

# Team Witsken News

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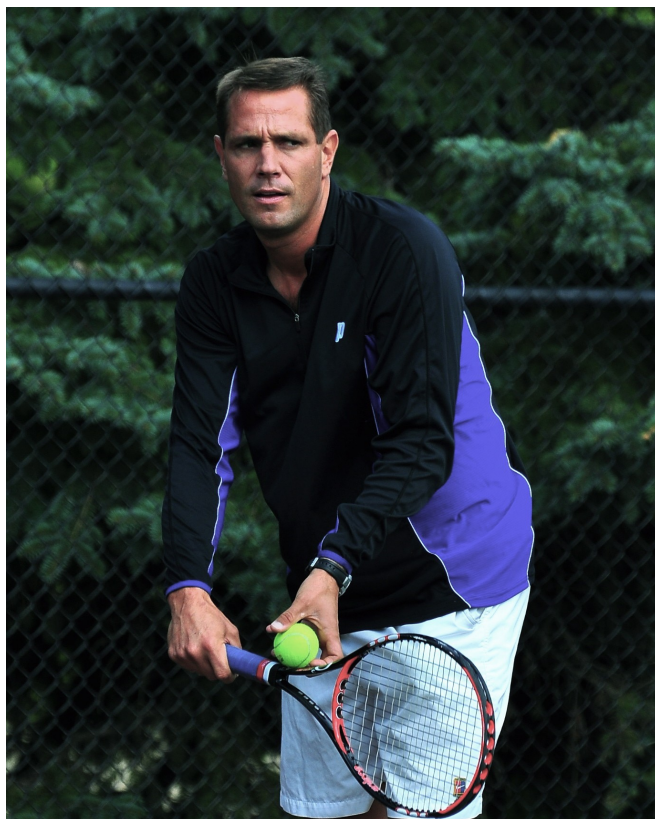


## **Rick Witsken Named To U.S. National Tennis Team**

*Top-ranked player earns spot on Men's 40 Team in New Zealand*

Carmel, Indiana – Rick Witsken (Carmel, IN) will represent the United States at the 31st ITF Seniors World Team Championships February 21-26, 2011, in Christchurch, New Zealand. The event is the senior tennis equivalent of the Davis Cup and Fed Cup, with the top American amateur tennis players representing their countries in men's and women's age groups from 35 to 55-plus.

Witsken is the #2 player of the Men's 40 team that will play for the Tony Trabert Cup. Other members of this United States team include Eoin Collins (Houston, TX), William Quest (Ventura, CA), and Mickey Maule (Captain, Wayzata, MN). Witsken is the current #1 player in the USA in Men's 35 & over, is in the Indiana Tennis Hall of Fame, and is the Director of Team Witsken Tennis. He graduated from the University of Alabama (B.S), and attended Carmel High School. Witsken also is the Zionsville Middle School Coach and offers free assistance with Zionsville High School.



The United States will be defending championships in five of the 10 divisions at the Men's and Women's Seniors Championships. American teams finished in the top three in eight of the 10 divisions last year.

The ITF Seniors World Team Championships is the most coveted team event on the ITF Seniors circuit. Since its inception in 1981, the number of competitors in this event has increased each year. In 1993, the ITF made the decision to divide the Seniors World Championships into two groups -- Seniors (35-55+) and Super-Seniors (60-80+ for men and 60-75+ for women). The Super-Seniors competition will be held later this year.

Following the ITF Seniors World Team Championships, the World Individual Championships will take place February 27 – March 6 at the same location.

Below is a list of the players representing the United States at the 2011 ITF Seniors World Team Championships.

**Italia Cup-Men's 35 & over**

1. Guillaume Gauthier, Tyler, TX
2. Willie Dann, Denver, CO
3. Dougal Williams, Portland, OR -Captain
4. Lew Miller, Denver, CO

**Tony Trabert Cup-Men's 40 & over**

1. Eoin Collins, Houston, TX
2. **Rick Witsken, Carmel, IN**
3. William Quest, Ventura, CA
4. Mickey Maule, Wayzata, MN -Captain

**Dubler Cup-Men's 45 & over**

1. Mario Tabares, Miami, FL
2. Rick Leach, Newport Beach, CA-Captain
3. Leland Rolling, Ramona, CA
4. Andy Stoner, Cave Creek, AZ

**Fred Perry Cup- Men's 50 & over**

1. Mike Fedderly, Palm Desert, CA
2. Val Wilder, Fort Worth, TX
3. Mike Tammen, Portland, OR -Captain
4. Peter Markes, Austin, TX

**Austria Cup-Men's 55 & over**

1. Fred Robinson, Charlotte, NC
2. Sal Castillo, San Antonio, TX
3. Tom Smith, Alpharetta, GA -Captain
4. Ross Persons, Houston, TX

**Suzanne Lenglen Cup- Women's 35 & over**

1. Patricia Zerdan, Dallas, TX
2. Carolina Blouin, Raleigh, NC
3. Trish Riddell, Lakeland, FL
4. Mary Beth Williams, Harrisburg, Pa-Captain

**Young Cup - Women's 40 & over**

1. Amy Alcini, Malibu, CA-Captain
2. Julie Cass, Austin, TX
3. Vesna McKenna, Hollywood, FL
4. Rebecca Stapp, Olympia, WA

**Margaret Court Cup- Women's 45 & over**

1. Gretchen Magers, San Diego, CA
2. Fran Chandler, Jackson, TN-Captain
3. Rhona Kaczmarczyk, Denver, CO
4. Mariana Hollman, Winston-Salem, NC

**Maria Esther Bueno Cup- Women's 50 & over**

1. Diane Fishburne, Charleston, SC
2. Susan Wright, Grand Junction, CO
3. Joanne Russell, Calabasas, CA
4. Kathy Vick, Lubbock, TX-Captain

**Maureen Connolly Cup- Women's 55 & over**

1. Carolyn Nichols, Rancho Santa Fe, CA-Captain
2. Tina Karwasky, Glendale, CA
3. Mary Ginnard, Fort Lauderdale, FL
4. Sherri Bronson, Scottsdale, AZ