



2023–4 Season: Cup & Plate Semi-Finals – 2 April 2024

Set by **Harrington Academicals** and **Bate Hallers**.

1	Who was beaten by Jannick Sinner in the final of the Australian Open Tennis tournament in 2024?
	Daniil Medvedev
2	What is the capital of Suriname?
	Paramaribo
3	Which was the first US state to be ratified as a member of the Union?
	Delaware (7 December 1787 – one of the first 13 to assume statehood in 1786)
4	Aphrodite was born from the foaming sea after whose testicles were thrown in by his son, Cronus?
	Uranus (you can't have a quiz without ...)
5	Athlete Eric Liddell was born in which country?
	China (not Scotland!)
6	Who was the last Briton to win golf's Open Championship (i.e. the British Open)?
	Rory McIlroy (in 2014)
7	Who, in 1983, replaced Michael Foot as Leader of the Labour Party in the UK?
	Neil Kinnock
8	Architect Charles–Edouard Jeanneret, a.k.a. Le Corbusier, was born in which European country?
	Switzerland
9	DI Jack Frost was the lead character in a series of books written by which English author and radio dramatist?
	R. D. Wingfield
10	Which Tudor queen was played by Miranda Richardson in <i>Blackadder II</i> ?
	Elizabeth I
11	Which artist fled Rome in 1606 after committing murder?
	Caravaggio
12	According to a saying often attributed to Picasso: "Good artists copy, great artists ..." do what?
	Steal
13	Scripted by Kazuo Ishiguro, the 2005 Merchant Ivory film <i>The White Countess</i> is set in which Chinese city?
	Shanghai
14	Which US author wrote the screenplay for <i>When Harry Met Sally</i> ?
	Nora Ephron



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15	Which fictional pig is the best friend of Suzy Sheep?
	Peppa Pig
16	Which <i>Star Trek</i> actor embarked on a music career in 1968 with the debut LP, <i>The Transformed Man</i> ?
	William Shatner
17	Grizedale Forest is an area of woodland in which national park?
	The Lake District
18	Which sultanate was established in 1250 with the overthrow of the Ayyubid dynasty in Egypt?
	The Mamluk sultanate
19	Hosea Chapter 8, Verse 7 features the statement: "For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the..." what?
	Whirlwind
20	Which Dutch dancer, who was executed in 1917, was given the code name H21 by the Germans?
	Mata Hari
21	US film-maker Joel Coen is married to which multi-award-winning US actress?
	Frances McDormand
22	In which decade were the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts (The Proms) founded?
	1890s (no leeway!)
23	To what post was Rob Polkinghorne appointed in December 2023?
	CEO of Cheshire East Council
24	The Venice Cup is a biennial world championship for women, in which activity?
	Bridge (the card game)
25	In which Puccini opera does the character Mimi appear?
	La Boh�me
26	Which football club did Harry Redknapp manage in his first managerial role between 1983-1992?
	AFC Bournemouth
27	Who wrote the children's book <i>Gangsta Granny</i> ?
	David Walliams
28	What was the female name of the hurricane that devastated New Orleans in September 2005?
	Katrina
29	Which organs of the body are affected by Bright's disease?
	Kidneys
30	Which record label was formed in 1983 by the <i>NME</i> journalist Paul Morley, the producer Trevor Horn, and his wife Jill Sinclair?
	ZTT Records
31	Which great soprano was nicknamed 'La Divina'?
	Maria Callas



