

# Finals

## Regulation

(Tossup 1) In March, this creature tweeted that “Roses are red / The rumors are true” and informed his colleagues that “I’m better than you” after a players poll voted him number one in the league. This creature’s biography calls him a “bully,” which may be why he has knocked Santa over the head with a wreath, physically thrown a child into the penalty (+) box, and warned the Pittsburgh Penguin to “sleep with one eye open tonight, bird.” According to legend, this creature can blow smoke out of his ears and was discovered living in the (\*) Wells Fargo Center during renovations in the summer of 2018, after which he joined Franklin, Swoop, and the Phanatic among his city’s sports mascots. For the point, name this NHL mascot who represents the Philadelphia Flyers, a Muppet-like orange monster.

ANSWER: Gritty (prompt on descriptions of the mascot for the Philadelphia Flyers before mentioned)

(Tossup 2) On an episode of this show, the hosts sing about a “a deputized law en-horse-ment officer” and about a “ghost horse” who “flies through the air, of course” in a song whose lyrics were written by Lin-Manuel Miranda. A six-episode Seeso show based on this show includes a live-action edition of the “Haunted (+) Doll Watch,” one of this show’s recurring features along with the “Munch Squad.” This show closes with an admonition to “kiss your dad square on the lips” and opens by reminding the (\*) listening audience that the hosts “are not experts, and their advice should never be followed.” For the point, name this podcast that offers advice for the “modren era” [MOD-ren era] from Justin, Travis, and “sweet baby” Griffin McElroy, the title siblings.

ANSWER: My Brother, My Brother, and Me (accept MBMBAM [“mah-BIM-bam” or spelled out])

(Tossup 3) After being subbed off in a game against Turkey, this player left the stadium before the match ended and ate a hamburger, leading to a minor scandal known as “Burgergate.” This man was the first non-French player to win France’s Young Player of the Year award, doing so twice, from 2009-2011, while playing alongside Michel Bastos and (+) Gervinho at Lille. Soon after leaving Lille, this midfielder was joined by his brother Thorgan at his new club, which also employed his countrymen (\*) Thibaut Courtois [tee-boh core-TWAH] and Romelu Lukaku. For the point, name this captain of Belgium’s national team, an attacking midfielder who is rumored to be leaving Chelsea for Real Madrid this summer.

ANSWER: Eden (Michael) Hazard

(Tossup 4) In this state, a man known as “Lazarus Lake” organizes the nearly-impossible Barkley Marathons and the “Big Backyard Ultra,” a race that only ends after all runners but one drop out. A minor league baseball team in this state was known as the Diamond Jaxx until 2010; that (+) Diamondbacks Double-A affiliate competes in the Southern League against the Lookouts and (\*) Smokies, who are also based in this state. A 36-degree bank once characterized the turns at this state’s Bristol Motor Speedway. This state’s lone NBA team kept its mascot when it moved here from Vancouver. For the point, name this state that is home to the Grizzlies, Predators, and the NFL’s Titans.

ANSWER: Tennessee

(Tossup 5) This trade directly resulted in LaVar Arrington being drafted by Washington second overall the following year. On the day that this trade was completed, the man who engineered it popped up on stage wearing a dreadlocks wig, and he later appeared in a (+) tuxedo on the cover of *ESPN: the Magazine* next to the main subject of this trade in a wedding dress. This trade ultimately led to the end of Mike Ditka’s coaching career, as (\*) New Orleans fired him after the ensuing season. For the point, name this legendarily lopsided trade in which the Saints gave away their entire 1999 draft for one pretty good rookie running back.

ANSWER: the Ricky Williams trade (prompt on descriptions of pretty much anything described in the second half of the tossup, if given by the player before you read it)

(Tossup 6) In an expansion to this game, the protagonist works with CYAN and Ourea to defend against the corrupted HEPHAESTUS. In this game, Ashly Burch voices Elisabet Sobeck, one of the Old Ones who created this game’s namesake program before dying in defense of GAIA. (+) *The Frozen Wilds* expansion added the Traveller skill to this game, whose protagonist uses a Focus to contact Sylens, and is saved by (\*) Rost after she overcomes her status as an outcast to become a brave of the Nora tribe. For the point, name this 2017 PS4 adventure game by Guerrilla, in which Aloy [AY-loy] uses incredibly satisfying bow mechanics to hunt robotic animals in a post-apocalyptic world.

