

Chapter- 8

Reach for the Top-2

STUDY NOTES

- This part is about a Russian girl, Maria Sharapova, who reached the peak of women's tennis when she was barely eighteen. Poised beyond years, the Siberian-born teenager took just four years as a professional to reach the pinnacle.
- At the age of 10, her father Yuri launched her on the path of success and stardom. She was away from her mother, which was very difficult for her, but it taught her the lesson that everything comes at a price.
- She faced a lot of problems during training from her co-trainees. The insults and humiliations did not suppress her, but motivated her to pursue her dreams with even more determination.
- She won the Wimbledon in 2004 and secured the world number one spot within a year. She says that hard work is her mantra for success. What kept her going despite all odds that she faced was the dream of becoming the world's top player.
- The stories of these two young women prove quite certainly that success follows those who dream and work towards achieving those dreams, with focus and determination.