

Analyzing Wimbledon: The Power of Statistics
by Franc Klaassen and Jan R. Magnus
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Advance praise (as on the back cover of the book)

“For a tennis geek like me, this book is right up my alley.”

— **Martina Navratilova**, holder of twenty Wimbledon titles

“A fascinating statistical analysis of who wins tennis matches and why. It will provoke discussion among tennis fans and statisticians alike, and, I hope, generate further research.”

— **Lord Mervyn King**, Former Governor of the Bank of England,
Current Member of the Committee of the All England Lawn Tennis Club

“Players, coaches, commentators, tennis gamblers, spectators, as well as statisticians can learn much as the authors investigate well-known theories and hypotheses of tennis, many of which are found to be false. *Analyzing Wimbledon* succeeds admirably in satisfying the dual and sometimes competing demands of tennis enthusiasts and statisticians.”

— **Geoff Pollard**, Past Chairman of the Australian Open,
Current Vice President of the International Tennis Federation

“This book educates and entertains in equal measure. It uses statistics in a highly creative and insightful way to explore the game of tennis, and uses the game of tennis to show the power of statistical methods.”

— **Richard Blundell**, Professor of Economics, University College London,
Past President of the Econometric Society and the Royal Economic Society

“In this excellent book one can sense the fun the authors must have felt in creating sometimes advanced statistical methods to forecast match outcomes, to identify the structure and patterns of the game, and to test the validity of often espoused hypotheses.”

— **Carl Morris**, Professor of Statistics, Harvard University

“Professors Klaassen and Magnus take us on a new world of statistical discovery, unraveling the mysteries of Wimbledon and the game of tennis through skilled analysis of the raw data. Empowering for players and illuminating for fans.”

— **Peter C.B. Phillips**, Sterling Professor of Economics, Yale University

“From assessing the relative importance of different points, to evaluating serving strategy, to predicting tennis outcomes, the authors provide a comprehensive and immensely readable treatment of key topics in the sport.”

— **Hal Stern**, Professor of Statistics, University of California, Irvine,
Past Editor of *Chance* and the *Journal of the American
Statistical Association*

Comments and suggestions

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