

Opening Comments and the BS file

WHY DO IT?

(Jim Toney, late Economics Professor at Elon University and tennis angel)... A fine player and promoter of tennis, Mr. Toney and I zeroed in on High School tennis court construction. Later in his life he developed Parkinson's. During our last conversation I told how much I appreciated the work he had done for tennis. He leaned forward, peering at me with those steely eyes, **and said " Don't you quit."**)

(" ...don't you quit!" -----Jim Toney, Tennis Angel)

“GOLLY PETE, TONEY”

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Like many issues, the one discussed has two sides. Should we reserve scholarship aid for American college athletes. For fifty plus years the argument has survived. Both sides have merit. See Below :

TWO SIDES: THE NCAA POSITION AND MY RESPONSE

(THE EMMERT LETTER)

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1999 (August 5) From TENNIS WORLD by Beth German.

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In 1970 the National Association of Athletics (NAIA) voted to eliminate restrictions on foreign tennis players. The issue was largely a small college concern, NAIA, NCAA 2, Junior Colleges men and women. From 1970 to 1980 teams went from a maximum of one international player to all six starters being international. A report below from the NCAA sites statistics from the year of 2007 that doesn't reflect the more important issue. The NCAA report included all the division 3 schools that don't offer tennis scholarships, plus the total number of teams are included —many of whom don't recruit anybody. The

intensity of the situation for the big schools came later in the '80's and 90's. The NCAA, the ITA and the UTR are good sources of data on college tennis. The best of these is the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Their website allows you to reach every team, its roster, its schedule, & the national origin of the players. In contrast to the mid '80's you can now easily find the nationality and the possibility of scholarship players.

In 1985 I painstakingly uncovered that one 8 team conference had 63 players in the total league, 62 of whom were international. While that took me hours to uncover, that kind of information can be found easily now by researching teams on the ITA website. Check the ranking file, check the roster, and check the schedule for close matches, and the stunning picture is revealed easily.

The Best Source of Information — THE ITA WEBSITE

<https://wearecollegetennis.com/ita-rankings/>

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many internationals are being traded and which coaches are guilty of tampering. Programs are like secret societies. Only people who are intimately involved know what's going on. The USTA needs to grab hold of the leash and bring to heel this runaway-dog-in-the-manger.

NOTE—For data on 2023/24 select that year. Or any year you wish.

The chart below is the one I gathered from the 2023/24 Spring tennis season. I have researched both men and women, all divisions for the randomly ranked 1-5-10-20 ranked teams. As you will see the real story lies in these winning teams. Most stunning is the fact that 90% of these players combined are international and they have the scholarships. You can on your own check any of the 1-20 teams, (or even the top 50) and you will find about the same results. Stunning.

THE MISSING CHART

2024 ITA/ NCAA COLLEGE TENNIS RANKINGS

WE RANDOMLY PICKED THE 1ST , 5,TH , 10TH, AND 20TH RANKED TEAMS FROM EACH DIVISION, MEN AND WOMEN. THE RESULTS SPEAK VOLUMES AND SUGGEST ANY TEAMS PICKED IN EACH DIVISION WOULD SHOW VERY SIMILAR RESULTS.

DIVISION 1 MEN'S SINGLES

1. TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
5. KENTUCKY
10. FLORIDA STATE
20. ARIZONA STATE

INTERNATIONAL ?

- 9 OF 9
- 7 OF 8
- 6 OF 8
- 5 OF 8

27 OF 33 = 87%

DIVISION 1 WOMEN'S SINGLES

1. TEXAS A & M	3 OF 6
5. MICHIGAN	2 OF 6
10. CAL BERKLEY	4 OF 7
20. SOUTH CAROLINA	4 OF 7
12 OF 22 = 54%	

DIVISION 11 MEN'S SINGLES

1. VALDOSTA STATE	9 OF 9
5. COLUMBUS STATE	8 OF 8
10. WINGATE	8 OF 8
20. HAWAII PACIFIC	9 OF 9
34 OF 34 =100%	

DIVISION 11 WOMEN'S SINGLES

1. NOVA SOUTHEASTERN	8 OF 8
5. EMORY - RIDDLE	7 OF 7
10. AUBURN MONTGOMERY	7 OF 7
20. MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	6 OF 9
26 OF 29 = 90%	

NAIA MEN

1. GEORGIA GWINNETT	7 OF 8
5. REINHARDT	6 OF 8
10. GRACE	7 OF 8
20. CUMBERLAND (TENN)	8 OF 8
28 of 32= 90%	

NAIA WOMEN

1. GEOGIA GWINNETT	8/8
5. MIDDLE GEOGIA STATE	7 OF 8

10. UNION (KEN)

7 OF 8

20. NORTHEASTERN OHIO

7 OF 8

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Total all 6 divisions

156 of 178 (92%) were international

This issue popped up among small colleges first. I was among the first to confront this problem. Our side lost. But the issue keeps gnawing away. What about our kids? The Portal issue and the "Likeness" issue have created havoc. But is there a silver lining?

Now is crucial window of opportunity for higher education through athletics to broaden current avenues and new ones.

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OUR SIDE — STUNNING ENOUGH?

Stunning. Below are a few other random “Stunners”.

