



USTA ANNOUNCES FINAL FIELDS FOR ITS AUSTRALIAN OPEN WILD CARD PLAYOFFS, SPONSORED BY VOCALCLOUD

Event to be held at Racquet Club of the South in Atlanta, December 17-19; Men's and Women's Champions Awarded Wild Cards into 2011 Australian Open

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., December 14, 2010 -- The USTA announced today the final fields for its Australian Open Wild Card Playoffs, sponsored by VocalCloud, which will be held for the second consecutive year at the Racquet Club of the South, a USTA Certified Regional Training Center in Atlanta, December 17-19. Rising American stars Ryan Harrison and U.S. Fed Cup team member Coco Vandeweghe are among the players invited to compete at the event, which will also feature an exhibition match on Friday, December 17, to be played in a World TeamTennis format.

Eight men and eight women will compete in the wild card playoffs. The USTA secured the opportunity through a reciprocal agreement with Tennis Australia where the two national tennis federations exchange wild cards for the 2010 US Open and the 2011 Australian Open.

Harrison and Vandeweghe won last year's events to earn main draw wild cards into the 2010 Australian Open.

The list of invited players is comprised of some of the country's top collegiate and junior players, as well as a number of professionals who compete on the USTA Pro Circuit, including:

MEN

Jordan Cox – Duluth, Ga.
Ryan Harrison – Bradenton, Fla.
Denis Kudla – Arlington, Va.
Michael Shabaz – Fairfax, Va.
Tim Smyczek – Milwaukee, Wis.
Jack Sock – Lincoln, Neb.
Rhyn Williams – Knoxville, Tenn.
Donald Young – Atlanta

WOMEN

Beatrice Capra – Ellicott City, Md.
Lauren Davis – Gates Mills, Ohio
Irina Falconi – Jupiter, Fla.
Jamie Hampton – Auburn, Ala.
Krista Hardebeck – Santa Ana, Calif.
Madison Keys – Boca Raton, Fla.
Shelby Rogers – Daniel Island, S.C.
Coco Vandeweghe – Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

For tickets and more information, go to www.australianwildcard.com.

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