

SERGI RAMOS

Tossups

1. An urban legend claims that the first speaker of this country's language to score at the Millennium Stadium was Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta. A Spanish midfielder-turned-forward scored 18 goals for a club from this country after transferring from Rayo Vallecano, but soon after played in the Spanish second division for hometown club (*) Real Oviedo; that player is Michu. One player from this country destroyed Inter at the San Siro with a hat-trick from left-back, a performance that helped him earn a transfer to Real Madrid in 2013. For 10 points, name this home country of Gareth Bale.

ANSWER: Wales [accept Welsh]

(The Spanish forward mentioned is Michu.)

2. The best Gambian player ever, Biri Biri, was the first black player to play for this city's namesake club, and names that club's fan section. Diego Maradona had a poor spell at this city's namesake club after leaving Napoli in 1984. In January 2017, Chelsea recalled Charly Musonda from his loan to a team in this city. Frédéric (*) Kanouté, Andrés Palop, and Luis Fabiano were stalwarts of this city's namesake club in the late 2000s. In this Spanish city, the Estadio Benito Villamarín and La Bombonera host derbies between its namesake club and Real Betis. For 10 points, Unai Emery led which Andalusian city's namesake club to three consecutive Europa League titles?

ANSWER: Sevilla [or Seville]

3. In the 1920s, this club used a tiki-taka-esque style known as the "gyroscope," which revolved around striker Ernst Kuzorra. A goalkeeper playing for a rival of this club allegedly called Ghanaian-born forward Gerald Asamoah a "black pig" during a derby. After Beşiktaş, this club is the second ever to have an official (*) League of Legends team. In 2010, Gazprom's sponsorship of this club enabled its purchase of an aging Raúl from Real Madrid. Products of this club's academy include Manuel Neuer, Leroy Sané, and Julian Draxler. For 10 points, name this German team who contest the Ruhr derby with Borussia Dortmund.

ANSWER: FC Schalke 04 [or So4; or Fußballclub Gelsenkirchen-Schalke 04 e.V.]

(The rival goalkeeper mentioned was Dortmund's Roman Weidenfeller.)

4. This player scored a brace in a 2011 Champions League match against Manchester City in which Carlos Tevez refused to come on as a substitute. In an April 2013 DFB Pokal semi-final, this player scored a six-minute hat-trick against Wolfsburg. This player sang that he himself "ist ein Hurensohn" after his team won a relegation playoff in 2017 thanks to his controversial penalty. The rise of (*) Mario Mandžukić caused this player to leave Bayern Munich for an injury-ridden spell at Fiorentina. This player cited the political atmosphere in Turkey as the reason for his departure from Beşiktaş and transfer to Wolfsburg in 2016. For 10 points, name this German striker of Spanish origin.

ANSWER: Mario Gómez

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5. In March 2015, a player from this country tweeted at a National Geographic photographer to offer a new jersey to a Guinean kid wearing his kit in a photo. In August 2015, a striker from this country tweeted a picture of his SpongeBob underwear after scoring a brace against Troyes for Marseille, one of many performances earning him a transfer to (*) Chelsea after the 2016 season. “Is it England playing like Spurs or Spurs playing like England?” was tweeted during England’s Euro 2016 match against Russia by a player who captains both this country and Manchester City. For 10 points, identify this home country of a Chelsea winger who once tweeted “Thorgan> Eden.”

ANSWER: Belgium [or België; or Belgique]

(The players mentioned are [sequentially]: Dries Mertens, Michy Batshuayi, Vincent Kompany, and Eden Hazard.)

6. One of this country’s greatest players was nicknamed “Kuningas,” or “the King,” during his time as a 10 behind Patrick Kluivert at Ajax. In September 2016, a Bayer 04 Leverkusen striker from this country came off the bench to score a 15-minute hat-trick against Hamburg. Arsenal right-back Carl Jenkinson played for the youth teams of both England and this country. This country’s national league is the (*) Veikkausliiga, which is dominated by HJK. A defender from this country partnered Jamie Carragher in central defense for Liverpool during the “Miracle at Istanbul.” For 10 points, identify this Scandinavian home country of Joel Pohjanpalo, Jari Litmanen, and Sami Hyypiä.

ANSWER: Finland [or Suomi]

7. In December 2015, this player revealed the phrase “Ale & Ricky Presenti” on his undershirt after scoring. In 2016, this player received a ball from Achraf Lazaar and performed a back-heel flick over his head to score against Torino. In January 2017, this player explained that his trademark celebration is meant to resemble the mask of a gladiator. This player, who has Polish origins, linked up with (*) Franco Vázquez to score 13 goals in the 2014-15 Serie A season. Like Lionel Messi, this player was sent off on his international debut for Argentina. For 10 points, name this young center-forward who joined Juventus from Palermo in 2015.

