

Chris Evert vs. Martina Navratilova: Their Epic Duels and Extraordinary Friendship

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Evert was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1954. She began playing tennis at the age of five and quickly rose through the ranks. She won her first Grand Slam title at the French Open in 1974 and went on to win 18 Grand Slam singles titles in total. She is also the only player to have won all four Grand Slam tournaments at least twice.

Navratilova was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1956. She began playing tennis at the age of seven and quickly became one of the top players in the world. She won her first Grand Slam title at Wimbledon in

1978 and went on to win 18 Grand Slam singles titles in total. She is also the only player to have won all four Grand Slam tournaments at least three times.

Evert and Navratilova first met in 1973, when they were both teenagers. They quickly became friends and began practicing together. Their friendship was tested in 1978, when they met in the final of Wimbledon. Navratilova won the match in three sets, but Evert was gracious in defeat. The two players continued to be friends and rivals for many years.

Evert and Navratilova played each other 80 times in their careers, with Navratilova winning 43 matches to Evert's 37. Their rivalry was one of the most intense and memorable in the history of the sport. The two players were evenly matched, and their matches were always close. Fans all over the world tuned in to watch their matches, and they were always guaranteed to be entertained.

Beyond their on-court battles, Evert and Navratilova also developed a close friendship. They were both strong and independent women, and they respected each other's achievements. They also shared a love of the game of tennis.

In 1985, Evert and Navratilova teamed up to win the doubles title at Wimbledon. It was a special moment for both players, and it showed the world that they were more than just rivals. They were also friends.

Evert and Navratilova retired from tennis in 1989 and 1994, respectively. They have both been inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. They continue to be close friends, and they often appear together at tennis events.

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- **Image 1:** Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova playing tennis
- **Image 2:** Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova holding the Wimbledon trophy
- **Image 3:** Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova at the International Tennis Hall of Fame



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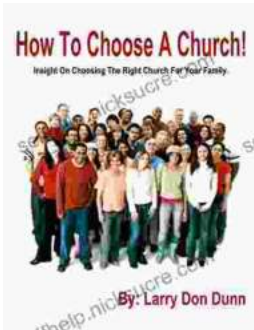
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