

Tennis Camp ends this week

ANGUILLA—The annual Tennis Camp of the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA) ends on Friday July 28. This year 140 children took part in the camp and during the final week have benefited from coaches from overseas. This is the eleventh year the camp has been held, it was started in 1996 by Mitchelle Lake and 1500 or more children have been coached since that time.

The first two weeks the camp was on the two courts at the Webster Park. The ATA is expressing gratitude to Social Security and Eudoxie Wallace for the re-surfacing of the second court in time for the camp. There were six coaches Jonathan Collazo, Jose Puerto, Michelle Harrigan, Denny Derrick, Keithroy Proctor and Calyde Hughes. The third week is international week and fourteen coaches from overseas were invited to assist. Several additional courts were used at Malliouhana Hotel, Temenos Villas, CuisinArt Resort and Spa, and Carimar Beach Club.

The ATA summer camp is known around the world mainly because of the efforts of Greg Travis, CEO of Travis Television. He is here in Anguilla for the final week of the camp taking footage so that he can continue to produce an on going documentary of the ATA and the children. His productions on Anguilla and the ATA have been seen by over 50 million homes in the United States and Australia. He has also produced thirty second commercials that air on the Tennis Channel.

On the final day of camp, July 28, the children will be able to watch some of the tennis pros put on exhibition matches, receive their certificates, obtain many prizes, get a chance to be on camera, and have fun. Mitchelle Lake commented, “It is gratifying to see this high level of enthusiasm displayed by all the participants in the programme. The ATA is certainly making a difference in the lives of young children through the sport of tennis and I want to take this opportunity to commend Jason Allen, Director of the Anguilla Tennis Academy, for putting together such a high level tennis camp for the 2006 program and to thank the coaches and sponsors for their continued support and commitment to the development of youth on the island.”