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RAONIC READY TO MAKE DEBUT AT DELRAY BEACH OPEN

Del Potro, Sock, Karlovic and Bryan Brothers Also Sign On

DELRAY BEACH, FL (October 25, 2016) -- Milos Raonic, The top Canadian in the history of professional tennis, has announced that he will make the [Delray Beach Open](#) one of his 2017 early-season stops. Raonic was the first star to sign on to play in the 10-day tennis event that will be celebrating its 25th anniversary when it gets underway February 17-26 at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center.

"I know there is great support from Canadians in the area, and I definitely want to play in a venue with that kind of atmosphere," said Raonic, who has moved up the ranking charts to world No. 4 after reaching the Wimbledon final in July against Andy Murray. "I have continued to hear good things about the tournament from my ATP peers, and I'm excited to visit Florida in February and play in the Delray Beach Open."

The Delray Beach Open has also netted Argentine star Juan Martin del Potro to play in its 25th anniversary event. Along with del Potro, the tournament announced that Top 25 American, Jack Sock and Top 20, Ivo Karlovic have also committed to the event. The three will join Raonic, as well as the all-time No. 1 doubles tandem, Bryan Brothers in solidifying Delray Beach as their destination in February on the ATP World Tour calendar.

The tournament will be held at The Delray Beach Tennis Center, in Delray Beach, Florida. Located in Palm Beach County and just miles from the Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale International Airports, the Tennis Center is situated on bustling Atlantic Avenue, less than a mile from the beach, lined with cafes, fine dining establishments, art galleries and boutiques, providing top-tier entertainment with temperatures averaging 72 degrees.

"One of our priorities was to sign Milos as there's widespread interest in seeing his incredible talent here in Delray Beach," said tournament director Mark Baron. "And we expect that there will be an energized Canadian crowd to cheer him on. We are also welcoming back our fans' favorite Bryan Brothers, which gives us a great start in putting together a fabulous tournament to celebrate our 25th year."

The tournament has announced that Raonic is scheduled to play in the Tuesday (Feb. 21) night session while the Bryans will play in the feature match on Wednesday (Feb. 22) night.

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.

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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