

A photograph of tennis player Maria Sharapova holding the Wimbledon trophy. She is wearing a white Nike tennis dress and a necklace with a cross pendant. She is looking up at the trophy with a slight smile. The background is blurred, showing other people.

Today in History

July 3, 2004

▲ Tennis player Maria Sharapova, aged 17, beat defending champion Serena Williams to become the first Russian woman to win the Wimbledon singles title

1996: A toxic build-up of natural organisms was blamed for the death of 158 manatees off the Florida coast

2006: An asteroid 1km in diameter came within 432,308km of Earth

2006: The first train from Beijing to Tibet arrived in Lhasa after a 48-hour journey over the world's highest railway

2010: A deal was signed to site a U.S. anti-missile shield in Poland to defend Europe from perceived threats from Iran and other nations