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## **Matthew Trumino**

*Tournament Director/Camp Director, Master Professional*

Matthew, born and raised in NYC, was a sectionally ranked player in the East as a junior and played on 3 city championship teams for Benjamin Cardozo High School. A product of the NYJTL and REEBOK scholarship programs, Matthew was the inaugural recipient of the Brian Watkins Scholarship, awarded by the Mayor of New York to the hardest working player on a city championship team. While attending SUNY Albany and playing for its tennis team, Matthew earned a BFA from the School of Visual Arts. He spent 6 years working in the field of advertising and running his own gallery/multi-media agency. Matthew has taught tennis since high school, including at the Randi Mani Tennis Academy and at the Roosevelt Island Tennis Center, and has worked with a number of sectionally and nationally ranked players. Certified by the USPTA, Matthew coached the USTA Eastern's boys and girls 12 and under Zonals team in the summer of 2010.

## **Gilad Bloom**

*Director of Tennis*

Gilad, a native of Israel, played 13 years on the ATP tour and represented Israel in Davis Cup play for 11 years. His career-high ranking was #60 in the world in singles, with wins over Jimmy Connors, Thomas Muster, Petr Korda, Brad Gilbert, Alex Corretja, Carlos Costa and Mark Philippoussis. In 1990, he reached the 4th round of the US Open, losing to Ivan Lendl. Gilad began his coaching career in 1995, when he became a Senior Coach at the Israeli Tennis Centers, working with top Israeli juniors, including current world #79, Dudi Sela. Prior to joining SPORTIME and the John McEnroe Tennis Academy in June 2010, Gilad ran his own first class training programs in and around New York City since 2001.

## **Alison Adamski**

*Staff Professional*

Alison, born in New York, attended St. John's University where she majored in Sports Management with a minor in Business, and graduated with a 3.89/4.0 GPA respectively. As a member of the women's tennis team, she earned the 2007 MVP award playing #2 singles, was a Big East Academic All-Star Award winner, a Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society member, and was the 2007 Rickard F. McSwiney Award winner, which "best typifies the St. John's Woman". As a coach, Alison worked with top American juniors at the USTA Training Center in Flushing, New York in 2010, and was an Assistant Coach of both the men's and women's tennis teams at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Alison has also worked as a United States Tennis Association Line Judge Official for both junior and professional tournaments.

## **Felix Alvarado**

*Assistant Director of Tennis, Master Professional*

Felix, a native of Venezuela, was a top ten ranked junior tennis player in his home country, while participating globally on the ITF circuit. He moved to North Carolina to attend Pfeiffer University, where he earned his MBA and competed on the men's tennis team, earning 2 team MVP and 3 All-Conference awards. Felix served as the assistant coach of the women's tennis team at Pfeiffer after graduation and later spent 4 years at Total Tennis, a top 20 ranked resort, as an instructor and manager. Felix is a certified USPTA Professional 1 and is the Assistant Director of Tennis at SPORTIME Randall's Island.

## **Eric Stone**

*Senior Professional*

Eric, born in Connecticut, played #1 doubles and #3 singles at the University of Hawaii before transferring to Central Connecticut State University where he played #1 singles and #1 doubles. In four years of Division I tennis, Eric had significant wins over programs such as BYU, Yale, Oregon, and Illinois. Eric's 8 years of coaching experience began at the Tennis Club of Riverdale, where he resurrected the junior program by developing young club talent into nationally competitive players. Eric has worked closely with John McEnroe Tennis Academy Director of Tennis Gilad Bloom in coaching both juniors and ATP competitors. With past rankings of top 10 in the East and top 500 nationally, Eric has a passion for the sport of tennis and an approach that is fun, healthy, and competitive.

## **Emese Sulyos**

*Staff Professional*

Emese, a native of Hungary, was a member of the Hungarian National Junior Team between the ages of 12 and 16, reaching a national ranking of #19. She came to the United States to study at Jacksonville University, where she earned her degree in business and played #1 singles, reaching a ranking of #69 in the country and losing only 6 singles matches in her career. She earned both the Atlantic Sun All-Academic Award and most valuable player award three straight years (2005-2007). Emese was the NCAA Division I Atlantic Sun Team Conference Champion in 2007 and 2008. She remained at Jacksonville University to complete her MBA degree and to serve as assistant coach of both the women's and men's tennis teams. Aside from teaching at Sportime Randall's Island, Emese was also a member of the front office staff for the New York SPORTIMES World TeamTennis franchise.

