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Naoya Ogawa

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He was in a play. he was also on a television drama called “Food Fight Special” and on another television drama called, “Golden Bowl” from April to June 2002.

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Circle the correct answer.

1. When was Naoya Ogawa born?

- a. July 31, 1968 b. March 31, 1968
c. March 13, 1968 d. March 3, 1968

2. Where was Naoya Ogawa born?

- a. Meiji b. Atlanta c. Tokyo d. Fuji

3. What sport was Naoya Ogawa good at?

- a. judo b. baseball c. soccer d. karate

4. What college did he go to?

- a. Atlanta College b. Tokyo University c. Meiji College d. Meiji University

5. What year did he become a world champion?

- a. 1968 b. 1986 c. 1989 d. 1987

6. What Olympic games did he win a silver medal?

- a. Barcelona b. Tokyo c. Atlanta d. Shinya

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