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Disturbance / Other.....	1
Follow Up.....	1
Fraudulent Use ID.....	1
Incident Report.....	5
Information Call.....	7
Meet the Citizen.....	2
Missing Person.....	1
Neighborhood Check.....	7
Solicitors.....	3
Suspicious Person.....	3
Traffic Initiative.....	1
Traffic Hazard.....	1
Traffic Stop.....	19
Vacation Watch.....	268
Vehicle Suspicious.....	6
Welfare Check.....	1
<b>Total Calls.....</b>	<b>535</b>

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# TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
**Fernando Velasco**



## The Modern Game: The Top Spin Forehand

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are starting to play tennis or who want to get back into the game.

From this newsletter on, I will be offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may be already playing for leagues or tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Top Spin Forehand. This shot is used when a player is now hitting the ball long and out. The ball will be aimed high over the net and hit with power. The ball will have a “top spin” so that when the ball hits the court, it will take a big hop, forcing the opponent to fall back close to the fence, or to hit the ball on the rise.

In the illustrations, Danny Rodriguez, Director of the Pre-Advanced Tennis Program at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. This shot can also be executed from the service line as an “approach shot” to the net.

Step 1: The Ready Position: When Danny prepares to hit

a forehand top spin, he will change his grip toward the “semi-western” or “full western grip” (The palm of the hand is flat on the handle). His knees are slightly flexed and his eyes are focused on the oncoming ball.

Step 2: The Back Swing: Danny is now ready to perform the shot. The head of the racket is now above his head, his shoulders are turned, the left hand is in front to help him keep the center of gravity in front, and he has loaded his weight to the back foot. His grip is relaxed and his wrist is “laid back” to allow maximum point of contact.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: The success of a top spin shot is keeping the ball on the strings going from low to high in a 30 degree angle. Danny started the swing high and “looped” it to allow the head of the racket to drop down. He will be brushing the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight has now been shifted toward the front.

Step 4: The Follow Through: Notice Danny’s finish above his left ear and his elbow pointing toward his target. He has now shifted his weight on his right foot and is ready to shuffle back to his home base.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Modern Game: The Backhand Top Spin”*



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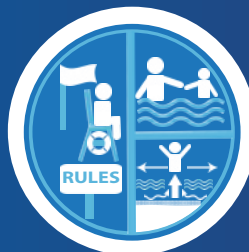
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