

## **2008 \$50,000 Sunset Moulding-Yuba City Racquet Club Challenger**

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**2007 Challenger Champion Kevin Kim, USA:** Kim reached a career high ranking of #63 in the world in 2005. The 2007 Sunset Moulding-Yuba City Racquet & Health Club Men's Challenger champion Kevin Kim, USA is scheduled to return to this year's event. Kim, currently ranked #165 in the world is seeded as the #4 player. In addition to his win at Yuba City in 2007, Kim reached the finals in Knoxville and has 7 quarterfinals or better results in Challengers in 2008.

**2006 Challenger Champion Sam Querrey, USA:** Current career high ranking of #38 in May of 08. Querrey competed in all 4 grand slam events in 07. Reached quarterfinals in Monte Carlo with an eventual loss to Novak Djokovic, SRB (#3 world ranking). Querrey defeated James Blake, USA (#8), Vince Spadea, USA (#107) and Dmitry Tursunov, RUS (#31) in the past two years.

**2005 Challenger Champion Cecil Mamiit, PHI:** Current ranking of #496 with a career high of #72 in 99. Mamiit turned pro in 1996 after capturing the NCAA singles championship as a freshman for USC. Wins against both Andre Agassi, USA and Michael Chang, USA. Plays Davis Cup for the Phillipines.

**2004 Futures Champion Scott Lipsky, USA:** Lipsky has a successful career in doubles with a doubles ranking of #37 with partner David Martin, USA in May 08. A finalist with Martin at Munich International Series in April 08 and the team won at the San Jose International Series against the Bryan brothers (#1) in Feb 08. Current ranking of #995 in singles. Appearances in all 4 grand slams in doubles competition in 07 and 08.

**2003 Futures Champion KJ Hippensteel, USA:** Turned pro in 02, currently #720 in world, high of #150 in 2004. Hippensteel was the 1998 Junior US Open Doubles Championship with David Martin, USA. A Stanford graduate and a 4 year NCAA All-America.

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Admission to the \$50,000 Sunset Moulding-Yuba City Racquet Club Challenger is free courtesy of title sponsor, Sunset Moulding Company and the Morrison Family with main draw play beginning Tuesday, June 3, 2008. Session passes for main draw play, June 7-8, 2008 are available for \$10.00. All Event Passes are available for an additional charge and include all admittance to all sessions of play and several dinners and a Sunday Finals Brunch. Further information can be obtained by calling the Yuba City Racquet Club at (530) 673-6900 or visiting [www.yubacitychallenger.com](http://www.yubacitychallenger.com).

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