

2023/24a Sports Quiz Questions

Round 1 - Athletics

1 Name three of the four British men who have won Olympic medals in the 400m hurdles since World War II? (3)

John Cooper, David Hemery, John Sherwood & Kriss Akabusi

2 Name the man and the woman who currently hold the respective British outdoor records for the Long Jump? (2)

Greg Rutherford & Shara Proctor

3 What is the 4th event in the Men's Decathlon? (1)

High Jump

4 In which country was Sir Mo Farah born? (1)

Somalia

5 At which stadium in Oslo has the The Dream Mile been traditionally raced most years since 1974? (1)

Bislett Stadium

6 At the 1904 Olympics there was a shot put event and a 56 lb weight throw event (thrown more like the hammer throw). What was the winning distance in metres of the latter event? I will accept the answer rounded up or down to the nearest metre. As a clue it's less than either of the current men's or women's world shot put record? (1)

10.46m (anything between 10m or 11m accepted)

7 Who won the women's pole vault at the Indoor World Championships in 2004, 2006, 2008 & 2012? (1)

Yelena Isinbayeva

8 Name the top two European nations in the medal table (whereby golds take precedence) at the 2023 outdoor IAAF World Athletics Championships, finishing 3rd & 7th respectively? (2)

Spain, Great Britain & Northern Ireland

Round 2 - Rugby (Union 6/League 6)

1 Which three different teams have beaten Leicester in the final of the Heineken European Cup? (3)

Brive 1997, Wasps 2007, Leinster 2009

2 Name either of the nations that England play at Twickenham in the Six Nations when the years are even? (1)

Ireland or Wales

3 Name either of the two rugby union teams who compete annually for the Babcock Trophy (1)

British Army & Royal Navy

4 At which ground did Japan upset South Africa at the 2015 World Cup? (1)

Amex Stadium (Falmer Stadium, Brighton & Hove Albion FC's stadium)

5 Name two of the three years in which Great Britain have won the Rugby League World Cup? (2)

1954, 1960 & 1972

6 Which Rugby League club has the nickname The Dreadnoughts and play home games at the Be Well Support Stadium? (1)

Wakefield Trinity

7 Graham Eadie is the only player from which club to win the Lance Todd Trophy? (1)

Halifax

8 Which two clubs won the men's & women's Challenge Cups in 2023? (2)

Leigh Leopards & St Helens

Round 3 - Horse Racing (National Hunt 6/Flat 6)

1 Name any two of the five horses to win the official Grand National (i.e. since 1839) twice in the 19th Century (or 1800's)? (2)

1849 & 1853 Peter Simple, 1850/51 Abd-El-Kader 1868/71 The Lamb, 1869/70 The Colonel, Manifesto 1897 & 1899

2 Which jockey rode the winner of the Grand National on Reynoldstown in 1936, trained the winner of the 1964 Grand National winning horse Team Spirit, and was British jump racing Champion Trainer 5 times across the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's? (1)

Fulke Walwyn

3 At which course was the 1973 Whitbread Gold Cup (currently known as the Bet365 Gold Cup) held? (1)

Newcastle

4 Which two grade one races has Constitution Hill won in 2023? (2)

Champion Hurdle & Aintree Hurdle

5 Lester Piggot won the St Leger in three consecutive years between 1970 & 1972. Name two of the three horses that he rode to victory? (2)

Nijinsky, Athens Wood and Boucher

6 Name the Sire and Grandsire of Frankel, one a Derby winner and the other a winner of the Irish 2000 Guineas and the Eclipse Stakes? (2)

Galileo & Sadler's Wells

7 Which jockey had nine wins in the Prix du Jockey Club (the French Derby) his first on Reliance in 1965 and his last on Natroun in 1987? (1)

Yves Saint-Martin

8 The first All-Weather race day on an artificial surface (Equitrack) in the UK was staged at which racecourse on 30th October 1989? (1)

Lingfield Park

Round 4 - 5 Part Question

Tennis - The 1986 season ending Nabisco Masters tournament (now known as the ATP Finals) was the first to consist of a round robin format consisting of two groups of four. Name 5 of the 8 players, none of which for the first time included any players from the USA? (5)

**Ivan Lendl
Boris Becker
Stefan Edberg
Yannick Noah
Andres Gomez
Joakim Nystrom
Henri Leconte
Mats Wilander**

Round 5 - Boxing

1 Name three of the four boxers who defeated Mike Tyson in a professional bout just once? (3)

James 'Buster' Douglas (1990), Lennox Lewis (2002), Danny Williams (2004), Kevin McBride (2005) - Evander Holyfield did so twice (1996 & 1997)

2 Excluding Russia and the Soviet Union who sit 2nd and 5th respectively, name the three other countries who occupy the top 5 all time medal table (with golds taking precedence) at the Men's Amateur World Boxing Championships? (3)

Cuba, Kazakhstan & USA

3 Which boxer successfully defended the undisputed light heavyweight world championship title 14 times between 1968 to 1974? (1)

