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Congratulations to Guillermo Garcia-Lopez for his second round win over Gilles Muller. He lost the first set but came back to win the match. Awesome!



I had court access and was very lucky to be courtside for the Bryan Brother's second round match. Here the view from my seat (Porsche Boxster S was parked on court from the sponsor)

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History of Tennis Rackets



Mike Bryan
Warm-Up



Bob Bryan
Warm-Up



Bryan Brothers
Volley Drill

I thanks for reading, Hans

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Doubles Strategy

Theoretically in tennis, singles and doubles, the server controls the point from the very beginning, and theoretically should be able to win every point by serving an ace. That, of course, doesn't happen, even with the best players. Still, with really good players, the server is normally expected to win almost every game because a good serve, even if not an outright ace or service winner, usually puts the returner at such a disadvantage that the server should be able to stay in control of the point long enough to be able finally to put the ball away. That is why at the pro level, service "breaks" are so important; just losing one service game in a set will often be enough to cost you the set.

In doubles, the way this sort of thing works is even more important because having four people on the court cuts down on the number of "safe" places there are to hit returns, and tends to make "control of the point" more crucial, because unsafe returns leave control in the hands of the opponent.

The ideal offensive doubles point is still, of course, a service ace or a service winner. Great serve, point over. The second most ideal offensive point is a good serve that the returner hits back fairly weakly for the partner of the server to then easily put away, either by crunching it or by angling it in a way that neither opponent can get to it. The third most ideal offensive point is a serve that, though it is returned fairly safely, still leaves "control" in the hands of the serving team.

A typical sequence you will see in the pros is 1) serve, 2) return to the server as s/he comes in, 3) good approach shot by the server in reply, keeping the original returner back, or causing him/her to hit a weak enough shot that either the server or the server's partner can put away from near the net.

Conversely, **the best defensive play**, apart from a return hit for a winner, which, with any kind of a decent serve hit at you, is not easy to do because there aren't as many unguarded or "ungettable" places on the court in doubles as there are in singles, is to hit a return that is hard for the serving team to hit back very strongly, thus letting one's partner hit their return for a winner. **The third best** defensive play is to hit a return that at least puts the serving team on the defensive and gives the returning team "control" of the point. **The fourth best** defensive play is to hit a return or subsequent shot that at least neutralizes control of the point and puts both teams on an equal advantage for the remainder of the point.

The following are not in any particular order of importance:

- 1) Try to notice patterns your opponents
- 2) Normally when you are parallel to the net you will want to move in tandem to the left, center, or right of your side of the court
- 3) Don't forget to lob
- 4) Try to figure out your opponents' shot weaknesses
- 5) See how they react to shots down the center between them
- 6) Don't ever intentionally hit a short serve, or any short ball, while your partner is playing net in front of where it is going to drop
- 7) If you intend to "poach" into (or across) the center when your partner is serving let her or him know before
- 8) Try to coordinate where you intend your serve or return of serve to go and tell you partner