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ANDY RODDICK UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CONAGRA FOODS ROCK N RACQUETS

Roddick suffers back injury while training. ATP World Tour #18 and Top American Sam Querrey to replace Roddick in Event featuring Pete Sampras, Bob & Mike Bryan and Warren Buffett

Omaha, NE December 16, 2010 – Andy Roddick has informed event organizers that he will be unable to participate in ConAgra Foods Rock-n-Racquets presented by CoSentry at Qwest Center Omaha set to take place this Friday, December 17th at 7PM. Roddick injured his back this week while he was training in Austin, TX.

"Early this week I sustained a back injury while training. I was advised to rest but yesterday I knew I wouldn't be able to play Friday but was still hopeful to come to Omaha," said Roddick regarding the injury. My doctors have since advised me today not to travel in fear of worsening the injury. This was a very tough decision, I take commitments to my fans and fundraising initiatives very seriously. I am sincerely sorry to the fans and sponsors, especially since everyone was so understanding when we had to postpone the event due to a family funeral. I appreciate your continued support of the ConAgra Foods Rock-n-Racquets. It supports an important cause and I'm so sorry I can't be a part of it."

Replacing Roddick will be top American **Sam Querrey**. Querrey should be a familiar face to Nebraska tennis fans as he took on Roddick in the men's singles portion of the 2007 edition of Rock-n-Racquets also held at the Qwest Center Omaha. At the time, Querrey was a 20 year-old phenom and touted as the next big star in American Tennis. Now just 23 and standing an imposing 6'6", Querrey has more than met those expectations as he has climbed to a career high #18 in the ATP World Tour rankings (the youngest American in the top 50). He has won four (4) ATP World Tour Titles in 2010, which is the third highest total behind only world #1 Rafael Nadal (7) and world #2 Roger Federer (5). Querrey also possesses one of the game's biggest serves (ranked 4th in aces in 2010) so it should be a great match-up with Sampras, arguably one the sport's best servers of all-time.

"Andy and I are close friends and I know how disappointed he is that he can't play in front of his hometown fans," said Querrey. So he asked me to take his place and give Omaha a great show. I am looking forward to playing against Pete, who I believe is the greatest player in history and the Bryans, the best doubles team of all-time.

“I was looking forward to playing Andy but happy to hear that Sam is taking his place,” said Sampras. I practice with Sam often in California and no doubt he is a champion in the making.”

Joining Sampras, Querrey and the Bryans will be Omaha’s newest tennis star Warren Buffet, former NBA and University of Nebraska star, Eric Piatkowski and top ranked junior Jackson Withrow.

A public autograph session with Pete Sampras, Sam Querrey and the Bryan Brothers will be held on the concourse beginning at 6:00pm on Friday. It is recommended fans arrive to the arena early.

Tickets are still available through Ticketmaster and at the Qwest Center Omaha Box Office.

For each ticket sold, \$2.00 will be donated to ConAgra Foods’ “Shine the Light on Hunger” program. ConAgra Foods created the campaign to draw attention to the issue of hunger, which affects more than 71,000 children throughout Nebraska and 120,000 children in Iowa.

For additional information please visit www.rocknracquets.com.

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