

Yea for the Leis!



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Ilie Nastase signs with Hawaii Leis

Ilie Nastase, the current Grand Prix World Champion, signed a one-year contract with the Hawaii Leis of World Team Tennis in Stockholm during the Masters Grand Prix tournament in mid-December. Nastase, in a special inter-continental phone interview to the Leis' office had the following to say:

About the Avis Challenge Cup: "I think it great for me because will give credit to Hawaii and hope the crowds will be for me. I be a bad boy, but you know I never been to Hawaii and I am looking forward to be there."

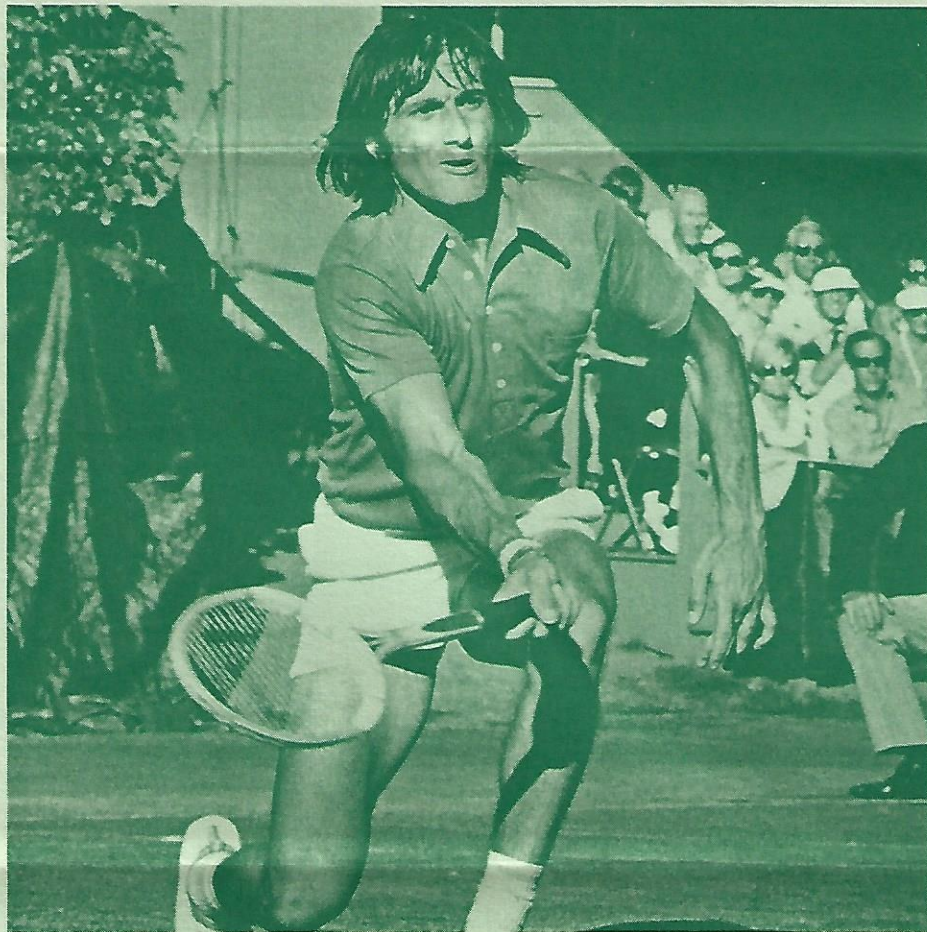
About World Team Tennis: "I've never seen a team tennis match, but for me, I know that the team tennis is nice. If I like it, then maybe I play again next year."

On whom will be joining him in Hawaii: "I plan on bringing my daughter, my wife, my everybody — my mother-in-law, because I can't play without my mother-in-law."

Obviously in a light hearted spirit, the colorful Ilie had a good laugh when he took a jab at Jimmy Connors by insisting that he couldn't play without his "mother-in-law!!"

1975 had to be a year of total contradictions for the flamboyant Romanian star. After a so-so early spring, Nastase seemed to be hitting stride by reaching the finals of the Canadian Open only to lose badly in a one-sided fiasco to Orantes that was branded as the best "tank job of the year" by experts around the tennis world — the match not only cost Ilie the title, but a tidy \$8,000 fine from the Men's International Pro Tennis Counsel, the new group administering pro tennis internationally.

