

MERSEYSIDE SUMMER LEAGUE : Set By Dave Rainford May 2014

1. Which 1966 Alfred Hitchcock film starred Julie Andrews and Paul Newman?
TORN CURTAIN
2. Which current Liverpool landmark, which was designed by the architects Cornelius Sherlock and H.H. Vale, was officially opened by the 15th Earl of Derby on September 6th 1877?
WALKER ART GALLERY
3. For which medical breakthrough was the British physiologist Robert Edwards awarded the Nobel Prize for physiology and medicine in 2010?
IVF (accept Test Tube Babies)
4. The Karakum desert occupies around 70% of which country?
TURKMENISTAN
5. Who replaced Richard Ingram as editor of the satirical magazine 'Private Eye' in 1986?
IAN HISLOP
6. In athletics, who won the women's 400 metres gold medal at the 2008 Beijing summer Olympic games?
CHRISTINE OHURUOGU
7. In July 2012, Marissa Mayer was named CEO of which global internet company?
YAHOO
8. The character Anastasia Steele first appeared in which 21st century novel?
FIFTY SHADES OF GREY
9. Who was the king of England at the start of the Hundred Years War?
EDWARD III
10. How is the genus of flowering plant Galanthus more commonly known?
SNOWDROP
11. Michael Pennington is the real name of which British comedian and actor?
JOHNNY VEGAS
12. What type of creature is a boomslang?
SNAKE
13. Tethys and Enceladus are moons of which planet in the Solar System?
URANUS
14. Who is the host of the TV quiz show 'Ejector Seat'?
ANDI PETERS
15. Elqui Valley, Limarí Valley and the Choapa Valley are all wine-producing areas in which country?
CHILE
16. Which word, voted word of the year in the UK for 2013, was said to have been first coined in 2005 by a photographer called Jim Krause in his book 'Photo Idea Index'?
SELFIE
17. 'Five Weeks In A Balloon' was an 1863 novel by which French author?
JULES VERNE
18. Which group's first UK number one single was 'Is There Something I Should Know' in 1983?
DURAN DURAN
19. Which company sponsors the 2014 RFL Super League?
FIRST UTILITY
20. What is the SI unit of magnetic flux?
WEBER
21. Amol Rajan is the editor of which UK daily national newspaper?
THE INDEPENDENT
22. A chabudai is a traditional short-legged table from which country?
JAPAN

23. Which German city's cathedral is the tallest church building in the world, standing at 530 feet tall?
ULM
24. In the human body, what is the more usual name for the calcaneus bone?
HEEL BONE
25. What relation was the Roman emperor Claudius to his predecessor Caligula?
UNCLE
26. The trade unionists 'The Shrewsbury Two' were jailed in 1972 for alleged picketing activities. One was Des Warren. Which notable person, who was jailed for two years and is still fighting to get the conviction quashed, was the other?
RICKY TOMLINSON
27. Which food stuff has been advertised since 1993 with the slogan 'It's a bit of an animal'?
PEPERAMI
28. The opera 'Hugh the Drover', first performed in 1924, was a work by which British composer?
RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
29. In which American state is Mount Whitney, the tallest peak in the contiguous United States?
CALIFORNIA
30. The jester Feste appears in which Shakespeare play?
TWELFTH NIGHT
31. 'Edifying Discourses in Diverse Spirits' was a work by which 19th century Danish philosopher?
SOREN KIERKEGAARD
32. Of which country is the Storting the national parliament?
NORWAY
33. Going on to have three UK top ten singles, the brothers Ron and Russell Mael founded which pop group in Los Angeles in 1971?
SPARKS
34. The Santa Fe and the Getz are models manufactured by which car company?
HYUNDAI
35. Which alkane, which is widely used as a fuel gas, has the molecular formula C₃H₈?
PROPANE
36. If a dish is cooked á la soubise, the sauce primarily contains which vegetable?
ONION
37. WTA Top ten-ranked female tennis player Simona Halep is which country's current number one?
ROMANIA
38. In the Royal Navy, type 23 or Duke-class are specifically classes of which vessel?
FRIGATE
39. In which European capital city does the UN agency the International Maritime Organisation have its headquarters?
LONDON
40. Who are the only sisters to have both won acting Oscars?
JOAN FONTAINE AND OLIVIA DE HAVILAND
41. The historic city of Meknes, a World Heritage site, is in which African country?
MOROCCO
42. At which weight did boxer Sugar Ray Leonard win his first world title?
WELTERWEIGHT
43. Born in 1866, which Russian artist, who is usually recognised as the first abstract painter, gives his name to an art prize, first awarded in Moscow in 2007?
(WASSILY) KANDINSKY
44. Which Ancient Greek mathematician was known as the 'Father of Geometry'?
EUCLID

