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## STAR TARGETED BY THIEVES

# TAKE THAT GARY'S £6M HOME RAIDED

Alerted: Gary and his mansion

**EXCLUSIVE**  
by DANIEL HAMMOND

**TAKE** That's Gary Barlow was the victim of a smash-and-grab burglary at his £6million home while away filming for a TV show.

A gang forced the front gate leading to the singer's Grade II-listed mansion.

Gary, 53, was alerted by investigating cops the next day. The gang's haul has not been disclosed.

Full Story — Pages 4&5



# SUELLA TELLS PM: AVOID WIPEOUT

# GET SERIOUS ON TAX AND BOATS



Elected... Mr Ali

## Seat win 'for those in Gaza'

By SARAH GREALISH

A GREEN Party councillor shouted "Allahu Akbar" after being elected and said his victory was a "win for the people of Gaza".

Mothin Ali, 42, vowed to "raise the voice of Palestine" as a Leeds councillor.

Two men held a Palestinian flag behind him while he said he ran for election "for the community of Gipton and Harehills who are fed up of being let down".

As he went on one man shouted at him to "shut up" and "\*\*\*\* off".

But Mr Ali said: "We will raise the voice of Gaza."

Last week a Labour insider blamed any possible local election upset on Hamas. But some MPs called for the source to be kicked out of the party.



Attack... Suella yesterday, & PM

**RISHI Sunak was yesterday told to get serious about tax cuts and immigration or face a Tory wipeout at the General Election.**

The scale of the Conservatives' local elections drubbing was confirmed when final results put their losses at 474, while Labour gained 186.

It has sparked a battle for the soul of the party with centrists and right-wingers clashing over how to win back voters' support.

Former Home Secretary Suella Braverman said the PM must personally "own" the "terrible" defeat.

She added: "I'm urging the Prime Minister to change course, to — with humility — reflect on what the

By JACK ELSOM

voters are telling us and change the plan and the way that he is communicating and leading us."

To woo back Tory supporters "on strike", she called for policies including proper tax cuts rather than "tweaking" National Insurance.

She also demanded a cap on legal migration and quitting the European Court of

## KEIR 'SHORT'

**AN outright Labour majority at the General Election is not guaranteed, an expert says.**

Sir Keir Starmer would need to do twice as well as in the local elections to achieve it, said politics Professor Michael Thrasher.

His projection of council votes into a national share

Human Rights to "send the message that he's serious about stopping the boats".

Tory MP Sir John Hayes demanded the PM put more right-wingers in the Cabinet.

But Ms Braverman said it was not feasible to replace Mr Sunak as leader before the next election.

She told the BBC: "We don't have enough time and it's impossible for anyone new to come and change our fortunes. There's no Super-

man or Superwoman out there who can do it. Rishi Sunak has been leading us for about 18 months, he's been making these decisions.

"These are the consequences of those decisions. He needs to own this and therefore he needs to fix it."

In his first comments since the local polls, Mr Sunak said the latest evidence points to a hung parliament.

The PM admitted for the first time his party could be on course to lose its majority but claimed voters would not want to see Sir Keir Starmer "propped up in Downing Street" by the SNP, the Lib Dems and the Greens.

Calling for Tories to unite behind him, he told The Times: "The country doesn't need more political horse trading, but action."

No10 is now said to have shelved plans for a summer election, preferring an autumn vote, according to The Telegraph.

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By JACK ELSOM

puts Labour on 34 per cent and Tories on 27 per cent.

He said: "The gap... needs to be at least double that if Labour is to win."

No10 have said the analysis indicates they still have "everything to fight for".

TREVOR KAVANAGH AND THE SUN SAYS — PAGE TEN

## Week of walkouts on trains

STRIKES will disrupt rail and tram services across the UK this week.

Aslef union driver members at 16 operators will launch a six-day overtime ban today which is expected to cause short-notice cancellations.

They will also stage three one-day strikes across different operators between tomorrow and Thursday in a long-running dispute over pay.

Passengers are urged to check before they travel. Any strike day services will start later and finish earlier than usual.

Train firms wrote to Aslef last week suggesting informal talks.

Engineers on the Croydon Tramlink in South London walked out last night until Thursday in a separate pay dispute.

# TEARS FOR DANIEL

Pictures: RAY COLLINS

By JADA BAS

**MOURNERS** wipe away tears yesterday at an emotional vigil for 14-year-old sword attack victim Daniel Anjorin.

Around 300 friends and relatives sang Bill Withers hit *Lean On Me* in Hainault, North East London. One left an Arsenal teddy in memory of the Gunners fan.

Ex-cop Leroy Logan, 67, told the gathering that his niece witnessed Daniel's death and was "so traumatised she can't speak".

A man is due in court tomorrow over last Tuesday's rampage that saw four others injured.

Tribute... tragic Daniel and teddy

**TALK WEATHER** With NAZANEEN GHAFFAR

**TODAY:** Scattered showers are expected, especially in the afternoon, sometimes turning locally heavy. A mostly cloudy day with sunny spells at times.

**TONIGHT:** A few showers at first, though it will become increasingly drier throughout the night, except in Scotland. Some clear skies in the south.

**OUTLOOK:** There is a chance of a few isolated showers tomorrow, especially in the afternoon. Staying mainly cloudy. A dry day with variable cloud cover on Wednesday.

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### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

HOLLYWOOD star **GEORGE CLOONEY, 63**, left, Aladdin actress **NAOMI SCOTT, 31**, Strictly Come Dancing's **DIANNE BUSHWELL, 35**, right, former prime minister **TONY BLAIR, 71**, former Scotland and Liverpool footballer **GRAEME SOUNESS, 71**, actress **JAIME WINSTONE, 39**.

# MISHED YA, THIBAUT



Picture: HUNKEMOLLER

By HOWELL DAVIES

**MODEL** Mishel Gerzig and her footballer husband Thibaut Courtois have saved the vest for last.

The Israeli, 26 — here in a purple lace bralet for lingerie brand Hunkemoller — yesterday saw Real Madrid goalie Courtois, 31, play for the first time this season as the Spanish side won the title. Mishel, with their baby and his kids, right, said: "I couldn't be more proud."



## REX-CLUSIVE

# EVERY LITTLE YELPS

### Complaints as Tesco ad's doorbell sends dogs crazy

By HARRIET COOKE

**TESCO** is in the doghouse after its latest TV advert set pet pooches barking.

The Food Love Stories campaign includes a delivery driver pressing a doorbell, which sends our furry friends into a frenzy.

One owner said: "This advert drives my dog bonkers. The bell rings and all hell breaks loose with barking."

Another said: "Can you take that bloody doorbell off your advert. My dog goes bats\*\*t every time."

The advert sees a woman taking a Tesco delivery at the same time as her neighbours return with a newborn.

She seems to get frustrated as the baby cries next door but then takes a freshly cooked meal to the new parents.

Despite its heart-warming message, viewers cannot abide the doorbell in that ad and others for Tesco Whoosh.

Marketing worker Polly Arrowsmith, 57, from North London, said: "Our miniature poodle goes crazy. It's funny because we haven't had a doorbell since we moved, but she's primed for the sound."



Din dins... dad in ad, and left, dogs

# ONE GIANT LIPA THE DUA STORY

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# WREX TOUR LED FERRELL TO LEEDS

ACTOR Will Ferrell bought a "large" stake in Leeds United after bonding with the club's former CEO on a stadium tour of newly promoted Wrexham. The Elf star visited the then-League Two club, owned by fellow Hollywood actors Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney, in February last year. Clips featured in Disney+ hit series Welcome To Wrexham showed Ferrell, 56, poking fun at the pair, who paid £2million for the Welsh outfit in 2021. Wrexham's board adviser Shaun Harvey, 54 – the Leeds chief exec from 2004 to 2013 – shows him around and says of Investment... Ferrell



EXCLUSIVE by ANDY ROBINSON

Ferrell on camera: "He's an absolute superstar... he walks around in the dressing-room, talks to each of the players, got them completely at ease." It is believed Mr Harvey may have been key in convincing him to invest in "sleeping giant" Leeds, who are in the Championship play-offs for a Premier League spot. "Shaun knows Leeds inside-out. He features heavily in the Wrexham documentary and has been credited for leading their charge up the football ladder. "His former club would have been a hot topic of conversation between the pair."

## Fury over King jibe

WREXHAM players James McClean and Paul Mullin have been blasted for making vile comments about King Charles. The pair were in Las Vegas celebrating the Welsh side's promotion to League One when they posted on Instagram. Mullin captioned their selfie, "And we hate the f\*\*\*ing King!" which was reposted by his Irish teammate, who added: "We serve no king or kaiser but Ireland! Sue me." Fans called the pair a "disgrace" and urged the club to act. Wrexham declined to comment.

# EXCLUSIVE:



SATURDAY-NIGHT TAKEAWAY

Take That's Howard and Gary with Ant and Dec on raid weekend

## BURGLARS targeted Gary Barlow's home while he was away for the weekend filming with Take That for Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.

By DANIEL HAMMOND and TOM SEAWARD

The gang swooped on the £6million country pile a day after the group performed on the penultimate episode of the last series.

They waited until darkness fell before forcing the property's front gate on the main road of a village in the South of England.

It was understood singer Gary, 53, was unaware a burglary had taken place until the following day – on April 8 – when the police were alerted. It remained unclear what, if anything, was stolen in the raid and no arrests had been made.

And it was not revealed whether the star's wife or their three kids were at home at the time.

Crime scene investigators were seen taking photos of Gary's Grade II-listed mansion in the days after the incident.

Yesterday neighbours told of seeing his front gate damaged following the burglary.

One said: "When I drove past I saw officers taking photos of the gates, which had been damaged."

"They were left half open. A few days later the gates had been fixed."

Another neighbour, 76, said cops knocked on his door to ask about the burglary, which was believed to have taken place in the early hours of the morning.

The music academic said: "The police have been round to ask me about what happened, but I wasn't aware of anything. I noticed the gates were flapping

open. It's a rather secluded place. It's a warning to us all. "There have been other burglaries we've heard about in the area within the last year or so. "There are a few big houses and Mr Barlow's is one of them. "Police always need to do more. It would make everybody feel more reassured here if there were a larger presence, but like everything else in life, it is all funding-related. "I wouldn't mind paying an extra penny in tax if the NHS and police were better funded. It would make us all feel safer."

Another local said of Gary: "He's a lovely neighbour and it's good to have him in the village. "I'm devastated this has happened to such a nice family." Barlow bought his country pile for £2.3million in 2007.

He agreed with conservationists to install a bat box in 2020 and in exchange he was allowed to build a garage for his cars. Plans to build a second six-bed home in the garden were rejected in 2019. Gary was told by council planners that the proposed property would be out of keeping with the area.

Confirming the raid yesterday, a police spokeswoman said: "We received reports of a burglary in between 5.50pm on 7 April and 9am on 8 April. Officers are investigating the incident."

Gary and his two Take That bandmates Mark Owen, 52, and Howard Donald, 56, performed their 2007 No! Shine on ITV's Saturday Night Takeaway.

The show's final episode was aired the following week.

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The police have been round – it's a warning to us all – NEIGHBOUR



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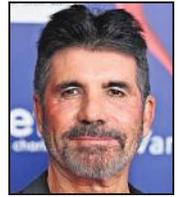
TAKE-THAT'S TOUR

The group back on stage performing in Glasgow on Friday night

# TAKE THAT STAR BURGLED

# HIT AS GARY FILMED TV TAKEAWAY

Barlow was singing on Ant & Dec show



Targeted . . . Cowell

## String of raids on wealthy

By DANIEL HAMMOND

A STRING of stars have suffered traumatic raids on their homes – including Britain's Got Talent boss Simon Cowell.

