

(MS) Sports and Entertainment Finals

Regulation Tossups

(1) **A chouette (CHEW-ett) is a version of this game that permits more than two players to participate. A doubling (+) cube is an implement used in this game, in which blots can be hit and sent to the bar in the center of the board with 24 (*) triangular spaces called "points."** For the points, what ancient and still-popular game is won by the first player to remove all 15 of their checkers from the board, with a 15-0 win called a "gammon?"

ANSWER: **Backgammon**

(2) **This specific feat was criticized in some quarters for making use of pacers such as Lopez Lomong and the Ingebritsen (ing-guh-BRIT-sun) brothers and for the event not being open to all competitors. (+) The man who achieved this feat had failed in an attempt two years earlier in Milan, but was aided this time by laser (*) pace tracking and a course with ideal conditions.** For the points, name this 2019 event in Vienna in which Kenyan distance runner Eliud Kipchoge (ell-ee-OOD kip-CHO-gay) surpassed an athletics milestone previously thought to be impossible for a human to achieve.

ANSWER: Running a **Marathon** in **Under Two Hours** (accept equivalents denoting a **Sub-Two-Hour Marathon** Run; accept Eliud Kipchoge Running a **Marathon** in **Under Two Hours**; accept ISEOS **1:59 Challenge**; accept descriptive answers that include the feat and the milestone time)

(3) **A bonus mode in this game series' first installment was called Bumper Ball Maze and that game's sequel introduced item shops, as well as Battle and Duel modes. (+) Chump Charity is a feature from this game's eighth installment that re-tools the Last Five Turns event. Bonuses in this game series include the (*) Coin and Happening Stars.** For the points, identify this turn-based video game series in which Nintendo characters play minigames.

ANSWER: **Mario Party**

(4) **This team sport was first played in the Olympics in 1936 as an outdoor sport, but did not reappear until 1972 as an indoor sport, and it has remained part of the Olympic program ever since. This sport, whose top players include (+) Danish goalkeepers Sandra Toft and Niklas Jacobsen, is mainly popular in Europe, as Qatar is the only non-European team to ever medal in its world championships. (*)** For the points, name this sport consisting of seven players each who try to throw a ball into the goal of the other team.

ANSWER: **Handball**

(5) **While boarding Sidon Ithanos' ship, this character looks to the sky and hears screams from the planet (+) Hosnian Prime. This character is called a "bug in the system" by their former commander, (*) Captain Phasma. This character says, "Come get it!" before dueling a character with a three-bladed lightsaber. For the points, identify this former stormtrooper once known as FN-2187, a hero of the Star Wars sequel trilogy.**

ANSWER: **Finn** (accept **FN-2187** before mentioned)

(6) **One character in this musical sings, "Helpless now I stand with him/Watching older dreams go dim" in the song "Far (+) from the Home I Love." The ensemble in this musical sing, "One season follows another" in the song "Sunrise, Sunset." (*) "Tradition" is a song from this musical in which the main character wishes to "biddy biddy bum" all day long in the song "If I Were a Rich Man." For the points, identify this musical about the village Anatevka and Tevye the milkman.**

ANSWER: **Fiddler on the Roof** (prompt on partial answers)

(7) **This country has the most all-time Olympic medals per population with over 100 gold medals and a population just over five million. It's not the Soviet Union, (+) but this country was defeated by the Miracle on Ice team in their final game at the (*) 1980 Winter Olympics, which clinched the gold medal for the Americans. Paavo Nurmi earned nine gold medals in distance running while representing, for the points, what country that hosted the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki?**

ANSWER: Republic of **Finland** (accept **Suomi**; accept **Suomen** tasavalta; accept **Republiken Finland**)

(8) **This author is one of "The Exiles" in a Ray Bradbury story that also features contemporaries Algernon Blackwood and Ambrose Bierce. Calvin and Hobbes parodied this author's most famous work as "A Nauseous Nocturne." (+) The Mystery Writers of America present an annual award named for (*) this author. For the points, identify this macabre author and poet who teams up with Batman to solve a series of murders in the D.C. limited series *Nevermore*.**

