

RAFAEL NADAL



HIS TENNIS CAREER

- Rafael Nadal Parera was born on 3rd June 1986 in Manacor, Balearic Islands, Spain
- Nadal has won 14 Grand Slam singles titles, the 2008 Olympic gold medal in singles, a record 27 ATP World Tour Masters 1000 and a record 15 ATP World Tour 500 tournaments.
- When Nadal was 12, he won the Spanish and European tennis titles in his age group and was playing tennis and football all the time. This made him choose between football and tennis so that his football career would not deteriorate entirely. Nadal said: "I chose tennis because it would stop straight away."



- By the age of 17, he beat Roger Federer the first time they played and became the youngest man to reach the third round at Wimbledon since Boris Becker.
- In April 2002, at 15 years and 10 months, the world No. 762 Nadal won his first ATP match, defeating Ramón Delgado, and became the ninth player in the Open Era to do so before the age of 16. The following year, Nadal won two Challenger titles and finished the year in the top 50. At his Wimbledon debut in 2005, he became the youngest man to reach the third round since