He was hit in December 2015, with crooks taking almost a million-pound haul from his West London pad.

A record-breaking £25million jewellery heist was carried out at the £70million mansion of heiress Tamara Ecclestone in Kensington, West London, while she was away with her family in 2019.

A burglar raided the home of pop star Rita Ora while she and her sister slept upstairs in 2015, stealing £200,000-worth of property.

Model and former Miss England Danielle Lloyd, 49, had a break-in at her £2million home last October in which designer



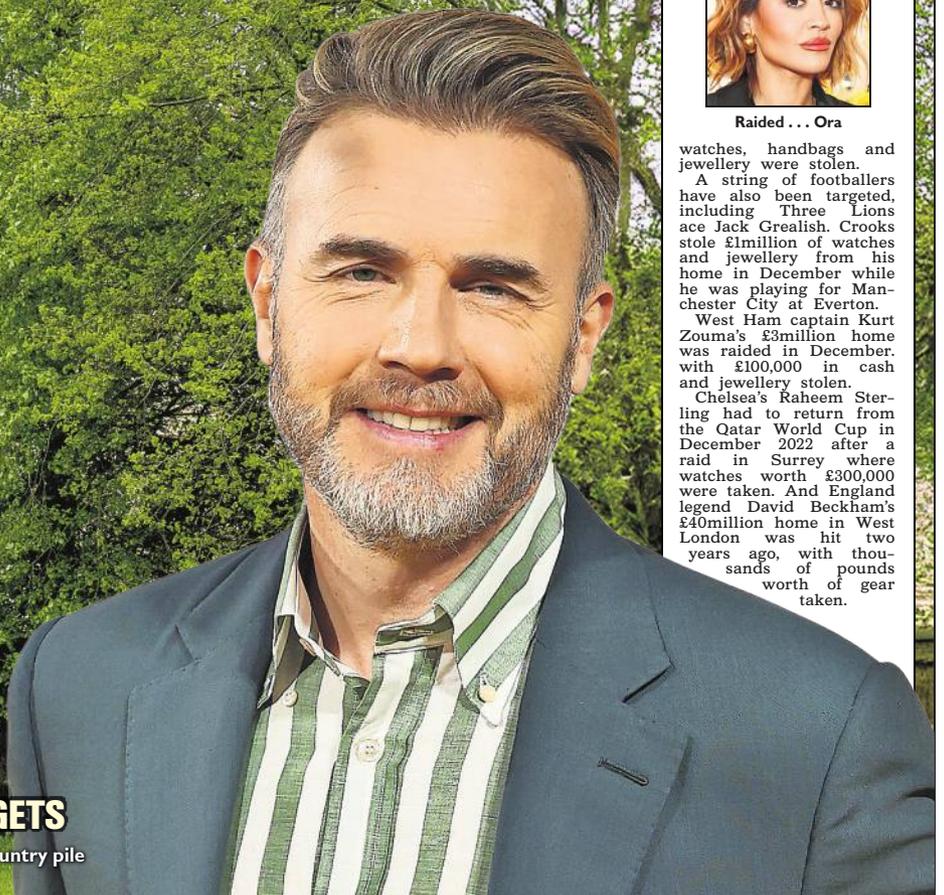
Raided . . . Ora

watches, handbags and jewellery were stolen.

A string of footballers have also been targeted, including Three Lions ace Jack Grealish. Crooks stole £1million of watches and jewellery from his home in December while he was playing for Manchester City at Everton.

West Ham captain Kurt Zouma's £3million home was raided in December, with £100,000 in cash and jewellery stolen.

Chelsea's Raheem Sterling had to return from the Qatar World Cup in December 2022 after a raid in Surrey where watches worth £300,000 were taken. And England legend David Beckham's £40million home in West London was hit two years ago, with thousands of pounds worth of gear taken.



### RAID TARGETS

Gary Barlow and country pile

# NO GAZA TRUCE

## Hamas terror chiefs dash hopes of a ceasefire



'No deal' ... Netanyahu

**HAMAS dashed hopes of a Gaza ceasefire yesterday by repeating "impossible" demands.**

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu has offered a 40-day truce to allow the most vulnerable of around 130 hostages to be freed.

But Hamas terror chiefs are demanding a permanent end to

By **NICK PARKER**

hostilities, which would enable their fighters to regroup and continue to threaten the Jewish state.

Netanyahu has vowed to smash Hamas and capture or kill its leaders to prevent a repeat of the October 7 attacks which killed 1,200 and triggered the conflict.

And he has vowed to launch an assault on the last Hamas stronghold in the city of Rafah. Hopes of a breakthrough faded

yesterday as Netanyahu rejected Hamas demands and both sides blamed each other.

Hamas refused to budge on their stance that any agreement must end the war during their second day of talks with Qatari and Egyptian mediators in Cairo.

And peace prospects appeared bleak as Israeli officials refused to travel to Cairo for talks.

Israel has already reined back demands and proposed a lengthy truce, offering terms deemed

"extremely generous" by Britain and the US. Netanyahu said: "We cannot accept Hamas's demands."

Last night, Hamas fired ten missiles from Gaza, killing three IDF soldiers and wounding twelve, Israel said. It led to Israel closing the Kerem Shalom crossing, used to deliver aid to Gaza.

Shortly after, an Israeli airstrike hit a house in Rafah, killing three people and wounding several, Palestinian medics said. *nick.parker@thesun.co.uk*



Discussions ... Maloko

## Rwanda 'will take in 1000s'

By **JACK ELSOM**

**RWANDA** has rubbished Labour's claims that it lacks space for Britain's migrants and vowed to take "thousands".

A government spokeswoman said suggestions the 200 places at Hope Hostel in capital Kigali was the most they could house were not true.

Yolande Maloko told the BBC: "We've already started initial discussions with other facilities."

"Along the lifetime of this partnership, initially five years, we expect to relocate thousands."

She also rebuked critics who claim Rwanda is a horrible place to deport asylum seekers. She said: "Living in Rwanda is not a punishment - it's a beautiful country."

Labour has claimed Rwanda's refusal to commit to taking all of the UK's small boat arrivals showed that "the Conservatives are just trying to con people".

## Gord wife op salute

**THE** wife of former Prime Minister Gordon Brown has thanked the NHS after having emergency surgery to remove her gallbladder.

Sarah Brown, 60, was rushed by "two wonderful paramedics" to Royal United Hospital Bath while visiting friends two weeks ago.

The health and education campaigner, recovering at home in Fife, said there had been a queue of a dozen ambulances.

She added: "My goodness the NHS is stretched to the limit, but still each and everyone there keeps it going."

"I am overawed by the professionalism and kindness of everyone I met."

## 80yr high tax blow

**TAXPAYERS** will be squeezed the hardest in 80 years by the end of the decade, campaigners have warned.

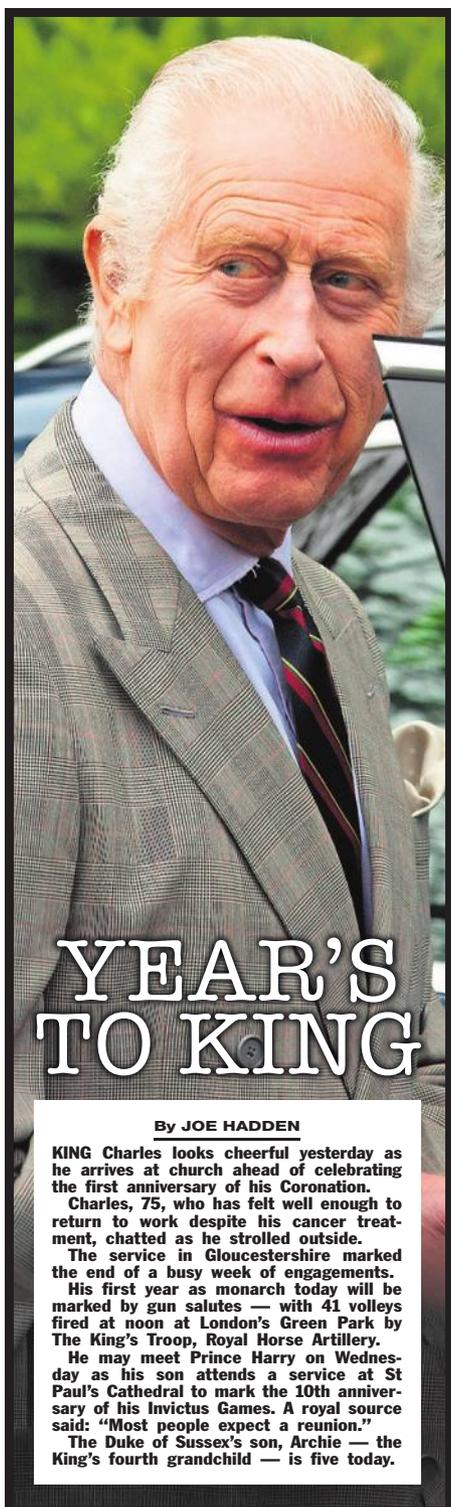
Analysis shows the burden is set to hit 37.1 per cent of GDP in 2028-29 - the highest since 1948.

Despite falling slightly last year, the overall tax burden since 2019 has increased from 33.1 to an expected 36.5 per cent by the next election.

The TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "An 80-year high tax burden will mean more misery for hard-pressed taxpayers and businesses."

## GOING FOR GOLD

A "treasure trove" of 100 antique gold coins valued at over £40,000 will be auctioned on May 23 in Gloucestershire.



## YEAR'S TO KING

By **JOE HADDEN**

**KING** Charles looks cheerful yesterday as he arrives at church ahead of celebrating the first anniversary of his Coronation.

Charles, 75, who has felt well enough to return to work despite his cancer treatment, chatted as he strolled outside.

The service in Gloucestershire marked the end of a busy week of engagements.

His first year as monarch today will be marked by gun salutes - with 41 volleys fired at noon at London's Green Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery.

He may meet Prince Harry on Wednesday as his son attends a service at St Paul's Cathedral to mark the 10th anniversary of his Invictus Games. A royal source said: "Most people expect a reunion."

The Duke of Sussex's son, Archie - the King's fourth grandchild - is five today.

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# EXCLUSIVE: AUDITIONS 'CON'

Reddy to go ... Alesha

Fair judge ... Amanda



**THE WITCH: INVENTED**



**THE CLOWN: MANUFACTURED**



**THE DARK HERO: GENUINE ACT**

## Show bosses created contestants to order

**BRITAIN'S Got Talent has been plunged into a fakes scandal as The Sun can reveal producers have secretly created acts from scratch.**

Bosses have been accused of conning fans after it emerged they concocted mystery performers The Witch for 2022 and last year's scary Clown. The Sun has seen scripts including lines attributed to the judges and musical suggestions. Those in the know were sworn to secrecy, with non-disclosure agreements being used in some cases.

The revelation will lead to speculation over the authenticity of the current series of BGT, which is

By **HOWELL DAVIES**

supposed to showcase hopeful punters and semi-professional acts. Sources insist The Dark Hero – a Batman-themed act whose singing has vowed viewers – is the real deal but it is believed bosses may have developed others for this year's auditions.

An insider said: "Scouting for talent on shows is nothing new but to actually be creating acts out of thin air is ridiculous."

"The Witch went down so well that bosses wanted to recreate the hype. They thought playing on Simon's clown phobia would be ideal so pulled ideas together."

"After auditioning potentials, they pitched the idea to freelance actor Andrew Fletcher who spent weeks perfecting a scary clown act."

While The Witch made the live

finals, The Clown – also a magic act – did less well.

Simon told fellow judges Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and Bruno Tonioli he found it "fairly scary" and didn't send it through to the next round.