Bob Foster

4 Which weight division has a weight limit of 130lb or 59kg? (1)

Super Featherweight (or junior lightweight)

5 Who is the oldest boxer to hold one of the four recognised world titles at any weight? (1)

Bernard Hopkins (49 years old - IBF & WBA light heavyweight)

6 Why was Peter McNeeley disqualified after 89 seconds in a heavyweight bout in 1995, with Mike Tyson, who was returning to the ring for the first time in four years following his prison sentence? (1)

McNeeley's manager had entered the ring

7 Whose real name was Joseph Barrow? (1)

Joe Louis (Louis was his middle name)

8 In which City will the undisputed World heavyweight title bout between Tyson Fury and Oleksandr Usyk take place on 17 February, 2024? (1)

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Round 6 - General Sport

1 Olympics - Who are the only three countries to have taken part in all of the summer and winter Olympic Games since 1896? (3)

Great Britain, France and Switzerland

2 Complete the following names of these current British sports teams. The answers are all British towns or cities; _____ **Riders** (British Basketball League), _____ **Lightning** (Netball Super League) and _____ **Giants** (Elite Ice Hockey League)? (3)

Leicester, Loughborough, Belfast

3 Which infamous sportsman once said '*Pain is temporary. It may last a minute, or an hour, or a day, or a year, but eventually it will subside and something else will take its place. If I quit, however, it lasts forever.*'? (1)

Lance Armstrong

4 American Football - Who was the only AFC team to win the Super Bowl during the NFC's dominant era between 1982 and 1997 inclusive, where they won 15 out of the 16 played. To be clear, the years stated are the years in which the Super Bowls were played, therefore the corresponding season period would be 1981 to 1996 inclusive? (1)

Los Angeles Raiders (Raiders accepted)

5 Speedway - Which nation won their only Speedway World Team Cup (renamed the Speedway World Cup in 2001) at White City in 1979? (1)

New Zealand

6 Motor Racing - At which Grand Prix did James Hunt win the 1976 F1 World Drivers title, a race blighted by torrential rain that saw Niki Lauda decide to retire due to the dangerous wet conditions? (1)

Japanese

7 Snooker - Which player has been World Amateur champion, Six-red World champion, World Seniors champion, World Doubles champion and Snooker World Cup winner? (1)

Jimmy White

8 Rowing - Who is the oldest rower to take part in the University Boat Race doing so in 2019? (1)

James Cracknell (Cambridge, 46 years 348 days)

Round 7 - 10 Part Question

Football - Name any 10 of the 12 goalscorers when a nation has scored exactly 1 goal (excluding penalty shoot outs) in a Men's World Cup Final. This includes the de facto or commonly recognised final between Brazil & Uruguay in 1950? (10)

Mario Goetze 2014

Andres Iniesta 2010

Zinedine Zidane 2006

Marco Matterazzi 2006

Andreas Brehme 1990

Paul Breitner 1982

Dirk Nanninga 1978

Johannes Neeskens 1974

Roberto Boninsegna 1970

Josef Masopust 1962

Albino 'Friaça' Cardoso 1950

Antonín Puč 1934

Round 8 - Theme Round - Days of the Week & Months of the Year

1 Football - Name the footballers: a) A current Premier League player who played one game for Lewes FC before signing a scholarship with Brighton & Hove Albion b) a cult 1970's footballer who played professionally for Reading & Cardiff who had a single dedicated to him by The Super Furry Animals entitled 'The Man Don't Give a Fuck' as well as two fact based novels about his life written by author Stuart Kane c) a Nigerian player who scored the winning goal against Spain at the 1998 World Cup finals (full name required)? (3)

Solly March, Robin Friday, Sunday Oliseh

2 Athletics & Swimming - In which event was athlete **Fiona May** a serial medallist and at which swimming stroke did **June Croft** specialise? (2)

Long Jump & Freestyle

3 Baseball - Mr _____ was the nickname of baseball player Reginald Jackson who won 5 World Series titles in the 1970's with the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees? (1)

Mr October (because of his clutch hitting during this month when traditionally the play-offs took place)

4 Tennis - In which month does Wimbledon fortnight currently take place? (1)

July (first two weeks)

5 American Football - Who am I - A Super Bowl winning offensive lineman with the Indianapolis Colts in season 2006 who became the interim Head Coach of the same club in 2022? (1)

Jeff Saturday

6 Golf - Which player won the 1967 US PGA championship after a play off, having previously lost in a play off in the same event 6 years earlier in 1961? (1)

Don January

7 Rugby Union - In which month did England win the men's Rugby Union World Cup final in 2003? (1)

November (22nd)

8 Horse Racing - On what day of the week is the Epsom Oaks run and which horse won the race in 2022? (2)

Friday & Tuesday

Round 9 - Cricket

1 Which three test teams have won a test after following on? (3)

England (1894 & 1981) & India (2001) & New Zealand (2023)

2 Which two players have scored 250 runs or more and taken 20 wickets or more in a test match series on three occasions? (2)

