

-Series I - Hispanics In Tennis

# *Ventana al Mundo del Tenis*

*En el Centro Tenistico de Nuevo Leon ,Mexico and Dallas, Texas*

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***Ademas quiero compartir con todos ustedes este articulo dedicado al Profesor Omero Gonzalez en la Ciudad de Monterrey Mexico.- por Enrique Guadarrama.***

**H**ola a todos mis amigos tenistas en este nuevo espacio que llamo, "*Ventana al Mundo del Tenis*". Estará dedicado a toda las comunidad hispano hablante ¿y porque no?, a todos los que admiran y aprecian nuestra lengua y nuestro lenguaje en común "TENIS".

Desde el área metro-  
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politana de Dallas/Fort Worth, el resto del estado y de los Estados Unidos, México, Centro y Sur América y hasta España nuestra cuna del tenis. Aun hoy añorando las batallas en canchas de arcilla y disfrutando ahora de las pistas o canchas duras de un tenis más moderno pero aun clásico y conservador pero a la vez lleno de adrenalina. Disfrutado los buenos momentos al jugar un par-

tido amistoso o de alta competencia. Si ganaste o perdiste no fue lo importante, sino el haber jugado punto por punto hasta el final del partido.

En este primer espacio de *“Ventana al Mundo del Tenis”* quiero dedicarlo especialmente a la persona que me introdujo al mundo del Tenis, mi muy querido Prof. Omero González.

Prof. Omero González recibió un muy merecido reconocimiento a sus 77 años. El Prof. Gonzales aun sigue dando tenis de por vida en sus 46 años de carrera tenística. Me siento orgulloso de haber formado parte de ese grupo de niños de escasos recursos a los cuales ofreció

clases de tenis gratuitas. Grupo que aun existe en la actualidad. Siempre estaré muy agradecido por todas sus enseñanzas. El, más que darnos lecciones gratis de Tenis, nos dio Tenis de por vida. Siempre admiraré su tenacidad. Hoy aún a su edad, aun sigue activo ese don de enseñar tenis a los que no tienen acceso a este maravilloso deporte. Don que nos puede abrir las puertas del mundo tenístico y mas allá. Mil Gracias Prof. Omero González, sin sus enseñanzas nunca hubiera logrado jugar tenis y como resultado en muchos torneos de tenis, conocer muchos lugares y hacer muchos amigos tenistas alrededor del mundo.

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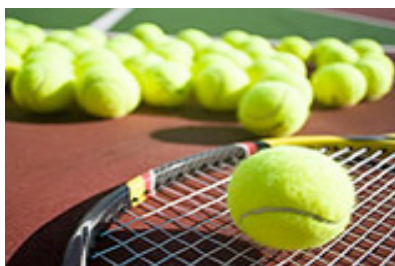
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# Rudy In The Game

## *Playing Tennis Means A Lot In My Life*

**R**afael Nadal (ESP), who turned professional in 2001, became the first Spaniard to end the season in 2008 as the world's top player in the history of the ATP rankings. Nadal has maintained his ranking up to the middle of this year, 2011. His relentless style of play, stroke production, and work ethic have contributed to this success.

**Richard "Pancho" Gonzalez**, a native Californian, who played many tennis tournaments and won Grand Slam events in 1948-1970, stands out as one of the top players of all times. He mixed speed with agility, power, and racquet control to dominate his opponents over the years.

**Rafael Herrera Osuna**, a native of Mexico City, Mexico, won the US Open Championships in 1963, and played on the Mexican Davis Cup Team that defeated Australia in 1969. Osuna was the most complete player that displayed it all, and with a personality that everyone admired. The only statue  
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***Rudolph "Rudy" Guevara***

in Mexico City erected to the memory of a sportsman is in his name.

This background information leads into the discussion of **Rudolph "Rudy" Guevara**, a native Texan, whose mother was born in Ballinger, Texas, and father, born in Alpine, Texas, both of Hispanic descent, has connected to tennis for life support. Rudy is retired from the U.S. Army, and holds the B.S. degree

from the University of Texas at Austin.

Rudy, born in Ballinger, Texas and grew up in Plainview, Texas at a time when social things, like playing tennis, were not too popular in the neighborhood. It wasn't until he became 37 years old that he started playing the game, something he took a liking to after driving by the tennis courts in Ft. Hood, Texas, a military base where he was stationed as a soldier in the U.S. Army.

"It looked good, what they were playing, so immediately I went out and bought me a racquet, and started playing the game on my own," Rudy explained.

As a self-taught hacker, without any formal training, Rudy began to enter tournaments conducted by the military, called the American Tennis Championships.

These events gave him the experiences that he carried over into the United States Tennis Association (USTA) events he plays since his discharge from the military in 1989. He continues to play tournaments throughout the state, and plays in three leagues each week at Ki-est Tennis Center, Dallas, Texas.

Rudy's most exciting wins in tennis have been in the men's 4.0 division, and in his age group (65) as a winner of many consolation singles events.

"Tennis has been a lifetime hobby that I've thoroughly enjoyed, meeting a lot of people, staying healthy, and physically fit. It is important as I get older to be aware of these things. It is important also to set good examples for young people where they can see the need to stay healthy, develop team work, have respect for others, and learn tennis etiquette (rules and regulations)," Rudy summarized as important benefits of playing tennis.

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