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**ROBREDO ORGANISES TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF FRIEND**

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**Tommy Robredo** is making a dream come true by organising a wheelchair tournament "Santi Silva Memorial" in memory of his friend Silva, who died last year. This Tennis Open will take place in Olot from 8-14 June and is categorized as an ITF 2, making it the most important wheelchair tournament to take place in Spain.

Along with the help of several people in his team, Robredo is looking to attract sponsors and donors to raise the €70,000 needed for the tournament. He is also counting on the help of a number of sports figures to increase awareness of the tournament, which will have free entry.

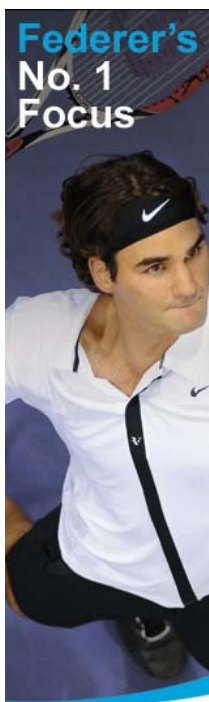
"We invite everybody to come and attend," said Robredo. "With your help and presence only, we will already make Santi's dream come true."

Tommy Robredo's foundation will give the proceeds from the tournament to disabled persons in order to support wheelchair costs, trips, medical attention and everything that a disabled person may need in order to enjoy the sport.

Robredo said: "We want to show people that tennis can be played by everybody."

Robredo and Silva used to play tennis together in Olot until an accident left Silva disabled. Silva then started to play tennis in a wheelchair, coached tennis next to Robredo's father Angel, and organised tournaments for disabled people. Though he could barely move during the last three years of his life, Silva still strove to help disabled children through the sport.

Tennis helped Silva overcome difficult moments and depression, and his biggest dream was to be able to organise a big event one day. He started to work with Robredo on the tournament before his death last year at 33 years of age.



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