The incident didn't seem to slow down the up and down personality of this enigmatic tennis star. He arrived in Stockholm for the granddaddy of all events year long — the Commercial Union



Masters.

Round one found Ilie up to his old tricks, only this time against an old nemesis and currently the world's number one — Arthur Ashe. Arthur promptly proceeded to walk off the court insisting that it was impossible to play serious tennis against the clowning Nastase. After much discussion and world-wide publicity, Arthur was awarded the match. This finally was the turning point of the long year for Ilie. Putting all "head problems" aside and, after sending Arthur some "make-up" roses, Ilie turned his excessive talent to proper use and proceeded to straight set victories over the two wonder youths, Vilas of Argentina and Borg of Sweden. Many spectators

said it was the greatest six-set display of pure tennis talent ever seen in big time tennis. An intimate friend of Nastase revealed that Ilie finally decided he would play pure concentration tennis and let the chips fall where they may. Obviously the formula worked!

Ilie brings to the Leis and World Team Tennis the most exciting personality to appear on the tennis scene since Pancho Gonzales was awing fans with his big game in the mid-fifties and early sixties.

If Nastase follows true to form, Hawaii Leis' fans are in for 22 thrilling home matches at the HIC, where each moment arrives when the colorful Romanian takes to the court, anything could happen.

Helen Gourlay visits Islands for 16 hour stopover



Flying in on Qantas from Hobart, Tasmania, Helen Gourlay, the sweetest and best looking of the four signed Hawaii Leis players, made a brief stopover at home base before continuing on to the first stop of the Virginia Slims' tour in Houston, Texas. After brief meetings with her manager, Bill Schoen, and General Manager of the Hawaii Leis, Barry MacKay, Helen took the General Manager to task by having a "hit" on the Yacht Harbor Court at the Ilikai.

MacKay reported, after catching his breath and a coke, that Helen seemed very fit and eager to pull off some key wins on the "Slims" tour. Helen is already off to a great start in 1976 having won the Australian doubles championship with Evonne Goolagong.

Upon departure, Helen said she was really looking forward to the entire Hawaii Leis' season and that she plans to report fit and ready for playing to coach Butch Buchholz in late April.

Hawaii Leis Properties sign clothing contract

The Hawaii Leis announced recently that they have concluded an arrangement with Hele Mai of Honolulu, the foremost T-shirt distributor in the Islands.

Under terms of the agreement, Hele Mai will be the exclusive distributor for Hawaii Leis Properties, a subsidiary of Hawaii Leis Team Tennis, Ltd. A variety of items are expected to start appearing in various retail stores throughout the area, such as T-shirts for girls and boys, headbands, sweatlets, sweat shirts, etc., all encompassing a Hawaii Leis Team Tennis theme.

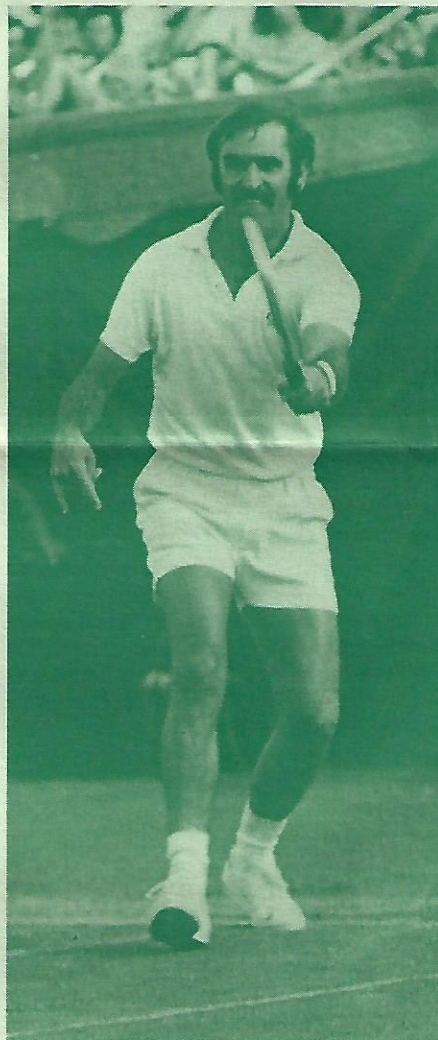
Davidson plays well in Dallas

Dick Stocton and Rosie Casals won this year's \$80,000 World Invitational Mixed Doubles Championship held in Dallas the first week in January. Stocton and Casals, who is a player on the Los Angeles Strings, defeated England's two-some of Mark Cox and Virginia Wade in the finals to win the \$25,000 first prize money.

