

SPORTS VIEW

It's Not A Popularity Contest

Since he appeared on the British general public's radar a few years ago, Andy Murray has developed into one of the best tennis players in the world. He has already achieved more than past British favourites Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski. He has maintained a level of performance consistent with being the 4th ranked player in World tennis on a range of surfaces in doors and out and in hot and humid conditions. But the public still hasn't taken to him.

One of the normal attributes of being the best player in Britain is to have the ability to reach incredible highs and lows in the same service game, never mind the same set, match or tournament. Tim Henman could combine moments of playing like a duffer with a sublime volley in 2 consecutive points. At Wimbledon, every year we hoped that "Tiger" Tim would raise his game above his seeding and attain the "holy grail" of a Wimbledon final. And every year, from our homes (usually behind the sofa), on Centre Court and on Henman Hill, we watched as Tim fell just short in an inevitable wave of double faults and wild volleys just when we thought this was going to be his year. Andy Murray is not like that.

So why don't we love Andy Murray? Is it his "unconventional" relationship with his mother (Judy), his mother's behaviour during Andy's matches or the fact that his mother seems to have acquired an elevated position within the Lawn Tennis Association (Federation Cup Captain) allegedly on the back of her son's success? No, it's his DAD!!

Tim Henman's long-suffering father attended Wimbledon in a toff's blazer and tie ensuring that the equally dapper Mrs Henman sat quietly watching the game and sharing the spectacle without becoming it. So, if Andy Murray wants to become a National treasure, his dad has got to smarten up, step up to the plate and ask his ex-wife to sit down, keep quiet and drop her off home after the match.

That Surprised Me!

I have to admit that I didn't see the sacking of Neil Warnock as QPR manager coming in spite of being a follower of QPR captain Joey Barton on Twitter. Now that he has left his position, it has come to light that Neil's Neanderthal tactics and Pre-historic training methods were not fully appreciated by the players. I expect him to be appearing in a BBC studio regularly very soon.

Do you agree with me? Share your thoughts by following me on [Twitter](#) or emailing [me](#).

Best wishes until next time,

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