In Division 1 Men, champions have been determined since 1946 (about 68 years) .Teams from California won 50 times from 1946 to 2014. Since 2014 only one California team has won. Why?

Indoor facilities and predominantly international rosters.

—Only 4 men from NC have been able to make a sizable living playing pro tennis. (John Isner, Tommy Paul, Tim Wilkison, John Sadri.) The average annual expense for a single player on the pro tour is about \$100,000.00 annually’ Plus the top players all hire coaches.

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—Of the local Carolinas teams in the lower ranks , ECU, ASU, High Point, Guilford, Winthrop and Charleston Southern all have dropped their tennis programs,

1980’s Rumor—One Atlantic Coast Conference Tennis player offered the school one million bucks to fire the tennis coach.

2024 Rumor— One Atlantic Coast Conference school gave 50k portal money plus a 75k scholarship to each of four international tennis players. So what—one year alone my team’s scholarship budget went from 100\$ to 200 \$.

TRUE CONFESSIONS

Though I voted for scholarships for Americans first, like most coaches I recruited many international players. Do or die, with a family to feed ?

Once I asked then USTA CEO, Marshall Happer, for advice. His response was “ Sounds like you are asking me to save you from yourself”!

We had some great international tennis players, who were fine people and excellent students. We couldn’t have won ether of three National team titles without them. In fairness, one of those teams had 4 of 7 American starters. One team had four of six North Carolina starters. Over 40 years 75% of our players were American.

One strong suggestion for current coaches. Players want to play. Often the only American squad members are the 6, 7, 8. 9. My experience convinced me that non-players often quit. Not only that, they abandon tennis. If you can keep them on the squad they don’t harbor that animus toward the game. In fact they often become our coaches and pros, as internationals mostly return home.

Helping Part Two ** ACCESSING?

NOTE—“HELPING “ by Tom Parham has a PART 2 that is 108 pages of my own efforts, plus a collection of comments by other sources. Open to anyone!

Rereading “PART 2, I have “cherry picked” comments (mine and others) related to the issue. More “stunners”.

To change an organization you need someone powerful within the organization to champion your cause.

We are paying them and training them to beat us. Reminds me of POGO (...we have seen the enemy and it is us!)

NEXT PLEASE

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When will Presidents, Athletics Directors, Trustees realize “we are just giving our product away”

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It is time for the USTA to stand up and be counted on this issue. It is our USTA juniors who are losing out and paying the price. This glut of foreign players is chilling US junior tennis. When there is no fruit or flowers on the top, the vine dies. (from Wayne Bryan)

If the points raised by John Morel are correct, it might be time for the ITCA and the NCAA Tennis Committee to explore this issue in depth. (from David Benjamin)

An email I received from “a tennis person” suggested there was 860 million dollars spent on college tennis programs. Is that true?

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS, ATHLETICS DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, DONORS(“...and I wonder, yes I wonder, who’ll stop the rain”?)

1. All sports are counted in the standings for our “Conference Cup?”
2. We are in a conference with four good tennis teams with all foreign teams and we give 8 girls and 4 1/2 boys grants to internationals.
3. I can find a better place for that size of budget.

How many second children elected another sport seeing a sibling lose a valuable grant to a first choice school.

Would anyone foot the bill for a court decision?

Here is another disguised new term :”Preferred Walk-on”. Simple definition?
“We prefer to to give you a scholarship.”

SMALL COLLEGES FIRST

CHARLIE SCOTT / UNC —INTEGRATED FIRST BB IN NC. NOPE -HENRY LOGAN IN 1964. SAME WITH INTERNATIONALS IN SMALLS_—NAIA, JR. COLLEGES - in tennis. 1970- 1980 IT WAS OVER IN SMALLS JUST BEGINNING IN D1 —When Lander beat Georgia , NCAA ! changed.

A TOTALLY different picture emerges if one examines the percentage of aid that goes to the top players and how many of these get the lion's share of 4 and one half men’s grants-in-aid. The following schools are in North Carolina: Duke, UNC Chapel Hill, Wake forest, NC State, UNC Wilmington, Appalachian, Elon, Davidson, East Carolina, and UNC Greensboro. Our best teams. If you examine these teams top players, the ones 1 thru 6, in **important** matches, statistics change. Remember—the top guys get the scholarships. COMBINED NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS IN THE TOP SIX OF THESE SCHOOLS?—33!

Six of these schools are state universities. Number of North Carolina kids in the ten schools combined?—3! Final real statistic for tennis aid in our state this season/year? 91% international, 3% to our kids. Want another probability —this is true all over, yet worse for the further south you go. TRUE TOO at NCAA 11 schools, NAIA, and Junior Colleges. women too. Other sports also

involved...Women's golf soon to be impacted by oriental influx. There is a lot of undisclosed truth about all of this.

I read with interest the article "All Americans Aren't Always American" by Welch Suggs and published in the April 16, 2001 chronicle of Higher Education. My concern is the statistics chosen don't sufficiently reflect the true picture in some collegiate sports.

The Big South Conference is a Division 1 (NCAA) conference, with members in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Our men's tennis conference tournament was completed April 21, 2001. There were:

1. Twenty players nominated for the All-Conference team. All twenty were international.
2. Tennis teams start six players. Of the eight conference teams, six of the schools fielded all six positions with internationals.
3. In the final match, no American player participated.
4. Scholarships were awarded to most of the internationals, My guess, based on a conversation with league officials, is that Americans received less than 5% of the total tennis scholarships awarded. There was no income from the tournament. There were expenses for balls, officials, trophies, a banquet, etc.