ANSWER: Paulo Dybala [accept Dybala from bitter Poles]

8. In 2015, this club was sold twice for 1 euro, first to a Cypriot conglomerate and then to Giampietro Manenti. This club contests the Derbi dell’Emilia with Bologna and plays at the Stadio Ennio Tardini. Fabio Cannavaro and Lilian Thuram partnered each other in central defense both at this club and later at Juventus. This club broke world records twice in the early 2000s by first selling (*) Hernán Crespo, its all-time leading goal-scorer, to Lazio and then Gigi Buffon to Juventus. For 10 points, name this now-defunct yellow-and-blue Italian club that went bankrupt in 2015.

ANSWER: Parma AC [or Parma FC; accept Parma Calcio 1913]

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9. Angry at his dropping from the national squad in 1988, this player was temporarily banned from international matches after calling manager Henri Michel a “bag of shit” in a post-match interview. This player was the referee of a series of Nike advertisement cage matches called the “Scorpion KO.” In 2015, this player randomly said that Javier (*) Pastore was the best player in the world. At a press conference, this player once simply noted that “When the seagulls follow the trawler, it’s because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea.” This player is most infamous for kung-fu kicking a Crystal Palace fan in the face. For 10 points, name this French footballer nicknamed “King Eric” by fans of Manchester United.

ANSWER: Eric Cantona

10. After conceding an 89th minute penalty to Romania, a player with this surname was blamed for England’s exit from Euro 2000. A chant sung to the tune of David Bowie’s “Rebel Rebel” honored a footballer of this surname. This is the surname of England’s most-capped right-back, who had a (*) “Goalgasm” while commentating a Fernando Torres goal against Barcelona. After a disastrous start to the 2015 season, Paco Ayestarán replaced a man of this surname as manager of Valencia. This is the surname of a pundit who features on Monday Night Football with Jamie Carragher. For 10 points, give the surname of full-back brothers Phil and Gary.

ANSWER: Neville [accept Neville Neville or Phil Neville or Gary Neville]

11. In 2012, record producer Don Jazzy bought this player’s nightclub, Club 10. In 2007, this player claimed that God told him to sign for Phil Brown’s Hull City. This player acquired Turkish citizenship under the name “Muhammet Yavuz” while playing for Fenerbahçe. While playing for Eintracht Frankfurt, this player famously scored a wondergoal after toying with Karlsruhe goalkeeper (*) Oliver Kahn. This player was the first ever recipient of the BBC’s African Player of the Year award and is the uncle of Arsenal winger Alex Iwobi. For 10 points, name this Nigerian midfielder who, according to Bolton Wanderers fans, was “so good they named him twice.”

ANSWER: Jay-Jay Okocha

12. Due to a mistake by goalkeeper Ibrahim Alma, Syrian defender Hamdi Al Masri scored an own goal in this manner in a 2018 World Cup qualifying match against Japan. Bury defender Chris Brass scored an own goal in this manner while attempting a clearance. A YouTube video depicting an infamous goal scored in this manner uses Smash Mouth’s (*) “All Star” as background music. That goal scored in this manner occurred in the 2010 Community Shield between Chelsea and Manchester United, and was scored by a Mexican striker. For 10 points, Chicharito once infamously scored using what body part?

ANSWER: scoring off one’s face [don’t accept “header” or “scoring off one’s head”]

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13. As a player, this man scored the second-fastest goal in FA Cup history against Middlesbrough in 1997. This manager led West Brom to promotion to the Premiership in his first season, but lost 0-6 in his first top-flight match. After stepping up from assistantship to replace André Villas-Boas, this manager led his team to comeback victories in Europe over (*) Napoli and then Barcelona. In June 2016, Tony Xia appointed this manager for an ultimately short stint at newly-relegated Aston Villa. For 10 points, name this Italian manager who led Chelsea in 2004 to their first Champions League victory.
ANSWER: Roberto Di Matteo

14. MARCA ran the simple front page headline “ARREGLAD ESTO”, meaning “FIX THIS”, in the aftermath of the match in which this goal was scored. The scorer of this goal revealed that he and his manager kept a groin injury secret from the rest of the squad before the match; that manager famously (*) high-fived the scorer of this goal as he was subbed off. This goal, which was the second goal of a match that ended 5-1, was the finish of a Daley Blind cross past Iker Casillas. For 10 points, name this Puskás finalist goal from the 2014 World Cup, a diving header by a Dutch forward.
ANSWER: Robin van Persie's diving header vs. Spain [or Robin van Persie's first goal vs. Spain at the 2014 World Cup before “2014” is read]

15. In 2012, Chelsea accused this referee of using abusive language towards John Obi Mikel, but the FA charged Mikel for referee abuse instead. In 2007, this referee seemed to change his decision from yellow to red for Tony Hibbert after a chat with (*) Steven Gerrard; he hasn't officiated a Merseyside derby since. This referee officiated both the 2016 Champions League and Euros finals, the logos of both of which he had tattooed on his arm. For 10 points, name this referee who left the Premier League for Saudi Arabia in 2017.
ANSWER: Mark Clattenburg

