

The Quiz League of London

Team Times

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National Team Quiz Festival 2008

Welcome to the 19th National Team Quiz Festival at the Counting House, with thanks once again to Colin and all the staff for providing an excellent venue for the quiz rally, main event and friendly quizzes.



The NTQF edition of Team Times is traditionally a look back at the season just gone...

League 2007-2008

Congratulations again to Broken Hearts, the Division I Champions. In their final match, they once again had all four players in double figures as they saw off the challenge from Nomads, their only serious rivals this season. Allsorts continued their late revival in beating Old Itonians to finish in third place.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Broken Hearts (C)	17	13	1	3	867	740	127	27
2	Nomads	17	11	1	5	851	730	121	23
3	Allsorts	17	10	0	7	823	782	41	20
4	Old Itonians	17	8	1	8	768	778	-10	17
5	Athletico	17	10	1	6	819	751	68	21
6	Aldersgate	17	7	2	8	742	791	-49	16
7	Barb (R)	17	5	0	12	704	802	-98	10
8	Telstars (R)	17	1	0	16	634	834	-200	2

Like the New England Patriots, Waterloo Sunset fell one game short of a perfect season in Division II, losing by one point to Gray Monks, despite being in the lead for 7 rounds. However this win was not quite enough for Gray Monks, as Pineapple beat Belly in a close fought game to secure the runners up spot, and join Waterloo Sunset in Division I next season.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Waterloo Sunset (C)	17	16	0	1	779	579	200	32
2	Pineapple (P)	17	11	2	4	730	628	102	24
3	Gray Monks	17	11	0	6	715	646	69	22
4	Belly	17	8	0	9	689	679	10	16
5	Ovalytes	17	7	1	9	622	656	-34	15
6	Roslyn Park	17	6	2	9	642	658	-16	14
7	Accrington Cylindricals	17	3	1	13	591	679	-88	7
8	London Scottish	17	2	2	13	503	746	-243	6

Brain of London 2008

Roger Bennett, Olav Bjortomt and Robert Willer set out to stop Kevin Ashman, winner for the past 5 years, from taking his 11th Brain of London title. Three of the finalists were all still in with a chance going into the last round, with Olav in the lead, a point ahead of Kevin. However Robert finished the strongest, ending a point clear of Kevin and Olav, and taking the title for the second time. Final scores:

Robert Willer 15

Kevin Ashman 14, Olav Bjortomt 14, Roger Bennett 7

All London Cup 2008

In the main game, the scores were level after 6 rounds. However Belly had a disastrous Round 7, enabling Allsorts to go on and win the Cup, a feat they last achieved in 1994.

Allsorts (+4) 57
Kevin Ashman 23
Gavin Fuller 15

Belly (+15) 48
Mick Lancaster 16

In the first plate competition, Old Itonians immediately began to peg back the lead of Colin Campbell, and had edged in front by half-time. Pulling away in the second half, they recorded a comfortable victory.

Colin Campbell (+20) 40
Paul Plater 13

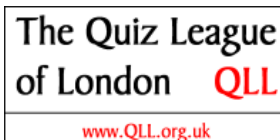
Old Itonians (0) 56
Fred Filby 24
Jeremy Edge 16
John Grant 10

President's Cup 2007-2008

Sussex were victorious in this season's President's Cup, earning them the right to represent the South taking on the North in the Don Bisset Trophy.

New QLL web site

It's nearly ready. Over 100 questions have been written for the launch, and a new logo based on a London street sign has been produced. The new web site will be up within the next two weeks.



If you have league quizzes for the forthcoming section with the imaginative title "Quizzes", please e-mail them.

Annual General Meeting 2008

The league AGM is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24 June 2008. At this point, subscriptions become due.

Garden Party 2008

The Garden Party is scheduled for Sunday 13 July 2008, see the web site for details of venue nearer the time.

New Team/Player Recruitment!

A number of efforts are being made to boost the size of the league. For new teams wishing to participate, application forms are available on the web site. For possible recruits there are flyers available to hand out. Spread the word.

