

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025

QUESTIONS BY THE SWAN WITH TWO NECKS

First Verbal Round

- Starting in London, which town lies at the end of the A2?
Dover
- Which play is considered to be Shakespeare's first comedy?
The Comedy of Errors **see note 1**
- Born on 6 March 1806, which poet's possibly best known poem is *How Do I Love Thee*?
Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- When it comes to home shopping, what do the initials QVC (as in QVC TV) actually mean?
Quality, Value, Convenience
- Spain ceded East Florida to Britain in exchange for which territory?
Cuba **see note 2**
- Name the WhatsApp group that was made up of Labour Councillors, members and activists, where conversations led to the sacking as a government minister of Gorton and Denton MP Andrew Gwynne.
Trigger Me Timbers
- Who was on the English throne 200 years ago?
George IV
- Which UK town was known as *Coccium* by the Romans?
Wigan
- Which organisation was founded in London in 1862? Its members have included Harry Price and Peter Underwood.
The Ghost Club
- How many consecutive Wimbledon men's titles did Bjorn Borg win?
Five
- Name the Wythenshawe-born MP who was jailed in February 2025 (sentence later suspended) for punching a constituent.
Mike Amesbury
- How many squares are there on a standard Scrabble™ board?
225
- In the 1980's series of Cadbury's TV adverts, which actress provided the voice of the Caramel Bunny?
Miriam Margolyes
- In which year did the UK's lease on Hong Kong expire?
1997
- What energy does an eolic power station use?
Wind

16. In the 1970s animated public information films, who provide the voice for Charley the Cat?
Kenny Everett
17. Who did Alex Ferguson succeed as manager of Manchester United?
Ron Atkinson
18. Generally known in the UK as 'butlers' steak', it is a cut of beef commonly known by which name in the US? The US name can often be found on UK menus.
Flat iron steak
19. What is the name of the Duke of Milan, who casts a spell on a ship in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*?
Prospero
20. Which organisation was founded in 1905 in Pinoli's restaurant in London's Soho? Its members have included David Devant and John Neville Maskelyne.
The Magic Circle
21. Côte de Bœuf is a cut of meat which includes rib-eye and tomahawk. What does 'Côte de Bœuf' translate to in English?
Rib of beef
22. Born 6 March 1927, which writer's possibly best-known book is *One Hundred Years of Solitude*?
Gabriel Garcia Marquez
23. JML is a consumer product company; what does 'JML' stand for?
John Mills Limited
24. Which metal was invented by British metallurgist Harold Brearley in 1912?
Stainless steel (originally 'rustless steel')
25. Which UK city was known as *Verulamium* by the Romans?
St. Albans
26. Starting from London, which town lies at the end of the A5?
Holyhead
27. In a game of netball, how many players on a team are allowed to score?
Two
28. Who was on the English throne 100 years ago?
George V
29. Name either of the letters worth 8 points in the English version of Scrabble™?
J or X
30. Who was the only female competitor in the 1976 Summer Olympics who was not obliged to undergo a gender test?
Princess Anne

First Written Round **There is a theme - may be included within longer words**

31. Which Northumberland town, located six miles north of Newcastle upon Tyne, was the site of the derailment in 1926 of the Flying Scotsman by striking miners during the general strike?
Cramlington
32. Which multinational business was founded in 1742? Its largest division is Premier Inn.
Whitbread

33. Which British novelist is best known for her 2005 novel *Labyrinth*?
Kate Mosse
34. Which British folk and pop duo had the first names Lennie and Dianne?
Peters and Lee
35. Lady Ainslie, who is married to British sailor Ben Ainslie, has been a presenter on Sky Sports, Fox Sports and BBC Radio's 5 Live. She is better known by what name?
Georgie Thompson
36. Which London borough contains RAF Northolt aerodrome and most of Heathrow airport?
Hillingdon
37. Name the river which has its source in the Australian Alps and flows through the states Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales.
Murray
38. *Skytrain* was a low-cost, 'no frills' transatlantic service which was operated by which British airline?
Laker Airways
39. Which musical premiered in 2015 with Lin-Manuel Miranda in the title role? He also wrote the music and lyrics.
Hamilton
40. Which is the second largest Orkney island?
Hoy

Theme is *BBC Sports Personality of the Year* winners

(Steve Cram, Fatima Whitbread, Stirling Moss, Mary Peters, Daley Thompson, Damon Hill, Andy Murray, Jim Laker, Lewis Hamilton, Chris Hoy)

Second Verbal Round

41. The film *Control* is a profile of which enigmatic singer of the late '70s?
Ian Curtis (of Joy Division)
42. Later adapted into a TV series, which broadcaster's first autobiography was entitled *Going to Sea in a Sieve*?
Danny Baker
43. Which 1898 novella by Henry James was the basis of an opera by Benjamin Britten and premiered in 1954?
The Turn of the Screw
44. The Battle of Agincourt took place in what year?
1415
45. What part of the brain is responsible for voluntary movement?
The cerebellum
46. Who directed the 1999 psychological thriller film *Fight Club*, based on the novel by Chuck Palahniuk?
David Fincher