ANSWER: Horizon Zero Dawn

(Tossup 7) Before being drafted, this man stated his goals included owning a tiger like Mike Tyson, dating Jennifer Aniston, and “posterizing Kristaps Porzingis.” A song about this man by Jason Gallagher and Isaac Lee from (+) *The Ringer* states that “He’s colder than a tall glass of kombucha” and chastises the “baffling Kings” for taking Marvin (\*) Bagley over this man. The Atlanta Hawks acquired Trae Young in part by drafting this player 3rd overall in 2018 for his current team, where he was mentored by Dirk Nowitzki. For the point, name this Slovenian star for the Dallas Mavericks.

ANSWER: Luka Doncic

(Tossup 8) This network is home to podcasts like *Thirst Aid Kit* and *Another Round*, and to a female general interest show co-hosted by Devin Lytle and Quinta Brunson. In 2018, four producers from this online network split from this company to independently perform tasks like eating everything at Taco Bell and experiencing simulated labor pain. Another show on this network replaced co-host (+) Brent Bennett with the creator of the *Hotdaga*, Shane Madej [mah-DAY], who gained meme recognition for announcing “hey there demons, it’s me, ya boi” while investigating a (\*) haunted house with supernatural believer Ryan Bergara. *Ladylike*, *The Try Guys*, and *Unsolved* are shows on, for the point, what online news and entertainment network famed for its listicles and quizzes?

ANSWER: BuzzFeed

(Tossup 9) In September 2016, this left-handed hitter led off a game against Bartolo Colon in the right-handed batters’ box, wearing a helmet backward for one pitch, before switching back. In April 2016, this player received an 80-game ban after testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs; two years later, he moved from the (+) outfield to second base after Robinson Cano received an 80-game drug ban. This player hit his only home run of the 2016 season in the (\*) Marlins’ first plate appearance after the death of Jose Fernandez. For the point, name this current Seattle Mariner, a three-time league leader in steals for the Marlins and Dodgers.

ANSWER: Devaris “Dee” Gordon

(Tossup 10) This man’s son directed an adaption of *Tales from Earthsea* whose plot was criticized by Ursula K. Le Guin, as her books “offer no simple answers to simplistic questions.” This director is currently working on *How Do You Live?*, a film he hopes will serve as a loving (+) goodbye to his grandchild. The greed of humanity following a 1980s economic bubble inspired this man to create a film where a girl’s parents are turned into pigs after eating food meant for the (\*) spirits. In a film by this man, Sophie is transformed into an old woman by the Witch of the Waste which causes her to seek employment in Howl’s Moving Castle. Studio Ghibli was founded by, for the point, what Japanese director of *Spirited Away*?

ANSWER: Miyazaki Hayao (accept names in either order)

(Tossup 11) Minor questgivers in this game include Face McShooty, whose quest predictably fails if you shoot him in the chest or limbs. The villain of this game introduces himself by gloating that he “just bought a pony made of diamonds, because I’m rich.” The opening tutorial for this game features motivational speeches like “Well done, (+) minion! Your ability to walk short distances without dying will be Handsome Jack’s downfall!” given by Claptrap. (\*) Vault Hunters like the Siren and Gunzerker are playable characters in, For the point, what 2012 Gearbox first-person shooter, the second game in a series whose third installment was announced in March 2019?

ANSWER: Borderlands 2 (prompt on Borderlands after “second game” is read; do not prompt on Borderlands before then)

(Tossup 12) [NOTE TO MODERATOR read “Partick Thistle” carefully, as it is not a typo.] One soccer team in this country will finish the 2018-2019 season with negative points in the final table, having received a nine-point deduction in a season where its goal difference is below negative 200. Another team in this European country drew mixed reactions in 2015 for the debut of its terrifying “sun” mascot, (+) “Kingsley.” The national stadium of this country, despite its capacity of almost 52,000, averages attendances of roughly 600 for its only club tenant, Queen’s Park. This home of Fort William and Partick Thistle is also the location of a local derby between clubs known as (\*) “Hearts” and “Hibs.” In the 121-year history of this country’s top league, all but nineteen of the championships have been won by a pair of local rivals known as the “Old Firm”; the last other club to win the title was an Alex Ferguson-managed Aberdeen FC. For the point, name this country where Celtic and Rangers divide the loyalties of Glasgow.

