

At the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Canada, a 14-year-old Romanian dynamo **Nadia Comaneci** captured the hearts and minds of the world with her daring and perfection. We came to know her simply as "Nadia."

By the time the 1976 Olympics ended, Comaneci had earned seven perfect tens, three gold medals, one bronze, one silver and countless fans. She appeared on the covers of *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Sports Illustrated*, all in the same week, and returned home to Romania to a heroine's welcome.

Four years later, at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, Comaneci earned two more gold medals and two silver to bring her Olympic total to 9 medals (5 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze.) In 1996, Comaneci was inducted into the International Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

In April 1996, Comaneci married American Olympic Champion, Bart Conner, in a Romanian state wedding. Comaneci now divides her time among appearances, commercial endorsements for major companies, speaking engagements and charity events. In December of 2003, Nadia wrote a book called *Letters to a Young Gymnast* detailing her inspirational story.

Currently, Nadia and Bart are business partners with their manager, Paul Ziert in the Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy, *International Gymnast Magazine*, Perfect 10 Productions, Inc. (a TV production company) and Grips, Etc. (a gymnastics supply company).

In 1999, Comaneci was honored by ABC News and *Ladies Home Journal* as one of the 100 Most Important Women of the 20th Century. Comaneci, who is also fluent in French and English, continues to travel the world with her various interests. Her charity work is extensive. She is the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Special Olympi...

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