

Extended Report

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Unit summary

- This unit is about sports. It introduces the Olympic Games, popular sports in Britain and two kinds of football. It also tells a story about the physical miseducation of a former fat boy. Through this unit, we know the origin as well as the development and the decline of the Olympics. We also know some sports like F1, Super League and The Derby. Besides, we make it clear that the similarities and the differences between soccer and American football.

About the Olympic Games

※ The Olympic Games originated from ancient Greece.

In the ancient Greek Olympics, only men were allowed to participate in it.

※ The Olympic motto is “ Higher, Faster, Stronger.”

※ Baron De Coubertin drafted the athlete' s vows (宣誓).

※ The purpose of passing the Olympic torch (火炬) by way of relay (传递) was to spread the Olympic spirit and make the seeds of peace and friendship root, grow, bloom and bear fruits in more countries.



FIFA World Cup



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World Cup (soccer), two international soccer tournaments(联赛), one for men and one for women, each held every four years. Both tournaments are the pinnacle(顶峰) of international competition in the sport.



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- The men's World Cup is considered the most popular sporting event in the world and is followed with passionate (热烈的) interest around the globe—the final game of the 1998 tournament was played to a television audience of more than 1 billion viewers. Founded in 1930 with just 13 teams, the tournament now attracts entries (参赛者) from more than 140 countries. The teams must participate in elimination games (淘汰赛) within their own continents (洲) before qualifying to become one of the 32 nations participating in the final tournament.

FIFA World Cup

- The women's World Cup was first played in 1991 and has gained popularity steadily since then. More than 90,000 fans attended the finals of the 1999 tournament—one of the largest crowds ever to witness a women's sporting event. Nearly 75 nations attempted to qualify for the 1999 event, which was a 16-team elimination tournament.

FIFA World Cup

The FIFA World Cup (often called Football World Cup, The World Cup, or simply World Cup) is the most important competition in international football (soccer), and the world's most prestigious sport event.

The World Cup is held every four years, but the qualifying rounds of the competition take place over a three-year period, using regional qualifying tournaments(区域资格赛). 197 national teams entered the qualification tournaments for the 2006 World Cup. The final tournament phase(阶段) involves 32 national teams competing over a four-week period in a previously nominated host nation(东道主).

The World Cup final competition (often called the "Finals"), which has been held every four years since 1930, except in 1942 and 1946 when it was cancelled due to World War II, is the most widely-viewed and followed sporting event in the world. It has a global audience of more than 3 billion people (half the world's population) exceeding(超过) even the Olympics.

Some football stars



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