ANSWER: Scotland (prompt on United Kingdom; do not prompt on England or (Great) Britain)

(Tossup 13) A song by DUCKWRTH and Shaboozey titled for one of these events states “I’m shootin’ webs like worldwide / Man, headed all the way to Yonkers” and was created for the soundtrack of *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. XXXTentacion sang “It’s a game of (+) cat and mouse and you gon’ bleed silent” in a song titled for these events in which people “ask for peace” but instead bring violence. “That’s What You Get,” (\*) “Misery’s Business,” and “Crushcrushcrush” appear on Paramore’s breakout album, which is titled for one of these events. For the point, name these events which, despite not being named for one, broke out at *The Rite of Spring*’s Paris premiere.

ANSWER: riots

(Tossup 14) Players for this team in their most recent Super Bowl appearance include De’Vondre Campbell, who was flagged for a crucial pass interference play. Dwight Freeney made his last playoff appearance with this team. With 8:38 left in the fourth quarter, this team’s (+) quarterback was strip-sacked by Dont’a Hightower; that, combined with this team’s inability to stop James (\*) White at the goal line, made this team the first ever to lose a Super Bowl in overtime. For the point, name this team that blew a 28-3 lead in Super Bowl 51 to the New England Patriots, ruining Julio Jones’ and Matt Ryan’s chances to get a ring.

ANSWER: Atlanta Falcons (accept either or both names)

(Tossup 15) A character in this series investigates Kelsey’s foster home, and calls the police after discovering the identity of Mr Smiley. Poppy encourages a mother in this show to help her children escape the “screaming meenies,” which leads to Abigail’s accidental death. In this series, (+) Luke develops a persistent chill and strange neck pains, which his siblings write off as a side-effect of his drug use, but which are actually due to his connection to his sister, and Nell discovers the identity of the (\*) Bent-Neck Lady who had terrorized her throughout her life. Mike Flanagan created and directed this series, which follows Hugh, Olivia, and the five Crain children’s fatal relationship with the title home. For the point, name this Netflix series, the first season of an anthology show, that adapts a Shirley Jackson novel to the modern era.

ANSWER: The Haunting of Hill House (prompt on The “Haunting” which is, as of 2019, the name of the anthology series whose first season is *The Haunting of Hill House*)

(Tossup 16) This group asks “Given up on three? Given up on five?” in an attack on *sampo sedae* in the 2015 song “Dope.” This group’s 2018 album featuring the songs “Fake Love” and “Intro: (+) Singularity” was the first of three number 1 albums in the US within 12 months; that album, *Love Yourself: Tear* was the first ever US number 1 album from this group’s (\*) home country. Halsey sings “Oh my my my” on the recent single “Boy with Luv” by, for the point, what group that includes V, Suga, and Jin, a massively popular K-pop boy band?

ANSWER: BTS (or Bangtan Sonyeondan; accept Bangtan Boys; accept Beyond the Scene)

(Tossup 17) At Glastonbury 2009, this musician joined Brian Fallon’s band The Gaslight Anthem on stage for “The ‘59 Sound.” This man admitted that his stage persona was largely manufactured, remarking that “I’ve never held an honest job in my entire life!” during his recent (+) Broadway residency. The title track of this musician’s breakthrough album proclaims “In the day we sweat it out on the streets of a runaway American dream/At night we ride through the mansions of glory in (\*) suicide machines,” although most of those words are quite hard to hear clearly. For the point, name this singer-songwriter of “Born to Run” and “Born in the USA” who often plays with the E Street Band.

ANSWER: Bruce Springsteen

(Tossup 18) At Saitama in 2019, this man defended his singles World Championship title, the first American to do so since Scott Hamilton in the 1980s. In a gutsy 2018 performance, this athlete earned a score of 215.08, an Olympic record, but finished in (+) fifth place, off the podium, as it wasn’t enough to recover from a disastrous short program. This teammate of Vincent Zhou and (\*) Adam Rippon at the 2018 Winter Olympics landed a record six quadruple jumps in that free skate. For the point, name this USA Olympic athlete, the current world number 1 men’s ice skater.

ANSWER: Nathan Chen

(Tossup 19) In 2013, rumors that Naughty Dog had copied this actress’s likeness for a playable character in a post-apocalyptic survival game sparked a brief Twitter feud with this actress, who actually did appear alongside Willem Dafoe in a game released the same year. This actress voiced and performed (+) motion capture for a game in which the player chooses whether to quit working for the CIA or travel to the Infraworld to join her long-lost twin brother, the spirit Aiden [“EYE”-den], and definitely was not the inspiration for the look of (\*) Ellie in *The Last of Us*. For the point, name this Canadian actress who appeared as Jodie in *Beyond: Two Souls*, and who has also appeared as Vanya Hargreeves in *The Umbrella Academy*, and as the title girl in *Juno*.

