**Fast Facts:**

**\*\*\*  *Mike ‘n Bob’s* wins at the *Italian Open* this week included:  *Paolo Lorenzi-Potito Starace* (Italy), 6-1, 6-4; *David Marrero-Fernando Verdasco*, (Spain) 6-4, 7-5;  *Max the Beast Mirnyi* (Belarus)-*Horia Tecau*(Romania), 6-4, 6-7, 10-3; and *Mahesh Bhupathi-Rohan Bopanna* (India), 6-2, 6-3.**

**\*\*\*  The *Bryans*eerily won *Madrid* last week by the exact same score of 6-2, 6-3 over *Alex Peya-Bruno Soares* in the finals.  That match lasted 57 minutes and the match today was 51 minutes.

\*\*\*  The *Bros*. have played 10 tournaments this year and reached 8 finals, winning the*Australian Open, Indian Wells, Madrid, Rome, Memphis* and *Sydney.*  They were finalists at *Monte Carlo* and*Houston.***

**\*\*\*  The twins are 34-6 on the year and 14-2 during the claycourt season, with 4 straight finals and they are 7,120 points ahead in the *Doubles Rankings*and 4,350 points ahead in the*Doubles Race.*  Both are the biggest leads of their career.**

***\*\*\**Three of their closest family friends here in *Ventura County* - - - *Jim Gucciardo, Tom Bruno,*and *Gary Cuoco* - - - have long preached to the guys since they were very little boys, that the*Italian Open* was bigger and better and more prestigious than*Wimbledon* and the *US Open.*** ***Guccie, Brunes* and *Gare* will all be celebrating the *Bros.* 3rd *Italian Open Title* at *Presto Pasta* this afternoon . . . It has long been rumored that these three handsome and well-heeled gentlemen have ties to the *Ventura County Mafia*, but it has never been proven in a court of law . . .**

**\*\*\*  *Mike* and *Bob* will fly to *London* on Monday to begin a three day commercial shoot for*Esurance.*The head of*Esurance, Gary Tolman,*is a very fine player and will see the *Bros.* in *Paris* at*Roland Garros* which begins the following week.  He is a great friend of tennis and his company sponsors the fantastic *Esurance Tennis Classic* at picturesque *Harbor Point Tennis Club* in *Mill Valley*that is run so well by *Hall of Famer Rosie Casals*and dynamic *Robert Kaliski.***

***\*\*\*  Mike*and *Bob*send out their most heartfelt congratulations to their longtime pal,*Ramsey Smith,*the coach of the*Duke Tennis Team*on the birth of his first child, *Sofie.  Ramsey’s wife*and *Sofie’s Mom*is*Kathy Sell,*also a very fine junior and college player.  *Ramsey’s sister Logan,* also just had a child last week named *Stanley* in honor of her *Hall of Fame* father and great guy, *Stan Smith.*Look for little*Stanley*and*Sofie t*o win the *Wimbledon Mixed Doubles in 2035 . . .***

**\*\*\* *Coach Bryan’s Webinar*on Thursday had coaches and parents tuning in from all over the country.  Special thanks to *Bob Hoch* *Hochstadter, Loren Nelson,* *Bob Shafer,* and *Darren Potkey* for all that they did to promote it so well and make the broadcast go so smoothly.**

**\*\*\*  *Coach Bryan* emceed the gala *Beverly Hills Invitational* today at the *Geoff Palmer Mansion.*  Headed up for the past 10 years by former *NCAA Finalist* and *UCLA All American, Tony Graham,* this event has featured former collegiate and tour stars like *Ricky Leach, Scotty D Davis, Bill Scanlon, Wade McGuire, John Letts, and Nels Van Patten.*And it has the best party on planet earth, with fantastic food and a hot 15 piece band and dancers from *Dancing With the Stars.*Lots of*Hollywood*big timers always are in attendance.  Winning the Doubles this year was former *UCLA All American*and #1 player, *Eric Taino* and *Jeff Marine.*In the backdraw, former *French Open Doubles Finalist*and *Stanford All American, Jeff Tarango,* and the *Bros.* longtime pal and the head of the *Desert Smash Charity Event*at *La Quinta, Ryan Macaulay,*won.**

**\*\*\*  *Kathy* went to *Hollywood Park Race Track* on Sunday with famed thoroughbred horse owner*Teresa McWilliams*of beautiful *Santa Barbara.*  How’d she do?  Betting all 9 races, she made $11 for the day . . .**

***\*\*\*  Kathy*enjoyed being interviewed last Thursday by writer*Suzanne Pollak*of*Charleston*for her upcoming book on the *Mom’s of famous athletes, politicians and movie stars . . .***

**\*\*\*  Congrats to*Billy Martin*and *Grant Chen*and their*UCLA Men’s Team*and *Stella Sampras*and*Rance Brown*and their*UCLA Women’s Team*for both still being in the *NCAA Team Championships*being held at*Illinois.*  The *Bruin gals* upset #2 *North Carolina* 4-1 yesterday.  *Stanford’s Women*, led by talented *Nicole Gibbs*, upset #4 *Georgia* yesterday, and now take on #1 *Florida*.  Don’t bet against the *Cards*.  The *USC Men’s* and *Women’s Teams* of *Peter Smith* and *Richie Gallien* also had great seasons and runs in the *NCAAs.*  We are also proud of the *UCSB Men’s Team* that won the *Big West Championship* once again and made it to the dance.  Our *California* Colleges are crushing . . .**

**\*\*\*  *Coach Bryan* has just signed to once again do the *Legends Clinic* at *Little Dix Bay* in the *British Virgin Islands,* November 12-16.  He will also be involved in the *Pro Am* on famed *Necker Island* for*Sir Richard Branson.*These events are headed up by *Trevor Short* and *Rem Reynolds.*More info will be coming, but look for a*World Team Tennis*format this year.**

**\*\*\*  Lots of tennis *VIPS* will be on hand on Monday night to honor and celebrate *Ethel’s Byers* going into the *Athletic Round Table Hall of Fame.  Ethel*has a heart of gold and has been a tireless worker for junior tennis in*Santa Barbara*for years and years.**