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LEADING SPORTS PSYCHOLOGIST SECURES APOLOGY AND SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGES FROM *THE TIMES*

Roberto Forzoni, a leading sports psychologist, has secured a full apology and substantial libel damages from The Times over false allegations that he had to leave his position as Sports Psychology Services Manager at the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) because the players had lost confidence in him.

As The Times has now accepted, Mr Forzoni in fact left the LTA in November 2009 by mutual consent. There was absolutely no basis for the newspaper's suggestion that any of the players had lost confidence in him. On the contrary, since leaving the LTA Mr Forzoni has continued to work with a number of top British tennis players.

Mr Forzoni said of the outcome: *"The publication of this serious, but completely false, slur on my professional reputation has caused me great distress and embarrassment, especially as the newspaper did not even contact me before publication. I am pleased that The Times has now recognised that it got the story wrong and that I have now been vindicated."*

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