

# StrictlyDB quiz 2023

The ultimate Strictly fans quiz

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Alex Scott

D

Lauren Steadman

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C

Chelsee Healey & Pasha

D

Gethin Jones & Camilla

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A

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Edwina Currie

C

Jacqui Smith

D

Ann Widdecombe

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C

Ella Fitzgerald

D

Whitney Houston

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Brendan Cole

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Graziano Di Palma

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Karen Hauer

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Ola Jordan

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Giovanni Pernice

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Mark Ramprakash & Karen

B

Matt Baker & Aliona

C

Abbey Clancy & Aljaž

D

Danny Mac & Oti

15

Which four winners here took home the Glitterball despite being bottom of the Final Leaderboard?

A

Natasha Kaplinsky, Alesha Dixon, Tom Chambers & Stacey Dooley

B

Darren Gough, Alesha Dixon, Kara Tointon & Stacey Dooley

C

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18

Which of these is the highest number?

A

The number of tens awarded to Anton, between Series 1 and 18

B

The number of tens awarded by Anton in Series 18

C

The number of tens awarded by Anton in Series 19

D

The number of tens awarded by Anton in Series 20

19

Who is the last celebrity to receive a score of '1' from Craig Revel-Horwood?

A

James Cracknell

B

Jeremy Vine

C

Rev Richard Coles

D

Susanna Constantine

20

Which of these male professionals actually danced with 3 different female celebrities in one Series by standing in for other Pros when they were injured?

A

Anton du Beke

B

Kevin Clifton

C

Brendan Cole

D

Neil Jones

21

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B

Cricket and Football

C

Athletics and Rugby

D

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10

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11

23

Which guest judge has awarded the most number of tens?

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Cynthia Erivo

C

Donny Osmond

D

Jennifer Grey

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Caroline Flack

C

Ashley Roberts

D

Faye Tozer

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Pixie Lott

C

Saffron Barker

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Dianne Buswell

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C

Natalie Lowe

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Oti Mabuse

28

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Gorka Marquez

B

James Jordan

C

Kristina Rihanoff

D

Vincent Simone

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Erin Boag

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Brendan Cole

C

Karen Hauer

D

James Jordan

30

How many Champions have been professional musicians or singers?

A

Two

B

Three

C

Four

D

Five

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# 2023 Quiz answers

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1

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C

Six

Georgia, Laura (joint top), Debbie, Faye (joint top), Michelle and Rose

2

Which sportswoman has made it the furthest in the competition to date?

B

Denise Lewis

Denise Lewis, dancing with Ian Waite, is the only sportswoman who has made it to the Final of Strictly. This was in Series 2 back in 2004. They finished in 2nd place behind Jill Halfpenny & Darren. Alex Scott made it to the Quarter-finals with Neil in Series 17; Lauren Steadman danced as far as the Semi-finals in 2018 with AJ and Claudia Fragapane also made the Semi-final with AJ in Series 14.

3

Which of these four speciality dances was the first to be introduced to the Show?

A

American Smooth

The American Smooth was introduced in Series 3, 2005 first danced on the show by Colin Jackson & Erin (shown here). The Argentine Tango and Salsa were both introduced the following year in 2006 (Argentine Tango danced first by Emma Bunton & Darren and Salsa danced first by Louisa Lytton & Vincent). The Charleston appeared in Series 7, 2009 danced first by Chris Hollins & Ola.

4

Annabel donned green face paint to dance as Elphaba from Wicked this Series. In earlier Series, which of the following couples have **not** performed with one or both partners sporting green faces?

D

Gethin Jones & Camilla

Gethin & Camilla took part in Series 5 back in 2007 before the Halloween Week special was introduced in Series 8 (2010). They did, however, dance an American Smooth to 'The Green, Green Grass of Home' but were not painted green when they did so!



5

Which politician or former politician made it to the Quarter-final of Strictly Come Dancing?

D

Ann Widdecombe

Anton has made it to the Quarter-finals six times and it is true that one of these was with Ann Widdecombe. They were finally eliminated that night after dancing (if you can call it that) an American Smooth to 'Hello Dolly'.

6

Including those who went on to become permanent judges, how many different **guest judges** have there been on Strictly over the years?

B

Six

These are: Alfonso Ribeiro, Anton Du Beke, Cynthia Erivo, Darcey Bussell, Donny Osmond and Jennifer Grey. Both Darcey and Anton appeared as guest judges before joining permanently.

