

REMARKABLE SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Complete gaps 1-10 in the text with the correct perfect verb form of the verbs in brackets.

JUGGLER BREAKS WORLD RECORD

On 15-16th July 1992, Ricardinho Neves /Brazil/ juggled a regulation football non-stop for 19 hours 15 minutes and 31 seconds with feet, legs and head, without the ball ever touching the ground at the Los Angeles Convention Centre, California, USA. Since then the record time for ball control by a woman a. _____/be/ 7 hours 5 minutes 25 seconds by Claudio Martini /Brazil/ at Caxias do Sol.

THE YOUNGEST US OPEN WINNER

By the time she was eighteen, 1980s tennis star Tracey Austin b. _____/win/ the US Open and was ranked Number One in the world. But just four years later, she c. _____/already retire/. The victim of injury and the intensity of the professional tennis circuit. Since then however, she d. _____/become/ a successful TV commentator and coach.

UNDISCOVERED NAME OF AN OLYMPIC STAR

In the hundred-year history of the modern Olympics, thousands of men and women e. _____/win/ Olympic medals. The youngest was a French boy, aged between seven and ten, who was in the Dutch rowing team at the Paris Olympics of 1900 - but even to this day, no one f. _____/discover/ his name!

THE OLDEST MARATHON RUNNER

Two years ago, ninety-two-year-old Fauja Singh ran the London Marathon in 6 hours 11 minutes. Not bad for someone who g. _____/only take up/ running three years before! If all goes to plan, by his ninety-fifth birthday, he h. _____/take part/ in further Marathons in Toronto and New York!

2. Which person in the articles do you think ...
 - a. has shown a lot of dedication and stamina?
 - b. has shown the most impressive achievement by age?
 - c. has provided an important role model for other people?
 - d. has not been appreciated by name for his talent?

Answers:

1. a. has been
b. had won
c. had already retired had already retired
d. has become has become
e. have won
f. has discovered
g. had only taken up
h. will have taken part

2. /students' own answers/

New Cutting Edge Upper-Intermediate Students' Book, S.Cunningham, P.Moor, 'Unusual achievements', pp.53-55.

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