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32	Which ancient Persian capital provides the title of a 2003 graphic memoir by Marjane Satrapi?
	Persepolis
33	Which Liverpoolian snooker player won his only world title in 1991, defeating Jimmy White in the final?
	John Parrott
34	The animator Oliver Postgate was the grandson of which 1930s Labour Party leader?
	George Lansbury
35	Which HBO comedy-drama series shares its name with a rebellion that took place in central China between 1796 and 1804?
	The White Lotus
36	Used by the ancient Romans, <i>giallo antico</i> is an ornamental type of which hard stone?
	Marble
37	In 1995, Juliette Binoche became the face of which French cosmetics house's perfume <i>Poème</i> ?
	Lancôme
38	Which word describes high volumes of unwanted creatures that are caught in fishing methods such as gillnetting?
	Bycatch
39	Which Welsh market town is the world's largest centre for the sale of antiquarian and second-hand books?
	Hay-on-Wye
40	Whose tent artwork <i>Everyone I Have Ever Slept With 1963-1995</i> was destroyed in the 2004 Momart warehouse fire?
	Tracey Emin
41	What is the main river in Baltimore, which flows into Chesapeake Bay
	The Patapsco River (who knew that before this week?)
42	In Music Hall, who was known as the Prime Minister of Mirth?
	George Robey
43	Following the 1963 Peerage Act, who was the first peer to renounce his title?
	Anthony Wedgewood Benn (accept Viscount Stansgate)
44	Which singer, in 1915, recorded the first million selling record?
	Enrico Caruso
45	Who did Will Smith punch at the Academy Awards ceremony in 2022?
	Chris Rock
46	Who led the half-time musical interlude at the 2024 Superbowl (Superbowl LVIII - fifty-eight)?
	Usher
47	There are four surviving original copies of Magna Carta. Two are in the British Library; name the location of one of the others.
	Lincoln Castle or Salisbury Cathedral



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48	What new award category is being introduced at the Academy Awards from 2026?
	Casting
49	What plant did Gregor Mendel use as the basis for his study of genetics?
	Pea
50	Who is the only British Prime Minister to have completed and been awarded a PhD?
	Gordon Brown
51	Why was Azhar Ali in the news recently?
	He was the candidate at the recent Rochdale by-election who was suspended by the Labour party before voting took place
52	Who recently took over from Roy Hodgson as manager of Crystal Palace?
	Oliver Glasner
53	Donald Trump has been charged with illegally pressuring officials to overturn his 2020 election loss by asking them to "just find 11,000 votes" in which US State?
	Georgia
54	George Galloway recently became the MP for Rochdale. Which party does he represent?
	The Workers Party of Great Britain (accept Workers Party)
55	Vladimir Putin became Russian leader for his third six-year term of office in 2012. Who was his immediate predecessor in that role?
	Dmitry Medvedev
56	Who is the current Minister for Business and Trade?
	Kemi Badenoch
57	Who is the current manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers (as of 23 March)?
	Gary O'Neil
58	Currently, how long is the term of office for the President of France?
	Five years (changed from seven years following a referendum in 2002)
59	Which Briton won the San Diego women's tennis championship last month?
	Katie Boulter
60	What was the title of the Rolling Stones' first UK Number One hit, in 1964?
	It's All Over Now
61	William Shakespeare died during the reign of which Stuart king?
	James I (in 1616)
62	Which US president (who lived from 1743 to 1826) features on America's two-dollar bill?
	Thomas Jefferson
63	Known for its Power Leggings, which women's activewear brand is named after a song by the Macc Lads?
	Sweaty Betty (founded in 1998 by Tamara and Simon Hill-Norton)
64	Michael Curtiz said, "Bring on the empty horses!" while directing which 1936 film?
	The Charge of the Light Brigade



