Greg Rusedski will play in Edinburgh's Champions of Tennis

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Now even more big names are confirmed for the largest tennis tournament to be played in Edinburgh for a long time. Brodies LLP have confirmed the sponsorship of the event which will have stars like John McEnroe playing the game he so loved.

Former British No 1, Greg Rusedski and 2003 Wimbledon Champion Mark Philippoussis are the latest players to confirm that they will compete in the Brodies Champions of Tennis event in Edinburgh. The pair will join John McEnroe, Tim Henman and Goran Ivanisevic at the first ever ATP Champions Tour event to be held in Scotland, which is to take place at the home of the Edinburgh Academicals from June 20th to 23rd.'

Rusedski has been Champion on the ATP Champions Tour twice, and enjoyed an exciting rivalry with fellow Brit Henman during their time on the ATP Tour. The 39 year-old is delighted to be playing in Edinburgh this June.

'I'm really excited to be heading to Scotland for the Brodies Champions of Tennis,' he said. 'Edinburgh is a beautiful city and it's great that there is going to be an ATP Champions Tour event there. Scottish tennis is on such a high at the moment with Andy Murray doing so well so I'm sure it will be a fantastic event with great crowds. I can't wait.'

Mark Philippoussis was known by many in tennis as 'The Scud' due to his booming serve and bullet-like groundstrokes. The Australian, who is enjoying a renaissance on the ATP Champions Tour after having to retire from the main Tour prematurely due to injury, is very much looking forward to competing in the Scottish capital.

'It will be my first time playing in Edinburgh, I'm very excited,' he said. 'The UK has always been a special place for me, the crowd are very passionate and knowledgeable about their sport and it feels like a home away from home, I can't wait!'

Other players who have already confirmed they will play in Edinburgh include Tim Henman and Goran Ivanesivic.

Viki Mendelssohn, Tournament Director of Brodies Champions of Tennis is pleased to be adding two such popular players to the already star-studded line-up in Edinburgh.

"We are delighted that these two renowned players have confirmed their participation in the event,' she said. 'Their presence, together with those already announced, adds to the stature of our inaugural tournament.

'Tournament preparations are coming together really well, and whilst tickets are still available, I would urge people to purchase soon as some sessions are close to selling out. The stage is set for some exciting, high quality tennis for players and spectators alike.'

Bill Drummond, Managing Partner at Brodies LLP added:- 'Once again we are pleased to announce the involvement of two more world-class tennis legends in what is sure to be the highlight of Scotland's sporting calendar in 2013. Brodies is proud to support this event and we are looking forward to announcing more tennis stars soon.'

Tickets are now on sale at <u>www.championsoftennis.com</u>.

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