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Photo: Lawrence Douglin with some of the young tennis players at the Academy

Tennis Academy announces new Director

ANGUILLA—Lawrence Douglin has been named Tennis Director of the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA). In announcing the appointment Mitchell Lake, founder and President of the ATA said, "Lawrence will be a great fit for the Anguilla Tennis Academy. He has a passion for grassroots tennis and enjoys working with both children and adults. His experience and qualifications in the tennis industry will certainly benefit the academy in its overall development."

Douglin was born in the UK but grew up in Barbados, returning to England in 1994 where he played league tennis in various clubs. In 2001 he successfully took the Development Coach Award and became a licensed LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) Coach. He was Head Coach at Springfield Tennis Club from 2002 to 2008. He completed the Professional Tennis Registry course in July 2005 and completed the Registry of Professional Tennis course at Sanchez-Casals Academy in Barcelona in June 2009.

He told the Daily Herald that he is very happy to be in Anguilla and feels very much at home already. He aims to enable players he works with to become the best they can be by supporting and encouraging them while promoting healthy lifestyles, better coordination and social interaction through tennis. He is keen to work with the children of Anguilla and in fact has already started coaching at the after school programme. He also plans to organize more tournaments for adults and children.