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Victoria Azarenka and Maria Kirilenko Crowned 2011 Bank of the West Classic Doubles Champions

Azarenka and Kirilenko claimed their third title overall and second in 2011, also winning in Madrid.

STANFORD, Calif. (www.BankOfTheWestClassic.com) – In a battle of No. 1 vs. No. 2, the second-seeded duo of Victoria Azarenka and Maria Kirilenko defeated the top-seeded tandem of Liezel Huber and Lisa Raymond 6-1, 6-3 on Sunday afternoon, claiming the doubles championship at the 2011 Bank of the West Classic.

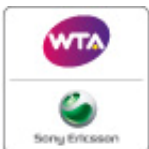
Playing in their 11th tournament as a team, Azarenka and Kirilenko claimed their third title overall and second of the year since winning in Madrid. Since first pairing up at New Haven in 2007, Azarenka and Kirilenko reached the semifinals at last year's Bank of the West after not playing together for three years.

Azarenka and Kirilenko won three of their four matches in straight-sets, allowing only 11 games combined over that stretch. Their toughest challenge came in the semifinals, outlasting the third-seeded duo of Julia Goerges and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova 4-6, 6-3, [10-5].

The experienced duo of Huber and Raymond came up short on Sunday. Huber, who joined Lindsay Davenport in capturing last year's Bank of the West Classic doubles crown, was bidding for her 45th career title while Raymond was trying for her 71st career championship.

Azarenka and Kirilenko raced out to a 4-0 lead in the first set and held on for the 6-1 victory.

Trailing 3-0 in the second set, Huber and Raymond picked up the next two games to cut the deficit to 3-2. However, Azarenka and Kirilenko increased their lead to 5-2 and eventually won the match on Kirilenko's serve at 6-3.



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