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# Tech's Impact on Sports Drama: Wimbledon to VAR

## Description

Getty Images Line judges at Wimbledon

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Line judges will no longer feature at Wimbledon from next year

David Bayliss, a former Wimbledon line judge, shares his thoughts on the decision to replace human line judges with technology for "maximum accuracy".

Bayliss, who served for 22 years at Wimbledon, recalls memorable moments and jokes about being hit by a ball at high speed.

While he acknowledges the logic behind the change, some wonder if it will impact the drama and human element of the game that fans enjoy.

Technology like Hawk-Eye has been integral to tennis, and other major tournaments have also adopted electronic systems, following a trend set by Wimbledon.

Reuters David Bayliss at Wimbledon with Andy Murray

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David Bayliss during a match at the Wimbledon championships in 2013

Bayliss highlights the trust players have in electronic line-calling systems, emphasizing their accuracy over human judgment.

Dr. Anna Fitzpatrick, a former tennis player, expresses sadness at the loss of the human element in sports due to increasing technology.

Experts discuss the impact of technology on sports, with differing opinions on whether it enhances or detracts from the sporting experience.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Integral** /'ɪn.tə.grəl/ (adjective): Essential to completeness or the whole.
2. **Accuracy** /'æk.jə.rə.si/ (noun): The quality of being correct or precise.
3. **Acknowledge** /ək'nɒl.ɪdʒ/ (verb): To accept or admit the existence or truth of something.
4. **Impact** /'ɪm.pækt/ (noun): The strong effect or influence something has on a situation or person.
5. **Drama** /'drɑ:.mə/ (noun): Exciting emotional or unexpected events or situations.
6. **Element** /'el.ɪ.mənt/ (noun): A part or component of a whole.



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## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Who shares thoughts on replacing human line judges with technology at Wimbledon?  
Option: David Bayliss  
Option: Dr. Anna Fitzpatrick  
Option: Andy Murray  
Option: John Williams
2. What has been integral to tennis and adopted by other major tournaments?  
Option: Hawk-Eye  
Option: Human line judges  
Option: Player judgment  
Option: Scoreboards
3. For how many years did David Bayliss serve at Wimbledon?  
Option: 10 years  
Option: 15 years  
Option: 22 years  
Option: 30 years
4. Who expresses sadness at the loss of the human element in sports?  
Option: David Bayliss  
Option: Dr. Anna Fitzpatrick  
Option: Andy Murray  
Option: John Williams
5. Which tournament set the trend for adopting electronic systems in tennis?  
Option: US Open  
Option: French Open  
Option: Australian Open  
Option: Wimbledon
6. What technology has been used for "maximum accuracy" in line calls?  
Option: Hawk-Eye



- Option: Virtual Reality
- Option: Drones
- Option: Robots

**True-False**

- 7. David Bayliss was a line judge at Wimbledon for 30 years.
- 8. Dr. Anna Fitzpatrick believes that technology enhances the sporting experience.
- 9. Replacing human line judges at Wimbledon is expected to impact the drama in the game.
- 10. Electronic systems have been adopted by all major tennis tournaments.
- 11. The decision to remove human line judges was influenced by the use of Hawk-Eye technology.
- 12. David Bayliss was hit by a ball at high speed during his time as a line judge.

**Gap-Fill**

- 13. David Bayliss served as a line judge at Wimbledon for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 14. Dr. Anna Fitzpatrick expresses sadness at the loss of the human element in sports due to increasing \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15. Experts have differing opinions on whether technology enhances or detracts from the sporting \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16. Replacing human line judges with technology at Wimbledon is aimed at achieving "maximum \_\_\_\_\_."
- 17. Hawk-Eye technology is known for its accuracy in line \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18. Dr. Anna Fitzpatrick is a former \_\_\_\_\_ player.



## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. David Bayliss 2. Hawk-Eye 3. 22 years 4. Dr. Anna Fitzpatrick 5. Wimbledon

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 22 14. technology 15. experience 16. accuracy 17. calls 18. tennis

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What term refers to the process of sending data from one place to another?

Option: Bandwidth

Option: Congestion

Option: Transmission

Option: Harvesting

2. Which word means to bring about a significant change or improvement?

Option: Revolutionize

Option: Setback

Option: Anticipated

Option: Restored

3. What term is used to describe the influence or effect of one thing on another?

Option: Extract

Option: Moisture

Option: Impact

Option: Drama

4. Which term refers to a time of intense difficulty or danger?

Option: Innovative

Option: Crisis

Option: Accuracy

Option: Acknowledge

5. What is an original or model on which something is based or formed?

Option: Discreet

Option: Prototype

Option: Expectancy

Option: Advancements



6. Which term describes something that is thorough and complete?

- Option: Harvesting
- Option: Revolutionize
- Option: Radical
- Option: Acknowledged

7. What term means to decrease or diminish?

- Option: Decline
- Option: Projections
- Option: Influencing
- Option: Extract

8. Which term refers to the state of thinking or hoping that something especially something pleasant will happen?

- Option: Discreet
- Option: Expectancy
- Option: Innovative
- Option: Setback

9. What term describes the process of gathering a crop or natural resource?

- Option: Harvesting
- Option: Revolutionize
- Option: Projections
- Option: Influencing

10. Which term refers to progress or improvement?

- Option: Radical
- Option: Advancements
- Option: Setback
- Option: Discreet

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ occurs when the network or a system reaches its maximum capacity.
12. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ the contributions of others in a team.
13. The scientist will \_\_\_\_\_ DNA from the samples for analysis.
14. Experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_ can be disheartening but provides an opportunity to learn.



15. The old building was carefully renovated and \_\_\_\_\_ to its former glory.
16. Plants need a certain level of \_\_\_\_\_ to grow healthily.
17. The long-\_\_\_\_\_ product launch finally took place to much excitement.
18. You should \_\_\_\_\_ your ability to adapt to different situations during the interview.
19. It is advisable to be \_\_\_\_\_ when handling sensitive information.
20. His charismatic personality was \_\_\_\_\_ in shaping the opinions of others.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The company was known for its cutting-edge and approach to product development.
22. Effective communication is to building strong relationships within a team.
23. When conducting experiments it is crucial to ensure the of the measurements.
24. The invention of the internet has the way we communicate and access information.
25. The farmers were busy the ripe crops from the fields.
26. He handled the delicate situation with great care and stayed in his actions.
27. The new government proposed a change in policies to address social issues.
28. The financial analyst presented optimistic for the company's growth in the next quarter.
29. The party was filled with an air of joy and as guests awaited the big announcement.
30. The sudden turn of events added an element of to the otherwise routine meeting.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Transmission 2. Revolutionize 3. Impact 4. Crisis 5. Prototype 6. Radical 7. Decline 8. Expectancy 9. Harvesting 10. Advancements

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Congestion 12. Acknowledge 13. Extract 14. Setback 15. Restored 16. Moisture 17. Anticipated 18. Demonstrate 19. Discreet 20. Influencing

**Matching sentence:** 1. Innovative 2. Integral 3. Accuracy 4. Revolutionize 5. Harvesting 6. Discreet 7. Radical 8. Projections



9. Expectancy 10. Drama

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