James Blake vs Dominik Hrbaty Olympic Tennis Betting

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American James Blake won his opening Olympic Tennis match against Aussie Chris Guccione, 6-3 7-6. His next opponent will be Slovakian Dominik Hrbaty. Olympic Betting Odds at SBGglobal.com has James Blake as -1000 moneyline favorite over Dominik Hrbaty who is listed as +650 underdog. Get your James Blake vs Dominik Hrbaty Olympic Tennis Betting in now at SBGglobal.com

James Blake, making his Olympic debut, held every service game and earned the only break of the match for a 5-3 lead in the first set. The 28-year-old American faced a set point at 5-6 in the second set but held, then hit five winners in the tiebreaker. Since American Andy Roddick decided to skip the Olympics, James Blake is the current highest ranked American. The start of this match was delayed 2 ½ hours and to pass the time Blake watched American swimmer Michael Phelps win a gold medal. "Watching Michael Phelps set a world record, it was something that was special to me because it made me realize how many people are inspired by him, and that I'm now in the position to have that opportunity to go out there and get a medal for my country," Blake said. "Today was hopefully the first step toward that." James Blake has only played once against Hrbaty which was at the 2003 Monte Carlo TMS. Blake won 6-3 3-6 6-2. This year on the ATP Tour he is 37-18 with no singles titles.

Dominik Hrbaty easily beat Thomaz Belluci, 6-4 6-2, in his opening match. Hrbaty is making his third Olympic appearance, at the 2000 Sydney Olympics he lost in the first round and in 2004 Athens he make it to the second round. This year on the ATP Tour he is 2-4 with no singles titles.

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The Bottom Line: This Olympics is the first for Blake and he isn’t going to throw away a chance at Olympic gold. This means more to him than any Grand Slam. He is the top American and he won’t be challenged until the later rounds. Get your James Blake vs Dominik Hrbaty Olympic Tennis Betting in now at SBGglobal.com and receive a 30% sign-up bonus on your initial deposit!