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Tickets for del Potro, Raonic & Bryans 1st Round Delray Beach Matches Available During US Open

DELRAY BEACH, FL: 2011 Delray Beach champion **Juan Martin del Potro**, 2016 World No. 3 **Milos Raonic**, and defending champion **Jack Sock** will all return to the **Delray Beach Open** for the 26th annual event February 16-25, 2018 at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center. The four-time Delray Beach champion **Bryan Brothers** doubles team will also return.

A "pre-sale" will enable fans the first chance to buy tickets during a two-week window that coincides with the upcoming US Open. The pre-sale will include Delray Beach's three premier opening-round matches.

Raonic's first-round match will be featured Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 12:30 pm (Session 7) while del Potro plays in that evening's 8:00 pm prime-time slot (Session 8). The Bryans will open their tournament playing the feature match on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 8:00 pm (Session 10).

The Delray Beach Open pre-sale is Saturday, Aug. 26 through Friday, Sept. 15 and will include all sessions, including the prior-mentioned premier matches, and quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. Tickets are available at [Delray Beach Open Tickets](#) at the Delray Beach Open box office via 561-330-6000.

Tournament director **Mark Baron** is pleased to have all five players locked up early in the event's planning process. "This is historic for us," said Baron. "We have never signed, sealed and delivered a group like this by mid-August."

The three ATP World Tour singles stars figured prominently in the 2017 Delray Beach Open. The top-seeded Raonic and top American Sock reached the final, and Raonic and del Potro squared off in the semifinals.

After withdrawing from the final with an injury, Raonic told fans that he would return to Delray Beach, and he has not disappointed.

"I had a great time at the tournament," he said. "The staff, the volunteers, the crowd, and the tournament director were all phenomenal toward me. It was a very pleasurable experience, one that I hope I can live through again."

The 10-day 2018 Delray Beach Open will begin with a six-player ATP Champions Tour event over President's Day weekend (Friday, Feb. 16 - Sunday, Feb. 18), continue with the ATP World Tour singles and doubles draws starting on Monday, Feb. 19 and conclude with the ATP World Tour finals on Sunday, Feb. 25.

Series packages for all 17 sessions are also available during the special "first-chance" pre-sale. Courtside Box Series packages are \$1,700 for two seats or \$2,750 for four, while the on-court Best Seats in the House and covered Stadium Veranda packages are up to 60 percent off regular prices. Best Seats are discounted to \$3,000 for two seats or \$4,500 for four, and Stadium Veranda seats are \$3,500 and \$5,000, respectively.

Del Potro, 28, has won 19 ATP World Tour career titles and led Argentina to the 2016 Davis Cup title.

The two-time ATP World Tour "Comeback Player of the Year" has dealt with wrist injuries in

recent years, 18 months ago he slipped to a ranking of No. 1,045 but a comeback that began in Delray Beach in 2016 has lifted him back into the world's Top 30.

The Argentine also opened his 2017 season in Delray Beach, reaching his second straight semifinal in the "Village by the Sea." Figuring in his 2011 title, he sports an 11-2 mark on the Delray courts.

When then-world No. 4 Raonic played his first-round match in Delray Beach in February, he became the highest-ranked player in tournament history. In 2017 he has also reached the Istanbul final, and was a quarterfinalist at both Wimbledon and the Australian Open.

His best year-end ranking (No. 3) came in 2016 after reaching the Wimbledon final, the Australian Open semifinal and winning the Brisbane title — the eighth ATP World Tour title of his career.

Sock, a Kansas City resident currently ranked world No. 18, has been on a steady climb since 2016.

The 24-year-old is 28-14 this year, highlighted by two ATP titles, his first Master Series 1000 semifinal at Indian Wells, and his fourth Master Series quarterfinal at Miami. Sock's ATP World Tour title in Delray Beach was the third of his career.

Along the way Sock has recorded a pair of Top 10 wins over world No. 5 Kei Nishikori and Raonic. Sock also won the 2014 Wimbledon doubles title, and won gold in mixed doubles and bronze in doubles at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

The Bryan Brothers have reached a record six finals in their 10 Delray Beach appearances. The pair share 113 ATP World Tour doubles titles, 16 Grand Slam titles, a 24-5 US Davis Cup record that includes the 2007 title, and an Olympic gold medal in London (2012) and bronze in Beijing (2008).

A complete schedule of all Delray Beach Open match times is posted at YellowTennisBall.com. Tickets can be secured at [2018 Delray Beach Open Tickets](#) or by calling 561-330-6000.

Disclaimer - Match schedule, including number of sessions, dates, times, number of matches and players scheduled are subject to change. Tickets are not eligible for refund or exchange.

To view this press release on-line: [2018 DBO Ticket Pre-Sale Starts as Stars Commit](#)

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 16 - 25 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 2018 it will be celebrating its 20th year in Delray Beach, and 26th overall. The 3-day, 6-player ATP Champions Tour event is in its 9th 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 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 64 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 2017 ATP World Tour will battle for prestigious titles and [Emirates ATP Ranking Points](#) at [ATP World Tour](#) Masters 1000, 500 and 250 events, as well as Grand Slams (non ATP events). At the end of the season only the world's top 8 qualified singles players and doubles teams will qualify to compete for the last title of the season at the ATP Finals. Held at The O2 in London, the event will officially crown the 2017 ATP World Tour No. 1 presented by Emirates. For more information, please visit www.ATPWorldTour.com.

About the ATP Champions Tour: 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. The Delray Beach Open features a USA vs International format for its 3-day ATP Champions Tour event.

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. The City's charm continues to garner national awards, including three in 2017: an "All-America City" award from the National Civic League for literacy strides (the city was also recognized in 1993 and 2001), a "Playful City USA" designation for providing 24 playgrounds for residents, and the recognition of Atlantic Ave as one of the "10 Great American Shopping Streets" by *USA Today*. 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* named it as one of the "Best Atlantic Beaches in Florida."



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