

VOWELS v CONSONANTS

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The Vowels and Consonants are playing football but not exactly as we know the game. The matches are either 2 a side, 3 a side, 4 a side or 5 a side games. Amazingly, each game always ends in a score draw, in some cases an extremely high-scoring draw!

Letters represent players and all the players are accorded numbers based on their alphabetical positions. Currently, the EO vowel team are playing the HL consonants. The EOs predictably score 20 goals (5+15); and the HLs also score 20 goals (8+12). The HOLE game is over, the score is 20–20 and equality reigns between the Vowels and Consonants.

Unreferenced games can be found in the Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition.

Referenced games: *B* = Bloomsbury Thesaurus; *C* = Chambers Dictionary; *H* = Handbook of American Indians, ed. by F. W. Hodge, 1907; *P* = The Complete Word Game Dictionary by Pulliam & Carruth, 1984; *psn* = plant species name; *S* = Stedman's Medical Dictionary; *w2* = Webster's Second Edition.

The names of certain games coincide with the locations in which they were played. These locations, identified by country, are taken from the United States Board on Geographic Names

¹Somalia ²U.K. ³Ivory Coast ⁴China ⁵Bangladesh ⁶Nigeria ⁷Ethiopia ⁸Chile ⁹Ghana ¹⁰Malta ¹¹Brazil
¹²Bosnia-Herzegovina ¹³Algeria ¹⁴Costa Rica ¹⁵Japan ¹⁶Guinea ¹⁷France ¹⁸Kazakhstan ¹⁹S.Africa
²⁰Australia ²¹Sudan ²²Papua New Guinea ²³Bulgaria ²⁴Fiji ²⁵Philippines ²⁶Argentina ²⁷Ecuador ²⁸Zambia
²⁹Italy ³⁰Colombia ³¹Mali ³²Angola ³³Spain ³⁴Russia ³⁵Honduras ³⁶Greece ³⁷Guatemala ³⁸Kenya
³⁹Venezuela ⁴⁰Germany ⁴¹Greenland ⁴²Niger ⁴³Finland ⁴⁴Yugoslavia ⁴⁵Guyana ⁴⁶Peru ⁴⁷Iran

It should perhaps be mentioned that the Vowels and Consonants are all cloned so that in the case of the vowel players we are, for example, able to put together an AAI team and an OOO team. Unfortunately, we cannot stage any game in which all the vowel players are A clones. This is because, whatever the number of As, the equivalent number of consonants always exceeds the total of the As.

The vowel teams are listed in alphabetical order within each team size below.

2 A SIDE GAMES

<i>vowel team</i>	AE	AI	AO	AU	EE	EI	EO	EU
<i>name of game</i>	bead	faid	load	tuba	feed	bile	bore	lune
<i>score</i>	6–6	10–10	16–16	22–22	10–10	14–14	20–20	26–26

<i>vowel team</i>	II	IO	IU	OO	OU	UU
<i>name of game</i>	indi	join	skiu	poon	pout	Ruux ¹
<i>score</i>	18–18	24–24	30–30	30–30	36–36	42–42

3 A SIDE GAMES

<i>vowel team</i>	AAE	AAI	AAO	AAU	AEE	AEI	AEO	AEU
<i>name of game</i>	abbace	gabbia (C)	alcoba (C)	baurac	decade	haecid	deacon	unbake
<i>score</i>	7–7	11–11	17–17	23–23	11–11	15–15	21–21	27–27

<i>vowel team</i>	A I I	A I O	A I U	A O O	A O U	A U U	E E E	E E I	
<i>name of game</i>	diiamb	Odiham ²	ligula	cahoot	toucan	sukuma	Dedege ³	ceiled	
<i>score</i>	19-19	25-25	31-31	31-31	37-37	43-43	15-15	19-19	
<i>vowel team</i>	E E O	E E U	E I I	E I O	E I U	E O O	E O U	E U U	I I I
<i>name of game</i>	recode	effuse	Iberic	voiced	miscue	ocelot	woeful	muvule	bikini
<i>score</i>	25-25	31-31	23-23	29-29	35-35	35-35	41-41	47-47	27-27
<i>vowel team</i>	I I O	I I U	I O O	I O U	I U U	O O O	O O U	O U U	U U U
<i>name of game</i>	oiling	mufiti	isopod	unsoil	lituus	tomolo (P)	osmous(C)	sutour	Muyuyu ⁴
<i>score</i>	33-33	39-39	39-39	45-45	51-51	45-45	51-51	57-57	63-63

