

Football

1. Peter Shilton made a record 125 appearances for England. Which defender, who was one of the players Maradona dribbled past to score his famous goal at the 1986 World Cup, played together with Shilton for England on 68 occasions?

Terry Butcher

2. The first ever penalty shoot-out in the FA Cup occurred in the third-place play-off match in 1972 when which team, who have never won the competition, beat Stoke City 4-3 on penalties?

Birmingham City

3. In 1990, Pedro Monzon became the first player to be sent-off in the World Cup Final after being dismissed for a foul on which player? The referee's decision may have been influenced by the German player's dramatic dive after being tackled.

Jurgen Klinsmann

4. Of the 24 clubs that have been League Champions of England (Premier League/Division One winners), which has spent fewest seasons in the top flight?

Ipswich Town (26 seasons)

5. In 2023, Neymar overtook Pele as Brazil leading all-time goalscorer. Against which country did Pele score 10 of his 77 international goals?

Paraguay

6. What was the name of the iconic brand of football boots worn by George Best, Billy Bremner and Kevin Keegan?

Stylo Matchmakers

7. Since Tony Book in 1969, name the only English born player to win the Football Writers Footballer of the Year award who has never been capped by England at full international level?

Erling Haaland

8. In 1997, Italy became the first team to beat England in a World Cup qualifying game at Wembley. Name the Italian goalscorer who was playing for a Premier League club at the time?

Gianfranco Zola

9. During 2023-24, which team set a record of 40 unbeaten matches in the Champions League group stage? Their last loss in the group stage was against PSG in 2017.

Bayern Munich

10. Which member of Celtic's 1967 Lisbon Lions was the first man to win both the FA Cup and European Cup?

Ronnie Simpson (won FA Cup with Newcastle)

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11. In Arsenal's invincible run of 49 league matches unbeaten, which outfield player started in 48 out of 49 games?

Thierry Henry

12. Which club has won most matches in the history of the Copa Libertadores? They are nicknamed "Los Millonarios".

River Plate

13. Which team were the top goal scorers in their group at the 2022 World Cup Finals but finished bottom of the group?

Serbia

14. Who is the only British player to be top goal scorer in a season in Serie A?

John Charles

15. Which country conceded a record 13 goals at the European Championship finals in 2000? They were knocked out after a heavy defeat in the quarter-finals.

Yugoslavia

16. The 2023 Women's World Cup Final featured 10 players from which club side?

Barcelona

17. Which team enter the pitch in home games to the anthem Steve Bloomer's Watchin', in tribute to the man who scored 331 goals for the club?

Derby County

18. Which football stadium has held most matches in the history of the World Cup finals?

Estadio Azteca (19 matches)

Athletics

1. Who was the first person to win individual gold medals in the same track event at both the Olympics and World Championships?

Ed Moses

2. Name the last male athlete to win an Olympic gold medal and break the world record in the same race for 1500m? He only ever lost one race at 1500m or the mile.

Herb Elliott (in 1960)

3. Which country finished 3rd in the medals table at the 2023 World Athletics Championships despite only winning one silver medal in the main stadium?

Spain (won 4 golds in walking events)

4. Who is the only woman to win the 100m title at the World Athletics Championships in a time over 11 seconds?

Veronica Campbell-Brown

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5. Name either American to set a world record for the men's heptathlon on the way to winning gold at the World Indoor Athletics Championships?

Dan O'Brien or Ashton Eaton

6. In which field event (either men's or women's) have Great Britain not had an Olympic finalist since Moscow in 1980?

Men's Shot Put (Geoff Capes)

7. Name the only British woman to break the world record whilst winning an Olympic gold medal in a track event?

Ann Packer

8. Which American is the only woman to have won 3 Olympic gold medals in the 4x100m relay? She was the first woman to break 11 seconds for 100m at the Olympics.

Evelyn Ashford

9. At the 1904 Olympics, Fred Lorz crossed the finish line first in the men's marathon but was subsequently disqualified. What was the reason for his disqualification?

