



CHAMPIONS
TENNIS

AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

30TH NOV - 3RD DEC 2017



CHAMPIONS TENNIS ANNOUNCES FINAL LINE UP AND ORDER OF PLAY

PRESS RELEASE

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2017, LONDON: IMG has today announced the schedule for Champions Tennis at the Royal Albert Hall, taking place from Thursday 30th November – Sunday 3rd December 2017. Fabrice Santoro, Xavier Malisse, Wayne Ferreira and Mikael Pernfors are **also confirmed to join this year's stellar line-up**. Taking place over four days, there is an afternoon and evening session each day, with a mix of competitive singles and entertaining doubles matches.

The full order of play is listed below*:

ATP Champions Tour Singles

Group A Malisse, Rafter, Safin
Group B Ferrero, Philippoussis, Santoro

Thursday 30th November

At 1.30pm Malisse v Rafter
 Leconte/Rusedski v Ferreira/ Santoro

At 7.30pm Ferrero v Philippoussis
 Bahrami/Safin v Pernfors/Rusedski

Friday 1st December

At 1.30pm Philippoussis v Santoro
 Ferrero/Leconte v Ferreira/Rafter

At 7.30pm (SportsAid Charity Session)
 Malisse v Safin
 Bahrami/Santoro v Pernfors/ Rusedski

Saturday 2nd December

At 1.00pm Ferrero v Santoro
 Bahrami/Ferriera v Philippoussis/Pernfors

At 6.00pm Rafter v Safin
 Leconte/Rusedski v Ferriera/Malisse

Sunday 3rd December

At 12.00am ATP Champions Tour 3rd v 4th Playoff
 Ferreira/Leconte v Pernfors/ (3rd Group B)

At 5.00 pm ATP Champions Tour Final
 Bahrami/ (3rd Group A) v Pernfors/Rusedski

**All timings may be subject to change and are dependent on length of play. The Management reserves the right to alter the Order of Play at any time.*

Last year's Champions Tennis champion and crowd favourite Fabrice Santoro is returning to

Champions Tennis for another year. Across his 21-year career Santoro earned six singles titles and won two Grand Slam mens doubles titles, one mixed doubles Grand Slam and 25 doubles titles overall. One of only two players from Belgium to have been ranked in the top 20, Xavier Malisse will also take to the court. Over an 18-year career, Malisse reached World No. 19 and achieved three singles career titles. Former World No. 6 Wayne Ferreira retired from the sport in 2005. Turning pro in 1989, South African Ferreira won 15 career titles during his 16 years as a professional. Mikael **Pernfors also returns to the Royal Albert Hall. Pernfors reached the men's singles final of Roland Garros in 1986, losing only to then World No.1 Ivan Lendl.**

Owned and managed by IMG, this year's Champions Tennis at the Royal Albert Hall marks 21 years of the event. It runs over the course of four days, with a day and evening session each day. Watching the greatest players on the grandest stage, Champions Tennis is the ultimate season finale for the ATP Champions Tour.

In its 21-year history, **Champions Tennis at the Royal Albert Hall has featured many of tennis' greatest** stars including John McEnroe, Boris Becker, Andy Roddick, Tim Henman, Pete Sampras, Stefan Edberg, Goran Ivanisevic and Bjorn Borg, with special appearances from Andy Murray, Jamie Murray, Sir Elton John, Billie-Jean King and Novak Djokovic.