

## 2011 CPRT US OPEN

### Clouse Dominates Again! 3 And Counting.....

The 2011 US OPEN attracted the largest and deepest draw of the year as many players had to win two matches just to qualify into the main draw! All of the top seeds, Woody Clouse, Jimmy Lowe, Mike Ray and Travis Aldinger were ready to take on the challenge from the hungry qualifiers who were looking to make a name for themselves.

The first round would not disappoint as three matches from the round of 16's went into tie-breakers. The biggest upset came from the hands of Corey Osborn, a long time top player from Canada took out Mike Ray in a tough fought 5 game. Osborne seemed to get better as the match got longer closing out the match (4),9,7,(6),1 in the tie-breaker. All of the other top seeds advanced with relative ease.

The quarter finals had top seed Woody Clouse making quick work of Richard Eisemann beating him 1,7,4. Jimmy Lowe beat Ivan Villegas from Costa Rica 2,2,4, Travis Aldinger took out Keith Minor 2,(6),5,4, and upset minded Corey Osborn continued his tough play taking out Brad McCunniff in another 5 game battle (3),7,7,(7),3. And the most anticipated match up of the quarter finals saw Doug Ganim and Jimmy Lowe. Lowe pulled out a close 3 game match 7,6,7.

The first semi finals paired up Jimmy Lowe with Corey Osborne. The question that people were asking was Corey going to have enough in the tank to keep up with the energetic Lowe who was able to have an easier route to the semi's. The answer was an outstanding yes! Osborne was able to maintain his energy level as he outlasted Lowe in a tightly contested exciting four game match 8,(8),5,7. The second semi had the two finalist from the Las Vegas Nationals Woody Clouse and Travis Aldinger. Travis's consistent play proves that he is here to stay and is a threat to win any CPRT event. The challenge of getting through two time defending champion Woody Clouse was another matter. Clouse served and shot the ball well enough to keep Aldinger off balance the entire match as Clouse controlled the match 2,2,1.

The finals were set to be a great match! Osborn proving his conditioning would not be a factor trying to knock off a fresh and sharp looking Clouse as Clouse tries to win an unprecedented third title in a row. Clouse was able to strike early in game one as Osborne struggled with being on the glass court for the first time winning 9-3. The second game Osborne was able to adjust late in the game to close the gap to 5-8. With too little to late Clouse finished the game cancelling any chance for a momentum swing. The third game Clouse could smell victory as he served Osborn into a deep hole of 7-0. Osborne was able to avoid the doughnut but not much more as Clouse continued his run of US Open titles at 3.