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INTRODUCTION

Greetings United fans everywhere, and that's where you are, everywhere! I hope you enjoy my quiz on your club. Due to the tiresomeness of continually looking up who is sponsoring it at any particular point, the trophy and competition that began life in 1960 will still be called the 'League Cup' in this volume. I hope you take each other on with the questions and I'm quite sure you'll disagree with some of my 'legends' choices. But that is what makes this old game great, arguing about it, and there's never been more to argue about than right now!

QUIZ No. 1

ANYTHING GOES - PART 1

1. Which two current Manchester United players who both came to Old Trafford from the same club share the first three letters of their surname?
2. During this century Manchester United have had enough 'Vans' to start their own leasing company. Can you name all five of them? Rumour has it that a Dutchman called Van Gogh and a German known as Van Beethoven also came for a trial, but apparently there was some problem with them hearing the coach's instructions. United have done well with lads from Belfast and someone called Van Morrison was also invited to the trial, but he failed to show!
3. Which Manchester United player from 1992–94 doubles as a capital city?
4. The first five letters of the name of a 1950s United defender are the complete name of another United defender from the early years of this century. Who are the two players?
5. After Manchester United had won 8-1 at Nottingham Forest on, of all days, 6 February 1999, the beaten club's manager was heard to say, 'I hope you enjoyed that nine-goal thriller.' Who was he?
6. Who is the only leading goalscorer in a league season for Manchester United to share his surname with a football club from the North West?
7. Who is the only manager of the England national football team to have played for Manchester United?
8. Which Manchester United defender of the current century has a first name that is the complete name of an Arsenal full-back who played against Manchester United in an FA Cup Final?
9. Which current Manchester United player won the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket in 1960?
10. Which four clubs have met Manchester United in an FA Cup Final or a League Cup Final at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff?

QUIZ No. 2

ANYTHING GOES - PART 2

1. Who were the only two Manchester United players to appear in both the 1957 and 1958 FA Cup Finals?
2. Newton Heath were the forerunner of Manchester United. What was their nickname?
3. The Cheltenham Gold Cup winner of 2008 played just once for Newton Heath in an FA Cup tie in the 1890s. Who was he?
4. About which player, in an interview with him, did TV's Mrs Merton ask, 'Do you think if you hadn't played so much football you wouldn't have been so thirsty?'
5. What did Porto defender Murca do against Manchester United in a European Cup Winners' Cup tie at Old Trafford on 2 November 1977?
6. Who played just one game for Manchester United in wartime football, but went on to become the most prolific goalscorer in English football history?
7. Because of a previous knife-throwing incident, United had to play their opening two home matches of the 1971/72 season at least 25 miles from Old Trafford. It didn't stop them beating both Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion 3-1. Which two grounds were these matches held on?
8. Which two players, who later joined Manchester United, played against them in the League Cup Final of 1992 while they were with Nottingham Forest?
9. Besides West Ham United, Leeds United and Manchester United, which two other English clubs did Rio Ferdinand play for?
10. A midfielder who played over 200 times for Manchester United in the 1980s and 1990s shares his first name with a suburb of Manchester that United last played in before their move to Old Trafford in 1910. Who is the player?

QUIZ No. 3

ANYTHING GOES - PART 3

1. Which Manchester United player from this century shares his first name with an American city?
2. Unusually in both the 1976 and 1977 FA Cup Finals, United made exactly the same substitution. Who came off, and who replaced him in both games?
3. How are Grimsby Town, Charlton Athletic and Chelsea linked in Manchester United's history?
4. What was unusual in United's progress to Wembley to win the FA Cup in 1948 and 1990?
5. Which country played for Manchester United between 1984 and 1986?
6. A post-war father and son both won the league title while at Old Trafford, the older man winning the FA Cup as well, while the younger tasted European glory in 1968. Who were they?
7. In the early to mid-1980s someone played just seven games for Manchester United after gaining two FA Cup winner's medals with Spurs, while someone else appeared just once for United in a League Cup tie before winning the FA Cup with Liverpool. Who are the two players?
8. When Newton Heath joined the Football League in 1892 they dropped the letters L.Y.R. from their name. What did the letters stand for?
9. On 17 August 1996 David Beckham scored from the half-way line in a 3-0 United win at Selhurst Park against Wimbledon. Then on 22 March 2014, also in London at Upton Park, Wayne Rooney repeated the trick against West Ham United in a 2-0 win. Who were the two bemused goalkeepers?
10. On 26 September 1995, after a 2-2 home draw in the second leg of the UEFA Cup against Rotor Volgograd, United went out of the tournament on the away-goal rule. Paul Scholes got one of United's goals that night. Who got the other?