16. In 1980, these two clubs played each other with the same starting lineups five times in 19 days, including 3 replays of an FA Cup semifinal. Michael Thomas scored a last-minute title winner for one of these clubs against the other in the final match of the 1989 First Division. Robbie Fowler scored the second-fastest hat-trick in Premiership history in a 1994 meeting of these two clubs. A 2007 League Cup meeting of these two clubs that finished 3-6 featured four goals by (*) loanee Julio Baptista. These two clubs, who played the first match of the 2016-17 Premier League, played a 4-4 thriller in 2009, with four goals scored by Andrey Arshavin. For 10 points, name these clubs managed by Arsène Wenger and Jürgen Klopp.
ANSWER: Arsenal and Liverpool

17. Javi Guerra's 15 goals in this league season failed to prevent Real Valladolid's last-place finish, relegating along with Real Betis and Osasuna. In this league season, Barcelona were upset 0-1 by Granada thanks to goalkeeper Orestis Karnezis's saves. A Clásico in this league season included 3 penalties, a Sergio Ramos red card, and a Lionel Messi (*) hat-trick as it ended 3-4 to Barcelona. For his performances for Levante, Keylor Navas won best goalkeeper of this league season and earned a transfer to Real Madrid. For 10 points, identify this league season in which Diego Simeone's Atlético Madrid won their tenth league title.
ANSWER: 2013-14 La Liga

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Note: club and player nationality required.

18. A player from this country selected shirt number 69 while at this club because he weighed 69 kilograms, was 1.69 meters tall, and was born in 1969. A section entitled “I, We, Waluigi: A Post-Modern Analysis of Waluigi” on the blog *The Empty Page* was attributed to a player from this country at this club; that player allegedly crashed this club’s team bus while touring Dubai. A player from this country at this club finished runner-up to (*) Anthony Martial for the 2015 Golden Boy. In a 2016 CL match, a player from this country assisted Thomas Müller’s equalizer and scored this club’s final goal against his parent club Juventus. For 10 points, name this current club-nationality combo of Franck Ribéry.

ANSWER: French footballers playing for Bayern München [accept Bayern Munich]
(The players mentioned are Bixente Lizarazu, Franck Ribéry, and Kingsley Coman.)

19. This player scored the opening goal, a penalty, of the 2016 MLS All-Star Game. Manager Ricardo La Volpe discovered this player while he was juggling cans on the streets of his hometown. In a 2013 World Cup qualifying match, Matt Besler (“beez-ler”) was booked and suspended when this player dove and rolled around after he walked into Besler. This player, who started his career in his home country with (*) Deportivo Saprissa, has been unable to establish himself at Arsenal despite his success for his country in the 2014 World Cup, in which they unexpectedly topped Group D ahead of Uruguay, Italy, and England. For 10 points, name this Costa Rican forward.

ANSWER: Joel Campbell

20. This player allegedly squeezed toothpaste into his teammates’ beds as a prank during the 1978 World Cup. This player scored the winning goal for Juventus against Liverpool in the European Cup Final that saw the Heysel disaster. This European player randomly came out of retirement in 1988 to play a friendly for Kuwait against the Soviet Union. Along with Jean Tigana, Alain Giresse, and Luis Fernández, this player formed a “magic square” for the French national team in the 1980s. This man wished the (*) FIFA presidency “bye-bye” after he was found guilty of paying 2 million Swiss francs to Sepp Blatter. For 10 points, name this French footballer who was deposed in 2015 from his role as President of UEFA.

ANSWER: Michel Platini

21. Arsenal defender Gabriel Paulista, David Luiz, Hulk, and Dida all began their professional careers at a Bahian club with this name who sacked manager Argel Fuchs in May 2017. Scottish youngster Ryan Gauld’s loan to a club with this name was cut short in 2017 after that club knocked Sporting CP out of the Taça da Liga. Benfica’s eagle mascots are named Gloria and this name. A club with this name has a picture of the first Portuguese King, Afonso Henriques, on their (*) crest. Benfica’s current manager has this surname. For 10 points, give this name of several Portuguese and Brazilian clubs, meaning “victory.”

ANSWER: Vitória [accept Rui Vitória, Vitória de Guimarães, Vitória SC, Vitória de Setubal, Vitória FC, or Esporte Clube Vitória]

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22. The most successful club from this country is nicknamed the “Thunder Castles.” This country contains oddly named stadia like the 700th Anniversary Stadium and 80th Birthday Stadium. Ghanaian winger Frank Acheampong started his professional career in this country, where Robbie Fowler ended his career. In 2017, this country’s home colors were changed from bright red to all-black to mourn the (*) death of their leader. Adam Smith and Tom Hopper were two players who took part in a racist incident in this country that led to Nigel Pearson’s sacking as Leicester City’s manager. For 10 points, King Power and Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha are from what Asian country?

ANSWER: Thailand

23. Jacques Sango’o and Badou Zaki are the only African recipients of an award of this name. Jermain Defoe’s 2004 move from West Ham to Spurs involved a player of this surname moving the other way. That player of this surname scored against Preston North End in 2005 to promote West Ham to the Premier League; he scored another promoting goal in 2014 against Derby County for QPR, but returned in 2015 to Brighton. Victor (*) Valdés won an award of this name four consecutive times from 2008 to 2012. For 10 points, give this name shared by MARCA’s award for “best goalkeeper” of the Spanish season and a retired English striker who might shoot the ball at you when you’re sat in Row Z.

