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 Paes-Hingis duo lifts US Open Mixed Doubles trophy

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All praise for partner Martina Hingis after clinching the U.S. Open mixed doubles title, **veteran Indian tennis star Leander Paes** said he neither has the technique nor the calibre to match the Swiss legend but he tries to make up for it with his perseverance.

Paes combined with Hingis to win a record ninth Mixed Doubles Grand Slam title after beating the American combo of Sam Querrey and Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-4 3-6 10-7 in the US Open final.

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“Martina said something that was quite interesting. She said you have to have the guts to go after something, and I don’t believe that I personally have the technique or the calibre of talent that Martina has,” Paes said.

“One thing I do have is the guts. I will go for it. It’s been part of my whole life is about perseverance, just trying to find a way to succeed,” he added after a win, which made him the most successful male tennis player in the mixed doubles format.

He has now won nine mixed doubles major titles and trails only former partner Martina Navratilova (10).

Paes said chemistry is key to any partnership and he enjoys a great relation with Hingis.

“Sometimes the chips are against you, sometimes they fool you. What I love about this teamwork is that in any partnership there’s got to be one person who brings the energy to the team. There’s got to be one person who takes all the pressure on their shoulder and drives the team forward,” Paes said.