

Great Sporting Moments



Booby Moore receives the Jules Rimet Trophy from the Queen, 1966 ²

About this topic – *Read and think about some great British sporting moments and test your memory and sports knowledge with a crossword and game*

Resources for this topic

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- **Great British Sporting Moments**
- **Great British Sporting Moments Crossword and Answers**
- **Olympic Sports Word Scramble and Answers**

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Suggested session plan (one and a half hours approx.)

Whilst the plan below has been developed for face to face meetings, all the activities can be used in Virtual meetings too, using the shared screen facility on Zoom for example, and break out rooms for some activities.

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Working in small groups take turns to read aloud and discuss **Great British Sporting Moments**. Find out if anyone remembers any of these events. As a group decide which you would consider to be the **top three moments** and why.
3. Whole group discussion and comparison of small groups' **top three moments**. Is there a clear winner?
4. Collect in **Great British Sporting Moments** and hand out **Great British Sporting Moments Crossword**
5. As groups finish the **Crossword**, hand out **Olympic Sports Word Scramble**.
6. Refreshments and **Crossword Answers**. Continue with **Word Scramble** and go through **Word Scramble Answers** when all groups have finished.
7. Thankyous and goodbyes – Before the children and older people leave you may wish to say something about the topic you have planned for the next session. This gives everyone the opportunity to be more prepared and, if appropriate, to bring photographs or other memorabilia

Great British Sporting Moments

Roger Bannister breaks the four-minute mile - 1954

In 1954 a British runner called Roger Bannister became the first athlete to break the magical four-minute mile mark. Although he was only able to train for less than an hour each day due to being a full-time medical student, he made history on 6th May that year when he ran the mile in 3 minutes 59.4 seconds.

Just 46 days later, on 21st June 1954, Bannister's record was broken by his rival Landy in Turku, Finland, who ran a mile in just 3 minutes 57.9 seconds. The two athletes then went on to compete against each other in August 1954 in the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver in a race which became known as "The Miracle Mile". They were the only two men in the world to have broken the 4-minute barrier, with Landy still holding the world record.

In Vancouver, Landy led for most of the four lap race, building a lead of 10 yards in the third lap but Bannister overtook him on the last bend, and went on to win in 3 minutes 58.8 seconds. Landy came in just 0.8 seconds behind.



Bannister and Landy both said later that the crucial moment of the race was that at the moment when Bannister decided to try to pass Landy; Landy looked over his left shoulder to gauge Bannister's position and Bannister burst past on the right.

Roger Bannister retired from athletics later in 1954 to concentrate on his work as a junior doctor and to pursue a career in neurology.

With thanks to

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Bannister
for information

Statue in Vancouver immortalising the moment when Roger Bannister passed John Landy, with Landy looking back to gauge his lead ¹

England win the World Cup - 1966

On 30th July 1966 England beat West Germany in the FIFA World Cup Final at Wembley. It was the first, and to date (2020) the only occasion, that England has hosted or won the Football World Cup. After 90 minutes the score was 2 - 2 but two goals from Geoff Hurst in extra time secured a victory for the home team and

the BBC commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme uttered the immortal words "they think it's all over, it is now".

In addition to an attendance of 96,924 at the stadium, the British television audience peaked at an incredible 32.3 million viewers.

With thanks to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1966_FIFA_World_Cup_Final for information



Queen Elizabeth II awarding the Jules Rimet Trophy to Bobby Moore, captain of the World Cup winning England football team at Wembley Stadium in 1966 ²

Red Rum wins historic third Grand National – 1977

In 1977 Red Rum became the only horse in the history of the Grand National to win the famous Aintree race three times. Trained in the sea on Southport beach by Ginger McCain, he won for the first time in 1973 and again in 1974. He finished second in 1975 and 1976 but in 1977 he returned at the age of 12 for one final triumph, winning by a remarkable 25 lengths.



Later that year Red Rum appeared as a studio guest at the BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards ceremony. Viewers were delighted when the horse seemed to recognise the voice of his jockey Tommy Stack, who was appearing by video link from another location.

With thanks to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Rum for information

Red Rum at Castle Park, Bristol 1980 ³

Steve Redgrave wins his fifth gold - 2000

Immediately after rowing his way to his fourth Olympic gold medal in Atlanta in 1996, Steve Redgrave invited anyone who saw him climb into a boat again to “shoot him”. But four years later at the age of 38, having defied diabetes to push himself through his punishing training regime, he joined Great Britain’s coxless four at the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia and inspired his team to victory. He received his fifth consecutive rowing gold medal ensuring his status as a rowing legend. In May 2001, he was knighted by the Queen and became Sir Stephen Geoffrey Redgrave.