ANSWER: Zamora [accept the Ricardo Zamora Trophy or Trofeo Ricardo Zamora; or Robert “Bobby” Zamora]

Note: club and player nationality required.

24. When asked about signing a player from this country from Celtic, this club’s chairman responded that they’d “be signing Elvis Presley next.” Fans of this club came up with the chant “You’ll never beat” a player from this country, Patrick Kisnorbo. Fans of this club criticized a former player from this country for moving from Liverpool to Galatasaray since two fans of this club were (*) stabbed by Galatasaray fans before the 2000 UEFA Cup semifinal. A cousin of Luka Modrić from this country scored 4 goals against Liverpool in a 4-3 win for this club at Elland Road, its home ground. For 10 points, give this club-nationality combo of Harry Kewell and Mark Viduka when they played for a club hated by us all.

ANSWER: Australian footballers playing for Leeds United

25. Nice midfielder Carlos Eduardo accomplished this feat in a 2014 match against Guingamp. In 2016, Athletic Club striker Aritz Aduriz accomplished this feat for the first time in Europa League history. One instance of this feat, which is sometimes known as a “repóker” in Spanish, occurred soon after a goal by Daniel Caligiuri and prompted the reaction “You just (*) cannot be that good!” from Bundesliga commentator Phil Bonney. The most recent instance of this feat in the Premier League involved Sergio Agüero and a hapless Newcastle United. For 10 points, Robert Lewandowski accomplished what feat in 2015 in a remarkable turnaround for Bayern Munich against Wolfsburg?

ANSWER: scoring five (5) goals in a match [accept repóker before mention]

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26. QPR striker Ray Jones died in a car crash in this year, which also saw the retirement of Ole Gunnar Solskjær and debut of Montenegro's national team. In this year, Joaquín Botero scored a hat-trick as Bolivia slaughtered Argentina 6-1 in a World Cup qualifier in La Paz. Martin Jol was fired during a match against Getafe in this year from his post as manager of (*) Tottenham Hotspur. A UEFA report issued after a CL final in this year claimed that Liverpool had "the worst fans in Europe." In this year, José Mourinho left Chelsea for the first time. A 2-3 loss to Croatia in November of this year meant England failed to qualify for the Euros of the following year. For 10 points, Filippo Inzaghi scored a brace to lead Milan to a CL title in which year?

ANSWER: 2007

27. One of these two countries destroyed the other 5-0 in the third place playoff match of the bizarre 1983 President's Cup, whose final saw PSV Eindhoven defeat South Korea. Haminu Dramani and Stephan Appiah scored for one of these countries in a 2-1 defeat of the other in the 2006 World Cup. Goalkeeper Adam Larsen Kwarasey conceded an opening goal after just (*) 29 seconds in a 2014 World Cup match between these two countries, though André Ayew's equalizer was trumped by a late John Brooks header. For 10 points, name these two countries who, in their most recent meeting, were captained by Asamoah Gyan and Clint Dempsey.

ANSWER: Ghana and the United States of America

28. The US National Soccer Hall of Fame Museum will be constructed in this club's stadium and opened in 2018. In January 2017, Javier Morales left Real Salt Lake after nine years to move to this club. Lamar Hunt's ownership of both this club and Columbus Crew motivated the Pioneer Cup series between the two. This winning club of the (*) 2016 Supporters' Shield plays in the Toyota Stadium. Fabián Castillo left this club for Trabzonspor in 2016. This club, whose players include Roland Lamah and Kellyn Acosta, contests the Texas derby with the Houston Dynamo. For 10 points, name this MLS club with a bull on its badge.

ANSWER: FC Dallas

29. Sergio Conceição's hat-trick for Portugal against Germany in this tournament resulted in the sacking of manager Erich Ribbeck. Spain were knocked out of this tournament when Raúl missed an 89th-minute penalty against France, having earlier progressed due to a miraculous 3-4 win over Yugoslavia. In this tournament, Patrick Kluivert scored a hat-trick in the Netherlands' 6-1 rout of (*) Yugoslavia, the last competitive match Yugoslavia ever played. This tournament, which took place in Belgium and the Netherlands, was won by France against Italy through a 103rd-minute golden goal by David Trezeguet. For 10 points, name this first Euros of the current millennium.

ANSWER: UEFA Euro 2000 [or 2000 UEFA European Championship; "Euro" is not required after it is read]

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Note: this tossup requires you to name both of the two clubs involved in the transfer of certain players. You must give the clubs in the order in which the move occurred.

30. The nickname “Gatling Gun” was given to a player who completed this transfer in 1906; that player was George Hilsdon, who became the first to score 100 goals for his new club. Youth scout Tony Carr failed to prevent a player from completing this transfer so he could play in midfield rather than defense. Glen Johnson’s completion of this transfer in 2003 under (*) Claudio Ranieri made him the first purchase using investments by the owner of Millhouse LLC. John Terry completed this transfer at age 14, and being dissatisfied with the sacking of his uncle Harry Redknapp, Frank Lampard completed this transfer in 2001. For 10 points, name this transfer between two London clubs known as the Hammers and Blues.

