

**Press release Spin Tennis Serves All
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Wheelchair tennis has been given a welcome boost by a new initiative set up to promote social inclusion and equal opportunities for disabled athletes in Sussex.

Entitled 'Spin Tennis', the primary aim of the scheme is to give wheelchair users professional tennis coaching and advice to aid their personal development, with the provision of specialist wheelchairs, which have been purchased with the aid of Award for All grant. Another incentive is the chance to play alongside able-bodied friends, as well as promoting other social activities in a bid to offer variety to wheelchair athletes.

Launched in April 2005 by Gary Marlow, Managing Director of Global Tennis and LTA Licensed Tennis Coach, the initiative is a fitting accompaniment to Marlow's personal goal of increasing the awareness of disabled sport in general, with inclusivity for all.

Gary Marlow Global Tennis said, "We hope to increase the amount of players participating in Spin Tennis and this programme in the largest in whole of the Southeast. Adam Field (19) currently number 2 in the UK at Quad level, has attended the Spin Tennis programme, and with success like that it looks good for 2012.

'Spin Tennis' has been supported thanks to a combination of grants and donations, and is looking for willing sponsors in order to expand upon the level of sporting opportunities offered to the disabled within the community. Tecnifibre, a leading racket sports provider, supports Global Tennis as they strive to lead to way in promotion and implementation of high quality sports programmes. Harry from Tecnifibre said, "Tecnifibre is committed to supporting tennis at all levels and is proud to be associated with Global Tennis and their initiatives in the development of Grass Roots tennis in Eastbourne".

Coaching sessions are held twice weekly from 10:30am Thursday at Withdean Stadium, Brighton, and 4:45pm Sunday either at Windmill Hill Golf and Tennis Academy, Hailsham, or Hampden Park Sports Centre, Brodrick Road. The

sessions promise to provide disabled athletes with high-quality, fun-filled and challenging coaching and play, with the use of top wheelchairs.

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