

ANDY MURRAY

GAME, SET AND MATCH

Andy Murray es una de las primeras figuras del tenis. A los tres años, este escocés de carácter difícil ya le daba a la raqueta. En abril, se casó con su novia de toda la vida.

In July 2013 tennis player Andy Murray delighted the British nation when he beat¹ Novak Djokovic to become the first Briton to win Wimbledon since Fred Perry in 1936! In this year's tournament², held annually at the All England Lawn³ Tennis and Croquet Club, Murray made the semi-finals but was defeated by Roger Federer. Djokovic eventually took the trophy. Murray is ranked third in the world by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

A SCOTSMAN

Andy Murray is Scottish and proud⁴ of the fact. He even supported Scottish independence in last year's referendum. He was, however, unable⁵ to vote in the referendum because he is a resident of England. In 2006, when he was 19, a journalist asked him which football team⁶ he wanted to win⁷ the World Cup⁸. Like many Scottish people, he answered "Anyone but⁹ England!" It was a joke¹⁰, but the English didn't like it. Murray still has an anti-English image today. In March of this year he told the press¹¹: "The whole notion that I don't like English people is nonsense. I work with English people

on a daily basis. I am going to get married to one. I live here. It is just nonsense¹²."

EXCELLENCE

Andy Murray was born on May 15th 1987. He started playing tennis at the age of three and was good enough¹³ to play against adults when he was eight¹⁴. He was also a talented soccer player and had the chance¹⁵ to play for Glasgow Rangers' youth team when he was 15, but he chose tennis.

TRAUMATIC

Andy Murray was born in Glasgow but grew up¹⁶ in a small town called Dunblane. When he was nine a tragedy took place¹⁷ at his primary school. Thomas Hamilton, a gunman¹⁸, killed 16 schoolchildren, a teacher and then himself. If the massacre was traumatic for Andy, then so was his parents' divorce the following year. He has said that their divorce made him more competitive as a tennis player.

DIFFICULT

As a young man, he appeared to have a difficult character. He was shy¹⁹ but also aggressive and many tennis fans found that he was less



likeable²⁰ than other players. But he has become more relaxed in recent years. In April he married his long-term girlfriend from England, Kim Sears. Their wedding took place at Dunblane Cathedral. ☺

GLOSSARY

- 1 TO BEAT: ganar, vencer
- 2 TOURNAMENT: torneo
- 3 LAWN: césped
- 4 PROUD: orgullosa
- 5 TO BE UNABLE: no poder
- 6 TEAM: equipo
- 7 TO WIN: ganar
- 8 WORLD CUP: Mundial
- 9 ANYONE BUT: cualquiera menos
- 10 JOKE: broma
- 11 PRESS: prensa
- 12 NONSENSE: sandeces, tonterías
- 13 GOOD ENOUGH: suficientemente bueno
- 14 WHEN HE WAS EIGHT: cuando tenía ocho años
- 15 CHANCE: oportunidad
- 16 TO GROW UP: crecer
- 17 TO TAKE PLACE: ocurrir
- 18 GUNMAN: hombre armado
- 19 SHY: tímido
- 20 LIKEABLE: simpático, agradable