# Jeff Salzenstein's



Success Log

**Tennis Backhand Solution** 

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## **Tennis Success Log Introduction**

Do you think it's really important to keep a daily or weekly tennis log? It's can be one of the most powerful activities you can do for yourself to ensure tennis success. Players who make the effort to record their daily and weekly progress ultimately improve at a faster rate.

You will have more success with the Slice Backhand Solution when you log your progress on a consistent basis. You do not have to record daily information forever, just in the beginning to kick start the program and to see what it will take for you to improve your slice backhand. However, tracking your daily and weekly progress can help you keep your laser like focus on your goals.

Consistent journaling will help you learn about your slice backhand and your tennis game. You will develop a better sense of what it will take to make positive changes.

You will discover what is working and what can change for the better.

When you get started with this program, it is important to log every practice session and all the drills performed. After going through the program for 6 weeks, you can take less notes if you feel you have developed solid habits and understand what is required daily to improve your slice backhand. After 6 weeks you will have a clear idea which drills and tips work best for your progress.

You might even get to the point where you stop journaling after several months because you have the program that works for you down pat. If you feel you might be struggling again with your slice backhand, feel free to go back and record your daily slice backhand practices to help you get back on track again.

This Slice Backhand Solution Log is comprised of 6 weeks. Feel free to print your log out and put in a binder. Take your log on the court with you to review if necessary.

The first few weeks are the most crucial time to write down your daily program. Do not skip this important time to evaluate your progress.

The Slice Backhand Solution gives you all the tools required to develop a great slice backhand. All you have to do is get focused on the key concepts you want to improve. Pay special attention to what is working and what is not working for you.

Use your log as a place to ask questions about challenges you may be having with your slice backhand. Often times, when you ask questions, the right answers will come to you. Through this powerful process, you will learn to become your own coach with the slice backhand Solution as your guide.

Eventually, the program will become second nature after solid, focused, and dedicated practice. You will have some good days and some not so good days. That is part of the learning process so stick with it, and stay positive.

Each log sheet should be dated and include the desired information specified.

Focusing your attention on each aspect detailed in the log sheets will help you track your improvement. You will discover what works and what doesn't work for you after you get in the groove.

Enjoy the going through the 6 week Success Log. I am really looking forward to hearing about your progress.

## Sample Slice Backhand Solution Log

Date: 2/10/13

#### 3 Things I Love About My Slice Backhand

- **1**. I love that my slice backhand is a weapon.
- 2. I love that I can keep the ball low hit with my slice backhand.
- 3. I love that opponents have to deal with my slice backhand.

#### 3 Things I Want To Improve With My Slice Backhand

- 1. I want to be able to hit short angle slice backhands like Roger Federer.
- 2. I want to be able to hit my slice backhand approach with more accuracy.
- 3. I want to be able to hit my slice better on the run.

#### 3 Positive Slice Backhand Affirmations

- 1. I love my slice backhand, because I always make it skid and stay low.
- 2. I love that that I have a great slice backhand because I can hit it wherever I want.
- 3. I am so excited I that I have a world-class slice backhand that frustrates my opponents
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## Sample Weekly Tennis Log

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Date	Day	Time	Ball Tossing	Ball Machine	Live Ball	Set/Match	Hitting Partner	Notes
16-Nov	Monday AM	9:00 AM	Yes – 20 min	No	Yes – 1 hr	No	Jonathan	more slb going in net
	Monday PM	3:00 PM	No	No	No	Yes	Jonathan	6-4, 3-6, 2 sb didn't feel right
17-Nov	Tuesday AM	10	No	Yes	No	No		practiced high finish
	Tuesday PM	2	No	No	Yes – 30 min	Yes – 1 set	James	sb better – held finish
18-Nov	Wednesday AM	OFF						
	Wednesday PM	OFF						did shadow strokes – 20 min
19-Nov	Thursday AM	11	No	No	Yes – 30 min	Yes	Michael	sb felt good, stayed low
	Thursday PM	2	Yes – 30 min	No	Yes – 1 hr	No	James	Running sb not as good
20-Nov	Friday AM	10	Yes – 15 min	No	Yes – 1 hr	No	Jonathan	sb flying long a bit
	Friday PM	OFF						
21-Nov	Saturday AM	10	No	No	No	Yes	Michael	practiced holding the finish
	Saturday PM	2	No	Yes	No	No		practiced holding the finish
22-Nov	Sunday AM	10	Yes – 20 min		Yes		Mic	sb skidding well
	Sunday PM							

**Notes For Today**: I played well today. I practiced my slice backhand on the ball machine. I worked on stepping in and holding the finish. It worked really well. The only time I missed was when I did not have a good target or when I looked up to soon to see where the ball went. I did a great job of keeping my head at contact once I noticed I was peeking too much.

My Biggest Accomplishment Today: I am so excited that I really focused on holding the finish on every slice backhand. Even when I wanted to win the point I was playing against my opponent, I stayed with the simple cue of holding the finish. Usually I get distracted and want to win the point and stop holding the finish the hands but not today.

**What I Learned Today**: If I hold the finish and have a clear target my slice backhand is amazing. It is really that easy when I stay committed to the task and avoid all the other distractions that comes up on court.

#### Week In Review

#### My biggest accomplishments this week (best practice day and why).

My biggest accomplishment this week was winning a set, and being in position to win against a very good player named David. I proved to myself that I am better than these guys, and that I can beat them.

#### What I learned this week.

I learned that I need to hold the finish more on my slice backhand, especially when I get nervous. I really need to work on holding the finish in tiebreakers.

#### Challenges I encountered this week.

My challenges were that my slice backhand was flying long, and I could not always figure out how to fix it.

#### Action steps I will take next week.

I will continue to practice my slice backhand, focusing on proper technique, especially holding the finish the hand. I will play practice matches, and work on things that I practiced during lessons. I will work on playing more crosscourt with my slice backhand.

### My goals for next week.

My goals for next week are to hold the finish on every slice backhand, and to be aware of how long I do this.

## Practice partners lined up for next week.

Jimmy Jeff Joey

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# Week 1 Tennis Log

Date	Day	Time	Ball Tossing	Ball Machine	Live Ball	Set/Match	Hitting Partner	Notes
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# Week 2 Tennis Log

Date	Day	Time	Ball Tossing	Ball Machine	Live Ball	Set/Match	Hitting Partner	Notes
	Monday AM							
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Notes For Today:

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## Week 3 Tennis Log

Date	Day	Time	Ball Tossing	Ball Machine	Live Ball	Set/Match	Hitting Partner	Notes
	Monday AM							
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Notes For Today:		
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# Week 4 Tennis Log

Date	Day	Time	Ball Tossing	Ball Machine	Live Ball	Set/Match	Hitting Partner	Notes
	Monday AM							
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Practice partners lined up for next week.

# Week 5 Tennis Log

Date	Day	Time	Ball Tossing	Ball Machine	Live Ball	Set/Match	Hitting Partner	Notes
	Monday AM							
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	Sunday PM							

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What I Learned Today:

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Week In Review
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Practice partners lined up for next week.

## Week 6 Tennis Log

Date	Day	Time	Ball Tossing	Ball Machine	Live Ball	Set/Match	Hitting Partner	Notes
	Monday AM							
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My Biggest Accomplishment Today:

What I Learned Today

Week In Review
My biggest accomplishments this week (best practice day and why).
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# **Slice Backhand Solution Log Update**

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