The insider added: "The public will feel the wool is being pulled if this sort of things goes on. It's as if they've been lied to – even if the goal was to make the best show possible."

Now in its 18th year, BGT is still one of the biggest shows on TV with 5.6million watching Saturday's episode.

BGT said: "Contestants all have their own established talents."

"We support the production of their performance to help make it the best it can be for our stage."

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# BGT IN FAKE ACTS STORM

### BACK ON TAP

WATER was slowly being restored yesterday to 32,500 homes cut-off after a main burst. But 3,500 homes were being temporarily disconnected overnight while the network serving St Leonards-on-Sea and Hastings, East Sussex, was "recharged". Four bottle stations have been set up, while Southern Water made deliveries to 6,000 customers on its priority services register.

### Sun

FRENCH bakers made the world's longest baguette at 140.53m (461ft) in Paris yesterday – beating the previous record 132.62m baked in Como, Italy, in June 2019.

### SPOT

### JK KEY MOVE

AUTHOR JK Rowling has admitted that her messy eating has rendered the laptop she writes novels on filthy – and she has started munching popcorn to stop it getting worse. The Harry Potter writer, 58, said popcorn is "dry" and does not get between the keys as easily as other snacks. She told The Sunday Times: "I'm giving the entirely correct impression... I'm quite sloppy."



Judge... 'no excuse'

# £1m thief blamed 'change'

EXCLUSIVE by AMIR RAZAVI

A BOOKKEEPER blamed the menopause for her stealing £1.6million from her employer to fund a property empire.

Louise Gow, 64, fiddled video production firm Smuggler for five years by putting her bank details on invoices.

She increased the amount stolen as colleagues were laid off.

Gow, of St Albans, Herts, admitted fraud and got 44 months' jail at Lewes crown court.

Judge Mark van der Zwart said the menopause was no excuse for "plundering the resources of your trusted employer".

Gow was declared bankrupt in February.

A receiver has been appointed in a civil case to try to recover funds.

## FLIGHT BRIT NICKED

A Brit tourist was held at Palma, Majorca, on Saturday for allegedly breaching air security on a Jet2 flight from Bristol.

# AFTER THUNDER, A GLIMMER



# WETTER...

## Storms blight Bank Holiday



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# OF HOPE FOR WARM WEATHER

# THEN BETTER

**COVENTRY**

Amy soaks up the sun

**BEACHGOERS** brave the rain under brollies and towels — amid hopes of finally seeing some sun this Bank Holiday.

Downpours dampened the hopes of many who'd planned barbecues — although some made it to the beer garden. Trippers traipsed over pebbles

By **ANDY ROBINSON**

in Brighton, left, as showers hit southern England. Cheese race competitors in Shaftesbury, Dorset, got soaked, while a shopper in Dawlish, Devon, shelter under a bag, *below left*. But the sun did shine in Essex as Quilters Junior School got off to a flying start in the Billericay Soapbox Derby. And it was warm enough for new Miss Lancashire

Amy Blyth, 22, to strip down to a bikini on a trip to Coventry. Punters also lined the tables in the sunshine at Jeremy Clarkson's Diddly Squat farm to eat al fresco in Chipping Norton, Oxon. Temperatures are expected to remain relatively high in the coming days thanks to a plume of warm air from central Europe. But there will be thunderstorms in parts today, before getting drier tomorrow and Wednesday.

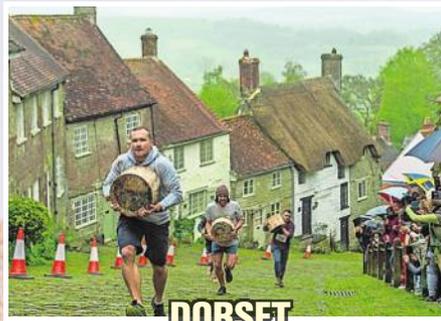
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# THE Sun SAYS

## Last ditch Rishi

**DESPITE understandable attempts to spin the results, last week's elections were — if not totally catastrophic — bleak indeed for the Tories.**

Holding on to Harlow council in Essex while failing in London and losing Birmingham is not anyone's idea of ballot box success.

But there are three themes that have emerged which do offer Rishi Sunak a way back.

Firstly, no one is queuing up to give Sir Keir Starmer a landslide.

Labour has clearly not yet proved it has sufficiently changed or that Starmer can be entirely trusted.

He needs both to seal the deal with the electorate.

Secondly, a significant chunk of Britain seems heartily sick of the incessant infighting which has blighted the Tories since the fall of Boris Johnson.

Thirdly, there is a rising and bitter resentment in the country that neither Tories or Labour have the answers to our post-pandemic problems.

This is proven by incredibly low turn-outs, protest votes for the hopeless Lib Dems and minor success for the Green Party who fielded a candidate who stood on the single issue of Gaza and chanted "Allahu Akbar" to celebrate his victory.

Tellingly, tens of thousands of Tory supporters apparently stayed at home.

For all that he has been given a bloody nose, Rishi Sunak has at least achieved one thing.

He might not have silenced critics from within his own party.

But at least the disorganised rabble of leadership plotters has slunk off to the pub.

That now gives him the chance to make every precious remaining moment of his Premiership count.

Without being distracted by ludicrous leadership speculation, he can focus on delivering.

That means putting more money in people's pockets and quitting the ECHR if it stops flights to Rwanda.

Polling experts reckon Labour may only have a seven-point lead over the Tories and are not yet on course for a majority, let alone a landslide.

The PM can only hope they are right and bet on holding on to the end before calling an election.

**He's got a crucial six months ahead to win those Tory voters back.**

## End of loo-nacy

**THE vast majority of people never wanted gender-neutral toilets in their public spaces.**

They were foisted on us by a woke ideology determined to ignore the rights of women, especially.

Credit to Equalities Minister Kemi Badenoch for throwing out this nonsense.

**It will be a blessed relief all round.**



# TREVOR Kavanagh

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# Labour romp is polls apart from reality

**AS they count their dead and wounded, vanquished Tories have but one thing to look forward to... a hung Parliament, with Labour barely clinging to power.**

EH? Surely some mistake. The evidence from Thursday's bloodbath is that Keir Starmer's Red Army is on the rampage while Rishi Sunak is leading his party to oblivion.

But no. Experts with brains the size of the planet have studied the results, straightened the wrinkles and discovered the opinion polls showing a 20-point Labour lead are an illusion.

Raw voting figures put Labour a mere seven points ahead — by 34 per cent to 27 per cent.

Labour's success, though real, was actually caused by the rise of "others" such as Reform and the Greens, despite the desertion of Muslim Labour voters over Gaza.

With months to run before a General Election, an improving economy and evidence that the Rwanda deportation plan is working, Labour's lead will begin the shrink.

*Wishful Tory thinking? Not at all.*

This comes from revered political analysts Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher, who in 40 years of polling forecasts have rarely put a foot wrong.

While grinning Starmer was rubbing his hands and calling for a snap election, the two cautious academics quietly

rained on his parade. "Labour's performance wasn't stellar," soft-spoken Rallings told Sky's Trevor Phillips. "They went backwards compared with last year."

"It is not wholly clear to me that Labour could win an overall majority."

*This will shock Starmerites banking on a 200-seat majority and the annihilation of "Tory scum".*

But it tallies with the private view of battle-hardened Labour veterans who have seen many an unbeatable Labour lead evaporate on polling day.

### Two-fingered salute

They fear pundits are comparing today's Starmer surge with the 1997 triumph which handed Tony Blair a 179-seat majority.

"This looks more like 1964 when the Tories had been in power for 13 years, battered by the Christine Keeler sex scandal and led by Tory toff Sir Alec Douglas-Home," says an ex-Cabinet minister.

"Labour's charismatic Harold

Wilson was tipped to win by a mile. Instead, he scraped in by just four seats."

One thing is clear, even to Starmer's closest allies. Labour's triumph on Thursday was nothing to do with him or the party.

*This was a huge two-fingered salute to the Tories.*

Which leaves Rishi Sunak with room to improve.

His strongest suit is Starmer's failure to set out his stall, especially on immigration and the economy.

On the evidence so far, Starmer is at odds with undecided voters on both counts.

He is secretly plotting huge undeclared tax hikes on anyone with spare cash and a splurge on public sector expansion, especially wages which will do nothing for the economy.

He has bungled immigration, promising fast-track asylum processing for 90,000 illegal immigrants already here and a welcome mat for tens of thousands waiting to set sail.

Starmer's first act will be to

scrap flights to Rwanda just as Rishi's plans start working.

Hundreds of illegals are now crossing the Irish Sea to avoid a one-way ticket to Kigali.

And to Sir Keir's dismay, his beloved EU is planning to copy Britain by shipping asylum seekers for processing in Africa.

Thursday's results also focused eyes on Richard Tice's Reform Party — formerly the Brexit Party — which grabbed plenty of votes but failed to win seats.

### Too smart to act

Tice does not expect to win seats for MPs either.

He just wants to smash first-past-the-post voting and replace it with proportional representation — a recipe for perpetual Italian-style coalition chaos.

All this explains why Tory plotters against Rishi Sunak are waving the white flag.

If they have any sense they will stop screaming from the sidelines like suicidal banshees, as was ex-Home Secretary Suella Braverman yesterday to a receptive BBC.

There may be lively talk of a deal between Reform's Nigel Farage and ex-PM Boris Johnson, with BoJo reportedly coiled like a snake ready to strike.

But these two are too smart to act before the election.

For the time being, the Tories need to rally around their battered leader and prove Thrasher and Rallings right again.

**THE trans wars are far from over despite rulings against such terms as "chestfeeding" and "people who give birth".**

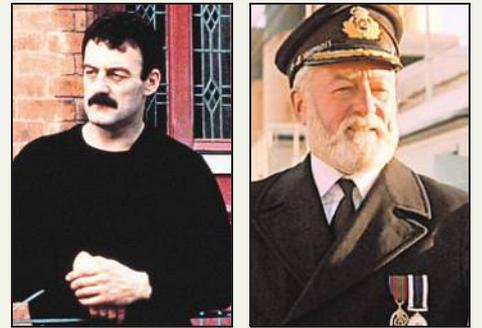
I turned up for a minor op last week and was asked some routine questions about allergies and medical history.

The nurse's final query took me by surprise: "I have to ask, are you pregnant?"

I felt rather flattered. I would have assumed anyone could see I am well past child-bearing age.

# ACTING LOSS

# 'Yosser' legend Bernard Hill dies, 79



Big roles... Yosser, left, and Titanic's Capt Smith

## TV 'TRAILBLAZER'

**SCREEN** star Bernard Hill — whose breakout role came in classic 1982 drama *Boys From The Blackstuff* — died yesterday aged 79.

Hill played desperate Yossner Hughes, struggling with unemployment in Liverpool and famed for his "gizza job" catchphrase and brutal headbutts.

He went on to star as Captain Edward Smith in *Titanic* and King Théodén in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

And he was the husband in hit 1989 rom com *Shirely Valentine*.

Lindsay Salt, director of BBC Drama, said: "Bernard Hill blazed a trail across the screen, and his long-lasting career filled with iconic and remarkable roles is a testament to his incredible talent."

He died early yesterday, having pulled out of an appearance at Comic Con Liverpool on Saturday at the last minute.

He is survived by his American wife Marianna, 82 — who played Fredo's drunken wife in *The Godfather Part II* — and son Gabriel.

Folk musician and actress Rings... King



By HOWELL DAVIES

Barbara Dickson said in tribute: "A really marvellous actor. It was a privilege to have crossed paths with him."

Born and raised in Blackley, Manchester, Hill trained as a quantity surveyor but dreamed of being an actor.