WINNING !!!!!!! TEAMS,SINGLES AND DOUBLES. MEN AND WOMEN, 1976-2024

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Research Article

Navigating an Intercollegiate Athletes' Transition Related to the Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Interim Policy

FROM THE JOURNAL OF SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21520704.2024.2348153?af=R#abstract>

Abstract

On July 1, 2021, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced the Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Interim Policy, permitting *most* student-athletes across the U.S. to monetize their NIL through participation in various branding activities, having a transformative effect throughout intercollegiate athletics. The purpose of this manuscript is to conceptualize NIL as a career change event and share an intervention supporting an intercollegiate student-athlete in navigating this NIL-related transition.

NIL is a legal term that includes the right to promote products or services based on one's name, image, or other aspects associated with their identity.

Division I male athletes account for 67.4% of total NIL compensation compared with 32.6% of female athletes. Football student-athletes generated 48.6% of total revenue, men's basketball generated 17.7%, and women's basketball generated 13.5% (Nakos,

[Citation](#)
[2022](#)).

....female student-athletes across all sports are overcoming barriers and capitalizing on opportunities to not only monetize their NIL, but also to have a larger community impact and bring awareness to issues of gender inequality in sports.

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—those working within intercollegiate athletics will continue to see change-events, especially with the evolution of NIL, the utilization of the transfer portal, and conference realignment, placing a renewed emphasis on health and well-being while also forcing ongoing adjustment to remain current in this changing landscape.

The F-1 Visa (most common for international student-athletes) allows international students to enter the United States as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, elementary school, or other academic institution or in a language training program. They must be enrolled in a program or course of study that culminates in a degree, diploma, or certificate and the school must be authorized by the U.S. government to accept international students.

END*****

Sethi, S. K., Lever, K., & Hextrum, K. (2022). US citizenship supremacy: How immigration laws and NCAA policies exclude

international college athletes from monetizing their name, image, and likeness. *Sports Innovation Journal*, 3(SI), 81–94. <https://doi.org/10.18060/25990>

One of the most problematic aspects of the portal is that there is no mandatory orientation session for prospective transfer portal applicants that highlight the pros and cons of their decision and there are few guard rails that protect student-athletes from making impulsive decisions.

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THE GOOD

Having international student-athletes as teammates and competing against international student-athletes also broadens the horizons and enriches the life experiences of American college student-athletes.

CHECK THIS OUT

RESEARCH: THE UNANSWERED QUESTION—WHERE ARE THE STARTERS FROM? THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS? THE AWARD WINNERS? TEAMS THAT WIN?

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Trending ?

East Carolina, Appalachian, High Point, Guilford, Winthrop and Charleston Southern of our area have had very good teams. All of these schools have dropped either one, or both men and women's teams.

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CALL THE LAW

There are no NCAA limits on international student-athletes. There could be significant, if not insurmountable, legal hurdles for the NCAA to try to limit the number of international student-athletes that can receive scholarships on American varsity collegiate tennis teams. An early attempt by the NCAA to do this in the 1970's in track was deemed discriminatory. Several respected experts have recently advised the USTA that the situation is the same pertaining to tennis and other varsity sports today. Neither the USTA (the governing body of tennis in the U.S.) nor the ITA (the governing body of varsity college tennis) has jurisdiction to institute such a prohibition or limitation on its own. At its own discretion, however, any individual college or university could explore its options in this regard. Certainly, the USTA encourages individual coaches, colleges, and universities to actively recruit outstanding young Americans. Further, it should be noted that there have been a number of highly successful collegiate varsity teams comprised of all American players, including some that have won NCAA championships

SUPPORT LETTERS, HISTORY



Robert Bayliss

Sep 8, 2024, 10:03 PM (12 hours ago)

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By Dan Parham

It is a Family Affair ! By son, Dan Parham

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Here are two starting suggestions:

1. Reserve a large portion (50 % ?) of college tennis scholarship aid for Americans.
2. Support High School boys and girls varsity teams.

ODDS AND ENDS

USTA REPORT—
TENNIS NOT IN TOP 30 SPORTS IN USA

RED SHIRT YEARS PLUS EDUCATION PAID FOR BY TAXPAYERS

TP—-FUND RAISING FROM INTERNATIONALS

COLLEGE TENNIS HAS BECOME MINOR LEAGUES OF INTERNATIONAL
PRO TENNIS

Technology is about to radically improve the game.
(AUTHOR’S COMMENT. Artificial Intelligence (AI) was
used in this report).

ChatGPT edited THE LITTLE GREEN BOOK of TENNIS.

for PLAYERS ONLY facilitated by Dan Parham (“... it took about an hour.”

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all international teams – al

ChatGPT edited THE LITTLE GREEN BOOK of TENNIS.

for PLAYERS ONLY facilitated by Dan Parham (“... it took about 5 minutes.”)

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/KtbxLwgdgGSTnWXsdPGMqNfVBZjNHZjZL>

Here are two starting suggestions:

1. Reserve a large portion (50 % ?) of college tennis scholarship aid for Americans.
2. Support High School boys and girls varsity teams.

