

\$50,000 Sunset Moulding-Yuba City Racquet Club Challenger

USTA ANNOUNCES MAIN DRAW FIELD FOR THE SUNSET MOULDING-YUBA CITY RACQUET CLUB MEN'S PRO CIRCUIT EVENT.

Yuba City, CA – May 27, 2009 – The United States Tennis Association announced the main draw for the \$50,000 Sunset Moulding-Yuba City Racquet Club Challenger Tournament beginning June 2, 2009 with Vince Spadea, USA currently ranked #106 in the world seeded as the #1 player. Spadea, 34 has played on the ATP tour since making his Grand Slam debut at the US Open in 1993. Spadea reached a career high ranking of #18 in 2005 and has wins over Roger Federer, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, Rafael Nadal and Andy Roddick. In 2008, the two time Olympian (Sydney 2000/Athens 2004) won two USTA Pro Circuit titles at the \$50,000 Calabasas, CA and Waco, TX Challengers and was a finalist at the \$50,000 Tulsa, OK Challenger.

Ranked at #139, Danai Udomchoke, THA is the #2 seed. Udomchoke's 2009 results include semifinals at the Tallahassee, FL Challenger and Mexico City Challenger and a finalist finish at the Bangkok, THA Challenger. Alex Bogomolov Jr., USA is the #3 seed with a current world ranking of #156. Bogomolov turned pro in 2002 and broke into the top 100 at #97 in 2003. In 2008, Bogomolov reached the finals at Challenger events in Busan, South Korea and Carson, CA and currently holds 10 Pro Circuit titles.

Michael Yani, USA ranked at #249 is scheduled to return to defend both his singles and doubles Yuba City championship of 2008. Last year's victory was Yani's first Challenger title after he played through the qualifying draw to earn a spot in the main draw. Other results includes four USTA Pro Circuit Futures titles with two northern California wins at the Woodland and Chico Futures tournaments.

Other seeded 2009 Yuba City Challenger players include Donald Young, USA currently ranked #162 with a career high world #73 in April 2008. Young's 2009 results include a Challenger final in Tallahassee, FL and a doubles final with Lester Cook, USA in Carson, CA. As a junior player, Young won both Wimbledon and the Australian Open titles. Michael Russell, USA ranked #168 is the USTA Pro Circuit men's all-time leader in singles titles with twenty. In 2009, Russell has won the \$50,000 Savannah, GA Challenger in early May, the \$15,000 Brownsville, TX Futures and reached the finals of a Challenger event in Salinas, ECU. Russell is the first player in the "Open Era", post 1968 to reach four consecutive Grand Slam events by playing through qualifiers in 2000-01. His best Grand Slam appearance was reaching the fourth round of the 2001 French Open and taking the then #1 world ranked Gustavo Kuerten and defending French champion to match point before losing in the fifth set.

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A wildcard tournament begins on Friday, May 29 at 9a.m. and continues on May 30, 2009 with the winner receiving a wildcard into the Qualifying Tournament. Admission to the qualifying tournament, May 31- June 1, 2009 is free. Main Draw play beginning Tuesday, June 2- Friday, June 5, 2009 is free to the general public, courtesy of title sponsor, Sunset Moulding Company and the Yuba City Racquet Club. Session passes for main draw play, June 6-7, 2009 are available for \$10.00. All Event Passes are available for an additional charge and include all admittance to all sessions of play and several dinners and a Sunday Finals Brunch. Further information can be obtained by calling the Yuba City Racquet Club at (530) 673-6900 or visiting www.yubacitychallenger.com.

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