

Overview - Indianapolis Tennis Championships

A modest event by tour standards with none of the world's top 20 players in action - but a sign that the schedule was beginning to move away from Europe and focus more on the USA in the run-up to the US Open.

The seeds were a mixed bag, some barely deserving of the status, but only one failed to make it through R1 as Yen-Hsun Lu (No.6) was defeated in three sets by the Argentine, Eduardo Schwank. All the other seeds made it safely into R2 with Dudi Sela (No.2), Sam Querrey (No.3) and the No.7 seed, Marc Gicquel, posting the most eye-catching wins over Spadea, Clement and Gulbis respectively.

However, joy was to be short-lived for Sela as he was beaten in straight sets by Alex Bogomolov Jnr. in R2 where several other seeds were also losers as Igor Kunitsyn (No.4), Benjamin Becker (No.5) and Denis Istomin (No.8) all tasted defeat. Kunitsyn lost rather tamely to Wayne Odesnik but Becker ran into the previous year's RU, Frank Dancevic, and Istomin was ousted by the American, John Isner, who could easily have been seeded himself.

Elsewhere, Dmitry Tursunov (No.1) made up for a lacklustre R1 showing with a solid win over Marcos Daniel, Sam Querrey gained revenge for his loss the previous week to Rajeev Ram by defeating his fellow American with ease and another native of USA, Robby Ginepri, a former champion here, booked his QF spot with an ultimately convincing win over Schwank.

In those QF's Frank Dancevic went some way to making up for his loss here in the 2007 final to Dmitry Tursunov by beating the Russian in a see-saw three set encounter. By contrast, the other three matches all went to form with Querrey and Ginepri securing straight sets victories and John Isner battling past Wayne Odesnik in a serve dominated 2'38" match.

An all-American final was assured once Sam Querrey made his second final in consecutive weeks as he saw off Frank Dancevic 6-4 6-4. The other tie saw Ginepri return Isner's serve extremely well, so blunting the main weapon of his 6'9" opponent. His subsequent 86 minute win was well-deserved.

A second title here in Indianapolis for Ginepri and a second straight final loss for Querrey (after Newport the week before). A first title for Ginepri since he won here in 2005 - *'this one has to be more special as I really never expected it'* he said later - which improved his career mark to 3:0 in finals. As for the defeated Querrey he was, like Isner in the SF's, out-returned by the better man on the day and had no lost all three ATP finals he had contested in 2009 to drop his overall record to 1:3 in tournament deciders.



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R32	Dmitry Tursunov [1]	6 2 6	R16	Dmitry Tursunov	6 6
R32	Michael Berrer	3 6 0	R16	Marcos Daniel	3 3
R32	wc-Taylor Dent	2 4	R16	Frank Dancevic	6 7
R32	Marcos Daniel	6 6	R16	Benjamin Becker	2 5
R32	Frank Dancevic	6 7	R16	Sam Querrey	7 6
R32	Bobby Reynolds	2 6	R16	Rajeev Ram	5 3
R32	q-Go Soeda	2 3	R16	Jesse Levine	2 2
R32	Benjamin Becker [5]	6 6	R16	Marc Gicquel	6 6
R32	Sam Querrey [3]	6 6	R16	Denis Istomin	4 4
R32	Arnaud Clement	3 4	R16	John Isner	6 6
R32	wc-Rajeev Ram	6 7	R16	Wayne Odesnik	2 6 6
R32	wc-Devin Britton	3 5	R16	Igor Kunitsyn	6 1 1
R32	Danai Udomchoke	1 6	R16	Eduardo Schwank	7 3 0
R32	q-Jesse Levine	6 7	R16	Robby Ginepri	6 6 6
R32	Ernesto Gulbis	2 3	R16	Alex Bogomolov Jnr.	6 7
R32	Marc Gicquel [7]	6 6	R16	Dudi Sela	4 6
R32	Denis Istomin [8]	2 6 6	QF	Dmitry Tursunov	6 6 2
R32	Kevin Kim	6 4 4	QF	Frank Dancevic	3 7 6
R32	John Isner	6 7	QF	Sam Querrey	6 7
R32	Josselin Ouanna	1 6	QF	Marc Gicquel	4 5
R32	Wayne Odesnik	7 1 6	QF	John Isner	7 6 7
R32	Marcos Baghdatis	6 6 4	QF	Wayne Odesnik	5 7 5
R32	Brian Dabul	4 1	QF	Robby Ginepri	7 6
R32	Igor Kunitsyn [4]	6 6	QF	Alex Bogomolov Jnr.	5 1
R32	Yen-Hsun Lu [6]	6 3 2			
R32	Eduardo Schwank	4 6 6	SF	Frank Dancevic	4 4
R32	q-Sebastien De Chaunac	5 7 2	SF	Sam Querrey	6 6
R32	Robby Ginepri	7 5 6	SF	John Isner	4 3
R32	q-Alex Bogomolov Jnr.	6 6	SF	Robby Ginepri	6 6
R32	Flavio Cipolla	2 3			
R32	Vincent Spadea	5 1	RU	Sam Querrey	2 4
R32	Dudi Sela [2]	7 6	W	Robby Ginepri	6 6

