

# LEAGUE MATCHES 6 OCTOBER 2011

## QUESTIONS BY THE HORSE & FARRIER

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### First Verbal Round

- 1 The Shiraz grape variety is known by that name in Australia, South Africa and Canada. What is it called in France, where the variety originated?

**Syrah**

- 2 After which 1781 battle, the last major battle in the American Revolutionary War, did Lord Cornwallis's British army surrender?

**Yorktown** (Siege of, Battle of or Surrender of)

- 3 What originate in the Kuiper Belt?

**Short-period comets** (accept comets) [see note 1](#)

- 4 What did General Anthony McAuliffe, the Commander of the defenders of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, famously reply when asked to surrender by his German counterpart?

**"NUTS!"**

(one suggestion – almost certainly incorrect – is that it stood for *Not Understand the Term Surrender*)

- 5 Which country won the first of its three Olympic football gold medals in 1952?

**Hungary** (1952, 1964 and 1968)

- 6 How many waterways actually called "Canals" are there in the city of Venice?

**Three** (Grand, Guidecca and Canareggio)

- 7 In which modern-day country did the 1014 Battle of Clontarf take place?

**Ireland** (it led to the end of the Viking influence in Ireland)

- 8 What is the only Ivy League university in the state of Rhode Island?

**Brown**

- 9 What scientific first did James Clerk Maxwell display at the Royal Institution in 1861?

**First light-fast colour photograph** (accept first colour photograph)

- 10 What is the real first name of the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson?

**Alexander**

- 11 Which South American country ranks second in the world for fish landings?

**Peru** (mainly of anchovies)

- 12 Which Mediterranean island passed to the control of the Ottoman Empire in 1669 after a 24-year war?

**Crete** (at the end of the 5th Ottoman/Venetian war)

- 13 Who was British Prime Minister at the time of the 1770 Falklands Crisis?

**Lord North**

- 14 Which American singer was nicknamed "Lady Day"?

**Billie Holiday**

- 15 Prior to Mark Cavendish, who was the last British cyclist to win a World Road Race Championship?  
**Nicole Cooke (2008)**
- 16 Which British cyclist won the Women's World Road Race Championship in 1960 and 1967?  
**Beryl Burton**
- 17 What was the subject of the song "Strange Fruit" recorded by Billie Holiday in 1939?  
**Lynchings** (in the southern states of the USA)
- 18 Who succeeded the assassinated Spencer Perceval as British Prime Minister?  
**Earl of Liverpool** (accept Jenkinson)
- 19 Following the 1783 Treaty of Paris that ended the American Revolutionary War, what Mediterranean island did Britain cede to Spain?  
**Minorca**
- 20 Which European country lands most fish – excluding Russia much of whose fish is landed in Asian ports?  
**Norway**
- 21 What is the real first name of Chancellor, George Osborne?  
**Gideon** [see note 2](#)
- 22 With which scientific development was the Romanian scientist Nicolae Paulescu involved in the early 1920s – although all the credit and prizes went elsewhere?  
**Discovery of insulin** (his work preceded that of Banting and Macleod)
- 23 What is the only Ivy League university in the state of New Hampshire?  
**Dartmouth**
- 24 In which sport does Ireland play international matches at Clontarf?  
**Cricket**
- 25 Who decided that St Mark's Basilica, previously the Chapel of the Doges, should be the Cathedral of Venice?  
**Napoleon** (in 1807; from 1451 to 1807 the Cathedral was San Pietro di Castello)
- 26 Which country won the first of its three Olympic football gold medals in 1900?  
**Great Britain** (1900, 1908, 1912)
- 27 Which decisive engagement in the Battle of Normandy (WW2) resulted in the defeat of the German Army Group B on the western front on 21 August 1944 and the subsequent liberation of Paris on 25 August 1944?  
**Falaise Pocket** (accept Falaise Gap or simply Falaise)
- 28 In which year was the last visit of Halley's Comet?  
**1986**
- 29 In addition to France and Spain, which other European country fought against Britain in the American Revolutionary War?  
**Dutch Republic** (accept The Netherlands or Holland)
- 30 Of which French wine-growing region is Syrah the principal grape variety?

**The Rhône Valley** (also accept Hermitage, Côtes du Rhône and Châteauneuf du Pape)

### **First written round THERE IS A THEME**

- 31 Which English female aristocrat and admirer of Hitler died in 1948?

