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I want to be different. If everyone is wearing black, I want to be wearing red.

~Maria Sharapova

Since I'm constantly in the sun, I use sunscreen daily.

~Maria Sharapova

I don't get to do as much sightseeing as I would like to.

~Maria Sharapova

I don't spend a lot of my time in the locker room. That's my least favourite place in the world.

~Maria Sharapova

If everything was going smoothly you would never build character.

~Maria Sharapova

I want my handbags and my shoes to be stylish but I want to make sure that they're versatile. I travel and I have to make sure the pieces I put into my bag can go with a dress or with shorts or jeans.

~Maria Sharapova

When I walk through that gate to the court, that's my escape. I block out everything, good and bad.

~Maria Sharapova

Within a few years the name 'Maria Sharapova' will be a brand as universally recognized as Calvin Klein, BMW and Rolex.

~Maria Sharapova

I love what I do and I love being an athlete, but I also love all the things that have come with it.

We all started under the sun and finished under the lights.

~Maria Sharapova

It's easy to impress me. I don't need a fancy party to be happy. Just good friends, good food, and good laughs. I'm happy. I'm satisfied. I'm content.

~Maria Sharapova

It's pretty hard being a tennis player and Mother Theresa at the same time and that's just the way it is.

~Maria Sharapova

I'm an athlete. I go out there and fight my heart out.

~Maria Sharapova

You have your bad moments in your career and your good moments. And it's been a good ride so far, but it's not over yet.

~Maria Sharapova

I want my tennis to speak for everything.

~Maria Sharapova

I have had lots of luck in my career but there has also been a lot of hard work.

~Maria Sharapova

A great tennis career is something that a 15-year-old normally doesn't have. I hope my example helps other teens believe they can accomplish things they never thought possible.

~Maria Sharapova

I'm focused on going out every day and doing my best.

I'm just a very tough person when I go on the court, and I really don't want to lose.

~Maria Sharapova

I've been very competitive by nature from a young age, whether it was eating a bowl of pasta faster than somebody else, or always wanting to be the first one in line.

~Maria Sharapova

I hit a ball for a living, but I have that passion to keep learning.

~Maria Sharapova

When I'm down or maybe when it's close in the match, I feel like I'm still in it. I don't feel like I'm letting down. Mentally, I'm still really, really tough.

~Maria Sharapova

No matter what you study, the thing that you know best is what you grew up with.

~Maria Sharapova

I have a very big sweet tooth and I love treating myself to something that I wouldn't necessarily eat during the tournament such as a nice-sized cake.

~Maria Sharapova

There are days when I go out on the court and I feel like I can't miss a ball.

~Maria Sharapova

I have a Russian heart.

~Maria Sharapova

I'd love to open a tennis school for children in my hometown of Sochi.

~Maria Sharapova

Since I was young, the artistic expression that fashion embodies has inspired me. It's a way to communicate oneself.

~Maria Sharapova

The more matches I play, the more confident I get.

~Maria Sharapova

I don't follow other players or the tournaments they play. I have my own schedule and do my own thing. I never really think, 'Oh, I want to be or play like so-and-so.' I just like being myself.

~Maria Sharapova

You control your own wins and losses.

~Maria Sharapova

I love where I'm from. I don't live there because of the circumstances, but all my family is there. It's what's inside, it's not what's outside that determines the culture and the feeling.

~Maria Sharapova

My main goal is to stay healthy because when you're injured you realise how lucky you are to have your health.

~Maria Sharapova

I can't please everyone. That's not in my J.D., you know, not in my job description.

~Maria Sharapova

I'm never standing still and that makes my life pretty exciting.

~Maria Sharapova

I have always had an interest in fashion and design and I appreciate

style and timelessness within my footwear and accessories both on and off the court

~Maria Sharapova

I'm done growing. I only grow when I put my high heels on now.

~Maria Sharapova

There are so many roads you can take that will lead you the wrong way, that nobody will hear your name.

~Maria Sharapova

If I loved a guy as much as I love my dog, the guy would be in serious trouble because I'm all over that dog, all of the time.

~Maria Sharapova

I'm always on the go. I love doing things until I hit rock bottom. Then I need my 12 hours of sleep, and I'm on the go again.

~Maria Sharapova

I definitely feel Russian inside, even when I'm in America I feel Russian.

~Maria Sharapova

I think it's so cool to be tall. Even when I'm not wearing heels people tell me I'm tall and I always take it as a complement. The good thing is I can always see everybody in the room.

~Maria Sharapova

Well, fans always root for the underdog.

~Maria Sharapova

Whether you win a match or lose a match, in terms of your emotions, it's important to be pretty levelheaded.

I learned English in one month. I told myself I should listen. In the next month I could talk to everyone. I was so happy because I could do one thing...I could talk.

~Maria Sharapova

If you're able to help some people and make them smile and make them realize that life is good, then that's worth so much more than buying a pair of shoes.

~Maria Sharapova

When you start from nothing, when you come from nothing, it makes you hungry. I am proud of where I came from and I know what I want. I want to win.

~Maria Sharapova

I look forward to the challenges.

~Maria Sharapova

It's nice to be one of the most beautiful people.

~Maria Sharapova

I can't say I don't like acting, but I can't imagine a career when I have to spend 70 percent of my time in a trailer eating Snickers bars.

~Maria Sharapova

I think when you know what you are going to wear, it fits and it's great material, then you feel confident in it.

