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**WIMBLEDON AND FRENCH OPEN CHAMPIONS HEADLINE WEST TEXAS TENNIS CLASSIC AT BUSH  
TENNIS CENTER**

**Midland, TX** - The world's greatest doubles team of Mike and Bob Bryan, along with 2017 French Open doubles champion Ryan Harrison and Olympic silver medalist Mardy Fish, will return to Midland for the Henry Resources West Texas Tennis Classic presented by Parsley & Viper Energy starting at 7:00 pm on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Bush Tennis Center, 5700 Briarwood Avenue, Midland, Texas 79707.

The event will feature singles between Ryan Harrison and Mardy Fish followed by doubles featuring Bob and Mike Bryan versus Harrison and Fish. The event will benefit the Bush Ace Outreach Programs.

"The Bush Tennis Center is thrilled to host the Henry Resources Tennis Classic for the fourth straight year," said Tim Stallard, Executive Director of the Bush Tennis Center. "This is an outstanding opportunity for tennis fans in the Permian Basin to watch world class tennis and for area youth to participate in our annual "Thrills & Drills" junior clinic," added Stallard. Over the last three years, the "Thrills & Drills" clinic has drawn several hundred high school tennis players from schools throughout West Texas. The Bush Tennis Center will host the "Thrills & Drills" clinic on September 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 pm followed by the main event at 7:00 pm.

"I know that Mardy and Ryan are looking forward to returning to Midland," said Mike Bryan. "We have enjoyed making this event part of our post US Open schedule. It's great to see all of the support for tennis in West Texas, and we are proud to support the ACE Outreach Program at Bush Tennis Center."

Mike Bryan just partnered with Jack Sock last week to capture the 2018 Wimbledon Doubles Title. The Bryan brothers have won 116 ATP Tour titles including 16 grand slam titles at the US Open, Wimbledon, French Open, and Australian Open. In 2012, the Bryans won the gold medal at the Summer Olympics in London. The Bryan brothers have been ranked No. 1 in the world for a record 11 years.

Mardy Fish reached No. 7 on the ATP World Tour rankings in 2011 and became the No. 1 ranked American when he passed Andy Roddick. In 2007, Mardy along with teammates James Blake, Andy Roddick and the Bryan brothers captured the Davis Cup for the USA. In 2004, he won the silver medal for Team USA at the Summer Olympics. He has career wins over Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray.



Ryan Harrison had an outstanding year capturing the ATP Memphis singles title and won his first grand slam double title at the 2017 French Open. Ryan is a current member of the U.S. Davis Cup Team. He along with teammates John Isner, Jack Sock, Sam Querrey and Steve Johnson will take on Croatia in the semi-finals on September 14-16<sup>th</sup> in Zadar, Croatia before he heads to Midland.

Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$75 for reserved seating. A limited number of Courtside VIP tables of four are available for \$375. Tickets will go on sale July 31<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. CST at [www.bushtenniscenter.org](http://www.bushtenniscenter.org) or by calling (800) 514-3849. For information on the “Thrills & Drills” Clinic, Pro-Am or VIP tables, contact Tim Stallard at [tim@prolinklive.net](mailto:tim@prolinklive.net) or (512) 576-4796.

**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 (BTC) 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 second 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](http://www.bushtenniscenter.org).

#### **VISITMIDLAND**

The mission of VisitMidland is to encourage economic growth by developing, promoting, enhancing and supporting Midland as a vibrant visitor destination. The above information has been provided by Bush Tennis Center and distributed by VisitMidland. This event is projected to bring in \$24,593.73 in direct visitor spending to the Midland economy. For information on where to eat, play, shop, and stay in Midland, visit [www.visitmidland.com](http://www.visitmidland.com).

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