



IT'S CHILD'S PLAY

Ball Games and Team Games



Stocking Skipping had a tennis ball in the toe of a stocking which fitted over your foot. As one leg manoeuvred the ball to keep it swinging around in a circle the other leg had to step over the stocking without snagging it. Once accomplished you then 'travelled' without interrupting the motion. *Laura Brown*

We spent our school playtime chanting and jumping onto a long piece of elastic which had been knotted in a loop around two girls' ankles, knees or even waists – **Elastic Skipping**. The game would become increasingly more difficult. If you broke the pattern or didn't jump onto the elastic cleanly, then you were out. *Margaret Persaud b. 1954*

I had to select the right shoes to play this – standard summer sandals were no good as the elastic would catch on the buckles. I adapted the game so I could play on my own at home, using two kitchen chairs instead of friends to hold the elastic in place. *Laura Brown*

Donkey was where the ball was bounced first on the ground then up on to the wall and, before the ball was caught, there was an increasingly difficult series of claps and spins to be undertaken. *Laura Brown*

Queenie or **It** stood with her back to the group, and threw the ball backwards. The group scabbled to pick it up and then all stood with their hands behind their backs chanting: 'Queenie, Queenie who's got the ball? Is she fat? Or is she tall?' Queenie tries to guess who has the ball. If correct, she has another go. If not, the person concealing the ball becomes Queenie. *Laura Brown*

My brother and I played **cricket, tennis** and **football** in the back garden although the ball often went over into next door. We'd climb over the fence and crawl commando-style across the lawn to retrieve the ball. I'm sure the neighbours knew but we enjoyed daring each other to do it. *Margaret Persaud*

I play for a football team called City Colts Pythons. My Dad and Jake's Dad are managers. Sometimes we win and sometimes we don't. I play in defence and sometimes right back. *George aged 10, Green Park School*

I like playing **badminton** with my Daddy and Charlie. *Tommy Cotesworth Pinckney*