

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023

QUESTIONS BY THE REFORM

First Verbal Round

- Whose famous fictional journey began on 2 October 1872?
Phileas Fogg
- Closed in 1962, which city's assay hallmark consisted of a shield bearing three wheatsheaves around a sword?
Chester
- If someone was suffering from the speech impediment known as *dysarthria*, how would it present itself?
Slurring words
- Which racecourse is situated in the town of Sunbury-on-Thames?
Kempton Park
- Bonnie Prince Charlie was both born and died in which European capital city?
Rome
- Chantenay*, *Nantes*, *Imperator* and *Danvers* are the four main varieties of which vegetable?
Carrot
- Name the year. Fred West found hanged in his cell; Eric Cantona assaults a Crystal Palace spectator; Barings Bank collapses?
1995
- In the title of the Robert Browning poem, what did The Bishop order at St Praxed's Church?
His Tomb (*The Bishop Orders His Tomb at Saint Praxed's Church*)
- As of 2021 which country was the largest producer of crude oil?
United States of America
- In the musical *Chess*, in which capital city is the World Chess Championship taking place? The city is mentioned in one of the songs from the musical.
Bangkok (song is *One Night in Bangkok*)
- Which football club set and holds the points record for the top four English divisions when winning the Championship with 106 points in the 2005-2006 season?
Reading
- Which opera, first publicly performed in 1881, includes the stories *The Sandman*, *The Cremona Violin* and *The Last Reflection*. These stories were all first published between 1814 and 1818?
The Tales of Hoffman
- Which famous pioneer of portrait photography lived at Dimbola, Freshwater, Isle of Wight?
Julia Margaret Cameron
- Who played the title role in the 1998 film *Saving Private Ryan*?
Matt Damon
- Where in the human body would you find your thenar and hypothenar muscles?
The Hand
- Whose famous factual journey ended on 10 November 1871?
Henry Stanley (found Livingstone)

17. Closed in 1964, which city's assay hallmark consisted of a tree, a fish and a bell?
Glasgow
18. If someone was suffering from the speech impediment known as a *rhotacism*, how would it present itself?
Unable to pronounce letter 'R'
19. Which racecourse is situated in the town of Esher?
Sandown Park
20. Playwright Harold Pinter was both born and died in which European capital city?
London
21. *Alverda*, *Early White* and *Fioretto* are varieties of which vegetable?
Cauliflower
22. Name the year. Signing of the Maastricht Treaty; Aldershot FC declared bankrupt and becomes the first club in 30 years to resign from the Football League; publication of the famous headline '*It's The Sun Wot Won It?*'
1992
23. In the title of the Robert Browning poem what did Bishop Blougram make?
An apology (*Bishop Blougram's Apology*)
24. As of 2021 which country was the world's largest producer of opium?
Afghanistan
25. Which 1957 film musical starring Doris Day mainly takes place in a factory in Cedar Rapids, Iowa?
The Pyjama Game
26. Which football club holds the record for the fewest Premier League season wins, with just one win in the 2007-2008 season?
Derby County
27. Which comic opera by Hector Berlioz is based on Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*?
Beatrice and Benedict
28. Which famous literary person lived at Farringford House, Freshwater, Isle of Wight?
Alfred, Lord Tennyson
29. Who played the title role in the 1985 film *Desperately Seeking Susan*?
Madonna
30. Where in the human body would you find your rectus and oblique muscles?
The Eye

First Written Round **There is a theme - full name required where answer is a person**

31. Who had top 40 UK hits with September in the Rain in 1961 and Mad About the Boy in 1992. She also duetted with Brook Benton in 1960 with the song It's a Rocking Good Way?
Dinah Washington
32. What is the common name for the genus of shrubs with antiseptic properties that includes the varieties Chinese, Japanese, Big-Leaf and Ozark?
Witch-hazel
33. First appearing in 1960, Margot Bryant played which Coronation Street character?
Minnie Caldwell

34. Born in Liverpool in 1932, which author's works include *The Dressmaker*, *The Bottle Factory Outing* and *Everyman for Himself*?
Beryl Bainbridge
35. What form of surgery is known as a laparoscopy or 'minimally invasive'?
Keyhole [see note 1](#)
36. Which US TV series, which ran from 2004 to 2012, included the characters Susan Meyer, Lynette Scavo, and Bree Van de Kamp?
Desperate Housewives
37. Which former MP for West Bromwich East was Deputy Leader of the Labour Party from 2015 to 2019?
Tom Watson
38. Which American actor has appeared in the films *The Right Stuff*, *The Big Easy*, *Dragonheart*, and *Vantage Point*?
Dennis Quaid
39. *Belle de Louvain*, *Czar*, and *Purple Pershore* are varieties of which fruit grown in the UK?
Plum
40. What rank in the Household Cavalry is equivalent to that of sergeant in other British Army regiments?
Corporal of Horse

Theme is characters in the *Beano* and *Dandy* comics

([Doubting Dinah](#), [The Wicked Witch](#), [Minnie the Minx](#), [Beryl the Peril](#), [Keyhole Kate](#), [Desperate Dan](#), [Dennis the Menace](#), [Winker Watson](#), [Plum](#), and [Corporal Clott](#))

Second Verbal Round

41. What nine-letter noun describes the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or new growth. It can also mean the ability to produce many new ideas?
Fecundity
42. In physics what three-word term describes the resistance to motion at the interface of two surfaces of similar or dissimilar materials?
Co-efficient of friction
43. The town of Bungay is in which English county?
Suffolk
44. Which locomotive set a British steam record of 114 mph in June 1937?
Coronation
45. Who was the only British athlete to win a gold medal at the 1987 World Athletic Championships held in Rome?
Fatima Whitbread
46. What 1981 seven-part Thames TV series starring Ben Cross is set in Kenya and tells the story of British settlers in this part of East Africa in 1913?
The Flame Trees of Thika
47. What chess opening gambit is named after a sixteenth century Spanish catholic priest, player and authority on the game?
Ruy Lopez [see note 2](#)
48. Which singer/songwriter born in 1912 recorded the album *Dust Bowl Ballads* in 1940? His most famous song is *This Land is Your Land*?
Woody Guthrie

