

# Borg, Nastase at Olympia

Four of the world's highest ranked tennis stars, including Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion Bjorn Borg and the Nastase, Wimbledon runner-up, will compete in the \$40,000 Obitone Tennis Classic at Olympia Stadium, Nov. 3 and 4.

The tournament will benefit the Junior Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, a principal supporter of the orchestra.

Also competing in the two-day event will be Rod Laver, four-time world champion, and Vitas Gerulaitis, the young American star who eliminated defending champion Arthur Ashe at Wimbledon before losing a tough, four-set match to Raul Ramirez in the quarter finals.

The four net stars will compete for

\$30,000 first prize money in the singles championship. Only Wimbledon and U.S. Open at Forest Hills offer more prize money to a singles champion, and each requires almost two weeks of grueling competition.

Winners of the two singles matches on the first night of the tournament will square off in the championship final the second night, while the two losers will face each other in a consolation match. A doubles match will complete the second night's play.

Parings for both the singles and doubles events will be announced later.

First night's singles matches and the championship final the following night will be for the best two of three sets. The singles consolation winner on the second night of the tournament will be decided in one pro set, followed by the doubles championship which will go to the winner of two of three sets.

Twelve point pro breakers will be used in all but the consolation match in the event a set goes to six all, although the winner must have a two-point edge to end the set.

Prize money for the singles championship will be broken down as follows: \$30,000 for the winner, \$10,000 for the runner-up, \$4,000 for third place and \$3,000 for fourth. The doubles championship team will be awarded \$2,000 while \$1,000 will go to the runner-up.

The 36-year-old Borg, who breezed to the Wimbledon championship without losing a single set, is considered the game's brightest young star. His blond good looks made him the favorite of female galleries around the world while he captured some of the world's most coveted championships. At 17 he earned top ranking in his own country when he won the Swedish Open in 1973. In 1974, he was winner of both the Italian and French Open championships, then led his Swedish team to the Davis Cup title in 1975.

For Borg, 1976 has been a banner year. In addition to his victory at Wimbledon, the world's most prestigious tournament, he took the critical world championship by winning the WCT title at Dallas in May. Nastase, the "Mad Romanian," has won virtually every title the tennis world

has to offer, other than Wimbledon. His titles include the U.S. Open championship at Forest Hills in 1973, the French, Italian and Spanish Open championships in 1973, the Spanish Open championship in 1974, the Commercial Union Grand Master, Grand Prix championship of the world in 1973, as well as 1972, 1973 and 1974.

For Nastase, 1976 has been a good year, too, except for his defeat by Borg in the final at Wimbledon. He beat Jimmy Conn to take the U.S. Professional Indoor title, and later edged the U.S. star in the final of the Independent Professional Association tournament. He then swept past Borg in the semi-finals and Arthur Ashe in the final, to win the Avus Cup Challenge event.

Rod Laver, considered by many observers to be the greatest tennis player of all time, has competed only sporadically in 1976 world tennis events, but he is the only player in tennis history to complete the Grand Slam twice, winning titles in the same year in the four major championships of the world, Australia, France, Wimbledon and Forest Hills.

But the red-headed southpaw reminds one of the most feared competitors on the courts. Gerulaitis, who at 21 has achieved world recognition with his victory over Arthur Ashe and advancement to the quarter-finals at Wimbledon this year, is ranked number four in the U.S. He was voted by Tennis Magazine as "the most improved player in the world," proceeding to prove it with his showing at Wimbledon and by advancing to the championship final in four tournaments on the WCT circuit this year. The youthful, New Yorker has claimed two victories over Nastase and one over Ken Rosewall in the 1976 WCT competition.

Charles L. Utzler, Olson, president and owner of Obitone Corporation, which will underwrite and sponsor the tournament, said, "Obitone is very proud to be associated with a sports event of this stature, and very pleased that such a worthy cultural organization as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra can benefit from our sponsorship."

## Warrant is issued for Elsmann

A bench warrant has been issued for Jim Elsmann, Birmingham lawyer who is running for the U.S. Senate, for violation of Troy's sign ordinance.

Elsmann has been issued more than 30 citations for a political sign which is posted illegally in Troy, said Fred Stanley, director of buildings and inspection. After the citations failed to bring down the sign, a warrant was issued through Troy Municipal Court for Elsmann.

Stanley said the sign is posted on a private fence along northbound I-75's Big Beaver exit. He said he would accept a court date in September after the primary election, said Stanley.

Elsmann, who could not be reached for comment Tuesday, is seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Sen. Philip Hart.

"I wouldn't want that guy representing me," said Troy Councilman Peter Taucher after Stanley reported the violation.

"It's time for phantoms to strike with his chain saw," joked City Manager Frank Gerstenecker. Stanley said Troy ordinances prohibit non-accessible signs except on industrial property. The ordinance equates political signs with billboards which are banned. The only signs which are permitted are on industrial property.



## Authoritative source

Appearing at the Raven Gallery in Southfield through August 8 will be "The World's Foremost Authority," Professor Irwin Corey. The entertainer and double-talk artist has, since his 1943 creation of his Professor character, appeared in films, Broadway shows, television and night club acts.

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