7

Layton & Nikita received the first perfect score of the 2023 Series for their Moulin Rouge Paso Doble. Who is the only other male celebrity to have received a perfect score of 40 in Musicals Week?

C

Karim Zeroual

Karim received a perfect score for his Hairspray Jive with Amy. Jay (with Aliona) scored 39 for his Rumba; Kelvin (with Oti) was awarded 39 for his American Smooth and Danny (with Oti) scored 38 for his Tango.

8

Who are the only three celebrities to receive three 'perfect' scores in a Strictly Final?

D

Ashley Roberts, Caroline Flack & Faye Tozer

Ashley Roberts and Faye Tozer both scored 120/120 points in the Series 16 Final, but still lost out to Stacey Dooley & Kevin. Caroline Flack had scored 120/120 four years previously when she won in 2014 (Series 12). Danny Mac scored 116/120 in Series 14, Fleur East scored 119/120 in Series 20 and Maisie Smith earned a total of 88/90 in Series 18. Lisa Snowden scored 80/80, however the Showdance wasn't scored back in Series 6.

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B

Charleston

There have been 12 perfect Charlestons, 9 top-scoring Couple's Choice routines, 7 faultless Quicksteps but only 2 40-scoring Cha Cha Chas on the show.

10

Songs by which female artist have accompanied the most Strictly dances?

D

Whitney Houston

Whitney is most definitely the Queen of the Strictly Ballroom. To date, her songs have been used for 26 individual dances, including 3 Showdances and also one group dance performed in the Final of Series 9. The most used of her songs is 'Run to You' from the 1992 soundtrack to the movie 'The Bodyguard'.

11

Appearing in Christmas Specials can mean different partners for celebrities who also performed in a main series. Louis Smith won with Flavia but danced with Aliona at Christmas, and Harry Judd won with Aliona but danced with Joanne at Christmas. Debbie McGee partnered Giovanni in Series 15, but who did she win 2019's Christmas special with?

A

Kevin Clifton

Kevin Clifton. Debbie won the Christmas special with Kevin after dancing a perfect Quickstep to Jingle Bells by Michael Bublé.

12

Excluding group routines such as Waltz-a-thons, Anton du Beke and Brendan Cole have performed the most dances (Anton - 127, Brendan - 120). Which Pro has the 3rd highest number of routines performed?

B

Karen Hauer

Karen Hauer has danced 99 times since joining in 2012. Her former husband Kevin danced 95. Giovanni has also performed 95 since joining in 2015 and Ola Jordan danced 75 times in her time on the show.

13

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D

Harry Judd, Simon Webbe,  
Louise Redknapp and  
Debbie McGee

Harry & Aliona danced their Argentine Tango in the Series 9 Final; Simon & Kristina in Series 12; Louise & Kevin performed their routine two years later in the Series 14 Final and Debbie & Giovanni in Series 15. All four dances scored 40 points. Since coming up with this question, Layton & Nikita went on to maintain their perfect record scoring 40 in the Final!

14

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D

Danny Mac & Oti

Danny Mac & Oti danced two perfect Sambas just 3 weeks apart in Series 14, in Week 10 and in the Final.

15

Which four winners here took home the Glitterball despite being bottom of the Final Leaderboard?

D

Darren Gough, Tom Chambers, Jay McGuiness & Stacey Dooley

It is also true that Darren, Tom, Jay and Stacey never achieved a perfect score in their time on the show. Natasha, Alesha and Kara all topped their Final week leaderboard but like these 4 champions a perfect score eluded them.

16

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A

Four

Alesha, Abbey, Caroline & Ore (twice). Natasha is the other champion to have been in the 'Bottom two' (in Series 1), but the dance-off was not introduced until Series 5 in 2007.

17

It was certain after the 2023 Semi-Final that an actor would lift the Glitterball - making this celebrity background the most successful in terms of numbers of Strictly Champions. Including Ellie, how many actors have won?

C

Seven

The seven actors who have won Strictly are: Jill Halfpenny (Series 2), Tom Chambers (Series 6), Kara Tointon (Series 8), Joe McFadden (Series 15), Kelvin Fletcher (Series 17), Rose Ayling-Ellis (Series 19) and Ellie Leach (Series 21).

18

Which of these is the highest number?