	No. Matches	2 sets-3 sets	Ave. Sets/Match	Ave. Games/Match
R32	16 matches	11-5	2.31	21.62
R16	8 matches	6-2	2.25	21.00
QF	4 matches	2-2	2.50	27.00
SF	2 matches	2-0	2.00	19.50
F	1 match	1-0	2.00	18.00

Indianapolis Tennis Championships - Bookmaker's Odds

Market Leaders	Odds
Sam Querrey [3]	7/2
Dmitry Tursunov [1]	11/2
Marcos Baghdatis	10/1
Igor Kunitsyn [4]	12/1
Dudi Sela [2]	14/1
Rajeev Ram	20/1
Frank Dancevic	20/1
Benjamin Becker [5]	20/1
Ernests Gulbis	20/1
Marc Gicquel [7]	20/1
Robby Ginepri [4]	28/1
Taylor Dent	33/1
John Isner	33/1
Yen-Hsun Lu [6]	33/1
Denis Istomin [8]	50/1

Performance Of The Seeded Players

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2009	QF	R2	RU	R2	R2	R1	QF	R2
2008	SF	W	RU	SF	QF	R1	R1	R1
2007	SF	QF	W	R2	R2	QF	R1	R1
2006	W	RU	QF	SF	R3	R2	R3	QF
2005	QF	QF	R2	RU	-	R2	SF	R2
2004	W	-	QF	QF	R2	QF	R2	-

Recent Winners/Leading Performers

	Winner	Runner-Up	Losing SF's
2009	Robby Ginepri (28/1)	Sam Querrey (7/2)	Isner-Dancevic
2008	Gilles Simon (12/1)	Dmitry Tursunov (8/1)	Blake-Querrey
2007	Dmitry Tursunov (15/2)	Frank Dancevic (125/1)	Querrey-Roddick
2006	James Blake (5/1)	Andy Roddick (11/4)	Malisse-Ginepri
2005	Robby Ginepri (80/1)	Taylor Dent (20/1)	K.Beck-Rusedski
2004	Andy Roddick (6/5)	Nicolas Kiefer (25/1)	Ljubicic-Carraz

Betting - Indianapolis Tennis Championships

Pre-Tournament Briefing :-

Dmitry Tursunov (11/2) was a proven tour winner and a previous champion in this event and as such probably presented a better case for outright support than Sam Querrey (7/2) - even though the American was probably the guy with more ability and certainly was the one in better form after his exploits the week before in the Campbell's tournament.

Whichever your preference, both looked better options than Becker (20/1) and Gicquel (20/1) who could hardly be described as prolific and even in this week an event made little appeal at the price. Ernests Gulbis (20/1) was the main alternative but the Latvian was proving equally tough to win with.

All the seeds in the bottom section were poor - just one career title between the lot of them. Baghdatis (10/1) was a clear pick as a result but his play over the past year had been significantly disrupted by injury. Isner (33/1) made sense, although he was in the same quarter of the draw as the Cypriot, and Ginepri (28/1) could have a case made for him - certainly in hindsight!

Post-Tournament Review :-

In some respects the formbook provided the finalists - a previous winner here (Ginepri) and an in-form player (Querrey). Probably the place to look as well given the genuinely weak nature of the field where few players possessed particularly strong credentials.

Ginepri had been on the slide for years but did well to beat Isner and Querrey to lift the trophy, credit for that at least. Querrey did all he had to do to make the final but, worryingly, lost another decider to a lower ranked player.

Dancevic and Isner again proved themselves to be capable, if limited, players at this stage of their careers whilst Tursunov didn't lose much in defeat. It was guys like Becker, Kunitsyn and Sela who disappointed as these kind of events should be the ones where they make QF's and SF's.

Pointers for 2010 :-

In the US always make a note of the home players. Andy Roddick may no longer play here but Querrey, Isner, Fish and maybe James Blake fit the profile and all have previous form in the event. Generally it's a 'known' player who wins so guys who have won before on tour, not necessarily seeds, should be studied initially. Others to bear in mind for a tournament where huge prices are rare would have to include regular visitor Dmitry Tursunov, Ivo Karlovic and Kei Nishikori - all solid top 30-50 performers.