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NEWSLETTER

It's been over five weeks now since we began the first game in this latest Summer league. Week Six is a day away as I write this and I can tell by the game schedule, we are in for some fantastic play and competition from those players who have reached the top 4 rankings in both Frontcourt and Backcourt. I expect the results to show more than a few well fought games. I was hoping to stay up there with the younger players, but my play has gradually worn away at my ranking each week. So I must muster up a lot of something special to stay in the top 5 spots. We shall see just how much more damage can be dealt my way when the time comes. If you have kept up with our roster this season, we have a few new players making a great showing. The biggest standout is Doug Testerman, playing back court even though he is better known in the front court. This hasn't seemed to slow him down any, since he is the only player left with 100% in the WPS stats. I expect Doug to play even better now that he is grouped with the better players and can play at the level he is more accustomed.

Of course, there are many other players providing great competition and trying hard to reach the top of the ladder. Keith "Peugeot" Lichtman has thus far controlled the front court from the beginning and will make it very difficult to pass him by. Peugeot was the first place winner in the 2005 Summer League and it looks as though he is trying hard for a repeat performance. Time will tell if Eric or Jericho can catch him.

I must mention the boys from Tampa have added a fine blend of play to these games. I appreciate the support from Mike, Julio, Mark, Dave, Eric P, Thomas and Charles. Driving a good distance to get to the Fronton is part of several other players routine also. Eric Conti, Joe Sweeney and Peugeot live on the other side of the state and make the weekly drive with equal determination. I salute them all and hope the time on the road helps them refine their game strategies. But before I go, I can't leave out a new player to the league this year... Steev Ramsdell travels the farthest to compete in the Frontcourt and I Thank him very much for participating in our league play this summer. Maybe other Amateur players around the country will find a way to make it to Orlando for the Winter league now that they see Steev has the will to find a way. Bravo Steev! Minnesota is a long way off!

Elorri and Blanco have done a great job of Score keeping and keeping it all together and working. We all owe them both a lot of Thanks for their unselfish support for the Amateur program.

I also want to send out a "I'm Sorry" to all the players who have played in previous leagues, but could not make it this time around. I hope to see them return in the near future and help make the next league even better. We do miss them on the court.

Finally, I hope everyone reading this has found the Web site to be full of information and helpful. Stay tuned for even more news and good times for everyone involved in the Orlando Amateur Jai Alai League. Vic