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“**This is a most unusual book, and a highly welcome one.** Many books tell you about the leading stars and tournaments, while others dwell on improving your play. Books about the business of being a tennis player, and how to make a successful career in the game are much less common. Written and published in the US, the book opens with a chapter about US college tennis, but this is the only part of the book specific to an American audience. British readers will find much helpful information and advice as the book charts its way through fitness, finance, sponsorship, the pros and cons of hiring an agent, planning a tournament schedule, travel and accommodation, ‘making it’ and finally retirement. The guidance given is very down to earth and practical. For example, the section on sports agents actually provides a list of companies with their full contact details.”

★★★★★ *ACE Tennis Magazine, BookACE, British Lawn Tennis Association, October 2006*

“Perception may not be everything, but it is a lot. So while falling from the No. 1 junior ranking to somewhere in the Top 200 of the pro tour is a disappointment for some, ranking in the middle of the pack for others is an achievement. Among these ‘achievers’ cited by Bonita Marks in her new book, *Taking Your Tennis on Tour*, are University of North Carolina grads Tripp Phillips and Don Johnson, as well as Stanford’s Paul Goldstein and the University of Virginia’s Brian Vahaly. They reached the pro tour via the American college route and Marks offers a ‘business

plan' for those considering following in their sneakers. Today, the player good enough and young enough to work toward the top junior ranking internationally (or even nationally) is an unlikely college prospect. The everyday choices for player and parents are just too different. But as the experience of former junior No. 1s and many pros shows, despite the different paths, you can still find yourself in the same place. Marks, an associate professor of Exercise Physiology at UNC-Chapel Hill, covers everything from 'surviving college' to pursuing or selecting among sponsorship contracts to life on the road at various pro levels, **providing a helpful roadmap for the collegian standing on the tennis brink.**"

Book Review: Dan Markowitz, Tennis Week Magazine, August 2006, pp 58

<http://www.stms.nl/December2006/artikel2.asp>

"Taking your Tennis on Tour is a unique book, and very different from most of the tennis books on the market. This book gives great guidance to all aspiring young tennis players (and their coaches) in a very down to earth and practical way..... **This book is a must have for all those players starting out on the professional tennis tour - and for those trying to help them!**"

Reviewer: Babette Pluim, M.D., Ph.D.

Medical Adviser, Royal Netherlands Lawn Tennis Association, December 2006

<http://www.tennis-warehouse.com/feedback.html?pcode=ONTOUR>

Taking Your Tennis on Tour: Tennis Warehouse Customer feedback

Comments: "A book like this is long overdue. There's a lot more to making it on the tour than having talent. Dr. Marks spells out the untold story (the story that people need to hear) of what it takes to have a real shot at making it. It's a must have for parents who don't want to waste their child's potential and all of those who have tennis dreams."

From: *Eric, NJ, USA. 12/06*

<http://www.elgandjrtennis.com/TakingYourTennisOnTour.htm>

"I was given an advance copy of *Taking Your Tennis On Tour* and asked to comment on it for the back cover. I was very excited about this book because I have yet to see anything that really helps players making the transition to professional tennis.....**the book is well-worth getting if you are even considering a career in professional tennis....**"

Reviewer: Marcia Frost, College and Jr. Tennis, June 2006

<http://tenniskalamazoo.blogspot.com/2006/08/taking-your-tennis-on-tour-bonita-1.html>

"I thought I would mention a book that I was given a copy to review, *Taking Your Tennis On Tour; The Business, Science, and Reality of Going Pro*. **I'm hard-pressed to think of an issue this book doesn't address.** I especially liked the section called "In Their Own Words: The Best and Worst Aspect of Circuit Life" when dozens of pros, few of whom ever reached the Promised Land of the Top 100, reveal what made the effort worthwhile, and what made it difficult....."

Reviewer: Posted by Colette Lewis at 7:18 PM, 8/27/06