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**FORMER WORLD NO. 8 JANKO TIPSAREVIC ADDED TO ODLUM
BROWN VANOPEN MEN'S DRAW**

Vancouver, BC - Organizers of the Odlum Brown VanOpen are pleased to announce former World No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic has been granted a wildcard entry into the main draw of the men's competition August 15 - 23 at Hollyburn Country Club in West Vancouver.

The 31-year-old from Serbia spent 2014 recovering from a foot injury and is looking to get back to the form which made him a US Open quarterfinalist in 2011 and 2012. He also made it to the fourth round of singles at Wimbledon in 2007 and 2008, the French Open in 2012, and the Australian Open in 2013.

"We are really excited to add a player of Janko's stature to the men's draw at this year's tournament," said Odlum Brown VanOpen Chairman Floyd Hill. "Anytime you can attract a player who's been among the top 10 in the world and defeated the calibre of players that Janko has, it strengthens the event significantly and gives fans the opportunity to see another world-class player here in Vancouver."

The players that Tipsarevic holds victories over reads like a who's-who in men's tennis. He has two career wins against World No. 1 and fellow Serb Novak Djokovic. Tipsarevic has also beaten former World No. 1 players Carlos Moya, Marat Safin, Lleyton Hewitt, Juan Carlos Ferrero and Andy Roddick. In addition, he has thirteen career victories against other top 10 players, including four wins against Tomas Berdych, and one each against Fernando Gonzalez, Mikhail Youzhny, David Ferrer, James Blake, Gael Monfils, Andy Murray, and Juan Monaco.

"It is exciting to know that our reputation is consistently reaching players who are World Top 10 calibre and have competed at the highest Grand Slam levels," said Odlum Brown VanOpen Tournament Director Ryan Clark.

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Tipsarevic is a four-time winner on the ATP World Tour. He beat 2014 Odlum Brown VanOpen champion Marcos Baghdatis to win the 2011 Malaysian Open, topped countryman Viktor Troicki to claim the 2011 Kremlin Cup, defeated former World No. 10 Juan Monaco in the 2012 Stuttgart Open final, and knocked off current World No. 22 Roberto Bautista Agut to win the 2013 Chennai Open in India.

“I am really looking forward to playing in Vancouver. Everything I’ve heard about the tournament and the city is excellent,” said Tipsarevic. “I can’t wait to get there, I hope to play well, and work my way towards making it back into the top 10.”

In addition to his stellar individual career, Tipsarevic has dutifully represented his country at every Davis Cup since 2000 - and helped Serbia to a 3-2 final win over France in 2010. His 2013 victory over Canadian and former Odlum Brown VanOpen champion Vasek Pospisil completed a come-from-behind victory against Canada to send Serbia to the Davis Cup Final. He also reached the third round at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

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