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Name in Chinese: 张德培 [張德培]
Name in Pinyin: Zhāng Dépéi
Gender: Male
Birth Year: 1972
Birth Place: Hoboken, New Jersey
Philanthropy: 1994, Chairman of the Association of Tennis Professionals Tour Charities; 1999, established the Chang Family Foundation

Profession (s): Tennis player

Education: Masters in Ministry, Biola University (NIF)

Award(s): 1989, French Open; 1995 “Most Caring Athlete,” USA Today Weekend; 2008, inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Contribution(s): Michael Chang was the youngest-ever winner of a Grand Slam singles title in tennis. At the age of 17, Chang won the 1989 French Open, to the entire tennis community’s surprise. He peaked in the international rankings at number 2. Chang retired from tennis in 2003, he had won 34 top-level professional singles titles and he had earned \$19,125,632 in prize money. In 2001, Chang served as goodwill ambassador for the 2008 Beijing Olympic bid committee. He has published a book about his career, *Holding Serve: Persevering On and Off the Court*.

Chang won his first national title, the USTA Junior Hard Court singles, at the age of 12. Turning professional at the age of 15, Chang won the USTA Boys 18 Hardcourts and the Boys 18s Nationals. Still at the age of 15, he became the youngest player to win a main draw match at the US Open. Throughout his career. Chang was known for his quick footwork, reflexes and determination, using these rather than power, to win matches.

In 1989, Michael Chang entered tennis superstardom with two stunning performances in the late stages of the French Open, one of the four Grand Slam tournaments in professional tennis. In the fourth round, Chang faced the number one seeded player, Ivan Lendl, who was heavily favored to win. He won the first two sets against Chang easily, but lost the third set. In the fourth set, Chang began to have cramps. To deal with his physical pain, he slowed the tempo of the game, and in one of the most infamous moments in tennis history, he performed a light underhand serve which took Lendl by surprise, costing him the point. Chang went on to beat Lendl, with much fanfare from the audience. In the finals, Chang defeated Stefan Edberg in a grueling five set match, becoming the youngest player to ever win a Grand Slam title, and the first American male to win the French Open since 1955.

Chang, as a member of the US team, won the Davis Cup in 1990 against Australia in the final. Again with the US team, Chang won the 1993 World Team Cup. Since retirement, Chang has supported grassroots tennis development

throughout Asia with his Stars of the Future program in Hong Kong and the Reebok Challenge across Asia.

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