

Press release launch of Global Spin Tennis on Saturday 23rd April 2005

Gold Medallist Heads South for Big Launch

“Get Moving with Spin Tennis”

Peter Norfolk, gold medal-winner, 2004 Paralympic Games is heading for Hampden Park Sports Centre to launch Spin Tennis.

The big day takes place on Saturday 23rd April 2005 between 12.00 and 4.30pm. Come down to meet Peter, (with his medals) in action and try out tennis for wheelchair-users and people with other disabilities.

Gary Marlow, Chairman of Devonshire Park Lawn Tennis Club and founder of Global Tennis says, ‘This project has been made possible through a combination of funding through Awards for All, Sussex Sports Partnership, Tennis Sussex, Hampden Park Sports Centre and Global Tennis, and the provision of specialist wheelchairs by EPC.’

The aim of Spin Tennis is to promote social inclusion through providing opportunities for disabled people to play tennis and to offer tennis to the whole community, to encourage training, development, competition and social activities. The overall aim of Global Tennis is to be inclusive and be involved.

Matt Edwards (Tennis Manager for Tennis Sussex) says: “we are always looking to ensure tennis and sport is inclusive and increase awareness of disabled sport”.

Everyone is welcome to attend and to either book a place or for further details, please contact Gary Marlow on 07940 489257 or Barry North on 01273 269274 email: tennis@globaltennis.co.uk

Following the Come-and-Try day on April 23rd, tennis coaching sessions will take place at Hampden Park Sports Centre on Sunday afternoons and also indoors during the winter months; please ask for details.

Another launch takes place on Saturday July 9th, which will show other areas of Global Tennis will take place on; more details will follow later

See you on court