

Ram sees singles rank move to 78th

Breakout year also sees doubles ranking in top 40



Carmel's Rajeev Ram used a singles title at the ATP Challenger event in Aachen, Germany, to push his ATP Tour singles ranking to a personal best of 78th (as of Nov. 16). Even though he lost in the second round of his final tournament of the year, in Champaign, Illinois, he'll still receive a direct entry into the 2010 Australian Open. The Germany title was Ram's only singles championship at the Challenger level in 2009, to go with finals appearances in Dallas, Thailand, and Baton Rouge. However, the year was definitely highlighted by his first-ever ATP World Tour singles title at Newport in July. The year started on a high note with his first Tour doubles title in Chennai, India, and was followed later by titles in Thailand and Newport. Those were in addition to doubles titles in Challengers at Dallas, Baton Rouge, and Tulsa. Rajeev saw his doubles ranking move to a career-high of 35, but will end the year at 37. Rajeev sat down with Indianapolis Tennis Magazine during a break at the Champaign Challenger and shared his views on his breakout season. The story will appear in the winter issue of the magazine, due out in mid-January. *(Photo: Rajeev Ram competes in his final tournament of a very successful 2009 season at the Champaign Challenger)*