ANSWER: Edgar Allan **Poe**

(9) **This man, who co-holds his most prominent record with German Michael Schumacher, was knighted in the 2021 New Year Honours (+) and was listed by Time magazine as one of the world's 100 most influential people. In 2021, this man finished second in the title-clinching event in Abu Dhabi behind Max Verstappen (*) after a controversial restart, denying him a record eighth world title. For the points, name this Formula 1 driver from England who has won more F1 races than any other driver.**

ANSWER: Lewis **Hamilton**

(10) **One athlete with this last name competed in the inaugural season for the WNBA's Tulsa Shock in 2010 after she was forced to relinquish the five medals she won at the 2000 Sydney games in the wake of the (+) BALCO Scandal. Another athlete with this last name became one of the few to compete in both the Summer and Winter Olympics when she joined the USA (*) bobsled team. For the points, identify this common last name shared by American athletes Marion and Lolo.**

ANSWER: **Jones**

(11) **Paul W. S. Anderson has directed installments in this series subtitled Retribution and Afterlife. The first entry in this series sees the AI system Red Queen (+) kill everyone inside a research facility called the Hive. That facility is located below Raccoon City and is run by the (*) Umbrella Corporation. For the points, identify this horror movie franchise starring Mila Jovovich as the zombie-killing Alice, an adaptation of a video game series.**

ANSWER: **Resident Evil**

(12) **This athlete saved a butterfly that flew into her face during a serve in a second-round match in 2021. This athlete was the first since Jennifer Capriati (+) to win her first two Grand Slams in succession, winning the US Open in 2018 and the Australian Open in 2019. This player (*) pulled out of the 2021 French Open and Wimbledon, citing a "mental health break" stating, "it's OK not to be OK." For the points, identify this Japanese tennis player.**

ANSWER: Naomi **Osaka**

(13) **The singer of this song says that "I'll be the bad guy now." The music video for this song features the performer dressed as a knight (+) traversing a war-torn scene while being watched through a magic mirror. This song asserts "You thought that it was (*) special" before informing the dedicatee otherwise, but adding "I still hear the echoes." For the points, identify this Post Malone song that says we're "running in" the title shapes.**

ANSWER: "**Circles**"

(14) **This singer released an album of ABBA covers after appearing in *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*. One song by this artist describes the title character as the (+) "fortune queen of New Orleans." In addition to recording songs such as "Dark Lady" and "Half Breed," (*) this singer earned her fourth #1 hit with a 1998 song that helped to popularize AutoTune. For the points, identify this diva who sang "I Got You Babe" with former partner Sonny Bono.**

ANSWER: **Cher**

(15) **Some of the expansions and extensions of this board game are subtitled "Oil Springs," "Explorers and Pirates," and "Cities and Knights." Knight cards, (+) development cards, and robber tokens are important elements of this game, in which players spend (*) resource cards to build and upgrade settlements and roads. For the points, name this classic German-style board game in which players collect resource cards and earn victory points as they build a society on the namesake island.**

ANSWER: **Catan** (accept *Settlers of Catan*; or *Die Siedler von Catan*; prompt on "Settlers")

(16) **One song from this musical declares "...not playing dumb will feel so good" and is set at the Mathletes State Championship. A character in this musical wishes for "World peace (+)/And Halloween every single day." A character in this musical sings "I will grind you to sand/Beneath my Louboutin heel" while adding names to her (*) burn book. Regina George appears in, for the points, what musical based on a Lindsay Lohan high school film?**

ANSWER: **Mean Girls**

(17) **The first Olympic champion in this event was American Jim Thorpe who won it back in 1912. This event ends with a 1500 meter run after two (+) days of competition. Stages of this event include the 110 meter hurdles and the (*) discus throw, unlike two similar, shorter events. For the points, identify this Olympic event in which athletes accumulate points by competing against each other in ten different track and field events.**

