

THE WHAT ON EARTH? WALLBOOK OF SPORT

FROM THE ANCIENT OLYMPICS TO THE PRESENT DAY

Try this amazing 70-question quiz to test out your knowledge of sport from the ancient Olympics to the present day. All the answers can be found somewhere on the timeline overleaf!

1. Ancient Greek Olympic superhero Milo of Kroton met an untimely death after being:
 - a) Eaten by wolves
 - b) Crushed by a tree
 - c) Struck by lightning
 - d) Collapsing after running the marathon



2. Which newspaper sponsored the world's first big darts championship?
 - a) Daily Mirror
 - b) Daily Mail
 - c) The Sun
 - d) News of the World
3. Which boxer is famous for biting off his opponent's ear?
 - a) Muhammad Ali
 - b) Mike Tyson
 - c) Henry Cooper
 - d) Leon Spinks
4. American sportsman Danny Way is famous for jumping over the Great Wall of China on a
 - a) Mountain bike
 - b) Motorbike
 - c) Skateboard
 - d) Pole-vault
5. Which of the following horses was sensationally won the 2009 Grand National at odds of 100-1?
 - a) Red Rum
 - b) Mon Mome
 - c) Mr Frisk
 - d) Shergar

6. The dead body of which famous sporting legend was stuffed and donated to the Natural History Museum in London?
 - a) Mick the Miller
 - b) Red Rum
 - c) The Darley Arabian
 - d) Gordon Bennett

7. Dick Fosbury became famous for pioneering a new technique for
 - a) Figure skating
 - b) Long Jump
 - c) High Jump
 - d) Swimming

8. Roger Bannister successfully ran a mile in less than 4 minutes in which famous city?
 - a) London
 - b) Paris
 - c) Oxford
 - d) Cambridge

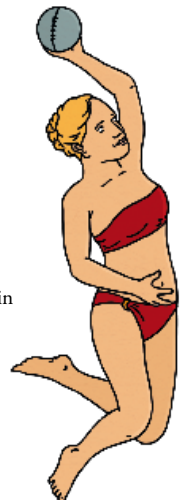
9. In which sport did a team of British Policemen win an Olympic Gold Medal?
 - a) Cycling
 - b) Relay racing
 - c) Badminton
 - d) Tug-of-war

10. Jarmila Kratochvilova, a Czech runner, has the longest standing world record in athletics for which event?
 - a) 100m
 - b) 200m
 - c) 800m
 - d) 400m hurdles

11. What nickname is given to the Roman girls depicted playing handball on a mosaic in a Sicilian Villa?
 - a) The booby girls
 - b) The bikini girls
 - c) The bouncing girls
 - d) The banana girls

12. What tragedy befell the ancient ballgame maestro Lord Eight Deer Jaguar Claw?
 - a) Sacrificed to the gods
 - b) Eaten by a wolf
 - c) Struck by lightning
 - d) Drowned in a river

13. Which Olympic sport did the USA win in every Games between 1936 and 1968?
 - a) High Jump
 - b) Long Jump
 - c) Ice Hockey
 - d) Basketball

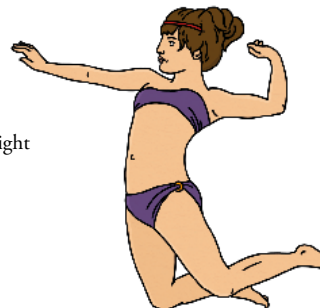


14. The survivors of a plane crash that killed most members of Uruguay's rugby union team stayed alive by:
- Lighting beacons of fire
 - Rowing across the Pacific
 - Drinking their own urine
 - Eating their dead team-mates
15. How did New Zealand rugby player Colin Meads gain his prodigious strength?
- Carrying sheep on his back
 - Wrestling with dingoes
 - Eating copious quantities of tinned spinach
 - By eating THREE shredded wheat per day
16. Which famous sportsman is nicknamed 'his airness'?
- Michael Jordan
 - Dick Fosbury
 - Steve Fossett
 - Johan Roman-Evensen
17. What was used first in a game of Rugby in New Zealand in 1884?
- A corner flag
 - A rugby ball
 - A whistle
 - A referee
18. In which city was the first Super Bowl championship held?
- New York
 - Dallas
 - Miami
 - Los Angeles
19. Why did a Danish sports coach invent handball?
- Because rugby was too violent
 - As a way of improving hand to eye co-ordination skills
 - Because he couldn't walk
 - To prevent so many windows being broken by people playing football
20. Michael O'Brien is famous for
- Scoring more goals in the football World Cup final than any other player
 - Streaking during a rugby match at Twickenham
 - Founding Chelsea Football Club
 - Establishing the world's first Women's football World Cup
21. What punishment was given to boys at Eton who refused to play football at least once a day?
- Denied dinner
 - Fined and kicked
 - Thrown in to a pool of icy water
 - Expelled

