

A Pop Quiz for Things Learned at Sochi 2014

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You've just spent two weeks of your life watching things you won't even think about for another four years. But how much did you really learn? Here's a pop quiz.

What was the biggest controversy in figure skating?

- a. Johnny Weir committing a fashion faux pas by mixing a hairpiece of yellow flowers with a champagne dinner jacket.
- b. An ice dancer being disqualified when she accidentally jumped.
- c. Somebody actually thinking they could explain the scoring.

Why don't NHL owners want their players in the Olympics?

- a. They disrespect the game by not allowing players to punch each other in the face.

- b. NHL fans are beginning to realize there's a lot of Russians playing on their favorite teams.
- c. It makes people pay far too much attention to hockey.

What new sports debuted in Sochi?

- a. The non-Nordic combined, where ice dancers race each other in short track, then have their outfits judged by Johnny Weir.
- b. Stray dog catching.
- c. The traditional Russian whipping contest, won in a medal sweep by the Cossacks.

Who are the breakout stars of the Games, according to social media?

- a. Luger Kate Hansen and her hall-roaming wolf.
- b. Lolo Jones, who keeps getting noticed for all the wrong reasons.
- c. Bobsledder Johnny Quinn for gold in bathroom door smashing.

Why was women's hockey popular?

- a. Russians discovered their women players can all score more than Alexander Ovechkin.
- b. In an age of parity, people like to see only two teams with a chance at the gold.
- c. With a collapse for the ages, the U.S. team finally figured out way to make it interesting.

What did President Vladimir Putin gain most for himself from the games?

- a. His presidential mansion in Sochi is now worth more because there's a vacant hockey arena nearby.
- b. He gets to keep all three mascots.
- c. He bolstered his image as a lovable and benign ruler.

Where should they hold future Winter Olympic Games?

- a. On a mountaintop in Nepal where security won't be an issue.
- b. Costa Rica.
- c. Any place with a benevolent ruler with \$51 billion to spare.

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