



MEDIA RELEASE

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EIGHTH SPOT STILL OPEN

Roger Federer (SUI, ranked 1) has decided not to participate in the 2010 AAMI Classic at Kooyong. His manager, Tony Godsick, communicated with Tournament Director, Colin Stubs, this morning to say that Federer will not take up the option of eighth spot in the field, but appreciates Stubs holding the place for him until the last minute.

Federer was defeated by Nikolay Davydenko in the semi-finals at the Qatar Exxon Open this week.

Stubs will spend the next 48 hours exploring the best possible option for the eighth spot in his field.

Four players have already arrived in town (Novak Djokovic, Robin Soderling, Fernando Gonzalez, and Tommy Haas). Djokovic and Soderling have both put in heavy practice sessions at Kooyong over the past two days and appear to be in great form.

Del Potro, Tsonga and Verdasco are expected in later today.

The players' media conference will be held at Kooyong on Tuesday, January 12, at 11.00 am when the eighth player is expected to be announced.

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