ANSWER: moving from West Ham United to Chelsea

31. This club’s manager Jack Tinn claimed that his “lucky spats” that he wore to every match helped them win the 1939 FA Cup and back-to-back First Division championship titles in 1949 and 1950. Playing as “A.C. Smith,” Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was the first-ever goalkeeper for the amateur club that eventually became this club. Fans of this club’s main rivals call them “skates.” Members of this club’s 2008 FA Cup winning squad included John Utaka, Lassana (*) Diarra, Kanu, and captain Sol Campbell. Harry Redknapp was decried for leaving to this club’s rivals in 2004. For 10 points, name this south-coast club that has a rivalry with Southampton.

ANSWER: Portsmouth FC

32. A defender who captains Tigres UANL has this nickname, and Huddersfield Town recently signed Leandro Bacuna’s younger brother, who has this given name. A midfielder with this nickname spent six years with the LA Galaxy before being sold to Tijuana in 2016. One player with this name was called “The Little Fella” during his three spells at a club he helped win the 2004 League Cup, (*) Middlesbrough. Another player with this name is Olympique Lyonnais’ leading European goalscorer, and spent nine years there before playing for New York Red Bulls and then returning home to Vasco da Gama. For 10 points, give this name of a Brazilian midfielder known for his trademark knuckleball free-kicks.

ANSWER: Juninho [accept Juninho Bacuna, Juninho Paulista, or Juninho Pernambucano]

33. After his agent tried to get him a deal to advertise a sushi restaurant, this player fired him because he hated sushi. This player was sent off on Real Madrid debut for a hard challenge on Valencia winger Vicente, and won a penalty against Fulham on his professional debut. In a Champions League match against Liverpool, this player’s early opener was cancelled out through goals by Igor Bišćan and Milan Baroš, although he then assisted a late equalizer. (*) Gavin Harris let this player take and score a last-minute free-kick to keep Newcastle United in the Champions League for the next season. For 10 points, name this Mexican youngster, the protagonist of the *Goal!* film trilogy.

ANSWER: Santiago Muñoz [accept either name]

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34. After they upset the “Culture Club” Liverpool in the 1988 FA Cup final, a club from this district became known as the “Crazy Gang.” Cardiff City “life president” Sam Hammam previously owned a club from this district. The phrase “not in the wider interests of football” concerns a club from this district. From 1991 to 2003, a club from this district who now play at Kingsmeadow shared (*) Selhurst Park with Crystal Palace, though their original home was Plough Lane. Author John Green sponsors a club from this district known as the “Wombles.” For 10 points, name this London district whose namesake club relocated and became Milton Keynes Dons in 2004.

ANSWER: Wimbledon [accept Wimbledon FC or AFC Wimbledon]

35. Belgian novelist Jean-Philippe Toussaint wrote an essay about the “Melancholy” of this man. A song about this man states that he “is a part of things” and that “a star was born ... in 1972, under a scorching June sun.” That song, by Australian band (*) Vaudeville Smash, features commentator Les Murray listing famous players before stating that this person is the “strongest of them all.” This man named his eldest son after Uruguayan midfielder Enzo Francescoli; both of his sons are in Real Madrid Castilla, whom this man coached until 2016. For 10 points, name this French manager prone to headbutts.

ANSWER: Zinedine Zidane [accept Zizou]

36. This company owned Ekstraklasa club Górnik Zabrze until 2011. This company names a “Parque” that is the home ground of Palmeiras. In March 2017, this company was revealed to be sponsoring Minnesota United’s new stadium in St. Paul. The home grounds of Sydney FC and OGC Nice are named for this company, which also names a stadium designed by (*) Herzog and de Meuron whose exterior is made of EFTE plastic. That stadium named for this company is lit blue, white, or red based on the home club or national team playing there, and is the second-largest German stadium after Dortmund’s Westfalenstadion. For 10 points, name this German financial firm that names the home stadium of Bayern Munich.

ANSWER: Allianz [accept Allianz Arena, Allianz Parque, Allianz Stadium, or Allianz Riviera]

37. The cantilever roof above this stadium’s complex is the largest cantilever structure in Europe. This stadium, which contains a statue of “Wor Jackie” Milburn, almost moved northwards to Leazes Park, which names a stand opposite to the Gallowgate end. In 2009, fan tributes were placed in this stadium’s seats as tributes to Sir Bobby Robson. In 2013, a fan of this stadium’s club punched (*) a police horse named Bud outside of this stadium. This club was known as the Sports Direct Arena from 2011 to 2012, when its original name was restored as part of its club’s purchase by Wonga. This stadium and the Stadium of Light host Tyne-Wear derbies. For 10 points, name this stadium home to Newcastle United.