Gary Sobers & Ian Botham

3 Which two counties have won three of the major domestic honours available during the same county cricket season? (2)

Warwickshire (1994), Gloucestershire (2000)

4 Which cricket ground was the first other than Lord's to host the One Day Cricket World Cup final? (1)

Eden Gardens, Calcutta in 1987

5 Which first class county was beaten by Herefordshire by three-wickets in the third round of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Trophy in 2001? (1)

Middlesex (led by Angus Fraser and containing future England captain Andrew Strauss)

6 Including rest days or no play days, over how many days in total did the 99th and last timeless test between South Africa v England last in 1939? (1)

12 (the match ended in a draw as England had to catch the boat home)

7 Which English player became the first woman to play in a two day A grade match in Australia when she played for Northern Districts in South Australia's premier men's competition in 2015? (1)

Sarah Taylor

8 Which ground hosted the final of the World Test Championship in 2023? (1)

The Oval

Round 10 - Golf

1 Name the only two male golfers from New Zealand to win a major championship? (2)

Bob Charles (1963 Open) & Michael Campbell (2005 US Open)

2 Which two European men have played in 11 Ryder Cups, a joint record for Team Europe? (2)

Nick Faldo & Lee Westwood

3 Name the two major winners that posted 63's in the 1st round of the US Open in 1980? (2)

Tom Weiskopf & Jack Nicklaus

4 In golf, what does a stimpmeter measure? (1)

The speed or pace of the greens

5 Which English course hosted the first edition of the Curtis Cup (the biennial women's amateur match between GB & Ireland and USA in 1932)? (1)

Wentworth

6 In which American state is the Sony Open held each year? (1)

Hawaii

7 Name any of one of the three female golfers to have won a gold medal at the Olympic Games? (1)

Inbee Park (2016), Nelly Korda (2020) or Margaret Abbot (1900)

8 Name the respective winners of the men's and women's British Opens in 2023? (2)

Brian Harman & Lilia Vu

Round 11 - 5 Part Question

Rugby Union - Name the five official British & Irish Lions tour captains that have won a test series since 1968? (5)

John Dawes

Willie John McBride

Finlay Calder

Martin Johnson

Sam Warburton

Round 12 - Tennis

1 Which three players from Sweden have won the Men's Australian Open title?
(3)

Mats Wilander, Stefan Edberg & Thomas Johansson

2 What are three names of the main court stadiums at the Australian Open, French Open & US Open? (3)

Rod Laver Arena, Court Phillip Chartrier & Arthur Ashe Stadium

3 Anita Lizana, winner of the women's singles title at 1937 US Championships is the only player from which country to win a senior singles grand slam event? (1)

Chile

4 Which Spanish player won his only men's end of season ATP Tours final title in 1998? (1)

Àlex Corretja

5 Which player partnered John McEnroe when winning the men's doubles at the 1989 US Open, the first of his 17 grand slam doubles titles? (1)

Mark Woodforde

6 Which European team did GB lose to 3-2 in 2010 in a Davis Cup Europe/Africa group 2 first round tie, leaving them having to beat Turkey (which they did 5-0) to avoid playing in the Europe/Africa Zone Group III - the lowest tier of the competition? (1)

Lithuania

7 Which multiple Grand Slam singles champion won a silver medal in Ice Hockey at the Winter Olympic Games, and a gold medal at the Ice Hockey World Championships? (1)

Jaroslav Drobný

8 Which Mexican City hosted the 2023 WTA Finals? (1)

Cancun

Round 13 - Football

1 Name three of the four non-European teams who played in the 1934 World Cup finals? (3)

USA, Brazil, Argentina & Egypt

2 Which three players missed penalties in the 2008 Champions League final penalty shoot out between Man Utd & Chelsea? (3)

Christiano Ronaldo, John Terry & Nicolas Anelka

3 Which international team has made twelve World Cup Finals' appearances, their first in 1934 which began with a 3-2 victory versus Holland. They have reached the quarter-finals on 3 occasions in 1934, 1938 & 1954? (1)

Switzerland

4 Which football team was originally born out of the Central Uruguay Railway Cricket Club? (1)

Penarol

5 Which club knocked out both Ipswich Town and Dundee in the 1962/63 European Cup? (1)

AC Milan

6 Which ground excluding replays hosted 20 of the first 21 FA Cup Finals? (1)

Kennington Oval

7 Mwepu Ilunga gained infamous notoriety when he received a yellow card for doing what at the World Cup finals in 1974? (1)

He was the Zaire player who ran out from the wall and kicked the ball before the free kick was taken v Brazil at 1974 World Cup finals

8 Which club were the champions of the EFL League One in season 2022/23? (1)

Plymouth Argyle

Round 14 - 10 Part Question

Cricket - Name the 10 counties that won the Benson & Hedges Cup twice or more during the competition's existence between 1972 & 2002? (10)

4 - Lancashire

3 - Gloucestershire

3 - Kent

3 - Leicestershire

3 - Surrey

2 - Essex

2 - Hampshire

2 - Middlesex

2 - Somerset

2 - Warwickshire