49. Who was US President when Ramsey MacDonald became British Prime Minister for the first time?
Calvin Coolidge (January 1924)
50. 372 men all with what first name gathered at the Fleece Inn, near Evesham in September 2022?
Nigel
51. In email abbreviations what do the letters NRN stand for?
No Reply Necessary [see note 3](#)
52. In 1980 Yellow Pack was the first own-brand basic range to be introduced in the UK by which now non-existent supermarket chain? Once third in size in the UK behind Tesco and Sainsbury's it was sold to Gateway in 1986?
Fine Fare
53. What term describes leafy vegetables cut into ribbon-like strands to be usually used as a garnish for soups?
Chiffonade
54. Give any year in the life of Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei?
1564 to 1642
55. As featured in the lyrics of the Simon & Garfunkel song *America*, in which US state is the city of Saginaw?
Michigan
56. What eight-letter adjective describes the slightly-salted water that is to be found in river estuaries?
Brackish
57. In physics what three-word term describes the opposition that a body exhibits to having its speed of rotation about an axis altered by the application of a torque?
Moment of inertia
58. The town of Midsomer Norton is in which English county?
Somerset
59. What named passenger train, which ran between King's Cross and Edinburgh, was inaugurated in June 1953 to celebrate the Queen's accession the previous year?
The Elizabethan
60. Who is the only female British track and field athlete to have won three medals at a single Olympic Games?
Mary Rand (in Tokyo in 1964: Gold in Long Jump; Silver in Pentathlon; Bronze in 4 x 100m relay)
61. Which 1984 five-hour, three-part TV mini-series stars Ben Cross as Ashton, who returns to India as a British Army officer and features his love affair with Indian princess Anjali?
The Far Pavilions
62. In chess what name is given to black's response of c5 to white's opening move of e4?
Sicilian defence
63. Which singer/songwriter born in 1899 played the piano and sang in the 1946 film *The Best Years of Our Lives*? His most famous songs include *Lazybones* and *Ole Buttermilk Sky*?
Hoagy Carmichael
64. Who was British Prime Minister when Theodore Roosevelt became President for the first time?
The (Third) Marquess of Salisbury (Sept 1901) [see note 4](#)
65. At what location did Just Stop Oil protesters throw tomato soup over Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* in October 2022?
National Gallery
66. In email abbreviations what do the letters VSRE stand for?
Very Short Reply Expected

67. Which supermarket chain was founded in the UK in 1990 by the Danish Salling Group. It was sold to Asda in 2010, but revived under its original name in 2014. It became defunct again in 2016?

Netto

68. What term describes a mixture of starch and cold water that is whisked together and used to thicken soup or sauces?

Slurry

69. Give any year in the life of Dutch astronomer Gerald Kuiper, after whom the Kuiper Belt is named?

1905 to 1973

70. As featured in the title of The Monkees' song *Last Train to ...*, in which US state is the city of Clarksville?

Tennessee

Second Written Round **There is a theme**

71. What South Atlantic island was originally named Conception on its discovery by Joao de Nova in 1501?

Ascension

72. Which football stadium, opened in 1905, staged the first ever FA Cup penalty shoot-out? The home team secured third place in the 1971-72 competition after an extra time result of 0-0 against Stoke City?

St Andrews

73. What codename for the first detonation of a nuclear weapon on 16 July 1945 shares its name with colleges at both Oxford and Cambridge?

Trinity

74. Which actor played the TV roles of Toby Meres in *Callan* and Major Horst Mohn in *Colditz*?

Anthony Valentine

75. In Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* Dr Manette keeps repeating the phrase "105 North Tower". To what is he referring?

His prison cell in The Bastille

76. What emergency condition in humans can be evaluated by applying 'The Rule of Nines'?

Burns

77. *European Fan*, *Bismarck*, *Foxtail*, and *Broadleaf Lady* are all types of which tree?

Palm

78. In his book *Remember, Remember...* published in 2005 whom did historian James Sharpe describe as being the last man to enter Parliament with good intentions?

Guy Fawkes

79. Which group has had five UK number one hits, including *Pure Shores* and *Black Coffee*?

All Saints

80. Who was Bishop of Winchester from 852 to 863?

St Swithin (or Swithun)

Theme is named days in the calendar

(Ascension Day, St Andrews Day, Trinity Sunday, Valentine's Day, Bastille Day, Burns Night, Palm Sunday, Guy Fawkes Night, All Saints Day, St Swithin's Day)

Spares

1. What is the numeric value of factorial five (5!)?

120

2. What moon of Neptune shares its name with the Greek god of the seas and rivers?

Proteus

3. What is the most westerly of the UK Shipping Forecast areas?

South-east Iceland

4. Marlene Dietrich, Robert Morley and Benny Hill all died in which year?

1992

5. What term that describes an extended period of instability and insecurity, was Collins' *Word of the Year* for 2022?

Permacrisis

Notes

1. 'Laparoscopy' refers specifically to keyhole surgery on the abdominal cavity or pelvis. It would not, for example, be used to describe keyhole surgery on the knee.
2. The Ruy Lopez is not a *gambit* opening. A gambit sacrifices material to achieve a positional advantage, which Ruy Lopez does not do.
3. 'Not right now' is an equally acceptable answer.
4. His real name, Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, is an equally acceptable answer.