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WORLD'S GREATEST DOUBLES TEAM, FRENCH OPEN CHAMPION AND WIMBLEDON SEMI-FINALIST RETURN TO MIDLAND TO SUPPORT BUSH TENNIS CENTER AND ACE OUTREACH PROGRAMS

MIDLAND, TEXAS July 21, 2017 - The world's greatest doubles team of Mike and Bob Bryan, along with Wimbledon semi-finalist Sam Querrey and 2017 French Open Doubles Champion Ryan Harrison will headline the Henry Resources West Texas Tennis Classic starting at 7:00 pm on September 22nd at the Bush Tennis Center located at 5700 Briarwood Avenue Midland, Texas 79707.

The event will feature singles between Ryan Harrison and Sam Querrey followed by doubles featuring the Bryan brothers against Harrison and Querrey. Immediately following the tennis, the Bryan Brothers' Band will entertain fans and sponsors at the Grand Slam Jam Post-Party concert featuring special guest Jim Bogios of the Counting Crows. The event will benefit the Bush Tennis Center and the Ace Outreach Programs.

"The Bush Tennis Center is thrilled to host this event for the third straight year and honored to bring members of the U.S. Davis Cup & Olympic teams to our city," said Tim Stallard, Executive Director of the Bush Tennis Center. "West Texas has a vibrant and growing tennis community and bringing role models of this caliber to our city will have a tremendous impact on the future growth of the sport."

"I know that Sam and Ryan are looking forward to joining us in Midland," said Bob Bryan, "This will be our third trip to Midland to participate in this event to support such a great program and facility that helps so many children learn the sport of tennis." The Bryan brothers have won 113 ATP Tour titles including 16 Grand Slam titles at the US Open, Wimbledon, the French Open, and the Australian Open. In 2012, the Bryans won the gold medal at the Summer Olympics in London. The Bryan brothers have been ranked #1 in the World for a record 11 years.

Sam Querrey has had an amazing 2017 season reaching the semi-finals of Wimbledon where he upset World #1 Andy Murray. Sam also won the 2017 Acapulco Open where he defeated three of the top 15 players in the world including Rafael Nadal in the finals. In 2016, Sam defeated World #1 Novak Djokovic and reached the quarter-finals of Wimbledon.

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Ryan Harrison is having an outstanding 2017 campaign capturing the ATP Memphis singles title and last month won his first grand slam double title at the French Open. Ryan and his doubles partner Michael Venus also reached the quarter-finals of Wimbledon last week before falling to the number one ranked team in a five set thriller!

Tickets are \$35 for General Admission and \$55 for Reserved Seating. A limited number of courtside VIP Tables of four are available for \$375. Tickets will go on sale July 22nd at 9 a.m. CST online at www.bushtenniscenter.org or by calling (800) 514-3849. For information on courtside VIP Tables or sponsorship opportunities, contact Tim Stallard at tim@prolinklive.net or (512) 576-4796.

Hotel reservations can be made through Double Tree by Hilton Midland Plaza, 117 West Wall Street, Midland, Texas 79701, (432) 683-6131.

THE BUSH TENNIS CENTER is a legacy gift to West Texas honoring President George H. Bush, President George W. Bush and the Bush Family. The mission of the Bush Tennis Center is to provide everyone the opportunity to experience the game of tennis, regardless of physical, financial or geographical barriers. Through BTC outreach programs more than 26,000 children throughout the Permian Basin have had the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis. This year the ACE Outreach Program (*Advise-Counsel-Encourage*) will visit more than 30 schools and provide free tennis and educational programs to more than 12,000 children. Upon its completion, the Bush Tennis Center will be the 2nd largest tennis center in the world with an estimated annual economic impact of over \$43 million per year to the Permian Basin economy. For more information please visit www.bushtenniscenter.org.

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