



Metal Magic

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The "O RLY?" owl makes one think "hmm, is this true?" This puzzle is all about the Sports section of snopes.com (ref: sports fan, truths? Nope. Srsly, fact check), where many people nowadays go to fact-check dubious claims.

Based on whether a claim was verified true or verified false, a 5-long string of truth values would be obtained. Reading the strings as letters using base-2 encoding (binary), we get OSPREY.

In 1988, a reporter asked Washington Redskins quarterback Doug Williams, "How long have you been a black quarterback?"	A Madden NFL 2015 simulation correctly predicted the winner and final score of the 2015 Super Bowl	The Stanley Cup was once left in a snowbank by the Canadiens	Bill Ripken's 1989 Fleer baseball card includes a hidden obscenity	Joe Paterno said "when you get into the end zone, act like you've been there before."
FALSE = 0	TRUE = 1	1	1	1
Democratic presidential candidates have only won the White House in years that an Eastern Conference team won the NBA championship	Baseball's championship competition is known as the "World Series" because it was originally sponsored by the New York World newspaper	Back to the Future II correctly predicted that the Florida Marlins would win the 1997 World Series and that the Cubs would play Florida in the 2015 World Series	Mickey Mantle described his "outstanding event" as a crude sexual act	Colin Kaepernick wore socks depicting police as pigs
1	0	0	1	1
The Barbados soccer team advanced in a cup match by deliberately scoring a goal against their own side	Every year, when the last undefeated NFL team loses, the 1972 Miami Dolphins celebrate	Nick Saban finished third in the 2017 Alabama senate race	Official scorecard from the Mayweather-Pacquiao prizefight documents that the real outcome was reversed	U.S. Gymnastics coaches Bela and Marta Karolyi were illegal immigrants
1	0	0	0	0
Federer and Agassi played a tennis match atop a hotel	Abbott and Costello are members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame	Lou Gehrig's consecutive game streak begin when Yankee first baseman Wally Pipp sat out a game with a headache	A basketball court can be found within the top of Matterhorn mountain at Disneyland	The Washington DC NFL team changed its name to the Redhawks
1	0	0	1	0
Baseball players in the 1950s were photographed kneeling to protest lynching	The New York Yankees invented pinstripe uniforms	After the Super Bowl, automobile accidents in the losing state surge	Fidel Castro was once given a tryout by the Washington Senators baseball team	A photograph shows a musher riding over snowless terrain during the 2014 Iditarod in Alaska
0	0	1	0	1
Tony Lazzari once pulled an on-field practical joke using a doctored baseball	A golfer angered by a bad shot was killed by the club he threw in frustration	Prince played a vital role in the success of Nike's Air Jordan	Tom Brady was once cast as a member of The Brady Bunch	A declared-dead horse jockey returned to the track and shocked the crowd
1	1	0	0	1

Our owl claimed to be a sports fan. He must be from Seattle or have good taste – an OSPREY is the proper name for a SEAHAWK.

ANSWER:

OSPREY