

Section: Bobby Riggs0

Context: In 1973, Riggs saw an opportunity to both make money and draw attention to the sport of tennis. He came out of retirement to challenge one of the world's greatest female players to a match, claiming that the female game was inferior and that a top female player could not beat him, even at the age of 55. He challenged Margaret Court, 30 years old and the top female player in the world, and they played on May 13, Mother's Day, in Ramona, California. Riggs used his drop shots and lobs to keep an unprepared Court off balance; his easy 6-2, 6-1 victory in less than an hour landed him on the cover of both Sports Illustrated and Time magazine. The match was called the "Mother's Day Massacre". Riggs had originally challenged Billie Jean King, but she had declined. Following Court's loss to Riggs, King accepted his challenge, and the two met in the Houston Astrodome on prime time television on Thursday, September 20, in a match billed as The Battle of the Sexes. The oddsmakers and writers favored Riggs; he built an early lead, but King won in straight sets (6-4, 6-3, 6-3) for the 100,000 winner-take-all prize. The ESPN program Outside the Lines, made an allegation that Riggs took advantage of the overwhelming odds against King and threw the match to get his debts to the mob erased. The article featured a man who had been silent for 40 years who said he heard several members of the mafia talking about Riggs throwing the match in exchange for cancelling his gambling debt to the mob. The article stated Riggs' close friend and estate executor Lornie Kuhle vehemently denied Riggs was ever in debt to the mob or received a payoff from them. Some in the sport industry believed the program was an attempt to rewrite the success of King and give credence to Riggs' sexist supporters. In the 2017 film adaptation Battle of the Sexes, Riggs was played by Steve Carell, with Emma Stone as Billie Jean King. CANNOT ANSWER

STUDENT: **Are there any other interesting aspects about this article?**

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STUDENT: **Did he use cheat tactics when competing?**

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STUDENT: **Was he ever eliminated because of his cheating style?**

TEACHER: ⇧ CANNOTANSWER

TEACHERX: ⇧ CANNOTANSWER

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STUDENT: **Bobby Briggs was a male player?**

TEACHER: ↗ Yes, He

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STUDENT: **Did he die before retiring?**

TEACHER: ↗ CANNOTANSWER

TEACHERX: ↗ CANNOTANSWER

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STUDENT: **Was Briggs married?**

TEACHER: ↗ CANNOTANSWER

TEACHERX: ↗ CANNOTANSWER

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STUDENT: **Did Briggs have any children that followed in his footsteps?**

TEACHER: ↗ CANNOTANSWER

TEACHERX: ↗ CANNOTANSWER

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