



# TENNIS TIMES

Summer 2007

## THANK YOU FOR COMING

### WE HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT TIME!!

We would like to say a big thank you to all the teams that joined us in sunny Florida this year. With 150 teams participating—and over 500 matches being played in the course of 4 weeks—it was a busy time. But I can honestly say it was a pleasure to host each and every team.

Our philosophy is very simple: to ensure each team has the spring break they want.

Whether teams want to play a mammoth 8 matches in a week, or if they prefer to practice the whole week, the choice is yours.

We have a few very simple principles, from which we refuse to budge:-

- We only use first class facilities
- All matches will be played on 6 courts—no doubling up is ever required
- All arrangements



Paul with the ladies from Puerto Rico—Rio Piedras

are made through SBS to avoid unnecessary head aches for coaches

- Have the best competition
- Have fun!!

## You can't trust the weather....

Commiserations to Morningside College, who were unable to get down to Florida due to the snow up North. Sadly, their airline cancelled the flight

and were unable to re-schedule the flights for their 18 players.

On a lighter note, I hope that the teams that got trapped in

Florida for a few extra days because their return flights were cancelled weren't too inconvenienced—and enjoyed their extra matches!

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### HELP!

- If you have any photos from your Spring Break trip, please e-mail them to us and we will put them on the website.
- If you have any suggestions for ways to improve SBS, please e-mail Paul

## SPRING BREAK SPORTS—THE HISTORY

Formed in 1998 by Paul Bel-  
lingham, Spring Break Sports  
has gone from strength to  
strength.

A former college tennis  
player himself, Paul started  
the company when he de-  
cided that he wanted to stay  
in the United States for good.

“I left England in 1993 to  
study at Webber Interna-  
tional University. A combina-  
tion of the weather, the peo-  
ple and the great tennis fa-  
cilities have kept me in Flor-  
ida ever since!”

The program has grown 150%  
since the first year—to the

current 150 teams that par-  
ticipate.

“When I go to one of the fa-  
cilities and see college teams



Colors look familiar? Think Wimbledon!!

from across the US playing, I  
feel very proud. My coach  
always used to take the Web-  
ber team on a spring break  
trip—and I remember the fun  
that I had. I want to make  
sure that teams continue to  
have the opportunity to do  
the same thing.

“I like to think we run an effi-  
cient program and I hope  
that teams will continue to  
participate. This year we  
have done even more of the  
planning work for the  
coaches and this trend will  
continue.

“I look forward to seeing you  
again next year!”

## Coach celebrates his 100th win here in Florida

**DEE STEVENSON—SAINT  
MARY’S OF NOTRE DAME  
COACH—NOTCHES UP 100TH  
WIN HERE IN FLORIDA—TEAM  
CELEBRATE WITH CAKE ON  
COURT!!**

Long standing supporter of  
Spring Break Sports Dee Ste-  
venson was rewarded with a  
cake on court by his players

to celebrate his 100th win  
with the team—which hap-  
pened while on Spring Break  
in Florida.

Dee, who has been part of the  
SBS program since 1998, al-  
ways works his girls hard  
whilst on their Spring Break  
trip—this year playing a total  
of eight matches in six days.



## THE TREACLE CUP—NAIA TOURNAMENT

The inaugural TREACLE CUP  
was played this year in Or-  
lando. With participants  
from several states, the even-  
tual winners were the “local”  
team from Webber Interna-  
tional University.

Trey Heath, coach of the War-  
riors, said he was “thrilled”  
with the win and paid tribute

to his players. The  
team just happen to  
be from Paul’s alma  
mater—although  
there was no fa-  
vouritism involved!!

The former Webber  
player said his old  
team “looked in  
pretty good



Not quite the Wimbledon Trophy!

shape.”

Paul said, “I used to play  
on the team with Trey  
and his father, now the  
AD, used to be my tennis  
coach, so it was fun to  
watch them play.” The  
question is—could he  
still keep up with  
them?

# FANCY A CHANGE?

**THEN PUERTO RICO OR BOCA RATON MIGHT BE THE PLACE FOR YOUR 08 SPRING BREAK.**

**New for 2008, SBS is adding on Puerto Rico and Boca Raton as locations for your tennis spring break.**

**Officially part of the United States—and with 2 NCAA Division 2 teams on the island, PR is the perfect place for those teams who want to combine high quality tennis with great beaches and the usual standard of SBS facilities and or-**



**ganization with an island location!**

**Numbers will be restricted so if you want to be part of it, contact Paul SOON!**

**With flights to the island with Jet Blue, American and United, this is sure to be a “hot” destination.**

**As always, SBS will make all your bookings for you and provide you with all the directions, locations and court numbers.**

**Boca offers teams a South Florida location with plenty of local teams to play, coupled with great facilities and beaches. You can also split your week and combine Boca and Orlando to get the best of both worlds.**

## Thank you Seminole County!

**Do you ever think about the work that’s involved in getting the courts in shape?**

**Spring Break Sports has worked closely with Seminole County—and in particular their Parks and Recreations Department, to ensure that**

**we only use first class facilities.**

**Sanlando Park (25 courts), Red Bug Park (16 courts) and Lake Sylvan (9 courts) are all owned by Seminole County and we would like to place on record our thanks for the superb work**

*“The Crew Chief at Sanlando had 1 day off in March. He wanted to make sure that the park was up to standard for every match. Thank you Lee.”*

**that they do. Whilst players love the shade offered by the many trees around the parks, keeping the courts blown of leaves is a huge job for all the grounds crew. I am sure you will all agree that the team do an amazing job in maintaining these facilities.**

**THANK YOU STEVE AND ALL THE TEAM!**

## 10th ANNIVERSARY OF SBS

**2008 will be 10th year that Paul has been running tennis spring breaks in Florida.**

**Amazingly, some coaches have been every year!**

**“I am hugely flattered that coaches want to come back year after year.” said Paul. Special mention should go to**

**Jeff Wyshner, coach of Akron, who has been down here with 3 different teams. (And best of all, teams that he used to coach still come**



**down too!) Thanks also to Andy Hamilton - Grinnell, Sean Sloane and Ann Koger—Haverford, Dee Stevenson—St Mary’s of Notre Dame who have been with me from the beginning—as well as to the many new friends I have made over the years.**

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Thank you again for your support!

If you have any suggestions of how you would like to see SBS improve, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Also—please remember that if you recommend a new team to the program, you get a credit of \$20 on your match fees. So why not speak to those far flung teams in your Conference that you don't want to have to drive to, and convince them to come to Florida too! That way you get to play in a neutral venue—in sunny Florida!

## SIGN UP FOR 2008

**WANT TO COME BACK—WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!**

**To keep up with the increasingly demanding world of tennis scheduling, SBS is going to start its list for 2008 participants NOW!**

**As coaches become more efficient, so do we. To ensure that teams get the best possible choice of teams to compete against, including the Florida teams, we would encourage you to put your name down for 2008.**

**No money is required at this stage but, if you think you would like to come back, then let us know. New pass-**

**words for your week will be issued in a couple of weeks time. So, if you want to get on a particular team's schedule,**

**the message is simple—sign up early! As always, there will be a financial incentive to sign up early.**



The girls from Florida Atlantic Uni with their coach

**We are also interested in arranging more mini tournaments to take advantage of the NAIA ruling that allows a tournament to count as one match date. If you are interested, please let Paul know.**

**We look forward to seeing you in sunny Orlando in 2008.**

*Paul and Lizzie*