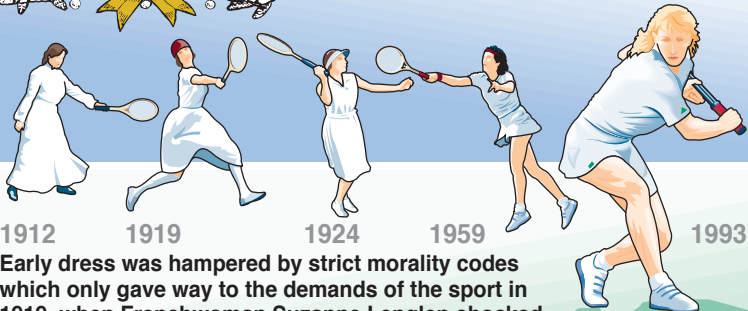




# Wimbledon's Ladies

This year marks the hundredth Ladies Singles Championship at Wimbledon. Introduced to the competition in 1884, there have been 35 Champions to date including a record 9 titles won by Martina Navratilova. The tournament was not played during the two world wars



Early dress was hampered by strict morality codes which only gave way to the demands of the sport in 1919, when Frenchwoman Suzanne Lenglen shocked audiences with her free flowing skirts and bare calves

<b>First Champion</b>	Maud Watson	1884
<b>Most Singles wins</b>	Martina Navratilova 9 wins (1978-9, 1982-7, 1990)	
<b>Most Doubles wins</b>	Elizabeth Ryan 12 wins (1914, 1919-23, 1925-7, 1930, 1933-4)	
<b>Most overall wins</b>	Billie Jean King 20 wins (6 singles, 10 doubles, 4 mixed doubles)	
<b>Youngest Champion</b>	Lottie Dod 15 years 285 days (Singles)	1887
<b>Oldest Champion</b>	Elizabeth Ryan 42 years 152 days (Doubles)	1934
<b>Youngest seed</b>	Jennifer Capriati 14 years 89 days	1990
<b>Oldest seed</b>	Billie Jean King 38 years 211 days	1982
<b>Last British winner</b>	Virginia Wade	1977
<b>Current Champion</b>	Steffi Graf	1992