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Two former Top 15 ATP players headline upcoming Calgary National Bank Challenger

CALGARY – World renowned tennis players Ivo Karlovic of Croatia and Tommy Robredo of Spain were among those listed on Calgary National Bank Challenger’s Official Player Acceptance List. The list was unveiled on Thursday and includes other notable players such as Donald Young (USA), Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS) and Former World #1 Junior players Casper Ruud (NOR) and Filip Peliwo (CAN).

“It’s incredible that Calgary gets to host athletes of this calibre in our inaugural Calgary National Bank Challenger; people in attendance are certainly in for a world-class tennis experience and we are looking forward to making this event one of the best ATP Challenger events in the world,” says Tournament Director Danny Da Costa.

Karlovic, known for holding the record for the second fastest serve in tennis at 251 km/h, has defeated many top-ranked players including Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. Karlovic has been ranked as high as 15 in the world and was a quarterfinalist at Wimbledon. Tommy Robredo, a former Top 5 player in the world, has competed in seven Grand Slam quarterfinals and has defeated Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Stan Wawrinka among others in his career. The event also features five players currently ranked in the top 100 on the ATP World Tour NEXT GEN rankings.

“We’re excited to have so many top young players in our event. With the likes of Thanasi Kokkinakis who defeated Roger Federer at the 2018 Miami Open and Casper Ruud who was the #1 junior player in the world 2 years ago, this event will really showcase the future of men’s professional tennis”, said Da Costa.

Ninety-one players from twenty-seven countries entered the event, with twenty-two players accepted into the main draw based on their ATP World Ranking. Tennis Canada has announced two main draw wildcards Frank Dancevic and Steven Diez and two additional wildcards will be chosen closer to the October 13 tournament start. The remaining 6 spots will be determined through qualification rounds from October 13 - 15. The tournament will run from October 13 - 21, with day session match times ranging from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and night sessions beginning at 6 p.m. Special events, including a Free Family Weekend with Free Admission, a Pro-Am Doubles Event and Doubles Clinics with Honourary Tournament Director Daniel Nestor, will also run throughout the week.

Tickets for the Calgary National Bank Challenger are on sale now. Available tickets begin from \$10 per day. For more information, event schedule or to purchase tickets, visit Calgary.nationalbankchallenger.com. For a chance to win tickets, visit the Calgary National Bank Challenger mini court at the CORE Shopping Centre between 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. from October 1 – 10.

About Calgary National Bank Challenger

With \$75,000 USD prize money and hospitality (\$100,000 Canadian), Calgary National Bank Challenger is the largest indoor ATP Challenger Tour event in Canada. This international tennis tournament welcomes the world’s Top 300 men’s tennis players to better their ATP world rankings. Hosted by OSTEN & VICTOR Alberta Tennis Centre, the Calgary National Bank Challenger is the largest professional tennis tournament ever presented in the province. Along with the great matches, the event provides various community activities for all ages.

Visit Calgary.nationalbankchallenger.com for more information, to purchase individual tickets or a box.

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