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British Tennis Players



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How Good Are They? 他们的水平到底怎样?

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The **Wimbledon Tennis Championships** are famous around the world, with players from many different countries taking part. China's most successful women's international players at the moment, Zheng Jie and Li Na, will be playing in the tournament.

So, what about the British players? The last time a British player won the tournament was in 1977 when Virginia Wade won the **Women's Singles** title. However, in 2006, there are no **high-profile** British women tennis players. It's the men who are the most successful.

There are three **major** British male players playing at an international level at the moment. The most successful in the past has been Tim Henman. He has reached the **semi-finals** at Wimbledon four times, but he has failed to make the next step to the finals. In 2002 he was seeded fourth in the world.

Unfortunately for Tim though, he has been unable to **regain his form** to this high level. He has received a lot of **criticism** in the press for being unable to win any tournaments, in spite of his high ranking internationally.

In recent years Tim has **slipped** to 62 in the world rankings. He is also 31 years old so he is no longer as young or as fit as he used be. But as long as he continues to play, the British people will always **get behind** him and hope that he can succeed at Wimbledon.

Greg Rusedski is another famous British men's singles player. He was born in Canada but his mother is British, so he has chosen to be a **British citizen** and represent Britain in the tennis. He was also seeded fourth back in 1997 and has only ever reached the **quarter-finals** at Wimbledon. He is currently the highest ranking British player, but he has never really been a **contender** for the Wimbledon title.

Britain's **biggest tennis hope** is 19-year-old Andrew Murray from Scotland. He hasn't been playing for very long, and he has had a few **injuries** which might have **held him back**, but he is currently ranked 45th, above Tim Henman. He has played well in tournaments in other countries over the past year and he is probably Britain's biggest hope to succeed at Wimbledon sometime soon. Come on Andrew!

Glossary 词汇表

Wimbledon Tennis Championships 温布尔登网球公开赛	tournament 比赛, 锦标赛
Women's Singles 女子单打	title 头衔, 冠军
high-profile 知名度高的	major 主要的
semi-finals 半决赛	seeded 种子(选手)
to regain his form 恢复最佳状态	criticism 批评
ranking 排名	slipped 下滑
get behind 落后	British citizen 英国公民
quarter-finals 四分之一决赛	contender 竞争者; 角逐者
Britain's biggest tennis hope 英国网球希望之星	injuries 伤病
held him back 阻止(他)	come on! 加油

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. Zheng Jie is one of China's most successful tennis players at the moment. True / False
2. A British player last won Wimbledon in the 1980s. True / False
3. Tim Henman has reached the final at Wimbledon four times. True / False
4. British player Greg Rusedski was born in Canada. True / False
5. Andrew Murray has a higher ranking than Tim Henman. True / False

2. Superlatives / Comparatives 最高级/比较级

A superlative 最高级 – 最好, 最大, 最高兴

eg. **Greg Rusedski is the tallest British tennis player.**

例句: **Greg Rusedski** 是最高的英国网球员.

A comparative 比较级 – 比较大, 比较高, 比较高兴

eg. **Greg Rusedski is taller than Tim Henman.**

例句: **Greg Rusedski** 比**Tim Henman**高.

Choose the correct option, the superlative or the comparative, to complete the sentence.

是最高级还是比较级正确, 请为下列句子选出正确答案.

1. Virginia Wade was **the best** / was better than women's tennis player at Wimbledon in 1977.
2. In 2006, British men's tennis players are better than / are the best the British women's players.
3. Tim Henman has been more successful than / has been the most successful Greg Rusedski or Andy Murray.
4. Greg Rusedski currently is the highest / is higher than ranking of all the British male players.
5. In Britain, tennis is more popular than / is the most popular ice hockey or baseball.
6. Venus Williams is the fastest / is faster than server in tennis with a speed of 128 miles per hour (206 kilometres per hour).

3. Tennis Vocabulary 网球词汇

Choose the correct tennis vocabulary to complete the sentences.

从下列单词中选出正确答案完成下列句子。

1. The match had to stop when the player broke a string on his _____.
2. In tennis, the players have to hit the ball over a _____.
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4. When the score is 0 in tennis, we use the word _____, which can also mean to like something a lot!
5. Venus Williams always starts her game well. She has a very powerful _____.

racquet

serve

love

out

net

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。

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

tournament	semi-final	tennis	ranking	title
racquet	serve	net	player	Wimbledon

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