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Photo: Vallan Hodge, Tennis Director of the ATA and Viceroy

Vallan Hodge appointed Tennis Director at Viceroy

ANGUILLA—The Director of the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA), Vallan Hodge has just been appointed Tennis Director for Viceroy Resort. Vallan told the Daily Herald that he started playing tennis at the age of fifteen when he attended his first summer tennis camp in 2002. He had never played before but became very interested in the game and advanced quickly to become one of the island's top players.

When he left school in 2004 he volunteered at the ATA and the following year was appointed as Assistant Pro at CuisinArt Resort. He has received professional coaching in Dallas, Texas from Chris Wade, a coach who has visited Anguilla many times, as well as in Virginia and Tennessee. He is a PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) Certified coach.

At Viceroy Vallan will coach all levels of tennis from children to adults and will be available to play with visitors who want some good competition. He says that he is excited about the position and hopes that tourism in Anguilla will pick up in the near future.

President of the ATA, Mitchelle Lake commented, "This is a tremendous opportunity for Vallan who is a product of the ATA. I am confident that he will service Viceroy well. His passion and commitment to the game of tennis has allowed him to make an indelible impression on the children and guests he comes into contact with." He went on to say that the ATA is surely shaping lives and building a future for Anguilla tennis players.

As Director of the ATA, Vallan is responsible for overseeing the other coaches, the office manager, the upkeep of the building and the tennis courts. He manages the ATA after school programme and also provides coaches when necessary for the private villas.