



## *Vision*

Spring is finally here! And with it, we welcome the latest edition of *Vision*, the e-newsletter designed to keep you up-to-date on the latest sporting events and activities taking place in Miami-Dade County and at your local Sports Commission.

## SERVING UP THE EXCITEMENT

Roddick...Aggassi...Federer...Hewitt... Williams...Sharapova!!!

All of today's tennis GREATS will be serving up the excitement on Key Biscayne March 23 - April 3 at the [NASDAQ 100 Open Championship](#).

With an estimated \$6 million in prize money, this 12-day combined event will feature the world's top-ranked pros: 96 men and 96 women in singles competition, and 32 men's teams and 32 women's teams in doubles action. The NASDAQ-100 Open is one of nine Tennis Masters Series events on the ATP calendar, and a top tier event on the Sony Ericsson WTA TOUR calendar.

The 2005 NASDAQ-100 Open will be played March 23 - April 3 at the [Tennis Center at Crandon Park](#) in Miami. For ticket information, call (305) 442-3367 or visit the website at [www.NASDAQ-100open.com](http://www.NASDAQ-100open.com).

## THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE LOOKS TOWARDS MIAMI

*The USOC Invites Executive Director to Attend Meeting*

The United States Olympic Committee has invited Executive Director, Mike Sophia, to represent the Miami-Dade Sports Commission at the first annual U.S. Olympic Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona on April 28- 30, 2005. In addition to attending the Assembly, your Miami-Dade Sports Commission will participate in a meeting with a select group of potential city partners to discuss future Olympic development program opportunities for our community. The invitees were selected based upon the city/region, strength of the organization, and support of the Olympic Movement.

We look forward to developing a positive relationship with the USOC and our amateur sports partners throughout the country and within our community.

## FLORIDA'S TOP CHEERLEADERS COME TO MIAMI

Hundreds of cheerleaders will be kicking, flipping, dancing and cheering their way to the [James L. Knight Center](#) April 2-3, for the [2005 Florida State Cheer & Dance Championships](#).

These young athletes will travel from the farthest reaches of the Sunshine State to compete for it's highest ranking honors. Owned and operated by the Florida Cheer & Dance Association, this event is the season finale to numerous qualifiers and warm-ups held year round throughout the state.

For more information on this event and how you can participate, please contact [Heather Wasek](#).

## BECOMING A PART OF MIAMI'S SPORTS

*Helping To Build A Stronger Community Through Sports*

I am excited to be a member of the Miami-Dade Sports Commission. I believe that this is a great, first- class organization. I am thrilled about the Sunshine State Games and the FHSAA State Football Championships coming to Miami-Dade County and look forward to being a part of many more exciting events in the future. ~ *Mike Garrity, Assistant Athletic Director, Florida International University*

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission, a 501(c)(3) organization, was created to help enrich and build upon the local community through sports. And now, through your Sports Commission, individual members of the community can become actively involved in the sports of Miami. There is no better way to create positive growth, than by tapping into the knowledge and expertise of our local community.

As a MDSC Member you will not only help bring events to the community, but you will also benefit from unique volunteer opportunities, receive first chance opportunities for tickets and/or discounts on tickets to MDSC events (where available), and receive special discounts and programs provided to members by MDSC partner organizations.

To learn more about becoming a member and our memberships please email your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](#) or click here to download our [Membership Form](#).

## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks goes out to Bridget Sanchez, Karen Fuller and the entire team from FIU's School of Music. Thank you for all of your help at the 2005 Sports Hall of Champions Dinner and Award Ceremony!

*We continue to work on several prospective events each day, and are always interested in new sports and new events. If you have any events or sports that you would like us to work on, or you are just curious as to other events we are considering, please feel free to email your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](#).*

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"If you put your effort and concentration into playing to your potential, to be the best that you can be, I don't care what the scoreboard says. At the end of the game, in my book, we're gonna be winners." ~ *Hoosiers*, Coach Norman Dale