



## PRESS RELEASE

### MARDY FISH AMONG NEW ATLANTA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS

#### Nineteen Slated For Inaugural Tournament

**ATLANTA, June 8, 2010** – Top American veteran **Mardy Fish**, who has three ATP titles to his name, is among the nineteen players in the main singles draw of the [Atlanta Tennis Championships](#), an ATP World Tour 250 event. The Atlanta event, owned and operated by USTA Southern, will serve as the kick-off to the 2010 Olympus US Open Series and runs July 19-25.

Players announced today have gained entrance into the 28-player singles draw. Among the best known are: No. 88 **Teimuraz Gabashvili** of Russia who advanced to the French Open round of 16, No. 50 and rising Serb **Janko Tipsarevic**, veteran Belgian **Xavier Malisse** who lost the Atlanta final to Andy Roddick in 2001, **Benjamin Becker** who ended Andre Agassi's career at the 2006 US Open, long-time German star **Rainer Schuettler** and No. 93 American **Rajeev Ram**.

Among the top of the players set to qualify are four-time ATP titlist **Taylor Dent** and American **Michael Russell**. Signed up to play in qualifying are No. 113 **Donald Young** of Atlanta, Luxembourg's **Gilles Muller**, rising American **Ryan Sweeting**, Russian **Dmitry Tursunov**, 2008 Delray Beach titlist **Kei Nishikori** and 2009 NCAA Division-I singles champion **Devin Britton** of Brandon, Miss.

ATP players who have already committed to play include **John Isner**, **Marcos Baghdatis**, **Lleyton Hewitt**, **James Blake** and **Robby Ginepri**.

Nine other players will be added to the main draw, including four who will advance from qualifying.

The Atlanta Tennis Championships will feature also feature 16-team doubles draw that will be set on the day before competition begins. The men's winners from 16 US Open National Playoffs Qualifying Tournaments will battle for one spot in the 2010 US Open Qualifying Tournament in Flushing Meadow, N.Y. and will run concurrently.

For more information, go to [www.atlantatennischampionships.com](http://www.atlantatennischampionships.com).

#### **About the Atlanta Tennis Championships**

The Atlanta Athletic Club, Johns Creek, Ga., will be the tournament site. The ATP formally awarded the ATP 250 sanction Atlanta Tennis Championships to the USTA Southern Section in December 2009. The Atlanta event will serve as the kick-off to the 2010 Olympus US Open Series.

Premium tickets are now on sale and daily tickets are now on sale. To order daily tickets by phone, call 866-840-8822. For an order form or other ticket info, call (678) 527-2138 or visit [www.atlantatennischampionships.com](http://www.atlantatennischampionships.com).

#### **About the Olympus US Open Series**

Now in its seventh season, the **Olympus US Open Series** has established itself as a true regular season of hard court tennis, linking 10 summer tournaments to the US Open. Fans can

follow the action throughout the summer through national television coverage, culminating each week with back-to-back men's and women's finals every Sunday afternoon. Players battle for \$40 million, including a chance for bonus prize money at the US Open. In 2008, **Olympus** became the first title sponsor of the Series. The Olympus US Open Series is also supported by sponsors **American Express**, **Evian** and **Grand Marnier**.

**Sam Querrey** won the 2009 Olympus US Open Series men's title and **Elena Dementieva** won the women's title. In 2007, **Roger Federer** collected the biggest paycheck in tennis history -- \$2.4 million -- for winning US Open and the Olympus US Open Series. In 2005, **Kim Clijsters** also captured both the US Open and the Olympus US Open Series, winning \$2.2 million -- the largest purse in women's sports history.

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The USTA is divided into 17 sections, of which USTA Southern is the largest. The 185,000+ USTA members living in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee make up USTA Southern, and account for approximately 25 percent of the total USTA membership. The section owns and operates the Atlanta Tennis Championships, an ATP World Tour 250 tournament. A professional staff housed in Norcross, Ga., carries out USTA Southern's daily operations, but policy is formed and much of the organization's work is executed via a board and committee structure of over 200 volunteers. For more information about the types of programs and services offered by USTA Southern, visit [www.southerntennis.com](http://www.southerntennis.com).

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