

Ramsey Kings Hoax and Best Math Songs

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20 fell for it, 12 did not: 62.5% fell for it.

- ▶ 6 Undergrad Math Majors fell for it, 1 did not. 87% fell for it.
- ▶ 8 Undergrad CS Majors fell for it, 1 did not. 89% fell for it.
- ▶ 1 Grad Math Student fell for it, 1 did not. 50% fell for it.
- ▶ 5 Grad CS students fell for it, 9 did not. 36% fell for it.

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2. Herbert Scarf. REAL
3. Samuel Harrington. REAL
4. Dorwin Cartrwright. REAL
5. Frank Harary. REAL
6. Charles Percy Snow. REAL
7. Jacob Fox. REAL
8. Sandor Szalai. REAL
9. Paul Erdos. REAL
10. Paul Turan. REAL
11. Vera Sos. REAL

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12. Sir Woodson Kneading. FAKE. Anagram of Doris Kearns Goodwin, Historian.
13. H.K. Donnut. FAKE. Anagram of Don Knuth, Founder of Algorithmic Analysis.
14. Moss Chill Beaches. FAKE. Anagram of Michael Beschloss, Historian.
15. Tim Andrer Grant. FAKE. Anagram of Martin Gardner, Recreational Math Columnist.
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20,21,22 Andy Parrish, Stephen Fenner, Clyde Kruskal. REAL.

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Those names are **real!** Both born with great stage names!

Summary of Answers on Math Songs from CMSC 752: BW Rap

1. Liked: 3. Really? One of them looked sarcastic, but 2 looked legit.
2. Hilarious!: 1. I'd go along with that.
3. Not as bad as I thought it would be: 1
4. Lyrics good, rest terrible: 5. THIS would be my answer.
5. Not a rap song: 1. True, but that's not what's wrong with it.
6. Math unclear: 1. Agree that this is not a good intro to BW theorem.
7. Not down with it: 9. Fair comment.
8. Why on earth did you make us listen to that: 5. (Realize that I did say to listen to as much as you can stand.)
9. Infinite sequence of Pain: 1. Is it a wqo?