

Monica Seles Crossword Puzzle

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Across

2. 2000 Olympics prize.
10. Where she beat Martina Navratilova for the last time in competition.
12. She beat 15-Across in the first 5-set women's 126-Across in almost 100 years at this tournament.
15. See 12-Across.
17. With 47-Down, one of her good friends and widow of 106-Across.
19. An alliterative nickname.
21. One of the very few women to have a winning head-to-head against Monica in the early 1990's, because she bounced Monica out of the 1990 117-Down and never played her again.
23. See 136-Across.
24. A surface.
28. When an athlete gets injured, this helps the swelling go down.
30. She lost to 108-Down for the third time at this tournament.
32. Monica beat her in the 3rd round of Key Biscayne in 1990.
34. Her record at this tournament was 33-0 before she ever lost there.
37. The governing Olympic body.
38. Commentator _____ Collins often called her father's eccentric English "67-Across-Speak."
39. Her highest ranking.
42. With 44-Across, her birthplace.
44. See 42-Across.
46. The sitcom in which she had a cameo.
48. She needed three sets to beat _____ Henricksson in the 1st round of the 1989 117-Down.
50. _____-7-Down or _____-103-Across.
52. Her mother.
56. She came within a 126-Across of winning it in 1992.
57. Monica beat her to win her 9th 94-Down.
58. Her only grass court title (as of 2003).
63. See 8-Down and 145-Down.
67. Her father.

Down

1. She played this 140-Down court tournament from 1997 to 2000 but never won it.
2. With 90-Across, the first tournament she ever played as a 55-Down.
3. The only double-bagel she handed out in 2002 went to _____ Bes.
4. Her dog in the early 2000's.
5. With 147-Down, she lost to _____ Pierce in the final of the 1998 Kremlin _____.
6. If you score a point by hitting a shot past your opponent, you've hit a _____.
7. One of two ways a linesperson can call it.
8. She likes to paint these each a different 63-Across.
9. The only 113-Down tournament she played in the first half of 1992.
11. She beat _____ Frazier in the 1997 Manhattan Beach semifinals en route to taking the title.
12. The 56-Across event to give her the most trouble.
13. Each 126-Across is a geometry lesson from her, as she perplexes her opponents with confounding _____.
14. Each surface has one.
15. Her last title of 2001.
16. A long-time reporter for the 29-Down, he wrote an article about Monica for the April 2003 issue of 125-Across Magazine.
17. An alliterative nickname based upon the region of the world from which she came, it first appeared headlining an article in the March 1987 issue of World 125-Across Magazine, written by 111-Across.
18. On her opponent's home turf, Monica beat 59-Down in the final to take this tournament in 1992.
20. Monica beat her in the 2nd round of Stanford in 2001.
22. She missed the last half of 2003 with a left _____ injury.
25. When the ball barely clears the 110-Across, it's a _____ shot.
26. She beat Catherine _____ in the 4th round of the 1991 34-Across.

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68. As of 2003, she has reached the final 4 out of 5 times in San _____, but has never won there.
69. Her only title in 1999.
70. Her first title.
72. The _____ era began in 1968.
74. Air Haze, the _____ she designed for Nike.
76. Perfect serve.
77. Her sponsor throughout the last half of the 1990's and into the 21st century.
79. Her first 94-Down title.
80. She beat Janet _____ in the first round of the 1996 34-Across.
81. She won _____ Wells in 1992 without losing more than 3 games per 116-Down.
82. Her hitting partner at the 1995 117-Down, many thought he was her coach.
83. Monica paired with her to end the Williams sisters' 22-match 136-Across winning streak at the 2001 Adidas International.
86. _____ Martin was her 2nd-round opponent in her first 56-Across event.
87. The lady herself.
89. In the 2002 117-Down, Yoon-Jeong _____ came back from 1-6 1-5 and almost upset Monica in the 3rd round.
90. See 2-Down.
91. How she plays.
93. The outside part of a racket, holding the strings.
94. Her coach from 2001-2002.
98. Win a 141-Across on an opponent's 104-Across.
100. Her brother.
101. She gave Monica one of the shortest matches ever at the 2001 34-Across.
102. The American organization for 125-Across.
103. One of two ways a linesperson can call it.
104. Put the ball in motion.
106. Her close friend and manager for many years.
108. Only with cream.
110. _____ cord.
111. Owner of the academy where she trained in the early 1990's.