ANSWER: **Decathlon** (do not accept "Pentathlon" or "Heptathlon")

(18) **This actor portrayed the title artist in *Van Gogh: Painted with Words*, and starred as Christopher Tietjens in the BBC miniseries *Parade's End*. In another television role, this actor derides a character for “sentiment...a chemical defect (+) found in the losing side” while deducing the four-digit passcode that locks that character’s (*) phone. In that role, this actor lives in a brownstone leased by Mrs. Hudson and repeatedly bests Inspector Lestrade. For the points, identify this actor who played the title detective on *Sherlock*.**

ANSWER: Benedict **Cumberbatch**

(19) **This athlete made his MLB debut in 2018 where his swing was derided as “like a high school hitter's.” Despite that criticism, this athlete hit 22 home runs with 61 RBIs and earned AL Rookie of the Year. (+) This player hit more than 31 home runs in 2021 to pass Hideki Matsui for the season record for a (*) Japanese-Born player. For the points, identify this hitter and pitcher who plays for the Los Angeles Angels.**

ANSWER: **Shohei Ohtani** (accept either name)

(20) **One actress with this first name played the attorney Maggie Lizer on *Arrested Development* and starred as the title character in *The New Adventures of (+) Old Christine*. Another actress with this first name played museum curator Tess, the ex-wife of Danny (*) Ocean, and co-starred with Richard Gere [“Gear”] in *Runaway Bride* and *Pretty Woman*. For the points, identify this first name shared by actresses Roberts and Louis-Dreyfus.**

ANSWER: **Julia** (accept **Julia** Louis-Dreyfus; or **Julia** Roberts)

(21) **This artist recorded a song that includes the lyrics “It took us a while/Because we were young and unsure.” (+) This artist recorded “Still Falling for You” for the *Bridget Jones’s Baby* soundtrack and contributed the song (*) “Love Me Like You Do” to the *Fifty Shades of Grey* soundtrack. Calvin Harris is co-credited on the song “I Need Your Love,” which was recorded by, for the points, what English singer of “On My Mind” and “Lights?”**

ANSWER: Ellie **Goulding**

(22) **This nation, the smallest in population to ever win an Olympic medal, won its only three Olympic medals ever at the 2021 Tokyo Games, including two in shooting and one in wrestling. This nation’s football team lost 10-0 to (+) England in the 2022 World Cup qualifiers, and its only win in a competitive match was against (*) Liechtenstein in 2004. For the points, name this European microstate in the Apennine mountains that is surrounded by Italy.**

ANSWER: **San Marino**

(23) **Characters from this franchise fought Wonder Woman and Darkseid [“dark-side”] in a 2008 crossover before the bankruptcy of Midway Games. The original entry in this series included levels called Chamber of the Flame (+) and The Pit. That game was framed around a tournament with competitors such as (*) Kano and Sonya Blade. Senator Joseph Lieberman condemned this game for its trademark Fatalities. For the points, identify this fighting game franchise starring Scorpion and Sub-Zero.**

ANSWER: **Mortal Kombat**

(24) **The most recent live-action film based on *The Flintstones* is set in a location inspired by this city. Chandler first proposes to Monica in this city (+) on a two-part episode of *Friends* that ends with Rachel and Ross marrying. Rick Harrison (*) owns and operates the Gold & Silver Pawn Shop in this Clark County city. For the points, identify this Nevada city known for excess and gambling.**

ANSWER: Las **Vegas**

(25) **A supergroup led by Sammy Hagar is named for the foot of this animal. This animal follows “no love, pride, deep-fried” (+) in the lyrics to “Drops of Jupiter” by Train. This animal is the first word in the title of a song about “cold beer (*) on a Friday night” and “a pair of jeans that fit just right.” For the points, identify this farm bird whose namesake party dance sees performers flap their wings and cluck with their hands.**

