

## The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter

A quiz drawn from the Annotated Sherlock Holmes by Leslie Klinger.

1. In Dr. Watson's stories, which of the following sports does Watson not mention Sherlock Holmes playing (1123)?
  - a. Fencing/swordman
  - b. Singlestick
  - c. Rugby**
  - d. Boxing
2. In Three-Quarter, Dr. Watson states that "For years I had gradually weaned him from that drug mania which had threatened once to check his remarkable career." How do we feel about this statement? Since Holmes is only seen using cocaine in *The Sign of Four* and "A Scandal in Bohemia", could Watson be boasting too much here (1124)? **I think so.**
3. When Cyril Overton of Cambridge comes to visit Holmes, who does Overton say referred him to Holmes at Scotland Yard (1125)? **Inspector Stanley Hopkins.**
4. True or False – Cyril Overton pleaded with Holmes to find rugby player Godfrey Staunton right away primarily due to their close friendship (1126)? **False. Overton needed Staunton to win an upcoming rugby match against Oxford because no other player could fill his shoes.**
5. When Holmes looked under the letter S in his commonplace book, what did he learn about Godfrey Staunton (1126)? **Nothing – it was a new name to him.**
6. Cambridge officially founded a rugby club in 1872. According to Klinger, was Cambridge the first university to do so (1126)? **No. Oxford had already founded a club 3 years earlier.**

7. When Holmes heard Staunton's relative's name of Lord Mount-James, what did Holmes instantly recall about him (1130)? **He's one of the richest men in England.**
8. Watson gives us 2 clues about Lord Mount-James frugality. What were they (1134)?
  - a. **He came by way of the Bayswater bus.**
  - b. **He didn't want to pay any fee Holmes might charge**
9. How did Holmes convince Mount-James to help with the investigation (1136)? **Holmes told him that a "gang of thieves [might] have secured his nephew in order to gain from him some information as to your house, your habits, and your treasure."**
10. What reason did Holmes give the lady at the telegraph office for wanting to see the counterfoil of Godfrey's telegram (1137)? **Since no response received, Holmes said he was afraid that he'd omitted his name at the end.** Also, after succeeding on this first attempt to see the counterfoil, he later told Watson that he had how many total schemes to get to see it? **Seven**
11. When the trail Holmes pursued led to Dr. Leslie Armstrong, what was Dr. Armstrong's opinion of Sherlock Homes (1140)? **Armstrong did not approve of his profession, prying into the secrets of private individuals along with hidden family matters and wasting the time of men who are more busy than yourself.**
12. Dr. Leslie Armstrong told Holmes that the official machinery is amply sufficient for the purpose of suppressing crime . (1140) Do you agree with that assessment based on Watson's stories? **No.**

13. After being ushered out from Dr. Armstrong's home, which past nemesis did Armstrong compare him to (1142)? **Moriarty**
14. What did Dr. Armstrong's coachman do when Holmes tried to question him (1143)? **The coachman turned the dog loose on him.**
15. What did Dr. Armstrong do when he saw Holmes following his carriage on a bicycle (1143)? **He stopped the carriage and went back to tell Holmes that he feared the road was too narrow and did not want to impede Holmes passage.**
16. After some unsuccessful tries to follow Armstrong's carriage, how did Holmes finally succeed in staying on the trail (1147)? **He injected some aniseed into the carriage hind wheel and got a local draghound Pompey to follow it.** In what other story did Holmes use a dog as a tracker (1123)? **The Mongrel Toby in The Sign of Four.**
17. What did Holmes and Watson find in the house that Pompey led them to (1150)? **Godfrey Staunton and his dead wife.**
18. Why was Godfrey's marriage being kept secret (1152)? **Godfrey thought he would have been disinherited by his relative Lord Mount-James for marrying his landlady's daughter?**
19. How did the rugby match turn out with Staunton's absence (1146)? **A paper reported that Cambridge's loss was entirely attributed to the absence of Staunton.**
20. Sports writer Red Smith in "Dear Me, Mr. Holmes" suggests that Holmes deliberately loses Armstrong's carriage and tells Watson not to try and follow the carriage the next day because he has placed a wager on the Oxford-Cambridge rugby game and does not want Staunton found too soon. **Is Holmes above such antics or might he have done this?**

21.Question from sherlockian.net - Holmes stated that he knew nothing about the sport rugby in this case. Do you think if he knew more about the sport, he would have solved the case more effectively?

22.How did you like the story? I scanned a list of Jeremy Brett's episodes and sadly didn't see it listed. Do you know of any adaptations on screen?