4 A SIDE GAMES

<i>vowel team</i>	AAAE	AAAI	AAAO	AAAU	AAEE	AAEI
<i>name of game</i>		Badiabad ⁴⁷	Gabagabo ¹	Gadabuka ⁶	Debadeba ⁷	Ibacache ⁸
<i>score</i>		12-12	18-18	24-24	12-12	16-16
<i>vowel team</i>	AAEO	AAEU	AAI I	AAIO	AAIU	AAOO
<i>name of game</i>	accolade	Abekabum ⁹	Micabiba ¹⁰	Chambioa ¹¹	caladium	abogados (P)
<i>score</i>	22-22	28-28	20-20	26-26	32-32	32-32
<i>vowel team</i>	AAOU	AAUU	AEEE	AEEI	AEEO	AEEU
<i>name of game</i>	bandoura (B)	aquaduct	bedeafed	Celebica ¹²	cochleae	upheaded
<i>score</i>	38-38	44-44	16-16	20-20	26-26	32-32
<i>vowel team</i>	AEI I	AEIO	AEIU	AEOO	AEOU	AEUU
<i>name of game</i>	canicide	decatoc (w2)	capucine	bootable	Zeboudja ¹³	cumulate
<i>score</i>	24-24	30-30	36-36	36-36	42-42	48-48
<i>vowel team</i>	A I I I	A I I O	A I I U	A I O O	A I O U	A I U U
<i>name of game</i>	pacifici (C)	Dominica ¹⁴	kalidium	coaction	bivouacs	Jikumaru ¹⁵
<i>score</i>	28-28	34-34	40-40	40-40	46-46	52-52
<i>vowel team</i>	A O O O	A O O U	A O U U	A U U U	E E E E	E E E I
<i>name of game</i>	Footobar ¹⁶	outlabor (w2)	Ousclaux ¹⁷	Tausugur ¹⁸	Hebehebe ¹⁹	field-bee
<i>score</i>	46-46	52-52	58-58	64-64	20-20	24-24
<i>vowel team</i>	E E E O	E E E U	E E I I	E E I O	E E I U	E E O O
<i>name of game</i>	feed-hole	unneeded	Fiefield ²⁰	geodetic	beguiles	neophobe (C)
<i>score</i>	30-30	36-36	28-28	34-34	40-40	40-40
<i>vowel team</i>	E E O U	E E U U	E I I I	E I I O	E I I U	E I O O
<i>name of game</i>	detoured	Lupelule ¹⁹	Ibegilik ²¹	epilogic	purified	celozoic (S)
<i>score</i>	46-46	52-52	32-32	38-38	44-44	44-44
<i>vowel team</i>	E I O U	E I U U	E O O O	E O O U	E O U U	E U U U
<i>name of game</i>	fluorine	euphuism	forefoot	foursome	studeous	Vulevulu ²²
<i>score</i>	50-50	56-56	50-50	56-56	62-62	68-68

<i>vowel team</i>	IIII	IIIO	IIIU	IIOO	IIOU	IIUU
<i>name of game</i>	Tibilibi	gibsonii (psn)	ricinium (w2)	cootikin (c)	quinoids	Umpilusi ¹⁹
<i>score</i>	36-36	42-42	48-48	48-48	54-54	60-60
<i>vowel team</i>	IOOO	IOOU	IOUU	IUUU	Oooo	Ooou
<i>name of game</i>	monomino	odiously	mutinous		moonsoon	outwoods
<i>score</i>	54-54	60-60	66-66		60-60	66-66
<i>vowel team</i>	OOUU	OUUU	UUUU			
<i>name of game</i>	Uzunjovo ²³	Tu-t'ou-ssu ⁴	Tuvutuvu ²⁴			
<i>score</i>	72-72	78-78	84-84			

5 A SIDE GAMES

<i>vowel team</i>	AAAAU	AAAIO	AAAIU	AAAOU	AAAUU
<i>name of game</i>	Bagagabaug ²⁵	Bijakaboba ⁷	Chicaguala ²⁶	Angochagua ²⁷	Kafukafuka ²⁸
<i>score</i>	25-25	27-27	33-33	39-39	45-45
<i>vowel team</i>	AAEEU	AAEIO	AAEIU	AAEOO	AAEOU
<i>name of game</i>	Chemeguaba(H)	Nabeidacho(H)	unacademic	cacodaemon	aquaphobe
<i>score</i>	33-33	31-31	37-37	37-37	43-43
<i>vowel team</i>	AAEUU	AAIII	AAIIO	AAIIU	AAIOU
<i>name of game</i>	Eudamullah	Ichigaachi ¹⁵	Dabadhiiqo ¹	causidical	paludicola
<i>score</i>	49-49	29-29	35-35	41-41	47-47
<i>vowel team</i>	AAIUU	AAOOO	AAOOU	AAOUU	AAUUU
<i>name of game</i>	quahauging	Nadafoloko ³	Pullabooka ²⁰	Brucanuova ²⁹	Casusujuna ³⁰
<i>score</i>	53-53	47-47	53-53	59-59	65-65
<i>vowel team</i>	AEEI I	AEEIO	AEEIU	AEEOO	AEEOU
<i>name of game</i>	Felicidade ³³	biodegrade	Ninguebeda ¹⁶	Berebogola ³¹	Caloquembe ³²
<i>score</i>	29-29	35-35	41-41	41-41	47-47
<i>vowel team</i>	AEEUU	AEIIO	AEIIU	AEIOU	AEIUU
<i>name of game</i>	Fuenlengua ³³	officiated	ludificate	discourage	quasijudge (w2)
<i>score</i>	53-53	39-39	45-45	51-51	57-57
<i>vowel team</i>	AEOOO	AEOOU	AEOUU	AEUUU	AI III
<i>name of game</i>	Bojedomova ³⁴	geophagous(C)	plumaceous	Quesungual ³⁵	Dabibikiri ⁶
<i>score</i>	51-51	57-57	63-63	69-69	37-37
<i>vowel team</i>	AI IIO	AI IIU	AI IOO	AI IOU	AI IUU
<i>name of game</i>	Kofinidhia ³⁶	Chiriquiac ³⁷	bicoronal	naviculoid	Kiriakungu ³⁸
<i>score</i>	43-43	49-49	49-49	55-55	61-61
<i>vowel team</i>	AIOOO	AIOOU	AIOUU	AIUUU	AOOOO
<i>name of game</i>	isocaloroc	autophonic	anguishous	Xujiashulu ⁴	Matoodtood ²⁵
<i>score</i>	55-55	61-61	67-67	73-73	61-61

