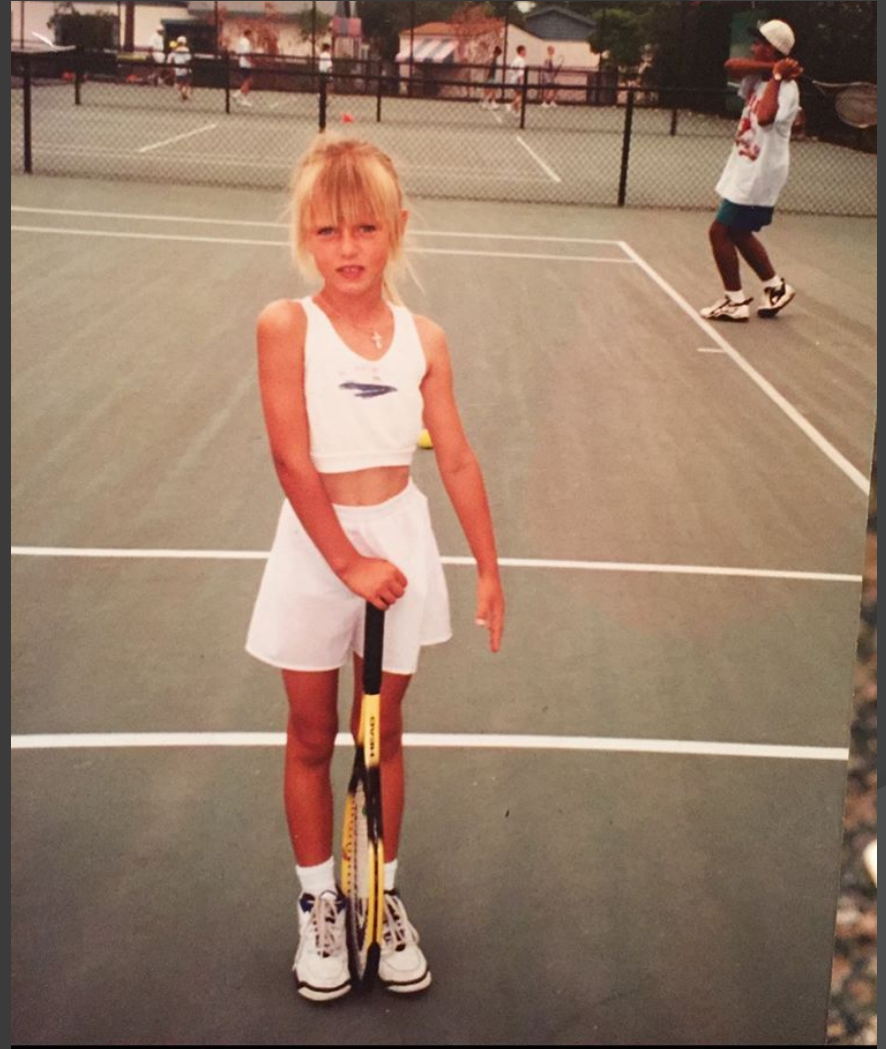


# MARIA SHARAPOVA

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Maria Sharapova started playing tennis at the age of 4, by which time her family was already living in Sochi.

At the age of 6, Sharapova had a chance to play with Martina Navratilova when she gave a demonstration tennis lesson in Moscow.



Maria Sharapova as a child

Maria Sharapova trained with Rick Macchi at his Academy. IMG then invited Maria Sharapova to cooperate, to which the company agreed.



Maria Sharapova first competed in November 2000, when she won the Eddie Herr International Junior Tennis Championships for girls aged 16, when Sharapova was only 13 years old at the time, for which she was awarded a special Rising Star Award, which is given to the most promising tennis players.



Rising Star Award

In May, at Roland Garros, the Russian reached the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam for the first time.

In 2004, Maria won her first Grand Slam. At the age of 17.



Maria Sharapova with a Grand Slam award



Sharapova has lived in the United States since she was seven years old, but retains Russian citizenship, which allows her to play for the Russian national team at the fed Cup.

Sharapova made her fed Cup debut in 2008 against Israel



Sharapova's response to Israeli fans ' Boos

Maria is an Honored master of sports of Russia.  
One of the ten women in history who has the so-called "career slam" (won all the Grand slam tournaments, but in different years).



Award honored master of sports of Russia



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