“... historically , the FAMILY METHOD produced a large portion of elite American players.”

My guess is that some form of this conversation has repeated itself between internationals: Player 1 —“My country would not scholarship non-citizens like America!” Player 2. “Mine either. Can you believe how they simply gave college tennis to us?”

What should we do? One suggestion is to reserve at least half of our scholarship money for our kids.

Player development is expensive. Profitable playing careers are truly rare. Scholarship aid is the only reasonable way to recoup expense.

I believe in TEAMS. Team play. Sacrifice for my mates. Playing for my school.

Other than football, basketball and perhaps baseball-other college sports may become “club sports”(Coach Ron Smarr)

I know that the coaches need all the help that we can give. Some schools can't find anyone to coach teams. **THE ARE MORE GIRLS PLAYING HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS THAN BOYS**—yet finding girls teams a good coach is particularly tough. “The route to the most improvement is through coaching the coaches”.

2022 NCAA Men's Tennis Singles Players and Home Towns — -<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xhtFxNLccijhK7OL0vd91OA-XiYZIR3cOAibqwzWlhg/edit?gid=664950146#gid=664950146>

Is this possible? From the organizations listed below:

NCAA DIVISIONS I,II,III AND NAIA COLLEGE TENNIS PLAYERS (MEN AND WOMEN). And the USTA.

Schools and Conferences and National administrators research and compile data from 1980 until this year. Identify institutions as state or private.

1. Rosters. Ratio of internationals to American citizens.
2. International's position in the lineup.
3. Scholarship allotment. % of total to internationals.
4. League and National winners (team, singles, doubles , mvp, freshman of year, academic awards by internationals.)

5. National tournaments: Seeds. Post tournament final 16 singles, final 8 doubles. By nationality.

6. Number of Conference and National team members in top six from state the school is located in.

Also comments on:

A. What American pros have come strictly from the "Academy Process"?

B. How many international pros in the last thirty years have gained experience from American Collegiate tennis?

C. Compare American pros who have had some college experience to those who go "strictly professional"?

D. How many "players" in the Intercollegiate Tennis Hall of Fame had professional tennis experience?

E. Compare alumni contributions from Americans to Internationals.

F. There have been and are being some super college tennis facilities. Historically and currently, where do major gifts come from?

G. College tennis constantly deals with limited spectator interest. Many cite the format. Would attendance grow or alter if the teams were half American? Given a lesser

ability of many American players, would attendance fall off further? Stay the same? Increase?

H. Which would be the most likely outcome given half American starters:

---attendance would decrease due to lesser quality of play. More losses.

---fellow students, families, friends, fans would accept the lesser play for the familiar faces?

---over a period of time would American juniors react to more opportunities and scholarships in their choice of sports? Would the generations of Americans improve more through college opportunities and experience enough to encourage more attendance?

---Compare the American top ten men and women players in the 70's, 80's, 90's to today's best. How many "old-timers" played college tennis? Why are our few top players those with college backgrounds (Isner, the Bryans, Steve Johnson)?

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 BY THE INTERCOLLEGIATE
TENNIS ASSOCIATION (ITA)

As representatives of collegiate coaches in Olympic sports, we are acutely aware of how critical it is that the unique needs of Olympic sports programs at the college level are addressed. The composition of Team USA in Paris is proof positive of the importance of our programs, and yet they are currently in danger of disappearing entirely in the midst of massive changes to the college sports landscape. While we are grateful for the increased attention on college sports in Washington in recent years, we believe that Congress must focus more attention on ensuring that Olympic sports are protected and continue to be sponsored by universities across the country.

See total article (link below)

<https://wearecollegetennis.com/2024/09/05/without-action-from-congress-team-usas-dominance-is-at-risk/>

. Colleges now are the minor leagues of baseball.

...hopes of promoting Black participation in pickleball can create a space where people can feel comfortable with new experiences. “A lot of Black people miss their seat at the table simply because they don’t play these sports,” said Brooks about the history of Black people not participating in large numbers in sports like pickleball, golf and tennis. To date, more than 500 people have attended Black Pickleball & Co. pickleball events since last August,

2024 will be a watershed moment for sports in America. Ideally the NCAA will set in motion changes that enhance the traditional joys and benefits of sports, but also a vocational pathway to reward talent and effort.

There are tons of vocations in sports already in place. If we elevate the status of sports done right, can we grow a job market that many sports minded can pursue with logical success in the future.

Reading to education to scholarships, to degrees to jobs to family wealth ?

- Is higher education wise to entertain the public ?
- Insurance for the gifted ?
-
- “...elite institutions have entered into an athletic arms race that has pulled them from their core educational missions.”
-
- “You never want a serious crisis to go to waste.”

“Your job is to advance your family one generation. Your children should EXPECT to go to college!”

. Read DAYS OF GRACE by Arthur Ashe.

Malcom Gladwell says reading lovingly to every child is indispensable. Without this parental effort failure is imminent.

*****Pat Conroy from MY READING LIFE: “...if anyone knows a more important profession than teaching i wish they would let me know what it is before I die.”

***PORTALS AND POTHOLES (2022)

<https://wordpress.com/post/littlegreenbookoftennis.com/4876>

*****Even the pros have a salary cap.

Between the madness of giving away our birthright (college sports scholarships) and the NCAA in limbo—-doesn’t the moment logically call for redesign ?

