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## Wimbledon Warm-up 温布尔顿热身

### The Stars of Ladies' Tennis 女子网球明星

With less than a month to go until the start of this year's Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championship, it's time to take a look at some of the players in contention for the most famous prize in tennis.

Roger Federer is the clear favourite to retain the men's title, with some bookmakers offering odds of 1-2 on another victorious campaign for the Swiss champion. The ladies' event on the other hand is still very much up for grabs. In fact, this year the ladies' championship could be a more attractive spectacle than the traditionally dominant male event. So who are the main contenders in ladies' tennis?

The current world number one is Amelie Mauresmo from France. She won the Australian open in 2006, and reached the Wimbledon Doubles final last year. Although her busy tennis schedule doesn't give her much time to relax, she doesn't waste what time she has. Amelie enjoys skiing, riding horses and listening to the music of Dido. She was also the first ever French woman to become world number one in September 2004.

World number two, Kim Clijsters, comes from a sporting family. Her father was a footballer, and was Belgium's 1988 Player of the Year. Like Mauresmo, Kim enjoys playing sports and skiing in her free time, and her favourite groups are Bon Jovi and Destiny's Child. The highlights of her career include winning the US Open in 2005.

One of the most glamorous players is world number four Maria Sharapova. The Russian player began tennis at the age of four and then moved to the USA when she was nine. One of her main interests off the court is fashion; she joined IMG Models, a modelling company, in September 2003.

Another Russian, Nadia Petrova, occupies third spot. She also comes from a sporting family, and both her parents are athletics coaches. This aggressive player is sure to move up the rankings in 2006.

One player who is possibly less likely to win but is always well-received at Wimbledon is Venus Williams. With her sister Serena, Venus has become one of the most famous players in modern tennis. She won the Wimbledon Singles title in 2000, 2001 and 2005, and the Wimbledon doubles, playing with her sister, in 2000 and 2002. Currently 13<sup>th</sup> in the world rankings, some think she may be past her best.



## Glossary 词汇表

<b>in contention</b> – 争夺	<b>retain</b> - 保持, 保留
<b>bookmakers</b> - 以赌赛马为生的人, 以赌赛马为主的赌场	<b>odds</b> - 赌注与付款的差额..., 几率
<b>up for grabs</b> – 获取, 争取	<b>attractive spectacle</b> – 吸引人的精彩场面
<b>main contenders</b> – 主要竞争者, 有实力的运动员	<b>current</b> – 目前的
<b>waste</b> – 浪费	<b>highlights</b> – 巅峰
<b>career</b> – 事业	<b>glamorous</b> – 迷人的; 富有魅力的...
<b>off the court</b> – 球场外	<b>occupies third spot</b> – 位居世界第三
<b>athletics coaches</b> – 体育教练	<b>aggressive</b> – 主动进取的
<b>rankings</b> – 排行	<b>well-received</b> – 深受欢迎的, 受好评的

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Amelie Mauresmo likes to spend her free time doing nothing.  
True / False
2. Kim Clijsters won a big match in the USA in 2005. True / False
3. Maria Sharapova works in the fashion industry too. True / False
4. Nadia Petrova is a calm player. True / False
5. Venus Williams has won 4 Wimbledon Titles with her sister.  
True / False

## 2. Vocabulary 词汇

The words in the box all appeared in the text. Check their meanings in the glossary, then complete the sentences below.

请从下列词语中, 选择正确答案完成下列句子.

up for grabs	contender	odds	current
waste	highlights	glamorous	aggressive

1. Tom Hanks is a \_\_\_\_\_ to win an Oscar for his performance in The Da Vinci Code.
2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your money buying things you don't need.
3. Nobody has won this game yet. The championship is still \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Hollywood stars are usually very \_\_\_\_\_ people.
5. One of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Venus William's career was winning Wimbledon with her sister.
6. Some players are very calm, while others are very \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ world number one tennis player is Amelie Mauresmo.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of England winning the World Cup are 6-1.

### 3. Adjectives 形容词

Match the adjectives in column A with their opposites in column B.

从B组中为A组的形容词选出正确的反义词。

#### Column A

1. glamorous
2. modest
3. powerful
4. aggressive
5. exciting

#### Column B

- a. arrogant
- b. boring
- c. calm
- d. plain
- e. weak

Look at the sentences below. Complete each sentence with a word from column A or B.

从上列A,B两组中选出正确的形容词完成下列句子。

1. After being sick for so long he was very \_\_\_\_\_ and could hardly walk.
2. Although he is very famous, he is very \_\_\_\_\_ and easy to talk to.
3. Although she looks very glamorous on the television, in real life she's quite \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Hey! Keep \_\_\_\_\_! There's no need to get so angry!
5. I don't like her. She thinks she's so much better than everyone else – she's really \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I don't like watching men's tennis. It's not exciting enough. It's very \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Maria Shaparova is very \_\_\_\_\_. She even works as a model.
8. She's a very \_\_\_\_\_ player, hitting the ball hard and shouting a lot.
9. The President of the country is a very \_\_\_\_\_ man.
10. Wow! What a game! It was so \_\_\_\_\_ when she scored the final point and won the game.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with tennis in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与网球有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

a	s	w	r	v	b	y	c	o	u	r	t
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g	h	i	f	l	l	s	q	w	e	t	r
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d	c	r	b	y	o	e	r	b	n	p	b
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l	k	r	a	n	k	i	n	g	s	l	m

court	racket	net	singles	doubles
serve	ball	winner	Wimbledon	ranking

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