In this reading, it shows a history how women equality changed in tennis from early 1900s to 2019. During this almost 200 years history, Wimbledon has always been an important field.

At the very beginning, the passage shows that although there are latest technologies using on the tennis field, there are still things that shows the archaism in the Wimbledon. Not until 2019, women finally will be paying the same total amount of prize money as men. But when it goes back to the earlier age, Wimbledon was one of the most respectful and most accommodating clubs to women players for its treatments. But in 1968, women champion awarded much less than man in the Grand Slam. At the same time in the US, women earned same respect of equality. In 1973 women won the equal prize money at the US Open. This is also a symbolic victory after King’s win in the “Battle of the Sexes”.

Start early in mid-1970s, people like Chris Evert start to defending for the inequality in women. In 1976, Chris Evert pointed out that it’s time for women to demand equal money. What happened after that was for generations the WTA think is hurtful and damaging to Wimbledon and believed it’s weird that American paid same amount of money to women. Things never changed until Venus Williams won her first Grand Slam title in 2000. She wrote an editorial for *The Times of London.* Again, she appealed for equal prize of money. With the pressure from the House of Commons, women first time won equal pay in 2007.

Actually, inequality for women was not stop in tennis. Women were doesn’t has their own statues on the field, sometimes famous and esteemed champions are arrange to play in the auxiliary courts. Venus Williams became disappointed again after men’s competition dominated the prime slots again.

Now, there are some positive changings since 2018. But still women are treated inequality, women are still waiting for equal treatment in tennis.

Not only in tennis, but also in many other field, women today are still been treated inequality. Female are still fighting for their own rights. Like tennis, for so many years’ fighting, things changed little, just likes what the reading says “women were left waiting”. There is a long way for us to go.

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