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JUAN MARTIN DEL POTRO WILL PLAY TUESDAY NIGHT IN PRIME-TIME SLOT

Raonic Injury Will Keep Him From Delray Beach Open Debut

DELRAY BEACH, FLA: World No. 11 **Milos Raonic** has informed the Delray Beach Open that an injury sustained in the Australian Open will keep him from playing in the ATP World Tour event next week.

The 10-day Delray Beach Open kicks off this Friday, Feb. 12, first with the three-day ATP Champions Tour, and then the ATP World Tour event which is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 15-Sunday, Feb. 21.

Raonic suffered a right adductor injury in the Grand Slam semifinals against Andy Murray on January 29, and notified the tournament today that he has not recovered.

"We are disappointed, of course, that Milos won't be playing here in Delray Beach," said tournament director **Mark Baron**. "But ultimately, we hope that he has a quick recovery and can get back to the ATP World Tour as he is one of the bright young stars in our game."

Raonic had looked forward to playing in Delray Beach in front of a pro-Canadian audience.

"I'm disappointed that I won't be able to make my debut in Delray Beach on Tuesday because I am still recovering from the injury that I suffered at the Australian Open," said Raonic. "I heard that there would be great support from Canadians in the area, so I hope to be able to play in Delray Beach next year."

The tournament also announced Wednesday that 2009 US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro, who accepted a wild card into Delray Beach last week, will take Raonic's prime-time slot on Tuesday night at 8:00 pm.

Del Potro will be playing his first match in nearly a year due to a series of wrist injuries that have sidelined the former world No. 5. His first-round opponent in the 32-player tournament will be determined Friday (Feb. 12) evening when the tournament releases its 2016 draw.

The Argentine won the 2011 Delray Beach title in his only appearance in the event. Tickets to del Potro's first-round match are available at yellowtennisball.com/tickets or can be purchased from the on-site box office (30 NW 1st Avenue in Delray Beach) or over the phone (561-330-6000 ext.1).

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DELRAY BEACH: The tournament also announced Wednesday that **Tommy Haas**, who had accepted a tournament wild card, has not fully recovered from shoulder surgery and is delaying his comeback to the ATP World Tour.

Haas, 37, did not play in the Australian Open and also pulled out of this week's Memphis tournament.

"Unfortunately we came to the conclusion that I am not fit to play in Delray this year," said Haas, who has an 11-7 record in eight appearances. "I really tried hard to make it and be ready."

Tournament director Mark Baron now holds two wild cards that will be awarded before the draw is announced on Friday.

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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