Before *Blackstuff*, he played John Lennon in 1974 Willy Russell musical *John, Paul, George, Ringo... and Bert*.

His other major roles include the Duke of Norfolk in the BBC's adaptation of Tudor-set series *Wolf Hall*.

Most recently, he had filmed the second series of Martin Freeman cop drama *The Responder*, which began on BBC1 last night.

# JEAN SWEENEY



**SYDNEY** Sweeney doubles up on the double denim with two outfits in the same day.

The *Euphoria* and *White Lotus* star, 26, was pictured in a strapless top and low-slung jeans in New York on Saturday morning.

She wore another denim outfit in the evening — heading for dinner in a mini-dress

By HOWELL DAVIES

and matching shorts. Sydney is in the *Big Apple* ahead of tonight's prestigious Met Gala.

The biggest night in the fashion calendar is expected to attract stars such as Jennifer Lopez and Zendaya in extravagant outfits.



'Creative'... David

## 7 Days Craig in 730 days of no sex

By HOWELL DAVIES

**SINGER** Craig David has revealed he's been celibate for two years to improve his music.

The star, 43, who sang about making love on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday on his hit *7 Days* — said quitting sex has done wonders for his creativity.

On the motivation to embrace celibacy, he said: "When I did my first album *Born To Do It*, I was 17 so these were all aspirations. It's crazy."

"I was like, 'What would it be like just to not be dating every time?'. Or, 'We're in this city and you want to mess around. What if we parked that for a minute? What would it be like?'"

Speaking about the impact it has had on his life, Craig told *The TMZ Podcast*: "It's been two years for me."

"My creativity has been at 100, to the max, for those two years."



Hunt... with Sophie

## MiC star Jamie: Chelsea is boring

By JADA BAS

**MADE** in Chelsea last year Jamie Laing has revealed he does not want to live in Chelsea as it is boring.

The 35-year-old — who joined the show in its second series in 2011 — said he much preferred living three miles away in Notting Hill.

Jamie, who co-hosts a show on Radio 1, said he and his wife Sophie Habboo — who also appeared in *MiC* — have been house hunting for two years, but still had not found the "perfect pad".

Instead, they have been renting a two-bed home in trendy Notting Hill.

He revealed: "We've looked at about 40 properties in West London from Barnes and Parsons Green to Chiswick and Notting Hill."

Jamie, who is worth around £7million, said they would definitely not be looking in Chelsea.

He added: "I previously owned an apartment in Chelsea, but I found Chelsea boring."

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# MASKED HELLRAISER'S OASIS



Sweeney ... & Hutton

## Claire & Ricky in a clinch

By **STEPHEN MOYES**

LOVED-UP actress Claire Sweeney and ex-boxer Ricky Hutton had a knockout time on holiday as they took their relationship to a new high. The pair snogged in front of other diners at a cliff-top seafood restaurant in Tenerife and were "incredibly tactile".

Former Brookside star Claire, 53, and Ricky, 45, were seen at posh El Mirador in the north-east of the Spanish isle.

A guest told The Sun: "They were incredibly into each other. I know they'd had few drinks but it was awkward knowing where to look."

"It appears they are getting very serious."

Smitten Ricky, who grew close to Claire after they took part in this year's Dancing on Ice on ITV, has uploaded one snap of her meeting his mates on the break.

He has described her as "gorgeous" while she has said she "feels as if she's won the lottery" with their romance.

**Sun**

TV star Henry Winkler, 78 - *The Fonz in Happy Days* - says his German-born dad told him to quit acting in the '60s and sent him to work in a lumber mill in Wiedenbrück.

**SPOT**

## A perv at the footie

A CCTV operator at a top footie ground tried to contact a teen girl online for sex, a court heard.

Father-of-three Michael Godman, 41, messaged a group who were pretending to be a 13-year-old.

He was exposed live on Facebook after a shift at Tottenham Hotspur's North London stadium.

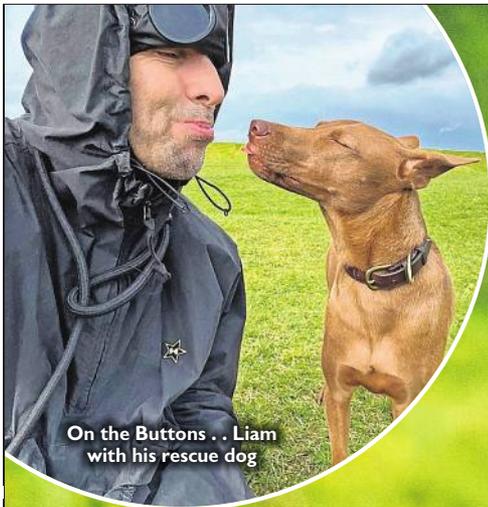
Godman, of Lewisham, South East London, admitted sexual communication with a child.

He is in custody to be sentenced at Woolwich crown court next month.

A source said: "Staff who worked alongside him are in shock."

**FATAL FLOODS**

The death toll due to heavy rain in Kenya rose to 228 yesterday, with thousands left homeless by floods and landslides.



On the Buttons... Liam with his rescue dog

## 'Monk' Liam has meditation room in new gothic mansion

# OM MIGHT SAY



On stage... Liam



**COVER VERSION**

Liam goes for a stroll with his hood up and goggles on

Picture: ANDY LLOYD

EXCLUSIVE by **AMIR RAZAVI** and **ALEX WEST**

## HELL-raising rocker Liam Gallagher is sticking to his vow to live "like a monk" — by renting a country mansion with a meditation room.

The ex-Oasis star and his fiancée Debbie Gwyther moved to the £16,950 a month Victorian pile in the Cotswolds last month.

Our exclusive pictures show Liam, 51, out for a stroll in the area wearing a black anorak with the hood up and goggles attached. He has also been spotted enjoying walks with his rescue dog, Buttons.

An onlooker said: "It looked as though Liam was doing his best to not be recognised."

"Locals have been shocked to see him in the area and it's the talk of the town."

Liam's stunning Grade II-listed gothic manor house is sprawled over 16,000 sq ft and has 11 bedrooms, with 2.5 acres of garden space.

As well as the meditation room, it has a ballroom, gym and sauna.

Liam, now a solo artist, begins his 12-date Definitely Maybe tour next month — marking 30 years since the release of Oasis's debut album of the same name.

A fan on X/Twitter recently asked Liam if he will be watching his beloved Manchester City take on rivals Manchester United in the FA Cup final later this month.

He replied: "I'm not as I'll be banging rehearsals for DM so I'll be living like a monk and looking like a sp\*\*k."

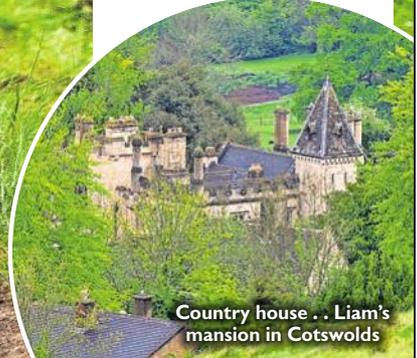
Two years ago, the singer was seen viewing a £3.5million 15th century townhouse, also in the Cotswolds. The dad of three also owns a £4million mock Tudor mansion in Highgate, North London.

But his move to the Cotswolds will tickle former chart rivals Blur, who sang about a man who lives in "a very big house in the country".

The song, Country House, was released in August 1995 — on the same day as Oasis's Roll With It. It was dubbed the Battle of Britpop — with Blur taking the number one spot.

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Country house... Liam's mansion in Cotswolds

## COKE AT THE PUB

FOUR men were arrested after cocaine worth £40million was seized in a pub car park.

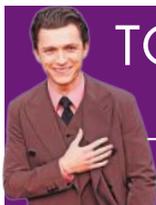
The National Crime Agency said the half-a-ton drug haul was in a Vauxhall van in the village of Lelley, Humberside.

It is thought smugglers had moved the drugs from a boat

moored off Hull on to an inflatable dinghy, which was later found abandoned.

Three of the four men held are from Scotland and aged 22 to 32. The fourth is a 39-year-old Colombian.

The NCA hailed the seizure as a "sizeable blow" to dealers.



## TOM HOLLAND IS ACTING UP

**bizarre**

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## BOOB OP DECLINE

THE number of boob jobs performed in Britain fell by more than a quarter last year.

There were 4,963 augmentation ops, 26 per cent down on the 6,707 in 2022.

Overall, 25,972 cosmetic procedures took place in 2023 — a 16 per cent fall from the pre-

vious year. Experts say the dip was anticipated after a surge in demand following Covid and amid financial restraints.

The British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons also said it reflected a trend of people heading abroad in search of cheaper options.



Award ... Timpson

## Lag help is the key to firm's biz gong

By ASHLEY ARMSTRONG

HIGH Street store Timpson has landed an award from King Charles – for giving prisoners a second chance.

The shoe repairer and key cutter is one of 252 winners of the King's Awards for Enterprise.

All the firms – ranging from safety equipment manufacturers, sports mouth guard makers, fake lashes, Scottish knits and 3D printing kits – will be unveiled today.

Timpson was honoured for providing training and jobs to "marginalised groups". Around ten per cent of the firm's workforce are ex-offenders.

It spent £542,000 retraining former cons and those on day release last year. Chief executive James Timpson said he hoped it would "inspire other [businesses] to do the same".

He said: "We are delighted. We're one of the largest employers of ex-offenders in the UK."



Brush... to avoid ache

## Losing a tooth is a pain in the bum

By KELIS EDWARDS

PEOPLE who lose their teeth from poor oral hygiene are more likely to also get a pain in the bum, scientists say.

And the ache can be worse for those who've lost more than one tooth. Researchers believe the gum disease periodontitis could trigger an immune response that causes painful inflammation elsewhere – including the lower back and buttocks.

A study published in the Journal of Pain counted the teeth and recorded health conditions of 8,600 Americans.

Co-author Dr Kevin Sheng-Kai Ma, of Pennsylvania University, US, said: "The results suggest a clinically significant link between chronic pain and tooth loss.

"We found edentulous [toothless] patients had significantly higher odds of experiencing chronic pain in their lower extremities or buttocks."

# AS SHE HEADS FOR No1...AND THE



By JACK HARDWICK  
Showbiz Reporter

## POP star Dua Lipa has the world at her feet.

In less than a decade, she has gone from waitressing in London's Soho to become one of the most in-demand stars on the planet – amassing a fortune of £30million and clocking up three Grammys and seven Brit Awards.

With close friends including designer Donatella Versace, Sir Elton John and supermodel Gigi Hadid, the daughter of refugees from Kosovo has transformed herself into the ultimate global It Girl.

And as befits a British superstar, she has an £8million mansion in affluent West Hampstead in North West London, boasting a swimming pool, home studio and cinema.

Now she is on course to go to No1 this Friday with her third album Radical Optimism – her first since 2020's Future Nostalgia, which turned her into a major superstar.

The new record has already given Dua another three Top Ten singles in the form of Houdini, Training Season and Illusion, bringing her total to 16. Not too shabby for someone who is still 15 months away from celebrating her 30th birthday.

Its release has ushered in the biggest summer of her career, which will include a massive headline slot at Glastonbury Festival next month.

The feat solidifies Dua's spot in music history, as she follows in the footsteps of the Rolling Stones, Adele and Beyoncé.

Dua said of her milestone: "This is the pinnacle. For me, Glastonbury has always been the biggest dream.

"It's been my barometer every time I go into the studio, when I write a song I love. It's like, 'How is this going to sound at Glastonbury? Is it going to work?'"

### 'Hurtful & humiliating'

"It's just always been on my dream board of something that I want to do. It's the biggest show of my career."

The set, expected to be attended by 100,000 music fans, will come in stark contrast to the last time she performed at the famous festival.

