

“YEAH, BUT SOFOCLES BEATS SINBAD FOR TEMPER...”

A Portuguese artist has cobbled together a gaggle of scribblers from around the world to design his Top Trump-y card game. Recognise the names?



THE 110% FOOTBALL QUIZ

1 Which Newcastle defender did Arsenal forward Dennis Bergkamp turn inside-out for his famous goal in March 2002?

2 Who was League One's top scorer in 2014-15?

3 Who was caretaker boss of Blackburn Rovers on six separate occasions in the 1980s, '90s and 2000s, but has never managed the club full-time?

4 Which current Premier League player has the best minutes-per-assist ratio since 1992-93 (minimum 40)?

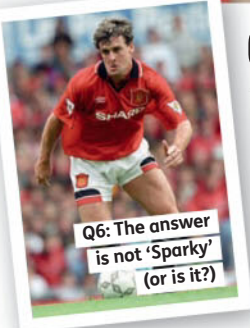
5 What Serie A record do Virginio Rosetta, Giovanni Ferrari and Giuseppe Furino hold?



11 Who are the only four nations to have won the Women's World Cup since its inception in 1991?

12 As Germany and West Germany, Die Mannschaft have conceded the most goals (64) to two teams. Who?

13 From which club did Atletico Madrid sign Sergio Agueiro in May 2006?



6 What is Mark Hughes' first name?

7 Jose Mourinho has been the cover star of Rolling Stone magazine – true or false?

8 Which player commanded the biggest transfer fee

from Gallic money-splashers Paris Saint-Germain: Zlatan Ibrahimovic, David Luiz or Edinson Cavani?

9 When was the last time The New Saints didn't win the Welsh Premier League?

10 With which team did 2002 World Cup winner Ronaldinho begin his professional career?



It started with an email. Well, hundreds of emails, actually, but when 34-year-old Lisbonite Lourenco Cunha Ferreira sent for help to start his jazzy new *Kampion* project – for no money, naturally – it’s not like he was expecting much in return.

But football has a habit of springing a surprise, as the Sporting fan will attest. Just a thoughtful side project at first, *Kampion* soon took off as illustrators from around the globe clamoured for a slice of the action. The game itself is nothing new – it’s essentially *Top Trumps* – but the mega-designs (and *Pro Evo* naming system) piqued *FFT*’s interest.

From the cubist Vincent Kompany to an apocalyptic zombie Vinnie Jones via an Oliver Kahn inspired by *Dragon Ball Z*, each design – by a different artist, so you never get bored – is bloomin’ brilliant.

“When I was a kid I used to have these Formula One cards that had a picture of the cars and their numbers,” art director Lourenco tells *FourFourTwo*, explaining his idea. “A few years back, I was cleaning my room and I found them. It was really nostalgic. Of course, there are already cards like these with football players, but I wanted to do something more classical.”

Luckily, Lourenco’s pleas to his creative chums weren’t ignored. Far from it. Within months he had over 50 designs,

and now has more than 200 from contributors in 59 different countries.

What’s more, many of them don’t even like football. The weirdos.

“I was amazed by how many came back to me,” he says. Stanley Chow and Gonza Rodriguez, both of whom have graced these pages, supplied work. “Either the illustrators loved football and wanted to pay homage to a specific player, or they just wanted to be part of the gang.

Some of our best cards are from non-football fans. I look at their style and try to find a player whose personality fits it.”

You’ll have noticed by now, of course, that players’ real names aren’t used. There’s a reason – a hassle-free experience – but there’s also notion in the naming.

“We don’t want to gamble on someone getting upset, and it’s impossible to get in touch with so many players,” Lourenco explains.

“We’re just doing it for fun. But there’s logic: the names are famous historical people from the player’s nation. For example, ‘Moniz’, my first-ever card, was one of the founders of psychosurgery in the 19th century and a Portuguese Noble Prize winner.” Or: Raul Meireles.

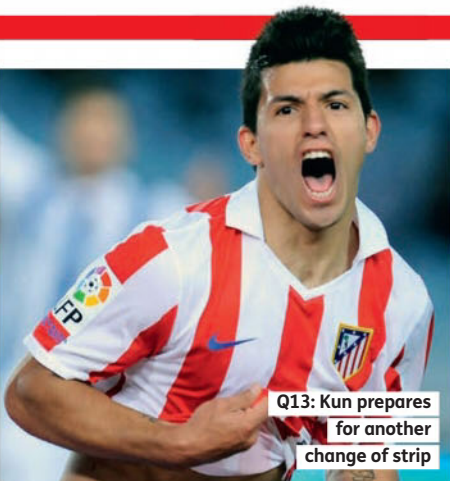


All of this isn’t a bad effort for a part-time venture. “When my work frees up I can dedicate a bit more time,” says the busy Brussels-based Iberian. “Right now I only sell a few decks per week. But I can’t complain –

I receive weekly emails from people wanting to join me.” It’s not hard to see why.

To buy your first deck, visit www.kampioncardgame.com

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Q13: Kun prepares for another change of strip

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Name the following players who have scored on the opening day of a Premier League season.



14 How many league assists did Mario Balotelli make for Manchester City?

15 True or false: Fabio Capello has won the European Cup or Champions League as both a player and manager.

16 Which La Liga team play their home games at Valdecas?

17 Which former Premier League player is the most capped Swede of all-time?

19 Which Scottish Championship club play at Easter Road?

20 Who scored 13 goals at the 1958 World Cup finals (still the most in a single tournament)?

21 Players from how many countries have scored for Manchester City in Premier League history (post-1992): 34, 38 or 40?

22 Stuart Beavon made the most assists in 2014-15’s League Two season. Who does he play for?

23 Which ex-Premier League manager said: “In France, if you say the players can have a drink, they have two. Here, they have double figures.”

24 Who made the most assists in last season’s Champions League?

25 Nicolas Anelka has played for six Premier League clubs. Name them.



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Q25: With skills like this, Nico was always in the shop window