



Today in History

December 21, 1891

▲ The first game of basketball, devised by a Canadian gym teacher, was played at a U.S. college. It has evolved into one of the world's most popular sports

1846: The first surgical operation in Britain under anaesthesia, using ether, was performed in London

1991: Leaders of 11 former Soviet republics declared that the Soviet Union no longer existed

2001: The Dodonpa, then the world's fastest rollercoaster, capable of speeds of 170km/h, opened in Japan

2015: Suspended FIFA president Sepp Blatter was banned from all football-related activities for 8 years