22. Footballer Edson Arantes do Nascimento is best known by his nickname;
- Pele
 - Maradona
 - Jordan
 - Magic
23. Which famous football club was founded in a pub called The Rising Sun?
- Chelsea
 - Arsenal
 - Sheffield Wednesday
 - Manchester United
24. Which sport is described in Jane Austen's novel Northanger Abbey?
- Golf
 - Badminton
 - Billiards
 - Baseball



25. In 1994 the World Series baseball championship was cancelled because of:
- A strike
 - A powercut
 - A flood
 - An Earthquake
26. How many times did Martina Navratilova win the Wimbledon Women's Singles title?
- 5
 - 7
 - 9
 - 11
27. Jahangir Khan won 555 straight wins in which sport:
- Tennis
 - Badminton
 - Squash
 - Table-tennis



- 28.** The longest match in the history of tennis finished with the final set at
- 27-25
 - 36-34
 - 62-64
 - 70-68

- 29.** Isaac Spratt, the man who established the first rules of badminton and croquet, was a professional
- Solicitor
 - Toy dealer
 - Dancer
 - Pianist

- 30.** The 'battle of the sexes' was a contest between a man and a woman competing at:
- Tennis
 - Boxing
 - Golf
 - Jousting

- 31.** The first ever international cricket match was held between which two nations:
- England and Australia
 - Australia and India
 - England and South Africa
 - United States and Canada

- 32.** What happened to Colombian footballer Andres Escobar after he scored an own goal in the World Cup?
- Pelted with tomatoes
 - Thrown in an icy lake
 - Banned from playing football for life
 - Shot dead

- 33.** Which country hosted the first women's football World Cup?
- China
 - United States
 - England
 - Germany



- 34.** Which of the following football teams won the FA Cup most frequently between 1970 and 2011?
- Tottenham Hotspur
 - Chelsea
 - Arsenal
 - Manchester United



- 35.** In 1902 Newton Heath FC changed its name to
- Charlton Athletic
 - Tottenham Hotspur
 - Wimbledon
 - Manchester United

- 36.** In medieval Italian football how many people played on each side?
- 7
 - 11
 - 17
 - 27

- 37.** Who is supposed to have invented the forerunner to cricket, called stoolball?
- Vicars
 - Merchants
 - Milkmaids
 - Blacksmiths

- 38.** Which country hosted football's first World Cup in 1930
- Mexico
 - Brazil
 - Uruguay
 - Germany

- 39.** In 1943 women's professional baseball began in the US but the players were instructed to wear what at all times?
- Skirts
 - Bras
 - Bunches
 - Lipstick

- 40.** Lacrosse was invented by which ancient culture
- Aztecs
 - Romans
 - Native Americans
 - Greeks

- 41.** The Queen and Prince Philip met over a game of
- Croquet
 - Tennis
 - Golf
 - Badminton



- 42.** What is used for the last time at Wimbledon in 1987
- White tennis balls
 - Wooden tennis rackets
 - Chalk tramlines
 - White long-johns

- 43.** The Mosely Ladies was the first women's
- Golf club
 - Lacrosse club
 - Bowls club
 - Hockey club

- 44.** What technology did Edwin Budding invent in 1830 that revolutionised many sports?
- Fibreglass
 - Lawn mower
 - Aluminium
 - Pneumatic tyre

- 45.** Alan Shepard is famous for
- Hitting a golf ball on the moon
 - Scoring six sixes in a single over in a test match
 - Winning four Grand Nationals
 - Rowing across the Atlantic single-handedly

