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De Voest Takes Down Top Seed at JSM Challenger *Finals play begins at 1:30 p.m. CT*

URBANA, Ill. – South African Rik de Voest took down American Michael Russell in a 3-6, 6-4, 5-3 battle that ended in Russell retiring the semifinal match at the JSM Challenger on Friday. Fourth-seeded de Voest was able to maintain his composure after dropping the first set to the tournament's No. 1 seed and highest-ranked player to complete the comeback.

Meanwhile, Alex Kuznetsov (USA) cruised to a straight-set win over Canadian Peter Polansky, who had played his way to the semifinal round after advancing through the qualifying rounds earlier this week.

In doubles action, top-seeded Martin Emmrich (GER) and Andreas Siljeström (RSA) took down third-seeded John Fruttero (USA) and Raven Klaassen (RSA), 6-1, 6-4, while fourth-seeded South African tandem de Voest and Izak van der Merwe defeated second-seeded Australian duo Carsten Ball and Chris Guccione, 6-3, 6-2.

The singles final is slated to begin Saturday at 1:30 p.m. CT at Atkins Tennis Center, followed by the doubles final. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, but anyone who presents an Illini football ticket stub will receive free admission.

Results and updates will be available at <http://www.illinoischallenger.com>.

Singles - Semifinals

[4] R De Voest (RSA) def. [1] M Russell (USA), 3-6, 6-4, 5-3 (ret.)

A Kuznetsov (USA) def. [Q] P Polansky (CAN), 6-2, 6-4

Doubles - Semifinals

[1] M Emmrich (GER) / A Siljeström (SWE) def. [3] J Fruttero (USA) / R Klaassen (RSA), 6-1, 6-4

[4] R De Voest (RSA) / I Van der Merwe (RSA) def. [2] C Ball (AUS) / C Guccione (AUS), 6-3, 6-2

Admission Saturday, Nov. 19 – \$7 for adults; \$5 for children (Free with Illini football ticket stub)

