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Rockford's Local Celebrities to Face Off in Table Tennis Tournament
Celebrity Tournament to Kick off Collegiate Table Tennis Championship

ROCKFORD, IL (April 5, 2013) – Ten local leaders and media personalities will face off in a Celebrity Table Tennis Doubles Tournament on Thursday, April 11th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Forest City Tennis Center (Clock Tower Racquet Club), 7801 E. State St. The event is a precursor to the College Table Tennis Championship, which is being hosted in Rockford for the first time on Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14, 2013. The Celebrity Tournament is free and open to the public, and spectators are invited to stay and watch the world-class collegiate players prepare for the start of the Championship until 9:00 p.m.

Celebrities participating include Derek Bayne (Sports, WREX) John Chadwick (General Manager, WREX), Kevin Haas (Reporter, Rockford Register Star), Randy Ruef (Sports Editor, Rockford Register Star), Matt Trowbridge (Assistant Sports Editor, Rockford Register Star), Mike Garrigan (Anchor, WIFR), Ben Hutchison (Anchor, WTVO), Zach James (Sports, WIFR), Jay Sandine (Deputy Director Operations, Rockford Park District) and Stone (Stone and Double T Show, WXR). Each celebrity will be paired with a collegiate player and compete in a minimum of two, maximum of four matches. The winning celebrity will take home a trophy and bragging rights.

The College Table Tennis Championship will bring more than 300 players from more than 40 schools across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to compete for a national title in one of the Olympics' most popular sports. The Forest City Tennis Center will be open to the public for free on Thursday, April 11th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for spectators to watch the Celebrity Tournament or the collegiate players prepare for the Championship. Once the Championship begins, Single-day spectator passes (Adults - \$5, Students & Seniors - \$4) and 3-Day Event spectator passes (Adults - \$12, Students & Seniors - \$10) are available for purchase at the door. In addition to watching the great competition, Championship attendees can take on the table tennis robot (ball machine).

For more information about the event, visit <http://nctta.org/champs/2013>.

About the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) is a government-recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting competitive table tennis at the collegiate level in North America (US, Canada, Puerto Rico) The NCTTA works with the USA Table Tennis Association, the sports' national governing body, to further progress in College Table Tennis.

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