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Chinese Tennis 中国网球

Chinese Ladies Win Wimbledon Title 中国女选手温网夺冠

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

China has won its first ever Wimbledon trophy with a **three set victory** by Yan Zi and Zheng Jie over **veteran duo** Virginia Ruano Pascual and Paola Suarez in the **womens' doubles**.

The **fourth-seeded** Chinese pair **made history** by destroying their opponents 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 in a game lasting two hours and eight minutes. They will share £205,280 in **prize money**.

Zheng Jie **summed up** their achievement after the game. "We are very happy and **proud** to be the first Chinese Doubles Champions at Wimbledon", she said, "It has been a very good year for us and we hope to keep winning more titles in the future."

Zheng Jie has every reason to be happy and proud – the Wimbledon win takes her career prize money **earnings** to over \$1 million.

Their Wimbledon success follows their **impressive performance** in the Australian Open in January of this year when they became the first ever Chinese players to win a **Grand Slam** competition.

Zheng Jie and Yan Zi are not alone in **raising the profile** of Chinese tennis players internationally. Li Na managed **to battle her way** to the quarter-finals of the women's singles competition before **conceding defeat** to Belgium's Kim Clijsters.

It seems that winning gold medals in the 2004 Athens Olympics has **stimulated the development** of Chinese tennis, in particular women's tennis.

Gu Jue from Shanghai TV explains, "The Chinese government **invests** more in women's tennis because they have to choose a way to make **improvements**, but men's tennis is much more **competitive**. It's much easier to make improvements in women's tennis."

With six Chinese women playing in this year's Wimbledon, surely it is only a **matter of time** before the men **make their mark** too.



Glossary 词汇表

three set victory - 三盘胜利	veteran duo - 经验丰富的老搭档
women's doubles - 女子双打	fourth-seeded - 位居第四的种子选手
made history - 载入史册	prize money - 奖金
summed up - 总结	proud - 骄傲
earnings - 所得,收入	impressive performance - 令人称赞的表现, 表演
Grand Slam - 大满贯	raising the profile - 提高声望
battle her way - 奋战	conceding defeat - 任输;承认失败
stimulated the development - 促进发展	invests - 投资
improvements - 提高	competitive - 竞争的
a matter of time - 时间问题	make their mark - 榜上有名

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. Yan Zi and Zheng Jie are the first Chinese tennis players to win a trophy at Wimbledon. **True / False**
2. They won £205, 280 each in prize money. **True / False**
3. It's the first time Chinese players have won a Grand Slam event.
True / False
4. Winning tennis gold medals at the 2004 Olympics in Athens has made more Chinese people take up the sport. **True / False**
5. More women play tennis in China than men. **True / False**

2. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. Wimbledon players Chinese their won first title two have tennis.

2. the in hope they winning keep future to.

3. Zheng Jie career dollars than in won million far has so more a her.

4. government tennis Chinese invests money lot a women's in the of.

5. long competitions won't Chinese start be it before win too men to.

3. Vocabulary 词汇

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

用下列词语完成以下句子.

conceded defeat	invests	Grand Slam	proud
made history	earnings	competitive	prize money

1. I entered a competition and won £1000 in _____.
2. Wimbledon, The American Open, The French Open and The Australian Open are the four _____ events in tennis.
3. To be a professional sportsman you have to be talented but also very _____.
4. When they won the title they thought about their achievement and felt very _____.
5. The money I get from my work is my _____.
6. When the climber was so tired he couldn't continue to the top he _____ and returned to base camp.
7. The players _____ by winning Wimbledon. They were the first to do it.
8. The government _____ lots of money in sports programmes to be successful in sporting events.

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 (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

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(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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

set	doubles	seed	grand slam	singles
umpire	prize	victory	trophy	ball

Answers 答案

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2. They hope to keep winning in the future.
3. Zheng Jie has won more than a million dollars in her career so far.
4. The Chinese government invests a lot of money in women's tennis.
5. It won't be long before Chinese men start to win too.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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