QUIZ No. 4

APPEARANCES

1. In Manchester United's only second-flight season since the war, 1974/75, who was the only player to be on the pitch in every league game?
2. There are a number of Manchester United players who just reached the 200 milestone in league appearances for the club. David Herd made 202, Brian Kidd is on 203, Stuart Houston stands on 205, while both Paul Ince and Norman Whiteside are on 206. Quite a bottleneck! However, just edging them all out on 210 is a famous goalkeeper who is known for a whole lot more than just his qualities between the sticks. Who was he?
3. It seems barely credible, but which Manchester United player, who was an ever-present again when the league was won in 1964/65, actually never missed a game in the 1957/58 season either, despite being in the Munich air crash? Not a lot of counselling going on there!
4. Willie Morgan played 238 league games for Manchester United. If you delete one of the letters of his surname you produce another Manchester United player who played just seven games less than Morgan. Who was he?
5. Martin Buchan and Steve Coppel played every league game in a season three times in their United careers. However, if we accept two appearances as a substitute in the late 1980s and early 1990s, which Scottish player appeared in every league game for United in four different seasons?
6. Gary Neville ended his career with a landmark number of league appearances, while Paul Scholes ended up one short of a potential milestone. How many games did each of them play?
7. Manchester United's full-backs in the 1968 European Cup Final played for the club nearly 900 times between them. Who were they?
8. Who are the only two Manchester United players to appear in over 600 league games for the club?

9. Who was the only outfield player to start all 38 league games for Manchester United in the 2019/20 season?
10. Imagine this superhuman achievement for just a moment. This centre-half missed two games in six of the first seven seasons back after the war. The ball was in the air rather more than it is today and it weighed twice what the modern one does. The physicality of the age-old battle between the centre-half and centre-forward was fearsome to behold, awareness of the treatment of injuries in its infancy, and all played out on dangerous surfaces in all weathers for a pittance. He must have run onto the pitch on numerous occasions carrying injuries that would have felled an ox. He lost eight years of his career to the war yet still played 353 league games for the club. Who was he?

QUIZ No. 5

AWAY FROM OLD TRAFFORD

These Manchester United players have all appeared in FA Cup finals for other clubs. Who are they in each case?

1. Which ex-Manchester United player came on as a substitute in the 85th minute for West Ham United in the 2006 FA Cup Final against Liverpool?
2. Which player won an FA Cup-winner's medal against United in the 1970s before gaining two more with United in the 1980s?
3. Which player had already won an FA Cup-winner's medal with Manchester United in the 1970s before bagging another in the 1980s with West Ham United?
4. After 93 league games for Manchester United he moved to Grimsby Town in 1957, but rocked up at Nottingham Forest just in time to help them win the FA Cup against Luton Town in 1959. Who was he?
5. Which Manchester United player was on the losing Sheffield Wednesday side in the 1966 FA Cup Final and then won the FA Cup against United with Southampton a decade later?
6. Which player had already won the FA Cup with Manchester United in 1963 before doing so again with Leeds United in 1972?
7. Which Manchester United player turned the 2001 FA Cup Final on its head while playing for Liverpool against Arsenal?
8. Since the 1980s, which two players have won the FA Cup with both Manchester United and Chelsea?
9. In this century which three Manchester United players have all won the FA Cup with Arsenal?
10. Which four Manchester United men played on the losing Everton team in the 2009 FA Cup Final when they were beaten by Chelsea?

