

VOLLEYS in the

by Terry Matthews-Lombardo

Who needs lighted courts when you've got new XGLOsive Tennis at Sanlando Park

DARK

For the record, Altamonte's Sanlando Park does count 25 lighted tennis courts among its bevy of world-class amenities. But for intrepid fans of the game this fall, the white lights will go down and the black lights will heat up as a new nighttime tennis sensation, XGLOsive Tennis, descends on Sanlando.

XGLOsive Tennis is the brainchild of Jason Cordova, associate tennis pro and director of junior training at Sanlando Park, and his father, Michael, a retired engineer. Jason is a graduate of both Lake Mary High School and Stetson University and has been active in tennis since the age of 7. His love for the sport has been legend, since those high school and college playing days when he was ranked nationally. But now he's taking tennis to a new level with the creation

of XGLOsive Sports, best described as "a fun social workout that brings together the best features of the sport of tennis with full-court cardiovascular activity and the added explosion of musical energy." *That's enough to give heart rates a rise already!* Played under the glow of black lights after the sun has set, XGLOsive Tennis evokes a nightclub atmosphere and delivers the ultimate in a full-body aerobic exercise.

So, what do the players think about this new type of tennis?

"It's an awesome experience!" says Sanlando regular Mario Alcantara. "It's more energetic and motivating than regular tennis."

"This is definitely a different way of playing tennis," adds Desta and Adam Brooks. "You have to adjust to the dark lighting, but it gives you the opportunity to get more rallies with lower [body] impact."

"It's such a good, high-energy workout," says Francis Lizardo. "Plus, with smaller, mini games, it doesn't take such a toll on your body."

Each net, ball, and racket is decked out in special glow-in-the-dark markings to shine under black lights hung around the courts. Add the glow of athletic attire, pump up the volume of your chosen music, and smash! You've got a hit game of tennis like you've never seen before.

The fall calendar of XGLOsive Tennis events at Sanlando Park will be announced soon. Check the calendars at the park and XGLOsive.com for more details. Plans are already in progress to offer private and group functions along with team-building options and even glow-in-the-dark birthday parties. Jason and his father also have plans to take this concept to other sports that can also be adapted to nighttime play, so stay tuned and watch this locally-grown sports concept fly off the courts in other directions soon.

