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## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ODLUM BROWN VANOPEN COMMUNITY DAY PRESENTED BY LONDON DRUGS A ROUSING SUCCESS!

West Vancouver, BC - The Odlum Brown VanOpen announced today that the tournament's 2nd Annual Community Day presented by London Drugs was an incredible success. The fun-filled day saw youth from Tennis BC's Girls in Action outreach program and CLICK: Contributing to Lives of Inner City Kids participate in a day of tennis provided by Hollyburn Country Club and Tennis Canada coaches.

"We look forward to Community Day each year as a great way to see how tennis can have such a positive impact on youth throughout Metro Vancouver and across British Columbia," said Odlum Brown VanOpen Tournament Director Rik de Voest. "Events like this play an integral role in providing youth with access to the important social, emotional and physical development found in sports."

In addition to having fun on the courts, the youth attending also heard Tennis Canada Head of High Performance for Western Canada Oded Jacob and players from the High Performance program share stories of how to overcome adversity, set and achieve goals, and make dreams become reality.

"It is our thrill to put together such a wonderful day for youth in our community. It's an honour to give back in this way and put so many smiles on so many faces!" added de Voest.

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### About the Odlum Brown VanOpen:

The Odlum Brown VanOpen is the 2017 ATP Challenger of the Year and Western Canada's largest and most celebrated tennis event. It offers an equal balance of \$200,000 USD in prize money for men and women and provides players the opportunity to gain valuable world-ranking points on both the ATP and WTA Tours. It annually also attracts 140 international and professional players from over 45 countries. Eugenie Bouchard, Milos Raonic, Maria Sharapova, Johanna Konta, Andy Murray, Marion Bartoli, Vasek Pospisil, and Karolina Pliskova are among today's top stars who began their careers at the Odlum Brown VanOpen.