



SPORT IN GREAT BRITAIN

The history of the sport in the UK

- ▶ Britain has spawned a number of major international sports including: football, rugby, cricket, golf, tennis, badminton, squash, hockey, boxing, snooker, billiards and curling. He also played a key role in the development of sports such as sailing and Formula 1. In most competitions individual commands in favor of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, including at the Commonwealth Games. However, there are occasions when a team in favor of the United Kingdom, including the Olympic Games, which is represented by a single team. London was the venue for the Olympic Games in 1908 and 1948, and in 2012 became the first city to host the Olympic Games three times.

The history of football in the UK.

- ▶ Each of the four countries of the United Kingdom, has its own national football association which manages on football matters within the borders of its territory. This is the Football Association of England, founded in 1863, the Scottish Football Association, founded in 1874, the Football Association of Wales, founded in 1876 and the Irish Football Association, founded in 1880. These are the four oldest football association in the world, they take up four places from eight in the International Football Association Board (the IFAB), which determines the rules of the game of football (the remaining four seats on the board belong to FIFA). In England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland there are different systems of football leagues. In Wales, there was no national league until 1992 (previously only existed regional league), because of what some of the leading Welsh clubs in the English leagues are the system. England football league system includes hundreds of different leagues and consists of thousands of different divisions. Elite division is the Premier League, followed by The Football League and the Football Conference. With football league system includes the Northern Ireland Premier League. One Northern Irish club, "Derry" stands outside the UK Championship in Ireland. Scottish football league system has two national leagues: Premier League and the Football League, as well as several regional leagues. Welsh football league system includes the Welsh Premier League and several regional leagues.



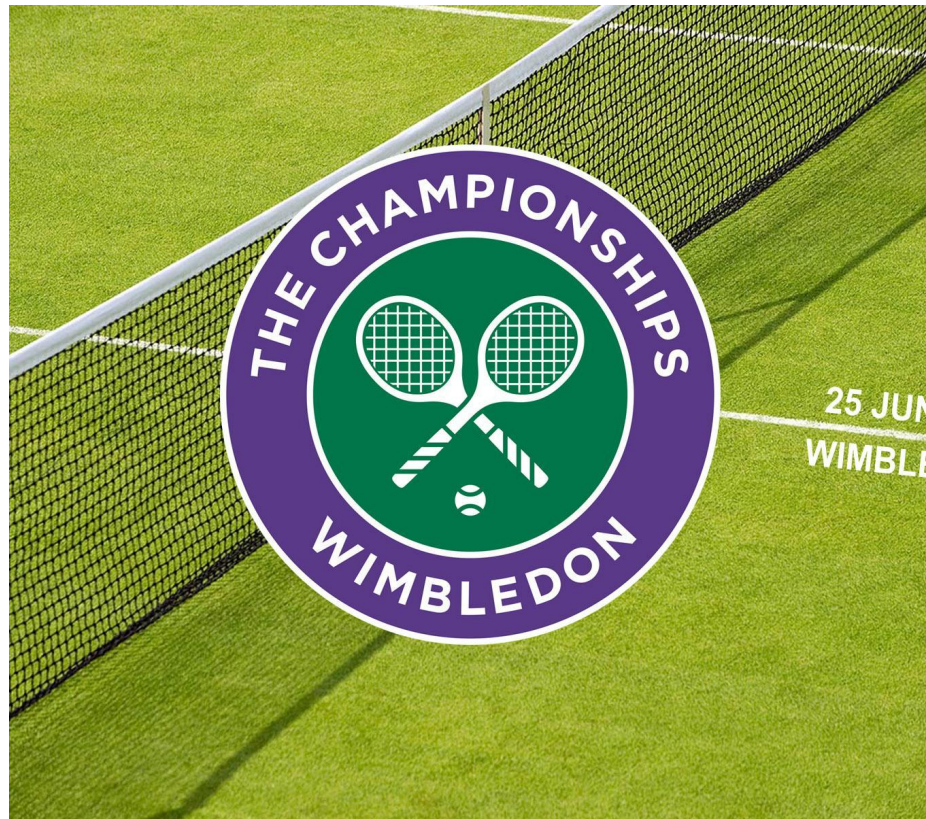
The history of cricket in the UK.