ANSWER: St. James’ Park [accept St. James’s Park even though it’s technically wrong]

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38. A vacuum cleaner brand with the same name as the main figure involved in this incident was boycotted by angry fans in the aftermath of this incident. A month after this incident, Charlize Theron made a joke about it during a group ball draw. Raymond Domenech allegedly blocked a replay of the match in which this incident occurred. The main (*) player involved in this incident admitted his illegal actions to defender Richard Dunne. For 10 points, what incident dubbed “Le Hand of God” involved Ireland’s failure to qualify for the 2010 World Cup due to France’s captain illegally controlling the ball?

ANSWER: Thierry Henry’s handball against Ireland in the 2009 World Cup Qualifying 2nd Round Playoff

39. A Manchester City tradition of displaying large inflatable types of these items honor a striker named Imre Varadi. The last match of the 2000-01 Bundesliga season was delayed by Hamburg fans throwing several of these items on the pitch, allowing Bayern to win the title by equalizing in the last minute of added time. A famous photograph depicts Liverpool winger John Barnes backheeling one of these items. These items name an antiquated term for a (*) shot with extreme curve. In 2012, Mario Balotelli stated that he would kill anyone who threw these items at him. Dani Alves famously ate one of these items thrown on the pitch. For 10 points, name these fruits often thrown at black players by racist fans.

ANSWER: bananas

40. An indoor hall inside this club’s stadium is known as “The Indian’s Tomb” due to the “heated” atmosphere created by its fans, whose main ultra group is Gate 13. Polish striker Krzysztof Warzycha is this club’s all-time top scorer, and Ferenc Puskás managed this team to the 1971 European Cup Final. Gilberto Silva spent 3 years at this club after leaving Arsenal, during which time Djibril Cissé led the league scoring charts. Before he moved to Al-Ain, Swedish striker (*) Marcus Berg was this club’s top goalscorer this decade, and Giorgios Karagounis captained this club for much of his career. This Greek club’s crest features a tri-leaf clover. For 10 points, name this Greek club whose “eternal enemies” are Olympiakos.

ANSWER: Panathinaikos FC

41. David Sullivan’s newspaper the *Daily Sport* ran a headline calling this manager “the bollocks” after his appointment. This manager, who started his career as an assistant at Colchester United, wrote his starting lineup on cigarette packs. Following a loss to Egypt, this manager’s son had his eyebrows shaved off by bullies. This manager, who won the (*) Clutch Cup with Norwich City, had a former car salesman as an assistant who asked his squad for “3 cheers for Ramirez.” Martin Bashir’s news crew recorded a conference in which this manager recited Kipling’s “If—” and exclaimed that England would be playing “4-4-FUCKING-2.” For 10 points, name this incompetent fictional England manager portrayed by Ricky Tomlinson.

ANSWER: Mike Bassett

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42. The official music video of Jennifer Lopez's "Let's Get Loud" was filmed at a Women's World Cup in this year. This year saw Lazio win the last ever Cup Winners' Cup, and also saw the pro debuts of Michael Carrick, Ashley Cole, Iker Casillas, and Zlatan Ibrahimović. Nicolas Anelka joined Real Madrid in this year for €23 million after threatening to strike if (*) Arsenal didn't let him move abroad. Andriy Shevchenko joined Milan in this year, and this year's Ballon D'Or was won by Rivaldo. Players born in this year include Alexander Isak, Alban Lafont, Matthijs de Ligt, and Gianluigi Donnarumma. For 10 points, name this year in which Manchester United became the first English team to ever win a European treble.

ANSWER: 1999

43. While playing for his hometown club, this player enrolled at a driving school that uploaded his 47-minute driving lesson on YouTube. This player heads a basketball to Draymond Green and is sledged by Steven Smith while playing in the (*) Ashes in a recent BT Sport advertisement. This player turned after flicking the ball over Mile Jedinák to score a volley that won the 2015-16 Premier League Goal of the Season. This player was caught on camera extending a middle finger during a match against Slovakia. For 10 points, name this Spurs midfielder of Nigerian descent.

ANSWER: Dele Alli [or Bamidele Alli]

(Link to Dele's driving lesson here: <https://youtu.be/mzWxHtkruwU>)

44. The player involved this transfer was notoriously left out of his club's team photograph for the upcoming season even though José Reyes, who had left to Atlético Madrid, was included. The player involved in this transfer claimed he almost swerved his car off the road in shock upon hearing from his agent of an offer of "just" (*) £55,000 per week. He also remarked that his former club had "hung him out to dry" and "fed [him] to the sharks." This transfer involved William Gallas going the other way, and the player involved later had blue £20 notes thrown at him during games. For 10 points, name this transfer between two London clubs involving a player dubbed "Cashley."

ANSWER: Ashley Cole transferring from Arsenal to Chelsea

45. Peter Odemwingie won two Player of the Month Awards in this league season, in which he scored 15 goals for West Brom. Maxi Rodríguez scored hat-tricks against Birmingham City and Fulham in this league season, in which Tottenham completed a 2-3 comeback win over Arsenal thanks to a late Younès Kaboul header. In that match, Samir Nasri refused a handshake from William (*) Gallas, who had left Arsenal for Tottenham before this league season. Dimitar Berbatov and Carlos Tevez were joint-top scorers of this league season, and Andy Carroll joined Liverpool for €35 million during this league season. For 10 points, name this league season, the only season Blackpool spent in the English top flight.