## **David Robinson**

*Fitness Director, Master Professional*

David attended the University of Oregon where he played #2 singles and #1 doubles and graduated with a BS in Exercise Physiology. David founded TennisStrength & Fitness in 1990, which specialized in conditioning for elite players and in training other coaches. He has a 25 year background as a tennis-specific fitness specialist and was certified by the National Sports Performance Association (NSPA) in 1990, where he was named to the faculty in 1993, and the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). He is a member of the American Council on Exercise (ACE), is on the Tennis Industry Association Cardio-Tennis Executive Committee as the Fitness & Research Advisor, and is a National Speaker Team clinician.

David has worked with many elite juniors as a USTA Competitive Tennis Center coach. He traveled for three years on the WTA Tour, working with former WTA top 10 player Barbara Potter.

## **Harel Srugo**

*Assistant Academy Director*

Harel, a native of Israel, completed his education at UCLA receiving a degree in psychology. Before arriving at UCLA, Harel played at Old Dominion University where he achieved his highest collegiate rankings of #7 in singles and #4 in doubles. During his two years at UCLA, he played #1 singles and was captain of the team, leading UCLA to two PAC-10 titles and two final four appearances in '08 and '09. He also worked as the personal coach of Thomas Pura, who reached #1 in Southern California and #5 nationally in the 14s. After graduating from UCLA, Harel spent a year as an Assistant Coach there. Before college, Harel was a member of the Israel Defense Force for three years. Prior to his military service and collegiate career, Harel competed on the ATP tour, reaching career high rankings of #703 in singles and #460 in doubles.

## **Karim Balagh**

*Assistant Academy Director*

Karim, a native of Morocco, was the #2 ranked junior in his country and played on the Moroccan Junior Davis Cup Team and on the Moroccan National Team. Karim attended Georgia Southern University where he played #1 singles and doubles. His professional teaching career began in New York at the East River Tennis Club where he established and directed a comprehensive junior program. Karim has more than 20 years experience teaching and coaching tennis throughout the United States and Europe, and is USPTA certified. From 1998-2000, Karim was the technical director for the Moroccan Davis Cup Team. From 2000-2008, he was a touring coach working with professionals, including Karim Alami (ATP Rank #21), Fredrik Jonsson (ATP Rank #108), Greta Arn (WTA Rank #81) and Tiffany Dabek (WTA Rank #211). After moving to Florida in 2003, Karim spent 3 years directing and managing the tennis program at The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort in Longboat Key, Florida. Most recently, during the summers prior to joining SPORTIME, Karim was the Tennis Director at The Coveleigh Club in Westchester County, New York.

## **Adriano Biasella**

*Touring Pro*

Adriano, a native of Italy, spent 2 years in Barcelona, Spain at the Sanchez-Casal Academy where he learned the Spanish methods of tournament training. In 2001, he was named NJCAA Men's Tennis Player of the Year while attending the College of the Desert (Palm Desert, CA). Adriano transferred to the University of Southern California where he played #1 in 2004, was a finalist in the PAC-10 Individual Championships, and represented USC in the NCAA Division I National Singles Championships. He reached collegiate rankings of #29 in singles and #41 in doubles. Adriano received his degree in International Relations from USC in 2004. Professionally, Adriano competed on the ATP Tour for 4 years, reaching career-high ATP rankings of #389 in singles and #342 in doubles. As an ATP Tour coach, Adriano has worked with Potito Starace (ATP Rank #27), Andrey Golubev (ATP Rank #37), and Flavia Pennetta (WTA Rank #10).

## **Fritz Buehning**

*Assistant Academy Director*

Fritz, a New Jersey native, has had a long and distinguished tennis career; from top junior, to successful ATP Tour Professional, achieving a career high ranking of #21 in singles and #4 in doubles before suffering a career ending foot injury at the age of 25. During his professional career, from 1979-1985, Fritz won one singles title and was a finalist in two other ATP Tour events, posting victories over top 10 players including Cash, Gerulaitis, Gilbert, Gomez, Kriek, and Wilander. As a doubles player, Fritz won 12 titles and was a finalist in 15 other events. In 1983, Fritz was the U.S. Open doubles runner up with partner Van Winitsky, losing to John McEnroe and Peter Fleming. Fritz was a top 50 USTA nationally ranked junior from the age of 10, and was the #1 ranked USTA junior in the 18s. As a college sophomore, Fritz led UCLA to the 1979 NCAA Team Championship, playing #1 singles and #1 doubles. He was the 1979 Pac10 Tennis Player of the Year and an All American. Fritz has trained under top coaches including Nick Bollettieri, Glenn Bassett and Bob Brett. Fritz attended the Port Washington Tennis Academy where he and other notable players, including John McEnroe, Vitas Gerulaitis, and Peter Fleming trained under the direction of the legendary Harry Hopman. Fritz was inducted into the Eastern Tennis Association Hall of Fame in April 2010. He has over 20 years experience teaching tennis and is an accredited USPTR Professional (1995), ATP Tour Teaching Professional (1995), and European Registry Professional Coach (2000).