- ▶ Cricket was invented in England and is very popular throughout the country and the former colonies. Wales does not have his team and acts together with England, as well as representatives from Scotland and Ireland cricket team which began to develop only recently. Rugby is popular in some areas of the UK. He appeared in Huddersfield and it is mainly played in the North of England. Unified Team "British Lions" before played in the World Cup and test matches, but in 2008 England, Scotland and Ireland compete as separate countries. Rugby-15 national teams of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland itself is very strong. Six Nations Cup, played between the teams of the abovementioned, as well as Italy and France, considered the unofficial European Championship.



The history of tennis in the UK

- ▶ The game of tennis has appeared in Birmingham somewhere between 1859 and 1865. Wimbledon - an international tournament held in Wimbledon in south London every summer and is considered one of the most prestigious tournaments in the world.



The history of rugby in the UK.

- ▶ It is believed that rugby came in 1823 when William Webb Ellis during game one of the football version (it should be understood that in those days in each village and school rules could be significantly different from each other, and now popular on at least 7 types of laws of the game, and the game is prohibited hands only football association) at Rugby school (also occurs more correct in terms of the rules of transliteration variant of Rugby), he took the ball in his hands and ran with him to the gate. However, well-established rules for a long time was not (as in the "normal" football) team before a match each time they agreed on. When the English Football Association was founded in 1863, it is forbidden to take the ball in his hands and try to take away his opponent. So familiar to us football and rugby became separate sports (which is why football is sometimes called association football). In 1871, the Rugby Football Union (RFU, Rugby Football Union) was created, still carrying rugby management in England, and in 1886 - the International Union of Rugby (IRB, International Rugby Board). The first international match was played on March 27, 1871 in Edinburgh between the teams of England and Scotland. Soon rugby spread to other countries, particularly in Britain, many of ownership: Australia, New Zealand (1870), South Africa (1875). In North America, Rugby evolved from the American and Canadian football. By the end of the XIX century there has been a gap between the north of England where rugby has become very popular among workers and citizens, and the south, where this game has remained largely the privilege of gentlemen. The main issue was the opportunity to become professionals, that is, to get paid for a game of rugby. As a result, August 29, 1895 in Huddersfield was formed "Northern Rugby Union» (NRFU). The teams that joined the Northern Alliance, were allowed to be composed of professionals. Rules of the game have also been slightly modified, and North rugby league was formed in 1901. At the beginning of the XX century Similar splits occurred in Australia and New Zealand. A new game called rugby league (sometimes called the Russian rugby-13, according to the number of players per team). The "old" rugby began to avoid confusion called rugby union (since its rules were originally drawn RFU). Rugby Union remained strong in the south of England and in Scotland and Wales (where it was popular among workers in the south, especially among the miners of valleys).

The history of motorsport in the UK

- ▶ Britain is also represented in motorsport. Many teams and drivers in Formula 1 are based here, and the British pilots won more titles than any other country representatives. In the UK it passed the very first Grand Prix in 1950 at Silverstone.



History of badminton in the UK

- ▶ In the 19th century British officers serving in India, carried away by an ancient Indian game of Pune, which can be considered the prototype of modern badminton. The British brought fascination with the game at home. The modern tradition of the game originated in England in the old manor Badminton House, whose owner, a well-known sports enthusiast and publisher of a series of sports kinds of books, the Duke of Beaufort, built in 1873, the first platform for badminton. In 1893, the Badminton Association of England published the first regulation. Since 1992, badminton included in the program of the Summer Olympic Games.

