Dudi Sela in the final.

Paul, 18, who resides in nearby Boca Raton, made his ATP World Tour debut at the 2015 U.S. Open and has won four Futures titles in improving his ranking to No. 251. As a junior in 2015, Paul won the Junior French Open, was a finalist at the Junior U.S. Open and reached a career-high No. 3 ranking in the world in September.

Paul has already enjoyed success in Delray Beach, winning the USTA National Clay Court 18s in 2014 and the 16s in 2013.

The Delray Beach Open's 16-player qualifying draw will be contested in two rounds on Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 13 and 14). The DBO and all other ATP World Tour 250 events are making the reduction from 32-player draws to 16 in 2016. The top four finishers receive automatic entries into the main draw.

The 10-day Delray Beach Open kicks off this Friday, Feb. 12, first with the three-day ATP Champions Tour event, and then the ATP World Tour event, which runs through Sunday, Feb. 21.

For complete tournament information, go to YellowTennisBall.com.

About The Delray Beach Open: The only tournament in the world featuring an ATP Champions Tour event and an ATP World Tour event in the same week at the same venue is held in Delray Beach, Florida February 12-21 at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center. The ATP World Tour's first North American hard court event of the outdoor season is one of just 10 ATP World Tour events in the United States. In 2016 it will be celebrating its 24th year overall and 18th in Delray Beach. The ATP Champions Tour event is in its 7th year and was the first-ever event played on US soil. Each year the Delray Beach Open brings world-class tennis players and thousands of visitors to Delray Beach and Palm Beach County. In 2010, the tournament received the Discover The Palm Beaches Florida's annual Providencia Award for its extraordinary contribution to tourism. The City of Delray Beach was also a finalist for the USTA's "Best Tennis Town" Award and in 2003, the tournament was the recipient of an "ATP Award of Excellence." For more information please visit www.YellowTennisBall.com.

About ATP: The ATP is the governing body of the men's professional tennis circuits - the ATP World Tour, the ATP Challenger Tour and the ATP Champions Tour. With 62 tournaments in 31 countries, the ATP World Tour showcases the finest male athletes competing in the world's most exciting venues. From Australia to Europe and the Americas to Asia, the stars of the 2015 ATP World Tour battle for prestigious titles and Emirates ATP Ranking Points at ATP World Tour events (including Master Series 1000, 500 and 250 events), as well as Grand Slams (non ATP events). The ATP Champions Tour brings together many of the greatest tennis players in history for nostalgic, competitive and entertaining tournaments around the world. Players are either formerly ranked No. 1 in the world in singles, a Grand Slam singles champion or finalist, or a singles player on a winning Davis Cup team. Players must be retired from ATP World Tour competition and each event can invite wild card entrants of its choice.

About The City of Delray Beach: In the southeast corner of Palm Beach County on the Atlantic seashore, a Village by the

Sea that began as an agricultural community in 1895 has become one of Florida's most popular destinations for visitors, new families and seasonal residents. The City of Delray Beach encompasses slightly over 16 square miles with a permanent population of nearly 65,000 and growing. Renewal and re-development efforts have resulted in recognition as the All-America City in 1993 and 2001, the Blue Wave designation for clean and beautiful beaches, and hailed by city planners around the nation as a model for growth management. In 2012 during the nationally televised "Best of the Road" special, Delray Beach was chosen by Rand McNally, *USA Today* and the *Travel Channel* as the "Most Fun Small Town" in America. In 2014, *USA Today* also named it as one of the "Best Atlantic Beaches in Florida."

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