

Viral Sports Moments & Pop Culture Trends: Japan's Latest Sports Buzz!

Japan Sports · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which popular sports anime, focusing on soccer, features a radical program to find the world's best striker after Japan's national team underperforms?

- A) Haikyuu!!
- B) Blue Lock**
- C) Slam Dunk
- D) Run With the Wind

2. Japanese figure skater Shoma Uno's witty and often viral quotes have gained significant attention. Which of the following is NOT a quote attributed to him?

- A) "I don't know if this is a perm. It was like this when I woke up."
- B) "Is Pyeongchang in Korea?"
- C) "I think I eat salad once a year."
- D) "I want to be the best in the world."**

3. In January 2025, the Japanese esports organization Reject announced the launch of a new team for which popular game?

- A) Valorant
- B) Counter-Strike 2
- C) League of Legends**
- D) Dota 2

4. Which Japanese women's volleyball player is set to join Imoco Volley Conegliano in Italy for the 2024-2025 club season?

- A) Kotoe Inoue
- B) Tamaki Matsui
- C) Nanami Seki**
- D) Aki Momii

5. The J.League is a professional domestic soccer league in Japan that revolutionized the sport's popularity. What is the nickname of the Japanese national soccer team?

- A) The Samurai
- B) The Blue Dragons
- C) The Samurai Blue**
- D) The Rising Sun

6. What controversial incident involving Nagoya Mayor Takashi Kawamura and a softball player's gold medal occurred after the Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

- A) He accidentally broke the medal.
- B) He bit the gold medal without permission.**
- C) He swapped the gold medal for a bronze.
- D) He publicly criticized the athlete's performance.

7. Which viral trend involves a 12-year-old Japanese gaming influencer planning to quit school to pursue esports full-time, sparking debate?

- A) The rise of VTubers in esports
- B) A young gamer's path to professional esports**
- C) The impact of AI on gaming
- D) The growth of mobile gaming in Japan

8. The Japanese women's national soccer team, Nadeshiko Japan, recently decided to scrap white shorts from its uniform. What was the primary reason for this change?

- A) To match the men's team's uniform color.
- B) Player concerns over period anxiety and see-through issues.**
- C) A new sponsorship deal with a sportswear brand.
- D) To improve aerodynamics during matches.

9. Which sport is consistently cited as Japan's most popular in 2024 and is considered a national pastime?

- A) Sumo
- B) Soccer
- C) Baseball**
- D) Martial Arts

10. In the context of sports anime, which series follows Shoyo Hinata, a short but determined high school boy who dreams of becoming a top volleyball player?

- A) Blue Lock
- B) Slam Dunk
- C) Haikyuu!!**
- D) Kuroko's Basketball