He rode 11 miles of the marathon course in an automobile

10. In which men's field event have the United States achieved most success at the Olympics, winning 22 gold medals and 47 medals in total?

Long jump

11. In 2023, 16-year-old Australian Cameron Myers became the second youngest to break the four-minute mile. Which athlete, the current European record holder for the men's mile, is the youngest to do so?

Jakob Ingebrigtsen

12. At the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, Bat-Ochiryn Ser-Od became only the second man to take part in the marathon at 5 Olympics. Which country does he represent? They have never won an Olympic medal in athletics.

Mongolia

13. Name the last man to hold world records for both a track event and field event at the same time?

Jesse Owens (long jump and 100m)

14. In the 1912 Olympic pentathlon competition in Stockholm, Jim Thorpe finished in first place in 4 of the 5 events. Which was the only event he did not win?

Javelin

15. Since the standard distance for the marathon was established in 1908, in which city has the world best time for the marathon been set most often (counting both men and women)?

London

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16. Which British field event athlete won medals at 6 consecutive Commonwealth Games, including winning a gold medal at the age of 40? Her best shot at Olympic glory was finishing 4th in 1984.

Judy Oakes

17. Which is Great Britain's most successful event at the World Athletics Championships with 5 gold medals?

Women's Heptathlon

18. Seb Coe broke his first world record in Oslo in 1979 at 800m, but in which city did he break the men's 1500m world record in 1979 and the men's mile world record in 1981?

Zurich

Horse Racing

1. Which British trained horse sired by Frankel has won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe?

Alpinista

2. Who rode Willie Mullins' first winner as a trainer at Thurles in 1988?

Willie Mullins

3. What was unusual about the running of the 1915 Preakness Stakes won by Rhine Maiden, the last time it happened in one of America's triple crown races?

Held as a handicap race

4. Which well-known horse ran in the Champion Hurdle, the Queen Mother Champion Chase and the Cheltenham Gold Cup in the 1980's, gaining his only win at the Festival when beating Yahoo by one and a half lengths?

Desert Orchid

5. On which racecourse did Lester Piggott have his first ever ride in 1948 and Steve Cauthen ride his first winner in Britain in 1979?

Salisbury

6. Which famous Irish horse was nicknamed "Himself"?

Arkle

7. Which trained had a record 8 runners in the 2007 Epsom Derby?

Aidan O'Brien

8. Which filly in the 1970's became the first horse to win Group One / Grade One stakes races in England, France, Ireland, Canada and the United States?

Dahlia

9. Which horse won the King George VI Chase on 3 occasions, each time with a different jockey? One of these jockeys used the horse's name as a title for his autobiography.

Wayward Lad

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10. Name the only jockey to have ridden over 100 winners in a season on the flat and over the jumps in Britain?

Graham Lee (108 jumps winners in 2005-06, 159 flat winners in 2014)

11. Michael Dickinson is famous for training the first five home in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup, but which horse was his only runner in the Champion Hurdle during his training career?

Badsworth Boy

12. In 2020, the Kentucky Derby was held in September due to COVID-19, but in which month does the race traditionally take place?

May

13. What was unusual about Tony McCoy's win on Family Business in a novice chase at Southwell in 2002?

He remounted horse to win

14. On which British racecourse has Frankie Dettori ridden 500 winners?

Newmarket

15. Name the only horse to win both the King George VI Chase and the Welsh Grand National. It was also the first horse trained by a woman to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup?

Burrough Hill Lad

16. Who is the only man to be champion flat jockey in Britain on 3 occasions but never ride the winner of an English classic?

Silvestre de Sousa

17. Name either horse with only three letters in their name to have won the Grand National?

ESB or OXO

18. Name the first English classic winner to run in the Melbourne Cup? The horse was one of current champion jockey William Buick's 4 classic winners.

Masked Marvel

Tennis

1. Since the ATP Rankings were introduced in 1973, who is the only man to end the year as number one in the rankings who never played in a Wimbledon Men's Singles Final during his career?

