



March 2005

## *Vision*

Welcome to the March 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.

## MDSC MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM KICKS-OFF WITH FIRST MEMBER

Mike Garrity, Assistant Athletic Director at Florida International University, signed on as the Miami-Dade Sports Commission's first official member!

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission Membership Program allows individual members of the community to become actively involved in the growth and development of sports in Miami. 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. Additionally, as a 501(c)(3) organization, your membership may be tax deductible.

To learn more about memberships and how you can obtain one please email your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](#) or click here to download our [Membership Form](#).

## TAKING IT TO THE NET

*The MDSC Website Goes Live!*

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission is now live on the net! The website will list the current and future sporting events happening throughout Miami-Dade County, as well as the different features and programs of your Miami-Dade Sports Commission. Over the next few months we will create an up-to-date facility guide accessible via the net and in hardcopy that will allow event owners to view all the fabulous facilities and parks that Miami-Dade County has to offer. Stay tuned!

Be sure to stop by [www.MiamiSports.org](http://www.MiamiSports.org), our new virtual home!

*If you have a sporting event that you would like listed on our events calendar, please email [Heather Wasek](mailto:Heather.Wasek).*

## 2005 SPORTS HALL OF CHAMPIONS

*The Road to Success*

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The Miami-Dade Sports Commission, in collaboration with the [Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce](#), proudly presents the 2005 Sports Hall of Champions, 5:30 PM, March 8, 2005 at the [AmericanAirlines Arena](#).

This is your chance to meet and honor some of Miami's greatest success stories. Come early to check out the Sports Fest and Silent Auction featuring exciting memorabilia from the Miami HEAT, the Miami Dolphins, the NASDAQ 100 Open, Barry Sanders, and many more.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT, SO [PURCHASE](#) YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Can't come, but still want to experience the fun??? Purchase a Hall of Champions Raffle Ticket for a chance to win a 7-Night Caribbean Cruise for 2 from RoyalCaribbean International! Email [Heather Wasek](mailto:Heather.Wasek) TODAY!

*All proceeds from raffle tickets and the silent auction benefit the Miami-Dade Sports Commission, a 501(c) (3) organization, and the development of youth sports in the local community.*

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

## TEAM USA PREVAILS AT THE WORLD CUP OF FLAG FOOTBALL

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The 6th annual World Cup of Flag Football kicked off Thursday, February 24, at Barry University, with 14 teams representing 10 countries competing in the men's and women's division. The international competition concluded on Friday with Team USA prevailing over Canada in the men's division, and Mexico holding off Team USA to win the women's title.

To learn more about this event please visit [www.MiamiSports.org](http://www.MiamiSports.org) or contact your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](#).

## A WEEKEND OF EVENTS

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March kicks off with an exciting weekend full of sporting events here in Miami-Dade County. Take your pick from golf to racing, from hoops to the sand, the choices are endless!

### [Ford Championship at Doral](#) *March 3 - 6, 2005*

Come out and see Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh and all of your golf pro favorites tee off at Doral for their chance at the record \$5.5 million purse, the Waterford Trophy and a 2005 Ford GT.

### [Toyota Indy 300 & Grand Prix of Miami](#) *Homestead Miami Speedway, March 4 - 6, 2005*

The exciting season-opener for the IRL IndyCar Series will showcase the famed cars and drivers from the Indianapolis 500 including 2-time Indy 500 champion Helio Castroneves, defending IndyCar Series champion Tony Kanaan, and 3-time Toyota Indy 300 champion Sam Hornish. The race weekend also includes the Rolex Sports Car Series Grand Prix of Miami and the Menards Infiniti Pro Series Miami 100.

### [2005 Sunshine State Conference Men's & Women's Basketball Tournaments](#) *Barry University, March 2 - 6, 2005*

The 2005 SSC Men's and Women's Tournament champions will receive the Sunshine State Conference's automatic bids to the 2005 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships. A total of eight men's teams and eight women's teams from each of eight geographical regions will earn berths in the NCAA Tournament.

### [Corona Big Shot Open Volleyball Tournament](#) *Miami Beach, March 5 - 6, 2005*

Volleyball series kicks off its 2004 season in Miami Beach. The tournament will be the first in a 7 tournament series to qualify 2 teams for the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour. Top male and female teams will compete. Tournament play will start at 9 a.m. with finals scheduled for 5 p.m. each day.

## MODELS & ATHLETES TAKE TO THE STREET IN THE OCEAN DRIVE 5K

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Models, professional athletes, and the local community will all take to the streets of Miami Beach this March 19, 2005 for the [Ocean Drive 5k Run](#). In its 3rd year, this high profile event will feature attending celebrities such as Barry Sanders, Dan Marino, Jason Taylor, Zack Thomas, Louis Oliver, Gloria Estefan, Enrique Iglesias, and include former Olympian and legendary runner, Bill Rogers as Race Ambassador.

A post-event party and silent auction will benefit the [Lance Armstrong Cancer Foundation](#) in an effort to support cancer research and awareness.

Register today at [www.Ocean DriveRun.com](http://www.Ocean DriveRun.com)! For information on this exciting event, please contact your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](#) or contact [Pro Access Inc.](#)

## SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks goes out to the entire design and marketing team at the GMCVB...Madeleine, Andy, Rolando and Dan thank you for all of your help!

To all those that have help to create the 2005 Sports Hall of Champions, we thank you for helping to create an exciting event!

To our friends at Barry University, Mike Covone, Jamie Carrig, Monica Soto, and your team, thank you for helping make the World Cup a great success!

And last but not least, to the team at Dolphins Stadium, Miami Dolphins Enterprises, FIU, and the GMAC for all of your great work on the FHSAA State High School Championships bid!

*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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Sports Do Not Build Character...They  
Reveal It ~John Wooden