

THE HOT ONE

PAULINA,
daughter of ice
hockey great
Wayne Gretzky,
goes from queen
of the selfie to
Maxim bombshell.
It's a Christmas
miracle!

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OR MOST OF OUR LIVES, WE WERE FAMILIAR WITH ONLY ONE GRETZKY,

the one who is universally considered the best hockey player in history. Then in 2011, thanks to a tiny bikini and Twitter, a far more scintillating one captured our attention: his gorgeous daughter Paulina. After a brief break from the social media spotlight (partly due to a little chat with Pops), the model is back to heat up the cover of *Maxim*. Guess Santa received our letter after all!

Congratulations on your Maxim shoot!

Thanks! It was a lot of fun, but also a bit of a challenge, since the McLaren and I had to share the spotlight. We had to be careful not to overshadow each other.

Are you a big gearhead?

You would think so, since I have three brothers and even my mom and little sister are very tomboyish. We're all more sports-oriented, but I do appreciate a nice car.

You recently got engaged to PGA star Dustin Johnson. Is your dad excited to welcome another athlete to the family?

My dad loves playing golf, so it's certainly a plus.

Are you more into hockey or golf these days?

I've been playing golf since I was 12, but I'm more of the type to say, "I'll come watch for a bit," rather than wake up at dawn to hit the course. I'm still a huge

hockey fan, and if I'm in a city where there's a game going on, you can count me in. I grew up at hockey games and was fortunate enough to watch my dad play for the L.A. Kings and in the 1998 Olympics, which was unreal.

Do you consider yourself more of an American or a Canadian?

I know where my dad is from, and I know how much he means to Canada, but I'm American. I grew up in California. These days I basically split my time between L.A., where my family is, and Florida, where my fiancé is based.

That would explain why you're always in a bikini.

Exactly! Some people gave me such a hard time for posting all these swimsuit pics on Twitter. I'm sorry; I'm not posting pictures when I'm reading a book. I feel like social media is supposed to be for fun, to share

what you're doing when you're enjoying life.

Ironically, there seem to be a lot of online complaints that your photos have become more conservative.

It's so silly. People on the Internet always find something to complain about. But at least they'll be happy to see this shoot! I'm living my life. I don't take the time to think, OK, should I post the photo that has my boobs in it or the one where I'm in a turtleneck? If I like the picture, I post it, simple as that.

Do you have any tips for guys who are looking to gain more Instagram followers?

Ha, I'm the wrong person to ask! Some of my guy friends will ask me to give them a shout-out, and I'm like, "You don't understand. All my followers are men, and I don't think they are going to follow you." I wish more women followed me, though.

For those folks who don't follow you on social media yet, what are you up to these days?

I love writing music and singing, but that's kind of on pause right now. The past few months have been about spending time with Dustin. We keep things pretty chill, cooking or going out on the boat. Oh, except for when we took my brother to celebrate his 21st birthday in Vegas. We hopped on a plane right after my *Maxim* photo shoot!

We're glad we brought out that side of you! So this year, overall, have you been naughty or nice?

I've definitely been nice, with just a sprinkle of naughty...a good type of naughty.



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