## **James Preston**

*Staff Professional*

James, a native of England, was consistently ranked in Britain's top 20 in the junior division, in which he notched a victory over current world top 5 player Andy Murray. Competing in the Men's Open division in Britain, James reached a national ranking of #42. In the U.S., he attended California Community College where he was ranked #9 in singles and #1 in doubles as a Junior College All-American, before transferring to Queens College, where he was ranked #2 in the east and #38 nationally for Division II. James earned his degree in European History. In 2008, James served as a practice partner to Fernando Gonzalez (former ATP #5) and had the privilege of working with former world #4 Tim Henman. James has worked as an Assistant Pro at North Fork Country Club, Southward Ho Country Club, and Citistars Tennis Academy where he taught numerous nationally ranked players. James is an LTA level 1 pro.

## **Iciri Rai**

*Staff Professional*

Iciri was a top ten ranked junior tennis player in her home country of India. As a junior, she was selected to train in Italy under legendary coach Bob Brett, to whom she attributes her playing and coaching skills. She also trained under Mahesh Bhupathi, a multiple grand slam doubles champion, and his father Krishna Bhupathi, a former Indian Davis Cup player. Iciri attended the University of South Florida, where she played for the Division I Women's tennis team (ranked #16 in the nation) and led the team to the Big East Conference championship in 2007. Iciri was team captain, Big East 1<sup>st</sup> All-Team for 3 years, and earned ITA all academic honors for all four years (2005-2009) while double majoring in Business and Advertising, and graduating with honors and a 3.89 GPA. As a professional, Iciri reached a career high of #680 in the world in the WTA rankings. At Sportime Randall's Island, she was also a member of the front office for the New York SPORTIMES World TeamTennis franchise.

## **Delio Pacifici**

*Senior Professional*

Delio, a native of South Africa, played college tennis at Wits University in Johannesburg. He finished his education at the University of Miami where he earned his degree in communications. As a coach, Delio has worked with top South African Davis Cup players such as Chris Haggard, Robbie Koenig, and Wesley Moodie. Coaching took Delio around the world before he landed here in New York, where he began working at the Kaplan Tennis Academy prior to joining SPORTIME.

## **Ricardo Pena**

*Senior Professional*

Ricardo, a native of the Dominican Republic, started training for tennis while working as a ball boy at Casa de Campo resort. He reached a national ranking of #1 in the juniors. Ricardo began his teaching career at Casa de Campo while also working as tournament director. In 1997, he arrived in the United States and began teaching at a number of tennis camps before becoming a full-time tennis pro at Tennisport in Long Island City, NY. He has also studied computer engineering at O&M College in the Dominican Republic.

## **Santo Castillo**

*Senior Professional*

Santo, a native of the Dominican Republic, began playing tennis while working as a ball boy at Casa De Campo Resort. He reached top 10 in the country as a junior. After studying tourism at O&M College in the Dominican Republic, he came to the United States to teach at a number of summer camps before joining Tennisport in Long Island City, NY, where he taught for 9 years.

## **Antonio DeAza**

*Senior Professional*

Antonio, a native of the Dominican Republic, started playing tennis while working as a ball boy at the Casa de Campo resort in his home country. He became one of the highest ranked junior players in the Dominican Republic before beginning his coaching career in 1998. During that time he studied at UCE in the Dominican Republic, majoring in computer engineering. He came to the United States in 2005 and 2006 to work at Offense Defense Nike Tennis Camp in Boston, Massachusetts, before joining the staff at Tennisport in Long Island City, NY.

