



IRVING TENNIS CLASSIC



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2015 Irving Tennis Classic Announces Strong Tournament Acceptance List

Draw Includes Six Players Ranked in ATP Top 50

IRVING, TX (FEBRUARY 25, 2015) -- The 2015 Irving Tennis Classic, an Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Challenger Tour event held annually at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas, announced the acceptance list (current entries) for the fourth annual tournament, which include three former Top 10 players, Marcos Baghdatis, Radek Stepanek and Jurgen Melzer (2013 Dallas Tennis Classic singles and doubles champion), and 19 other players currently ranked in the Top 92 Emirates ATP Rankings.

Other notable players coming to Irving include the 2014 Irving Tennis Classic Champion, Lukas Rosol who currently holds a Top 30 singles ranking, as well as Dallas-resident and current World No. 41 Benjamin Becker. Tim Smyczek will return to the Metroplex after claiming his fourth ATP Challenger Tour title in Dallas earlier this month at the RBC Tennis Championships.

“We are extremely pleased with the depth of the tournament acceptance list, we have a super strong field this year,” said Zoltan Papp, Irving Tennis Classic tournament director. “We have two players in No. 56 Jack Sock and No. 73 Radek Stepanek who have each won two Grand Slam doubles titles, and last years finalist No.44 Steve Johnson returns as one of the most improved players on the ATP World Tour and is currently the No. 3 American (behind No. 20 Isner and No. 40 Querrey).”

The Irving Tennis Classic is a Challenger Level Tour event that will feature a 32-player singles draw and a 16-team doubles draw. The main draw is comprised of 22 direct acceptances, four wildcards, four qualifiers and two special exempts. Unlike other Challenger events, top 50 ranked players can play in the Irving Tennis Classic without obtaining a wildcard, as they prepare for the Miami Open.

The City of Irving and BMW will return as main sponsors, and the tournament will take place March 16-22 at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas. Tickets are being sold through the tournament website at www.irvingtennisclassic.com and proceeds are benefiting Emily’s Place.

Player Acceptance List (As of February 25, 2015)

PLAYER	COUNTRY	RANKING
Rosol, Lukas	CZE	30
Muller, Gilles	LUX	35
Becker, Benjamin	GER	41
Johnson, Steve	USA	44
Thiem, Dominic	AUT	47
Janowicz, Jerzy	POL	49
Stakhovsky, Sergiy	UKR	53
Sock, Jack	USA	56
Kukushkin, Mikhail	KAZ	58
Baghdatis, Marcos	CYP	62
Schwartzman, Diego	ARG	64
Andujar, Pablo	ESP	67
Ramos-Vinolas, Albert	ESP	68
Bellucci, Thomaz	BRA	71
Stepanek, Radek	CZE	73
Struff, Jan-Lennard	GER	76
Matosevic, Marinko	AUS	80
Smyczek, Tim	USA	81
Coric, Borna	CRO	84
Melzer, Jurgen	AUT	86
Dzumhur, Damir	BIH	87
Gonzalez, Alejandro	COL	92

About Irving Tennis Classic

The ATP Irving Tennis Classic (previously Dallas Tennis Classic) is an international level Challenger event governed by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) offering \$125,000 in prize money. The tournament features a 32-player singles draw and a 16-team doubles draw. The annual event is held between the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California and the Miami Open in Florida. For more information about the Irving Tennis Classic at Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas, go to the tournament's website at IrvingTennisClassic.com or follow the tournament on Twitter (@irvingclassic).

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