



Day11 Match 21 – Report: Micromax Indian Aces vs Manila Mavericks

Micromax Indian Aces rout Manila Mavericks, continue to lead the table on penultimate day of Coca-Cola IPTL presented by Qatar Airways in Dubai

Dubai, 12th December 2014: The second day of the Coca Cola IPTL presented by Qatar Airways in Dubai witnessed a calm and confident Micromax Indian Aces triumphing over the Manila Mavericks, despite a number of admirable efforts from Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Daniel Nestor and Kirsten Flipkens.

- Mavericks Player-coach Carlos Moya won the coin toss and elected to serve
- The past champions' singles was interrupted by injury when player-coach Fabrice Santoro hurt his thigh but it wasn't enough to knock off his groove as he took the first set comfortably against consistent Mark Philippoussis
- Gael Monfils came in next, playing at his best against Jo-Wilfred Tsonga and taking the set 6 - 2
- The experienced doubles pair of Rohan Bopanna and Sania Mirza competed against Daniel Nestor and Kirsten Flipkens in a strong set, taking them down 6 – 4
- Ana Ivanovic came on to play Women's Singles for the Aces while Flipkens represented the Mavericks in a set that witnessed a number of impeccable moves and dazzling shot making. Ivanovic won 6 - 3
- Rohan Bopanna and Gael Monfils took on a focussed Tsonga and Nestor in the last set that went into overtime. The Mavericks won 11 games in total until the Aces won one game to reach a total of 4 and the set stopped

What the Players said:

Fabrice Santoro

“For the inaugural year of the IPTL, it's the best situation for the event that the championship is going down to the wire, and will be decided on the last day. We have to stay focused. It's one match away. We have to just relax tonight, get some rest and continue to play with full power tomorrow.”

“This competition brings something different to the game of tennis. At the end of the day, I'm sure this competition will make tennis grow in the next few years. The players can manage the end of the season the way they want to ... I've been talking to the other players in IPTL, like Tomas Berdych, he trains and works hard in the day, then plays for his team, and also preparing for the next season. Yes, its another compeiton, but you can also have a lot of fun and prepare for the next season.”

Sania Mirza



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“For me, to see Roger play Novak in India would not have happened if this completion was not there. People need to understand how important this is ... it is going to inspire so many kids. The IPTL has been really special. To see Roger and Novak play the way they did in Delhi, one full intense set was unbelievable. We had 15,000 people there and the energy was electric that evening. And it would have not been possible if not for the IPTL. It’s really good for tennis, good for Asia and good for India. In fact, to see so many top 20 men and women’s players right there under one roof in India over 3 days was unbelievable, and if it’s going to happen every year, it’s going to be amazing and hopefully this experience will lead to more players coming from this part of the world as well.”

(on the ‘secret’ of winning) “We get along so well, on and off the court. The five of us started the competition two-and-a-half weeks ago, and we are ending it together too. We’ve been to many dinners together as a team. We’re really comfortable with each. We’ve become really good friends. We are excited, high on confidence and the mood is great. These are our last two matches. It is be all or end all here! You need a good team effort. We’re helping each other out in tough situations. I don’t think anyone thought it would go down to the wire like this and it is great to be on top.”

Match Scores:

	MICROMAX INDIAN ACES	SCORE (GAMES)		MANILA MAVERICKS
PAST CHAMPIONS’ SINGLES	Fabrice Santoro	6	3	Mark Philippoussis
MEN’S SINGLES	Gael Monfils	6	2	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga
MIXED DOUBLES	Rohan Bopanna / Sania Mirza	6	4	Daniel Nestor / Kirsten Flipkens
WOMEN’S SINGLES	Ana Ivanovic	6	3	Kirsten Flipkens
MEN’S DOUBLES	Rohan Bopanna / Gael Monfils	3	6	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga / Daniel Nestor
TOTAL SCORE		28	23	

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