

# LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023

## QUESTIONS BY FLYING HORSE

### First Verbal Round

1. Which *Coronation Street* actor set up the Saddleworth Cheese Company after leaving the soap (character name or real name)?  
**Sean Wilson (actor) or Martin Platt (character)**
2. Which ecclesiastically themed sitcom which aired on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971 starred William Mervyn, Robertson Hare and Derek Nimmo?  
**All Gas and Gaiters**
3. Which team won the 2023 Australian Rugby League Grand Final?  
**Penrith Panthers**
4. Gerry Rafferty and which famous Scotsman were members of the Humblebums duo?  
**Billy Connolly** see note 1
5. What food item in Spain is called *bocarte* when consumed as freshly cooked fish, and *boquerón* when marinated in vinegar?  
**Anchovies**
6. Which poet was Librarian of Hull University from 1955 until his death in 1985?  
**Philip Larkin**
7. Badminton House in Gloucestershire is the country seat of which peer?  
**Duke of Beaufort**
8. Which pop group took its name from a character in the film *Barbarella*?  
**Duran Duran**
9. Who said that to be born an Englishman was to have drawn "*first prize in the lottery of life*"?  
**Cecil Rhodes**
10. Which Welsh-speaking singer achieved second place in the 1970 Eurovision Song Contest with *Knock, Knock (Who's There)*?  
**Mary Hopkin**
11. Which fashion designer, who died in February 2023, designed the costumes for the film *Barbarella* and was noted for his use of metal and plastic in a space-age style of design?  
**Paco Rabanne** (also accept Francisco Rabaneda Cuervo, his real name)
12. The jazz musicians Art Tatum, Thelonious Monk and Bill Evans all played which instrument?  
**Piano**
13. Which infamous spy, alchemist and astrologer (1527–1608) is said to have inspired the character Prospero in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*?  
**Dr John Dee**

14. Talc is a silicate of which metal?

**Magnesium**

15. The 104-year-old actress June Spencer played which part in a long-running soap opera?

**Peggy Woolley** (in *The Archers*, also accept 'Perkins' or 'Archer')

16. The naira is the currency of which African country?

**Nigeria**

17. In German Arthurian literature, who was the son of Parsifal, a knight of the Holy Grail, sent in a boat pulled by swans to a rescue a maiden?

**Lohengrin**

18. *Kaddish* is the name given to whose Third Symphony?

**Leonard Bernstein**

19. Four managers have won four English League Cups. Who is the only Englishman?

**Brian Clough**

20. Which Latin epic poem tells the story of the founding of Rome after the fall of Troy?

***The Aeneid***

21. Which architect designed St Pancras station and the Midland Grand Hotel across the front of the station?

**George Gilbert Scott** [see note 2](#)

22. According to the *Gospel of Mark*, of what ailment did Jesus cure Bartimaeus?

**Blindness**

23. Esme Young and Patrick Grant are expert judges on which reality TV show?

***The Great British Sewing Bee***

24. Which American author wrote the novels *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*, *The Accidental Tourist* and *Breathing Lessons*?

**Anne Tyler**

25. Which author, who died in September 2022, was born in Glossop?

**Hilary Mantel**

26. Which ex-wife of Boris Johnson has recently been appointed the Labour Party's advisor on protecting women from sexual harassment and discrimination?

**Marina Wheeler**

27. What do the letters 'PET' stand for in the medical procedure PET scan?

**Positron Emission Tomography**

28. What was the name of the ship used by Nansen to explore the Arctic, and Amundsen to explore the South Pole?

***The Fram***

29. Which boxer's nickname was *The Brockton Blockbuster/Bomber*?

**Rocky Marciano**

30. Which two actors have played the Scottish detective John Rebus on TV?

**John Hannah and Ken Stott**

### First Written Round

31. The flag of Barbados features what on its central stripe?

**A trident**

32. In 2023 Hampstead beat Stockport to win the Iroquois Cup in which sport?

**Lacrosse**

33. Between 1889 and 1974 Lincolnshire was divided into three areas similar to the ridings of Yorkshire, each with its own county council. Name one of the areas.

