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Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame Reveals the 2013 Hall of Fame Class- Including Tennis Great Andy Roddick, “Ironman” of the PGA Champions Tour, Dana Quigley and Renowned Golf Journalist, Tim Rosaforte

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – The Palm Beach County Sports Commission announces its 2013 Sports Hall of Fame inductees- including Boca Prep tennis great Andy Roddick, “Ironman” of the PGA Champions Tour, Dana Quigley and golf journalist Tim Rosaforte. The ten inductees will join a legendary list, dating back to 1977, of those that have achieved excellence in the world of sports. The induction ceremony will take place at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on the evening of March 24, 2013.

“The 2013 Hall of Fame inductees represent an elite class of athletes and individuals who have a passion for and commitment to sports. Each person represents the diversity of talent prevalent in Palm Beach County,” said Joe Ceravolo, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. “We are proud to have them as part of our community and honored to have them join the other 248 accomplished athletes and professionals that are members of the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame.”

Andy Roddick:

While attending Boca Prep International School, Roddick worked his way to becoming the world’s #1 ranked junior tennis player, winning six junior singles titles (including the US Open and Australian Open) and seven junior doubles titles in 2000. Upon graduating from Boca Prep, Roddick turned pro and began knocking off the best competition in the world, including Michael Chang, Pete Sampras, and then #1 ranked Gustavo Kuerten, all while still a teenager. In 2003, he became the youngest American male to reach the world’s #1 ranking, and the first American male to end the year as the world’s #1 ranked player since Andre Agassi in 1999. That year, he won his first and only Grand Slam title, the US Open, while also winning two Masters Series tournaments and the Queen’s Club Championships, and reaching the semifinals of the Australian Open. His US Open win is the last Grand Slam victory by an American man, though Roddick himself would reach four more finals, including three at Wimbledon. Playing for his country, Roddick is one of the top players in Davis Cup history. Andy’s 33 Davis Cup victories for the United States are second only to John McEnroe. In 2007, he went undefeated in Davis Cup play as the U.S. won its first Cup since 1995.

Dana Quigley:

A member of the University of Rhode Island's Hall of Fame and the New England PGA Hall of Fame, Quigley has made his mark as the "Ironman" of the PGA Champions Tour. In 1998, he matched the tour record by playing in 119 rounds as part of a season that saw him win a pair of titles and pass the \$1 million earnings mark. He again matched the tour's 119 round record in 1999, and then in 2000 became the first to ever play in 39 official tour events. In the 2002 season he again won multiple titles while setting a Champions Tour record by playing in his 178th consecutive tournament. He would continue that streak for another hundred tournaments, into the 2005 season when a hip injury ended his consecutive tournament streak at 278. For his career, Quigley has played in 416 Champions Tour events, making the cut in 413 and taking home 11 victories.

Tim Rosaforte:

Tim Rosaforte is one of the preeminent golf journalists and television commentators in the United States. Rosaforte has been a senior writer for Golf World/Golf Digest for the past fifteen years. The television component of his illustrious career began in the late eighties with appearances on Golf Channel's "Inside the PGA Tour" and "Viewer's Forum hosted by Peter Kessler." He also co-hosted "The PGA Tour – Florida Style," a regional cable program, with well-known sportscaster Jay Randolph. He is currently one of the senior golf analysts on NBC and Golf Channel's PGA and LPGA tournament coverage, including the Major Championships in addition to the Ryder and President's Cups. In nearly four decades covering golf in South Florida, Rosaforte has earned countless writing honors, including three first place awards from the Golf Writers Association for features, columns and enterprise. He is a past president of the Golf Writers Association of America. He has covered over 100 Major Championships and every Ryder Cup and Players Championship since 1983. He has also authored five books, including a New York Times "Best Seller," *Raising the Bar: The Championship Years of Tiger Woods*.

Completing the prominent class of 2013 Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame inductees includes:**Dave Barnhart**

Dave Barnhart was a top-rated versatile scholar athlete for Palm Beach High School, playing center, linebacker and long-snapper on the 1964 football team, which went 10-0 and outscored their opponents 237-22. Recognized as a Street & Smith High School All-American, Dave won several individual and team awards in both football and baseball. Dave received a scholarship to play football at the University of Florida and was a member of their Orange Bowl Championship team in 1967. Dave graduated in 1969 and later became a U.S. Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

Kimmy Carter Bloemers

Kimmy Carter Bloemers began her athletic career playing softball for Cardinal Newman High School in 1995. She transferred to Kings Academy and was a star player in 1996, 1997 and 1998. She started all four years in high school. Bloemers earned First Team All-Area for all four years and was named the Palm Beach County Player of the Year in 1998. She was also a star player at Florida State University (FSU) from 1999 through 2002. While at FSU, she was a four-year starter and captain of the FSU team that finished third in the College World Series. She was named to the All ACC 50th Anniversary Team and currently holds many records at FSU. She began her current position as head coach of the Palm Beach Atlantic University Sailfish softball team in 2006. She has led the Sailfish to runner-up in the NCCAA Championship in 2008 and won the NCCAA Championship in 2009, when she was named the NCAA Coach of the Year.

