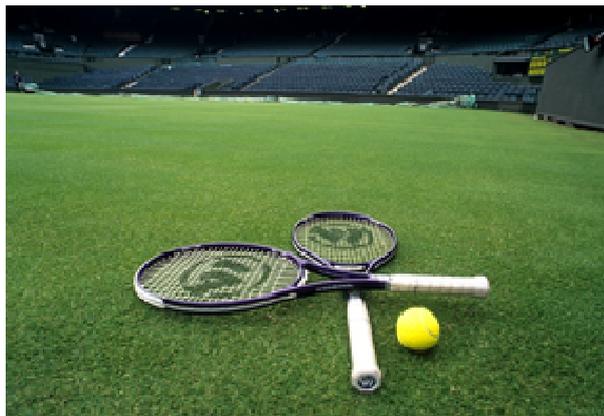


Murray's hopes dashed 穆雷梦再次破灭

Vocabulary: 表达失望的词语

Britain had its fingers crossed this weekend as tennis star Andy Murray prepared to battle it out against Roger Federer to become the UK's first Wimbledon Men's Singles champion since 1936.

The weight of expectation was incredibly high: although Murray has fought his way to four Grand Slam finals, he's never managed to lift the trophy, so the pressure was on for history to be made.



Murray was considered the underdog against Federer, so spectators were on the edge of their seats when he managed to win the first set. But hopes began to fade when his opponent fought back, finally easing his way towards victory to become Wimbledon champion for the seventh time.

This crushing blow for Murray was clear for all to see. Whilst Federer celebrated, the nation watched as heartbroken Murray took the microphone to address his fans in the crowd.

Murray choked back tears during his emotional speech, congratulating Federer on his performance and admitting that defeat was "tough to take." At one point during his speech he had to step away from the microphone to collect himself, giving many spectators a lump in their throat.

The player has often been criticised in the media for his apparent lack of emotion during interviews, but seeing the dejected player weep openly in front of the crowd has changed many people's opinions and won the hearts of a nation overnight.

Whilst Murray is sure to be haunted by the defeat for some time, he tried to remain positive about his elusive Grand Slam victory, humbly adding: "I'm getting closer."

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What word is used to describe someone who is not likely to win?
2. How many times has Andy Murray got to a Grand Slam final?
3. What phrase is used to describe Murray's defeat?
4. What phrase describes stopping yourself from crying?
5. What is another way to say 'disappointed'?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. John felt so _____ after failing his driving test for the third time.

humble	criticised	haunted	dejected
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2. Sarah's father made a really emotional speech at her wedding; I had a _____ in my throat.

lump	tear	frog	choke
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3. The penalty shoot-out in the football was thrilling! I was on the edge of my _____.

hope	seat	dream	pressure
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4. He's been in hospital for months now and hopes that he'll get better are beginning to _____.

battle	weep	fade	defeat
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5. The Duchess of Cambridge really won the _____ of the nation at the Royal Wedding.

bodies	hearts	minds	soul
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What word is used to describe someone who is not likely to win? underdog
2. How many times has Andy Murray got to a Grand Slam final? four
3. What phrase is used to describe Murray's defeat? a crushing blow
4. What phrase describes stopping yourself from crying? choked back tears
5. What is another way to say "disappointed"? dejected

Exercise 练习

1. John felt so dejected after failing his driving test for the third time.
2. Sarah's father made a really emotional speech at her wedding; I had a lump in my throat.
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Glossary 词汇表

fingers crossed	祈愿
to battle it out	拼搏一场
weight of expectation	厚望, 期待值
pressure was on	有压力
Underdog	受压迫者
edge of their seats	急切关注
hopes began to fade	希望开始消失
crushing blow	致命打击
Heartbroken	伤心
choked back tears	强忍泪水
Emotional	感情冲动的
tough to take	难以接受
collect himself	让自己振作起来
lump in their throat	呜咽, 哽塞
lack of emotion	缺少感情
Dejected	灰心的, 沮丧的

Weep	哭泣
won the hearts	赢得...的心
Haunted	被（失望）萦绕的
remain positive	保持积极乐观的态度