

Bhupathi-Knowles in Cincinnati Masters semi-final

India's Mahesh Bhupathi and his Bahamas partner Mark Knowles edged past Americans pair Mardy Fish and John Isner, 7-5, 6-7 (5), 12-10, to advance to the semi-finals of the \$2,615,000 Cincinnati Masters.

Wildcards Fish-Isner, who upset fifth-seeded Jonas Bjorkman and Kevin Ulliyett in the second round, went down to fourth-seeded Bhupathi-Knowles at the hard court event here Thursday.

Bhupathi and Knowles thus have entered the semi-finals for the first time since they finished runners-up to Spaniards Rafael Nadal and Tommy Robredo at the Monte-Carlo Masters in April.

They will now face top seeds and 2003 champions Bryan brothers, Bob and Mike, who beat eight-seeded Polish pair Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski 6-4, 7-6(0).

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