

Vision

Happy New Year from your Miami-Dade Sports Commission!
Welcome to the December 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.

2006's Forecast: [Sunshine!](#)

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission proudly announces the return of Florida's Sunshine State Games to Miami-Dade County in June of 2006. Owned and operated by the Florida Sports Foundation, the Games were last held in Miami in 1990.

The Sunshine State Games are Florida's own Olympic style sports festival with competitions in over 20 different sports for amateur athletes of all skill levels and ages. This exciting event brings over 7,000 athletes to the area and several thousand spectators. "The Sunshine State Games provide Florida's amateur athletes with the ideal opportunity to participate in a wide array of events while promoting sportsmanship, fitness, and the spirit of competition," said Governor Bush. "The Games also afford our talented youth an arena to refine their athletic talents prior to national and international competitions while making new friends in the process. We look forward to holding the Games each year, and Miami in 2006 will be no exception."

For more information on how you can participate in the Sunshine State Games, please email [Heather Wasek](#) or contact the [Florida Sports Foundation](#).

- [Florida Sports Foundation](#)

2005 Sports Hall of Champions

In A League of Their Own

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission, in collaboration with the [Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce](#), proudly presents the 2005 Sports Hall of Champions, March 8, 2005 at the [American Airlines Arena](#).

For the past 15 years, the Sports Hall of Champions has honored great athletes such

for the recognition they have brought to the Greater Miami area.

In its 16th year, the Sports Hall of Champions will proudly induct the following outstanding individuals:

- Helio Castroneves, Indy Racing League
- Jim Kiick, Miami Dolphins
- Coach Ron Rothstein, Miami HEAT
- Rony Seikaly, Miami HEAT

Come, join us as we honor these local athletes that have helped to inspire our youth, and raise the level of competitive spirit within our community!

For more information on the 2005 Sports Hall of Champions, please contact your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](#).

Pass, Set, Point!

Congratulations go out to the Barry Buccaneers Women's Volleyball Team for their third NCAA Division II Volleyball National Title!

Coming from behind, the lady Buccaneers rallied to beat the Truman State University Bulldogs 25-30, 30- 21, 30-25, 30-24. Led by Coach Dave Nichols, these great athletes have shown competitive excellence and will help to inspire young athletes from throughout Miami-Dade County.

The 2004 NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championship was hosted by [Barry University](#). One team from each of the NCAA Division II regions competed in this championship and included: Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, Northern Michigan University, University of Minnesota Duluth, Queens College, California State University, San Bernardino, Barry University, Truman State University and University of Nebraska at Kearney.

- [Barry University Athletics](#)

Miami Secures FOUR IPF Competitions

The [International Powerlifting Federation](#) (IPF) in partnership with [U SA Powerlifting](#) will be bringing four powerlifting championship events to the [James L. Knight Center](#), located in Downtown Miami, beginning in June of 2005. With an economic impact of over \$2 million over the course of one year, these events will bring athletes from all over the world to compete here in Miami-Dade County.

The IPF North American Regional Powerlifting Championships, the first of four events, will be held June 17-19, 2005. For more information please email info@miamisports.org.

- [International Powerlifting Federation](#)
- [USA Powerlifting](#)

Special Thanks

Special thanks goes out to Tim Donovan, Jen Strum and the entire Miami Heat Group for your ongoing support and assistance!

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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Love to one, friendship too many, and good will to all! ~ Happy New Year!