In 2017, she sang on the John Peel Stage – known for hosting up-and-coming artists – and was worried no one would even turn up.

She recalled: "It was just as I was about to go on and there really wasn't anyone there. And I was like, 'Oh, f\*\*k. No one's going to come'.

"But I just went, 'Do you know what? It doesn't matter – I'm going to get out and I'm just going to perform and I'm going to have fun'.

"By the time I went out, the whole thing was full and I jumped out and had the best time."

At the weekend, Dua hosted and performed on one of US telly's biggest shows, Saturday Night Live – becoming the first British star to do so since Harry Styles in 2019.

Born in London in 1995 to Kosovo-Albanian parents Anesa and Dukagjin Lipa, Dua grew up in the capital before returning to her parents' homeland when she was 11.

Determined to follow her dream, Dua persuaded her mum and dad to let her return to the UK when she was just 15 years old.

She said: "I wanted to do music. As much as I loved living in Kosovo, it was a very different experience. I was living with a roommate and my parents knew her parents. My parents put a lot of trust in me so I really tried to be as good as possible."

Dua worked a series of jobs in the UK, including as a guest list girl on the door of nightclubs, before finding a manager and landing a record deal.

But before earning fame, fortune and accolades, she had a tough ride following the release of her self-titled debut album.

She was criticised for her lacklustre dancing on stage and was mocked online with a comment that went viral, reading: "Go girl, give us nothing."

Speaking to a newspaper about the jibes, she said: "When people took that snippet of me dancing online and just turned it into a meme, and then when I won the Best New Artist



CUTE... little Dua. Below, her parents with sister Rina and brother Gjin



FIERCE... at Grammy Awards in February

NAME IN LIGHTS... her Glasto debut in 2017

# DUA WANT SOME?

Grammy and people were like, 'She's not deserving of it, she's got no stage presence, she's not going to stick around'. Those things were hurtful. It was humiliating.

"I had to take myself off Twitter. The thing that made me the happiest performing and writing songs – was also making me really upset because people were picking everything apart that I'd been working on, and I had to learn all that in front of everyone.

"In the public eye, I was figuring out who I was as an artist, as a performer. All that was happening while I was 22, 23 years old and still growing up. You have to build tough skin. You have to be resilient."

However, she then underwent months of intensive dance rehearsals before her return in order to silence her critics, and she now pulls off complex choreography during her sold-out stage shows.

At the 2019 Grammy Awards she

won two gongs – Best Dance Recording for single Electricity and Best New Artist for explicit track IDGAF.

Two years later, she returned to the US music industry ceremony to pick up her third accolade – Best Pop Vocal Album – for second album Future Nostalgia.

### 'I was over the moon'

With three wins and ten nominations to her name, Dua has more Grammys than pop icons Britney Spears (one win from eight nominations) and Kylie Minogue (two wins from six nominations).

Even global music legend Cher has fewer, bagging just one from seven nominations. Meanwhile, back on home soil, Dua has won seven Brits.

With such star power, it's no wonder the great and the good started lining up to record with Dua.

Miley Cyrus enlisted her for 2020 single Prisoner, while the following year Sir Elton John snapped her up

to create chart mega-hit Cold Heart. Madonna, the Queen of Pop herself, even gave her royal seal of approval by appearing on a remix of Dua's smash hit Levitating in 2020, alongside rapper Missy Elliott.

Dua said of Madge's involvement: "It was very much a manifestation thing. I was thinking out loud.

"She was so down. I was over the moon. I couldn't believe that she wanted to do this record with me. I'm such a fan. It was really exciting."

Not content in dominating the charts, Dua has turned herself into a global brand. She currently has deals with Porsche – said to be worth seven figures – and YSL Beauty.

Dua has previously been snapped up by Jaguar, Evian, Mac Cosmetics and Versace, for whom she made her catwalk debut at Milan Fashion Week in September 2021. Last year she co-designed a collection for the Italian fashion house alongside industry powerhouse Donatella

# BIGGEST GIG OF HER LIFE



GOING GLOBAL ... at the Golden Globes in January



LOOKING FISHY ... cameo as mermaid in Barbie movie last year

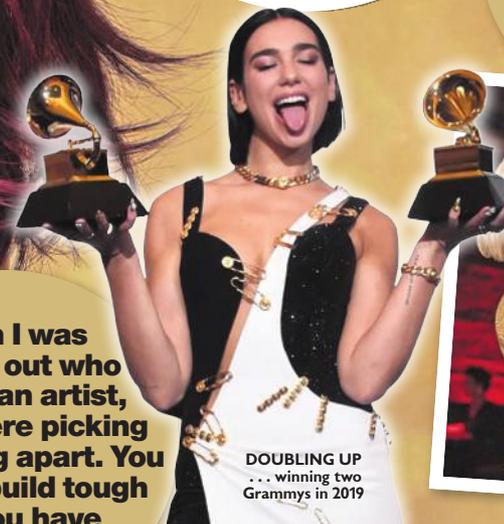


DATE NIGHT ... in New York with actor boyfriend Callum Turner last month

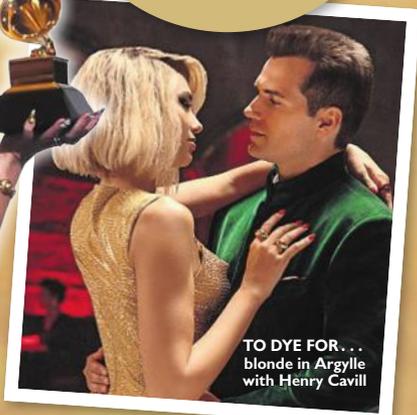


LAUGHS ... Saturday Night Live sketch

**'Glastonbury is the pinnacle. It's always been my biggest dream. It's my barometer every time I write: How is this going to sound at Glastonbury?'**



DOUBLING UP ... winning two Grammys in 2019



TO DYE FOR ... blonde in Argylle with Henry Cavill

**'When I was figuring out who I was as an artist, people were picking everything apart. You have to build tough skin. You have to be resilient'**

Versace. In a gushing statement at the time, Donatella said: "You are now both a Versace super-model and a Versace super-designer. "We designed this collection with true friendship, love and joy at the heart of every piece. "Your passion and vision have inspired me throughout this creative journey." The deals have boosted Dua's net worth to more than £30million - which

is set to jump even further in the coming 12 months thanks to a soon-to-be announced global tour. In her last live shows, Dua played to 1.3million fans around the globe over 91 dates - and the ten-month trek took just shy of £100million. Dua appears keen to make her mark on the big screen, too. **'Proved them wrong'** In 2023, she made a cameo in Oscar-winning film Barbie, playing a Mermaid Barbie alongside Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling, as well as topping the charts with Dance The Night from the soundtrack. Earlier this year, she starred alongside Henry Cavill in Apple TV's spy thriller Argylle. **But don't expect her to call time on creating chart hits.** She said at the Golden Globes: "At the moment, music is my priority. I love acting and it was fun - but music is first." Her love

life has also kept her in the news after relationships with model Anwar Hadid and French director Romain Gavras. But she is now in a British power couple with rising screen star Callum Turner, 34. With her album Radical Optimism on track to be another hit, Dua's sights will now be set on her live shows. Next month she will kick off a series of mini outdoor gigs across Europe before her landmark Glastonbury set on June 26, and a prestigious show at the Royal Albert Hall in October. And she will be making sure there is no reason for people to criticise her performances. She said: "Every time someone has doubted me, I've proved them wrong. And for me, I'm like, this is fuelling me. **'This is pushing me to be better, to work hard. And I get a real kick out of proving people wrong.'**"

# BRITS IN MISSION TO ARCTIC ABYSS

**BRITISH scientists are taking part in the first mission to the Arctic Sea's deepest point — 3½ miles below the surface.**

The experts were in a team who left Norway yesterday to explore the abyss between Greenland and Svalbard.

They will use a £5.15million, remotely operated underwater vehicle to film the seabed — which

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is as deep as Kilimanjaro is high — and take samples. It is hoped they will discover thousands of new species.

Oxford University professor Alex Rogers, of the Ocean Census group, said: "It's a rare opportunity to delve into some of Earth's most extreme and uncharted habitats."

Panieri from The Arctic University of Norway — leader of the global team — added: "The insights we gain will not only advance scientific understanding but will also be crucial for developing strategies to protect our planet."

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Professor Giuliana Setting out... team's ship jada.bas@the-sun.co.uk

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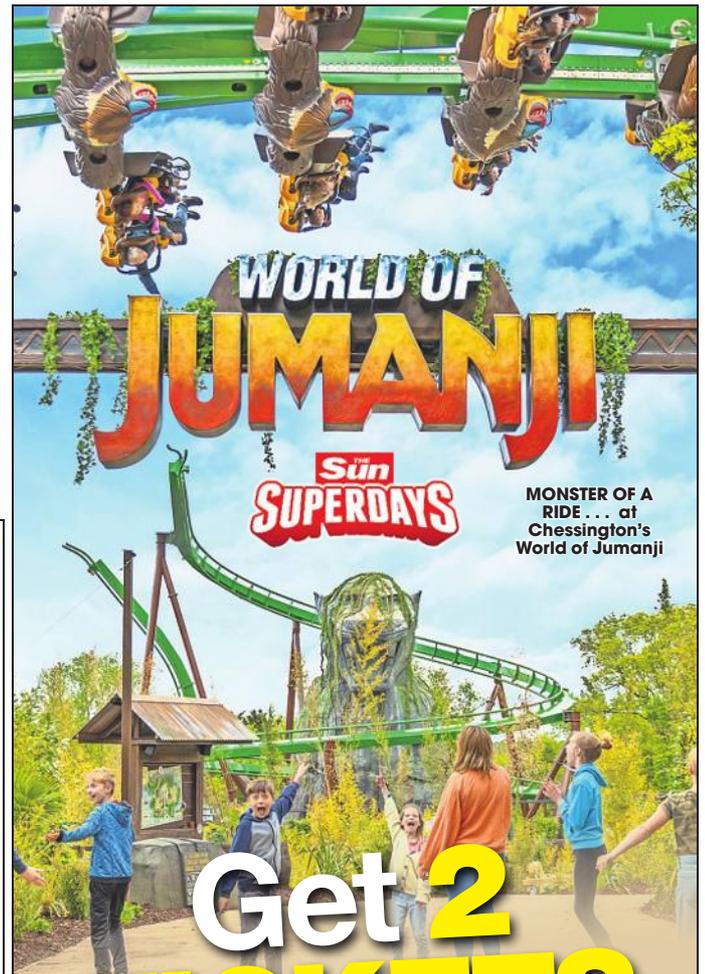


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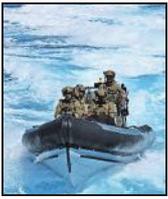
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Sea boat . . . during bust

## £200m of drugs seized in Navy raid

By **JEROME STARKEY**

DRUGS worth £200million have been seized after a high seas chase by a Royal Navy warship. The haul brings the total impounded by HMS Trent since December to more than £500million.

The Navy hailed the raid as a "decisive blow" to global drugs gangs.

Smugglers threw bales of cocaine the size of suitcases into the Caribbean Sea as the patrol ship closed in last week.

HMS Trent's crew, backed by Royal Marines and the US coastguard, searched through the night and recovered more than 50 bales of Class A drugs weighing 2.5 tons.

The warship's captain, Commander Tim Langford, hailed his sailors' "unparalleled success".

And Defence Secretary Grant Shapps said: "The Royal Navy continues to show that those who seek to profit from illegal drugs face the full force of justice."



'Hardship' . . . Akabusi

## Olympic star Kriss appeals road ban

EXCLUSIVE by **ALEX WEST**

BRITISH athletics favourite Kriss Akabusi was handed a road ban after being caught speeding.

