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#1 and #2 seeds to go head to head in USTA National Men's 45s Tourney

Doubles duos upset top seeds in indoor championship finals

SALT LAKE CITY (November 11, 2010) – Rick Leach (#1 seed) defeated Kelly Ward (#5) 6–2, 6–2 in the semifinals of the USTA National Men's 45s Indoor Championship Tournament Thursday. Leach will face Mario Tabares (#2)—who defeated #3 seed Andy Stoner 6–2, 6–0—in a much-anticipated final match Friday morning at 9 am. Tabares, currently ranked #4 in the USTA for Men's 45s, is aiming for an indoor hard court championship.

In the doubles draw, both top seeded teams fell to their opponents. The #1 seeded team, Kyle Permut – Mario Tabares, lost in a grueling three-set match to Gilbert Schuerholz – Andy Stoner, 7–6, 3–6, 7–5. “We came here for one reason—to play Kyle Permut and Mario Tabares. That team is world-class,” said Schuerholz after the match.

In the other half of the doubles draw, Willie Alumbaugh and Kelly Ward upset the #2 seeded team, Rick Leach and Gregory Washer. The match was a highly contested battle with Alumbaugh and Ward squeaking out a 7–5, 7–6 victory.

Match play continues at the Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club Friday morning with the singles final at 9 am. The tournament concludes with the doubles final, which immediately follows the singles final. Tournament results will be posted on the Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club website, www.thetennisclub.org.

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