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**Tennis Camp has over 120 children**

**ANGUILLA—The annual Tennis Academy camp started here on Tuesday July 15 and more than 120 children are taking part. This is the seventh year the camp has been held under the direction of Michelle Lake.**

**During the first week the children aged from 5-17 years are on the courts at Webster Park with coaches Michelle Lake, Tim Treat, Marvin Hazel, Patrick Helton, Ross Packard and Martin Prichard. Basic tennis coaching for beginners and practice for those who already play continues each day.**

**Next week the camp moves west and coaching takes place at the tennis courts of Malliouhana Hotel, Carimar Beach Club, Cocoloba Resort and Temenos. Eight coaches are arriving in Anguilla at the weekend and will be assisting with the camp, enabling the students to have smaller groups and more coaching each day from 8.30 a.m. until 12 noon. Three of the coaches were in Anguilla last year, Chris Wade, Jonathan Collazo and Bill Riddle. The coaches will be staying at Carimar Beach Club, Cocoloba Hotel, Frangipani Beach Club and La Sirena Hotel. Mitch says the support from these hotels is tremendous and he is very grateful to them for hosting the visiting coaches.**

**From Wednesday the 13-17 year olds will take part in a tournament in the afternoons and this year a special prize is being given for the most promising male and female player as well as trophies for the winners. Each participant will receive a certificate and a T shirt designed and made by Caribbean Silk Screen.**

**Lake says he is grateful for the strong local support for the camp from many businesses and individuals around the island, which is a tremendous asset to making the programme a success. He thanks all the many sponsors for their continued involvement. Special appreciation was given to American Airlines/American Eagle for assistance in fares for the coaches and to Triple K Car Rental and Highway Car Rental for providing transportation for the coaches at reduced rates. All Island Cable Television is once again a significant sponsor with a donation of US\$2000.00. Manager, Mrs. Barbara Owen stated, “We are very proud of Mitch Lake’s enthusiasm and dedication to give the children of Anguilla the opportunity to learn from professionals and participate in the tennis camp.”**

**To show appreciation to the sponsors and make them feel part of the programme they and their staff are being invited to a tennis clinic with the visiting coaches on Monday July 21 at the Malliouhana and Carimar tennis courts.**