D

The number of tens awarded by Anton in Series 20

Anton received 15 'tens' as a dancer on the show. He awarded 3 as a guest judge in Series 18, 22 as a judge in Series 19, and 33 as a judge in Series 20. Reveal.

19

Who is the last celebrity to receive a score of '1' from Craig Revel-Horwood?

D

Susanna Constantine

Susanna - dancing with Anton - received two 1s from Craig in Series 16 (2018) for her Samba (Week 1) and Foxtrot (Week 2). James Cracknell danced the following year but his lowest score from Craig was '2', which was also Craig's lowest score for Rev Richard Coles and Jeremy Vine in 2017 and 2015 respectively.

20

Which of these male professionals actually danced with 3 different female celebrities in one Series by standing in for other Pros when they were injured?

C

Brendan Cole

In Series 9 Brendan was partnered with singer Lulu; after they were eliminated in Week 6 he went on to stand in for Artem and dance with Holly Valance in Week 7, then in Week 9 he danced with Anita Dobson when Robin Windsor was injured and was eliminated again!

21

Which two sporting disciplines have provided the most contestants?

C

Athletics and Rugby

With 8 contestants each, Athletics and Rugby have provided the most Strictly Come Dancing competitors, although neither sport has delivered a Champion. Cricket does the best here with Darren Gough (dancing with Lilia Kopylova) and Mark Ramprakash (dancing with Karen Hardy) both lifting the Glitterball in 2005 and 2006 respectively.

22

Quentin Wilson, from Series 2, holds the record for the lowest ever score for a dance on Strictly. But what total score out of 40 did he receive?

A

8

Quentin received scores of 1 from Craig and Arlene, and 3 from Len and Bruno. His professional partner - Hazel Newberry - holds a different Strictly record, being the only Pro dancer to have performed just one judged dance on the show!

23

Which guest judge has awarded the most number of tens?

B

Cynthia Erivo

Jennifer awarded no tens; Donny one (to Frankie & Kevin); Alfonso one (to Saffron & AJ); and Cynthia three (to Rose & Giovanni, Tilly & Nikita, and John & Johannes).

24

Which female celebrity has been awarded the most perfect total scores on the Show?

C

Ashley Roberts

Ashley was awarded five 40s, and has the highest average score of all contestants on Strictly. Rose, Caroline and Faye all have four 40s. Rose holds the record for the earliest 40 in Strictly history with her Week 6 Tango; Ashley & Faye both achieved total perfect scores of 120 for their 3 dances in the Final of 2018 in which an astounding 39 of the 48 individual scores awarded were 10s. Caroline achieved her 4 perfect scores on the trot - her Salsa in the 2014 Semi-final, followed by a perfect Cha Cha Cha, Showdance and Charleston in the Final.

25

Who is the only celebrity to have both received a perfect score, and been eliminated before the Semi-Final?

D

Tilly Ramsay

Tilly, who received a 40 in Week 9, and was eliminated in Week 10.

26

Which is the most performed dance style on Strictly Come Dancing?

A

Cha Cha Cha

There have been 233 Cha Cha Chas. Of these four styles, the next highest is the Quickstep (207), then Tango (193) and lastly the Waltz (172).

27

Prior to Jowita in 2022, who was the last female professional to reach the Final with their first celebrity partner?

C

Natalie Lowe

Natalie, who reached the final with Ricky Whittle in her debut series in 2009. Dianne, Katya and Oti all made the final in their second series.

28

Who is the only professional dancer to have appeared in at least three Finals, and never won the Glitterball?

A

Gorka Marquez

Gorka, who reached the Final with Alexandra, Maisie and Helen. The other three have reached the Final twice; James (with Pamela & Denise), Kristina (with Jason & Simon), Vincent (with Rachel & Dani).

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Anton du Beke shares the undesirable title of “Most Bottom 2 Placements” with one other Pro dancer - they have both appeared 28 times in the Bottom 2. Who is the other half of this unfortunate duo?

B

Brendan Cole

As Brendan actually danced fewer routines on the show than Anton, he is the male Pro dancer with the worst record in terms of the percentage of his dances ending up in the bottom 2 (23.3%). Karen Hauer tops the overall list with 26 of her 99 performances landing in the Bottom 2 (26.2%).

30

How many Champions have been professional musicians or singers?

B

Three

The winners with a professional musical background are Alesha Dixon (Series 5), Harry Judd (Series 9) and Jay McGuiness (Series 13)

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