

SPORT IN RUSSIA AND GREAT BRITAIN / СПОРТ В РОССИИ И ВЕЛИКОБРИТАНИИ

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SPORT IN GREAT BRITAIN



- Most people in Great Britain are real sport-lovers. Even if they don't go in for sport, they like to talk about it. Perhaps, you didn't know, but many kinds of sport have taken the origin in Great Britain. Cricket, football, rugby, tennis, table tennis, badminton, squash, canoeing and snooker were invented in Britain.





- Britain's national sport is football or soccer. It was played there as far back as medieval times. Nowadays it has become the most popular game all over the world. There is no national football team in Great Britain. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have their separate football clubs, which compete in European and World Cup matches.



English football fans are fond of most exciting games which are held between teams from the same city. For example, between Manchester United and Manchester City, Arsenal and Chelsea from London.

MANCHESTER UNITED



MANCHESTER CITY



There are plenty of amateur association football clubs. Many schools form their own football teams, offering students an opportunity of entering prestigious universities according to their sport achievements.



There are a lot of other popular sports in Great Britain, for example, horseracing, croquet, swimming, running, cycling and rowing.



SPORT IN RUSSIA



Russian people are no exception. They also like different types of sport both doing them and watching. Moreover, sport has always been very popular in our country and there are hundreds of Olympic champions who come from Russia.



Nearly every Russian city has a number of stadiums, swimming-pools, tennis courts, skiing slopes, ice rinks, and many other sports facilities.



Traditionally all sports in the country are divided into professional and amateur.



Professional sportsmen take part in different important competitions and championships. . Lots of world records in sports have been set by Russian sportsmen. Apart from that, Russian sportsmen have won lots of gold, silver and bronze medals for their country in the Olympic Games.





It's useful for every person, as it helps to keep fit and in good shape. Other amateurs prefer simply to ride a bicycle or roller-skate in the nearest parks. More expensive and risky activities, which are available for amateurs in Russia, include scuba-diving, horse-riding, car-racing, skiing and some other sports.



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