

Historical Milestones in World Sports

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1. Who was the first athlete to win a gold medal in the modern Olympic Games in 1896?

- A) James Connolly
- B) Robert Garrett
- C) Thomas Burke
- D) Ellery Clark

2. In which year were the first Winter Olympic Games officially held?

- A) 1920
- B) 1924
- C) 1928
- D) 1932

3. Which country hosted the very first FIFA World Cup in 1930?

- A) Brazil
- B) Italy
- C) Uruguay
- D) Argentina

4. Who is the only tennis player to have achieved a 'Golden Slam' by winning all four majors and an Olympic gold in the same calendar year?

- A) Serena Williams
- B) Steffi Graf
- C) Roger Federer
- D) Rafael Nadal

5. What was the original material used to make the ball in the ancient Mesoamerican ballgame?

- A) Stone
- B) Animal hide
- C) Hardened rubber
- D) Wood

6. Which athlete won a record 23 Olympic gold medals during their career?

- A) Usain Bolt
- B) Carl Lewis
- C) Michael Phelps
- D) Mark Spitz

7. The 'Miracle on Ice' refers to the 1980 Olympic victory of which nation's ice hockey team over the Soviet Union?

- A) Canada
- B) Sweden
- C) Finland
- D) United States

8. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, an achievement often celebrated in sports aviation history?

- A) Bessie Coleman
- B) Amelia Earhart
- C) Jacqueline Cochran
- D) Harriet Quimby

9. Which sport was removed from the Olympic program after the 1900 Games and did not return for over a century?

- A) Rugby
- B) Cricket
- C) Lacrosse
- D) Polo

10. What is the name of the trophy awarded to the winner of the annual Australia vs England cricket Test series?

- A) The Ashes
- B) The Bledisloe Cup
- C) The Davis Cup
- D) The Calcutta Cup

11. In 1954, who became the first person to run a mile in under four minutes?

- A) John Landy
- B) Roger Bannister
- C) Jim Ryun
- D) Sebastian Coe

12. How many rings are featured on the official Olympic flag representing the continents?

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 6
- D) 7