

BLOHARDS TEST-1990

1. Bill Buckner has been signed by the Red Sox as first base insurance. This means:
 - a. His agent told him it was possible to collect permanent disability benefits and a salary at the same time.
 - b. The Red Sox fear Carlos Quintana will make errors in clutch situations.
 - c. Dave Stapleton was considered over-the-hill.
 - d. The Red Sox are looking to improve their "stolen bases attempted" totals.

2. Interviewed about the coming season, Sparky Anderson said
 - a. "If Torey Lovullo don't get hurt, ain't no reason we can't not disappoint ourselves."
 - b. "Nothin' worse than a manager who don't get respect. I tell you this, I can look at myself in the mirror."
 - c. "We lost the pennant last year 'cause we couldn't make relays from the outfield."
 - d. "Pitchin' don't mean nothin'. Baserunnin's what wins pennants."

3. Oil Can Boyd is now in Montreal. He told a local paper that
 - a. "There's no French Quarter. They use francs."
 - b. "I'll make these dudes forget Pascual Perez."
 - c. "They love me in Montreal already. I saw a sign outside a restaurant, 'Can Can here'".
 - d. "La plume est sur la table, baby."

4. What was the central issue in the baseball contract impasse?
 - a. Whether collusion is permissible with respect to players having between two and three years' service in the big leagues.
 - b. Whether T.V. networks would permit the lockout to extend beyond their "sweeps" period.
 - c. Whether Don Fehr will be admitted to Marvin Miller's law firm when it becomes time for him to get a real job.
 - d. Whether baseball's anti-trust exemption applies to a situation where no trust exists in the first place.

5. Latin players frequently have difficulty exiting their home countries at the beginning of spring training. Why is this?
 - a. Their jewelry queers the airport security system, thereby cancelling all flights out.
 - b. Their agents insist upon a commission for arranging their escapes.
 - c. They lack F.D.A. clearance.
 - d. All the calendars blew away in the last hurricane.

6. Rich Gedman is working on a new swing. What is unique about it?
 - a. He can now pull the ball, but can no longer escape sand traps as he could with his former swing.
 - b. As his shoulders turn to the right, his head pivots in the opposite direction.
 - c. It is identical to the technique Walt Hriniak uses while watering his lawn.
 - d. Gedman batted a solid .278 this winter while using the swing in games against his four-year old son.

7. George Steinbrenner has vowed to "get more involved" this season. From this we can assume:
 - a. Howie Spira will be offered the managing job at least once.
 - b. Spira will turn the job down, pleading a need to attend to more lucrative pursuits.
 - c. Gene Michael will be bribed to say nasty things about Bucky Dent...for publication.
 - d. Michael will deny the bribery to the Daily News, while a Yankee "source" confirms it to the Post.

8. The Fenway bleacher crowd doesn't have Bob Stanley to kick around any more. What can we expect from them this year?
 - a. The Louise Day Hicks Memorial "wave", incorporating the honoree's original language.
 - b. The use of the Fenway Frank as a phallic symbol.
 - c. Various chants in praise of friendly Northeastern coeds.
 - d. Various chants demanding physically impossible acts.

9. The Red Sox had zero ninth inning comeback wins last year. This might have been because:
 - a. Eddie Jurak is no longer available as a pinch-hitter.
 - b. In previous years, the win totals of the relief pitchers were embarrassing to the starters.
 - c. The Red Sox play in a pitchers' ball park.
 - d. With Spike Owen in Montreal, there were no power hitters remaining to bat for Jim Rice.

10. Which of the following is not true about the opening-day BLOHARDS bus trip?
 - a. A motion to censure the BLOHARDS at the annual convention of M.A.D.D. failed by only one vote.
 - b. In the event of rain, tickets are not refundable but may be exchanged for a future trip upon payment of \$50.
 - c. All possible financial losses resulting from a rainout appear on the BLOHARDS' financial statements under "Reserve for Precipitation."
 - d. An attempt by the I.R.S. to audit the BLOHARDS was not pressed when no one would admit to being a member.