

Vision

Welcome to the January 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.

FLAGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The 2005 World Cup of Flag Football will be coming to Miami, February 24-27, 2005. The championship event for the [International Flag Football Federation](#) is affiliated with 12 countries including Dominican Republic, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and Venezuela. The World Cup will bring approximately 1200 men and women athletes to compete in the 4 day event. The event will be held at [Barry University](#) in Miami Shores.

To learn more about this exciting international event and the festivities that will take place throughout the week, please contact your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](#).

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET...RUN MIAMI!

Away from the snow, the blizzards, the ice, and the cold, the [Toyota Prius Miami Tropical Marathon](#) is the perfect escape for those participants looking to stretch their legs and relax their minds. Come and check out the return of this exciting winter event this January 30, 2005! Join the thousands of spectators, friends, and family gathered along the 26.2 miles of Miami's most beautiful tropical course and cheer on participants from throughout the country who have chosen to RUN MIAMI!

The 26.2 mile race will begin adjacent to [AmericanAirlines Arena](#) and travel through beautiful Miami Beach, Coconut Grove and back through magical downtown Miami. The event will also include the newly added [Tropical 5k](#) for those beginners looking to get involved in the festivities.

To learn more on how you can participate please contact your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](#) or contact [PR Racing](#) today!

CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS COME TO MIAMI

The 2005 Florida State Cheerleading Championships will be coming to the [James L. Knight Center](#) April 2-3, 2005.

This exciting cheerleading event will bring competitors from throughout the state that will jump, kick, flip, dance and cheer their way into the state'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 information on how you can participate in this event, please contact [Heather Wasek](#).

2005 SPORTS HALL OF CHAMPIONS

The Road to Success

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](#).

The road to success is long and arduous, but these great athletes have proven that with strength, determination and love of the game, the rewards outweigh any and all sacrifices. In it's 16th year, the Sports Hall of Champions will proudly honor the following individuals for their accomplishments and successes:

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

Please 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](#).

FIU WINS TEAM HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

FIU's very own, [Pharmed Arena](#), hosted a TEAM HANDBALL Tournament this past January 21 & 22, 2005. FIU, West Point Academy, Condor Atlanta, and Houston Handball Club all participated in this exciting Olympic sport.

The final results were as follows:

1. FIU - 6
2. Condors Atlanta - 4
3. West Point Military Academy - 2
4. Houston Stars - 0

Congratulations FIU on a well played tournament!

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks goes out to Marty Mulford and the entire Dolphins Stadium, Florida Marlins and Miami Dolphins staff for your ongoing support and assistance! We look forward to working with all of you in the future!

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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In order to excel, you must be completely dedicated to your chosen sport. You must also be prepared to work hard and be willing to accept destructive criticism. Without 100 percent dedication, you won't be able to do this.--Willie Mays