English sports

When you think of English sports, you’ll probably immediately think of activities like football, golf, etc. But actually, those aren’t as common as sports which don’t fulfil the English stereotypes, like rugby or tennis.

In 2019, from September, 20 to November, 2, the “Rugby-Union world-cup“ took place in Japan as the first world-cup ever to take place in an Asian country. It is said that it will be the third most watched sports-event in this year after the football-world-cup and the Olympic games. In rugby the main aim for the two teams in this game is to bring an egg-shaped “ball” into the opponent’s area which is comparable to the goal in football. To prevent this, pretty much everything besides from boxing and kicking is allowed, which often causes crowds of players lying on the one who has got the ball.

Tennis is less dangerous, but not less aggressive. In this sport there are two players with rackets on a court, which is separated in two halves by a net. The aim of each of the players is to prevent the opponent form being able to get the ball. Whoever has gained five points first, wins. This sport also has an important cup, which is called the “Nitto ATP Finals“. Founded in 1970, it has taken place in the O² Arena in London since 2009. This year, the ATP Finals will be held from 10th November to 18th November. In 2021, it will move to the Italian arena “Pala Alpitour“ in Turin.

Even though football isn’t the most popular sport in England, the English are still well known for it and their national football team. There are over 40,000 football clubs in the UK. Moreover, one has to know that the first written evidence of football was an English one in 1170. The national football team first played in the world championship in 1863 and the last time they won the world-championship was in 1966 and in the last world-championship they got forth. It is often played in schools in brakes, but also in PE (Physical Education).

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