The former Olympian, 65, did 47mph in a 30mph zone and already had nine points on his licence.

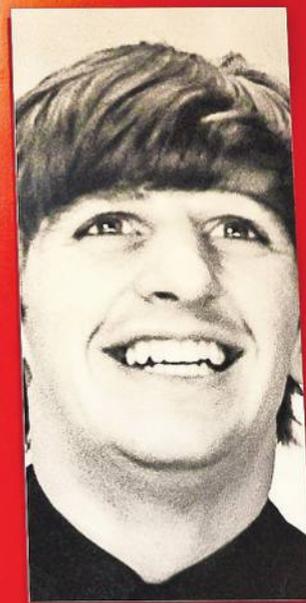
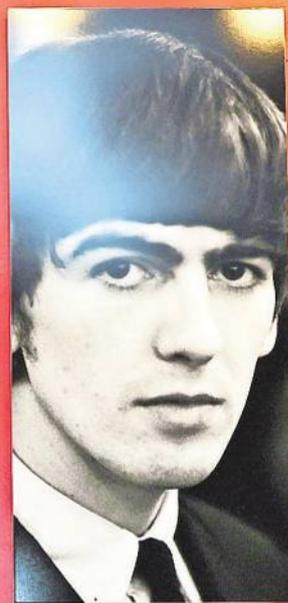
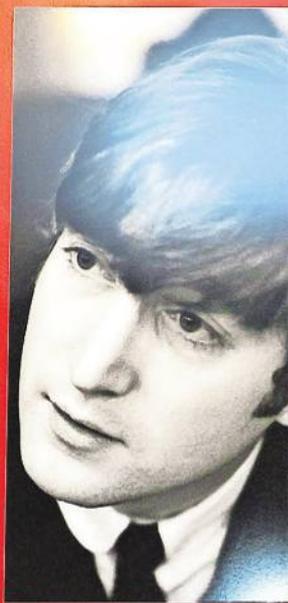
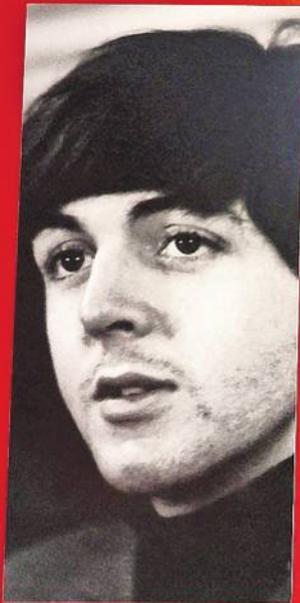
He tried to fight a disqualification by claiming "exceptional hardship".

But JPs in Southampton barred him from the road for six months and fined him £660 for the incident last April on the Isle of Wight.

However, Akabusi has lodged an appeal against the ban – meaning it has been suspended until a crown court hearing to be held later.

Akabusi won silver at the 1992 Barcelona Games for the 4x400m relay and the 400m hurdles, for which he still holds the British record.

He later presented TV shows including the BBC's Record Breakers.



## Mac gets back, back with whom he once belonged



By **HOWELL DAVIES**

SIR Paul McCartney and The Beatles Come Together again as he launches an exhibition of his photos in New York.

The rocker, 81, sat below portraits of himself and John Lennon, George Harrison and Ringo Starr. Paul was at Brooklyn Museum as it showcased, below, his Photographs 1963

-64: Eyes of the Storm, which is open until August.

Of his pics, he said: "Millions of eyes were on us."



## MUM'S FEARS FOR FUNERAL

# 50ST JASON TOO BIG TO CREMATE



'So kind' . . . Leisa with her son Jason

## BRITAIN'S heaviest man may not get a proper send-off following his death as his body is too big.

Jason Holton's grieving mum Leisa is struggling to find somewhere capable of cremating his 50-stone frame.

She said: "Jason wanted to be cremated but there are concerns he might be too wide for the chamber. If he has to be buried, it is going to cost a lot of money that I haven't got – he would need a double plot instead of a single."

"We need to give him a proper send off. I miss him a hell of a lot. I loved him very much." Jason, 33,

EXCLUSIVE by **STEPHEN MOYES** and **GRAEME CULLIFORD**

died this month of organ failure and obesity. Leisa, 55, kept vigil by his bedside at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, where he was transferred by special ambulance to which six firefighters carried him.

She said: "I've had a friend calling funeral homes and one asked for Jason's dimensions."

"His weight isn't the concern, it's just that he might be too wide. I am not sure he will fit into a hearse."

"One funeral firm says they will provide a larger, rectangular coffin for him and think they have figured out how they will transport him."

Jason became the UK's heaviest man after 65st Carl Thompson died

in 2015. He began overeating as a teen while grieving his dad's death.

In 2020, Jason had to be lifted by crane from his two-bed flat in Camberley, Surrey, after falling ill.

He tried to cut back on his eating after that and lost three stone while at a private nursing home. He suffered several mini heart attacks, was unable to walk and confined to his bed at home in a Hampshire village.

Leisa said Jason became seriously unwell in February, adding: "I think the pain was caused by his kidneys stopping working and the right side of his heart being damaged."

"But right until the end Jason was most worried about me and whether I would be OK. He was a brilliant person, very kind and considerate."

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Rescue patrol... in Channel

## Official to sue over migrant boat slip

By ROBIN PERRIE

A BORDER Force official is suing the Government after he was injured rescuing migrants from the English Channel.

Alan Quartermain fell while working on patrol vessel Alert, the High Court will hear.

His crew were on a search and rescue mission in 2021 when they spotted a migrant boat in the Dover Strait.

As they approached, he boarded the boat from a part of his own vessel that was covered in seawater, fuel or vomit and which did not have a handrail, he claims.

Mr Quartermain, of Louth, Lincs, slipped and was hurt and said there should have been a rail.

But Border Force said he should have boarded via the sponson – a low board designed for such rescues that is covered with non-slip material.

The case will be heard in London at a later date.



Scandal... at Stifel

## Bankers fired for sex with cleaner

By KELIS EDWARDS

TWO City bankers were fired after being caught having sex with a cleaner in their firm's offices.

The men met her separately for romps in the toilets and other areas of the building after-hours.

It was rumoured the young trader and senior staff member had paid her, but an internal probe found no evidence, a bank source claimed.

They were reportedly fired from investment firm Stifel last week.

The cleaner, who works for an external company, is also understood to no longer work in the central London office.

One manager said: "Who would have thought it? You see this woman in the hallway and she's super polite, she seems professional. You don't put two and two together."

Stifel said: "We investigated and have taken appropriate action. Both individuals are no longer with the firm."

# WE'RE ALL FANS...BUT WHICH IS No1 FLAN?

# Quiche and tell

### M&S Quiche Lorraine

£3.50, 87.5p per 100g

THE maple-cured smoked bacon in this quiche was an absolute delight. And there was plenty of it, making up 16 per cent of the ingredients, which was more than most.

I also enjoyed the perfectly baked short-crust pastry case.

The French tart is made with Emmental, as well as cheddar, which really elevated the flavour.

The addition of single cream also gave this savoury treat a richness which made it a cut above the rest.

It tasted great eaten hot and cold.

The only downside with it was the price.



4/5

### Sainsbury's Cheese & Onion

£3.75p per 100g

EVEN the packaging of this tart has a distinct Seventies vibe to it.

We couldn't find a meat version in Sainsbury's, but the blend of cheeses in this vegetarian option was delicious. The onion flavour was nice without being overpowering.

And the base cut nicely, with no soggy bottom.



3/5

### Waitrose Quiche Lorraine

£3.50, 87.5p per 100g

THIS savoury tart was made with lardons.

They accounted for around 13 per cent of the ingredients and, served up, it looked appetising.

With double cream in the mix, it was also richer and tastier than some.

And it was very moreish!

The crumbly shortcrust pastry was well-cooked with no soggy bottom.

I very quickly devoured this one.

But it was pricier than most of the others.



4/5



### Aldi Smoked Bacon & Cheddar

£2.85, 71.2p per 100g

I COULDN'T get hold of a basic quiche in the budget supermarket, so we had to go up a range.

Despite that, this was still better value than many, including Sainsbury's and Asda.

The savoury treat had a generous helping of bacon, making up 13 per cent of the tart, which was crispy with a lovely smoky taste.

It also had a few herbs, including parsley, scattered on the top, which lifted the flavour. The addition of the crinkled edges made this look so appetising.

And the colour, texture and pastry were all spot on. A delicious, French-style treat.



4/5

A CLASSIC 1970s dish, quiche has topped a list of the nation's favourite throwback foods. A survey of 2,000 adults by Care UK found half of us have enjoyed one recently. And many said they often savoured a slice of the tasty French tart to trigger memories of days gone by.

Favourite flavours include cheese and onion, or veg such as tomato or spinach. And one of the most popular varieties is quiche Lorraine, which includes bacon.

If you don't have time to prep your own at home, why not try one from the supermarket?

But which of the 400g treats we tested is the best? LYNSEY HOPE, right, tucked in to find out.



### Asda Quiche Lorraine

£1.39, 81.8p per 100g

TASTELESS and sloppy, I didn't like this one bit, especially when eaten cold.

The consistency, which seemed runnier than the others, may have been down to the fact it was made with milk instead of cream.

And the only hint of flavour was from the smoked bacon, which was salty.

At first, it looked like there was enough filling, but what you got was mostly on the top, with little in the depth of the quiche. It also contains palm oil.

Based on the cost per 100g, this was more expensive than many other own brands, so overall it was far from the best purchase.



1/5

### Tesco Quiche Lorraine

£2.50, 62p per 100g

THIS looked smaller than the others but it was, in fact, deeper.

However, that added depth actually made it more difficult to cut a slice.

And that meant I ended up with a sloppy mess all over my plate.

Having said that, the pastry was thick and crisp, and the filling was pleasant enough.

But it perhaps needed a bit more seasoning.

A bit more meat would also have been nice.

Overall, I would say it was good taste-wise. In my book, this was a middle of the road offering.



3/5

### Lidl Chef Select Quiche Lorraine

£1.99, 49.7p per 100g

THIS looked like an eggy mousse with not a lot of bacon to enjoy.

And the bits that did have some meat were bland and disappointing.

The pastry was sound, but the filling needed more meat and more seasoning.

It was very high in fat compared to the others too, with more than 18g in just one quarter of the quiche.

The tart was better when it was heated up before serving.

And it is an amazing price if you just want to grab yourself a cheap meal.

But taste-wise, it wasn't the best, unfortunately.



2/5

### Morrisons Quiche Lorraine

£2.25, 56.3p per 100g

THE crinkly edges made this one look like a proper home-made quiche.

There were chunky lumps of lovely bacon on top, which had a nice smoked, salty taste.

And while the extra-mature cheddar was a bit crispy when cooked, it was also very flavoursome.

The shortcrust pastry was not soggy at all and cut perfectly.

I'd definitely go back to stock up on these.

You would struggle to find better in any other supermarket.

This one was a real winner for me – first class.



5/5



Shocked... Thornton

## Kate 'too fat' to do X Factor

By JOE HADDEN

TV HOST Kate Thornton claims a producer told her she was too fat for The X Factor and offered her an all-expenses paid trip to a health retreat to lose weight.

Kate, who fronted the show from 2004 to 2006, accused the ITV exec of fat shaming her – even though she was a size eight at the time.

She claimed she was also told her freckles were "quite annoying".

The broadcaster, now 51, was bullied at school over her weight and has spoken about overcoming eating disorders.

She told of her shock at being fat-shamed again when she landed her dream job.

Thornton told a podcast: "They offered me an all-expenses-paid holiday to a retreat where I could lose weight – and get my freckles bleached because they were 'quite annoying'."