**Lindsey, Kesteven or Holland**

34. Which character from mythology gives his name to a constellation, an aircraft, a Spanish football team, a type of beetle and a large moth?

**Hercules**

35. What scientific discovery is supposedly based on Galileo's observation of a chandelier in Pisa Cathedral?

**The pendulum** [see note 3](#)

36. What is the name of the spin-off series to *Breaking Bad* featuring Bob Odenkirk?

***Better Call Saul***

37. Colditz Castle lies within which German province?

**Saxony**

38. In which US Civil War battle did the engagement known as Pickett's Charge take place?

**Gettysburg**

39. Which Welsh village on the River Wye contains the ruins of a Cistercian abbey and is named in the title of a poem by Wordsworth?

**Tintern**

40. Whose last novel was the *Weir of Hermiston*?

**Robert Louis Stevenson** [see note 4](#)

## Second Verbal Round

41. Which sitcom broadcast by the BBC between 1961 and 1963, and by LWT between 1977 and 1978, starred Peter Jones, Reg Varney and Miriam Karlin?

***The Rag Trade***

42. Which member of a pop group formed in the 1980s is now a cheese maker whose goat's cheese Farleigh Wallop was voted Best Goat's Cheese at the 2008 British Cheese Awards? (name or name of group)

**Alex James or Blur**

43. Hugh O'Leary is the husband of which controversial political figure?

**Liz Truss**

44. Which team won the 2023 Super Rugby Pacific final?

(Canterbury) **Crusaders**

45. Gerry Rafferty and Joe Egan formed which folk-rock group in 1972, which had a hit in 1973 with *Stuck in the Middle with You*?

**Stealers Wheel**

46. Which food item is *fegato* in Italian, *higato* in Spanish and *lau* in Welsh?

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

47. Which poet was a director of the publishers Faber & Faber from 1925 until his death in 1985?

**T. S. Eliot** [see note 6](#)

48. Keith Brymer Jones and Richard Miller are the expert judges on which reality TV show?

***The Great Pottery Throw Down***

49. Three actors have played Tom Clancy's CIA agent Jack Ryan in films. Name two of them.

**Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck** [see note 7](#)

50. What was the trade name of the fabric invented by Joseph Kagan in 1951, which was used in an iconic garment of the '50s and '60s?

**Gannex**

51. Which English author wrote the novels *The Ballad of Peckham Rye*, *The Girls of Slender Means* and *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*?

**Dame Muriel Spark**

52. Which fashion designer, who died in December 2022, was born in Tintwistle?

**Vivienne Westwood**

53. Which Scottish singer was placed ninth in the 1966 Eurovision Song Contest with *A Man Without Love*?

**Kenneth McKellar**

54. Who was principal secretary to Queen Elizabeth I of England from 20 December 1573 until his death and is popularly remembered as her 'sPYmaster'?

**Francis Walsingham**

55. Which Greek epic poem tells of the final stages of the Trojan War?

***The Iliad***

56. Who once said that “*football and cookery are the two most important subjects in this country*”?

**Delia Smith**

57. Malachite is a carbonate of which metal?

**Copper**

58. Which architect designed Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard?

**Sir John Vanbrugh**

59. Which pop group took its name from a term used by Allied aircraft pilots during World War II to describe various unidentified flying objects or mysterious aerial phenomena seen in the skies?

**Foo Fighters**

60. Which boxer’s nickname was *The Manassa Mauler*?

**Jack Dempsey**

61. The jazz musicians Art Blakey, Gene Krupa and Buddy Rich played which instrument?

**Drums**

62. Who is the only player to have scored a hat trick in each of England’s top four leagues, the League Cup, the FA cup and for his country, Wales?

