



Player Profile

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Highlights

- Australian Quiz Champion 2011, 2013, 2014

How did you first get involved in trivia?

My family had an old (very old!) version of the original Trivial Pursuit and I recall when I was around 11 or 12 I would open all the cupboards/drawers looking for something to do. Eventually I came across the game and picked out some of the cards - and whilst I almost certainly didn't understand 99% of the questions, I kept coming back to it. My father used to host a pub quiz in the UK which I would listen to with much interest whilst waiting for him to finish.

When did you first realise you were good at it?

It first occurred to me that I had a good knack for remembering answers when I found myself able to answer questions on topics that I otherwise had no interest in, or even an understanding. I recall once identifying the 60s song "He's So Fine" by The Chiffons as the song that George Harrison was accused of plagiarising with his own hit "My Sweet Lord" back when I was 15 - and at the time I had barely heard of either artist!

What are your strongest and weakest subjects?

I enjoy all subjects but by far my favourite topics are history, literature and geography, I would happily sit a whole quiz on any one of these! My strongest topic would have to be history - often under-appreciated in quizzing circles but it ties into so many others.

How do you study/prepare for an event?

My study/preparation has varied over the years. When I was young I was simply determined to buy every version of Trivial Pursuit that was out there and read all the cards! Soon enough it expanded to encyclopaedias and quiz books. Now we have the joy of the internet and Wikipedia (which contrary to some opinions is an excellent resource), which opens up research to a whole new level. I am able to learn some facts by making lists (e.g. the periodic table), but otherwise I simply try to read as much as possible on a wide range of topics. Reading a newspaper every day I find is excellent for keeping on top of things, especially sport. I sometimes write questions myself which is helpful also.