

The Polansky Watch Continues

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On Wednesday 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 on court 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 level Futures stop.

The Hull champion, however, barely unpacked his kit bag 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 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 US Open Junior finalist appearance, Peter has four titles and appears headed towards number five.

Why not win in Montreal as Polansky's schedule calls for him to rest up next week for Davis Cup play against Brazil in April? Peter can then put that time to good use by reacquainting himself with clay court tennis, in order to help lead Canada back to the World Group of Davis Cup nations hopefully in a September relegation match following a 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 in 2008.