

**Former Women's Tour Player Nadine Netter
Named Inductee to USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Fame, Class of 2018**

New York, N.Y., April 28, 2018 – Nadine Netter, who played tennis on the tour alongside many international tennis greats including Margaret Court, Maria Bueno and Virginia Wade, is being inducted into USTA Eastern's Hall of Fame on April 28th, 2018 at the historic New York Athletic Club in Manhattan. Proceeds from the evening's Hall of Fame induction event will benefit the Junior Tennis Foundation (JTF), which provides grants and scholarships for junior and adaptive players, as well as national junior tennis and learning (NJTL) organizations throughout the Eastern section. More than \$2 million has been granted to worthy programs and scholarships to junior tennis players since its founding in 1979. JTF's generosity affords opportunities for children to attend tennis camps, sectional and national competitions, and educational workshops at the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan.

"Nadine embodies a passion for tennis that is unmatched," says Jenny Schnitzer, Executive Director of USTA Eastern. "Her contributions to the tennis community in the Eastern Section, long after she retired from the tour, are a true testament to who she is. She has given back to her community by organizing senior tennis events and is also the Co-Captain of the Addie Cup for our section. She is an avid supporter of the Eastern section and we are delighted about her Hall of Fame Induction."

Currently residing in Palm Beach, Florida, Netter's passion for tennis and sentimentality for the Eastern section has made her a cherished member of the USTA Eastern community. "Eastern tennis has been a large part of my entire life as I grew up playing Eastern girls' tournaments," Nadine explained. "I enjoy my tennis in Florida, but Eastern is always where my heart will be as I still play with partners and teammates who have been my friends for decades."

Born in New York City and raised in Scarsdale, New York, Nadine's tennis journey began when her father had her accompany him to his hitting sessions at Beach Point Club in Mamaroneck, saving the last five minutes of his court time for her to hit with his pro. Before long, Nadine's tennis talent could no longer be ignored, developing a dominating serve that became one of her signature strengths. Winning her first local 13-and-under tournament at 11 years-old marked the beginning of her extraordinary run as a junior player. In 1958, she won the consolation draw in her first national tournament at age 13, and made it to the semifinals the following year, where she was defeated by Victoria Palmer. To this day, Nadine says that Palmer was one of the best players she had ever encountered. Nadine gained a ranking of 4th in the nation in the 15-and-under age group and subsequently continued to dominate in 18-and-under tournaments before entering college.

As a freshman at Wellesley in the fall of 1962, Nadine entered the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships held at the West Side Tennis Club and won the title. Shortly after her win, she was pulled out of class because a photographer had come to photograph her for the "Faces of the Crowd" Column in Sports Illustrated magazine. "You don't get pulled out of class unless it's important!" Nadine jokes. She had no idea the famed sports publication was considering her for this honor, and Nadine was thrilled when her picture appeared in the October, 1962 Sports Illustrated issue, which happened to arrive at her house on October 26th, which is also Nadine's birthday.



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Nadine entered the National Collegiate Tennis Championships (today's NCAAs) during her junior year at Wellesley and beat the #1 seed on the way to the finals. After this monumental event, Nadine became the #2 collegiate female player in the country.

Through her remarkable tennis career, Nadine competed in the most distinguished tennis events in the world such as the Monte Carlo and the French, German and Italian Opens. In 1967, Nadine lost in the final round of qualifying of Wimbledon to Sue Barker. But Nadine's run did not halt there; she became a "lucky loser," chosen to participate in the "The Plate," a tournament for players who were defeated in early rounds of competition. Nadine drew eventual 1968 Wimbledon Champion, Virginia Wade, in this 1967 consolation round. While she lost that match to Wade subsequently they became occasional hitting partners. In 1968, her most ambitious hope became a reality when she qualified for the main draw of England's famed grand slam. "It was my ultimate dream to play at Wimbledon!" Nadine said. Later that summer, she also played in the U.S. Open Championships.

More than a decade later, a 35-year-old Nadine qualified for the 1982 US Open Seniors event (today's US Open Championship Invitational), where she played the grand dame of American women's tennis, Billie Jean King, in the first round of the tournament. Nadine continued for many years to be a formidable tennis competitor; reaching a career high ranking of #1 in doubles in the 45's age division.

In addition to a long tennis career, Nadine holds a Master's Degree in International Affairs from Columbia University. She also worked at the United Nations office in Geneva, Switzerland doing research for the UN Commission for Trade and Development, and later in New York City, in the Secretary General's office.

Nadine continues to be active in the tennis community, having organized tournaments for senior women, captaining the Eastern Intersectional 65s Team, and is currently serving as the co-captain for the USTA Eastern Section Addie Cup team. In recent years, one of Nadine's most treasured moments came in in 2016, when she was inducted into her alma mater's, Wellesley College, Athletics Hall of Fame. When asked about her 2018 induction into the USTA Eastern Hall of Fame, Nadine could not contain her excitement. "My induction into Eastern' Hall of Fame is a thrilling recognition of my years in tennis from the section I will always call home."

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The USTA Eastern Section, based in White Plains, N.Y., is a not-for-profit community service organization whose mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis. The section encompasses all of New York State, Northern New Jersey and Greenwich, Conn. It is one of 17 geographic sections of the United States Tennis Association, the governing body of tennis in the United States, and supports more than 49,000 members. The section also establishes and maintains rules of fair play, high standards of sportsmanship and represents, in its jurisdiction, the programs and policies of the USTA. More information about the USTA Eastern Section is available by visiting: www.usta.com/Eastern

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