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65	Which politician, whose grandson won the 1950 Nobel prize in literature, was the last Whig prime minister?
	Lord John Russell , 1st Earl Russell. The Nobel laureate is Bertrand Russell
66	Which English playwright was called "The great searcher of the human heart!" by Giuseppe Verdi?
	William Shakespeare
67	Roedean School is located on the outskirts of which English city?
	Brighton and Hove (accept Brighton)
68	What was the hottest room in an ancient Roman bath?
	The caldarium
69	Which line delineates Australian and Southeast Asian fauna, and is named after an English naturalist who lived from 1823 to 1913?
	The Wallace line (named after Alfred Russel Wallace)
70	England's first International Dark Sky Park opened in 2013, in which county?
	Northumberland
71	The Crooked House pub in South Staffordshire was partially destroyed by fire and then bulldozed illegally. The name of which brewery was displayed in big letters across its front?
	Banks's Ales
72	Complete the title of Stanley Kubrick's 1964 film <i>Dr. Strangelove ...</i>
	Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb
73	Thomas Edison reputedly said "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like ... " what?
	Work
74	Which 19 th century engineer devised an internal combustion engine that works without using a sparking plug?
	Rudolph Diesel
75	On which canal system in England would you pass through the Harecastle tunnel?
	The Trent & Mersey (at Kidsgrove)
76	What was codenamed Operation Golden Orb in 2023?
	The coronation of King Charles III
77	Which famous 19 th century engineer, born in Stockport, had an accepted standard for screw threads and a major Manchester street named after him?
	Joseph Whitworth
78	Which Scottish island is separated from the mainland by the Sound of Sleat?
	Skye
79	What Shadow Cabinet role is currently held by Yvette Cooper?
	Shadow Home Secretary
80	In <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> , what is Mr. Darcy's first name?
	Fitzwilliam



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81	Which French chef invented Peach Melba, at the Savoy Hotel in the 1890s?
	Auguste Escoffier
82	In Six Nations rugby, what's the minimum number of tries that a team must score to get a bonus point?
	Four
83	Chioma Nnadi is the new head of editorial content at which British fashion magazine?
	Vogue
84	Which arch-enemy of Flash Gordon is the evil emperor of the planet Mongo?
	Ming the Merciless
85	What surname was taken by all ten of the illegitimate children fathered by William IV with his mistress Dorothea Jordan?
	FitzClarence (William IV was Prince William, Duke of Clarence)
86	Which anthem by Felix Mendelssohn features the line: "O for the wings, for the wings of a dove!"?
	Hear My Prayer
87	Livorno is the most important port city in which Italian region?
	Tuscany
88	Which Ulster Unionist MP for South Down, from 1974 to 1987, was a Professor of Greek?
	Enoch Powell
89	In which 1935 novel by Enid Bagnold does a 14-year-old girl win a horse named The Piebald in a raffle?
	National Velvet
90	Richard BurrIDGE wrote the 1992 book <i>The Grey Horse: The True Story of</i> which racehorse?
	Desert Orchid
91	What is the name of the helicopter landed on Mars by NASA in 2021?
	Ingenuity
92	What's the common name of the bird <i>Branta canadensis</i> ?
	The Canada goose
93	Who wrote the Wombles books?
	Elisabeth Beresford
94	Who became US President following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln?
	Andrew Johnson
95	Which gas is the main constituent of the atmosphere of the planet Venus?
	Carbon dioxide
96	At the 1924 Olympics, which athlete won the 1500 m and 5,000 m (held with only an hour between them) and the cross-country run?
	Paavo Nurmi of Finland
97	Which Disney film features the song <i>When You Wish Upon a Star</i> ?
	Pinocchio