~Maria Sharapova

I know many of you thought that I would be retiring today, but if I was ever going to announce my retirement it would not be in a downtown Los Angeles hotel with this fairly ugly carpet.

It's strange for my friends when they see me on TV and in magazines, because the person that they see doing interviews and pictures on the red carpet is not the person that they know.

~Maria Sharapova

I always have a Sharpie, because usually when someone asks me for an autograph, they don't have a pen. I carry one in my purse, as well as in my tennis bag.

~Maria Sharapova

Sometimes I feel my arm is like a swan's neck - so weak.

~Maria Sharapova

I don't need many things. I don't need glamour and attention to be happy. I'm very happy being settled and working my butt off and trying to win grand slams.

~Maria Sharapova

I've been playing against older and stronger competition my whole life. It has made me a better tennis player and able to play against this kind of level despite their strength and experience.

~Maria Sharapova

I learned there's a big difference between juniors and the pros.

~Maria Sharapova

I'd like to have a family.

~Maria Sharapova

I think when you have surgery on any part of your body, it's never going to be the same.

~Maria Sharapova

Maybe if I was British, a semi-final would be incredible. I'd be on the

front page of the paper.

~Maria Sharapova

I heard endless conversations between my parents when I was going to sleep about how we would survive, how we would continue. All of them were about trying to make me better.

~Maria Sharapova

I love to collect modern art.

~Maria Sharapova

When you travel so many weeks a year, it's always nice to have a home-cooked meal.

~Maria Sharapova

I owe a lot to my parents.

~Maria Sharapova

I love street style, seeing how girls wear pieces and how their pair accessories with their outfit. How they pair shoes with a bag and go to day to night and change things up.

~Maria Sharapova

I'm not the next anyone, I'm the first Maria Sharapova.

~Maria Sharapova

Sometimes when you're putting the work in it just seems so, so hard, and you never know when that work's going to pay off.

~Maria Sharapova

If I can create something that allows a woman to feel better - that is the true reward.

Through my travels, I find inspiration in street style and how young women create their individual looks and identity.

~Maria Sharapova

I help design my own tennis clothes.

~Maria Sharapova

I don't have to follow any special diet or count calories. I try to eat healthily and before a match I load up on pasta and salads. But I pretty much do what I want.

~Maria Sharapova

My parents had a normal life in Russia and they could have easily kept living a normal life, working and raising a child in Russia.

~Maria Sharapova

I try not to hit a swing volley and run back. So my swing volley is kind of that transition to the net. It's been one of my favorite shots ever since I was young.

~Maria Sharapova

I'm not the next Kournikova-I want to win matches!

~Maria Sharapova

As an individual, I take every match seriously, no matter who I'm going to play.

~Maria Sharapova

My family and I built my whole career from scratch.

~Maria Sharapova

I'm always that annoying person that pulls out the camera in the middle of dinner and starts taking candids.

My style when I was younger was still unique to me. I didn't necessarily dress by the trends, but I was always aware of what was trendy at the time and how I could apply it to my own sense of style.

~Maria Sharapova

When I come into a tournament, I'm expecting to win. That's my philosophy. I can't go to a tournament thinking, 'I'm going to get my ass kicked today, so I might as well leave.'

~Maria Sharapova

I personally love Jennifer Lawrence. She's an amazing actress, but so young and fresh and youthful.

~Maria Sharapova

Those are real hard fans. There are a lot of them here. Some are a little bit crazy with their drinking their beers every once in a while. But I love it.

~Maria Sharapova

I mean, I think I'm doing a lot better than other people that have had shoulder surgery in their careers. Some people have never come back.

~Maria Sharapova

When I make a commitment I stick to it.

~Maria Sharapova

When you look good, you feel good. Confidence with what you're wearing is very important. If you feel good, you will always perform your best without worrying about anything.

~Maria Sharapova

When I travel, I love speaking to women around the world about the things that inspire them, the fashions they like, what makes something good and what would make it even better.

~Maria Sharapova

To be honest, everything in my life outside of tennis is great. I'm doing amazing projects that, if I didn't have time off, I wouldn't be able to focus on.

~Maria Sharapova

Without my dad, I wouldn't be here.

~Maria Sharapova

This decision will only strengthen the bond between women players and one of the world's great sporting events [on equal prize money at Wimbledon

~Maria Sharapova

I love to eat, and if I could, I'd eat every second of my life.

~Maria Sharapova

I don't worry about what my opponent is doing.

~Maria Sharapova

I'm just like every other girl who likes to shop, likes to look good, likes to spend time with friends.

~Maria Sharapova

Music is a part of my life all the time - on the plane, before matches, driving out to the court.

~Maria Sharapova

Tennis has given me this wonderful life and I'm very grateful for it.

~Maria Sharapova

Of course, everyone knows my story of being born in Russia and moving to the United States at 7. For a few years people would say,

'Well, she's living in the United States, but she's Russian.'

~Maria Sharapova

I love getting consumer reports. I think it's one of my favourite things, studying what people have to say about the product and then trying to make it better.

~Maria Sharapova

If I'm nervous, it means I had to work hard to get there, whether it's playing in a tournament or speaking at an event. So I try to stop and be proud of getting to live in that moment.

~Maria Sharapova

I was very disappointed (at the U.S. Open), and I went out there and I worked really hard.

~Maria Sharapova

I go to yoga classes and work on my core.

~Maria Sharapova

I'm 17 years old and there are many great things ahead. If I don't win the U.S. Open this year, it's not going to be a disaster in my life.

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