



Comerica Bank Challenger

A USTA Pro Circuit Event

Sunday, August 11

Seascape Sports Club

Aptos, CA

Purse: \$100,000

Surface: Hard-outdoor

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STANFORD'S KLAHN CAPTURES SEASCAPE TITLE

SINGLES FINALS:

Bradley Klahn (USA) d. Daniel Evans (GBR) 3-6, 7-6(5), 6-4

DOUBLES FINALS:

[3] Jonathon Erlich (ISR)/ Andy Ram (ISR) d. [4] Chris Guccione (AUS)/ Matt Reid (AUS) 6-3, 6-7(6), 10-2

CAL OPEN RESULTS:

WOMEN'S SINGLES FINALS:

[2] Alex Poorta (Moraga, CA) d. [3] Marisue Jacutin-Mariona (Los Altos, CA)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINALS:

[1] Jamie Pawid (Hayward, CA) / Alex Poorta (Moraga, CA) d. [2] Tatsiana Kapshai (Sacramento, CA)/ Maryia Meliuk 6-4, 6-2

MIXED DOUBLES FINALS:

Maryia Meliuk (Sacramento, CA)/ Anton Stryhas (Sacramento, CA) d. Artem Sitak (NZL)/ Logan Finnell (Carmel, CA) 6-2, 7-6(5)

It could not have been a more perfect day for Championship Sunday here at Seascap. Both Bradley Klahn and Daniel Evans came into the finals playing remarkable tennis all week long. But only one could walk away a winner and **22-year old, Bradley Klahn** was the guy. Serving at match point down, Klahn maintained his positive composure and stayed true to his game; the game that he played four amazing years at Stanford, and the game that has already given him a lot of early success thus far in his young professional career. "It's a really good feeling, it shows I've come a long way," Klahn says.

Daniel Evans, a character to watch on the court with an intriguing aura, has a deadly game and will tamper with his opponents to the bitter end with his impressive all-court game. "He is a tricky player..." Klahn said. Evans used his penetrating backhand slice and beautiful placement to take the early lead putting pressure on Klahn with a 6-3 opening set. Klahn and Evans both were aggressive in the next set and held serve nicely forcing the match to come down to the wire in the end of the second set. Klahn saved match point serving at 30-40, 5-6, which turned out to be the big turning point of the match pushing Evans to a tiebreak. "A big thing was the confidence and trusting my serve and forehand," Klahn said. Utilizing those strengths, Klahn was fierce and a definite force to be reckoned with going into the final set.

The high-level tennis continued throughout the third, and Klahn is definitely no stranger to three set battles having played them the past three rounds this week. But there was no point where Klahn gave a hint of exhaustion or any signs of giving up. "I think it's a testament to the fitness and the work I've been doing on court with the coaches and strength and conditioning off the court..." Klahn says. It was evident that Klahn became a lot more patient with his shots and capitalized on his opportunities to make the right plays at the right times. From there on, Klahn saw fewer errors on his side and increased number of winners, putting him in a really great position to win the match. And that he did. After already earning the wildcard into the US

Open this past week, he now has his first challenger win as an added feather to his cap.

The 2008 Australian Open doubles champs and **No. 3 seeds of the tournament, Andy Ram and Jonathon Erlich** clinched the title over **No. 4 seeds, Chris Guccione and Matt Reid**. Guccione, who has had great past success here at Seascap having reached at least the finals five times, fought hard throughout the match with fellow Australian countryman, Matt Reid. It is no secret that the Israeli pair knew each other's games really well considering that they have been a fearless duo for 20 years now. "We have won a lot and lost a lot together so we have a lot of experience together," said Ram. Their insanely quick hands at the net and wicked service games showed why that dynamic duo peaked as the No. 5 doubles team in the world.

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ABOUT THE USTA PRO CIRCUIT:

With 90-plus tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. The USTA launched its Pro Circuit 32 years ago to provide players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has since grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering more than \$2.5 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **Maria Sharapova, Andy Roddick, Caroline Wozniacki, James Blake, Justine Henin, Andy Murray and Sam Querrey** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.