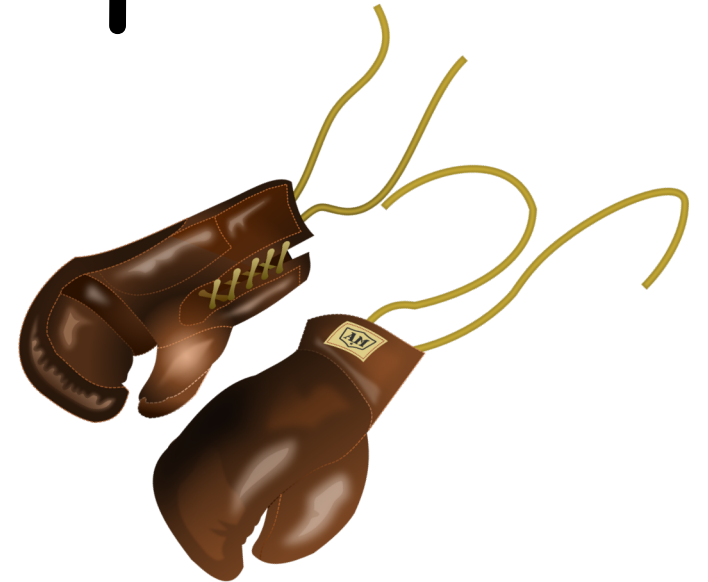
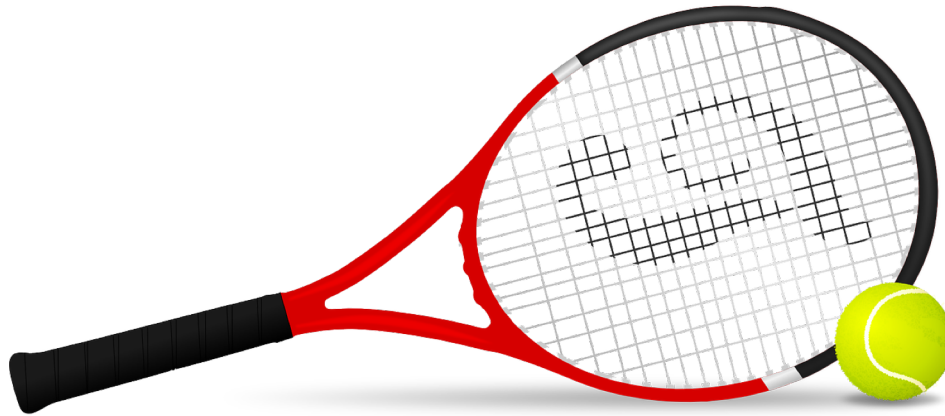




# Great Women in Sport





# Billie Jean King

Billie was a Tennis player.

Billie saw lots of problems in tennis competitions, including people who thought women were not as good at tennis as men.

Billie fought hard to change people's views.

Billie saw that men were paid more to win a tennis match than women.

She started her own tournament and eventually other tournaments started to give the same money to men and women as prizes.

Billie still fights for **equal rights**.

# Nicola Adams

Nicola Adam is a boxer.

Lots of people thought women should not take part in boxing matches.

Nicola's mum worked very hard to pay for her to train in boxing from a young age.

Nicola competed at the 2012 London Olympics. This was the first time women were allowed to box. She won the gold medal.

[Click below to see a video of Nicola winning her gold medal:](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBqgUq4xQeI>

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# Wilma Rudolph

Wilma was a sprinter.

People treated her differently because of the colour of her skin.

When she was very young, Wilma suffered from a disease called Polio.

She had to go to hospital 50 miles from her house. She could not go to the local hospital because she was not white.

She worked very hard and trained at school.

She eventually went to the Olympics and became the first ever woman to win 3 gold medals at one Olympics games.

Wilma fought her whole life for **equal rights**.



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# Tonya Harding

Tonya was a figure skater.

She worked very hard to train as a skater.

Her family did not have a lot of money but people expected her to have expensive clothes and to be able to afford expensive training.

Tonya competed in many competitions but people treated her differently.

She was the first woman to ever complete a move called a 'triple axel.'

Click to see Tonya doing a 'triple axel:'

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_Bj6i9RDp0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_Bj6i9RDp0)

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# England Women's football team

When people thinking of the England football team, then often think of the men's team.

The women in the England team are some of the best players in the world.

They take part in competitions all over the world and are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> best.

Click here to see a video of them playing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLwOMeznflY>

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