# **Final Project**

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```
library(dplyr)
Attaching package: 'dplyr'
The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
    filter, lag
The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
    intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
  library(tidyverse)
-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
v forcats 1.0.0 v readr
                                  2.1.4
v ggplot2 3.4.3 v stringr
v lubridate 1.9.2 v tibble
                                  1.5.0
                                  3.2.1
           1.0.2
                     v tidyr
                                  1.3.0
v purrr
-- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicts to become
  library(tidymodels)
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-- Attaching packages -----
                                      ----- tidymodels 1.1.1 --
v broom
              1.0.5
                        v rsample
                                      1.2.0
v dials
              1.2.0
                                      1.1.2
                        v tune
              1.0.5
                                      1.1.3
v infer
                        v workflows
v modeldata
              1.2.0
                        v workflowsets 1.0.1
v parsnip
              1.1.1
                        v yardstick
                                      1.2.0
v recipes
              1.0.8
-- Conflicts ----- tidymodels conflicts() --
x scales::discard() masks purrr::discard()
x dplyr::filter()
                   masks stats::filter()
x recipes::fixed() masks stringr::fixed()
                   masks stats::lag()
x dplyr::lag()
x yardstick::spec() masks readr::spec()
x recipes::step()
                   masks stats::step()
* Search for functions across packages at https://www.tidymodels.org/find/
  library(ggplot2)
  library(Stat2Data)
  tennis <- read.csv("data/wta_matches_qual_itf_2023.csv")</pre>
```

### Introduction and Data

#### **Research Question**

Does the court type impact the duration of a women's single tennis match, considering the winner's height, age, and playing hand?

The data we chose was the Women's Tennis Association data set from Awesomedata's GitHub repository (https://github.com/JeffSackmann/tennis\_wta/blob/master/wta\_matches\_qual\_itf\_2023.csv) The data was created in 2023 and was collected from the International Tennis Federation. The data contains 34,323 observations and 49 variables. The variables of interest in our research include surface, winner and loser height, winner and loser age, and winner and loser hand. These variables will help us answer the question of the court types impact on the duration of tennis matches. There are some NA variables corresponding to the players height. Since this is our variable of interest, we will be dropping all NA values corresponding to height. This will leave us with 1,256 observations. Additionally, since grand slams are played on either clay, grass, or hard courts, we will be dropping the matches that were played on carpet. This will then leave us with 1,239 observations. The motivation behind this project is to help Women's Tennis players better prepare for the length of their match based on the surface they will be playing on. With the Olympics coming up, this data will help the tennis player better prepare for a match.

```
tennis <- tennis %>%
  filter(!is.na(winner_ht) & !is.na(loser_ht) & surface != "Carpet")

Variables of Interest
Surface: Surface the match was played on (clay, grass, or hard)
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Winner\_ht: Height of the winner in centimeters (cm)  $\,$ 

Winner\_age: Age of the winner

loser\_hand: Dominant playing hand of the loser (right, left, undecided)

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loser\_ht: Height of the loser in centimeters (cm)

loser\_age: Age of the loser

Minutes: Duration of the tennis match in minutes

```
winner_hand_counts <- tennis |>
  count(winner_hand)

loser_hand_counts <- tennis |>
  count(loser_hand)

print(winner_hand_counts)
```

```
winner_hand n
1 L 116
2 R 1110
3 U 13
```

```
print(loser_hand_counts)
```

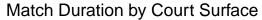
```
loser_hand n
1 L 107
2 R 1107
3 U 25
```

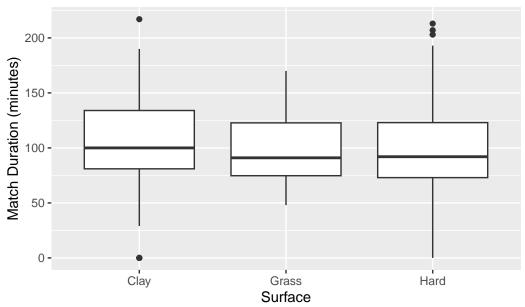
# Methodology

First we wanted to visualize the relationship between the match duration and the surface that match was played on. We generated a box plot for each surface, clay, grass, and hard. The results indicated that the average match duration tends to be higher for matches played on clay.

```
ggplot(data = tennis, aes(x = surface, y = minutes)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "Match Duration by Court Surface",
        x = "Surface",
        y = "Match Duration (minutes)")
```

Warning: Removed 620 rows containing non-finite values (`stat\_boxplot()`).





