

SPORTS TRIVIA QUESTIONS XII



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1> Starting a Victory Lane tradition, what did Louis Meyer guzzle after winning the 1936 Indianapolis 500?

- a. Buttermilk
- b. Orange juice
- c. Gatorade
- d. Ginger beer

2> In 1945, Billy Sianis of the Billy Goat Tavern cursed what team to eternal defeat after he was kicked out of Wrigley Field for bringing his smelly billy goat to Game 4 of the World Series?

- a. Boston Red Sox
- b. Chicago White Sox
- c. Chicago Cubs
- d. Boston Braves

3> Jack Norworth didn't go to his first baseball game until 1942, even though he'd written what famous song in 1908?

- a. Casey at the Bat
- b. Take Me Out to the Ball Game
- c. Who's on First
- d. Swing, Batter Batter

4> During Super Bowl XXVI, who missed the first play because he couldn't find his helmet?

- a. Ottis Anderson
- b. Mark Rypien
- c. Thurman Thomas
- d. Troy Aikman

5> In 1940, its arena burned its mortgage papers in the Stanley Cup. The resulting curse was only broken with Mark Messier's help 54 years later. What team is this?

- a. Boston Bruins
- b. Chicago Black Hawks
- c. New York Rangers
- d. Toronto Maple Leafs

6> In 1992, I tried to be the first person to play in two different major leagues in the same day. Who am I?

- a. Deion Sanders
- b. Bo Jackson
- c. Jim Thorpe
- d. Dave DeBusschere

7> Although he would have preferred to go in as a Met, who was the first person to enter the Baseball Hall of Fame as a Montreal Expo?

- a. Andre Dawson
- b. Tim Lincecum
- c. Gary Carter
- d. Larry Parrish

8> Pregame before Super Bowl XIII, Cowboys linebacker Hollywood Henderson said this quarterback "couldn't spell cat if you spotted him the 'c' and the 't'." Who?

- a. Terry Bradshaw
- b. Mean Joe Greene
- c. Joe Namath
- d. Franco Harris

9> Chuck Cooper was the first black player to be drafted by this league. But Nat Clifton was the first to be signed. But Earl Lloyd was the first to actually play. What league is this?

- a. National League
- b. American League

- c. National Basketball Association
- d. National Football League

10> Albuquerque named its minor league baseball team in honor of a Simpson's episode, in which Springfield's team threatens to move to New Mexico. What is this team called?

- a. Isotopes
- b. Banana Slugs
- c. Mud Hens
- d. Beerhalls

11> With the score tied and the bases loaded in the bottom of the 15th inning in the 1999 NL Championship Series, this Met hit a homer, but after the man on third scored, the game disintegrated. So he was credited with a "grand slam single" instead of a homer. Who was this?

- a. Todd Pratt
- b. Roger Cedeno
- c. Robin Ventura
- d. Mike Piazza

12> Linebacker Chuck Howley, the first defensive player named Super Bowl MVP, is also (as of 2008) the only MVP from a losing team. Which one?

- a. Dallas Cowboys
- b. Kansas City Chiefs
- c. Buffalo Bills
- d. Oakland Raiders

13> He coached Georgia Tech to a 222-0 win over Cumberland College in 1916. No wonder he has a trophy named for him. Who?

- a. Lord Stanley
- b. John Heisman
- c. Vince Lombardi
- d. Maurice Podoloff

14> Who was the first athlete to be named an all-star in major league baseball and to also play in an NFL Pro Bowl?

- a. Bo Jackson
- b. Deion Sanders
- c. Jim Thorpe
- d. Barry Bonds

15> Who was drafted by the NBA's Atlanta Hawks, the NFL's Minnesota Vikings and the MLB's San Diego Padres, the last of which jumped him past the minors and straight to the major leagues?

- a. Tony Gwynn
- b. Dave Winfield
- c. Rickey Henderson
- d. Don Mattingly

Answers:

- 1> Buttermilk - He drank it because his mother had always said buttermilk was good for a hot day.
- 2> Chicago Cubs - His nephew Sam repeatedly tried to break the curse by bringing a goat on to the field.
- 3> Take Me Out to the Ball Game - Jack Norworth was on a subway in 1908 when he saw a sign for a ballpark that inspired him to write the song.
- 4> Thurman Thomas - He finished with just 13 yards on 10 carries. And the Bills lost the game.
- 5> New York Rangers - The Rangers were more cursed by the fact that Madison Square Garden booted them every spring to make room for the circus, so they had no home ice.
- 6> Deion Sanders - He flew to Pittsburgh from Atlanta after a Falcons game but was benched by the Braves.
- 7> Gary Carter - Dawson was the second.
- 8> Terry Bradshaw - Even so, Bradshaw went on to throw a record four touchdowns. For one, John Stallworth took a short pass from Bradshaw, broke a tackle, and scored a 75-yd TD to tie the game in the second quarter.
- 9> National Basketball Association - Clifton, known as Sweetwater, was the first black player signed by a day. Cooper was nicknamed Tarzan.
- 10> Isotopes - The team then managed to sell more merchandise than any other minor league team.
- 11> Robin Ventura - The 'grand slam single' was still enough to give the Mets the 4-3 win, but the over/under was 7.5, so counting it as a single meant that people who bet the over technically won but in fact lost.
- 12> Dallas Cowboys - In 1971, at Super Bowl V, Dallas lost 16-13 to the Colts in a game called the Blunder Bowl due to its 11 turnovers.
- 13> John Heisman - That's a TD every two minutes ... actually, every 1 minute and 52 seconds.
- 14> Bo Jackson - He played for the LA Raiders and, in baseball, mostly for the Kansas City Royals.
- 15> Dave Winfield - He was also drafted by the Utah Stars of the ABA. Oddly, he didn't actually play football in college.