



CELEBRITY TENNIS
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Ilie Nastase

- One of the most gifted players of all time, Ilie was the first player to be ranked number one on the ATP computer on 23 August 1973.
- Always controversial and a delight to watch, there is no-one more entertaining in our game.
- In 1973 he won the French Open
- Năstase's greatest victory was arguably his 6-3, 3-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 against Arthur Ashe in the '72 U.S. Open final.
- Earlier that season, he was the runner-up at Wimbledon after a classic a five set final against Stan Smith, which he lost 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 (netting a high backhand volley at match point).
- He was a losing finalist again in 1976 against Björn Borg.
- In all, he won 57 singles and 51 doubles titles in the Open era.
- At Wimbledon he won the doubles in 1973, the French Open in 1970 and the US Open in 1975.
- In Grand Slam tournaments, Nastase dissipated his energy with parallel matches, playing singles, doubles and mixed. His strength as tennis player was proved especially in the Masters. He won the Masters tournament four times. (Tennis Masters Cup) in 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1975. Only Pete Sampras and Ivan Lendl have a better performance with five titles each.
- His Davis Cup record of 110 wins and 35 losses in 51 ties is the second best of all time and includes leading his country, Romania, to the finals in 1971 and 1972.
- Now President of the Romanian Tennis Federation, Ilie spends much of his time traveling and promoting the game via personal appearances.

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