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Springfield Lasers congratulates Andy Roddick on bringing WTT to Austin, TX

The Springfield Lasers World TeamTennis franchise gives hearty congratulations to Andy Roddick for bringing Mylan World TeamTennis to Austin, Texas.

Roddick, American tennis icon and former World No. 1, came out of retirement this summer to join Mylan WTT as the Springfield Lasers' marquee player. The Lasers went on to become the 2013 WTT Western Conference Champions, with Roddick playing six regular season matches, including two home matches in Springfield, as well as the WTT Finals match in Washington, DC.

Roddick, a resident of Austin, will be the marquee player for the Austin Aces as a result of a trade with the Lasers. The Austin Aces are newly relocated and formerly known as the Orange County Breakers.

During the 2013 season, Roddick helped raise the Springfield Lasers' profile and bring new fans to the league.

"Andy helped us nearly double our attendance at Lasers matches this past summer, and it was clear he really enjoyed being a part of our team, so it's a bittersweet goodbye for us," said Bob Belote, ownership representative for the Springfield Lasers. "However, there's no doubt Andy's continued involvement in Mylan World TeamTennis makes it a far better league for all of us, and we really do want to congratulate him on bringing a franchise to his hometown of Austin."

Roddick appeared in the Mylan WTT Smash Hits charity tennis event last weekend, raising more than \$700,000 for AIDS charities alongside Sir Elton John, Billie Jean King, Venus Williams and Marion Bartoli. Roddick, along with Williams, joined the WTT ownership group earlier this year.

The Springfield Lasers will participate in the marquee player draft in February 2014, followed by the roster player draft in March. The WTT schedule is also available in March.

Season tickets for the Springfield Lasers go on sale in March, with individual tickets available in May.

For more information about the Springfield Lasers, visit springfieldlasers.com, or look for Springfield Lasers on Facebook or @SpringLasers on Twitter. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.

For more information on Mylan WTT or the Austin Aces, visit wtt.com. A Mylan WTT news release is included below.

**Mylan World TeamTennis team relocates to Austin;
Andy Roddick to star on team**

NEW YORK, N.Y. (November 21, 2013) — Austin, Texas will be home to a new Mylan World TeamTennis team in 2014, with a familiar name on the roster - Austin resident Andy Roddick.

The Austin Aces will join Mylan WTT after entrepreneur Lorne Abony purchased the Orange County franchise and has relocated the team to Austin beginning with the 2014 season. This will be the first time a Mylan WTT team has played in Austin. The team is currently reviewing potential venue options and Abony expects to finalize a location by the end of the year.

Abony's first move after acquiring the franchise was to add Roddick to the team's roster. The Aces picked up Roddick in a trade with the Springfield Lasers this week for financial consideration and Marquee Draft position. Roddick, along with Venus Williams, joined the World TeamTennis ownership group in May 2013. He helped lead the Lasers to a runner-up finish in 2013.

"The fans and team in Springfield were great to me and I really appreciate their support. Austin however is my home and I am excited to be able to play here in front of my friends and family," said Roddick. "I have played Mylan World TeamTennis since I was a teenager and I believe in the way this league connects with community and provides kids access to professional tennis."

Roddick, who knew Abony through tennis connections, was aware of Abony's business accomplishments and involvement in tennis and thought he would be a perfect fit for Mylan WTT. "Lorne is a business visionary who I know will do great things for tennis in Austin. I am very much looking forward to being part of something very exciting."

"I have a great passion for tennis and great passion for the city of Austin," said Abony. "The Mylan World TeamTennis product is the best and most exciting brand of tennis there is in the world. I am honored to have the opportunity to bring a professional Mylan World TeamTennis franchise to Austin and to build a championship team for our city. With Andy on board, we are well on our way to building something incredibly special for, and with the Austin community."

The Austin Aces will compete in Mylan World TeamTennis presented by GEICO which showcases the best in professional team tennis competition, playing an innovative coed team format over a three-week season in July. Co-founded by Billie Jean King in the 1970s and based on a concept of gender equity, Mylan WTT offers unique access to the sport and some of its greatest champions who have played over the past 38 seasons.

"Austin is a great tennis market to continue to grow our fan base," said Mylan WTT CEO/Commissioner Ilana Kloss. "Lorne has the business background and passion that we look for in team ownership. We are excited to work with him to introduce Mylan World TeamTennis to Austin."

Austin will also retain the rights to the 2013 Orange County Breakers players although their 2014 team lineup will not be determined until the Mylan WTT Marquee Player Draft on Tuesday, Feb. 11 and the Mylan WTT Roster Player Draft on Tuesday, March 11. The 39th season of Mylan World TeamTennis will commence July 2014.

Each Mylan WTT team is comprised of two men, two women and a coach. Team matches consist of five sets, with one set each of men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

The first team to reach five games wins each set. One point is awarded for each game won, and a nine-point tiebreaker is played if a set reaches four all. If necessary, Overtime and a Super tiebreaker are played to determine the outright winner of the match.

Mylan WTT is well known for showcasing and introducing innovative elements to tennis including instant replay, coed format, cumulative and no-ad scoring, on-court coaching and timeouts, Overtime and Super tiebreakers, multi-colored courts and player names on the back of shirts.

For more information on the Austin Aces, please visit www.AustinAcesTennis.com or call 512-508-3069. For more information on Mylan WTT, visit www.WTT.com.

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About Mylan World TeamTennis (WTT)

Mylan World TeamTennis (WTT) showcases the best in professional team tennis competition, playing an innovative coed team format co-founded by Billie Jean King in the 1970s. Mylan WTT, which begins its 39th season in July 2014, is a showcase for many of tennis' top players with virtually every major champion of the Open era playing in the league throughout since 1974.

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is a minority owner and promotional partner of Mylan World TeamTennis. For more information on Mylan WTT, visit www.WTT.com.

About the Austin Aces

In 2014, the Austin Aces begin play in their inaugural season in Mylan World Team Tennis presented by GEICO. Austin resident and former world No. 1 Andy Roddick will lead the Aces as their marquee player. The team will play 14 regular season matches throughout the month of July, including seven at home. For more information on the Austin Aces, visit www.AustinAcesTennis.com.