ANSWER: **Chicken** accept **Chicken**foot; accept "**Chicken** Fried;" accept The **Chicken** Dance)

(26) **The second of these events was won by Henri Cornet, who is still the youngest-ever winner. During the 1998 iteration of this event, nine participants were implicated in the (+) Festina affair, and Vincenzo Nibali interrupted what would have been seven consecutive wins at this event for (*) Team Sky. Tadej Pogačar has won the last two iterations of, for the points, what annual race for which a blood doping ban forced Lance Armstrong to vacate his seven titles?**

ANSWER: **Tour de France**

(27) **One character in this film claims to be “fixing a divot” while digging a hole on a golf course where the main character disappeared. Earlier in this film, that main character strikes out while playing for a minor league (+) baseball team in Alabama. That character in this film later turns the tide in its central event by introducing teammates to his (*) ‘Secret Stuff.’ For the points, identify this 1996 basketball comedy starring Michael Jordan and the Looney Tunes.**

ANSWER: **Space Jam**

(28) **In 1952, this toy became the first to be advertised on television. This toy symbolically handed a signature accessory to Surgeon General C. Everett Koop to promote a smoke-free lifestyle. (+) A film version of this toy memorably asks “What are you looking at, (*) hockey puck?” in the first Pixar film. Star Wars versions of this toy include Luke Frywalker and Yam Solo. For the points, identify this customizable toy in the shape of a starchy vegetable.**

ANSWER: Mr./Mrs. **Potato Head**

(29) **Two of this group's early releases include ATLiens and Aquemini, the latter of which contained the song (+) “Rosa Parks.” This group had their first #1 hit with a song that says, “Never meant to make your (*) daughter cry/I apologize a trillion times.” “Ms. Jackson” was recorded by this band that asks the listener to “Shake it like a Polaroid picture” on another #1. For the points, identify this Atlanta hip-hop duo known for “Hey Ya!”**

ANSWER: **Outkast**

(30) **This actor’s first television role was as his real-life father, Rocky, on an episode of That ‘70s Show. This actor played Spencer Strasmore (+), a former University of Miami linebacker-turned-sports-agent on the show Ballers, and adventurer (*) Smolder Bravestone in a film subtitled Welcome to the Jungle. For the points, identify this wrestler-turned-actor known for Rampage and Jumanji.**

ANSWER: Dwayne ‘The **Rock**’ **Johnson** (accept either underlined name)

Extra Questions

(1) **In one role, this actor offers a deal to extreme sports enthusiast and criminal Xander Cage. In addition to playing Agent Gibbons in the XXX films, this actor starred as the title character in the M. Night (+) Shyamalan film Glass and voiced the hero Frozone (*) in The Incredibles.** Denzel Washington presented this actor with a lifetime achievement award at the 2022 Academy Awards. For the points, name this actor who plays Nick Fury in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

ANSWER: Samuel L. **Jackson**

(2) **This song's music video features actor Eric Roberts and was inspired by Moulin Rouge! This song has spent a record 300+ weeks on the UK Singles Chart, despite the fact that the band who recorded it is (+) American. This song was the first single released off its band's debut, Hot Fuss (*), and lines in this song include "choking on your alibis" and "it started out with a kiss."** For the points, open up your "eager eyes" and identify this song by The Killers.

ANSWER: "**Mr. Brightside**"

(3) **In this director's most recent film, Ray Romano plays Bill Bufalino, an attorney to Jimmy Hoffa. This director made a film about Ace Rothstein's attempts to open the title business (+) in Las Vegas, and another film inspired by the life of Howard Hughes. This director of (*) The Aviator and Casino got his first Best Director nomination for a film about boxer Jake LaMotta.** For the points, identify this director behind *Raging Bull* and *Goodfellas*.

ANSWER: Martin **Scorsese**