AUSTRALIAN OPEN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA 14 - 27 JANUARY 2008 AUS\$20,600,000

128 DRAW / # 06-580

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

SITE: MELBOURNE PARK

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SURFACE: **PLEXICUSHION** BALL: WILSON AUSTRALIAN OPEN BALL

PRIZE MONEY: **AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS** TAX: VARIABLE

SINGLES QUALIFYING SIGN-IN DEADLINE: SIGN-IN FOR ALTERNATES WILL CLOSE 30 MINUTES SIGN-IN:

> BEFORE THE FIRST SCHEDULED MATCH ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY, 2008 AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL. SINGLES QUALIFYING MATCHES: WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY - SATURDAY 12 JANUARY. DOUBLES MAIN DRAW SIGN-IN DEADLINE: SIGN-IN CLOSES AT 4:00PM ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY, 2008 AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL. MIXED DOUBLES MAIN DRAW SIGN-IN DEADLINE: SIGN-IN

CLOSES AT 4:00PM ON WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY, 2008 AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL.

SCHEDULE: THE SINGLES MAIN DRAW WILL BE CONDUCTED AND MADE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY 11 JANUARY AT

MELBOURNE PARK. COMPETITORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. THE SCHEDULE IS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE IF NECESSARY DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS OR OTHER REASONS. FROM MONDAY 14 JANUARY, MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 11:00AM ON ALL COURTS. ON FRIDAY 25 AND SUNDAY 27 JANUARY MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 3:00PM AND 4:00PM RESPECTIVELY ON ALL COURTS. ON SATURDAY 26 JANUARY, MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 12:00PM ON OUTSIDE COURTS AND AT 1:30PM ON ROD LAVER ARENA. NIGHT MATCHES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON ROD LAVER ARENA EACH NIGHT FROM MONDAY 14 JANUARY TO SUNDAY 27 JANUARY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SATURDAY 26 JANUARY WHEN THERE IS A DAY SESSION ONLY. NIGHT MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 7:30PM. NIGHT MATCHES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON MARGARET COURT ARENA EACH NIGHT FROM MONDAY 14 JANUARY TO SATURDAY 19 JANUARY (INCLUSIVE). THE FIRST NIGHT MATCH WILL COMMENCE ON MARGARET COURT ARENA NOT BEFORE 7:30PM (THIS MATCH MAY BE MOVED TO VODAFONE ARENA AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, EITHER PRIOR TO MATCH STARTING OR DURING MATCH IF INTERRUPTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS). IN THE EVENT OF A MATCH EXTENDING PAST 11:00PM. A DECISION WILL BE MADE AT 11:00PM BY THE REFEREE REGARDING

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULED MATCH.

NEW INITIATIVES IN 2008, THE MEN'S SINGLES QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT WILL START ONE DAY EARLIER ON

WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY.

SIGN IN FOR MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP WILL CLOSE AT 4:00PM ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY. PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO UTILIZE A CUSTOMISED LIMITED CHALLENGE SYSTEM AT THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2008 ON ROD LAVER ARENA AND VODAFONE ARENA ONLY. THIS SYSTEM WILL NOW ALLOW PLAYERS A MAXIMUM OF THREE INCORRECT CHALLENGES IN A SET. WITH

ONE ADDITIONAL CHALLENGE AVAILABLE FOR TIE-BREAKS. THE COURT SURFACE IN 2008 WILL BE PLEXICUSHION. IN 2008, THE COLOUR OF THE COURT WILL BE BLUE.

IN 2008, THE HEAT POLICY WILL BE APPLIED AT THE REFEREE'S DISCRETION. ANY MATCHES CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS WHEN THE POLICY IS IMPLEMENTED WILL NOW BE SUSPENDED AT

THE COMPLETION OF THE SET.