ANSWER: 2010-11 Premier League

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46. One player with this surname was given a yellow card after celebrating his first international goal by displaying his name printed on a special pair of underpants to the crowd. That player with this surname finished as the Championship's top scorer in the 2016-17 season before signing for a Lancashire club. Another player with this surname scored a match-winning brace after coming off the bench against (*) Germany in June 2015, just 5 days after scoring on his international debut against the Netherlands. That striker, who grew up in Hawai'i, signed for Hamburg from Union Berlin in 2016. For 10 points, give this surname of current New Zealand vice-captain Chris and American striker Bobby.

ANSWER: Wood [accept Chris Wood or Bobby Wood before mention]

Note: club and player nationality required.

47. In 2007, one player of this nationality became the oldest player to score in a match in this club's league by scoring a penalty in his last match with this club. In the late 1980s, four players of this nationality made up this club's defense in a squad called the "Immortals." One player of this nationality was nicknamed "Piscinin" while captaining this club. One defender of this nationality famously stated, "If I need to make a (*) tackle, I have already made a mistake." This club's rival was founded in 1908 in protest against this club's policy of only signing players of this nationality. For 10 points, name this club-nationality combo of Alessandro Costacurta, Franco Baresi, and Paolo Maldini for their whole careers.

ANSWER: Italian footballers playing for AC Milan

48. England's heaviest ever defeat was a 7-1 massacre by this country in a pre-World Cup friendly, just a year after they defeated England 6-3 at Wembley in the "Match of the Century." This country pioneered the use of the "WW" 2-3-3-2 formation, and a manager from this country infamously cursed (*) Benfica to not be European champions for a hundred years. West Germany's upset of this country in the 1954 World Cup Final was dubbed as the "Miracle of Bern." Bela Guttmán was a manager from this home country of a striker for whom FIFA's best goal award is named. For 10 points, name this home country of Ferenc Puskás and the "Mighty Magyars."

ANSWER: Hungary

49. During the 1984 World Cup, 150 specialists in this activity stayed in the same hotels as the Ivory Coast squad. In December 2016, the Rwandan Football Federation banned this practice after an incident in which a striker placed an object on the goal line. The national Police Commissioner of Guinea-Bissau, (*) Armando Nhaga, claimed his employees weren't given enough time to perform this activity to help his clients win against Borussia Dortmund in the 2016 Champions League. For 10 points, Benfica allegedly used what magical practice to help them win the 2017 Primeira Liga title?

ANSWER: witchcraft [or black magic; or wizardry]

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50. Fantastically named Filipino striker Phil Younghusband won top scorer of the Asian Challenge Cup held in this year. In an international tournament in this year, South Korean player Park Jong-Woo displayed a controversial sign saying “Dokdo is ours.” Montréal Impact made their MLS debut in this year, whose Puskas was won by Miroslav (*) Stoch. Montpellier won a shock Ligue 1 title in this year. Lionel Messi scored a world-record 91 goals in this year, in which Zambia won their first AFCON title and the Port Said Stadium riot occurred. Mexico won gold at this year’s Olympics, in which Great Britain played on home soil. For 10 points, name this year in which Italy were thrashed 4-0 by Spain in a Euros final.

ANSWER: 2012

51. A notable playoff match at this stadium featured Franz Beckenbauer playing in a sling after dislocating his arm and Gianni Rivera scoring the winning goal while cameras were replaying Gerd Müller’s equalizer. This stadium, known as the “Colossus of Saint Ursula,” hosted the funeral of comedian Chespirito and the “Match of the Century.” This stadium was the first to host two World Cup Finals, and Hungary won gold at this stadium in the 1968 (*) Summer Olympics. This stadium hosted a 1986 World Cup quarter-final in which both the “Goal of the Century” and the “Hand of God” goal were scored by Diego Maradona. For 10 points, name this home ground of Club América and the Mexican national team.

ANSWER: Estadio Azteca [or Aztec Stadium; accept El Coloso de Santa Úrsula before mention]

52. This player is the first ever to score in six different club competitions during the same season. Cristiano Ronaldo asked this player “who are you?” during a Clásico just before this player scored Barcelona’s second goal. This player scored a (*) 115th-minute goal to help Barcelona defeat Sevilla 5-4 to win the 2015 UEFA Super Cup. After this player scored against Watford in October 2017, he and his teammates celebrated by dogpiling a steward. This player, who is originally from Tenerife, scored after just 30 seconds against Manchester United in October 2016. For 10 points, name this Spanish winger who left Barcelona in 2015 to join Chelsea.

ANSWER: Pedro Rodríguez

53. Italy’s oldest club, which was originally founded as a cricket club, plays in these colors. Joey Saputo, the owner of the Montréal Impact, is also the chairman of an Italian club that plays in these colors, as does an Argentine club whose celebrity supporters include (*) Viggo Mortensen and Pope Francis. Steaua Bucuresti, SM Caen, and San Lorenzo wear these two home colors. The founder of FC Basel, Joan Gamper, is said to have used these colors for their home kit and that of a Catalan team he founded. For 10 points, Barcelona are known as the *blaugrana* because they play in which two colors?

