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OPAF Hosts First Volley Clinics for Adventure Amputee Camp

July 16, 2009 – Langhorne, Pennsylvania – OPAF and The First Clinics recently hosted two sessions of adaptive tennis for attendees of Adventure Amputee Camp in Bryson City, NC. This is the second year in a row that OPAF has hosted First Volley Adaptive Tennis Clinics for the AAC campers on the tennis courts at Nantahala Outdoor Center. First Volley was made possible in part through grant funding from United States Tennis Association-North Carolina.

Two three hour sessions of adaptive tennis was full of fun and excitement for the campers. Clinic was lead by First Volley Director of Tennis, Darren Kindred, who was assisted by USTA-NC staff, Amy Franklin, Emily Franklin, Mary Lloyd Barbera and Major Bob Barbera. We were also most fortunate to have Eddie Hawkins and Jeff Kegler, who are both tournament level wheelchair players join us for the day. In all over 60 campers, counselors and volunteers were put through their paces of tennis skills and drills as well as fun and games. Campers were also treated to a wheelchair demonstration by Eddie and Jeff. Clinic concluded with the always popular “Hitting for Prizes” sponsored by Prince Sports.

Last year’s Hitting for Prizes Winner at Adventure Amputee Camp was Michael, an 13 year old below knee amputee, who, along with his Prince loot, was also presented with one of the Billie Jean King tennis racquets. Michael went home with his racquet, secured a tennis coach, and has been taking tennis lessons for the past year with the intent on making his high school tennis team. **This is why we do what we do!**

Next First Volley Clinic will be held on Friday, August 7 at Pine Tree Camp in Rome, Maine for Camp No Limits!

For more information on how you can host a First Clinic for your patients, call the OPAF office at 215-752-5756 or contact Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director at rlb@opfund.org.