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Ivan Lendl is a former world No. 1 tennis player who is widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time. He won eight Grand Slam singles titles, including three French Opens, two Australian Opens, and three US Opens. Lendl also won a record 94 ATP singles titles, including the ATP Tour Finals eight times. After retiring from playing, Lendl became a successful coach, most notably guiding Andy Murray to three Grand Slam titles and two Olympic gold medals.

Early Life and Tennis Career

Lendl was born in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic) in 1960. He began playing tennis at the age of six and quickly showed promise. In 1978, Lendl turned professional and quickly rose through the ranks of the ATP Tour. He won his first Grand Slam title at the 1984 French Open, becoming the first Czech man to win a Grand Slam singles title.

Lendl went on to win seven more Grand Slam singles titles, including three consecutive French Opens from 1984 to 1986. He also reached the final of the Wimbledon Championships eight times, but never managed to win the tournament. Lendl was known for his powerful serve, accurate groundstrokes, and relentless determination. He was also one of the first players to use a two-handed backhand.

Coaching Career

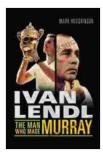
After retiring from playing in 1994, Lendl became a successful coach. He has coached several top players, including Andy Murray, Pete Sampras, and Goran Ivanisevic. Lendl is known for his tough and demanding coaching style, but he has also helped his players achieve great success.

Lendl began coaching Murray in 2012, and the partnership has been a huge success. Murray has won three Grand Slam titles under Lendl's guidance, including the 2012 US Open, the 2013 Wimbledon Championships, and the 2016 Wimbledon Championships. Murray has also won two Olympic gold medals, in 2012 and 2016.

Legacy

Lendl is one of the most successful tennis players of all time. He won eight Grand Slam singles titles, 94 ATP singles titles, and reached the final of Wimbledon eight times. Lendl is also a successful coach, having guided Andy Murray to three Grand Slam titles and two Olympic gold medals.

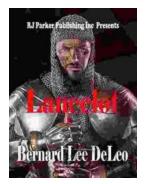
Lendl is a true legend of the game of tennis. He is one of the greatest players of all time, and he has also had a successful career as a coach. Lendl is a role model for young players, and he continues to inspire people around the world.



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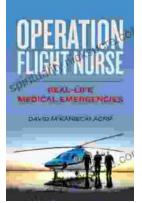
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