ANSWER: Ellen Grace Philpotts-Page

(Tossup 20) When this club's player Helmut Haller followed the referee into his dressing room at halftime of a match against Derby County, Derby manager Brian Clough demanded that a reporter translate his accusations of cheating. This club was the only non-French side to feature Michel Platini as a player. This club and its local rival shared the (+) Stadio delle Alpi throughout the 1990s and 2000s. Under Antonio Conte, this team switched to a three-man defence nicknamed the "BBC," after defenders Andrea Barzagli, Leonardo Bonucci, and (\*) Giorgio Chiellini. In the summer of 2018, this club paid over 100 million Euros to sign Cristiano Ronaldo from Real Madrid. For the point, name this "Old Lady," by far the most successful Italian club of the 2010s.

ANSWER: Juventus Football Club (prompt on "Juve")

(Tossup 21) This man responded "We are in if he is in" to a Bleacher Report tweet saying "Someone give Jesus Shuttlesworth a 10-day;" he later elaborated that "Ray Allen you know we've been obsessively chasing you for years." True (+) shooting percentage is one of the statistics invented by this man, who worked with Jessica Gelman to co-found the MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference. In 2018, this man won the NBA (\*) Executive of the Year award in part due to successfully pairing Chris Paul with James Harden. For the point, name this GM of the Houston Rockets whose analytical approach is often compared to Moneyball.

ANSWER: Daryl Morey

(Tossup 22) This character holds up a stock photo of three kids at the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards, falsely claiming them to be her own, in an attempt to convince a protagonist to not kill her. Because "there is nothing in my (+) protocol that specifically barred" this character from marrying Jason Mendoza, she does; when Jason later falls in love with (\*) Tahani [ta-HA-nee], this character glitches. D'Arcy Carden plays, For the point, what informational delivery system in NBC's *The Good Place*?

ANSWER: Janet

(Tossup 23) This actress was slated to star in the Stan Lee film *Realm*, but that film was shelved after Lee sued POW! Entertainment for making fraudulent deals. In a 2014 film, a character portrayed by this actress incapacitates two CIA agents in an elevator after they attempt to apprehend the Stanley Tucci-played Joshua Joyce. This actress skipped the Tokyo premier of (+) *Resident Evil: Retribution*, despite playing fan-favorite Ada Wong, due to a political dispute over the Senkaku islands. In her most recent film, this actress portrayed the (\*) oceanographer Suyin who must battle a giant, ancient shark. For the point, name this Chinese actress who co-starred with Jason Statham in 2018's *The Meg*.

ANSWER: Li Bingbing

(Tossup 24) This team's 1981-82 season set a record with 126.48 points scored per game, but they gave up an average of 125.95. The following season, this team's 184 points were the second highest game in NBA history - behind the (+) Detroit Pistons, who beat them 186-184 in triple overtime. Prolific scorers like Alex English and Kiki VanDeWeghe scored over 25 PPG while playing for this team; that experience might have inspired VanDeWeghe to draft fellow offensive black hole (\*) Carmelo Anthony to this team in 2003. For the point, name this NBA team which, for once, posted a below average offensive season in the 2018-2019 season under the leadership of Nikola Jokic, letting defense lead it to the 2 seed in the Western Conference.

ANSWER: Denver Nuggets (accept either underlined name)

(Tossup 25) This phrase titles a 1990s drama whose few recurring characters included Al Calavicci, who appears as a hologram that only the main character can see. In James Holzhauer's fourth victory on *Jeopardy!*, he set a soon-to-be-broken record of (+) \$110,914 by answering a Final Jeopardy! question with this response; the clue described this phrase as "Ironically, a metaphor meaning a (\*) huge step forward" that "only occurs on a subatomic scale." For the point, give this two-word phrase that names a sci-fi drama starring Scott Bakula, whose character constantly jumps through spacetime.

ANSWER: Quantum Leap

(Tossup 26) At the end of this series, Hod Eller pitched a complete game for the winning team, while Bill James came on in relief after the starter gave up 4 hits and couldn't get out of the first inning for the losers. Buck Weaver, who hit .324 in this series, was described as having a "hell of a brainy (+) plan" by Chick Gandil. At the beginning of this series, Morrie Rath took a hit-by-pitch from Eddie Cicotte [see-cot], a play called by (\*) Arnold Rothstein, as described in Eliot Asinof's book *Eight Men Out*. The Cincinnati Reds won, For the point, what World Series that Shoeless Joe Jackson and the "Black Sox" intentionally lost?