Down

27. Possible nickname of the woman Monica beat in the 2001 15-Down final.
29. 125-Across is one.
30. Her coach from 1999-2001.
31. A "regular" shot, one that isn't usually called a lob or a volley.
33. Her first opponent in 1995 in competition.
35. Half of 136-Across?
36. She never lost more than 2 games per 116-Down to Dominique Van _____.
40. One of two tournaments she won in 2002.
41. City of the 79-Across.
43. He gave support to Monica during a hard time she was having, before dying of AIDS.
45. She refuses to watch a _____ of herself playing.
47. See 17-Across.
49. Monica lost their first encounter, but won the next 15 against her. She is now one of Monica's best friends, and became a commentator for ESPN.
51. Her coach starting in 2004.
53. Sending the ball from the 50-Across side to the deuce side, or vice versa, is known as a _____ shot.
54. Her only 1998 title besides 148-Across.
55. She turned it in 1989.
59. Monica usually beat her, but the one time it would have been the most emotional, she lost to her in the 1998 79-Across final.
60. A single 128-Down competition.
61. Monica beat her in the 2002 Miami quarterfinals.
62. Her first tournament in 2000 after a 5-month layoff.
64. Her first opponent as a 55-Down.
65. She is widely praised for having exceptional mental _____ (strength).
66. She beat _____ Shriver in the 1990 Washington quarterfinals.
71. She has often and happily given her time to this charitable sporting organization.
73. The worldwide governing body for 125-Across.

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114. Possible nickname of the woman Monica barely beat at 1-Down in the 4th round in 1998.
116. She collects them.
121. Her 2000 WTT team.
123. Her style -- both hands off both wings.
125. The game she loves.
126. A complete 125-Across competition, it's either 3 sets or 5.
128. See 97-Down.
130. With 134-Across, her player's union is the _____ 125-Across _____ (second word abbreviated).
132. To reach 39-Across, you have to have a lot of this.
133. Other players created a controversy about this at 12-Down in 1992.
134. See 130-Across.
136. With 23-Across, the extra space marked on each side of a court, for those times when 4 people want to play.
139. Along with her mother, she became one in March 1994 by achieving a perfect score on her test.
141. 104-Across alternates with each _____.
143. Monica almost lost to her in the first round of 12-Down in 2000.
146. Activity the players go through before a 126-Across.
148. The comeback tournament of 1995.
150. One of her greatest weapons, it helps her to 98-Across.
151. See 108-Down.
152. *From _____ To Victory.*

Down

75. Her ethnic background.
78. She beat this future 39-Across player for the first time at the 34-Across in 2002.
84. Assistant coach of the 121-Across when she played for it in 2000, _____ Doebler.
85. The tournament in which she beat 108-Down for the first time.
87. She barely beat Alicia _____ in the 2002 40-Down semifinals.
88. She was part owner of the All-Star _____.
92. Monica handily beat her in the second round of Tampa in 1990.
93. Her only loss to 49-Down came here.
94. Any event that forms the 56-Across.
95. She handed a couple of bagels to _____ Grande in the 1997 148-Across quarterfinals.
96. The first part of any 104-Across (108-Down had a high one).
97. With 128-Across, where she lives now.
98. A player who always loses in the first round?
99. She just barely lost to Jana Novotna here, forcing her to wait four more years before trying to reach the podium again.
105. A shot high into the air.
107. Her dog in the early 1990's.
108. With 151-Across, considered by many to be her greatest rival.
109. With her smart on-court tactics and her smart off-court investment strategy, no one can deny Monica has a fine _____.
111. She won this South American tournament in 2001.
112. A point nullified by the chair umpire.
113. All tournaments played on carpet.
115. Gavin _____, her coach from 1998-1999.
116. 141-Across, _____, 126-Across.
117. At this event, Monica was the last person to lose to Chris Evert before Chris retired from her career.
118. On her opponent's home turf, Monica barely beat her in the 1996 54-Down semifinals.
119. At least two musical groups have written _____ about her.

Down

120. Never a lover of approaching the
110-Across, she really hugs this.
122. Not the server.
124. After winning her 2-Across, and
with so many wins at the 34-Across,
she really must like it _____.
127. She practices and trains constantly,
looking for any _____ over her opponents.
128. Very patriotic, she always
makes herself available for this.
129. Change of _____ every two games.
131. A woman who takes part in 128-Down
is playing for her _____.
132. The brackets of a tournament;
or, how they're decided.
135. Where she won her 2-Across.
137. It's nothing.
138. Powerful shots generate a
lot of _____ (speed).
140. Her favorite surface.
142. She handed _____ Kidowaki a couple
of bagels in 54-Down in 1991.
144. Monica beat her in the
2002 54-Down semifinals.
145. In the early 1990's, she often _____
her hair a different 63-Across.
147. See 5-Down.
149. She has excellent hand-_____ coordination.