Fireworks over Sydney Bridge during closing ceremonies of the 2000 Games ⁴

Bradley Wiggins wins the Tour de France - 2012



The Tour de France was first held in 1903 but it would be more than 100 years before there was a British winner. When Bradley Wiggins, wearing the famous yellow jersey, cycled up the Champs-Elysees in Paris to win the race in July 2012, it was an amazing moment. Incredibly, Britain’s Team Sky went on to achieve five more Tour de France titles in the following years.

Bradley Wiggins on his way to victory on the Champs-Elysees, Paris in the 2012 Tour de France ⁵

Olympics Super Saturday – 2012

Saturday 4th August 2012 quickly became known as Olympics Super Saturday. On that day Great Britain enjoyed their most successful day at an Olympics in 104 years by winning six gold medals on day eight of the London Games.

Three of the medals came in the evening in the space of just 45 minutes when Jessica Ennis, Greg Rutherford and Mo Farah capped a historic day by winning the heptathlon, long jump and 10,000 metres in front of 80,000 jubilant spectators at the Olympic Stadium.



Earlier in the day the rowers had started the celebrations by winning gold in the men's four and in the women's lightweight double sculls at Dorney Lake before the women's team pursuiterers won track cycling gold in the London Velodrome.

Greg Rutherford after winning Gold in the long jump, London Olympics 2012 ⁶



Andy Murray wins Wimbledon - 2013

In the summer of 2013 Andy Murray became the first Briton to win the Wimbledon men's singles championship in 76 years.

He beat the world number one player Novak Djokovic in straight sets and went on to win Wimbledon again three years later.

Murray holds the Wimbledon trophy following his victory in the 2013 men's final ⁷

Leicester City win the Premier League - 2016



In May 2016, in what has been described as one of the most unlikely stories in British footballing history, Leicester City were confirmed as champions of the 2015–16 Premier League season.

Leicester City Football Club lift the Premier League Trophy ⁸

At the start of the season they had been 5000 - 1 with bookmakers to win but they stormed to glory and ended up finishing 10 points clear at the top.

The season also saw history being made for individual players in the team, as striker Jamie Vardy broke the record for goals scored in consecutive games in the Premier League (11) and Winger Riyad Mahrez became the first African and first Algerian player to be the recipient of the PFA Players' Player of the Year.

With thanks to

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015%E2%80%9316_Leicester_City_F.C._season
for information

Lionesses win the European Cup 2022

On 31st July 2022 the England Women's Football team won the European Cup, beating Germany 2-1 in extra time. The final was played at Wembley Stadium in front of 87,192 people – a record crowd for a men's or women's UEFA European Championship match.

It was the team's first-ever major trophy and was the first major international championship won by an England football team (men's or women's) since 1966. When England's men had last lifted a major trophy in 1966 women were banned from playing competitive football in any form.



The Lionesses win Euro 2022 ⁹

After the match The Queen said that the players had “set an example that will be an inspiration for girls and women today, and for future generations. It is my hope that you will be as proud of the impact you have had on your sport as you are of the result today.”

**Who remembers any of these special sporting moments?
Which of the nine would be in your top three?**

Great British Sporting Moments

3rd place

2nd place

And the winner in

1st place

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Photographs 1 to 8 with thanks to Wikipedia

¹ Statue in Vancouver immortalising the moment when Roger Bannister passed John Landy, with Landy looking back to gauge his lead

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² Queen Elizabeth II awarding the Jules Rimet Trophy to Sir Bobby Moore, captain of World Cup winning England football team, Wembley Stadium in 1966

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³ **Red Rum at Castle Park, Bristol 1980**

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⁴ **Fireworks over Sydney Bridge during closing ceremonies of the 2000 Games**

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⁵ **Bradley Wiggins on his way to victory on the Champs-Elysees, Paris in the 2012 Tour de France** ⁵

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⁶ **Greg Rutherford after winning Gold in the long jump, London Olympics 2012**

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⁷ **Andy Murray holds the Wimbledon trophy following his victory in the 2013 men's final** <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=27207345>

AndyMurrayWimbledonTrophy.jpg: Robbie Dale derivative work: HotHat / CC BY <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0>

