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CAROLINE WOZNIACKI



BIOGRAPHY

Caroline Wozniacki's passion for tennis started at an early age when she saw her parents playing and they told her she was too young to join in. "With my character, I had to prove them wrong," she remembers. So she started practicing by hitting balls against a wall for three hours a day until, when she was seven years old, they saw how serious she was and enrolled her in lessons. She has been beating them — and tennis' fiercest female competitors — ever since.

Caroline inherited a passion for sports from her parents, both of whom are former professional athletes. Her mother, Anna, played volleyball for Poland's national team while her father, Piotr, played soccer professionally. Her parents moved from Poland to Denmark in the late eighties and a couple of years later, on July 11, 1990, Caroline was born.

Since the age of two, Caroline and her brother, Patrik (four years her senior) participated in every possible sport they could, from soccer and volleyball to swimming and tennis. But it was tennis that Caroline fell in love with, and she would practice for hours with her dad at the tennis club in their hometown, Koge, growing up.

Caroline's training quickly paid off. When she won the singles title in the Osaka Mayor's Cup in Japan at 14 years old, it was clear she had the potential to go all the way as a professional tennis player. Since turning pro, she has improved her year-end ranking every year consistently, racking up 16 WTA Tour singles titles and two doubles titles. In 2010, at just 20 years old, Caroline officially became the number one female tennis player in the world, and the youngest player to make the top 10 rankings.

But it's not in her personality to take her foot off the pedal just because she's on top. Right now, she's training hard to achieve her lifelong goal of winning a Grand Slam tournament and to prepare for the 2012 London Olympic Games. And with her passion and determination, there's no way she can lose.