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SUMMERTIME SPORTS QUIZ

It's been a busy summer in the world of sports, so here's a quiz to see if you've been paying attention:

Johnny Manziel wears No. 2 with the Montreal Alouettes because:

- He's getting a second chance at pro football after bombing out in the NFL
- He's on his second team in the Canadian Football League
- It represents the total number of Canadians who have no idea who he is.

Tiger Woods' comeback is being celebrated by:

- His legions of fans, who are thrilled with his return to contention in PGA Tour events
- His family and close friends, who are thrilled that his back surgery was successful
- U.S. TV executives, who are thrilled with massive audiences whenever Tiger tees it up

Serena Williams has proven she can play championship tennis:

- On any day of the week, night or day.
- On any continent in the world, except Antarctica
- While pregnant or not

Toronto sports fans aren't despairing over the Jays' poor season because:

- Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. and other young prospects will soon be with the big club
- They realize all teams have an off-year every now and then
- Buck Martinez makes every game exciting with his 'get up ball, get outta here' call
- Who cares about the Jays? The Leafs signed John Tavares

Manager John Gibbons is blaming the Jays' poor season on:

- Erratic starting pitching
- Roberto Osuna's legal problems
- Injuries to Donaldson and Tulowitzki
- Greg Zaun no longer around to offer expert analysis

Tom Brady can't wait for the NFL season to start because:

- He's confident his Patriots can get back to the Super Bowl and win it.
- He loves the thrill of the competition
- His passing stats continue to be among the best in the league
- His game bruises get tender loving care from his supermodel wife Gisele

Miracles happen in Hollywood, such as

- Forrest Gump is a central figure in dozens of famous world events
- Marty McFly goes back to 1955 in a plutonium-powered DeLorean
- Ghosts are chased, and caught, by Bill Murray and Co.
- Apes and humans clash to determine which will be earth's dominant species
- L.A. hoops fans expect an NBA team with only one player can win a league championship

• **RJ Currie** of sportsdeke.com: "Hard to believe Halifax's proposed CFL team considered the name Explosion, after that province's worst disaster. Speaking of provincial disasters, it's 28 years since the Blue Bombers won the Grey Cup."

• Comedy writer **Alex Kaseberg**: "Swimmer **Ryan Lochte** has been banned for a year after posting a picture of himself getting an illegal intravenous shot. The number of Olympic medals Ryan has is 12. The exact same number of his IQ score."

• **Dwight Perry** of the Seattle Times: "Giants first baseman **Brandon Belt** named his newborn son August, in honour of his college coach at Texas, the late **Augie Garrido**. Just be thankful the Longhorns hired Garrido instead of **Oil Can Boyd**."

• Late-night funnyman **James Corden** of CBS, on police halting the Tour de France by spraying tear gas in the vicinity of protesters: "They halted the race because of tear gas? That's the least dangerous chemical the average Tour de France rider has in their system."

- **Greg Cote** of the Miami Herald: “Disgraced Olympic gymnastics doctor **Larry Nasser**, doing life for sexually abusing dozens of gymnasts, was assaulted in prison and is now asking for a new trial. The national group, People Who Feel Sorry For Larry, will be meeting Monday in that phone booth over at Fifth & Vine.”
 - **Eric Stangel** on Twitter, on **Johnny Football**’s first CFL game: “Just saw Manziel’s stats. Are there any football leagues north of Canada?”
 - **Patti Dawn Swansson** in the River City Renegade: “To say **Johnny Manziel**’s debut as a starting quarterback in three-down, 12-man football was a disaster is to say the Hindenburg had a bumpy landing.”
 - **RJ Currie** again: “Rangers pitcher **Bartolo Colon** will likely end the season as Latin America’s winningest pitcher. With that waistline, it’s clear he’s had no trouble finding the plate.”
 - **Seth Meyers** on NBC: “The New York Mets suffered their worst loss in franchise history last night losing to the Washington Nationals 25-4. It was so bad that even the ceremonial first pitch was hit for a triple.”
 - **Dwight Perry** again: “Death Valley, Calif., recorded the hottest month on record, with an average of 108 degrees in July. Though **Urban Meyer**’s seat at Ohio State is already threatening to break it.”
 - Orioles GM **Dan Duquette**, on totally stripping down his woeful team’s roster: “It’s easier to demolish the entire house and rebuild from the ground up rather than renovating one room at a time.”
 - **Peter Maher**, former Calgary Flames radio play-by-play announcer, on now-retired forward **Jarome Iginla**’s 60-plus fights in the NHL: “I think he won them all. At least he did on the radio.”
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