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DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICT RYAN HARRISON UNABLE TO PLAY FOR PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS DURING 2012 SEASON

Harrison joins US Olympic Tennis Team for 2012 Summer Olympics

July 6, 2012 (PHILADELPHIA, Pa.) –World TeamTennis’ (WTT) Philadelphia Freedoms announced that due to scheduling conflicts 19-year old American **Ryan Harrison** is unable to play for the 2012 Freedoms. Harrison was scheduled to play his rookie season of WTT with the Freedoms on July 11 and 14 at the Pavilion at Villanova University and on July 13 in New York against the New York Sportimes.

Harrison has been selected to be part of the US Olympic Tennis Team and in that capacity is unable to fulfill his position on the Freedoms team. . "I am really sad I won't be able to play WTT this summer," said Harrison. "I was really looking forward to it but I had to make some scheduling changes when I found out I had been selected to represent USA in the Olympics. It is such a great opportunity and an honor and I will be looking forward to playing WTT another year."

The Freedoms kick off their season on July 10th with a super-charged roster that includes former No. 8 **Mark Philippoussis** and fan-favorite **James Blake**, plus the top overall pick in the WTT Roster Draft, doubles team of twin sisters **Karolina and Kristyna Pliskova** as well as **Luka Gregorc** of Slovenia and doubles standout **Jordan Kerr** from Australia.

The Freedoms will also welcome marquee players **Bob and Mike Bryan** playing for Kansas City, **Martina Hingis and John McEnroe** playing for the New York SportTimes, and special appearances by **Billie Jean King** and **Chris Evert**.

Freedoms 2012 individual tickets are available online exclusively through Ticketfly at freedomstix.ticketfly.com. Fans can also purchase tickets directly through the Ticketfly "Buy Tickets" app at the top of the Freedoms' Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PhiladelphiaFreedoms). All seats are reserved.

Philadelphia Freedoms 2012 Home Schedule:

7/10 vs. Sacramento Capitals (James Blake - PHL)

7/11 vs. Boston Lobsters (Special Appearance by Billie Jean King)

7/14 vs. Springfield Lasers (Special Appearance by Billie Jean King)

7/16 vs. Kansas City Explorers (Bob & Mike Bryan – KC)

7/19 vs. Orange County Breakers (Special Appearance by Chris Evert)

7/20 vs. New York Sportimes (Martina Hingis & John McEnroe - NYS)

7/25 vs. Boston Lobsters (Mark Philippoussis - PHL)

All home matches are played at the Pavilion at Villanova University and begin at 7:00 pm.

Visit www.philadelphiafreedoms.com for the Freedoms' full 2012 schedule.

About Philadelphia Freedoms

The Philadelphia Freedoms will play 14 matches during their 2012 regular season schedule in the WTT Pro League presented by GEICO, including seven home matches this July at The Pavilion at Villanova University. The Freedoms are owned by Billie Jean King and led by Head Coach Josh Cohen. 2012 team members include former No. 8 **Mark Philippoussis** and fan-favorite **James Blake**, plus the top overall pick in the WTT Roster Draft, doubles team of twin sisters **Karolina and Kristyna Pliskova** as well as **Luka Gregorc** of Slovenia, and doubles standout **Jordan Kerr** from Australia..

Freedoms events feature world-class tennis in an innovative, fast-paced World TeamTennis coed team format. Each evening includes exciting Block Parties featuring USTA Quick Start Tennis, live music, inflatables, mascots, kids' games, prizes, food and much more.

The 2012 Philadelphia Freedoms are presented by Beneficial Bank and hosted by Cancer Treatment Centers of America. Generous support is also provided by official sponsors 23K, Bulova, CBS3/CW Philly, Color Reflections, DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia – Valley Forge, Drexel Sport Management, Excel/Apex Physical Therapy, Fast Signs of Delaware, Fidelity Investments, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Fromuth, Grimm & Grove Communications, Hamlin Family Foundation, Macy's, McShane Sports Medicine, Philadelphia Magazine, Play Gr8.com, Secrets Limousine Service, Sweet Street Desserts, Tableleaf Wine, Tennis Farm, USTA Middle States and Yards Brewing Company. The official caterer of the Philadelphia Freedoms is Brûlée Catering.

Visit www.philadelphiafreedoms.com and www.facebook.com/PhiladelphiaFreedoms for more information.

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About WTT Pro League presented by GEICO:

The World Team Tennis (WTT) Pro League presented by GEICO showcases the best in professional team tennis with the innovative coed team format co-founded by Billie Jean King in the 1970s. The WTT Pro League has featured virtually every major champion of the Open era over the League's past 36 seasons.

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is a minority owner and promotional partner of World TeamTennis. WTT and the USTA are teaming up on number of initiatives, including development of the youth market through junior team tennis programs.

For more information on the WTT Pro League, visit www.WTT.com.

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