

Sport in the UK



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FOOTBALL





To British isles game with a ball was brought by the Roman legionaries. However only in 1863 in England game rules in football have been confirmed. And in 1871 the first football tournament - the cup of the England.



The UK has four teams in international competitions – England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The only problem is that the four teams do not usually play very well!





However, the English Premier League is one of the best in the world and has some world-famous clubs like Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United.

A lot of football clubs welcome visitors. Why not go to Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United?



In Scotland, is Hampden Park in Glasgow. It is the oldest international stadium and has the Scottish National Museum of Football.



TENNIS



Under the most widespread version, major Uolton Vingfild was the ancestor of game. He has thought up game for entertainment of visitors on receptions in the private residence in the Wales and in 1873 has published the first game rules.



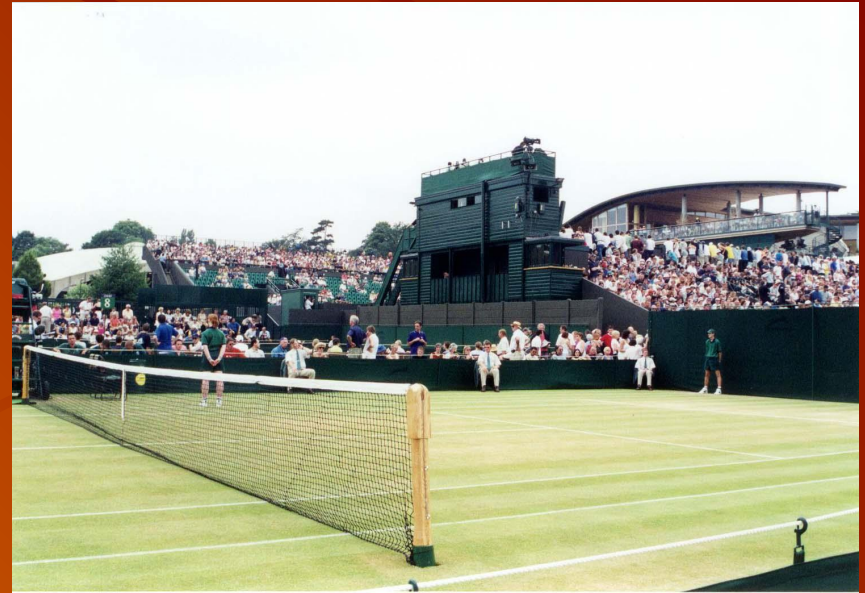


In England, in London passes the oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament, one of four tournaments of the Big Helmet-Wimbled on.



Wimbledon is more than just the two-week summer tournament in June.

There is a museum which has the championship trophies on display and there are guided tours of the famous 'centre court'.



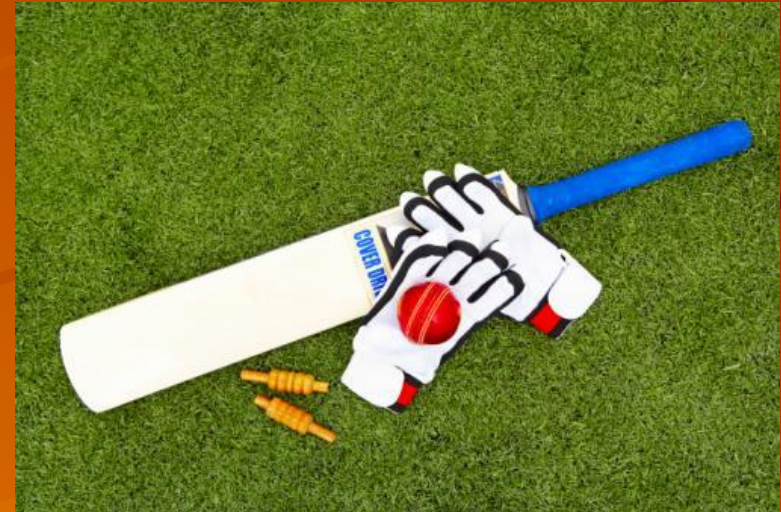
CRICKET





Game in cricket has arisen in the Middle Ages in England. The oldest competitions on cricket — The Ashes — traditional meetings between England and Australia.

The rules are very complicated but if you are in England in the summer, a day at a cricket game is an interesting experience. The players wear white and the game goes very slowly.





Edgbaston in Birmingham is a good place to visit; it has got a fascinating collection of photos, bats, balls and autographs from a hundred years of cricket matches.



RUGBY



Long time of
Rugby football
was inseparably
linked with
football. Only in
1871 the
Football Union of
Rugby football
uniting twenty
one English club
has been
created.



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Twickenham is the home of England's rugby team. The stadium tour and Museum of Rugby.



Back in
Scotland,
Murrayfield
stadium holds
record rugby
crowd of
104000 and
the stadium
now has its
own tour.



HORSE RACING

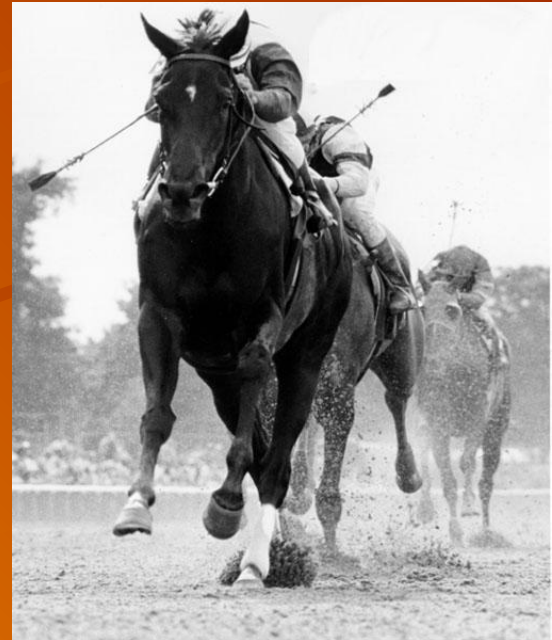




The history of horse races in England has begun in a XVII-th century when members of royal family had special breeds of horses for races.



During a XVIII-th century in England new large hippodromes in Doncaster, Njumarket, Epsom and Askot.





Lovers of this sport must visit Aintree near Liverpool. It is the home of the world's most spectacular race, the Grand National.



UNUSUAL KINDS OF SPORTS



In one
English
county pass
the World
championshi
ps on a
throwing of
pies.





Exact date of occurrence of this entertainment is unknown. But in an English place Cooper Hill its popularity does not weaken which year.

Sense of competition
– to catch up with
a head sliding on
an abrupt hill
double Glosster
cheese. At first
sight all is simple,
however a cheese,
weight in 3,6 kg.
During movement
accelerates
momentum more
than 70 miles at an
o'clock.



EXERCISES



No1.

Answer these question about sport in the UK.

1. How many international football teams are there in the UK?

a) one b) three c) four

2. What is Murrayfield?

a) a football stadium b) a rugby stadium

c) a tennis court

3. When does the Wimbledon tennis tournament begin?

a) May b) June c) July

4. What is the Grand National?

a) a car race b) a horse race c) a football final

YES!



NO!



No2.

Are these statements true or false?

1. Manchester United play at Hampden Park.
2. Edgbaston is open in August.
3. The Scottish rugby team play at Twickenham.
4. Wimbledon's tennis tournament lasts for a week.
5. The Grand National takes place near Liverpool.



TRUE!



FALSE!

Manchester United
play at Old Trafford.



FALSE!

The Scottish rugby team play at Murrayfield.



FALSE!

Wimbledon's tennis tournament lasts for a two week.



GOOD BYE!