"I told them to go and f\*\*\* themselves."

## Lad nailed to a fence

A MAN'S hands were nailed to a fence in what cops branded a "sinister" and "brutal" attack.

The victim, in his 20s, was found yesterday morning with a nail through each hand.

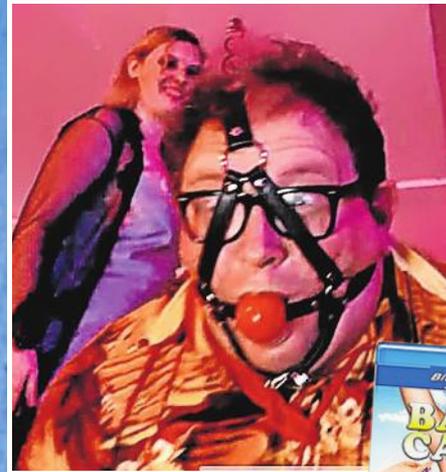
He also had injuries to his nose and is being treated in hospital, where his condition is described as not life-threatening.

Two vans, one belonging to the injured man, were found on fire in a car park in Bushmills, Co Antrim. The Police Service of Northern Ireland said: "This was a sinister attack."

# BOSSSES HAND OUT CANING



Sign... for special needs school



Gagging for it... scene from film, right



Threesome... Belsey & 'cheerleaders'

# BAN FOR SIR IN S&M FILM

## Deputy head stars in saucy comedy

EXCLUSIVE by DANIEL HAMMOND and JOE HADDEN

**THE** deputy head of a special needs school has been suspended for starring in an X-rated sex comedy screened on Amazon Prime.

Paul Belsey – in charge of safeguarding at the school catering for children of all ages – plays alcoholic sex-pest Billy Cockburn in low budget flick Babe Camp.

It follows two desperate 40-somethings who start a nudist camp in a bid to get their end away.

In one scene dad-of-two Belsey is bound, gagged and spanked.

In another he takes two hen-do revellers dressed as cheerleaders into their tent for a threesome.

Staff at Marjorie McClure School in Chislehurst, South East London, said Belsey, 41, had

boasted about being an actor. A source said: "He would brag about how he was an extra in The Bill once, among other things."

But they added: "He is supposed to be head of safeguarding for some of society's most vulnerable children."

"It's despicable and a complete violation of the trust the school has shown in him."

"It's unbelievable – it's not even like it's something from his dark past."

"He was starring in this while he was working with children. It's beyond belief."

Viewers have panned the film, with one branding it the "sort of thing 12-year-old boys would find immature".

His part in it was spotted among credits on the IMDb movie database website last week. Other appearances by Belsey include the 2022 horror flick Halloween Jack 3D, from the same director.

When approached by The Sun, a sheepish Belsey of Rochester, Kent, said: "No comment."

A spokeswoman at the school said: "We are unable to make any comment at this time."

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**SOME** things just get better with age, and the McFLY boys are definitely one of them. DOUGIE POYNTER, DANNY JONES, TOM FLETCHER and HARRY JUDD shared this photo of themselves posing topless on the beach in Rio de Janeiro and it got me hot under the collar.

The band – in Brazil for two headline concerts – looked in great shape and it seems they have found plenty of time to kick back in the sun.

They have a busy summer ahead of festivals and shows back home in the UK, kicking off on Perranporth Beach in Cornwall on May 17.



## WHAT'S DISS RAP, KENDRICK?

**DRAKE** and **KENDRICK LAMAR**'s rap feud has intensified in new diss tracks.

Kendrick, *below*, alleges in the latest song that his rival had interactions with younger women. In Not Like Us, he raps: "Say, Drake – I hear you like 'em young."

Mocking Drake's 2021 album Certified Lover Boy, he sings: "Certified paedophiles."

On Saturday Drake put out Family Matters, in which he accused Kendrick of domestic violence. And in Meet The Grahams, Kendrick claims Drake has a secret daughter and addictions to sex, gambling and alcohol, which the Canadian rejected.

How do this pair find the time to come up with silly ways to insult each other?

With Kendrick's Euphoria at No9 in the mid-week charts, the sceptic in me wonders if it's for attention.



Pictures: THEO LIU

## THE WEEK IN bizness

**TODAY:** The biggest night in the fashion calendar, the Met Gala, will attract bucketloads of A-listers to New York, with this year's dress code being The Garden Of Time. ZENDAYA, JENNIFER LOPEZ and CHRIS HEMSWORTH are among the co-chairs, while RIHANNA and KIM KARDASHIAN are also on the guest list.

**TOMORROW:** PHOEBE WALLER-BRIDGE and JOHN KRASINSKI will be among the stars on the red carpet in Leicester Square for the UK premiere of it. The live-action and part-animated movie, not out until May 17, follows a girl and her neighbour who can see imaginary friends.

**THURSDAY:** Fresh from the success of album The Tortured Poets Department, TAYLOR SWIFT's Eras Tour arrives in Europe for its first night in Paris. The tour – her first here in six years – hits the UK next month for a string of sold-out shows.

**SUNDAY:** Telly stars will get their glad rags on for the Bafta TV Awards, hosted by ROB BECKETT and ROMESH RANGANATHAN. The Crown, Happy Valley and Black Mirror are among major contenders for top gongs at this year's bash.

**BUCKS FIZZ** have lost some of their sparkle as **MIKE NOLAN** is quitting.

Mike, JAY ASTON and CHERYL BAKER – three of the four original members – perform as THE FIZZ.

But after an interview on Radio 2 yesterday, the 1981 Eurovision winners tweeted: "We can confirm, following the MICHAEL BALL show, that Mike will be leaving the group at the end of the year."

## JOOLS IS GIVEN THE ELBOW

**JOOLS HOLLAND** is back this month with a brand new series of Later.

The ivory tinkler, *below*, will welcome back ELBOW and IDLES, who will treat fans to performances of songs from their recent No1 album.

Bafta-winning actress SAMANTHA MORTON will make her debut on the BBC Two show and prove her mettle as a musician.

Rising country star LAINEY WILSON and up-and-coming British singer MYLES SMITH will also appear.

Old friends of Jools – and some of my favourites – returning to perform at North London's Alexandra Palace Theatre include NOEL GALLAGHER, FONTAINES DC, THE BLACK KEYS and GHETTOS.

It's going to be a killer series.

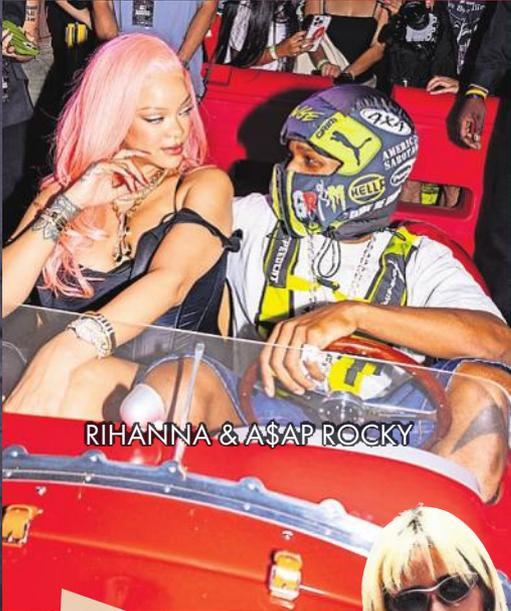


**BABY** Reindeer's **RICHARD GADD** took a break from the madness surrounding his Netflix drama to watch a gig celebrating THE POGUES. Thankfully, he wasn't as obsessed as Martha, the stalker in his show, when he went backstage at the Hackney Empire in East London to meet the band and a member of support act THE DEADLIANS, *above right with Richard*.

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RIHANNA & ASAP ROCKY

RIHANNA revved up the glamour as she got behind the wheel at a Formula One party.

Showing off her newly dyed pink hair, RiRi posed with her rapper partner ASAP ROCKY, who wore a racing helmet-style balaclava ahead of yesterday's Miami Grand Prix and chatted with rapper FLAVOR FLAV.

Fellow guests included CAMILA CABELLO. The I Luv It hitmaker used the occasion to make a TikTok video where she declared her support for F1 Ferrari driver CHARLES LECLERC.

LeClerc and model IRINA SHAYK joined in the big race fun by posing for the latest Formula One-themed issue of Vogue Italia magazine.



CAMILA CABELLO



FLAVOR FLAV & ASAP

## KYLIE SPINNING BACK AROUND TO LAS VEGAS

KYLIE MINOGUE wrapped the final night of her debut Las Vegas residency on Saturday – and the sold-out shows were so successful she is already planning a return.

The Spinning Around singer has negotiated a longer-term deal to perform at new venue Voltaire after originally deciding to end the run.

Speaking on stage, she said: "I am excited to be here. We were reminding that this is our last show, so we have all been a little emotional today. Let me just say it has exceeded all my expectations."

"This is the end... for this moment. I love you so much – I cannot wait to see you again."

I'm told Kylie, right, will return to Voltaire in the next 18 months as she juggles a world tour to celebrate her recent chart hits.

A music insider confirmed: "Kylie has become a must-see act in Vegas."

"With a new album on its way, she will be in so much more demand. But Voltaire and the committed audiences have won her heart over, and she will be a mainstay there."

Before that, though, Kylie will perform at London's BST Hyde Park on July 13. It will be great to have her back, for a while at least.



## WIN GIG TICKETS

In celebration of Live Nation's Concert Week, their amazing team has handed me pairs of tickets to some very special shows to give away FREE.

Up for grabs are two pairs of tickets to see PEARL JAM at Manchester Co-op Live – yes, I've been assured it will be open in time! – or London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

There is also the chance to win tickets for the EAGLES at Manchester's Co-op Live and a pair of tickets to watch MOBY at London's O2 Arena.

Live Nation has also given us a pair of tickets to see DOJA CAT at either Glasgow's OVO Hydro, Birmingham Resorts World Arena, London's O2 Arena or Newcastle's Utilita Arena.

NICKI MINAJ fans are in with a chance of picking up seats at one of her UK shows, too, including dates at Manchester Co-op Live, Birmingham Resorts World Arena, London's O2 Arena and Glasgow's OVO Hydro.

For a chance to win, simply visit [thesun.co.uk/concertweek](https://thesun.co.uk/concertweek).

Click which act you'd like to see to be in the running. The competition runs every day this week and the winner will be selected at random – and contacted to pick which location suits you.

If you aren't one of our lucky winners, Live Nation's Concert Week is offering fans more than 40,000 tickets from £25 to some of 2024's biggest shows, from pop superstars to legendary rockers. Keep an eye out for promotions.



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# ROMEO & PARAPET

## Spider-Man Tom to do Shakespeare play from ROOF of West End theatre

HE was well used to scaling buildings while playing movie superhero Spider-Man.

But I doubt that TOM HOLLAND, inset below, ever expected to be doing something similar when he was cast in a West End production of Romeo And Juliet.

I have learned that the Brit heart-throb is set to perform on the, er, roof of The Duke of York's Theatre, also inset, as part of the Shakespearean show when it kicks off on Saturday and runs until August 3.

The production team want Tom to open the show there, with his performance filmed by drones each night and beamed into the theatre before he makes his way inside and on to the stage. But

the bold idea, to make the play the most talked about show in town, has unsurprisingly fallen foul of health and safety bores at Westminster Council, who have strict rules for drone use.

The production's bosses hope to persuade them to make an exception but it is now up in the air – no pun intended – whether the stunt will go ahead.

A source said: "The play is

being staged by The Jamie Lloyd Company, which also produced NICOLE SCHERZINGER's Olivier Award-winning West End hit Sunset Boulevard last year.

