

# The Academy Game On: An In-Depth Look at Monica Seles's Dominant Era in Tennis



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Seles was born in Yugoslavia in 1973. She started playing tennis at the age of 6 and quickly showed a natural talent for the sport. In 1989, at the age of 16, she won the French Open, becoming the youngest player ever to win a Grand Slam title. She followed that up by winning the Australian Open and the US Open in 1990 and 1991, respectively.

Seles's dominance was based on her powerful groundstrokes and her aggressive playing style. She was known for her ability to hit winners from both the forehand and backhand sides. She was also a very good returner and could put pressure on her opponents from the start of the match.

In 1993, Seles was stabbed by a deranged fan during a tournament in Hamburg, Germany. The attack left her physically and emotionally scarred. She took a two-year break from the sport and when she returned, she was not the same player she had been before the attack.

Despite the setbacks, Seles managed to win another Grand Slam title, the Australian Open in 1996. She also reached the final of the French Open and Wimbledon that year. After the 1996 season, Seles's career began to decline. She retired from the sport in 2003.

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### **Monica Seles's Playing Style**

Monica Seles was known for her aggressive playing style. She was a powerful hitter from both the forehand and backhand sides. She was also a

very good returner and could put pressure on her opponents from the start of the match.

Seles's forehand was one of the most powerful in the history of the game. She could hit winners from anywhere on the court. Her backhand was also very strong and she could use it to hit both winners and deep, penetrating shots.

Seles was also a very good returner. She could take the ball early and hit it with power and accuracy. This allowed her to put pressure on her opponents from the start of the match.

Seles's playing style was very effective on all surfaces. She won Grand Slam titles on clay, grass, and hard courts.

### **Monica Seles's Legacy**

Monica Seles is one of the greatest tennis players of all time. She won 9 Grand Slam titles, reached the final of 11 more, and was ranked world No. 1 for 178 consecutive weeks. She was also one of the most dominant players in the history of the game.

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Seles is a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame. She is also a recipient of the ITF's Philippe Chatrier Award, which is given to players who have made significant contributions to the sport.

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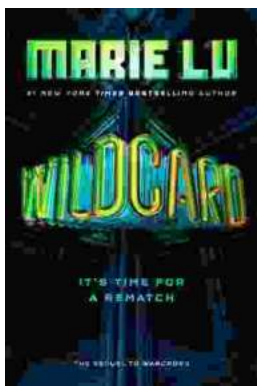
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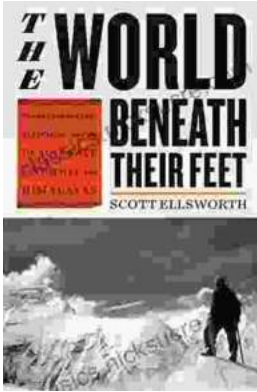
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