

Team Witsken News

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Coach Witsken Blasts the Competition at the Men's 35 Hard Court Championships

Rick Witsken recently competed in the USTA Men's 35 Hard Court Championships in Scottsdale, AZ at the Scottsdale Athletic Club. As an unseeded player, he smoked the competition all the way to the semi-finals in a 64 person draw winning 4 matches in a row. Rick beat the #3 seed, Rodrigo Navarro (AZ) in the round of 16; 7-5,6-4. He beat the #5 seed, Robert Bull (AZ); 6-2,6-2 in the quarter-finals. He lost to the #1 seed, and tournament champ (also ranked #3 in the world in 35's), Guillaume Gauthier (TX) in the semi-finals 6-7,6-4,6-3. He beat the #4 seed, Jesse Ponwith (AZ) for the playoff for 3rd and 4th place. Rick received a bronze USTA National Champs ball and \$200.

Matt Schiller and Rick also won third place in the doubles competition and received a bronze ball. They lost to the #1 seed Guillaume Gauthier and Dougal Williams. You can see all of the results by clicking [here](#). You can also see the bronze tennis ball awards which are on display at the Pickwick indoor facility.