⁸ **Leicester City Football Club lift the Premier League Trophy, 2016**

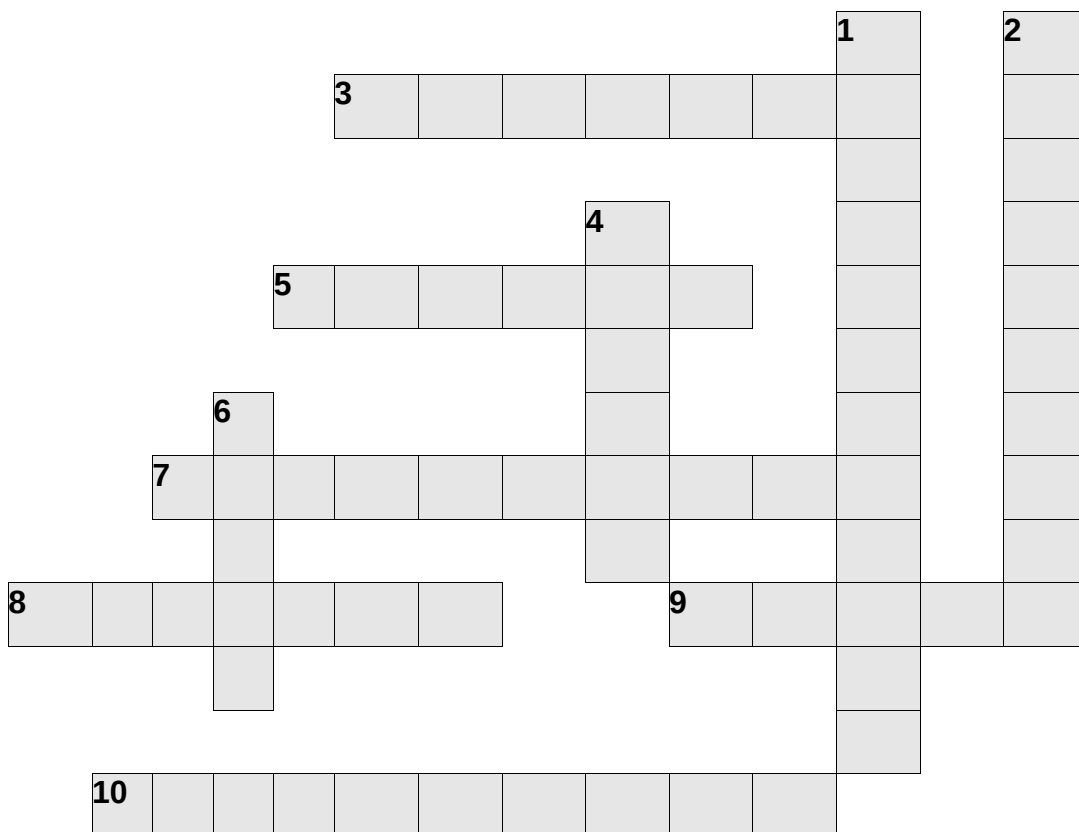
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⁹ **Photograph 9 with credit to BBC - The Lionesses win Euro 2022**

<https://www.entertainmentdaily.co.uk/news/england-lionesses-euro-2022-win-best-tweets/>