We are using a logistic regression model to evaluate whether the length of a tennis match is influenced by the surface the match is played on, the age of the player, the height of the player, and the playing hand of the player. This seems to be an appropriate model for our data given that it satisfies the independence and linearity assumptions in the log odds. Each observation in the dataset represents a different tennis match making this assumption hold since each tennis match is independent of each other. The outcome of one match doesn't not

influence the outcome of the other. In addition, there is independence within each player. The characteristics of one player do not directly influence the characteristics of the other. Checking the assumption of linearity, there seems to be a somewhat linear relationship between the log-odds of the response and the continuous predictors for both winners and losers. For the outcome variable, we chose to use the binary version of whether a match was above or below the average minutes of all the matches. This binary outcome generates a simpler model that makes it easier to observe and interpret.

```
library(MASS)
Attaching package: 'MASS'
The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
    select
  tennis binary <- tennis |>
    mutate(minutes = case when(minutes >= 101.3 ~ 1,
                                minutes <= 101.3 \sim 0),
           minutes = as.factor(minutes))
  winner_mins <- glm(minutes ~ surface + winner_age +</pre>
                       as.numeric(winner_ht) + winner_hand, data = tennis_binary,
                      family = "binomial")
  summary(winner_mins)
Call:
glm(formula = minutes ~ surface + winner_age + as.numeric(winner_ht) +
    winner_hand, family = "binomial", data = tennis_binary)
Coefficients:
                        Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
                       -3.051243 2.321364 -1.314
                                                      0.1887
surfaceGrass
                       -0.246180 0.296445 -0.830
                                                      0.4063
surfaceHard
                       -0.198074
                                  0.179377 -1.104
                                                      0.2695
                        0.047255
winner_age
                                   0.019366
                                             2.440
                                                      0.0147 *
as.numeric(winner_ht)
                        0.008849
                                   0.012878 0.687
                                                      0.4920
winner_handR
                        0.121194
                                   0.291980
                                             0.415
                                                      0.6781
```

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-12.810120 535.411309 -0.024
                                                    0.9809
winner_handU
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 849.49 on 618 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 840.17 on 612 degrees of freedom
  (620 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 854.17
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 12
  loser_mins <- glm(minutes ~ surface + loser_age +</pre>
                   as.numeric(loser_ht) + loser_hand, data = tennis_binary,
                   famil = "binomial")
  summary(loser_mins)
Call:
glm(formula = minutes ~ surface + loser_age + as.numeric(loser_ht) +
    loser_hand, family = "binomial", data = tennis_binary)
Coefficients:
                     Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                    -6.106356 2.286333 -2.671 0.00757 **
(Intercept)
                    -0.211784 0.298861 -0.709 0.47855
surfaceGrass
surfaceHard
                    -0.201920 0.180160 -1.121 0.26238
                     0.009084 0.019564 0.464 0.64240
loser_age
as.numeric(loser_ht) 0.030503 0.012685 2.405 0.01618 *
                   0.537760 0.308438 1.743 0.08125 .
loser_handR
                  -0.434522 0.873335 -0.498 0.61881
loser_handU
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 849.49 on 618 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 837.20 on 612 degrees of freedom
  (620 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 851.2
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## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

```
exp(coef(loser_mins))
      (Intercept)
                           surfaceGrass
                                                 surfaceHard
      0.002228658
                            0.809139613
                                                 0.817160408
        loser_age as.numeric(loser_ht)
                                                 loser_handR
      1.009125753
                            1.030972719
                                                 1.712166551
      loser_handU
      0.647574123
exp(coef(winner_mins))
       (Intercept)
                             surfaceGrass
                                                    surfaceHard
      4.730011e-02
                             7.817814e-01
                                                   8.203089e-01
        winner_age as.numeric(winner_ht)
                                                   winner_handR
      1.048390e+00
                             1.008888e+00
                                                    1.128843e+00
      winner_handU
      2.732973e-06
library(Stat2Data)
emplogitplot1(minutes ~ winner_age,
              data = tennis_binary,
              ngroups = 10)
```