## **Ted Dimond**

*Director of Tennis, Master Professional*

Ted, a native of New York City, has had a long and distinguished career as a ranked player, instructor, tennis club director and coach. Ted played #1 for Foothill College before competing on the satellite circuit in Europe and earning a premiere series ranking in France. Ted spent 10 years playing and teaching in France and is certified by the French Tennis Federation. He has been the director of tennis at a number of tennis facilities and in 1998 he earned the award for top tennis professional in Westchester County. Ted has been the Director of Tennis at SPORTIME Randall's Island since 1994, and is also the Director of Tennis for SPORTIME Amagansett. He is USPTA certified.

## **Andre Dupre**

*Master Professional*

Andre, a native of Chile, was the #1 junior player in the 18's in his home country, notching a win over Jose-Luis Clerc and representing Chile as a member of the South American Championship Team. Andre attended Stephen F. Austin University where he played #1 singles and doubles. He competed on the ATP Tour, reaching a ranking of #724 in the world before moving to Westhampton Beach, NY to open his own tennis club. He spent 23 years operating that club and coaching many players of all skill levels along the way; most notably Paul Annacone (former ATP #12 in singles, #3 in doubles, and coach of Pete Sampras and now Roger Federer).

## **Taylor Dupre**

*Staff Professional*

Taylor grew up in Westhampton Beach, NY where he competed in the USTA Eastern section, representing the section in the inter-zonal competitions in 2002 and 2003. As a junior, Taylor traveled across the country to compete in national tournaments, and he played Division I tennis at Stetson University in Florida. Taylor has been teaching tennis since 2003, working at Westhampton Tennis and Sport before joining SPORTIME Randall's Island in September 2009.

## **Shaun Ellison**

*Senior Professional*

Shaun, a native of South Africa, reached a high ranking of #2 in the nation in the age divisions 12-16's, and also reached the top 200 in the ITF junior's 18 and under division. Shaun graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where he helped lead the team to two NCAA appearances. He stayed for a 5th year as an assistant coach after earning his degree in business and philosophy. Shaun began his coaching career while still in college, and worked as a pro during the summers before moving to New York to teach full-time in 2007.

## **Kabelo Masiane**

*Senior Professional*

Kabelo, a native of Zimbabwe, played junior ITF tournaments reaching a national ranking of #7. In the U.S., Kabelo played NCAA Division I at Howard University for four years, reaching the finals of the Mid Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament as the top singles player, while earning his degree in Chemical Engineering. Upon graduation, Kabelo spent 3 years as the men's and women's assistant coach at Howard before moving on to teach full time in Palm Beach, Florida and East Hampton, New York.

As a coach, Kabelo has worked with a number of college players and professionals, including Shenay Perry (WTA career high #40), Stacey Martin (WTA career high #81) and Alrissa Tobe (currently competing on the WTA tour).

## **Juliette Sophie Mavroleon**

*Staff Professional*

Julie was born in Miami, Florida, where she was a top five ranked junior in her section in the 18's, and a top 40 player nationally. Julie began her career at the University of Miami, playing both singles and doubles as a freshman on a team ranked in the top ten in the nation. She transferred to the University of Arizona where she played #2 singles, achieving a ranking of #61 nationally, and played #1 doubles, achieving a national ranking of #42. She earned All-Pac-10 Conference honorable mention her junior year, and graduated from the School of Media Arts with a major in film and television and a minor in Mandarin-Chinese. On the ITF circuit, Julie reached a ranking of #293 in singles. As a coach, Julie was the assistant to the University of Arizona's wheelchair tennis team before moving to NYC and working at Town Tennis Club in Manhattan. Julie has also spent time coaching in Beijing, China where she worked both independently and at the China World Hotel.



## **Ryan Lloyd**

*Senior Professional*

Ryan grew up and trained in Vero Beach, FL. He played USTA National and ITF events throughout his junior career and won the Florida State doubles championship in 2003. He played #1 singles for Lehigh University while earning a degree in supply chain management business. After graduating from Lehigh, Ryan was Director of Junior Tennis for the Wholistic Tennis Academy in Westhampton, NY in the summers, and was a Pro at Ocean Village Resort in Fort Pierce, FL in the winters. During 2007, Ryan taught in Pune, India, and in 2009, he taught in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Ryan joined SPORTIME and the John McEnroe Tennis Academy in January 2010. Ryan is a certified USPTA Professional 1.

