

Bose Wins Two Titles in Indian River Transport Adult Tennis Championships

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WINTER HAVEN | With strong serves and a sneaky drop shot, Lake Region director of tennis Alex Bose claimed two titles Monday, as the Indian River Transport Adult Championships, sponsored by the Harned Family, concluded after three days at the Lake Region Yacht and Tennis Club in Winter Haven.

The No. 1-seeded Bose won the men's open singles title over seventh-seeded Mikolaj Borkowski, 24, of Tampa, 6-2, 6-4 in front of a handful of fans at the club.

Bose, 36, and partner Ty Braswell, 34, a pro at the Laurel Oak Country Club in Sarasota, won the men's open doubles title over Stephen Madonia, 15, and Mike Basile, 21, of Lakeland, 7-5, 6-1.

More than 125 players competed in the first-time event which was held over three days.

The men's open draw featured 32 players including several local players. The event featured another dozen or so categories that saw plenty of local participation.

"I'm very happy with the turnout," said Donna Harned, sister of John Harned with Indian River Transport.

Bose, a crafty lefty, is a former No. 1-ranked men's open player in Florida for two years, and a top five player in the country. He showed why with his expert drop shots, ace serves and passing shots down the line that sometimes stymied his opponents.

Borkowski is a Futures player who hails from Poland and teaches at Saddlebrook.

"I don't see a lot of players today hit so many drop shots," Borkowski said. "It was one thing to get to it, and then another to do something with it."

Experience won over youth in the doubles final that featured more than 10 aces, including two by Bose, to win the match. The final began Sunday and finished Monday due to rain.

"They were a solid team," said Basile, who was playing doubles for the first time with Madonia. "They picked it up."



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Alex Bose defeated Mikolaj Borkowski 6-2, 6-4 in the 2012 Indian River Transport USTA Tennis Championships at the Lake Region Yacht and Country Club in Winter Haven on Monday.

