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## **MARDY FISH ADVANCES TO THE QUARTERFINALS OF THE US OPEN FISH TO PLAY IN NAPLES AT CHARITY EVENT SWINGTIME IN NOVEMBER**

New York, NY, -- **Swingtime participant Mardy Fish** has advanced to the quarterfinals of the US Open for the first time of his career. Fish advanced through the draw defeating Australian qualifier Robert Smeets, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 6-4; Frenchman Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; good friend and fellow American James Blake 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (4) and Frenchman Gael Monfils 7-5, 6-2, 6-2. Fish entered the US Open after a run to the final the previous week at the ATP event in New Haven.

With his Labor Day victory over Monfils, Fish will meet Rafael Nadal, winner over American player Sam Querrey. Nadal is the No. 1 ranked player in the world and is coming off Grand Slam victories at the French Open and at Wimbledon.

Fish already has a post-US Open trip to Naples planned. For the fourth year, Fish will join Event Host Tom Gullikson, along with another US Open participant, **Sebastien Grosjean**, among many other tour players for **Swingtime Benefiting the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation**. Grosjean fell in the first round of this year's US Open, but has won four singles and five doubles titles during his career and has ranked as high as No. 4 in the world. This will be Grosjean's first appearance at Swingtime.

**Swingtime -- A Pro-Celebrity Pro-Am Tennis & Golf Tournament -- Benefiting the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation**, which provides assistance to brain tumor patients and their families, will return to Naples, Florida on **November 22-23, 2008**. The **tennis pro-am** and **exhibition** will held at Stock Development's The Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort, with the **golf pro-am tournament** teeing off at Olde Cypress.

Past participants of Swingtime include tennis legends Chris Evert and Stan Smith, tennis stars Andy Roddick, James Blake, Venus Williams, Serena Williams, Jennifer Capriati, Jim Courier, Todd Martin, Aaron Krickstein, Jimmy Arias, and Kathy Rinaldi, NFL players Earl Morrall, Paul Warfield, and Joe Namath and Major League Baseball's Gary Carter, Keith Hernandez and Bill Gullikson.

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Over the past ten years, Swingtime has raised more than \$1,000,000 for The Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation. The **Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation** was established in 1995 after **Tim** was diagnosed with malignant brain tumors. **Tim Gullikson**, who as a coach helped establish Pete Sampras as the top player in the world, died in 1996, at age 44, after losing his battle with the disease. The Foundation's mission is to fund care and support programs to assist brain-tumor patients and their families in managing the physical, emotional and social challenges presented by the illness. Among other things, the Foundation funds information and support phone lines for brain tumor patients and their families, sends children who are brain tumor survivors to camp, and gives college scholarships to students who have been affected by brain tumors.

The official **Swingtime** host sponsor, **Stock Development**, is one of the most dynamic and fastest growing development companies in Southwest Florida, with properties from Naples to Punta Gorda. Specializing in the development of amenity rich communities, the company's craftsmanship and expertise are proudly displayed in five of the regions most celebrated communities: **Lely Resort Golf & Country Club**, **Olde Cypress** in Naples; **Grandeza** in Estero; **Paseo** in Ft. Myers and **Vivante** at Punta Gorda. For more information about **Stock Development** please visit [www.stockdevelopment.com](http://www.stockdevelopment.com).

**The Law Offices of Andy M. Custer** is continuing its support of Swingtime by sponsoring this year's gala; now titled, the **Swingtime Gala presented by the Law Offices of Andy M. Custer**. The Law Offices of Andy M. Custer is located in Palm Beach County and is dedicated to protecting your right to justice.

Official sponsors of **Swingtime** include **Allen Systems Group (ASG)**, **GreenLinks Golf Resort**, **JetBlue Airways**, **Meridian Broadcasting**, **WINK 1240 am**, **Naples Daily News**, **Naples Illustrated**, **Nike** and **Tennis Week Magazine**.

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Tickets for **Swingtime's Tennis Exhibition** are \$70 for Box Seats and \$35 for General Admission seating. For tickets to the Tennis Exhibition, call (800) 927-7242. For more information or to purchase spots in the Tennis Pro-Am, Golf Pro-Am Tournament or invitations to the Gala phone (561) 394-9190 or email [MLCope@chevents.com](mailto:MLCope@chevents.com). Invitations to the Swingtime Gala cost \$250 per invitation. For information on the **Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation** please visit their website at [gulliksonfoundation.org](http://gulliksonfoundation.org).

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