45. Who resigned as UK Secretary of State for Defence in 2011?
LIAM FOX
46. In which country was the fashion designer Yves St Laurent born?
ALGERIA
47. Released in 'Ten Summoner's Tales' was the fourth studio album by which singer and musician?
STING
48. 'This Side of Paradise' and 'The Beautiful and Damned' are novels by which American author?
F. SCOTT FITZGERALD
49. What is the stage name of actor Khrisna Pandit Bhanji?
SIR BEN KINGSLEY
50. Annie Leibovitz is a famous name in which sphere of the arts?
PHOTOGRAPHY
51. Since 1993, when the European Cup became the UEFA Champions League, which city has staged the most Champions League finals?
MUNICH (1993 and 1997 in the Olympiastadion; 2012 in the Allianz Arena)
52. Admiral Sandy Woodward came to prominence during which military conflict?
THE FALKLANDS WAR
53. The American poets Emily Dickinson and Sylvia Plath were both born in which US state?
MASSACHUSETTS
54. The Wrekin is a prominent hill in which English county?
SHROPSHIRE
55. Who played the character Jack Ford in the BBC drama series 'When The Boat Comes In'?
JAMES BOLAM
56. A traditional Daiquiri cocktail contains which spirit?
RUM
57. In which city was the ballet 'Swan Lake' premiered in 1877?
MOSCOW
58. In May 2014, who was announced as the successor to James Jones as Bishop of Liverpool?
PAUL BAYES
59. The trade union BALPA represents which section of workers?
AIRLINE PILOTS
60. In the computing acronym ADSL, what does the A stand for?
ASSYMETRIC
61. The 2006 film 'Blood Diamond' centred on the Civil War in which country?
SIERRA LEONE
62. Traditionally, what colour cap is worn by cricketers playing Surrey County Cricket Club?
BROWN
63. The Akbash and the Kangal are dogs originating from which country?
TURKEY
64. In 2010, who succeeded Terry Wogan as host of the BBC Radio 2 Breakfast Show?
CHRIS EVANS
65. Which Asian capital city is located on the River Han?
SEOUL
66. Esther Summerson and Richard Carstone are characters in which Dickens novel?
BLEAK HOUSE
67. Which French soldier, who commanded the French forces in North America during the Seven Years War, died at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759?
MONTCALM

68. In the bible, who was the wife of Isaac and mother of Jacob and Esau?

REBEKAH

69. The Belgrade Theatre is located in which English city?

COVENTRY

70. Ben Grimm is the alter-ego of which comic-book superhero?

THE THING

SPARE QUESTIONS

1. Who married Samantha Sheffield in 1996?

DAVID CAMERON

2. Author of 'Life of Pi', what nationality is the writer Yann Martel?

CANADA

3. Ballymena is in which of the Northern Irish counties?

ANTRIM

4. In 1898, which scientist was the first to liquefy hydrogen using his most significant invention to help him achieve the process?

JAMES DEWAR

5. Which English king was the son of Mary de Bohun?

HENRY V

6. Which food additive has the E number E102?

TARTRAZINE

7. Who was nominated for a Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his portrayal of Harlee Claiborne in the 1974 film 'The Towering Inferno'?

FRED ASTAIRE

8. What was the title of the Katrina and the Waves song that won the 1997 Eurovision Song Contest?

LOVE SHINE A LIGHT

9. What is the last race of the 2014 Formula One Grand Prix season?

ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX