Primary Maker: com.gallerysystems.emuseum.core.entities.RecordXPerson@a58a3

Title: Philadelphia Freedoms tennis dress

Date: ca. 1974

Medium: Synthetic textile

Dimensions: Overall: 31 × 22 1/2 in. (78.7 × 57.2 cm)

Credit Line: The Billie Jean King Collection

Object Number: 2019.14.3

Object Name: Tennis dress

Classification: CLOTHING AND FASHION

Curatorial Remarks:
Billie Jean King wore this dress during the inaugural season of World Team Tennis, a mixed-gender tennis league founded in part by Larry King in 1973. Billie Jean King came up with the name for the Philadelphia Freedoms, the team she played for and now owns. Elton John’s famous song by the same name was inspired by King.

Physical Description:
Sleeveless tennis dress; navy blue with white trim and four white liberty bells around skirt; eight plastic buttons down front, five blue, four white; applied red embroidered “PHILADELPHIA” patch above front central Liberty Bell, red embroidered “FREEDOMS” across it.
Markings: **Sewn-in label: “teddy tinling / MADE IN ENGLAND / London.”**