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DBO NETS DEL POTRO FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT
Argentine Continues Rankings Climb; Sock And Karlovic Also Sign On

DELRAY BEACH, FL: The Delray Beach Open has netted Argentine star **Juan Martin del Potro** to play in its 25th anniversary event in 2017, which takes place at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center Feb. 17-26.

Along with the signing of del Potro, the tournament announced that Top 25 American **Jack Sock** and Top 20 **Ivo Karlovic** have also committed to the event.

Del Potro and Karlovic won titles in Delray Beach in 2011 and 2014, respectively.

The three join Wimbledon finalist and world No. 6 **Milos Raonic** and the all-time No. 1 doubles tandem **Bryan Brothers** in solidifying Delray Beach as their destination in February on the ATP World Tour calendar.

"This is an amazing start for us - to have such an outstanding group of players this early in our planning," said tournament director **Mark Baron**. "We are thrilled that Juan Martin had great experiences in his previous trips to Delray Beach and that he's eager to play here again. We will continue to sign additional top players who want to make our tournament their destination in February."

The 27-year-old del Potro began his comeback from wrist surgery earlier this year in Delray Beach, and his high level of play since that return has been remarkable.

After reaching Delray's semifinals - his first tournament in more than a year - the 2009 US Open champion has risen from a ranking of 1,042 in the world to No. 64 last week.

A quarterfinal finish at the recent US Open, a silver medal in the Rio Olympics where he had wins over No. 1 Novak Djokovic and No. 5 Rafael Nadal, and a 22-10 season record have propelled him into the Top 100 for the first time in two years. Del Potro beat his third Top 5 player in a month by downing Andy Murray in Davis Cup competition last week.

The 23-year-old Sock has vaulted into the Top 25 after reaching a pair of ATP World Tour finals in 2016 at Auckland and Houston. He reached the final 16 in two weeks ago at the US Open, including a third-round win over world No. 9 Marin Cilic.

Sock won a pair of medals in Rio: a gold in mixed doubles with Bethany Matek-Sands and bronze in doubles with Steve Johnson. He has six ATP doubles titles to his credit, including the 2014 Wimbledon doubles championship with Canadian Vasek Pospisil.

Karlovic, 37, is bidding to finish in the year-end Top 20 for the first time in his 19-year career. The 6'11" Croat recently shattered the US Open record for match aces by firing 61 in his first-round win. He reached the Open's fourth round and also won ATP World Tour titles in Newport and Los Cabos since July.

The all-time ATP World Tour aces leader will be returning to Delray Beach for a ninth time, where

he has an 11-7 record and reached a pair of finals.

With such a strong group of stars already in the fold, the tournament is featuring its series packages that include tickets for all 17 sessions at a discounted price. The 10-day event begins with three days of ATP Champions Tour competition featuring legends of the game, and then showcases a full seven days of ATP World Tour action.

The Courtside Box Series packages are discounted to \$1,500 for two seats (regular price: \$1,700/value: \$2,638) or \$2,650 for four seats (regular price: \$2,750/value: \$5,276). The on-court Best Seats in the House package is \$3,000 for two seats, or \$4,500 for four. VIP parking and other amenities are included with the packages.

The Reserved Diamond Series, also including tickets to all 17 sessions, is priced at \$600. Reserved seats (sections A - O) are located just behind the box seats, have back support and arm rests and come with premier parking passes.

The popular Weekender Series that includes a reserved seat for the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals (sessions 13-17) is \$250 and also includes premier parking.

Tickets are available online at yellowtennisball.com/series-seats/. Patrons can also visit the on-site box office at 30 NW 1st Avenue in Delray Beach, or call 561-330-6000.

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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 17 - 26 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 2017 it will be celebrating its 25th year overall and 19th in Delray Beach. The ATP Champions Tour event is in its 8th 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.

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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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