

Polansky Continues to Excel in his Debut on the Tennis Tours

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Peter Polansky of Thornhill, Ontario added to his impressive collection of Futures titles on Sunday by winning the \$15,000 Rio Grande Regional Hospital Men's Futures of McAllen, TX over #4 seed Westley Whitehouse of South Africa, 6/3, 6/2.

In earlier matches throughout the week, Polansky triumphed over the #1 and #3 seeds. Peter is continuing to demonstrate his total dominance over the opposition in Central American and American ITF and USTA Futures events this year. Turning professional at the year's start, Peter has amassed four titles in his seven events played so far. These sensational results led to his selection as the ITF Player of the Month for January 2007.

During a brief pause in his personal campaign, Polansky took solace in using, to Canada's advantage, his spare time to win the final match in February Davis Cup play against Colombia in Calgary. This win was achieved in straight sets, as were all the Canadian victories during a very one-sided tie. Canada now advances in Americas Zone 1 competition to meet Brazil at home, April 6-8. No doubt, Polansky with his clay court prowess will be a key factor in that tie's outcome.

Polansky's good friend and teammate, Canada's #1 player, Frank Dancevic had more pressing matters to consider in facing world # 5, Chile's Fernando Gonzalez, in the PacLife Open in Indian Wells, CA this week. However, after losing his second round match in disappointing fashion by double faulting at match point, Frank was informed by an ATP representative of Polansky's most recent success on the same day.

Dancevic had this insight to offer on Peter's exciting results, "Polansky has taken everybody by surprise. He has the potential to be a really good player. I don't care what level of event he is playing, anytime you win 4 out of seven tournaments, you are doing something very right."

As for what the future holds for Polansky, given his spectacular novice efforts, Dancevic put it in the proper perspective looking back at his early matches. "The way he has started off, it looks like he is easily exceeding my initial results. I don't know what my record was like the first few events, but not like his, of that I am sure."

For Vancouver fans, Polansky could well be the headliner attraction of the third Odium Brown \$100,000 USTA Challenger this August at Hollyburn Country Club. The proviso is that by the end of July, this currently #443 ranked competitor may have risen through the ranks to set realistic goals beyond the Challenger level. The attainable goal would be, that if he climbs into the top 200 range, he will be a genuinely hopeful prospect in the Rogers Open Canadian Championships in Montreal.

Dancevic, who is hoping to rebound from his recent string of early losses, is looking forward to getting his ranking back to the eighties level. If so, Frank foresees difficulty in entering the Vancouver event due to the logistics, geographical and timing considerations, which may also apply to Polansky, if his meteoric assault on the rankings continues unabated.