“Let’s throw away the cables, overturn the tables. This place just don’t make sense to me no more” Bob Dylan

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. One of the sad side effects of “Portals ” is that high school seniors are overlooked for older and seasoned upperclass college kids.

‘100 calls a week’: NBL retains Australian talent despite strong US college interest

The head of the National [Basketball](#) League has declared Australia’s newest NBA prospect is proof the Boomers’ next generation don’t need to go to US college, ahead of the launch of the Australian domestic season on Thursday night.

My guess is that this avenue will be adopted by American college tennis. And it will undoubtedly involve international players who can now easily move to “greener pastures.” American high school aspirants will be moved down the prospects list, or be dismissed even quicker.

***** **“...it’s time for cool. cool change.”**

World Cup soccer competition began in 1930. The United States men have never won it. Soccer is more widely played world-wide than any sport.

Title IX was implemented in 1970. The World Cup for women began in 1991. Our women have won twice. No other country has a “Title IX”. Sports and sociology go hand in hand.

*When annual college/university costs exceed \$70,000 per year, what sense does a “liberal arts” degree make?

Every time an Incorrigible is recruited, selected, hired, etc., a good kid will be eliminated, or cut, or not given a chance. Same for coaches, administrators, owners, all the way up and down.

But I’m trying...I’m trying real hard to be a shepherd. –Jules to Ringo, “Pulp Fiction”

Recently I was described as “passionate” about tennis. A real compliment. Immediately I thought of John Ormsby who wrote a quite thorough history of Six Man Football in North Carolina. I asked John where the drive to do this project came from? He replied, “...I wanted to know more about one subject than anyone alive!”

One of my Sons made me aware of technology’s “cloud”. “Dad, anyone can easily make special knowledge available to all now.”

Here is another disguised new term: "Preferred Walk-on". Simple definition? "We prefer not to give you a scholarship"! Or, "does not play”.

Stated simply again, the aid flows to the top of the lineup.

My sons say I'm on the other side of the digital divide. But I'm savvy enough to know the data is there to expose just how rampant the discrepancy is.

Therefore when examining the percentage of aid given to internationals check school websites for hometowns of the top six people that play in "big matches". Example: Four of the top six are international? 2/3 of the aid goes to those guys! 2. What are those percentages for the top ten teams in all divisions. Want a real shocker? Check that stat for the last ten years. Women too. 3. What are those percentages for the conference, then, regional, then national winners. The higher you go, the higher the percentage. Betcha so! 4. Here is another kicker: Conference, Regional, and National tournaments will have awards (team champs, runner-up, all-conference, all-regional, all American, MVP, freshman of the year. Check where these hail from. Americans rarely are on those lists There is a lot to be learned. I don't have any skin in the game now. Just a love for the game and our kids. Hoping for a "worker-bee" disciple.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS FUBAR ?

Between Portal/Nil issues and the recent Supreme Court ruling on college admission the NCAA doesn't know whether to punt or bunt. Nor does anyone it seems. Very few venture solutions.

The link below dares to take a shot. If nothing else it exposes the range of different opinions.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/07/09/opinions/college-admissions-elite-sports-harvard-affirmative-action-macintosh/index.html>

John Isner Is a North Carolina product of the FAMILY METHOD. John stayed at home, played high school, then college team tennis. Scholarshipped to the University of Georgia, John is quick to credit those 4 years as gateway to our finest player's success.

NCAA F1 VISAS AND RULES ON PORTAL/NIL COMPENSATION

[https://generalcounsel.uoregon.edu/name-image-and-likeness-international-student-athletes#:~:text=International%20students'%20visas%20limit%20them,performed%20\(see%20NCAA%20Bylaw](https://generalcounsel.uoregon.edu/name-image-and-likeness-international-student-athletes#:~:text=International%20students'%20visas%20limit%20them,performed%20(see%20NCAA%20Bylaw)

AND— U.S. Even in today's polarizing political climate, and an election year to boot, more flexible procedures in the U.S. House of Representatives would make such a change realistic. The Senate, on the other hand, would need unanimous consent to hitch onto an existing bill.

Alternatively, DHS could provide a regulatory fix through formal rulemaking: updating the 1990s-era definitions of “student activity” and “permissible work” for F-1 visa holders as it pertains to NIL. Finally, because the passive/active income distinction creates a grey area when it comes to royalties, a formal regulatory change may not be necessary. As such, the quickest solution would be for DHS to provide informal regulatory guidance, through a policy memorandum, that F-1 students could engage in any NIL activity authorized under a state statute. Indeed, there is

**now a petition calling for such a change (see [Change.org](https://www.change.org/p/usta-change-name-image-and-likeness)
Petition for Name, Image, and Likeness**

And the number of and percentage of internationals awarded scholarships is staggering. We have paid for their training, while abandoning our own. And quite often at tax-payer's expense. Many of these go from college play to the pro circuit.

“The route to the most improvement is through coaching the coaches”.

Today, there just seems to be much less patience for that sort of thing and a lack of the sustained attention that's needed to become great at the sport. ...Our talent pool is much thinner now in part because the persistence to develop that talent just isn't there as much as before.
FLASHBACK TEN YEARS : "USTA--Buy Pickleball !"