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98	The Laerdal Tunnel, at 24.51 kilometres the world's longest road tunnel, is in which country? Norway (on the road from Oslo to Bergen)
99	<i>An Enemy of the People</i> is an 1882 play by which playwright? Henrik Ibsen
100	The 2024 Eurovision Song Contest will be held in which country? Sweden (in Malmo)
101	Which element has the lowest density of all metals? Lithium
102	Who is the wife of John McEnroe, who duetted on the 1992 song <i>Sometimes Love Just Ain't Enough</i> with Don Henley? Patti Smith
103	Which Indian tennis player played an MI6 operative in the Bond film <i>Octopussy</i> ? Vijay Amritraj
104	Italy's Acerbo Law, of 1923, gave which political party a majority in the chamber of deputies? The Fascist Party (National Fascist Party, or PNF)
105	Who, at number 3, was the highest-ranked woman in the BBC's 2002 list of 100 Greatest Britons? Diana , Princess of Wales
106	The name of Gavin Schmidt and Adam Frank's Silurian hypothesis references a reptilian race in which BBC show? Doctor Who (the Silurians first appeared in a 1970 serial)
107	Mdina Glass is made in which Mediterranean country? Malta
108	Adam LeBor's 2013 book <i>Tower of Basel</i> is an investigative history of which bank, created in 1930? Bank for International Settlements or BIS
109	Before his death in 1329, which king asked Sir James Douglas to carry his heart to the Holy Land? Robert the Bruce , however Sir James died fighting the Moors in Spain in 1330
110	Who was the first Spanish tennis player to win the Ladies' Singles title at Wimbledon? Conchita Martinez , in 1994
111	Who shared a Best Original Song Oscar with Andrew Lloyd Webber for the song <i>You Must Love Me</i> ? Tim Rice (it features in the film <i>Evita</i>)
112	Worleys Mendip Hills, Sheppy's Vintage Reserve and Perry's Redstreak are types of what? Cider
113	The 2010 film <i>Outland</i> , starring Sean Connery, is set on a moon of which planet? Jupiter (the moon was Io)

114	In Thomas Hardy's novels, how was Michael Henchard better known?
	The Mayor of Casterbridge
115	What was the title of Jia Yinghua's 1992 biography of Sun Yaoting, who died in 1996?
	The Last Eunuch of China
116	<i>The Eye in the Door</i> (1993) is the middle novel in which historical trilogy by Pat Barker?
	The Regeneration trilogy
117	Mitzi Del Bra and Felicia Jollygoodfellow are drag queens in which Australian film, released in 1994?
	The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert . They are played, respectively, by Hugo Weaving and Guy Pearce
118	In the Harry Potter films, who replaced Richard Harris in the role of Dumbledore?
	Michael Gambon
119	Mrs. Doasyouwouldbedoneby features in which 1863 children's novel by Charles Kingsley?
	The Water-Babies
120	Who wrote the 1906 narrative poem <i>The Highwayman</i> ?
	Alfred Noyes

Supplementaries:

1	What is the most abundant rare-earth element?
	Cerium
2	The demon Chernobog appears in which tone poem by Modest Mussorgsky?
	A Night on the Bare Mountain or Night on Bald Mountain
3	Which Stretford-born artist painted <i>The Procession passing the Queen Victoria Memorial, Coronation</i> in 1953?
	L. S. Lowry
4	The Rock of Gibraltar is mostly made of which sedimentary rock?
	Limestone

Tie Breakers:

1	What was the cost of a 30-second national commercial at the 2024 Superbowl (Number LVIII – fifty-eight)?
	7 million US dollars
2	According to McDonalds' official website, how many calories are in a regular Big Mac?
	550

Dumb Britain Supplementaries:

If used, accept the correct answers only.

1	For whose funeral in 1806 is the Times believed to have produced its first ever illustration?
	Lord Nelson (not Margaret Thatcher)
2	By what forename was the writer Jean Murdoch better known?
	Iris (not Rupert)
3	Which 20 th century British composer wrote the music for <i>Peter Grimes</i> and <i>Albert Herring</i> ?
	Benjamin Britten (not Tim Minchin)
4	Which German religious reformer had daughters called Margaret and Magdalena?
	Martin Luther (not 'the Pope')
5	Which 19 th century philosopher and MP, whose surname began with M, had the Christian names John Stuart?
	Mill (not Marx)
6	The Australian newspaper abbreviated to SMH is the Sydney Morning ... what?
	Herald (not Harbour)
7	In 2019, which nonagenarian became the oldest living US president (as last month)
	Jimmy Carter (not Barack Obama)
8	What was the Christian name of the Italian composer Puccini, born in 1858?
	Giacomo (not Vivaldi)
9	Which Hanoverian king of England died in 1727?
	George I (not Wenceslas)