**Unity Mitford**

- 32 What song from Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* is featured in the film *The Shawshank Redemption*?

**The Letter Duet** (Duetto - Canzonetta sull'aria)

- 33 What name for a Russian sledge is given to the organisations (IMF, EC and ECB) that have combined to try to solve Greece's financial problems?

**Troika**

- 34 What name is given to a child with one mulatto and one white parent?

**Quadroon**

- 35 What ship from Nineveh is mentioned in the first line of "Cargoes" by John Masefield?

**Quinquireme** (of Nineveh)

- 36 Which name is given in astrology to two celestial bodies that are 60 degrees apart?

**Sextile**

- 37 What alternative name is given to the Pleiades star cluster, because the Pleiades were the daughters of Atlas and Pleione?

**Seven Sisters**

- 38 Which description of the Periodic Table was developed by John Newlands?

**Law of Octaves**

- 39 Which 1954 novel describes the disappearance of part of the Roman army in Britain?

**The Eagle of the Ninth**

- 40 In which work, first published around 1752, did Boccaccio describe bawdy tales of love?

**Decameron** [see note 3](#)

**The connection is the set of numbers from 1 to 10**

### **Second Verbal Round**

- 41 Which European city was home to the first Ghetto?

**Venice**

(Ghetto was so named because the island in which the Jews were obliged to live had formerly housed an iron foundry; in Venetian 'gheto' means 'slag')

- 42 Why was Gran Sasso in the news in September 2011?

**It is the home of the Italian Particle Physics Lab where they claim to have detected neutrinos that travelled from CERN at above the speed of light?**

- 43 In which city did Joe McGhee win the 1954 Empire Games Marathon title – the race in which Jim Peters failed to finish?

## **Vancouver**

44 Which piano suite in ten movements was famously orchestrated by Ravel?

**Pictures at an Exhibition** (Mussorgsky)

45 According to some traditions, Eve was Adam's second wife. What was the name of his first wife?

**Lilith**

46 Who is the most capped New Zealand Rugby player?

**Ritchie McCaw** (100 as at 24 September)

47 Which iconic novel of the 20th Century had, as part of its title the phrase "A Fairy Story"?

**Animal Farm**

48 In *The Gondoliers*, who led his troops from behind as he found it less exciting?

**Duke of Plaza-Toro**

49 In which year was the Cheltenham Racing Festival cancelled because of Foot and Mouth disease?

**2001**

50 Whose phone number was Darrowby 385?

**James Herriot**

(accept anything related to "All Creatures Great Small", or the veterinary practice or the Herriot family)

51 In which modern-day country was Gabriel Fahrenheit, developer of the eponymous temperature scale, born?

**Poland** (Danzig)

52 What political post is held in the UK by Kirsty Williams?

**Leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats** [see note 4](#)

53 Which city is the home of the NFL team, the "Eagles"?

**Nashville** [see note 5](#)

54 In what TV series did actor Robert Loggia play an FBI agent?

**Mancuso, FBI**

55 Which company sponsors the main European Club competition in Rugby - currently held by Leinster?

**Heineken**

56 Which company sponsors the English Rugby Union Premiership competition?

**Aviva**

57 In what TV series did the actress Mariska Hargitay play New York sex-crimes detective, Olivia Benson?

**Law and Order: Special Victims Unit** (accept Law and Order)

58 Which city is home to the NFL team, The Panthers?

**Charlotte, North Carolina**

59 What political post is held in the UK by Annabel Goldie?

**Leader of the Scottish Conservatives** (although she has announced her resignation) [see note 6](#)

60 In which modern-day country was Robert Van de Graaff, inventor of the eponymous generator, born?

## USA

- 61 Whose phone number from a TV sitcom was initially 770310 but, following a house move to 19 Riverbank, became 4291?

**Victor and Margaret Meldrew** (accept any variant on this)

- 62 Who won the Olympic Three Day Eventing individual gold medal in 1984 and 1988, riding Charisma?

**Mark Todd** (New Zealand)

- 63 In *The Mikado*, who was First Lord of the Treasury, Lord Chief Justice, Commander-in-Chief, Archbishop of Titipu, etc.?