University Challenge: The Professionals 2008

Congratulations to the Ministry Of Justice team on their 245-130 victory in series final against the National Physical Laboratory. The Ministry of Justice team included QLL vice-chair Andrew Frazer (Nomads) and sometime QLL player Rob Linham together with George Godyn and Nigel Black.

Contestant Calls

Many opportunities exist to appear on television and radio quiz and game shows. A considerable number of new calls have come in recently:

Only Connect: The victors will excel in lateral thinking, and exhibit the ability to deduce the connections between seemingly disparate elements. Teams of three players will share a common passion, ability or profession, as they pool their combined wits to solve fiendish conundrums and vexing puzzles.

Rob Thomas of Presentable Ltd: rob@presentable.co.uk or 029 2057 5729. Deadline: 20 June 2008

Battle of the Brains: Teams of seven people whose combined general knowledge and specialist expertise could make them the ultimate quiz champions.

battleofthebrains@shinelimited.com

or 0871 210 8874. Deadline: 3 July 2008

This Time Tomorrow: New BBC National Lottery show.

ThisTimeTomorrow@bbc.co.uk

or 0871 664 8444. Deadline: 21 June 2008

Mastermind: www.bbc.co.uk/mastermind

Weakest Link: weakestlink@bbc.co.uk

Eggheads: eggheads@12yard.com (teams of 6)

Brain of Britain: paul.bajoria@bbc.co.uk

For more calls and information: www.ukgameshows.com

Summer Quiz

- 1) On what day in June 2008 does northern hemisphere summer officially begin at 23:59 GMT?
- 2) Summer Holiday was the UK number 1 hit single on two separate occasions in 1963. Which hit by the Shadows broke its run?
- 3) Sharing many plot similarities with her better known novel, Ethan Frome, who wrote the novel Summer?
- 4) In what year was Mungo Jerry's In the Summertime first used in UK government adverts to warn of the dangers of drink driving?
- 5) Which Shakespeare play set in Athens, and a wood not far from it features Francis Flute, the bellows-mender?
- 6) What song by Eddie Cochran and Jerry Capehart about the trials and tribulations of teenage life in America was used in the 1980 film Caddyshack?
- 7) What district in southwest London lies east of Wimbledon, south of Earlsfield, west of Tooting and north of Collier's Wood?
- 8) What year in the 20th century falls between the years of the Long Hot Summer and the Summer of 3 Popes?
- 9) What song by Green Day begins: "Summer has come and passed The innocent can never last"?
- 10) In what month of 2008 does northern hemisphere summer officially end at 15:44 GMT?

Answers in the "A Quiz" section on www.QLL.org.uk



Quiz in the News

Record fine for ITV plc

Ofcom has fined ITV plc a record £5.675 million for misconduct over its premium rate phone services - the biggest fine ever imposed by the regulator. The fine follows a report by Deloitte last year which identified "serious editorial issues".



Eggheads sought

12 Yard are developing a spin-off show of Eggheads called Are You an Egghead?, the winner of which will join the official line up of the popular BBC2 quiz.



Humphrey Lyttelton

Humphrey Lyttelton, the long-serving chairman of I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue, has died following surgery for an aortic aneurysm. He was 86.



RTS awards

QI won Best Entertainment Programme ("a Great British programme, incredibly old-fashioned but absolutely part of the zeitgeist").



Sport Mastermind

After an ill-conceived move to ITV, Des Lynam returns to his alma mater to present a sport-themed version Mastermind. Over ten programmes, Lynam will test contestants over the usual specialist subject and general knowledge rounds to find the country's Sport Mastermind.



Submissions

Apologies to Charly Fitzpatrick for the lack of finals night photos in this printed issue. The CD containing them is presently in another country, but I will be sure to include them in the online issue when I get the disc back.

Submissions / text / ideas / quizzes for inclusion in future issues are welcome, please get in touch. By way of a declaration of interests, I should note that I am involved with the running/editing of UKGameshows.com (used as a source for news)

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