Good News 2---The pressure from Pickleball enthusiasm zwill build more tennis courts the next 10 years than tennis only facilities!

HINT, HINT--The two games are not mutually exclusive.

Bad news for USTA tennis leagues. The audience on TV ,reflected almost totally "Senior" fandom. A considerable % of your base.

Good news 3 --Pickleball , handled properly, can add a new base to the USTA. For years minority kids have been a target for growth. Pickleball is so easy to learn and inexpensive, the opportunity is a DUH? Tennis courts lined for dual use (about 100\$) At public schools, municipal recreation courts, empty condo developments and other unused courts.

Once kids have fun and realize a tennis court " ain't a bad place" --wouldn't tennis garner some recruits?

And let's face it, if new people never play tennis , won't new pickleballers be better off. Than Video addicts, other pitfalls? ADULTS TOO?

One could conclude the leagues growth was a savior, nationally and in our state as well. Coupled with Title IX and some altered attitudes , Women provided leadership , volunteering with impressive results.

Some years back I watched a clinic for NC high school coaches and concluded "...there is a lot more CARE in that group than knowledge. Granted several of the coaches demonstrated good skill on the court. I have said all along that a high school coach who cares and drives the van properly is all parents can hope for. Now I think it time to help them. They , by virtue of their attendance and willingness to coach our children, have earned our assistance.

Families invest tremendous amounts of money into their children's tennis. It can be rewarded only two ways: 1.The extremely rare route of becoming a professional player and 2. College scholarships. And the scholarships grow more and more important annually.

Here is one. Is it not time to seriously study how to restore these opportunities and scholarships to our own?

I wondered if a "prima donna "wouldn't play for his/her high school , would they sacrifice as needed to be a good college teammate?

(Harvey Penick---THE LITTLE RED BOOK of GOLF author). "If you read this book you are my pupil. If you play golf you are my friend. "

One related item popped up in last week's news. A tennis chair umpire was charged with illegal manipulating of the scoring device. Go figure!

Better get a toe hold on this.

CHILD ADVOCACY ?

My good Dr. Mike (Towarnicky) concluded my annual physical (at 84) stating us old folks should keep busy. I told him of my 44 years of trying to keep tennis, and lately all "global" sports, being treated fairly for American youngsters. Mike became enthusiastic than animated in agreement . Having several talented children who were similarly affected he had felt the pain for families.

As he exited the exam room I said, " ...Doc, I don't know if it is worth the struggle?"

He bristled when admonished me: Yes it is. You are fighting for our children. What could be more “worth it “!!!!

2008—David Benjamin : What is happening now is like going from a normal flu season to a pandemic.

2006—Craig Tiley (University of Illinois) I love College tennis but this totally disillusioned me’

Jon Werthem (Sports Illustrated) “ Or as the rare AMERICAN player might say — IT STINKS!

2003—Vanderbilt Coach, Ken Flach: I have a problem with the 21 year old freshmen who get to be the 24 year old juniors and play my 17 and 18 freshmen. That is not fair!

PORTAL PRODUCTS

My guess is that this avenue will be adopted to American college tennis. And it will undoubtedly involve international players who can now easily move to "greener pastures". American high school aspirants will be moved down the prospects list, or be dismissed even quicker”.

"How about recruiting American high school seniors?" I asked.

Coach: "Not even on the radar.”

My personal opinion is that a Coach who is trying to protect American junior tennis is more aware of the whole picture , than one who would contend that his international recruitment philosophy is religiously motivated.

“ Let’s be honest ...College tennis is failing American tennis. “ (Luke Jensen)

Another factor in American tennis can’t be overlooked. The role of parents. Connors (mother), McEnroe (father), Evert (father), Aggassi (father, brother), and the Williams’ sisters, are ample proof that the tremendous role of parents in the development of Championship level American players.

Mr. Williams certainly gets the award for “out of the box” results. To train one child to be #1 in the world is amazing, but #1 and #2 at the same time is un- precedented.

There was a more important lesson made in the film and in reality. A bigger lesson. Richard Williams showed the route to success in American tennis. Families are our best teachers and coaches and academies. No one cares like good parents.

Parents need help, a carrot at the end.

Former college tennis players

Jack Kramer, Arthur Ashe, Stan Smith, John McEnroe, Bob and Mike Bryant, Jim Courier, Brad Gilbert, Bill Tilden, Roscoe Tanner, Jimmy Connors, Dennis Ralston, Dick Stockton, Vitas Gerulaitis, Michael Chang, Malavai Washington, Todd Martin, Bob Lutz, Bill Talbert, Tony Trabert,, Vince Spadea, John Isner, Steve Johnson, MANY MORE.

. One of the sad side effects of "Portals " is that high school seniors are overlooked for older and seasoned upperclass international college kids.

NEXT PLEASE—-basketball? golf?, soccer, baseball, track? ALL “GLOBAL” SPORTS ? .
<https://wordpress.com/post/littlegreenbookoftennis.com/6105>

Someone said there are five thousand international basketball players in the USA.

. Five years ago I told all kinds of parents and friends that Title IX would provide tremendous opportunities for our girls, through golf scholarships. In just five years later, I wonder. Have you witnessed the women's world golf rankings. The number of Korean players at the top is truly impressive. Due in no small part to a frenzied number of young Korean aspirants, putting in the lengths of practice sessions we reserve for school.