**Pooh-Bah**

- 64 Which American writer died before completing his final novel *The Last Tycoon*?

**F. Scott Fitzgerald**

- 65 Who is the most capped Scotland Rugby player?

**Chris Paterson** (107 caps as at 24 September)

- 66 In the Garden of Eden, what was the name of Adam and Eve's third child?

**Seth**

- 67 What English composer's seven-movement orchestral suite was originally scored mainly for two pianos?

**The Planets Suite** (Holst; Neptune was scored for a single organ)

- 68 In which city was the block of flats called Unité d'Habitation, designed by Le Corbusier, built around 1949?

**Marseille**

- 69 Why was Former Eurovision Song Contest winner, Dana, in the news in September?

**She has been nominated as a candidate in the election for the next President of Ireland**

- 70 In which European city did James Joyce live for many years after leaving Dublin at the start of the 20th century?

**Trieste**

## Second written round

- 71 Which city in the southern hemisphere has the highest population?

**São Paulo** (Brazil) [see note 7](#)

- 72 What first did Edwin Drake achieve in Titusville, Pennsylvania in August 1859?

**He drilled the first successful oil well** [see note 8](#)

- 73 In what year were Prime Minister's Questions formally arranged to take place in two fixed 15 minute slots on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (allow 5 years either way)?

**1961** (accept 1956 to 1966)

- 74 Which country, playing in the finals of the 2011 Rugby World Cup, is making its debut in the competition?

**Russia**

- 75 Which company built the SR-71 plane which set the 1974 world record time of 1 hour 54 minutes and 56 seconds for a New York-London flight?

### **Lockheed**

- 76 There are four towns or cities with two or more football teams playing in the Scottish Premier League or one of the three divisions of the Scottish Football League: Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and which other?

**Falkirk** (Falkirk and East Stirlingshire)

- 77 Since 2000, four players have captained England against the country of their birth in Tests, One Day Internationals or Twenty20 matches. These are Hussain, Strauss, Pietersen and which other?

### **Eoin Morgan**

- 78 Who wrote the "An Orkney Tapestry", published in 1969?

### **George Mackay Brown**

- 79 Which Italian painter (1571–1610) had the Christian name Michelangelo?

### **Caravaggio**

- 80 In which battle of 1854 did the 93rd Highland Regiment (The Sutherland Highlanders) form the 'Thin Red Line'?

**Balaclava** (Crimean War)

## **Spares**

- 1 What is unusual about Corrour Railway Station on Rannoch Moor, in addition to it being the highest mainline station in the UK?

**There is no road access to it** (nearest road is about 10 miles away)

- 2 Which county won this year's All-Ireland Senior Football Championship?

**Dublin** (beat Kerry in the final)

- 3 Which British explorer's ship was called Terra Nova?

**Captain Robert Scott**

- 4 How many "bright shiners" are there in the song "Green Grow the Rushes O"?

**Nine**

- 5 Who won the Men's 100 metres final in the recent World Athletics Championships?

**Yohan Blake** (Jamaica)

- 6 Who was the mother of actress Mariska Hargitay?

**Jayne Mansfield**

- 7 What type of school was run by Pussy Galore in Goldfinger?

**Flying school**

- 8 Which city is home to the NFL team, The Cardinals?

**Phoenix**

## Notes and corrections

- 1 Current thinking amongst astronomers is that comets do **not** originate in the Kuiper Belt. More details [here](#) for those who are interested.
- 2 He was christened Gideon Oliver Osborne but disliked Gideon and changed his name in 1984. His official name is George Gideon Oliver Osborne.
- 3 *The Decameron* was completed around 1353 and the first printed edition was published around 1470, not 1752.
- 4 An equally acceptable answer is Member of the Welsh Assembly for Brecon and Radnorshire.
- 5 The Eagles are from Philadelphia. Nashville's NFL team is the Tennessee Titans.
- 6 An equally acceptable answer is Member of the Scottish Parliament for the West of Scotland region.
- 7 Frequently the population of a city is considered to be that of the metropolitan area rather than the city itself, e.g. Greater Manchester (over 2.5 million) vs Manchester (less than 500,000). Under these rules there is little difference between the population of São Paulo and that of Jakarta, with many sources estimating Jakarta to be the more populous.
- 8 Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the USA. The world's first oil wells appeared in China some 1500 years earlier.

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