Gustavo Kuerten

2. The first Davis Cup final to be held indoors took place in the United States in 1973. In which city? In 1976, Martina Navratilova played for the franchise that represented this city in the World Team Tennis League.

Cleveland

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3. Who partnered Jimmy Connors to reach the final of the mixed doubles at the 1974 US Open?

Chris Evert

4. Who was the last number one seed to win the men's singles title at the Olympics?

Andre Agassi

5. The British Hardcourt Championship was the first ever open tennis tournament in 1968. Ken Rosewall won the men's singles, but which amateur player won the women's singles? Five months later she won the US Open as a professional.

Virginia Wade

6. Which fellow Australian was the only man who Rod Laver played on his way to both the 1962 and 1969 men's singles Grand Slam?

Roy Emerson

7. Which woman has spent most weeks at number 2 in the WTA singles rankings without ever reaching number 1? She did win a Grand Slam singles title and was ranked number one in doubles for 67 weeks in total.

Jana Novotna (33 weeks)

8. Which brand of tennis balls are used at the Wimbledon Championships?

Slazenger

9. Name the last American to reach the final of the Tennis Masters Cup/ATP Tour Finals? He helped the USA win the Davis Cup in 2007.

James Blake

10. Name the first father and son to win ATP singles titles in the Open Era? The father played in a Grand Slam singles final, the son was an Olympic semi-finalist.

Phil & Taylor Dent

11. Which Briton has played in the most Grand Slam doubles finals in the Open era?

Jamie Murray

12. In the Open Era, which woman has won most Grand Slam singles titles without winning the Wimbledon singles title?

Monica Seles

13. Name the only man to have lost five Grand Slam singles finals which went to 5 sets?

Roger Federer (3 at Wimbledon, 1 at Australian Open, 1 at US Open)

14. In 2023, which Indian player became the oldest man to win a Masters 1000 Series title when partnering Matthew Ebden to win the doubles at the Miami Open?

Rohan Bopanna

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15. Only 3 players have beaten Andy Murray in Davis Cup singles matches. Fabio Fognini is one, name either of the other two? They both won the US Open men's singles title.

Stan Wawrinka or Juan Martin del Potro

16. Name either of the women who took part in the longest tie-break in Grand Slam singles history at the 2024 Australian Open? One of them was a former Wimbledon champion.

Elena Rybakina or Anna Blinkova

17. Who appropriately was John McEnroe's opponent when he won his last ATP tour title at the 1991 Chicago Open?

Patrick McEnroe

18. Who is the only man to be seeded number one for all 4 Grand Slams in the same year during the Open era and not win any of them?

Ivan Lendl (1988)

Cricket

1. Which is the only county to have tied a first-class match against the Australians?

Gloucestershire (in 1930)

2. Who has captained England most times in test matches? He has never captained England in either a One Day International or T20 International.

Joe Root

3. Which country hit a record 99 sixes at the World Cup in India in 2023?

South Africa

4. Which County were relegated from Division One of the County Championship in 2003 and are the only county who have never been promoted since the initiation of the two divisions in 2000?

Leicestershire

5. Which Australian great holds the record for scoring the most runs in test matches without ever scoring a century?

Shane Warne

6. Of the 100 or so players who have won just one test cap for England, who is the only one to make a score over 90 runs in an innings in Test cricket?

Jamie Overton

7. In 2023, Mushfiqur Rahim of Bangladesh became the second batsman to be given out obstructing the field in test cricket. Which England great was the first at The Oval in 1951?

Len Hutton

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8. Only 3 counties have never provided a one-day international captain for England. Glamorgan are one, name either of the other two?

Derbyshire or Gloucestershire

9. Jack Hobbs holds the record for the most first class runs, but against which county did he enjoy most success in the County Championship, scoring 3742 runs with 14 hundreds?

