

The Cellphone Throwing Competition is where competitors are judged on their mobile throwing technique and distance covered.

After ages of feuding, kings OTT and DTH have finally agreed to meet in person.



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King OTT, how nice of you to finally arrive, I see the internet is working now.

Hey King DTH, I see you've joined us in the future, knowing what the internet is.

Now that we've made our way past the pleasantries, let's get down to business.

Despite our differences, we share a common goal: provide good engaging content to our viewers, and I have some ideas on how to overcome these differences.

An Account Of The Math 'Symbol Queen'

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lbert Einstein once the poetry of logical ideas." or Gemini lines of one length, popular in London when the And just like poetry has po- thus =====, because no two English etic devices to make sure the things, can be more equal." Thomas Brancker translated message is going through, I know, I said, I didn't exist mathematics has me, his till the 16th century, but the grandmother, the foundation Egyptians still had hiero- formulated by Oughtred, anstone of his family. They call glyphics to represent addition other father of mine who was me the Symbol Queen. Now, and subtraction, and not to be credited with using 150 symjust because I am a granny, biased towards my current bols in his work. There are doesn't make me an ancient self, these symbols weren't only a few modern survivors relic. In fact, it might come to you as a surprise that till the 16th century, I didn't exist. But then over the years I developed a dynasty of my < own. However, for the of simplicity and sake *cough* word limit, I'll only ginning. Not all pictorial be talking about my eldest representation used in math symbol for multiplication, as and let's say the dearest ones: can be considered as a math it is easily confounded with x; the plus sign-who only wants symbol, just some. The Often I simply relate two to see how things add up in Greeks basically showed ad- quantities by an interposed the world, the minus sign- dition and subtraction as a dot and indicate multiplicawho wants to make a differ- pair of feet running toward or tion by ZC.LM." However, it ence, the equal to sign- who away from amounts to be was 'x' that rose triumphant (obviously) believes in equal- added or subtracted, respec- and got popular in the eighity and finally the division tively. The 14th century teenth century. sign-who's been working at Dutch Vander Hoecke used I hope you now understand home for ages now; he doesn't the plus and minus signs in how significant I am in the really like to commute. Let's start with the humble 'is dye edel conste Arithmetica of you want to end up like one equal to sign'. When the and Robert Recorde used the of my fathers, Robert Welsh mathematician Robert same symbols in his publica- Recorde who wrote "is equal Recorde was writing an Alge-tion, 'The Whetstone of to' two hundred times when bra book called the Whet- Witte'. stone of Witte, he had to write The brothers of the plus and can do the same job. Oh, and "is equal to" almost two hun- minus sign, the multiplication dred times for the first two and division sign had equally hundred pages before he fi- intriguing beginnings. The di- puns are the very first sign of nally birthed me, two hori- vision sign, whose actual great intellect.

said "Pure mathe- to: I will set as I do often in word about this symbol, _____matics is, in its way, work use, a pair of parallels, rather the symbol itself got convenient, or in widespread use, which is why I didn't include them in the be-

zontal parallel lines, known as name is obelus, was invented "the equal to sign." He said, by the Swiss Mathematician "To avoid the tedious repeti- Johann Heinrich Rahn in his tion of these words: is equal work, Teutsche Algebr. The Mathematician Rahn's work.

The multiplication sign was out of these 150 and the multiplication sign is one of them. However, for the multiplication sign, the journey wasn't all smooth. The 'x' multiplication sign re-Tuomaranhy [/] ceived some opposition from Leibniz, who wrote, "I do not like (the cross) as a his Een sonderlinghe boeck in world of math because none two horizontal parallel lines I'm not sorry about the math puns in this article. After all,

SILLY JIBES AND REVELATORY MOMENTS, THEY COLLABORATED, TO MAKE A TREATY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR LANDS AND PEOPLE ...

Likewise. MAKING PEACE IS HARD, IT CAN BE A ROCKY ROAD, BUT IF WE WORK TOGETHER, NO ONE CAN STOP US FROM ACHIEVING IT.

saying this, but it was

a pleasure.

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