

# SPORTS TRIVIA QUESTIONS XI



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1> In 1989, Cuba's Javier Sotomayor was the first person to clear eight feet in what sport?

- a. High jump
- b. Long jump
- c. Pole vault
- d. Hammer toss

2> Greg Maddux threw just 78 pitches in nine innings in 1997. But the record is 58, hurled by Red Barret for the same team. Which team gave us both Barret and Maddux?

- a. Braves
- b. Red Sox
- c. Cubs
- d. Dodgers

3> At first, I tried to correct the false story that Hitler refused to shake my hand in 1936. Eventually, I gave up and even started using the anecdote in my motivational speeches. Who am I?

- a. Joe Louis
- b. Jesse Owens
- c. Babe Ruth
- d. Red Grange

4> Wrongly credited with saying, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing," this legendary Packers coach actually said, "Winning isn't everything, but wanting to is" and explained, in his 1970 biography, "I sure as hell didn't mean for people to crush human values and morality." Who was he?

- a. Knute Rockne

- b. Vince Lombardi
- c. Mike Ditka
- d. Tom Landry

5> At the 1912 Olympics, who reportedly replied, "Thanks, king," when Sweden's Gustav V told him that he was "the greatest athlete in the world"?

- a. Babe Ruth
- b. Jim Thorpe
- c. Babe Didrikson
- d. Red Grange

6> He was nicknamed Red, and fans called him the Galloping Ghost. In 1925, he ignited national interest in the NFL when George Halas signed him to the Chicago Bears. Who was he?

- a. Knute Rockne
- b. Red Grange
- c. George Gipp
- d. Jim Thorpe

7> Which of these was not one of the names of Toronto's NHL team, but was the name of Hamilton's briefly existing franchise?

- a. Arenas
- b. St Pats
- c. Tigers
- d. Maple Leafs

8> In 1904, what city's Olympics included "Anthropology Days", in which "costumed members of the uncivilized tribes" competed in such demeaning events as mud throwing?

- a. London
- b. St Louis
- c. Paris
- d. Athens

9> What black pitcher was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1971, despite a losing record in Major League Baseball?

- a. Satchel Paige
- b. Rollie Fingers
- c. Cy Young
- d. Nap Lajoie

10> As of 2012, all of these events are part of the Commonwealth Games, but which one is also part of the Olympics?

- a. Badminton
- b. Lawn bowling
- c. Squash
- d. Rugby sevens

11> In 2010, Brooklyn Decker made the cover of Sports Illustrated, thanks to its swimsuit issue, although what husband of hers didn't make the cover at all that year?

- a. Andy Roddick
- b. Lamar Odom
- c. Tom Brady
- d. Derek Jeter

12> Who broke Ivan Lendl's record and went on to be #1 ranked for a record 286 weeks?

- a. Rod Laver
- b. Pete Sampras
- c. Jimmy Connors
- d. John McEnroe

13> Nolan Ryan only pitched in one World Series. For which team?

- a. Rangers
- b. Mets
- c. Astros
- d. Angels

14> From 1900 to 1973, every winner of the Davis Cup was one of the four countries that hosted a Grand Slam event. But in 1974, the pattern broke, when what country won by default when India refused to play it for political reasons?

- a. Pakistan
- b. Soviet Union
- c. South Africa
- d. China

15> On April 13, 1984, Pete Rose made baseball history when he became the first player since Ty Cobb to pound out 4000 hits. What team was he playing for at the time?

- a. Philadelphia Phillies
- b. Montreal Expos
- c. Cincinnati Reds
- d. New York Mets

### **Answers:**

- 1> High jump - As of 2012, Javier is the current world record holder for the high jump.
- 2> Braves - Maddux has the nicknames 'Mad Dog' and 'The Professor'.
- 3> Jesse Owens - Owens won four gold medals at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany.
- 4> Vince Lombardi - Vince never had a losing season as a head coach in the NFL.
- 5> Jim Thorpe - Jim suffered from alcoholism, and lived his last years in poverty.
- 6> Red Grange - ESPN named Red the best college football player of all time in 2008.
- 7> Tigers - As of 2012, Toronto has won thirteen Stanley Cup championships.
- 8> St Louis - They also competed in running races, javelin, archery and weight tossing events.
- 9> Satchel Paige - Paige was a right-handed pitcher.
- 10> Badminton - Badminton has been an Olympic sport since 1992.
- 11> Andy Roddick - Brooklyn played the role of Samantha Shane in the 2012 movie Battleship.
- 12> Pete Sampras - During his 14-year career, Sampras won 14 Grand Slam singles titles.
- 13> Mets - Nolan is currently the owner, president and CEO of the Texas Rangers (2012).
- 14> South Africa - The Davis Cup men's tennis event is the largest international team competition in world sport.
- 15> Montreal Expos - Rose played baseball from 1963 to 1986, and managed from 1984 to 1989.