A lot of people think that Andy Murray, the famous tennis player, is English, but he isn’t.
He was born in Glasgow, a large industrial city in Scotland, in May 1987, and he is very proud of being Scottish. When he was young, he was good at all sports, especially football, but he was also a natural tennis player. He was confident and hard-working, and happy to leave home to study at the Sanchez-Casal tennis academy in Barcelona when he was only 14. It was a great opportunity for him to train with and play against other top young players like Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. He was so successful that, at the age of 17, he was junior US Open champion. That was in 2004. Four years later, he was the winner of the Cincinnatti Masters in the USA, his first senior masters championship.

Andy isn’t the only tennis player in his family. His mother is a tennis coach, and his older brother, Jamie, is a professional tennis player for Great Britain. In fact, when he was young, Jamie was the number 3 junior tennis player in the world behind Rafael Nadal and Richard Gasquet, but now he usually plays doubles. He was Wimbledon Mixed Doubles champion in 2007.

 Andy travels all over the world playing tennis. He spends a lot of time in the United States these days, but still lives in his small home town, Dunblane in Scotland. He often plays in major tournaments, such as Wimbledon and the French Open. At the moment, he’s playing a tournament in the United States. And, next week, he’s back in Europe for another tournament.