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Heidi Klum Wearing Just Paint



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# Beach Party

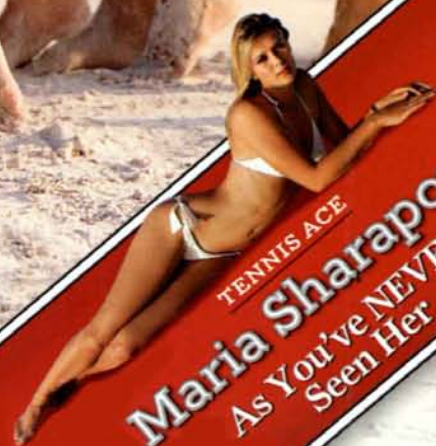
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TENNIS ACE

Maria Sharapova  
As You've NEVER  
Seen Her

# Net Gains

Photographs by  
**WALTER  
IOOSS JR.**

Any tennis fan can tell you that **Maria Sharapova** is a winner on grass, clay and hard courts, but her best surface may be sand



**SWIMSUIT BY NIKE**

WATCH BY TAG HEUER (\$3,995)  
DIAMOND PENDANTS BY RENEE LEWIS (TOP)  
\$40,000, (BOTTOM) \$10,000

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ACCOMMODATIONS BY GRACE BAY CLUB,  
A MEMBER OF SMALL LUXURY HOTELS

MARIA SHARAPOVA

STYLING BY LULU FAMA (SI) |  
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**W**HO'S THAT GIRL? said the middle-aged woman strolling on the breathtakingly picturesque beach of Turks and Caicos' Grace Bay Club resort. "Some model, I think," her husband said with a shrug. The slyph in question, Maria Sharapova, is best known as the brightest star in tennis, the heavy hitter who, at age 17, won Wimbledon in 2004. Still, the man on the beach wasn't wrong. For several days last fall, Sharapova luxuriated at one of the more exquisite properties in the Caribbean while posing for SI. The gig involved an entirely different skill than knocking the fuzz off a tennis ball, but Sharapova isn't the world's most marketable female athlete for nothing. "She's a natural, a total professional," says SI photographer Walter Iooss Jr. "I don't mean for an athlete. I mean period." But, hey, don't take his word for it. Just look at these pictures.



\* It wasn't as tough as enduring the heat of the Australian Open, but Sharapova put in a hard three days in Turks and Caicos with longtime SI photographer Iooss, who has shot everyone from Yugi Berto to LeBron James... and many, many successful models.

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