Warwickshire

10. Which team have beaten England most often at the Cricket World Cup? (ODI)

Australia

11. Which man captained Southern Brave to win The Hundred in 2021 and captained Hampshire to win the T20 Blast in 2022? He was also man of the match in the 2021 Big Bash Final.

James Vince

12. Which ground staged the first day-night test match to be held in England and was also the venue for the highest ever stand in for England in test cricket?

Edgbaston

13. Who is the only England player to have hit a six in both the World Cup Final and T20 World Cup Final?

Ben Stokes

14. In the 2023 Ashes series, who was the only England player to be out for a duck?

Chris Woakes

15. Which Australian was the first woman to achieve the double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets in T20 international cricket?

Ellyse Perry

16. Name the first county to win both the T20 and 50 over competitions in England in the same season?

Nottinghamshire (in 2017)

17. Who had his hair cut by umpire Dickie Bird whilst batting in a test match between England and India at Old Trafford in 1974?

Sunil Gavaskar

18. Who in 1978 was the first England batsman to wear a helmet in a test match?

Mike Brearley

Boxing

1. Who is the only boxer to fight Marvin Hagler, Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns in world title fights?

Roberto Duran

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2. Who was the first boxer to cut Muhammad Ali in a professional fight, doing so in 1972? This must have upset Ali, who proceeded to knock down his opponent 7 times.

Bob Foster

3. Who was the first amateur to win the British Boxing Writer's Young Boxer of the Year Award?

Amir Khan

4. Who is the only British boxer to successfully defend world titles at 3 different weights?

Ricky Burns

5. The shortest ever Ring Magazine fight of the Year last just 237 seconds. Which South American boxer did Jack Dempsey knock out in the second round after being knocked out of the ring himself in the first round?

Luis Angel Firpo

6. "The 3 toughest fighters I fought were Sugar Ray Robinson, Sugar Ray Robinson and Sugar Ray Robinson. I fought Sugar so many times it's a wonder I don't have diabetes!" Which famous fighter is this quote attributed to?

Jake La Motta

7. Name the only boxer to win world title fights in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland?

Chris Eubank

8. Great Britain topped the boxing medal table at both the 1908 and 2012 London Olympics, but which country finished top at the 1948 London Olympics?

South Africa

9. Which boxing great was the first Mexican to win world titles at 3 different weights?

Julio Cesar Chavez

10. The last world title fight to go beyond 15 rounds took place in Dublin in 1923 between Mike McTigue and Battling Siki. At what weight category?

Light-heavyweight

11. Name the last Briton to stop an American boxer in the first round of a world title fight held in the USA when he defeated Iran Barkley in Las Vegas in 1990?

Nigel Benn

12. At which famous venue did Joe Louis defend his world heavyweight title on 8 occasions?

Madison Square Garden

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13. Canelo Alvarez has beaten 8 British boxers in world title fights. Name either Briton to fight him in Mexico? One fight went the full twelve rounds, the other ended in the 12th round.

Ryan Rhodes or John Ryder

14. Who in 2021 became the first Briton to successfully defend his world flyweight title outside the United Kingdom when he beat Jayson Mama in Dubai?

Sunny Edwards

15. Which boxer was knocked down on a record 17 occasions in world heavyweight title fights?

Floyd Patterson

16. Who was the first world champion trained by Angelo Dundee? He was nicknamed "The Upstate Onion Farmer".

Carmen Basilio

17. Which boxer defended his Commonwealth heavyweight title on a record 10 occasions?

Henry Cooper

18. Who is the only American male boxer to win both Olympic and World Amateur Championship golds and go on to win a world professional title?

Mark Breland

Rugby

1. Rugby Union. Which country have England beaten most often at The Rugby World Cup, winning 5 matches out of 5?

Argentina

2. Rugby League. Name the winger who was the last man to be the top rugby league try scorer for 3 years in succession?

Martin Offiah

3. Rugby Union. Which team have played in a record 15 Heineken Cup semi-finals?

Toulouse

4. Rugby League. Only two current Super League teams have never scored more than 90 points in a match during their history. London Broncos are one, name the other?

