

## **Juan Monáco, runner up at the Orange Bowl in 2001**

Argentine tennis player Juan Mónaco grew as a player at the Sánchez-Casal Academy (as-c) which managed to be finalist at the Orange Bowl in 2001 and beginning a career that would take him later to make the jump into the ATP world tour.

He spent two years (2000 and 2001), and Stefan Ortega, former coach of Svetlana Kuznetsova and Monáco remembered those days.

Ortega traveled with the young promise tennis player to play the Orange Bowl, this *"He had and innate talent to compete, and in addition to this, an open and very sociable character. He was a guy who had talent, very competitive and fighter"*.

At the end of 2001, he lost against Robin Soderling, but was since that moment and in the following season of 2002 when Monaco gave the qualitative step for the professional Tour.