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Welcome back sports fans to another edition of *Vision*, the e-newsletter of the Miami-Dade Sports Commission! Designed to keep you up-to-date and in the loop on the latest sporting events and activities taking place in Miami-Dade County and at your local Sports Commission, you can be sure you won't miss a thing!

MIAMI-DADE POWERHOUSES FACE OFF IN MIAMI SPORTS KICK-OFF CLASSIC



The 2006 Miami-Dade high school football season kicks off this Saturday, August 19th, at FIU Stadium with the inaugural **Miami Sports Kick- Off Classic!**

This is your only chance this season to see some of Miami's traditional powerhouses meet on the field.

Miami Central vs Miami Edison - 6:00 PM
Booker T Washington vs Northwestern - 8:30 PM

Tickets are only \$10 and maybe purchased through participating schools or at FIU Stadium on game day.

The Miami Sports Kick-off Classic marks the beginning of a season long series, the ["Road to Miami"](#). The Road to Miami will follow the South Florida high school football throughout the entire season leading up to the [2006 Dodge FHSAA Football Finals](#).

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The series will feature a "Game of the Week" in both Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. Additionally, the MDSC will partner with local media to provide the community with game updates and post game wrap-ups.

Follow the along as we travel the Road to Miami. For more information, visit www.RoadtoMiami.org or contact Heather Wasek at hwasek@miamisports.org.

VITAMINWATER SIGNS ON AS MIAMI SPORTS GOLD PARTNER



The MDSC welcomes the newest member of the Miami Sports family, Vitaminwater. The fast growing beverage company has signed on as a Gold Level Partner and will be represented at numerous MDSC events. According to Area Marketing Manager, John Doughney, "The relationship is a natural fit. Vitaminwater is made for people who live active lifestyles, and where better to reach out and hydrate these people than at South Florida sporting events."

Vitaminwater is a healthy alternative for those individuals looking for something other than tap water. In fact, Vitaminwater even acts as a more beneficial alternative to bottled springwater.

Vitaminwater will be the "Official Water" for both the Miami Sport Kick-off Classic and the Miami-Dade Senior Games. "It is our goal at Vitaminwater to keep these athletes properly hydrated in the gym and on the field," stated Doughney.

For information on how you can become a Miami Sports Partner, please contact [Shawn Thorimbert](mailto:Shawn.Thorimbert) at (305) 818-7188 today!

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MIAMI -DADE SPORTS COMMISSION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission welcomes two new members to the Board of Directors, John F. Mulrey and Dr. Jeffrey Solomon. The new members were appointed to represent organizations that currently hold a permanent place in the Board designated by County Ordinance. "These new Board Members have been very active in the local community for many years," said Mike Sophia, Executive Director, "and they both bring extensive experience in the sports industry which will be a great asset to the Sports Commission."

John F. Mulrey, GM of the Marriott Airport Complex, joins the MDSC as a representative of the Greater Miami and the Beaches Hotel Association. Mr. Mulrey is a long time friend of sports and the MDSC. A member of the Marriott management team for over 27 years, he was the Marriott liaison for the IOC during the 1995 – 1996 Atlanta Olympics preparation period. He opened doors for the Marriott organization with numerous sports groups, such as Georgia Tech Football, U.S. Track & Field, USA Judo, and the Sunshine State Games, allowing Marriott to act as the host hotel. Mr. Mulrey spearheaded the University of Miami Athletics Partnership and works closely with all leagues regarding individual team requirements during their stay in Miami.

Dr. Jeffrey Solomon, President of Mobile Chiropractic Inc., joins the Board of Directors as a representative for the Miami-Dade County Mayor's office. Dr. Solomon has served the community for many years through his volunteer efforts with youth sports as a health care provider, and coach for Optimist, YMCA, and Public School programs. He lectures often on health, wellness, and safety issues at numerous governmental agencies and corporations around Miami-Dade County. His sports medicine career has taken him to some of the world's largest and most prestigious sporting events, including an international host clinic at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, GA, and the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy, where he served as the official Staff Chiropractor for the athletes.

Mulrey and Solomon join current Board Members: Larry Gautier (Co-Chair), Commission Jose "Pepe" Diaz (Co-Chair), Vivian Donnell Rodriguez (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Linda Dunn Brown, Rick Mello, Alex Munoz, Peter Pruitt, Commission Dorrin Rolle, and William Talbert.

I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, his greatest fulfillment of all he holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious.

~ **Vince Lombardi**

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