Hull (record win is 88-0 against Sheffield Eagles)

5. Rugby Union. Name the Welsh winger who scored 3 tries for the British Lions during the victorious 1971 test series against New Zealand?

Gerald Davies

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6. Rugby League. What was unique about Alan Agar winning the Man of Steel award in 1983?

He was Featherstone's coach

7. Rugby Union. After Twickenham, which ground have England used most often for their home matches?

Rectory Field, Blackheath (15 times)

8. Rugby League. Dick Poole and which other Australian have won the Rugby League World Cup as both captain and coach?

Mal Meninga

9. Rugby Union. Antoine Dupont has won the 6 Nations Player of the season award 3 times. With which club did he start his career before moving to Toulouse?

Castres

10. Rugby League. Who is the only non-winger to score 60 or more tries in a season in rugby league? He is the only player to win the Man of Steel award on 3 occasions.

Ellery Hanley

11. Rugby Union. Since season 2002-03, the winner of the Premiership Final has been crowned as champions of English rugby. Which team have finished top of the league table on 3 occasions during this period but have never been crowned as champions?

Gloucester

12. Rugby League. For which club did Clive Churchill play for most of his career? He later coached them to win the NRL Grand Final.

South Sydney Rabbitohs

13. Rugby Union. Who is the all-time leading pints scorer in the Super Rugby competition?

Dan Carter

14. Rugby Union. Which member of England's World Cup winning team scored tries against New Zealand, Australia and South Africa in consecutive weekends in 2002?

Ben Cohen

15. Rugby League. In 1959, Ike Southward became the first rugby league player transferred for over £10,000. Name either of the teams involved?

Workington Town or Oldham

16. Rugby League. Wigan have won the Challenge Cup on a record 20 occasions. Name the only team to beat Wigan in the final on 3 occasions?

St Helens

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17. Rugby Union. In 1963, Wales beat Scotland 6-0 in the 5 Nations Championship. For what is the match mostly remembered, mainly due to the tactics of Welsh captain Clive Rowlands?

One Hundred and Eleven Lineouts

18. Rugby League. Prior to the introduction of Super League, Wigan finished top of the table in every season from 1989-90 to 1995-96. Which team had finished top in 1988-89, the season before Wigan began their dominant run?

Widnes

Golf

1. Which winner of the Open Championship at St Andrews has a hole named after him on the Old Course?

Bobby Jones (Tom Morris never won Open at St Andrews)

2. Name the English golfer who has played in a record 91 Major Championships without ever winning one?

Lee Westwood

3. Which famous course has seen the most holes-in-one at the US Open?

Pebble Beach (8)

4. Who holds the record for the most rounds under 70 by a British golfer at the Open Championship? Nine of his sub 70 rounds were at St Andrews.

Nick Faldo

5. Which US Masters champion of the 1950's became the first known Major winner to reach the age of 100 in 2023?

Jack Burke Jr

6. **The Royal Poinciana Invitational, a tournament played in Palm Beach on the Ladies PGA Tour in 1961 and 1962 was unique in that male professionals were allowed to play. What was the other unusual feature of the event?**

Played On A Par 3 Course

7. Who said "The three things I fear most in golf are lightning, Ben Hogan and a downhill putt."? However this golfing great did beat Hogan in a play-off to win the 1954 US Masters.

Sam Snead

8. The Belfry staged the Ryder Cup on 4 occasions between 1985 and 2002. Name either golfer who played in both 1985 and 2002?

Bernhard Langer or Hal Sutton

9. Which country has staged the men's World Cup of Golf on the most occasions?

United States

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10. Name either golfer to have both won and lost a play-off for the Open Championship? Each has achieved the feat within the last 50 years.

Ernie Els or Tom Watson

11. In the 21st century, who has played in the most American Ryder Cup teams without ever winning a Major?

Rickie Fowler

12. Which golf ball manufacturer connects the Open Championship wins of Henry Cotton in 1934, Tony Jacklin in 1969 and Nick Faldo in 1987. It also played an important role in a James Bond film?