ANSWER: red and blue [or rossoblù; or blaugrana before mention]

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Bonuses

1. Tulsi becomes jealous of this kid's and his friend Jamie's success at the Wanderers Player Development Centre. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this kid whose friend Rob, normally a striker, is told to play as a center-back by Mr. Potter, who may or may not be a caricature of Arsène Wenger. This kid helps Jamie discover his true calling as a goalkeeper.

ANSWER: T.J.

[10] T.J. is the main character of a children's book series written by this former Arsenal and current Everton right winger who's the youngest player to score a hat-trick for England.

ANSWER: Theo Walcott

[10] This manager wrote the books *Striker!*, *Sweeper!*, and *Defender!*, but described them as the "biggest load of crap ever written." This current Aston Villa manager's son is Wigan center-back Alex.

ANSWER: Steve Bruce [or Alex Bruce]

2. Most of this country's international talent is produced by Étoile du Sahel, the first African club to win all club competitions under the Confederation of African Football. For 10 points each:

[10] Identify this country whose internationals include Naïm Sliti, Fakhreddine Ben Youssef, and Wahbi Khazri.

ANSWER: Tunisia [or Tunisie]

[10] This Tunisian footballer is probably best known for being the only player other than Neymar to have both 5-star Weak Foot and 5-star Skill Moves on FIFA 15. He left FC Zürich in 2015.

ANSWER: Yassine Chikhaoui

[10] Chikhaoui left Switzerland to grab some cash playing for Al-Gharafa in this country controversially slated to host the 2022 World Cup despite its treatment of Asian workers.

ANSWER: Qatar

3. Answer the following about players who made the 2008-09 UNFP Ligue 1 Team of the Season. For 10 points each:

[10] This versatile Brazilian scored 14 goals from the left wing for Lille, a season that helped him move to Lyon, where he played in attack with Bafetimbi Gomis and a fading Lisandro López. He dropped off quickly over the next few years and now plays for Palmeiras.

ANSWER: Michel Bastos

[10] Benoît Cheyrou made the team for his defensive play in the midfield of runners-up Marseille. In 2015, he joined this MLS club whose attack is led by Sebastian Giovinco.

ANSWER: Toronto FC

[10] The French media dubbed this current Rennes playmaker the "nouveau Zidane" for his exploits at champions Bordeaux. Unfortunately, he is so injury-prone that he once sprained his ankle while walking his dog.

ANSWER: Yoann Gourcuff

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4. In May 2015, this player was sent off after he lazily kicked a ball straight at the head of West Bromwich Albion's Chris Brunt. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this ex-Arsenal and current Chelsea midfielder who led the assists chart in that same Premiership season. While at Barcelona, he was often utilized as a free forward in a strikerless formation by Pep Guardiola.

ANSWER: Cesc Fàbregas [accept either underlined name]

[10] The same strikerless formation was used by this current coach of Spain during their victorious Euro 2012 campaign. This Spaniard is the only manager to have ever won the Champions League, Euros, and World Cup.

ANSWER: Vicente Del Bosque

[10] Francesco Totti was played in a similar free forward role under this current Internazionale manager during his first spell managing Roma. In between, he led Zenit to two consecutive RPL titles.

ANSWER: Luciano Spalletti

Answer the following about Italo-German footballers. For 10 points each:

[10] Ex-Bayern Munich youth Nicola Sansone joined Villarreal ahead of the 2016 season from this team, where he enjoyed a 6th place finish while playing on the opposite wing of Domenico Berardi.

ANSWER: US Sassuolo Calcio

[10] Daniel Caligiuri currently plays for this Bundesliga club. Its notable former players include Grafite, Edin Džeko, Ashkan Dejagah, and Andrea Barzagli, all of whom were part of their 2008 Bundesliga title-winning squad.

ANSWER: VfL Wolfsburg

[10] Another Ex-Bayern youth product, Bordeaux left-back Diego Contento, was named after this Argentine and Napoli legend known for his "Hand of God" World Cup goal against England.

ANSWER: Diego Maradona

Obafemi Martins played for one of these clubs before transferring to the other's rival, where he scored an 84 mph shot against Tottenham Hotspur. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these two clubs, who fought a litigation battle over the ownership of Ricky Álvarez, an Argentine midfielder who eventually transferred to Sampdoria and escaped the feud.

ANSWER: FC Internazionale Milan and Sunderland AFC

[10] In 2011, Inter sent this Ghanaian defensive midfielder on loan to Sunderland. After his return, he left Inter to sign for rivals AC Milan, where he stayed with until 2015, when he departed to Al-Ittihad.

ANSWER: Sulley Muntari

[10] In 2012, Muntari's headed goal against this club was disallowed despite it crossing the goal line by a foot. This team won that year's Scudetto by just four points, leading many to accuse this Turin-based club of corruption.

ANSWER: Juventus FC [or Juve]