## **Dominic (Dom) Manilla**

*Staff Pro*

Born in Greenwood, Virginia, Dom started teaching at the Boars Head Sports Club for his father, Ron, one of 33 international PTR Master Professionals in the world, while also working with Pepsi Mobile Tennis, a tennis program that gives free lessons to low income children. Dom graduated from Old Dominion University where he competed in the 2007 NCAA Team Championships. While in college, Dom worked for two years at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club for John Kreis, a former NCAA Head Coach of the Year finalist. After earning his degree in history, Dom took over as the Men's Assistant Tennis Coach at Old Dominion, coaching three nationally ranked singles players and three nationally ranked doubles teams.

## **Nathaniel Emge**

*Senior Professional*

Nate, a native of Evansville, Indiana, was a top 25 ranked junior tennis player in the country and participated on the ITF circuit reaching the finals in doubles at the International Hard Courts. He also was the Florida 3A singles and team champion in 2001. Nate graduated from the University of Kentucky where he played as high as #1? and was ranked as high as #41 in the nation. During his time at UK, he also played several futures events on the Pro Circuit earning an ATP doubles ranking. After college, Nate was an Assistant Coach at Michigan State University from 2008-2009 before moving to New York and joining the Sportime staff.

## **Gregory Evans**

*Senior Professional*

Gregory, a native of South Africa, has seven years of coaching experience in South Africa, England and the United States. After competing as a nationally ranked junior, Greg moved to London where he transformed his love for tennis into a successful coaching career. Prior to joining the John McEnroe Tennis Academy, Greg worked at Los Gatos Tennis Academy in California, where he was the Head Professional, serving as both the head coach for the junior performance academy and as the assistant coach for the Los Gatos Boys High School Team. Greg has also coached at the Meadow Club in Southampton and the Will to Win Tennis Academy in London. He has been a certified USPTR professional for six years, and has had extensive training in the Quickstart based approach to tennis.

## **Bruce Haddad**

*Assistant Academy Director*

Bruce, born in New Jersey, was a standout junior player, reaching the #1 ranking in the USTA Eastern Section, and achieving national top ten rankings in the boys 12's, 14's, and 16's divisions. As a junior, Bruce was the national clay court champion in singles and doubles and the national indoor champion in the 14's, before winning the prestigious Easter Bowl in the 16's. Bruce attended the University of Florida and graduated from Arizona State University, where he achieved a national collegiate ranking of #9 and was a two-time All-American, earning a degree in communications. Bruce competed professionally, achieving an ATP ranking of #888 in the world. Bruce was the co-owner and founder of Knickerbocker Sports Tennis, was a professional coach on the WTA tour and was manager and director of the Columbus Racquet Club in NYC. He brings extensive coaching experience at both the national and international levels to the John McEnroe Tennis Academy.

## **Jelena Krivacevic**

*Staff Professional*

Jelena was born in Serbia and grew up in Hungary, where she was a top 20 ranked junior player competing globally in ITF tournaments. Prior to attending college, Jelena played one year of professional basketball in Hungary for Savaria BC. In the U.S., she attended the University of South Alabama where she played #1 singles and #2 doubles while earning her degree in Business - General Management. Jelena coached for three summers in the Hamptons before joining Sportime Randall's Island and the John McEnroe Tennis Academy. In addition to coaching, Jelena was a member of the front office for the New York SPORTIMES World TeamTennis franchise,. Jelena is a certified PTR professional.

## **Javier Lattanzio**

*Master Professional*

Javier, a native of Argentina, reached junior rankings of #3 in his home country and #18 in the world before beginning his coaching career in Buenos Aires with Tony Pena. He spent time there as a hitting partner for Franco Davin (former ATP #30 and currently coach of Juan Martin Del Potro) and worked with Jose-Luis Clerc coaching both juniors and adults. In 1993, Javier was hired by the Italian Federation to work in Sicily, Italy at the Circolo di Tennis Palermo, where he was in charge of the junior development program. Since moving to the U.S., Javier worked at Tennisport, and with professionals such as Guillermo Vilas, and John and Patrick McEnroe. Javier is a certified USPTR coach and AAT (Argentinean Tennis Association) coach with more than 18 years of coaching experience.

## **Marion Lehmann**

*Staff Professional*

Marion, a native of France, played professionally in tournaments in France, as well as team matches with Tennis Club Illberg, Mulhouse (National 1B). She attended the University of South Alabama for one year from 2005-2006 before transferring to the University of Louisiana at Monroe where she was on the Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll for three years (2007, 2008, 2009), and received the first team all Sun Belt Conference singles honors in 2008-2009. Marion earned her Bachelors Degree in Marketing and Finance while completing her fifth year of college as a student assistant coach of the women's tennis team.