

8 Reasons I'm Still Playing Tennis

(And Loving Every Minute)

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8 Because I'm almost old enough to be a ringer on a senior league. I hear that wearing a body brace of any kind is a guaranteed win.

7 Because I'm crazy enough to believe that my weekly lessons will kick in any day now. Curiously, my instructor keeps

reminding me that having a serve like Sharapova's is a bit unrealistic.

6 Because my friends wouldn't recognize me without a visor and sunglasses on. Why do we look so different in street clothes?

5 Because my trophy collection isn't quite large enough. Aren't we always just one trophy short?

4 Because explaining my unusual tan is highly amusing: "Wow, your feet are so incredibly white compared to your legs!"

3 Because tennis lingo is a provocative set of terms understood only by your peers: A 'Bagel' isn't something you eat. And 'No Man's Land' isn't where Blackbeard hid his treasure.

2 Because nothing beats on-and-off-court drama. What could be better than watching two neighborhood rivals duke it out for bragging rights?

1 Because my competitive nature won't let me quit. The tennis court is still the No. 1 place I want to spend my free time, even if I'm on a losing streak.

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