

My favorite sportsman

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A photograph of Alexander Ovechkin in a red Washington Capitals jersey, holding a hockey stick. The background is dark blue with a faint eagle logo. The text 'OVECHKIN' is overlaid in large white letters, and 'BY NICK CATONA' is below it. At the bottom, 'alexander ovechkin' is written in blue 3D-style font.

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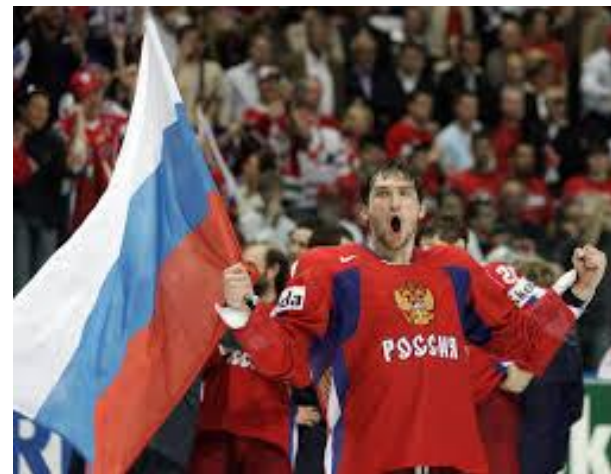
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Alex Ovechkin was born on September 17, 1985. He is the son of Mikhail Ovechkin, a former professional soccer player and Tatyana Ovechkin, who won 2 Olympic gold medals with the Russian womens basketball team. The first sign of Alex's future in hockey came when he was 2 years old in a toy store in Moscow when he picked up a toy hockey stick and wouldn't let it go. Sergei, Ovechkin's older brother, had initially introduced him to hockey, and Alex moved into a hockey school at the age of 8. Sergei later died in a car accident when Alex was 10. A childhood friend of Alex's claims that this is one of the reasons Ovechkin is so passionate on the ice. Alex also has another older brother named Mikhail.



- Alex was the youngest player in the 2004 World Cup. He played for team Russia at the 2006 Olympics. He scored five goals in eight games. Alex was the only player named to the Olympic All-Tournament team whose country did not win a medal.
- Alex was the first rookie since Teemu Selanne to be named a First-Team NHL All-Star



- - Alex got drafted in 2004 1st round, 1st overall by the Washington Capitals in 2004.
 - Played his first NHL game in 2006.
 - Won the Calder Memorial Trophy in 2006 as rookie of the year
 - In the 2007/08 NHL season Alex won the Rocket Richard and Art Ross Trophies.
 - In the same season he won the Lester B. Pearson Award as top player voted by the NHL.
 - In that same season Alex won the Hart Memorial Trophy as the league's MVP.
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Awards & Achievements

- Hart Memorial Trophy (MVP): 2008, 2009, 2013
- Lester B. Pearson Award/ Ted Lindsay Award (Most Outstanding Player): 2008, 2009, 2010
- Art Ross Trophy (Scoring Leader): 2008 (112 points)
- Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy (Most Goals): 2008 (65 goals), 2009 (56 goals), 2013 (32 goals, lockout shortened)
- Kharlamov Trophy: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010-Calder Memorial Trophy (NHL Rookie of the Year): 2006
- NHL Player of the Year: 2008, 2009
- NHL Player of the Year: 2013
- Wayne Gretzky Award (Most Valuable Player): 2013
- Led the NHL in goals per game & points per game for 3 straight seasons (2007-08, 2008-09 & 2009-10)
- Only player in NHL history to be named to the NHL First All-Star Team in each of his first five seasons
- Only the 8th NHL player in history to win the Hart Trophy at least 3 times