Dunlop

13. Since 1977 when European players were allowed to play in the Ryder Cup, which is the only year when a team has won all 5 sessions?

2006

14. In the opening round of the 2021 Players Championship, Viktor Hovland was assessed a two-shot penalty at the end of his round after he accidentally putted his ball from the wrong place on the 15th hole. He went on to miss the cut by 2 shots. What was unusual about the circumstances which led to him being given a penalty?

His mother called the penalty on him (she was watching on television and called him after his round to tell him about his mistake which he reported to officials)

15. The WGC Match-Play event was held between 1999 and 2023 at various courses in the United States, most recently in Austin. Which man won most matches overall during the event's history?

Tiger Woods (36)

16. Seve Ballesteros won the Open Championship 3 times, but which European Tour event did he win on 4 occasions?

French Open

17. Who was the first overseas golfer to finish as the US PGA Tour's leading money winner in a season, doing so in the 1960's?

Gary Player (in 1961)

18. Excluding the USA, which country has held the Solheim Cup on the most occasions?

Scotland

General Sport

1. Easy Snooker. Who made a record 30th consecutive appearance at the Masters Snooker Tournament in 2024?

John Higgins

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2. Medium Sporting Venues. With which type of sporting endeavour do you associate Pendine Sands in Wales?

Land Speed Records

3. Easy American Football. Which man in 2024 broke Jerry Rice's record for most post-season receptions? He is one of the most popular NFL players due to his relationship with a high-profile pop star.

Travis Kelce

4. Easy BBC Sports Personality of Year. Who is the only rugby league player to finish in the top 3 in the BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards. He did so 2 months after he had retired from playing rugby league, having spent his whole career with the same team.

Kevin Sinfield (in 2015)

5. Easy Swimming. Since the event was introduced into the Olympics in 1960, the USA have won the gold medal in the men's 4x100m medley relay on every occasion that they have taken part in the event. Which country won gold in Moscow in 1980, when the USA boycotted the games?

Australia

6. Easy Sailing. Where will New Zealand defend the Americas Cup in 2024?

Barcelona

7. Easy Basketball. Who is the only man to win the MVP award at the NBA Finals with 3 different teams?

LeBron James

8. Easy Formula One. In 2016 Max Verstappen became the youngest driver to take the chequered flag in Formula One history when winning the Spanish GP. Which team was he driving for?

Red Bull

9. Medium Summer Olympics. Rackets and real tennis have only featured once as medal sports at the Olympics, both doing so in 1908. Which venue staged both events that year?

Queen's Club in London

10. Easy Darts. Which man, known for his iconic walk-on, lost in 5 semi-finals at the World Darts Championship without ever reaching the final?

Wayne Mardle

11. Easy Cycling. Who was the last rider to win the general classification, points classification and mountains classification in the same year in the Giro d'Italia?

Eddy Merckx

12. Easy Gymnastics. Vera Caslavka was the first woman to win Olympic gold in all 4 apparatus finals during her career. Which country did she represent?

Czechoslovakia

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13. Medium Winter Olympics. Sue Holloway was the first woman to compete in both the Winter and Summer Olympics in the same year. Which country did she represent?

Canada

14. Medium Hockey. Name either country to win gold in men's hockey at the Olympics by winning a penalty shoot-out in the final?

Netherlands or Belgium (in 2021)

15. Easy Motor Cycling. Name the last rider to win 3 different classes in one day in the World Motorcycling Championships, doing so at 125cc, 250cc and 350cc at Assen in 1967?

Mike Hailwood

16. Medium Baseball. Name either team to lose in 3 consecutive World Series?

Detroit Tigers or New York Giants

17. Easy British World Champions in 2023. In which sport did both Joe Clarke and Mallory Franklin win world titles at Lee Valley in 2023?

Canoeing

18. Easy Ice Hockey. What number did Wayne Gretzky wear throughout his NHL career?

Ninety-nine