- 46.** Golfer Larry Bruce was the first person known to have:
- Accidentally eaten his golf ball
 - Scored a hole in one on a par 5
 - Killed a pigeon with his tee-shot
 - Accidentally fallen head over heel whilst attempting to play out of a steep bunker

- 47.** What's so remarkable about the 'extreme' 19th hole at a South African golfing resort?
- It can only be reached by helicopter
 - You have to drink a glass of whisky before teeing off
 - It is so high up a mountain the players must wear oxygen tanks
 - The green is located in the caldera of a volcano

- 48.** What did Jack Nicklaus controversially do on the final hole of the Ryder Cup in 1969
- Dance around the green
 - Concede a two-foot putt to the opposition
 - Deliberately sneeze during his opponent's tee-shot
 - Score a hole in one

- 49.** What colour jacket is awarded to the golfer who wins the US Masters
- Green
 - Blue
 - Red
 - White

- 50.** Which famous golfer is known as 'The Golden Bear'
- Seve Ballesteros
 - Tiger Woods
 - Tom Watson
 - Jack Nicklaus

- 51.** How many grand slam tennis titles had Roger Federer won by the end of 2011
- 5
 - 7
 - 9
 - 11

- 52.** The American baseball legend, Babe Ruth's real first name was:
- Reg
 - Sid
 - Frank
 - George

- 53.** The regulation width for the goal posts in polo is
- 5.2m
 - 7.3m
 - 8.4m
 - 9.7m

- 54.** Two Native American swimmers were the first to demonstrate crawl at a race in London. One was called Flying Gull, the other was called:
- Chocolate
 - Tobacco
 - Sweetcorn
 - Cotton



- 55.** The first international water polo match was played between which two nations
- England and France
 - France and Scotland
 - Scotland and Wales
 - England and Scotland

- 56.** Which car company did Enzo Ferrari work for before setting up his own car making company in 1947
- Fiat
 - Alfa Romeo
 - Lamborghini
 - British Leyland



57. Which famous cyclist is nicknamed "The Cannibal"?

- a) Lance Armstrong
- b) Orlando Borini
- c) Greg Lemond
- d) Eddie Merckx



58. What is the fastest speed ever recorded in a motorcycle race?

- a) 157 mph
- b) 184 mph
- c) 211 mph
- d) 217 mph

59. Snowboards were originally known as:

- a) Spords
- b) Smurfs
- c) Snurfs
- d) Snufers

60. The first Nordic Games, of 1901, were held in

- a) Denmark
- b) Sweden
- c) Finland
- d) Norway

61. As many as 95% of all racehorses are said to be related to which of the following famous sires:

- a) Lottery
- b) Red Rum
- c) Shergar
- d) The Darley Arabian

62. Gatwick, now London's second largest airport, was once

- a) A football ground
- b) A horse race-track
- c) A cricket pitch
- d) A motor-racing circuit

63. Which Roman Emperor cheated his way to glory at the chariot races in AD 67?

- a) Hadrian
- b) Titus
- c) Trajan
- d) Nero

64. Famous Roman Charioteer Gaius Diocles is said to have amassed a huge fortune after winning nearly 1,500 races. It is estimated in modern money to have been worth approximately

- a) £10 million
- b) £100 million
- c) £1 billion
- d) £10 billion

65. The Circus Maximus in Rome was a chariot-racing stadium estimated to be able to accommodate how many people?

- a) 10,000
- b) 50,000
- c) 150,000
- d) 300,000

66. What caused the 1993 Grand National to be declared to be a void race?

- a) Riders failed to notice there was a false start
- b) A dog ran on to the track
- c) A hail storm
- d) A bomb scare

67. Ancient Greek athlete Oxylos was banished from his home region near Olympia after

- a) Killing his brother with a discus
- b) Getting drunk at the Olympic Games
- c) Cheating his way into the running finals
- d) Spearing a spectator with a javelin

68. A gymnasticon was a primitive type of

- a) Skipping rope
- b) Exercise machine
- c) Pole vault
- d) Jock strap

69. The first wheelchair games, the forerunner of the Paralympics, took place in which UK town?

- a) Milton Keynes
- b) Stoke Mandeville
- c) Stoke on Trent
- d) Blackburn

70. The first modern Olympic Games was held in which European city?

- a) Athens
- b) London
- c) Paris
- d) Rome