47. Which famous novel was suspected to be inspired by the real-life exploits of Alexander Selkirk?
Robinson Crusoe
48. In which year did the first cricket test match take place?
1877 (Australia v England in Melbourne)
49. “*Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names*” is a quote by which US President?
John F. Kennedy
50. What nine-letter word means a mild word or phrase substituted for one that may be offensive?
Euphemism
51. Name the year these British films were released: *Trainspotting*, *The English Patient* and Kenneth Branagh’s *Hamlet*?
1996
52. What animal would you find in Henri Rousseau’s *The Sleeping Gypsy*?
Lion
53. What eight-letter noun means a brief, clever statement that expresses a general truth or principle?
Aphorism
54. Which King of England was nicknamed *The Merry Monarch*?
Charles II
55. What is the title of the 1995 crime thriller, directed by Bryan Singer, which follows the investigation of a mysterious murder that leads to an intricate web of deceit and corruption?
The Usual Suspects
56. The Boot, Cromer Street, WC1H is mentioned in which Dickens novel?
Barnaby Rudge
57. The battle of Bosworth Field took place in what year?
1485
58. “*In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends*” is a quote by which American minister and activist?
Martin Luther King Jr
59. Which common UK garden bird has the scientific name *Carduelis carduelis*?
Goldfinch
60. Which 1891 novella by Herman Melville, released posthumously in 1924, was the basis for an opera by Benjamin Britten that premiered in 1951?
Billy Budd
61. Who was the first UK monarch to be nicknamed *The Sailor King*?
William IV
62. The film *Oil City Confidential* tells the story of which Canvey Island band of the ‘70s?
Dr Feelgood
63. In which year did the first football international take place?
1872 (Scotland v England)
64. Which common garden bird has the scientific name *Troglodytes troglodytes*?
Wren

65. *Look Who It Is!* is the title of which broadcaster's autobiography, whose early life was also adapted into a TV series?

Alan Carr

66. Name the year these British films were released in the UK: *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *The Madness of King George* and *Shallow Grave*?

1994

67. What animal would you find on Henri Rousseau's painting *Surprised*?

Tiger

68. What part of the brain is associated with emotion and memory?

Hippocampus

69. The George and Vulture, Castle Court, EC3V is mentioned in which Dickens novel?

The Pickwick Papers

70. What is the nickname of Atticus Finch's daughter in *To Kill a Mockingbird*?

Scout

Second Written Round There is a theme - full names required and there are some homophones

71. Which Netflix American legal drama features the character Mickey Haller, who initially runs his practice from the back of his car?

The Lincoln Lawyer

72. Which English athlete, born in London in 1949, beat the world 10,000 metres record by over 7 seconds in 1973?

David Bedford

73. Which British biplane fighter was the last model used by the RAF until retired from front line duties in 1941?

Gloster Gladiator

74. Which American city hosted the first US Open tournaments in both tennis and golf? It also hosted the America's Cup between 1930 and 1983.

Newport (Rhode Island)

75. Which English jockey won his first Derby on *Never Say Die* in 1954 and his last on *Teenoso* in 1983?

Lester Piggott

76. Which British Labour politician was Chancellor of the Exchequer between 1947 and 1950?

Stafford Cripps

77. After her success in *Coronation Street*, which actress went on to play Flo Henshaw in *Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps*?

Beverley Callard

78. Which British sovereign estate came under direct control of the monarch when Henry Bolingbroke ascended the throne in 1399?

Duchy of Lancaster

79. Which firearm, particularly the 1873 model, was marketed as "The Gun That Won The West"?

Winchester rifle

80. What name was used by Aviva for the British arm of its insurance business prior to June 2009?

Norwich Union

Spares

1. American Airlines flight 5342 was involved in a mid-air collision with a U.S. Army helicopter on approach to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The flight originated from an airport named after which other U.S. President?

Dwight D. Eisenhower (Wichita, Kansas)

2. What does 'KP' stand for in KP Snacks?

Kenyon Produce see note 3

3. Which TV series of the 1970s and '80s was set on the MS *Pacific Princess*?

The Love Boat

4. Former Manchester City and (caretaker) England manager Joe Mercer also managed three other English clubs. Name two of the three.

Any two from: **Sheffield United, Aston Villa, Coventry City**

5. Sauce Paloise is a variation on Bearnaise sauce, with which herb replacing tarragon?

Mint

6. RAF Shawbury is located in which English county?

Shropshire

Notes

1. Some sources give *The Comedy of Errors* as the first comedy. However *Two Gentlemen of Verona* is widely considered to be Shakespeare's first play and is also a comedy, so should have been an acceptable answer.
2. This is not correct. The question seems to be referring to the Treaty of Paris, which ended the Seven Years War in 1763, resulting in many territories being restored to their original owners. Spain ceded Florida to Britain and Britain restored Havana (not Cuba) and Manila to Spain as part of that treaty, not as a straight exchange as the question implies.
3. 'KP' stands for Kenyon **Produce**, not Products. (The same error appeared in a quiz earlier this season)