

## Sport in the UK Warmer 1

**A** Listen to these descriptions of sportsmen and their eccentricities and answer the questions.

- 1 What did Bjorn Borg never do during Wimbledon, yet he did it at every other tennis tournament?
- 2 What has the goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer worn for every match since the age of 19?
- 3 How did the French manager Raymond Domenech decide who to pick for his team?
- 4 What song does an American tennis player listen to before every match?

**B** Now discuss these questions with a partner.

- 1 What is an eccentric?
- 2 Do you think these sportsmen are eccentrics?
- 3 Is there a rational explanation for this kind of behaviour?

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### Script/Answer Key:

Tennis star of the 1980's Bjorn Borg had a formula for success that he reserved for the grass courts of Wimbledon – he never used a razor during the entire tournament. This meant that his clean-shaven appearance at the beginning of the fortnight gradually gave way to an incipient Viking beard by the end. Leyton Hewitt swears by the uplifting strains of the Rocky theme song 'Eye of the Tiger' before every match. Outside the world of tennis, Fulham goalie Mark Schwarzer wears the same pair of shin pads in every match and has done so since he turned 19. Finally, the French national football manager Raymond Domenech reputedly picked his team with the help of the zodiac, and would never put a Leo in defence!