

# SPORTS TRIVIA QUESTIONS

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1> Which future American senator scored an NCAA-record 58 points for Princeton in a 1965 game against Wichita State?

- a. John Glenn
- b. Al Gore
- c. Bill Bradley
- d. Byron White

2> On October 8, 1956, who became the first person to pitch a perfect game during the World Series, doing so on the very day his wife filed for divorce?

- a. Don Larsen
- b. David Cone
- c. Sandy Koufax
- d. Roger Clemens

3> Who used a Spalding 6-iron to hit a golf ball an estimated half mile in 1971?

- a. Alan Shepard
- b. Jack Nicklaus
- c. Gary Player
- d. Arnold Palmer

4> At the Mexico City Olympics, who long-jumped 8.9 m, breaking the old record by a whopping 55 cm and setting a new mark that lasted until 1991?

- a. Dick Fosbury
- b. Carl Lewis
- c. Bob Beamon
- d. Jesse Owens

5> Who scored a record 31,419 points, and in 1991 he claimed another record of sorts ... scoring with more than 20,000 women?

- a. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- b. Dennis Rodman
- c. Wilt Chamberlain
- d. Michael Jordan

6> Used in men's Olympic field events, which of these is the lightest, at a mere 800 grams (28 ounces)?

- a. Shot
- b. Discus
- c. Javelin
- d. Hammer

7> There were two iterations of this team in the AL - one became the Minnesota Twins, the other became the Texas Rangers. What team is this?

- a. Philadelphia Athletics
- b. Washington Senators
- c. St. Louis Browns
- d. Kansas City Monarchs

8> Why did the Cincinnati Reds become the Redlegs from 1953 to 1959?

- a. Because of a trademark dispute
- b. Because they were owned by Redleg Airlines
- c. So nobody would think they were Commies
- d. To attract women fans to their tight red pants

9> What was so odd about the no-hitter that Doc Ellis threw for the Pittsburgh Pirates on June 12, 1970?

- a. It was his very first major-league game
- b. He was high on LSD
- c. The Pirates had to forfeit the game
- d. Due to rain, it took two days

10> Usually, it's the baseball players who are traded. But in 1973, what did two Yankees, Mike Kekich and Fritz Peterson, trade ... for keeps?

- a. Their cars
- b. Their uniform numbers
- c. Their wives
- d. Their shoes

11> At the 2000 Olympics, Eric "the Eel" Moussambani nearly drowned trying to swim the 100-m freestyle. What country did he represent?

- a. Equatorial Guinea
- b. Rwanda
- c. Jamaica
- d. Togo

12> Swimmer Malcolm Champion was what country's first Olympic champion, and its only one until swimmer Danyon Loader won two golds in 1996?

- a. Canada
- b. New Zealand
- c. South Africa
- d. Ireland

13> During World War II, why was Jackie Robinson arrested by military police at Ford Hood, Texas?

- a. Refusing to move to the back of a bus
- b. Intoxication while on duty
- c. Desertion (over a conscientious objector claim)
- d. Striking an officer

14> Before winning two Olympic marathons, what did Abebe Bikila do for a living?

- a. Shepherd and goatherd
- b. International exporter and importer
- c. Imperial bodyguard for Haile Selassie
- d. Street gang leader

15> Which country hosted the Winter Olympics in 2002?

- a. France

- b. Germany
- c. United States
- d. Italy

**Answers:**

- 1> Bill Bradley - He set a Final Four record with 58 points in a 118-82 rout of Wichita State.
- 2> Don Larsen - It was the only post-season no-hitter until Doc Halladay threw one in 2010.
- 3> Alan Shepard - If it ended up in the Sea of Tranquillity, maybe that was a water trap.
- 4> Bob Beamon - Nevertheless, that being said, he never again came within 15 inches of that mark.
- 5> Wilt Chamberlain - The book was called "A View From Above - Sports, Sex and Controversy."
- 6> Javelin - The javelin must at minimum be 260 cm long (about eight and a half feet).
- 7> Washington Senators - There was also a Washington Senators team in the National League from 1892-99.
- 8> So nobody would think they were Commies - The team was originally called the Red Stockings.
- 9> He was high on LSD - Also called Dock Ellis, he'd woken up from a bender, confused about the day of the week, and took three tabs of acid for breakfast.
- 10> Their wives - They not only swapped wives, but lives.
- 11> Equatorial Guinea - He was a wild-card athlete, allowed to compete so that small countries could be at the Olympics.
- 12> New Zealand - Champion won the 4x200m freestyle relay, as part of a combined team with Australia.
- 13> Refusing to move to the back of a bus - While at Pasadena Junior College, he was arrested for arguing with a racist cop who had arrested one of his friends.
- 14> Imperial bodyguard for Haile Selassie - He won in 1960 and 1969, but he had to drop out of the Mexico City marathon and the next year he was in a car accident that left him paralyzed.
- 15> United States - The first Winter Olympics were held in Chamonix, France, in 1924.