

## Montreal Event Displays Canadian Depth

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In Montreal, the Polansky Express continued to cut a wide swath through the 2007 ITF Futures Circuits of North and Central America.

Last week in Hull Quebec, Frederick Niemeyer, a long time member of Canada's Davis Cup team made it through to the finals of a \$10,000 USD Futures tournament only to lose to Adriano Biasella of Italy. While Niemeyer was doing so well at home, Peter Polansky was busy triumphing in the little known Texas town of McAllen at a \$15,000 USD Futures stop.

The Hull champion, however, barely unpacked his kit bag at a follow-up event in Montreal this week before he was shown the doorway by the hottest player anywhere in the minor leagues of tennis. Canada's own Peter Polansky was returning to polish his game closer to home. It wasn't a cakewalk, but his effort was enough to move Polansky into the second round with a victorious score line of 6/3, 2/6, 6/4.

In his eighth event since entering the professional fray in 2007 after a junior career that closed out with a finalist appearance at the US Open Junior Championships Peter has four titles and appeared headed confidently towards number five.

Why not win in Montreal? Polansky's immediate schedule calls for him to rest up in the week after Montreal for Davis Cup play against Brazil in April? Peter can put that time to good use by reacquainting himself with clay court tennis, in order to hopefully help lead Canada back to the World Group of Davis Cup nations in a September relegation match, following the successful Brazilian tie.

This rosy scenario presumes that Canada escapes the quagmire that South American clay has represented to past Canadian teams in their quixotic attempts to rejoin the top sixteen countries.

But that was not to be. Niemeyer eliminated his teammate Polansky in the quarters and continued to play his hot hand throughout the week and to seize the Montreal title. Maybe in this instance, familiarity did not breed contempt but did permit Frederic to capitalize on the weaknesses of Peter's game that another opponent would not be knowledgeable enough to exploit to the fullest.

Captain Marty Laurendeau must however truly enjoy the prospects of making his eventual team selection. There to choose from are the likes of Canada's #1 player, Frank Dancevic, the experience of Niemeyer, the reliably consistent Daniel Nestor, a standout at doubles, and now the unlimited potential of our newest team member with his very competitive drive to excel.