Great British Sporting Moments Crossword



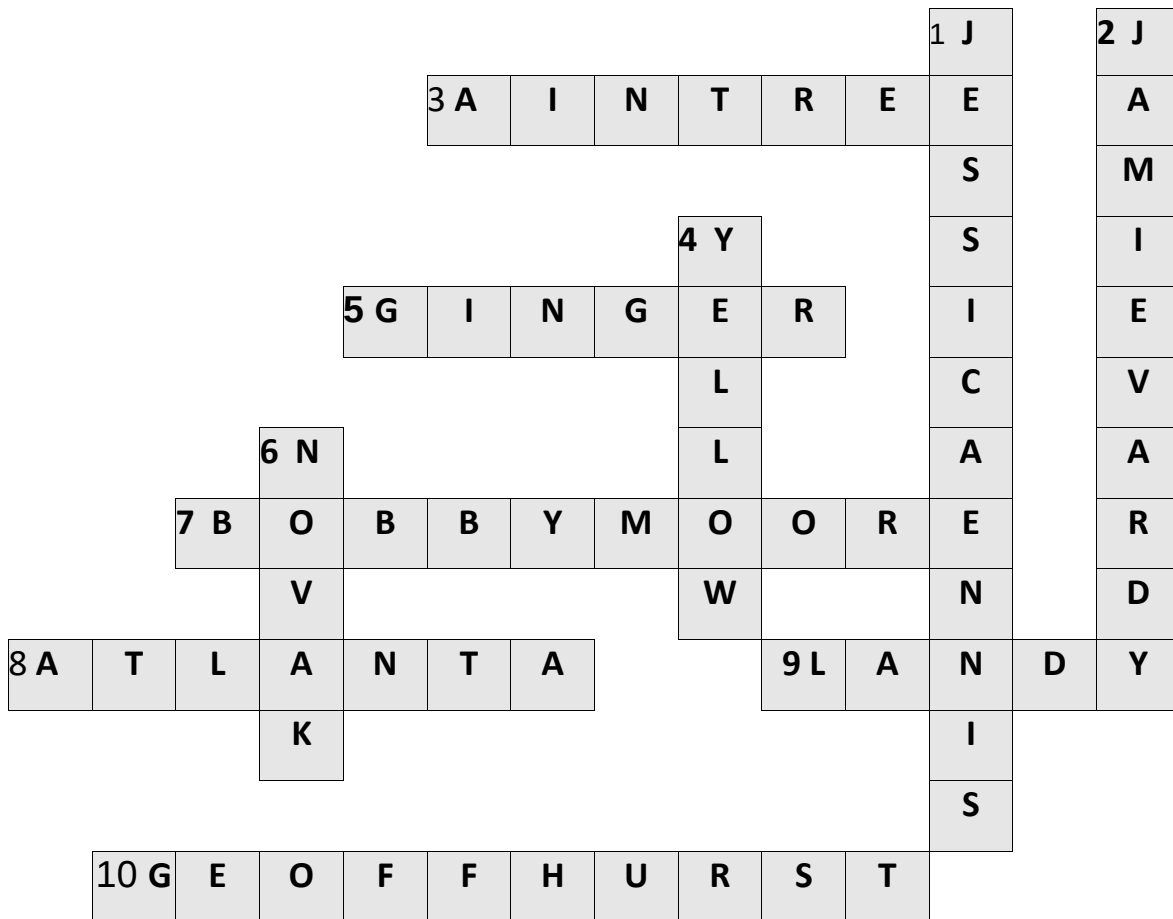
Across

3. Grand National Racecourse (7)
5. First name of Red Rum's trainer (6)
7. 1966 World Cup winning team's Captain (5,5)
8. Steve Redgrave won 4th gold medal here (7)
9. Surname of Roger Bannister's opponent in Vancouver in 1954 (5)
10. The winning goal scorer in 1966 (5,5)

Down

1. 2012 Heptathlon gold medal winner(7,5)
2. Record breaking goal scorer in 2016 (5,5)
4. The colour of Bradley Wiggins's jersey (6)
6. First name of Andy Murray's opponent in 2013 (5)

Great British Sporting Moments Crossword Answers



Across

3. Grand National Racecourse
5. First name of Red Rum's trainer
7. Captain of the 1966 World Cup winning team
8. Steve Redgrave won 4th gold medal here
9. Surname of Roger Bannister's opponent in Vancouver in 1954
10. The winning goal scorer in 1966

Down

1. 2012 Heptathlon gold medal winner
2. Record breaking goal scorer in 2016
3. The name of the 2016 Olympic 100m champion
4. The colour of Bradley Wiggins's jersey
5. The name of the 2016 Olympic 100m champion
6. First name of Andy Murray's opponent in 2013

Olympic Sports Word Scramble

**Here are 20 Olympic Sports but the letters have been mixed up
Can you unscramble them**

1. NGOHIOST	11. ENFGCIN
2. RNTIOATLH	12. TRISENWGL
3. TAAMRNHO	13. SBKTLABALE
4. RSNOAWGBOIND	14. LITWFTGNIIGEH
5. VLLBLYEALO	15. CMGTYSAINS
6. GNDIIV	16. EATBL NSNITE
7. SELHATITC	17. IWNOGR
8. IBNGOX	18. YHEKCO
9. TPNNMIAROLGI	19. NITBNOMAD
10. GSINALI	20. IRNLCGU

Olympic Sports Word Scramble Answers

1. ISNOHOGT Shooting
2. RANILOHTT Triathlon
3. TAAMRNHO Marathon
4. RSNOAWGBOIND Snowboarding
5. VLLBLYEALO Volleyball
6. GNDIIV Diving
7. SELHATITC Athletics
8. IBNGOX Boxing
9. TPNNMIAROLGI Trampolining
10. GSINALI Sailing
11. ENFGCIN Fencing
12. TRISENWGL Wrestling
13. SBKTLABALE Basketball
14. LITWFTGNIIGEHL Weightlifting
15. CMGTYSAINS Gymnastics
16. EATBL NSNITE Table Tennis
17. IWNOGR Rowing
18. YHEKCO Hockey
19. NITBNOMAD Badminton
20. IRNLCGU Curling