

WHAT SPORTS DO THEY PLAY IN THE UK



*Many of the world's
famous sports began in
Britain*



Football



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*Lawn
Tennis*



*England's national sport is
cricket*

*Cricket is played on village
greens and in towns/cities on
Sundays from April to August*





*Football (Soccer)
Football is undoubtedly the
most popular sport in
England, and has been
played for hundreds of
years.*

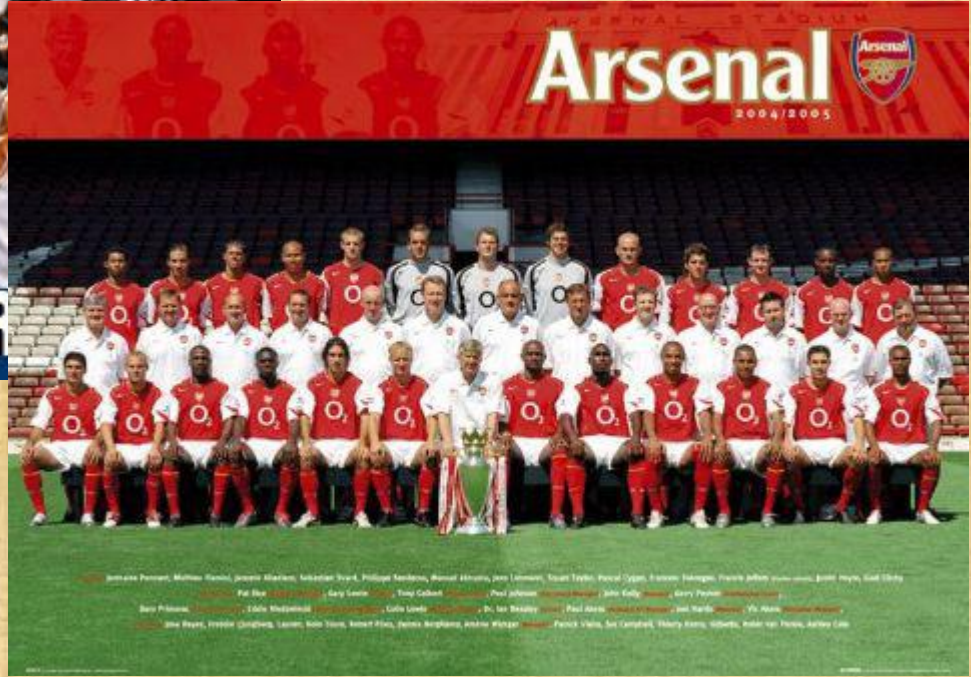
Did you know?

The first set of laws of the game of football, or soccer as it is known in the US, date from the formation of The Football Association in England in 1863.

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BECAUSE FOOTBALL IS EVER



Rugby originated from Rugby school in Warwickshire



It is similar to football, but played with an oval ball. Players can carry the ball and tackle each other.



*The world's
most famous
tennis
tournament is
Wimbledon*



Did you know?

Wimbledon is the oldest of all the major tennis tournaments beginning in 1877.

The rewards of prize money began in 1968 when the total purse allocated was £26,150 (about \$40,000).

Golf as we know it today originated from a game played on the eastern coast of Scotland. The modern game of golf originated in 15th century



There are over 400 golf courses in Scotland





Netball is the largest female team sport in England. The sport is played almost exclusively by women and girls, although male participation has increased in recent years.



Basketball was invented in December 1891 by the Canadian clergyman, educator, and physician James Naismith.



Over 3 million people participate in basketball in the UK.





Horseracing, the sport of Kings is a very popular sport

Some of the best-known horse races are held at Ascot, Newmarket, Goodwood and Epsom.





Ascot, a small town in the south of England, becomes the centre of horse-racing world for one week in June. It's called Royal Ascot because the Queen always goes to Ascot. She has a lot of racehorses and likes to watch racing.

Ascot Racecourse was founded by Queen Anne in 1711 and since that time, a further eleven monarchs have leant their patronage to the Royal race course. every spring in either late March or early April.



Did you know that

- It is a major event in the British social calendar. There is a dress code for attending Royal Ascot. Males must wear full formal morning dress including a top hat, women must not show exposed midriffs or shoulders and must wear hats.*





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Table tennis was invented in England in 1880. It began with Cambridge University students using cigar boxes and champagne corks.

Although the game originated in England, British players don't have much luck in international championships.



The Oxford-Cambridge



Boat Race

In the nineteenth century, students at **Oxford** and **Cambridge**, Britain's two oldest universities, were huge fans of rowing. In 1829, the two schools agreed to hold a race against each other for the first time on the Thames River. The Oxford boat won and a tradition was born. Today, the University Boat Race is held



The Oxford - Cambridge boat race



The British also like fishing (angling), boxing, playing bowls, darts, badminton