**Robert Earnshaw**

63. Which 100-year-old actress won a Tony for her role in Stephen Sondheim’s musical *A Little Night Music*?

**Glynis Johns** [see note 8](#)

64. In the nineteenth century which disease was popularly known as the ‘white death’?

**Tuberculosis**

65. What was the name of the ship in which John Cabot explored the coast of North America in 1497?

**Matthew**

66. In Arthurian legend, who was the father of Arthur?

**Uther Pendragon**

67. The pula is the currency of which African country?

**Botswana**

68. Belvoir (pronounced bee-ver) Castle is the country seat of which peer?

**Duke of Rutland**

69. Vaughan Williams’ *First Symphony* is also known by which name?

**A Sea Symphony**

70. In the Bible what was the name of the tax collector who climbed up a fig tree to see Jesus?

**Zacchaeus** (pronounced zak-key-us) [see note 8](#)

## Second Written Round

71. Who, according to the poem, stole '*The Green Eye of the Little Yellow God*'?

**Mad Carew**

72. Parsonage and Bickershaw collieries were in which Lancashire town?

**Leigh**

73. Which English king's sole male heir died in the White Ship Disaster?

**Henry I**

74. Which mythological creature's legs and body from the head up are of an eagle, while the rest of its body is that of a lion?

**Griffin or Gryphon**

75. Which impermeable material is mainly harvested from *Quercus suber*?

**Cork**

76. Often worn by peasant women in Bolivia, in Spanish it is called '*la bombín*' and in the USA '*a Derby*'. What is it known as in England?

**Bowler hat** [see pedantic note 9](#)

77. Who succeeded Georges Pompidou as President of the French Fifth Republic in May 1974?

**Valéry Giscard d'Estaing**

78. Which '80s pop group released the album *Architecture and Morality*?

**Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark** (also accept 'OMD')

79. Give a year in the life of Genghis Khan, the founder of the Mongol Empire?

**1162–1227**

80. Which artist used the model 'Big Sue' Tilley for his 1995 painting *Benefits Supervisor Sleeping*?

**Lucien Freud**

## Spares

1. Guildford Flames have won four EPL championships and five Premier Cups in which sport?

**Ice Hockey**

2. The 1980 St Pauls riots took place in which English city?

**Bristol**

3. Which Irish boy band had number one singles with *A Different Beat* (1996) and *No Matter What* (1998)?

**Boyzone**

4. In 1882 the chemist Ivan Horbachevsky first synthesized uric acid from which amino acid?

**Glycine** [see note 10](#)

5. In the nursery rhyme *Monday's Child*, which day's child is '*full of woe*'?

## Wednesday's

6. The Niagara River is a connecting channel between Lake Ontario and which other Great Lake?

Lake Erie

### Notes

1. The original members of the Humblebums were Billy Connolly and Tam Harvey. After Gerry Rafferty joined they performed as a trio, with Harvey leaving soon after. It's debatable how 'famous' Tam Harvey is, but he would seem to be an acceptable answer.
2. St Pancras Station was originally designed by William Henry Barlow.
3. This question is a bit misleading as Galileo did not discover the pendulum. Rather he discovered its properties, crucially isochronism, which makes a pendulum useful as a timekeeper.
4. Stevenson died in 1894 leaving two novels unfinished: *Weir of Hermiston*, published in 1896, and *St. Ives*, published in 1897 and completed by Arthur Quiller-Couch in 1898.
5. The Spanish word for 'liver' is *hígado*. The Welsh words for 'liver' seem to be *afu*, *hafu* or *iau*, but not *lau*.
6. Eliot died in 1965, not 1985.
7. Jack Ryan has also been played on film by Chris Pine.
8. Questions 63 and 70 should have been reversed to correct a pairing error.
9. Bombín is a masculine noun in Spanish, so the question should say 'el/un bombín'.
10. A league member with expert knowledge comments: You would find it difficult to synthesise uric acid simply from glycine. A better phrasing might have been '*What amino acid did Horbaczewski react with urea to synthesise uric acid?*'