

Battle of the sexes tennis match

Have you ever played or watched tennis? (*Yes, I have...*)

Vocabulary

1. prove 2. victory 3. justice 4. compete 5. champion 6. beat

True Story

Fifty years ago, on September 20, 1973, a famous tennis match called the "Battle of the Sexes" happened. Billie Jean King, a top female tennis player, played against Bobby Riggs, a former men's _____. Riggs, who was 55, said he could _____ the best women players. He first played Margaret Court and won easily. After this, King decided to play Riggs to _____ a point.

King believed the match was about more than tennis. She said, "It's about social change and _____." In front of 90 million TV viewers, King won the match in straight sets: 6-4, 6-3, 6-3. This _____ was important for women's rights and showed that women could _____ equally in sports.

Quiz

1. What happened 50 years ago?
2. Who were the two players in the match?
3. What did Bobby Riggs say about women players?
4. How many TV viewers watched the match?

True or False

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| 1. Margaret Court easily won the match against Bobby Riggs. | True False |
| 2. Bobby Riggs was 55 years old during the match. | True False |
| 3. The match was important for women's rights. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Hey Bobby, are you ready for our match today?
 B: Of course, Billie. I hope you're ready to lose!
 A: We'll see about that. I'm here to prove a point.
 B: A point? I thought we were just playing tennis.
 A: It's more than tennis, Bobby. It's about fairness.
 B: Alright, let's see who wins. Game on!

Discussion

1. Do you think men and women should compete together in sports?
2. Should men and women get equal pay in sports?
3. What successful athletes would make a great couple?
4. If you were the opposite sex, do you think your hobbies would be different?