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RUBIN RECEIVES WILD CARD INTO DELRAY BEACH MAIN DRAW

Becomes Second American Teen To Play In Main Draw

DELRAY BEACH, FLA: The Delray Beach Open has awarded its third and final main draw wild card to American teenager **Noah Rubin**, who will be playing in his third career ATP event.

Rubin, from Long Island, NY, joins fellow American teen **Taylor Fritz** and former world No. 5 **Juan Martin del Potro** in securing the DBO's three wild cards. Rubin played in the Delray Beach qualifying tournament a year ago, reaching the second round.

The 19-year-old Rubin scored his biggest career win in January, beating world No. 18 Benoit Paire in the first round of the Australian Open. He also picked up a number of ATP points with a 2015 Challenger win in Charlottesville, Va. shortly after turning pro.

Rubin played a single season at Wake Forest, becoming the first player in ACC history to be named both Freshman of the Year and Player of the Year in the same year. He was also named All-America after reaching the singles finals at the 2015 NCAA Championships.

Rubin won the 2014 Wimbledon juniors and the USTA Boys 18s National Championships in both singles and doubles during his junior career, and was ranked as high as No. 6 in the world.

ATP CHAMPIONS TOUR NOTES

The ATP Champions Tour event kicks off Friday, Feb. 12 @ 6:00pm

- South African Wayne Ferreira is making his first ATP Champions Tour appearance in Delray Beach, as Mark Philippoussis withdrew from the event earlier this week. Ferreira, the winner of 15 ATP titles, reached two semifinals at a pair of Australian Opens. He is the president of EcoloBlue, a company that makes atmospheric water generators-humidity and temperature-driven appliances-with offices in California and Miami.
- When Ferreira accepted his 1992 silver medal in the Barcelona Olympics, he and doubles partner Piet Norval became the first South Africans to appear on the medal stand in 32 years.
- Ferreira joins Boca Raton resident and Frenchman Sebastien Grosjean and Spaniard Emilio Sanchez in defending the Team International title.
- Mardy Fish, the only No. 1 seed in Delray Beach Open history to win the ATP World Tour title (2009) is making his debut on the ATP Champions Tour. Fish will be joining James Blake and local (Boca Raton) St. Andrews teaching pro Aaron Krickstein on the USA team. four ATP Champions Tour events in Delray Beach.

ATP WORLD TOUR NOTES

The ATP World Tour event kicks off Monday, Feb. 15 @ 12:30pm (Doubles @ 11:00 a.m.)

- Some of the biggest servers in the game will be playing in the ATP World Tour event, including Australian Sam Groth (163.7 mph) and Ivo Karlovic (156 mph).
- Gulfstream resident Kevin Anderson was featured in February's *Atlantic Ave Magazine* issue, talking about his move to the Delray Beach area and the 2015 tennis season, his best as a pro. Anderson was the 2012 Delray Beach champion and is making his seventh straight appearance in the event, which has now become his "hometown" tournament. He is the tournament's No. 1 seed for the second straight year.
- Defending champion Karlovic has also become a "local," making his eighth appearance, and seventh straight, in the event. Karlovic lives in Fort Lauderdale's Plantation neighborhood. Karlovic has been known to sneak on to the tennis court of fellow Plantation resident and DBO tournament director Mark Baron for a practice session.
- Australian Bernard Tomic, who finished 2015 with his highest ranking at world No. 18, has also planted roots in nearby Miami. The Australian has a 5-2 record in Delray Beach and

will be making his third appearance.

- Juan Martin del Potro has made only one appearance in Delray Beach, and that too was on a return from wrist surgery. In only his fifth tournament back from his first wrist surgery in 2011, he won the Delray Beach Open.

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- USTA's "Tennis on Campus" series of club tennis tournaments will feature eight events, with the final stop in Delray Beach before a season-ending USTA Florida Section championships. The fun co-ed team-based play events are on the campuses of Florida, FAMU, USF, Tampa, UCF and Florida Gulf Coast - with the Delray Beach Campus Challenge taking place this Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 13-14). The field for the Delray Beach Campus Challenge includes more than 90 players representing six different universities from the state of Florida (FAU, Florida, Florida A&M, Florida Gulf Coast, Miami, and UCF).
- The tournament trademark Champion Porsche is returning to the court once again - this time with its sleek *Agate Grey Metallic* 2016 Porsche 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet coupe. There will be six other display cars on site, including a pair at the tournament's new south entrance on Atlantic Avenue. Players and tournament officials will be driving around town in eight other Porsches on loan from Champion Porsche in Pompano Beach.

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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