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News Release

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Andy Roddick plays tonight, available to media

Mylan World Team Tennis Springfield marquee player and former world No. 1 Andy Roddick will be available to the media in a news conference today, July 12, 4-4:15 p.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton, 2431 N. Glenstone Ave. This is the only media availability planned for Roddick today. Springfield Lasers Coach John-Laffnie (JL) De Jager will also appear at the news conference.

Roddick plays with the Springfield Lasers at tonight's 7:05 p.m. home match against the Orange County Breakers at Cooper Tennis Complex's Mediacom Tennis Stadium, 2331 E. Pythian St. Tonight is Roddick's fourth of five planned matches with the Lasers, not including Monday's surprise appearance at the team's opening match in Springfield.

The Lasers return home after two consecutive wins on the road, including last night's match against two-season Mylan WTT defending champions, the Washington Kastles, where the Lasers won four of five events with a final score of 22-15.

"We whooped up on the Kastles in grand style," said Bob Belote, Lasers ownership representative. "It was the first time they've lost at home in over two-and-a-half years. Our team played fantastic tennis last night. Andy Roddick is obviously embracing the team aspect of Mylan WTT, as well as his teammates."

Among the Springfield Lasers fans is Wimbledon champion Andy Murray, (@andy_murray) who tweeted during last night's match (quote is exact), "watching the springfield lasers vs the washington kastles in world team tennis right now... the lasers are my team [#julianrojer](#)"

The Lasers also defeated the Philadelphia Freedoms Wednesday in Overtime- Men's Doubles, 23-20. Tuesday was a narrow defeat for the Lasers, with the New York Sportimes winning 22-21. The Lasers are now in second place in the Mylan WTT Western Conference, half a game behind the Sacramento Capitals.

Members of the media must have credentials to enter Cooper Tennis Complex this evening and throughout Lasers season. Media organizations which have yet not picked up credentials must call Jenny Fillmer Edwards at 417-224-5510 to make special arrangements.

Grandstand tickets for tonight's match are still available. For tickets or more information, visit springfieldlasers.com or call Cooper Tennis Complex at 417-837-5800. Media inquiries call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510