My idol is Novak Djokovic

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Novak Djokovic
Tennis Player

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Synopsis

- Born in Serbia in 1987, Novak Djokovic began playing tennis at age 4, and was sent to train in Germany at age 13. After a steady ascent to the top levels of the sport, he won the Australian Open in 2008 and led the Serbian national team to its first Davis Cup win in 2010. In 2011, he claimed three of four Grand Slams and compiled a 43-match winning streak en route to the world's No. 1 ranking. With his first French Open win in 2016, he became the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four major titles at once.

Early Life

- Novak Djokovic was born on May 22, 1987, in Belgrade, Serbia. Father Srdjan and mother Dijana owned the company Family Sports, which had three restaurants and a tennis academy. Djokovic's father, uncle and aunt were all professional skiers, and his father also excelled at soccer, but Djokovic was a tennis prodigy.

Early Life

- In the summer of 1993, at 6 years old, Djokovic was spotted by Yugoslavian tennis legend Jelena Gencic at his parents' sports complex. Gencic then worked with Djokovic for the next six years. During this time, the war in former Yugoslavia and the bombing of Belgrade meant that, for almost three months, Djokovic and his family would spend a few hours in the middle of each night in the basement. Djokovic has said that the hardships of war drove him to pursue tennis with even greater determination. At 13, he was sent to the Pilic Academy in Munich, Germany, to pursue higher levels of competition. In 2001, at age 14, he began his international career.

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Career Highlights

- The 14-year-old Djokovic ended 2001 as a triple European champion
- In 2004, he won his first ATP Challenger tournament in Budapest
- In the 2007 season, Djokovic played the semifinals of the French Open and Wimbledon
- In 2012, Djokovic won the Australian Open singles title, and made it to the semifinals at Wimbledon
- In 2014, Djokovic claimed his second Wimbledon title in an epic five-set win over seven-time champion Roger Federer
- Djokovic kicked off 2015 by winning the Australian Open over Andy Murray after a heated battle on the blue court

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pc1VzosrilQ