<i>vowel team</i>	A O O O U	A O O U U	A O U U U	E E E I I	E E E I O
<i>name of game</i>	homalonotu	Luotuoshan ⁴	Tutunguaro ³⁹	echeneidid	Ogbeinbene ⁶
<i>score</i>	67-67	73-73	79-79	33-33	39-39
<i>vowel team</i>	E E E I U	E E E O O	E E E O U	E E E U U	E E I I I
<i>name of game</i>	Heidemuhle ⁴⁰	oscheocele	Uglehojene ⁴¹	Ecunhutlee (H)	Diimbinedi ⁴²
<i>score</i>	45-45	45-45	51-51	57-57	37-37
<i>vowel team</i>	E E I I O	E E I I U	E E I O U	E E I U U	E E O O O
<i>name of game</i>	indogenide	pediculine	linoleumed	pinguetude	loose-robed
<i>score</i>	43-43	49-49	55-55	61-61	55-55
<i>vowel team</i>	E E O O U	E E O U U	E I I I O	E I I I U	E I I O O
<i>name of game</i>	nucleosome	festuceous	Hiidenjoki ⁴³	Vucicevici ⁴⁴	iconophile
<i>score</i>	61-61	67-67	47-47	53-53	53-53
<i>vowel team</i>	E I I O U	E I I U U	E I O O O	E I O O U	E I O U U
<i>name of game</i>	eulogising	deliquiums	homologise	mesopodium	mercurious
<i>score</i>	59-59	65-65	59-59	65-65	71-71
<i>vowel team</i>	E O O O O	E O O O U	E O O U U	I I I I I	I I I I O
<i>name of game</i>	Molodenovo ³⁴	homomerous	neuronorum	Kibilibiri ⁴⁵	imbibition
<i>score</i>	65-65	71-71	77-77	45-45	51-51
<i>vowel team</i>	I I I O O	I I I O U	I I I U U	I I O O O	I I O O U
<i>name of game</i>	Borilovici ¹²	insulinoid	Cupisniqui ⁴⁶	iodognosis	isovolumic
<i>score</i>	57-57	63-63	69-69	63-63	69-69
<i>vowel team</i>	I I O U U	I I U U U	I O O O O	I O O O U	I O O U U
<i>name of game</i>	influxious	Kusipusipu ¹⁹	monopolion	polyoicous	Murozumi-ko ¹⁵
<i>score</i>	75-75	81-81	69-69	75-75	81-81
<i>vowel team</i>	O O O O O	O O O O U	O O O U U		
<i>name of game</i>	Olomoyoyo ⁶	Oussonkoro ¹⁶	Dyourouzon ³		
<i>score</i>	75-75	81-81	87-87		

The games are over and the vocal supporters have dispersed. The lowest score draw was 6-6 (the lowest possible) closely followed by 7-7; the highest was 87-87! The scores include a sequence of sixty six draws ranging from 10-10 to 75-75 with just one gap, 13-13 = vowel team AAAEE. However, to obtain the 70-70 and 74-74 draws it must be said that we cheated a little, both of these being the result of 6 a side demonstration games: CURA-LAUFQUEN²⁶ (70-70) and VUINAKAMBULU²⁴ (74-74). The remaining draws were 78-78, 79-79, 81-81, 84-84 and 87-87.

THE VOWEL TEAMS THAT GOT LET DOWN

Apart from Aⁿ, all the 2 a side and 3 a side vowel teams enjoyed a game, as did all the 4 a side teams with the exception of AAAE and IUUU. However, it was a different story with the 5 a side vowel teams, a number of which got let down badly. Can the reader find the names of 5 a side games for any of these frustrated vowel teams?

AAAAE, AAAAI, AAAAO, AAAEE, AAAEI, AAAEO, AAAEU, AAAll, AAAOO, AAE EE, AAEEI, AAEEO, AAEEI, AAIOO, AEE EE, AEE EI, AEE EO, AEE EU, AEIII, AUUUU, EEE EE, EEE EI, EEE EO, EEE EU, EEUUU, EIIII, EIUUU, EOUUU, EUUUU, IIIIU, IOUUU, IUUUU, OOUUU, OUUUU, UUUU