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Praise for Zara Phillips

The resolutely male-oriented sports pages of the Guardian Weekly over the past few years have managed to keep all but a handful of females well at bay, so I experienced a ripple of excitement when I saw that Zara Phillips¹⁾ had made it through the barriers (Crowning glory, September 1). Triumph was short-lived, however, when I realised that she was there not in recognition of her unquestionable talent and skill as a horsewoman and sportswoman but as a convenient target for a cheap bit of sarcasm and royal-bashing.

As it happens, I am not a royalist, but I am a sportswoman and am capable of giving acknowledgement and credit where they are due, even if the person is, heaven forbid, both female and royal.

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noot 1 Zara Phillips is a granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth

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- 1p 1 Which of the following is in accordance with the point made by Susan Garvin in her letter?
- A Female royals should be reported on just as respectfully as anyone else by the press.
 - B She herself would only write an article about royals if they had done something worth mentioning.
 - C The Guardian Weekly should have focused on Zara Phillips's achievements rather than on her background.
 - D Zara Phillips deserves praise for not letting her royal status get in the way of her sports career.