Among the featured players in this year's tournament was the Hawaii Leis own Owen Davidson. Davidson, a past winner of this event, teamed with Betty Stove of the Netherlands. Betty plays for the Golden Gaters of World Team Tennis. Davidson, along with Billie Jean King, won the inaugural of this doubles tournament two years ago. Mrs. King decided not to play this year forcing Davidson to team with Stove. Stove last year teamed with Dick Stocton to win the Dallas Championship.

Davidson and Stove were defeated on the first day of the five day tournament by Australian Roy Emerson and Carrie Meyer of Indianapolis 6-4, 6-2. But Davidson and Stove came back to win in the first round of the consolation by defeating Lesley Hunt and John Alexander 7-5, 6-4. Ms. Hunt plays for the San Diego Friars of World Team Tennis. On the final day of the tournament, Davidson and Stove played the finals of the consolation round against Andrew Pattison and Francoise Durr of the Phoenix Racquets. The Durr-Pattison duo proved to be the better winning in two sets 6-2, 7-6.

Davidson, commenting about his



losses in the tournament, said, "Part of the problem was playing with Betty Stove for the first time. We weren't familiar with each other's game, and this caused problems, especially in the first match against Emerson and Meyer." Calling Stove a big hitter, Davidson said, "Stove and Francoise Durr is probably the third best women's doubles team in the world." The team of Billie Jean King and Rosie Casals is considered the best women's team with Evonne Goolagong and Margaret Court considered the second best.

Davidson felt that he played very well in the Dallas tournament having not lost his serve in three matches, but said, "the lack of familiarity with Stove and her inconsistency in play" caused their two losses in the tournament. Davidson and Stove received \$3,000 each for 4th place finish.

Davidson said he has no plans to compete in any more mainland tournaments this year prior to the start of the World Team Tennis season May 1st. The Hawaii Leis open on the road May 1st in New York against Billie Jean King and the Sets. The Leis will hold a training camp a week prior to the opening game somewhere on the mainland. In the meantime, Davidson will continue to tend to his duties as the Resident Professional and manager of Wailea Tennis Resort on Maui. With Davidson and newly acquired Ilie Nastase forming our feature men's doubles team, this combination could become the premier duo in World Team Tennis this year. Let's hope so!

Leis extend reduced full pre-season ticket rates to January 31

With almost 1,000 season tickets already sold, the Hawaii Leis have announced that unprecedented support of the local world tennis team has prompted extension of the pre-season reduced rates for the full 22 home games to January 31, 1976, according to the Leis' Ticket Sales Manager. The tickets are being sold in three categories: \$6.50, \$5.50 and \$4.50 seats with the special full season rates for the 22 games being \$104.00, \$88.00 and \$72.00 respectively. In essence, this is 6 games FREE. On February 1, 1976, prices on all season tickets will be increased.

The air conditioned HIC is set up to handle nearly 8,000 fans with all seats in the house, from the floor to the top of the balcony, being good ones offering each fan an unobstructed view of the playing court.

Although over half of the baseline seats have been snapped up by Hawaii Leis' fans who took advantage of the early pre-season discount at the kickoff of the sales program in mid-November, there are still choice seats left for the 22 game season. One area which fans seemingly are forgetting is the Loge. This section of the HIC is composed of only two rows and completely encircles the tennis court giving the fan a vantage point that can be compared to the same

view that he would receive if watching the matches on a television set where one can see all of the action on both sides of the court. These Loge seats are \$104.00 each for the full 22 games — a savings of \$39.00. With purchase of these Loge seats, you receive a "Hawaii Leis Card" which admits the ticket holder to the "Hawaii Leis Room" after each game giving him the opportunity to meet the visiting team members such as Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, and Tom Okker, as well as the Leis' Ilie Nastase and the rest of the outstanding Leis team. Complimentary champagne and pupus will be served all "Hawaii Leis Card-holders" after the games in this room.