How long before we see college coaches bringing in entire rosters of girl golfers, borderline if not pro, from overseas? Tennis blinked and boom, no scholarships left for us.

Was Title IX intended to offer opportunities for our women, or someone else? Other sports? Those to come?

North Carolina has produced 3 real moneymakers from professional tennis. One, Tim Wilkison, turned pro at age 17. John Isner and John Sadri attended college 4 years on tennis scholarships before going pro. Sadri and Isner both credit college tennis for their success.

I asked the coach if he'd consider recruiting a player from this state? It was a state funded university, yet with a typical all international roster. His response was "...Oh no! Our fans wouldn't tolerate a lesser quality of team!" I couldn't resist noting that there were three non-players in attendance--me, him, and his school's financial aid officer.

Don't we have any lawyers? The last I heard a ton of money will find a good lawyer. The USTA got any poker players? I bet there is a legal way. At least run a good bluff at litigation. Bet the NCAA wouldn't take the football/men's basketball money to risk on an expensive trial?

I think it is right and legal. But somebody has got to "...screw up some courage". Only those who love American tennis will do it.

All four No. 1 seeds in the 2021 women's basketball tournament — Stanford, UConn, North Carolina State and South Carolina — listed at least one international player on their rosters. South Florida, another tournament team, [listed 11, along with a player from Puerto Rico.](#)

TOP TEN RANKED AMERICAN MEN TENNIS PLAYERS -- 1960-2013
<https://wordpress.com/post/littlegreenbookoftennis.com/873>

The last pickleball article (187) had a daily total that was three times more hits than any one single day. There was still the fear that pickleball will damage tennis.
NEWS FLASH: Tennis and pickleball should not fight each other. They have a mutual enemy, video games!

The purpose of this letter is to open the minds of both games leaders to the unique and growing value in incorporating pickleball into youth programs through both organizations, and specifically through the school systems.

Why pickleball? It is FUN. It is easy to learn. It is inexpensive. It yields great cardiovascular benefits. It causes less long range joint injury. The courts need only to be lined on existing tennis courts (many currently unused or mis-used).

While this is simply a suggestion from a citizen with no "skin in the game", it seems a "no – brainer" to invest a little effort to a moment that has come with little downside and tremendous possibilities for both games.

"The Sport Gene" by David Epstein

Just read and now recommend this remarkable book. David has done his homework and some fascinating data is included for sports professional and fans in general.

DAVID EPSTEIN, MALCOLM GLADWELL

<https://wordpress.com/post/littlegreenbookoftennis.com/2667>

In order to get rid of infection, you must cut the boil out." Coach Henry Trevathan.

A large number of players, great students, graduate from one school early, and with a year of eligibility remaining. Transferring after graduation they can go to a different school, get an advanced degree and continue to play.

Should we label them DONE AND ONE?

There is so much education in the proper use of sports, but if we give to the "thugs", they eliminate the capable kids who can improve themselves, their families, and our country. It is not racial. Bad blacks eliminate good blacks. Keep the right youngsters in our uniforms.

David Epstein's book, THE SPORT GENE, is truly informative. True research on nature vs. nurture in the development of elite athletes. I recommend it to anyone interested in sports and related research. Just very limited few comments from THE SPORT GENE:

"The broad truth is that nature and nurture are so interlaced in any realm of athletic performance that the answer is always: it's both".

ROUGH CUTS"

It's not getting any better. So far this spring, tennis has been the most popular choice to cut. Of the 30 teams eliminated, eight are either men's or women's tennis. Coincidentally or not, tennis is also responsible for having the largest foreign participation of any sport. About 60% of tennis rosters are not native to the U.S. "There's somewhere around 7,000 scholarships available (inclusive of D-I, D-II, NAIA, and JUCO), and there are just not enough American juniors to fill the scholarships," says Tim Russell, the CEO of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. "There have been some schools where the coach only recruits internationally, and there have been some ADs saying, 'Can't have a program of all international students.'" There are other reasons tennis is targeted, Russell says. The most common are costs associated with an indoor and outdoor facility.

USTA INCENTIVE PLANS (SCHOLARSHIP AID) TO INDIVIDUALS AND/OR INSTITUTIONS THAT REWARD AMERICAN AID. FOR EXAMPLE GIVE AID TO VARIOUS COLLEGE DEVISIONS THAT GIVE LARGE PORTIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP AID TO AMERICANS . THIS WOULD TAKE CARE AND THOUGHT. BUT ISN'T IT TIME?

INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

<https://wordpress.com/post/littlegreenbookoftennis.com/877>

NORTH CAROLINA MEN'S COLLEGE TENNIS

THE GUERRILLA BUREAUCRAT

<https://wordpress.com/post/littlegreenbookoftennis.com/1462>

<http://cumplingsathletics.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/2014CollegeTennisOperatingBudgets.pdf>

JW Isenhour on what colleges pay for teams -2014

It is a Family Affair ! By son, Dan Parham

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LkHQSLMtaCfiSgykFYHE3udgT5HDJ4DKHffhMciqkfE/edit>

INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

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2024 AWARD WINNERS ITA

<https://wearecollegetennis.com/awards/>

WINNING !!!!!!! TEAMS,SINGLES AND DOUBLES. MEN AND WOMEN, 1976-2024

<https://wearecollegetennis.com/awards/>

While the USTA says about 20% of al college tennis players are international, they don't reveal what %of scholarships go to internationals. Analyze the top five teams in DIVISIONS I AND 2OF the NCAA the NAIA AND JR. Colleges the last twenty years for these facts: NOT their total rosters, but the lineup players in crucial matches. Where did the scholarship allotments go, percentage wise. Where were the "All Americans" from? Academic awards winners? Did American kids not only get cut out of scholarships, but the chance to win or excel?

CHECK THE HISTORY OF OUR TOP TEN PLAYERS. WHAT PERCENTAGE HAD COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

4. HOW MANY INTERNATIONALS WHO HAD AMERICAN TENNIS SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW PLAYING PROFESSIONAL TENNIS?

I CHECKED NUMBER 3 RECENTLY. BEST GUESS? 75% I CHECKED NUMBER 4 ALSO. BEST GUES? ABOUT 40.

Here are some technology available data worth examining: .1 Remember the "preferred walk-ons of tennis (most often Americans) get little aid. Therefore when examining the percentage of aid given to internationals check school websites for hometowns of the top six people that play in "big matches". Example: Four of the top six are international? 2/3 of the aid goes to those guys!

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Just a love for the game and our kids. Hoping for a "worker-bee" disciple. LET ME KNOW AND GOOD LUCK. nytdirect@nytimes.com (REMEMBER TO CHECK THIS)

Why can't we allot tax payers' money for their own children?

Research Article

Navigating an Intercollegiate Athletes' Transition Related to the Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Interim Policy

FROM THE JOURNAL OF SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21520704.2024.2348153?af=R#abstract>

Abstract

On July 1, 2021, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced the Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Interim Policy, permitting *most* student-athletes across the U.S. to monetize their NIL through participation in various branding activities, having a transformative effect throughout intercollegiate athletics. The purpose of this manuscript is to conceptualize NIL as a career change event and share an intervention supporting an intercollegiate student-athlete in navigating this NIL-related transition.

NIL is a legal term that includes the right to promote products or services based on one's name, image, or other aspects associated with their identity.

Division I male athletes account for 67.4% of total NIL compensation compared with 32.6% of female athletes. Football student-athletes generated 48.6% of total revenue,

men's basketball generated 17.7%, and women's basketball generated 13.5% (Nakos, [Citation 2022](#)).

....female student-athletes across all sports are overcoming barriers and capitalizing on opportunities to not only monetize their NIL, but also to have a larger community impact and bring awareness to issues of gender inequality in sports.

An additional consideration as to NIL's impact is regarding international student-athletes. When NIL was first introduced, and legislation was adopted by the NCAA, the expectation was that *all* student-athletes would be afforded the chance to pursue opportunities to profit from their NIL. International student-athletes on F-1 visa status are another vulnerable group (Solomon et al., [Citation 2022](#)). Due to the nature of the F-1 visa, international student-athletes are prohibited from obtaining employment outside of their educational setting based on immigration law and must forgo opportunities to monetize their NIL (Sethi et al., [Citation 2022](#))
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More specifically, Black- identified student-athletes are at an elevated risk of experiencing mental health struggles while facing many barriers to engaging in help-seeking behaviors (Wilkerson et al., [Citation 2022](#)).

—those working within intercollegiate athletics will continue to see change-events, especially with the evolution of NIL, the utilization of the transfer portal, and conference realignment, placing a renewed emphasis on health and well-being while also forcing ongoing adjustment to remain current in this changing landscape.

The F-1 Visa (most common for international student-athletes) allows international students to enter the United States as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, elementary school, or other academic institution or in a language training program. They must be enrolled in a program or course of study that culminates in a degree, diploma, or certificate and the school must be authorized by the U.S. government to accept international students.

END*****

Sethi, S. K., Lever, K., & Hextrum, K. (2022). US citizenship supremacy: How immigration laws and NCAA policies exclude

international college athletes from monetizing their name, image, and likeness. *Sports Innovation Journal*, 3(SI), 81–94. <https://doi.org/10.18060/25990>

In addition, it is important to acknowledge that due to federal immigration policies, job placement for international students is different than for domestic students, and that the resources provided by your school might not always be useful to you. Upon meeting a career counselor, always let them know your visa status in the country. Accordingly, the counselor can educate and guide you through the internship and job search process. Your athletics department also may have a career preparation program or support staff to assist student athletes. In addition, the department may connect you to a network of alumni, former coaches and administrators who may support or guide you.

One of the most problematic aspects of the portal is that there is no mandatory orientation session for prospective transfer portal applicants that highlight the pros and cons of their decision and there are few guard rails that protect student-athletes from making impulsive decisions.

Tennis has the highest percentage of foreign student athletes than any other NCAA sport.....The odds of a US player competing at the NCAA 111 level are over 3 times better

“This isn’t the NBA. We are developing a system of free agency (for foreigners) >>>>From Bobby Bayliss, Notre Dame’s men’s coach.

“...we are going to lose grassroots support. “

“ ...the absolute right thing to do is to recruit Americans.”
From Coach Tim Cass.