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Middlebury Indoor Tennis: Rolling Thunder Tournament Results of November 2004

Errol Natrass of Jeffersonville and Windridge Tennis Camps won the men's singles title at the Open Draw of the "Rolling Thunder" tennis tournament at Middlebury Indoor Tennis on Sunday November 21, defeating Thibaut Huens of Poultney and Green Mountain College, 6-4, 6-2. Natrass, a native of Johannesburg South Africa, has a remarkable record of success in Vermont tournaments, including a victory in the Jeff Stone Memorial Tournament last August besting Perry Crockett of Stowe 6-2, 6-3. Crockett had recently been on the satellite pro tour. In semi-final action, Huens, who was born in Belgium and is a citizen of Australia, defeated Kord Schwarz of Middlebury in a third set tie-breaker, 6-2, 5-7, 7-6(7-4). Schwarz, a former All-American at Wheaton College in Illinois, joined Middlebury College this summer as assistant men's tennis coach. In the other semi, Natrass overcame another Green Mountain College student, Nicholas Bourges of Argentina, 6-1, 6-2. In August of 2003, Bourges won the open men's singles title at Middlebury's "Tennis Anyone" event.

The men's open doubles title was taken by Wes Sherrill and Adam Crowley, both of Burlington, in a round-robin event. Runners-up were Carl Boss (Bristol) and Nate Randlett (MUHS).

The previous weekend of November 13-14 saw the "Advanced Intermediate" portion of the "Rolling Thunder" series. Carl Boss (Bristol) and Patty Whittemore (Ripton) won the mixed doubles final, defeating Bo Price (Middlebury) and Jim Samler (Brandon) 6-1, 6-1. In men's doubles Ben Randlett (MUHS) and Jon Lange (Ferrisburg) won the final with the team of Lee Randlett (Middlebury) and David Ignat (Ripton), 6-4, 6-4. Lisa Coale (Middlebury) and Genevieve Cohn (Ferrisburg) took the women's doubles title, with Helen Cobb and Suzanne Weinstein (both Middlebury) as runner-up, 6-2, 6-2.

In the "Intermediate" events of November 6-7 Orest Bula and Michael Bula (Shelburne) won the men's doubles round robin, while Bob Johnson and Tim Page (both Middlebury) came in second. Coale and Cohn won the women's doubles round robin over Abby Killorin (Weybridge) and Weinstein. In the "Rolling Thunder" format, finalists of earlier weeks gain free entry to the next week's event, at a higher skill level.

Complete results are at middleburytennis.com.