Kimmy and Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member, Gary Carter are the first father and daughter head coaches in NCAA history. Gary coached the Palm Beach Atlantic baseball team, while Kimmy was coaching the Sailfish softball team.

Gene Callaway

Gene Callaway won ten letters at Palm Beach High School (PBHS); three each in football, basketball and baseball, and one letter in track before graduating in 1951. In football, Gene co-captained the 1950 team in which he ran for a touchdown, passed for a touchdown and drop-kicked the extra point for all the points as PBHS ended Lakeland High School's 11-game winning streak, 13-12. Gene later went on to play professional baseball and amateur golf winning several titles including the West Palm Beach Country Club Championship in 1965.

Robert Harris

Robert Harris was an outstanding high school football player at Suncoast High School in 1986 and 1987. In 1987 he was selected as the Defensive Player of the Year in Palm Beach County. He was a star football player at Southern University playing defensive tackle in 1991 and 1992 and was named to the All SWAC Team and Black College All-America Team. In 1992 Robert was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in the second round as the 39th pick. He played with the Vikings in 1992-1994, and with the New York Giants from 1995-2000. He was a premier defensive lineman throughout his NFL career.

Sam Howell

Sam Howell was both an exceptional football and baseball standout for Cardinal Newman High School and is a member of the Cardinal Newman's "50 Year All-Newman Football and Baseball Teams.

In football, Howell was voted All Catholic Player of the Year in 1970 and All Conference in 1969 and 1970. In baseball, he was named All Conference in 1969, 1970 and 1971. He was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 13th round of the 1971 draft. He holds the Cardinal Newman career records for most wins (24), strikeouts (308), no-hitters (6) and lowest ERA (0.75). As a baseball coach at John I. Leonard and Santaluces, he has compiled a 274-196-4 record, earning Coach of the Year honors from the Palm Beach Post, WPEC and WPTV. In 1991, his Santaluces team was ranked 13th in the country by USA Today.

Gregory Lowery

Greg is one of the most outstanding basketball players that has ever played in Palm Beach County. He is a product of Roosevelt High School, where he was a three-year starter. In 1968, he was Player of the Year and named to the All State First team. In his senior year he averaged 33.5 points per game. Upon his graduation from Roosevelt, he won a four year scholarship to Texas Tech University. During his sophomore year he averaged 19.4 points per game and was named sophomore of the Year. In his senior season he averaged 24.5 points per game. From 1976-1978, Greg played professionally overseas for Boulone-sur-Mer, France, where he averaged 42.8 points per game with a high game of 82 points.

Louis Oliver

Louis Oliver was an outstanding student and star football player at Glades Central High School from 1981 to 1984. Louis was a revered team captain his senior season. He was a walk-on at the University of Florida (UF) in 1985 and played defensive back for the Gators through 1988. While at UF he was selected as a two-time Consensus All-American and Academic All-American. In 1989 he was drafted by the Miami Dolphins in the first round and was the 25th player taken overall in the NFL Draft. He was named to the NFL All-Pro Team in 1991. His career as a professional player extended for eight years, seven with Miami and a one year stint with the Cincinnati Bengals. During his NFL career, Oliver played in 117 games, making 544 tackles and 27 interceptions, including a 103 yard return against the Buffalo Bills in 1992 .

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and any additional information on the Palm Beach County Sports Commission's 37th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, please contact the PBCSC at 561.233.3180.

About the Palm Beach County Sports Commission

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission is a private, not-for-profit organization contracted by Palm Beach County to promote and market the County as a sports and sports tourism destination. The Commission brings sporting events and activities to the County, enhances economic impact, stimulates bed tax revenues (primarily in the off-season), and maximizes utilization of County facilities. The Commission offers a full range of event service support, corporate partnerships, sponsorships and a local membership program that support its goals. Local, regional, national and international marketing efforts are ongoing by the Commission with sports organizations and event owners. The Commission also produces sports-related programs for the residents of Palm Beach County including the annual Lou Groza Awards program, the Sports Hall of Fame, and the Kids Fitness Festival of the Palm Beaches. For more information on the Palm Beach County Sports Commission go to www.palmbeachsports.com.

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