

## Nestor and Zimonjic in A.T.P. Masters Finals

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Daniel Nestor of Canada and his 2008 doubles partner Serbian Nenad Zimonjic have advanced to the doubles final at the Pacific Life Open by defeating Richard Gasquet of France and Robert Lindstedt of Sweden, 7/5, 6/2.

Daniel's long time association with Mark Knowles of the Bahamas was terminated somewhat acrimoniously after the 2007 U.S. Open event where they were eliminated in the quarter-finals.

Surprisingly, 2007 started poorly for this former doubles team leading to their eventual decision to break-up their longstanding alliance. After announcing the proposed split, the Nestor-Knowles team results improved to end the year on a new high. Titles won included claiming the French Open title on clay, a huge surprise given the surface, and the A.T.P. Masters doubles championship in Shanghai, China, where they paired up once more as a result of their overall ranking in their successful 2007 season.

As fate would have it, Mark Knowles was not as fortunate at this first event of the A.T.P. Masters 2008 circuit with his new partner, Mahesh Bhupathi of India. While both are very accomplished doubles players, the team of Knowles/Bhupathi was disposed of by the increasingly strong Israeli Davis Cup team of Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram.

Either the above mentioned team or the talented tandem of Jamie Murray of Scotland and Max Mirnyi of Belarus will be their eventual opponents in the Pacific Life final.