a laid-back vibe, and some players have dubbed it the “Happy Slam” for the atmosphere and hospitality.

Tiley said crowd numbers and viewer showed the tournament hadn’t been overshadowed by the match-fixing reports.

“The best answer I can give to that is through the numbers,” Tiley said. “We are on track for a record crowd and our other exposure numbers across multiple platforms are also very strong.”

Leading tennis officials have said there was no new evidence in the reports published on day one of the Australian Open. Top players, including Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, all responded to questions about the topic after their opening matches.

All said there was no problem at the top level, but agreed the sport needed to react swiftly if it was a serious issue.

Just as the first wave of allegations was receding, a second wave crashed into the second week when a New York Times report cast doubt over a mixed doubles match at the tournament.

“It has been hard on the Australian Open, no question about it,” ATP chairman Chris Kermode noted this week as he announced the independent review of the operations of the sport’s Tennis Integrity Unit. “We need to address the perception, public confidence. We don’t have anything to hide at all.”

Tennis Integrity Board and Wimbledon chairman Philip Brook said while he didn’t think there was any new evidence of corruption, he acknowledged the reports had “changed the environment.”

Federer, who lost to Djokovic on Thursday in the semifinals, said after his opening-round victory that if any new claims of match-fixing were true, it would be “super serious.” But he said he’d heard “old names being dropped.”

“It’s like who? What? It’s like thrown around, it’s so easy to do that. I would love to hear names. Then at least it’s concrete stuff,” Federer said last week. “Was it a player? Was it support team? Who was it? Was it before? Was it a doubles player, was it singles player? Which slam? It’s so all over the place. It’s nonsense to answer something that is pure speculation.”

After the initial reports, lists of players appeared on blogs and speculation and innuendo dominated social media. Mainstream media weighed in.

“It’s important to point out that having lists, which are mainly compiled by suspicious betting patterns, do not mean corruption,” Kermode said.

Last Sunday, the New York Times named some names. The newspaper reported that a betting agency had stopped taking bets on a mixed doubles match a half-day before it was set to start at the Australian Open because of an unexpected betting plunge.

All players in the match rejected any suggestion of fixing. The winning team confirmed they’d been interviewed by the Tennis Integrity Unit.

Applications available for Zero Tolerance clinic

ST. THOMAS — Applications for the Zero Tolerance 2016 Skills Clinic for youths 6-9 years old are available by contacting Boyzie at 340-626-4420. Only 35 spots are available.

Alvin McBean East opening ceremonies set for Feb. 6

ST. THOMAS — The Alvin McBean East Little League is holding its annual paradise and opening day ceremony on Feb. 6.

The parade starts at 9 a.m. at Four Winds Plaza and ends at the Alvin McBean Sports Complex for the ceremony and the opening games.

For additional information, contact the AMELL president at 340-513-2728.

Agrifest track meet coming to St. Croix Central High

ST. CROIX — St. Croix Central is hosting its annual 5k Agricultural and Food Fair relay track meet on Feb. 13.

All events are open to males and females with open and masters age divisions.

The registration deadline is Feb. 11.

For more information, call Barry More Berley at 340-332-9508 or email bsberry@yahoo.com.

6-8 Pee wee baseball signups this weekend

ST. THOMAS — The Elrod Hendricks West Little League will host registration for its upcoming 6-8 Pee wee Instructional Baseball League on Saturday from 4 p.m. until 6 at Emilie Griffith Ballpark.

Please bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate. A $35 fee will be collected at a later date. Players must be 8 years old on May 1 to be eligible.

For more information, call Neville Ameo at 340-513-4343.

Project PACT 3-on-3 being pushed back a month

ST. THOMAS — A new 3-on-3 basketball league, Project PACT — Pulling All Communities Together, has been pushed back to next month by the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation.

League organizer Calvert White, an assistant commissioner for the department, said the St. Thomas-St. John league is now accepting teams from anywhere, regardless of where you live. The first eight teams can sign up and games will be played in different neighborhoods.

The league will have a coaches’ meeting at 5:30 p.m. today at the Crime Prevention Center in Anna’s Retreat and the league will begin on Feb. 20.

For more, call Kenneth Blake at 340-714-1528.

STAR hosting annual Jogger Jam on Sunday

ST. THOMAS — The St. Thomas-St. John’s Association of Roadrunners are hosting the Women’s Jogger Jam at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Fruit Bowl in Westley Center.

Then, STAR will conduct a 26.2-mile marathon on Feb. 1 for a group of cruise ship passengers.

The run will start about 7:30 a.m. Local runners are welcome to participate.

STAR is hoping to find volunteers to help with the run.

Close attention to the visiting runners will be necessary with water stops, sentries and lap counters.

To volunteer, please call Therese Hodge at 340-775-6373.

First Turnbull event coming next month to St. Thomas

ST. THOMAS — The first Cleva Grapo Turnbull President’s Day weekend showdown in Paradise is coming to St. Thomas.

The Feb. 11-15 event features teams from Colombia, Peru, Curacao, Aruba, St. Thomas and Puerto Rico.

Newton’s second basketball camp coming this summer

ST. THOMAS — Minnesota Timberswolves General Manager Mitt Newton has announced the dates for the second annual Emerald Gems Foundation Inc., basketball camp and coaching seminar.

The sessions are Aug. 1-6 and once again will be at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School on St. Thomas.

Tiny Bubbles offering free swimming and snorkeling

ST. THOMAS — Discover swimming and snorkeling with free lessons for adults and children.

Call Tiny Bubbles for Captain Joe for details, and to set up monthly sessions, at 340-777-6574.

St. Croix youth baseball league hosting registration

ST. CROIX — The Elmo Plaskett East Little League is holding registration for all ages from 1 p.m. until 3 on Saturday.

Parents should bring copies of the child’s birth paper, three proof of physical residence or school referrals, and $25 per child.

The league will begin in mid-February for the younger leagues.

Additionally, games for 13-15 and 16-18 divisions open Saturday and Sunday.

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Please include your contact information in the email.