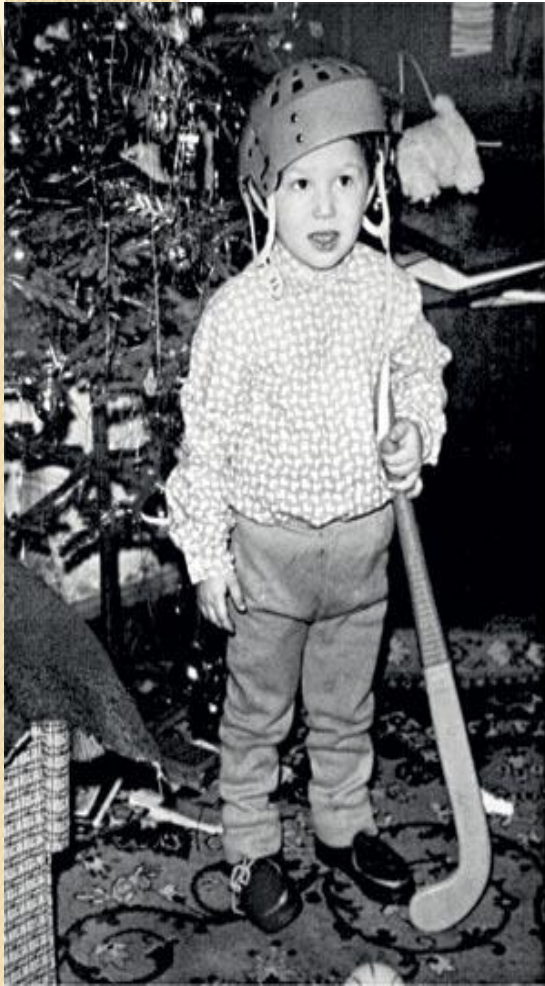


Alexander Ovechkin



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Alexander Ovechkin was born on September 17, 1985 , in Moscow. He was the third child in the family , brother Alexander was 13 and 15 years . Mother of the future hockey player - known basketball player Tatiana Ovechkin , defender of the USSR team . In the national team was the two-time Olympic champion. Father, Michael - a former professional footballer who played for the metropolitan "Dynamo". "My father was an athlete , my mother was a great athlete , so how could I not become an athlete ? " - Said Alexander . ? Interest in hockey has become manifest in Alexander's childhood. In 8 years started in the hockey section. Ovechkin was soon invited to a hockey school of the Moscow " Dynamo". Basically Alexander worked on power skating and appliances carpal throw. All children's teams "Dynamo" was one of the younger ones, but always the best player . At age 12, he broke the record for Pavel Bure , scoring 59 goals in the championship of Moscow . In 2000, Alexander was transferred to the senior team .

Ovechkin made his debut in the Russian Super League in 2001, at age 16 . In his first season he played 22 matches and scored 2 goals , 2 assists cleared and appeared on the ice in 3 playoff games . In 2002, Alexander went to Slovakia to the Junior World Championships in the junior team of Russia , where he became , with 18 points, the highest scoring player . The age of 17 , Ovechkin debuted in adult Russian team at the Cup Ceska Pojistovna Cup

At the end of the season Ovechkin ended a contract with "Dinamo", in the case of moving the player in the NHL, where he was voted " Washington “.



Ovechkin confidently took the first place in the European ranking of forwards, published on the eve of the NHL scouts draft pick in 2004. "Washington Capitals" having the right to choose the first freshman, had about 15 and offers from NHL clubs wishing drafted by the Russians, but general manager "Capitals' George McPhee left Ovechkin right to choose for themselves.



After completion of the lockout , Ovechkin signed a contract with "Washington ." Hockey player offered the highest possible salary for a beginner - taking into account the bonuses he could earn in a season 3.85 million dollars. Alexander made his debut in the NHL October 5, 2005 , in a match with " Columbus Blue Jackets ." In the same match he scored his first goal , and eventually made a double than helped " Washington " to win. October 5 also debuted another promising players , the first room pick in 2005 , Sidney Crosby , submitted by journalists as "new Gretzky ." That it will be a major competitor for the title of best Ovechkin novice league.



International career

- The first international competition , which was played Ovechkin Junior World Championship in 2002 .Alexander became the best in the league in scoring (18) , and the team took second place
- In 2003, Ovechkin was called Viktor Tikhonov to the main team in the Cup Ceska Pojistovna Cup .
- 2004 Ovechkin participated in three international tournaments , and in 2 of them represented the first team .
- In early 2005,Alexander again made at the Youth World Championships .
- In February 2006, Ovechkin first time in his career , took part in the Olympics.

- At the 2007 World Championships Team Russia , as well as two years ago , won the bronze medal
- Held in May 2008 world championships was a triumph for the Russian team that won its first gold in 15 years .
- Ovechkin entered the extended list of 38 candidates for the national team , which will go to the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver



Style of play

Ovechkin plays fast power hockey. Russian plays on the border of what is permitted, often applying the collision, "head-on". Unlike most players, Ovechkin is able to spend on a hockey rink 2 minutes in a row, although the majority of players are replaced after about a minute. Ovechkin - goalscorer. In 3 seasons of 4 in the NHL, he scored more than 100 points and scored more than 50 goals, and in the aggregate score for the first 3 season 163 goals.



Outside of hockey

Ovechkin was not married. Among those whom the press has announced Alexander girls - Victoria Lopyreva TV presenter , singer Zhanna Friske , Black Eyed Peas lead singer Fergie . The hockey player said that only married a Russian girl . Ovechkin lives in Arlington, a suburb of Washington . The first years in the United States , he lived with his brother , Michael. Later, after Alexander fired his agent , to help a hockey player in Washington moved his mother , sacrificing the post of President of the female basketball club "Dynamo". Michael also lives in the U.S. capital . He engaged in installation of video footage WNBA games club " Washington Mystics ." Both Alexander and his mother to life in America used to, but at the end of a career Ovechkin plan to return to Russia .