QUIZ No. 6

BIRTHPLACES

1. Gary Birtles, Viv Anderson and Andy Cole were all born in the same city. Which one?
2. Mark Jones, Tommy Taylor and the Greenhoff brothers all came from the same town. What was it?
3. Arthur Albiston, Gordon Strachan, Lou Macari and Darren Fletcher all call which city their birthplace?
4. Which two members of Manchester United's FA Cup-winning side of 1996 that beat Liverpool at Wembley are natives of Cork?
5. Here is a list of people with Manchester United associations. Your job is to identify the only one on the list that doesn't hail from Glasgow?
Pat Crerand, Denis Law, Jim McCalliog, Alex Ferguson, Tommy Docherty and David Moyes.
6. United's Daniel James was born in a Yorkshire town with a racecourse. Which one?
7. Manchester United central defenders Paul McGrath, Rio Ferdinand and Chris Smalling were all born in the same city. Which one?
8. Which city gave birth to Norman Whiteside, Mal Donaghy, Sammy McLroy, Jonny Evans, Jackie Blanchflower and George Best?
9. The names Liam Whelan, Tony Dunne, Johnny Carey, Johnny Giles, Joe Carolan, Shay Brennan, Gerry Daly, Kevin Moran and Frank Stapleton pay a real tribute to the talent that has come out of Dublin and has been harvested so successfully by Manchester United over many years. All but one of the above players was born in Dublin. The odd man out was born in Manchester. Which one is he?
10. It is quite rare for a Manchester United player to come from the south coast of England. It's even rarer when he then joins the club from the North East. However, that is Gary Pallister's story. Which English seaside town was he born in?

QUIZ No. 7

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

1. Manchester United's biggest win at Christmas this century came on 22 December 2001 when they beat Southampton 6-1 at Old Trafford. Who helped things along with a hat-trick in the game?
2. Which is the only ground on which Manchester United have both scored and conceded seven goals at Christmas? As Newton Heath, they won 7-0 there in their first season on Boxing Day 1899. Then on Boxing Day 1933 they lost there 7-3.
3. 1955 proved to be a great Christmas for United fans when they won 4-1 at West Brom on Christmas Eve, and then, on Boxing Day, beat Charlton Athletic 5-1 at Old Trafford. Which United player got five of the nine goals, three in the away game and another two at home?
4. United, as Newton Heath, played on Christmas Day for the first time in 1896 when they entertained which club who had recently changed their name? The clue might be that 18,000 turned up to watch, twice the number that came to see them 24 hours later against Blackpool.
5. In their very first Christmas in the league, Newton Heath lost 5-1 at home on Christmas Eve 1892. However, on Christmas Day of 1953, with the help of a hat-trick from Yorkshireman Tommy Taylor, they sent their visitors away from Old Trafford and back across the Pennines beaten 5-2, thus gaining revenge from 61 years before, if anyone who was still alive even remembered! Who were those visitors?
6. On two occasions, Manchester United really ruined the Christmas dinners of home supporters by hammering their teams on their own patch, winning 6-2 on Boxing Day 1977, and by 6-3 on the same day in 1991. Who were the slightly depressed hosts on each occasion?
7. Probably the closest to a 'Christmas cracker' came when United drew 4-4 away on Boxing Day 1970, when their goals came from Law with two, Best and Kidd. Who were they playing?

8. Old Trafford experienced United knocking two clubs for six on successive Boxing Days. Chelsea lost 6-0 there in 1960, while Nottingham Forest put up more resistance the following year before going down 6-3. A different United player scored a hat-trick in each game, both of them eventually joining Preston North End. Who were they?
9. Jazz saxophonist Ronnie Scott once said he had it hard as a kid. His family couldn't afford Christmas decorations for the tree and had to wait until Grandad sneezed. United have also endured some miserable times at Christmas, losing 7-0 in both 1930 and 1931. But, for long drawn-out agony, nothing surpasses 1921. Between 3 December and 21 January they played 11 matches in cup and league. What was their win, draw and loss account in these games?
10. After pressure from various quarters, football on Christmas Day itself became a thing of the past. United's last such fixture was a 3-0 home defeat in 1978. Which club weren't being very seasonal to their hosts?

