

Open Court - Free
Afternoon tennis Clinic - \$200.00

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Open Court Meets Mon., Wed., + Fri. Starting
June 9th + running through the 25th
of July from 9-11 am. We start out
with some Conditioning drills + then
move into match play both Singles +
doubles. Some participants work on
specific strokes. This will be my 3rd
summer running this program. There
is no charge + attendance for this
has doubled throughout the years. I
do no advertisement for this it is just
word of mouth. It coincides with Jake's
Tuesday - Thursday Program. This program
gives the tennis player an opportunity to play
competition not just drilling.

See
last
years
flyer.

Tennis Clinic runs the 16th of June -
18th of July.

Community Education also advertised
this in their brochure.

Delano 2007 Summer Tennis Clinic

This will be the third year that we have offered this clinic. This summer we are opening up to Girls & Boys going into 7th through 12th grade. This clinic has a ratio of 6 players to a coach. Once again mental toughness and physical conditioning will be the main focus, but will spend time on stroke development for the new participants. This clinic will prepare the tennis player for the upcoming tennis season.

Instead of the athlete going to the clinic, the clinic comes to the athlete.

Dates: June 11th – July 13th Monday's, Tuesday's, and Wednesday's
(Friday's session is optional inter squad challenge day from 9:00am – 12 noon)
12 sessions for 4 weeks (4th of July week is off)

Times: 1:30-3:30 p.m. – (Friday's - 9:00am-12 noon)

Instructors: Scott Reimer - Has more than 30 years coaching experience with over 25 hours of court time a week. Coached USTA teams and a former 5.0 player. He is one of the instructors at the indoor tennis club in Elk River. (Daytona)

Kim Finn - Has over 10 years of coaching experience. Played college tennis at St. Cloud State University. She has been the Delano girl's tennis coach for the last 8 years.

for eight years, Graf is still a sought-after hawkker for companies in her native Germany. Both have long-term contracts with Head and Adidas, and together they have a furniture line with Kreiss.

As their children, Jaden, 6, and Jaz, 4, have grown, so have the couple's business ventures. They're developing fitness and tennis centers for AOL co-founder Steve Case's Exclusive Resorts and building a \$600 million condo-hotel at the Tamarack Resort in Idaho.

Their clout is also increasing. Since they announced the project in Idaho, the state's House passed a law that would allow third-party

Beyond all the *Ka-ching*, the couple continues to set the standard in philanthropy. Graf is chairperson of Children for Tomorrow, her nonprofit foundation that provides counseling to children traumatized by war.

Agassi, who has helped his foundation raise more than \$70 million since 1994, has formed a new foundation called Athletes for Hope with Lance Armstrong and Mia Hamm, among others. Their goal is to use their influence to get more athletes involved in charity work.

What's next for Grafassi remains to be seen. But it's a safe bet it will be a success.—SARAH THURMOND

BEGINNER'S TOOL QUICKSTART TENNIS

THE USTA'S IDEA to create another tennis boom? Think small. By using smaller courts, shorter racquets, and less bouncy, slower balls, the USTA believes kids will stay with the sport longer. "We're scaling tennis down to the size of the child," says Kurt Kamperman, the USTA's chief executive of community tennis.

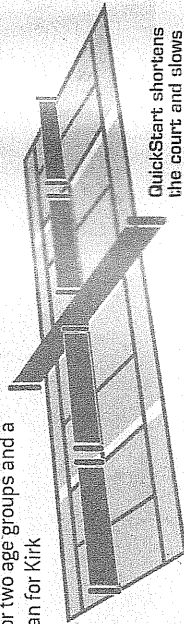
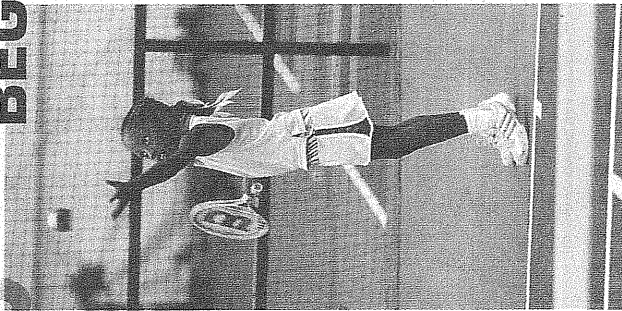
According to a Sporting Goods Manufacturer's Association report, tennis is the fastest-growing traditional sport in the United States for all ages, but retention is only 20 percent for those not in organized programs: Belgium, which mandates that children 11 and under play with shorter racquets and on a smaller court, has an 80-percent retention rate among kids. "When kids play on a full-size court, the ball is bouncing over their heads," said Scott Schultz, USTA managing director of recreational tennis. "QuickStart will give more kids a positive first experience, and they'll stay in the game."

Children 8 and under will play on a mini-court: 36 feet long and 18 feet wide; 9- and 10-year-olds will play on a 60-by-21 court (a real singles court is 78 by 27). Drills emphasize rallying rather than instruction, and both age groups play in team competitions. "Playing team tennis, they can win or lose together," Schultz says, "and it's more fun to play with your friends."

Match length is also reduced, particularly in the younger group, where seven points wins a game and two games wins a match. The longest match for the smaller kids will last about 20 minutes.

QuickStart will roll out in more than 1,000 facilities next year and manufacturers have started delivering equipment. Prince has a kit that includes racquets and balls for two age groups and a net to put up in your driveway. That fits into the plan for Kirk

Anderson, USTA director of recreational coaches and programs. "My goal is to see mini-tennis courts all over the country, just like basketball hoops." —DAN MARKOWITZ



QuickStart shortens the court and slows down the ball.