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Top seeds advance in USTA National Men's 45s Tourney

Tourney nears final matches as #1 and #2 Singles players advance in USTA National Men's 45s Indoor Championship

SALT LAKE CITY (November 10, 2010) – #1-ranked U.S. Men's 45s player, Rick Leach, advances to the semifinals of the USTA National Men's 45s Indoor Championship Tournament after defeating Gilbert Schuerholz (#7) 6–3, 6–1 in Wednesday's play. Mario Tabares (#2) also advances to the semi-finals after defeating unseeded Bogdan Badiu 6–2, 6–2 on Wednesday. "The tennis being played this week at the Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club is absolutely phenomenal," said Ian Rothfels, general manager of the Tennis Club. "It's a rare opportunity to watch a match 15 feet from players hitting serves at 120 miles per hour." The tournament continues at the Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club through Friday, November 12, 2010.

In a well-fought quarter final battle, Kelly Ward (#5) defeated Thomas Kong (#4), 7–5, 6–4. Ward will face #1 Rick Leach in the first semifinal match at 9 am Thursday. Andy Stoner (#3)—who came back from a match point in the third set of Tuesday's round of 16—had to play another 3 grueling sets Wednesday to beat Troy Goers 6–7, 6–3, 6–2. Stoner faces Mario Tabares (#2) in the second semifinal match at 11 am Thursday.

Play continued Wednesday afternoon in the quarterfinals of the doubles draw. Players advancing were #1 seed Kyle Permut – Mario Tabares, who defeated Roger Greene – Mike Lamb, 6–1, 6–3. The #2 seed Rick Leach – Gregory Washer defeated Warren Pretorius – Bogdan Badiu, 7–6, 6–1. The #3 seed Gilbert Schuerholz – Andy Stoner defeated Martin Rothfels – Leo Young, 6–3, 6–3. Willie Alumbaugh – Kelly Ward upset

#4 seed Mike Benson – Troy Goers, 6–3, 7–5. Doubles semifinals will be played Thursday afternoon at 2:30 pm.

There's still plenty of tennis to watch as Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club's Director of Tennis, # 8 seed Rod Horton, continues to advance in the back draw. Tournament results will be posted daily on the Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club website, www.thetennisclub.org. For information about viewing matches, contact the Club at 801-487-3206 or lan@thetennisclub.org.

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