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Last month we reported the Evert trade to Phoenix for the negotiating rights to **Francoise Durr**. Chris Evert has signed with Phoenix and the Gaters will be meeting with Francoise in January to discuss contract terms. Frankie's Dec. 29th marriage to Boyd Browning has kept her thoughts from contract negotiations.

Other big news is the signing of **Ilie Nastase** by the Hawaii Leis...the raucous Rumanian is scheduled to make three appearances with the Leis against your Gaters in 1976. Add three **Chris Evert** appearances with Phoenix, two **B.J. King** visits with New York and two meetings with the **Navratilova-Reissen** Cleveland Nets. Of all WTT's great '76 teams the Gaters anxiously await the return of the World Champion Pittsburgh team, whose 'triangle' of **Goolagong**, **Cox** and **Gerulaitis** edged us out of the WTT title.

**Gater Draft** picks followed the plan of general manager Jerry Diamond and team owner Dave Peterson. **Marcie Louie**, Mima Jausovec and Sharon Walsh will be striving for a team spot against **Ann Kiyomura**. **Jeff Borowiak** is the insurance the Gaters wanted for either **Tom Okker** or **Frew McMillan**. The Berkeley player wants to play first line...if Tom and Frew stay healthy during the winter months Jeff might be dealt to another West Coast team.

WTT President Larry King and Indiana Love's owner Bill Bereman spent Christmas in Moscow and arranged for one Russian and one American WTT match to be staged this Spring with our American WTT All-Stars playing a Russian All-Star team. The Loves are also interested in signing **Olga Morozova** to a 1976 pact. Success would certainly make the Indiana team a strong contender in the League.

The Gaters will officially open their season Saturday night, May 1st, at the Oakland Coliseum Arena with the Los Angeles Strings. The full 1976 schedule will be published in our next newsletter.

**Hot Prospects:** Boston is eyeing **Stan Smith** for the new season. The former number one U.S. star has indicated he will play team tennis this coming year. With Nastase signed by Hawaii, Los Angeles has the right to discuss contract terms with **John Newcombe**. If the Strings are successful, they would have a potent one-two punch of **Newcombe** and **Rosie Casals**.

Thank you **Season Ticket Holders**. Almost every season ticket holder in 1975 re-ordered in 1976. Many new Gater fans came on board as season ticket holders and with sales already surpassing last year's, indications are strong that the Golden Circle and Courtside seats will be at a premium. We are beginning to assign seats for the coming season. If you wish to have friends join you as season ticket holders we have enclosed additional season ticket applications for your use.

The organizational meeting of the 1st **Gater Booster Club** was a rousing success, thanks to the efforts of Marv Silva and Eleanor Davidson. Due to limited space, some people who wished to attend had to be turned away. A WTT highlight film produced by the Phoenix Club was shown to 112 enthusiastic boosters. A good time was had by all. Information about "Tri-Valley Booster Club" can be obtained by contacting Marv Silva at 846-3203.

The Gaters announced a **Season-Ticket-Holder-Party** to be held at the Civic Auditorium on March 1st during the **Virginia Slims** of San Francisco Tennis Tournament. Season ticket holders may obtain free tickets to the tournament for the night of the party. Also, through an arrangement with the organizers of the tournament the Gaters have arranged for our season ticket holders to order tickets to the other sessions of the tournament in advance of sale to the general public. This is an excellent opportunity to insure seats for the semi's and final's which have been sold-out in the past.

The Gaters also announced a **Bonus Ticket Plan for all season ticket holders**. Each season ticket purchaser will be entitled to receive five reserved loge tickets to selected matches of their choice. Gater fans can now invite their friends to share in the fun and excitement of Gater action. The home matches to which this offer will apply will be announced in the next Gazette.

The Golden Gaters are proud to endorse **Tennis Squaw Valley U.S.A.**, a co-ed junior tennis camp run at the Olympic Village in Squaw Valley from June through August. The camp uses the Van der Meer Teaching Method and its directors, Bill Smith and Roger Chaney, have been trained by **Dennis Van der Meer**, the world's most renowned tennis teacher. Camp scholarships will be awarded at special Gater home dates and all campers will receive free Gaters tickets. For detailed information on the camp, write to Charles Hoeveler, U.S. Sports Development, Suite 2614, One Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111.