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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!

MICCOSUKEE TRIBE OF INDIANS BECOMES FIRST MIAMI SPORTS PLATINUM MEMBER

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission is proud to announce the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida as it's first Platinum Partner. The partnership will further expand the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians commitment to sports in the community, and provide new opportunities to participate in a wide array of events and programs.



"We are excited to have an organization with such history and connection to South Florida as a partner of the Miami-Dade Sports Commission," states Mike Sophia, Executive Director. "The Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida represents a significant and important part of our community, and we look forward to growing our relationship and creating new sports opportunities for Miami."

In addition to partnering with the Miami-Dade Sports Commission, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians is also a partner of the Florida Marlins, Miami Dolphins, and Miami HEAT.

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OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS



Partner, please contact [Shawn Thorimbert](#) at (305) 818-7188.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE MDSC ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES UNANIMOUSLY

On Thursday, July 13, 2006, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved proposed changes to the Ordinance creating the Miami-Dade Sports Commission. The action expands the MDSC Board of Directors from nine members to a maximum of 46. "This change provides the opportunity for the Sports Commission Board to better represent the sports community, the corporate community, and the community as a whole," said Larry Gautier, Co-Chair of the MDSC. "And it should give us a greater reach into the community with our events and programs."



The changes also added a Mayoral appointee to the Board, and created a Co-Chair position on the Board to be held by a County Commissioner appointed by the Chair of the BCC. Finally, the ordinance removed the reference to "amateur" sports in the mission for the organization. "This organization will work hard to create sports opportunities on all levels for Miami- Dade County," added Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Miami-Dade County Commissioner and Co-Chair of the MDSC.



The Board will develop a plan for expansion in the coming weeks. If you have any questions on the recent changes or the structure of the MDSC, please contact [Mike Sophia](#) at (305) 818-7188.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL RETURNS TO MIAMI

The Road of Champions Leads to Miami



High school football returns Miami with the start of a new season, new plays, and new champions in 2006! **Dolphin Stadium** will, once again, play host to the Dodge FHSAA Football Finals, **December 1 - 2 and 8 - 9, 2006**. 16 teams, 8 games and 4 days of non-stop football action.

Don't miss out on the exciting match-ups and outstanding young talent. Some of the nations top college recruits play right here in our own backyard. Players such as Anquan Boldin, Antonio Bryant, Travis Henry and Sean Taylor all played in the FHSAA Football Finals.



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This season your Miami-Dade Sports Commission is proud to feature the **Game of the Week**. Each week, we will follow the best games in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties and keep you in the loop on the hottest plays and ever changing scores. This is your chance to follow all the great games taking place on Friday night.

Are you ready to travel the road of champions? We are and now you can too! Follow the "**Road to Miami**" each week at www.RoadtoMiami.org!

THE MIAMI SPORTS INDUSTRY PARTNER PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

Your Miami-Dade Sports Commission would like to welcome it's newest Industry Partners: [Enterprise Rent-A-Car](#), [JW Marriott](#), and [Wyndam Miami Airport](#).

The Miami Sports Industry Partner program consists of hotels, attractions and other businesses involved in Miami's tourism industry. These businesses are looking to actively participate in the Sports Commission's mission to generate economic impact, room nights and visitor stays in our destination through sports.

Miami Sports Industry Partners are given priority on events owned and hosted by the Sports Commission. Additionally, Industry Partners are featured at www.MiamiSports.org and other related materials.

For information on how you can become an Industry Partner, please contact [Shawn Thorimbert](#) at (305) 818-7188 today!

BEING A PART OF MIAMI SPORTS

The MDSC Kicks Off It's Volunteer Program

Are you interested in working in the sports industry? Do you think it would be fun to work at Super Bowl XLI, the 2007 FedEx Orange Bowl, or the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championships? Or do you simply need volunteer and internship hours to complete your degree or get your diploma? Well this is your chance!

Your Miami-Dade Sports Commission wants to give you the exciting opportunity to **"Be a Part of Miami Sports"**! Sports are an integral part of the Miami-Dade County community and make a difference not just in our quality of life, but in the economic development of our community.

Everyone interested will receive information on volunteer opportunities ranging from the WAKA Kickball Tournament to Super Bowl XLI. Contact Jason Cover at (305) 818-7188 or jcover@miamisports.org today to sign up and make a difference!

Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I can assure them it is much more serious than that.

*~ **Bill Shankly, In Sunday Times, Oct. 4 1981***

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