ANSWER: 1919 World Series (accept 1919 alone after "World Series" is read)

(Tossup 27) This actor played police psychiatrist Dr. Emil Skoda in three iterations of the *Law & Order* franchise and replaced John Goodman as voice of the Yellow M&M. A character played by this man believes "There are no two words in the English language more harmful than (+) 'good job'" and is fired from Shaffer Conservatory for abusing his jazz students. In the *Spider-Man* films that star Tobey Maguire, this man plays J. Jonah Jameson. Recent (\*) Farmers Insurance commercials have starred, For the point, what intense, bald actor who won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar for *Whiplash*?

ANSWER: Jonathan Kimble "J.K." Simmons

(Tossup 28) This school won a national championship behind busted NFL quarterback Craig Krenzel. Another national champion quarterback for this school graduated in 2017, five years after he was suspended a game for tweeting “We ain’t (+) come to play school.” Cardale Jones replaced the injured J.T. Barrett and Braxton Miller for this school during its 2014 championship season; their teammates included (\*) Ezekiel Elliott and Joey Bosa. For the point, name this Big Ten school that was coached from 2011 to 2019 by Urban Meyer and which plays its home games in the Horseshoe in Columbus.

ANSWER: The Ohio State University (prompt on OSU; do not prompt on Ohio)

(Tossup 29) An annual event celebrating and involving this food takes place at the corner of Stillwell and Surf; recent participants in that event have included Miki Sudo and Sonya Thomas. Preparing the Seattle variety of this food often involves using a (+) caulk gun to apply cream cheese. This food is “dragged through the garden,” or topped with tomato, a pickle spear, (\*) green relish, sport peppers, celery salt, and mustard, but never ketchup, in Chicago. Nathan’s on Coney Island runs a 4th of July eating contest involving, For the point, what staple food at ballparks, a link sausage in a split bun?

ANSWER: hot dogs

(Tossup 30) Note: team and position required. Shortly before being traded by this team, a player at this position declared that he “can’t do no more unguarantees” in an Instagram video taken while working out. The all-time statistical leader for this team at this position is Hines (+) Ward. After a player for this team at this position won his team’s MVP award in 2018, a teammate at the same position tweeted “boy fumbled the whole post season!” That player at this position (\*) skipped Week 17 with a supposed knee injury and was eventually traded from this team to Oakland. For the point, name this team and position that is currently led by JuJu Smith-Schuster, now that Antonio Brown has been traded.

ANSWER: wide receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers (accept either/both team names; prompt on partial answers)

## Extra Questions

(Tossup 31) The Twins traded a player of this position to the Giants in exchange for the hilariously named Boof Bonser, Joe Nathan, and Francisco Liriano; that trade was inspired by the Twins’ drafting of a player of this position with the #1 overall pick in (+) 2001. Two pitchers, Derek Jeter, and a player of this position formed the “Core Four” of the Yankees’ 1995-2009 dynasty. (\*) Jorge Posada and Joe Mauer may join Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez and Mike Piazza in the Hall of Fame representing, For the point, what baseball position, the offensive half of the battery?

ANSWER: catcher

(Tossup 32) In *In Time*, Justin Timberlake’s character wins 1100 years by playing this game badly. While playing this game, CJ Cregg tries to convince her colleagues in *The West Wing* that you can stand an egg on its narrow end “at the moment of the equinox.” A cult classic film about this game features John Malkovich as (+) Teddy KGB, who operates an underground club in New York. In Season 1 of *Deadwood*, Keith Carradine’s character is killed by (\*) Jack McCall while playing this game. The Daniel Craig version of *Casino Royale* replaces baccarat with, For the point, what card game in which Wild Bill Hickok held two pair when he was shot?  
ANSWER: poker (accept Texas Hold ‘Em throughout; accept any other specific type of poker after “CJ” is read)

(Tossup 33) This artist sings “I tried to buy your pretty heart” in a doo-wop song that starts unusually high-pitched for her. The 2014 debut of *Thursday Night Football* controversially removed an intro featuring this singer’s hook from Jay-Z’s (+) “Run This Town.” This artist notes “hundred carats on my name” in her verse on Kendrick Lamar’s “Loyalty” and sings “Just (\*) gonna stand there and watch me burn?” in the chorus of Eminem’s “Love the Way You Lie.” “Love on the Brain” and “Don’t Stop the Music” are singles by, For the point, what Barbadian singer of “We Found Love” and “Umbrella?”  
ANSWER: Rihanna (or Robin Rihanna Fenty)