PRACTICE COURTS: 22 OUTDOOR COURTS AND 2 INDOOR AVAILABLE ON-SITE STARTING FRIDAY 4 JANUARY.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

MAIN DRAW PLAYERS' PER DIEM AUS\$196 PER NIGHT. QUALIFYING PLAYERS' PER DIEM AUS\$98 PER NIGHT

GRAND HYATT MELBOURNE HOTEL: TEL: 61-3-965 71234

123 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA FAX: 61-3-9650 3491

RATES: 7-27 JANUARY: AUS\$216 (PLAYER RATE ONLY - PLAYERS WILL BE

LIMITED TO 2 STANDARD ROOMS AT THIS RATE).

7-27 JANUARY: AUS\$240 PLAYER AFFILLIATED RATE

HOTEL: LANGHAM HOTEL MELBOURNE TEL: 61-3-8696 8888

ONE SOUTHGATE AVENUE, MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA

RATES: 7-27 JANUARY: AUS\$310 HOTEL: **SOFITEL MELBOURNE** TEL: 61-3-9653 0000 FAX: 61-3-9650 4261

25 COLLINS ST, MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA

7-27 JANUARY: AUS\$310 RATES: ALL RATES INCLUDE GST

CONTACT AO ACCOMMODATION OFFICE, TEL: 61-3-9914 4400, FAX: 61-3-9650 1040, **RESERVATIONS:**

ONLINE RESERVATIONS: www.aoonline.org/player. HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS 3 DECEMBER 2007. ALTERNATE HOTELS AND A RANGE OF APARTMENT STYLE ACCOMMODATIONS, AS WELL AS

LIMITED HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION, IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION

FLY INTO MELBOURNE AIRPORT (MEL - TULLAMARINE). TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FROM FRIDAY 4 JANUARY TO SUNDAY 6 JANUARY (10:00am - 6:00pm) AND MONDAY 7 JANUARY TO MONDAY 28 JANUARY (6:30AM UNTIL 2 HOURS AFTER END OF PLAY). ALL TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE. PLEASE BOOK YOUR TRANSPORT VIA THE PLAYER WEBSITE AT www.aoonline.org/player, BY EMAILING aotransport@tennis.com.au, OR BY PHONING AUSTRALIAN OPEN TRANSPORT ON +613 9914 4641. LAST AIRPORT PICK UP EACH DAY WILL BE AT 11:00PM. PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN TRANSPORT DESK, LOCATED IN THE ARRIVALS HALL OF THE INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL. ALTERNATIVELY TAXIS AND/OR BUSES ARE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS (APPROX. FARE IS A\$60). SHUTTLE BUSES WILL OPERATE BETWEEN THE GRAND HYATT AND MELBOURNE PARK (PLEASE SEE THE GRAND HYATT WELCOME DESK FOR TIMETABLE DETAILS).

VISA INFORMATION:

REFER TO ATTACHED DETAILED VISA INFORMATION SHEET. PLAYERS CAN CONTACT LISA MEEHAN AT Imeehan@tennis.com.au OR FAX 61-3-96501040 TO REQUEST LETTER OF INVITATION. PLAYERS NEED TO APPLY FOR VISAS 6 TO 8 WEEKS OUT FROM THE DATE OF TRAVEL. PLAYER GUESTS SHOULD APPLY FOR TOURIST VISAS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE LETTERS OF INVITATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.

ATP STAFF

PLAYER SERVICES GIORGIO DI PALERMO, THOMAS SCHRADER SPORTS MEDICINE TRAINERS PAUL NESS, PER BASTHOLT, STEPHANE VIVIER

ATP POINTS & PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN

	Winner	Finalist	Semi-F	Quarter-F	R/16	R/32	R/64	R/128	Q	Q 3	Q2	Q1
Ranking Points	1000	700	450	250	150	75	35	5	15*	8	4	
Race Points	200	140	90	50	30	15	7	1	3			
Singles AUS\$	1,370,00	685,000	342,500	171,250	85,625	50,000	30,250	19,400		11,440	5,710	2,860
Doubles AUS\$	446,020	223,010	110,800	55,400	31,245	17,035	9,585					
Mixed AUS\$	134,460	67,230	33,615	15,490	7,745	3,755						
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2008 ENTRY DEADLINE: 3 DEC 2007 / QUALIFYING 17 DEC 2007

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW CUT-OFF: 153 RELEASED / 20-Nov-07LT