

Middlebury, Vermont  
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## Top players appear at MIT tennis tournament

MIDDLEBURY - A high-level tournament drew sixteen of the top male tennis players in northern Vermont to Middlebury Indoor Tennis this past weekend. Several of competitors in the open-draw of the Rolling Thunder Tournament Series once held world rankings while on the pro tour.

Errol Natrass, originally of South Africa and now Tennis Director at the Windridge Tennis Camps in Roxbury, won the singles title in a 6-0, 6-1 final win over Australian Thibaut Huens, now at Green Mountain College.

On the way to the final, Natrass had to overcome a former all-American from Wheaton Collge who now lives in Middlebury, Kord Schwarz by 6-2, 6-2. In reaching the semifinal, Schwarz defeated former touring pro Kelly Kerner, director of Major Gifts at Middlebury College, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

Kerner's first tournament play in many years came in the round of 16, in which he fell behind opponent Ryan Cassidy of Rutland and Green Mountain College 0-3 in both sets but prevailed 7-5, 6-3.

Jeremy Howard, a former varsity player at the University of Richmond presently with Grand Slam Tennis Tours of Stowe, teamed with Natrass to win the Doubles title, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 over Schwarz and Chris Mason, who is on the tennis team at Middlebury College.

In the semi final, Schwarz-Mason cruised through the first set, 6-0, against Andrew Chmura, also of Stowe and Grand Slam Tennis Tours, and his partner Dana Lamb, but lost the second set 6-7 before prevailing in the tie breaker 10-8.

On November 4-5, the Rolling Thunder Series began with draws being offered to beginning and intermediate players only. The Women's Singles title was gained by Nan Carpenter of Middlebury who defeated Rachel Kerner of Weybridge. Carpenter and Donna Baldwin of Vergenns took the Women's Doubles title, defeating Judy Fyles of Orwell and Jill Thomas of Shoreham. Lowell Nottingham of New Haven won the Men's Singles award from Charles Peake ofOrwell.

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