Also, in the \$6.50 seat category, there are still choice courtside seats available. Purchase of these seats also entitles the fan to "Hawaii Leis Card" privileges.

As mentioned above, the HIC is constructed in such a manner that all 7,400 seats are good ones. The Leis are offering the seats just behind the Loge, rows C through K, at a rate of \$5.50 per seat which is \$88.00 for the full 22 games on the pre-season reduced rate ticket plan. Rows L through Q in this same section are going for \$4.50 per seat which is \$72.00 for the full 22 games on the reduced rate plan.

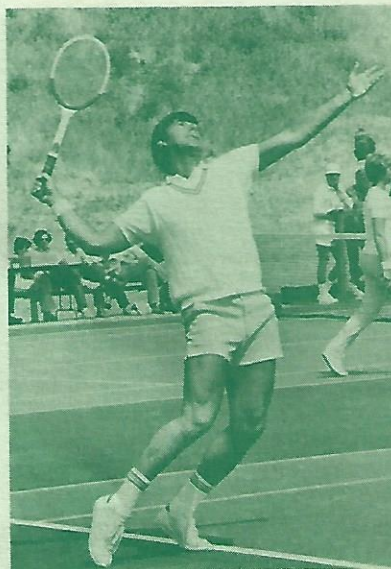
The Leis began their pre-season ticket sales program with an exhibition match at the Ilikai Hotel with Owen Davidson, Butch Buchholz, Barry MacKay and Gil Rodriguez. After the matches between the stars, a "Mini" world team tennis match was held with members of the Honolulu press corps and news media participating. Following the exhibition, a cocktail party was held in the Pacific Ballroom of the Ilikai Hotel and the season ticket sale was on. Over 400 fans signed up that first day. Since then, ticket sales have been booming.

This enthusiastic support of the Hawaii Leis World Team Tennis has prompted the extension of the reduced rate for season tickets until January 31. If you have already taken advantage of this special pre-season rate, be sure to advise your friends and neighbors of the extended low rate date. Telephone the Hawaii Leis office — 941-0948 — or complete the application on the back page of this newsletter, because we guarantee you the most exciting year of team tennis ever.

Special 22 game season ticket group rates are also being made available to corporations and other entities. Call the Leis office for details.

Buchholz signs with Sports Illustrated

Butch Buchholz, Player Coach of the Hawaii Leis, was named Tennis Director of *Sports Illustrated*, RockResorts complexes, today, which range from the well known Mauna Kea on the big island to the Dorado Beach Hotel in Puerto Rico. Buchholz, as Tennis Director, will coordinate all teaching aspects at each resort as well as direct all pro-shop activities. Obviously, Butch was pleased with the Mauna Kea association as he will be spending a considerable amount of time in Hawaii as Player Coach of the Hawaii Leis during May and July of 1976. The other resorts in the Sports Illustrated group are: Cerromar, Puerto Rico; Little Dix, Virgin Islands; Caneel Bay, St. John, Virgin Islands; and Woodstock, New Hampshire.



Nastase arrives in Honolulu for Avis Cup

Popular Ilie Nastase, newest member of the Hawaii Leis team, is due into Honolulu early in the week of February 2nd to tune up for the first match in the Avis Cup against John Alexander of Australia, scheduled for Keahou-Kona on February 8th. The fiery Romanian will be staying at the Home of the Hawaii Leis, the Ilikai Hotel, while in Honolulu, and will no doubt be doing some practicing at the Ilikai tennis courts during his stay.

Nastase will be returning two more times to Hawaii for Avis Cup matches before gearing up for the Hawaii Leis' home opener on May 17 against San Diego. The other two matches are Nastase vs Rosewall on February 29th and Nastase vs Laver on April 18th, both to be played at Kona.



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May 18	San Diego	July 19	Pittsburgh
May 20	Boston	July 20	Pittsburgh
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May 22	New York	July 22	Indiana
May 24	Cleveland	July 26	Boston
May 26	Golden Gaters	July 27	Phoenix
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