QUIZ No. 8

CRYPTIC REDS

You are given a clue and the years that the player was with the club. Can you name him in each case?

1. Policeman on duty at South London football ground (1956–73)
2. Archduke shot in the Balkans now recovering in Brazil! (2002–14)
3. Menacing flower (1952–61)
4. Sounds like it could be an Asian football ground (2005–12)
5. Slightly more than a can of beans for this angel (2004–07)
6. Smart cat (2008–15)
7. If he lost just one letter from his name this goalkeeper could have been a great train robber (1960–61)
8. Spanish football club (2009–19)
9. Sounds like if you came from a well off background you might as a child have been looked after by one of these (2007–15)
10. Given the circumstances, this great British decathlete did particularly well in getting over the hurdles (2014–18)

QUIZ No. 9

CUP CAPTAINS

1. Who is the only man to captain Manchester United to win both the FA Cup and the League Cup?
2. Jose Mourinho's two trophies won with Manchester United in 2017, the League Cup and the Europa League, were won with two different captains. Who were they?
3. Who was Manchester United's captain on that emotional night at Wembley in 1968 when they won the European Cup for Sir Matt Busby?
4. Who is the only man to captain Manchester United to win the FA Cup in two different millennia?
5. Who is the only goalkeeper to captain United to a major Cup success?
6. Who captained Manchester United to three FA Cups and a European Cup Winners' Cup?
7. Who was Manchester United's captain on the night in Moscow when they beat Chelsea on penalties to land the 2008 edition of the Champions League?
8. Manchester United's first two post-war FA Cup-winning captains in 1948 and 1963 had surnames beginning with the same letter. Who were they?
9. Manchester United won the FA Cup in 1996. Ten years later, in 2006, they won the League Cup, and ten years after that, in 2016, they won the FA Cup again. Who were the three captains involved?
10. Who, in 1977, became the first man to captain a side to win both the Scottish and English FA Cups when Manchester United beat Liverpool 2-1 at Wembley?

QUIZ No. 10

DISUNITED!

1. Which club that finished the 1995/96 season fifth from bottom of the third level of English football knocked Manchester United out of the League Cup that year 4-3 on aggregate, holding out in the second leg after a stunning 3-0 win at Old Trafford in the first game?
2. Manchester United have lost once in an FA Cup Final to a team from a lower division and done the same thing once also in the League Cup Final. Which two teams were involved?
3. Which London club are the only one from the capital to score seven goals in a game against Manchester United by winning 7-1 in the league on 11 February 1939?
4. United were the victims of a giant-killing act in the third round of the FA Cup in 1983/84, manufactured on the south coast by Harry Redknapp. Who beat United 2-0?
5. Newton Heath's first league season of 1892/93 produced a double humbling at the hands of that year's league champions who beat them 6-0 and 5-0. Who were they?
6. In the 1950s United were twice beaten by opposition from the Third Division South in the FA Cup third round. The 1959 debacle has been covered in another section, but which club from the west of the country hammered United 4-0 in front of a 36,000-crowd in January 1956? For good measure, they also knocked United out of the League Cup 2-1 at Old Trafford in season 1972/73.
7. These two consecutive away games were difficult for Sir Alex to swallow! On 20 October 1996, United went down 5-0 at one end of the country and then six days later lost 6-3 at the other end. As usual, he had the last laugh by winning the league. Which two teams beat United?
8. United's record defeat is 7-0. It has happened three times, twice in the old First Division when Blackburn Rovers and Aston Villa worked them over. The other occasion came in 1931 in Division Two. Which Midlands club inflicted the damage?