

# Wind a factor in Ann Arbor tourney



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Jennifer Emery-Peck competes in the Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament's women's 3.5 singles finals against Yunju Lee on Sunday. Emery-Peck won the championship match.



Lev Prasov slams one against Chi-Psai Tang during the Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament's men's 4.0 singles finals on Sunday. Prasov won the match in three sets.

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## Blustery conditions play a big role

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Like everybody at the finals of the Ann Arbor City Tournament Sunday, Lev Prasov battled not only his opponent, but the wind.

After falling behind a set to Chi-Tsai Tang, Prasov battled his way back to force a third set, when he saw his opportunity to overcome both.

"It was 4-3, he was serving into the sun and with the wind and I knew that I needed to get a break right there," Prasov said. "Once I did that, I was pretty confident I could serve it out."

Prasov did hold serve to secure a 2-6, 6-1, 6-3 victory and capture the men's 4.0 title despite the blustery conditions.



John Black connects with the ball in the Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament's men's 4.5 singles finals against Andrew Berriz on Sunday. Black beat Andrew Berriz in three sets.

"The wind was a huge factor," Prasov said. "You'd toss the ball up and it would move off to the side. It was hard to adjust to it,

especially on the sides. That made it tough for both of us."

Prasov was fueled in part by the disappointment of falling in

the final of the VTA Classic at the Varsity Tennis Center.

"I came pretty motivated," Prasov said. "I had to play five matches in four days, so I wasn't sure if I would physically make it through. That third set was tough."

Like Prasov, John Black overcame a poor first set in the men's 4.5 final, topping Andrew Berriz 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the final match of the day.

There was considerably less drama in the final of the men's open division as Sven Holcombe earned his second consecutive title when Mats Ljungberg retired shortly after rolling his ankle in the first set.

"It's a shame because Mats is a good player," Holcombe

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