"That had a scene which was filmed on the street each night and, for Romeo And Juliet, producers now want to push the envelope even further.

"They have hired at least two camera

operators so the drone scenes can be captured. Everything is being worked on as we speak but they are trying to make it happen."

There's not long to wait now until the opening night, and punters will rightly be expecting big things, given that tickets for the show cost up to £275.

I know I'd want to see something pretty spectacular to justify handing over that kind of cash.

Tom's star power has already given the production a huge boost, as the entire run is sold out.

He will be taking to the stage alongside newcomer FRANCISCA AMEWUDAH-RIVERS, near left.

But whether he will be able to start the show as they intended is all down to the council.

I just hope they will lighten up and let Tom get on with it.



TOM (ROMEO)



FRANCISCA (JULIET)



# JO KILLER PILOT FREEDOM SNUB

THE killer of Joanna Simpson has lost a bid for freedom.

British Airways pilot Robert Brown bludgeoned her to death with a hammer within earshot of their two young children on Halloween 2010.

He was sentenced to 26 years for manslaughter but had been due for automatic release last year.

Justice Secretary Alex Chalk stepped in following a battle by Jo's mum Diana Parkes, backed by The Sun's Justice for Joanna campaign. And Brown, 60, was told last week his appeal had now been thrown out.

Mr Chalk said: "Joanna Simpson was taken from her family in

Brown . . . hammer attack



EXCLUSIVE by JULIA ATHERLEY

a crime of exceptional callousness and cruelty. I am pleased the Court of Appeal has dismissed his application. Brown's case will now be heard before the Parole Board.

He has refused to take part in any behaviour programmes.

Diana told The Sun: "This man poses a high risk to the public. I would like to express my gratitude to The Sun for backing the campaign to prevent Robert Brown from receiving an early automatic release."

Joanna was killed at home in Windsor, Berks.

Today would have been her 60th birthday.

## Keeping her appy

MEN getting grief from a stroppy partner can get help from a new app.

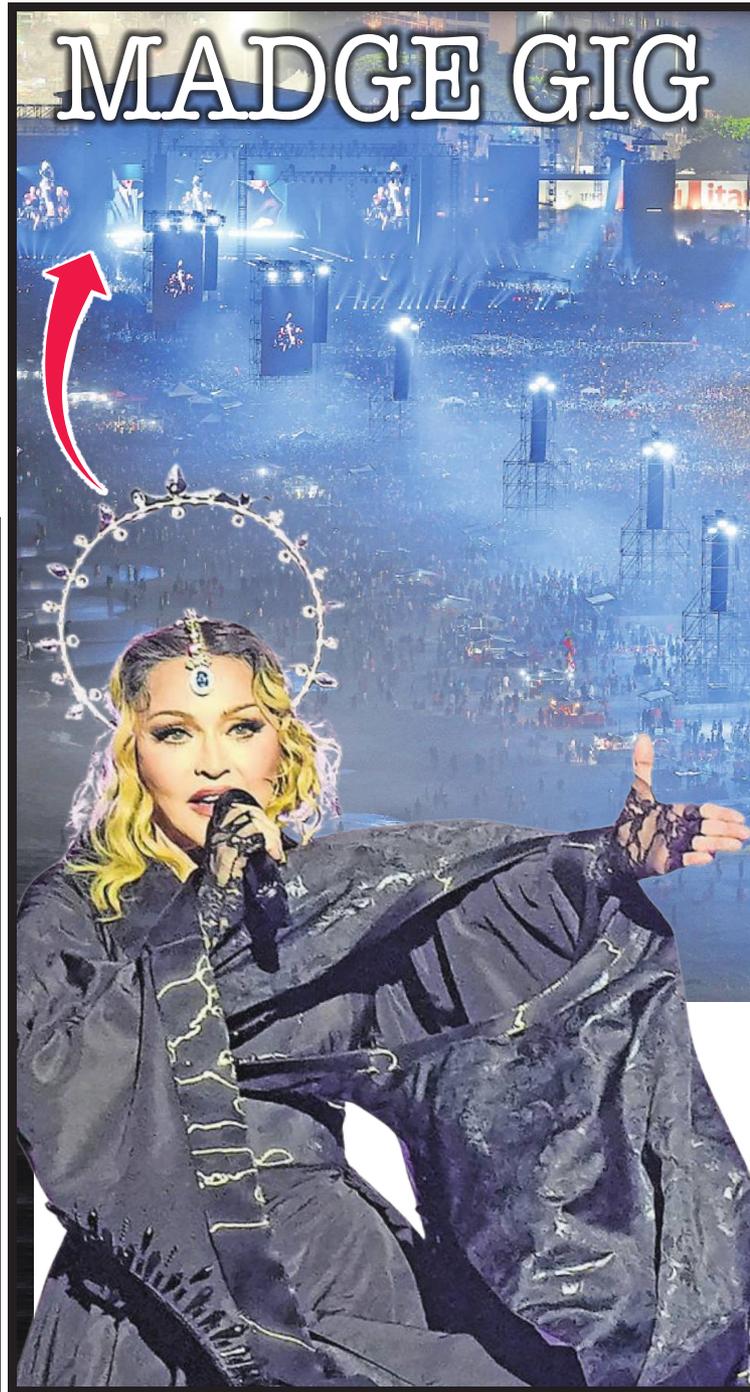
AngryGF offers advice on fixing boyfriend blunders such as forgetting an anniversary, being late or looking at another woman.

Emilia Aviles, 26, of Chicago, US, created the app after growing tired of "inconsiderate" partners.

She said the £6.99 a month tech will "help men in relationships they really want to improve".

## GRAVY STRAIN

Sunday roast fans are shunning gravy granules, well done beef and packet cheese sauce, a poll says.



# MADGE GIG

## TRIBUTES

# GIRL DIES

By ROBIN PERRIE

A GIRL aged ten died yesterday when a blaze ripped through her home.

Her two sisters aged 11 and six, her three-year-old brother and her 37-year-old mum all made it out safely.

The children's dad, a teacher, was not at the property at the time.

Heartbroken locals paid tribute to the "happy, smiling" girl - named locally as Eliza - as floral tributes were left at a police cordon outside



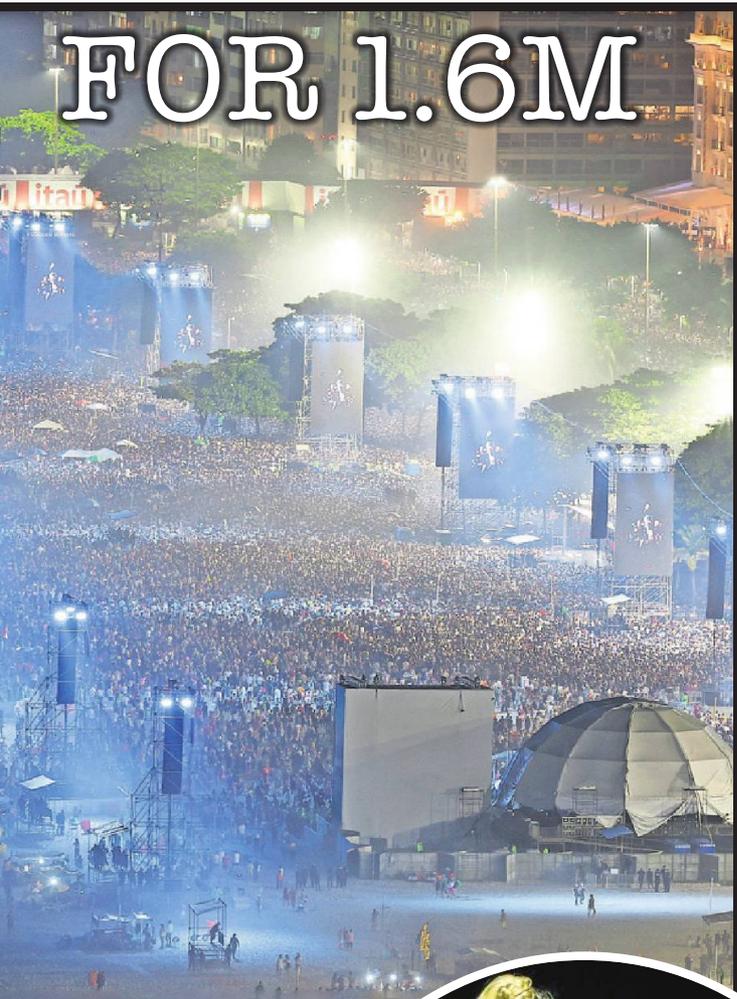
Scorched . . . bedroom window



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# KEMI SINGLE-SEX LOOS LAW FIGHT

**NEW public buildings will be forced to have alternatives to gender-neutral toilets, Kemi Badenoch is to announce today.**

The Equalities Minister will unveil tighter rules to ensure properties such as restaurants, offices and shopping malls have single-sex loos.

If there is not enough space, a self-enclosed cubicle for all must

By **JACK ELSOM**

be provided. The legal move follows a government poll that said four in five Brits want single-sex loos. Women, the elderly and disabled were notably unhappy at having to use gender-neutral ones.

Ms Badenoch said: "These regulations will guide organisations to design unisex and single-sex toilets, end-

Unpopular . . . mixed sex loo

ing the rise of so-called 'gender-neutral' toilet spaces, which deny privacy and dignity to men and women. Today's announcement will also create better provision for women so that our particular biological, health and sanitary needs are met."

It follows an announcement last week that NHS patients will be placed in wards according to their biological sex.

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By **HOWELL DAVIES**

**MADONNA** keeps her crown as the Queen of Pop — as an incredible 1.6million people turn up to her show in Brazil.

The 65-year-old performed a free set on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro.

Her 26 songs included hits such as Like A Prayer and Vogue — with giant screens erected to allow more people to see.

Fire crews sprayed the crowd with water as temperatures topped 30C.

The concert was the final date of Madonna's Celebration Tour.

TO ELIZA, 10

# IN BLAZE

**She perished as family fled**

the home in Bradford, West Yorks. One resident said: "My daughter used to play with her in the back garden. "She was only playing with her a couple of days ago on the slide they have in their garden. My daughter is

so very sad about losing her friend." Another added: "My daughter is really upset. I saw the mother being escorted out of the building, she could not get out by herself.

"I could only see the flames in the girls' bedroom. It is devastating."

The emergency services were called at 1am yesterday.

The blaze appears to have been concentrated in the upstairs front bedroom of the property, which neighbours say is where Eliza slept.

Her bedroom window was hanging off yesterday. Police are not treating the blaze as suspicious.

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## Dining out...

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**COOKING al fresco is all the rage as summer nears.**

Google searches for "outdoor kitchens" rocketed by 120 per cent over the past few weeks.

Have a go at your own with these tricks.

**RE-USE AND RECYCLE:** Get creative and repurpose old furniture to use as the basis of a patio kitchen.

An old dresser can be transformed into a stylish storage unit for your outdoor cooking essentials, while a sturdy wooden table can double as a spacious work-space for meal preparation.

You could also update a mobile kitchen unit by adding a

bit of colour. Wilko has all-purpose furniture paint for £4.99 a tin.

**TOP IDEA:** If you have a couple of shelving units or bedside tables, add a counter top to create a prep space or area for cutlery and glasses. Check the Gumtree free section to find reclaimed wood you can fashion into a countertop.

**STYLISH STORAGE:** Keep your outdoor kitchen organised and clutter-free with simple storage like baskets or crates, which you might already have at home. Use them to keep utensils, condiments, and other kitchen essentials tidy.

**GO FOR BROKE:** Free your inner artist and personalise your outdoor kitchen by decorating your countertop or backsplash with a mosaic design. If you have leftover tiles from a bathroom renovation, smash them up to use them. Mosaic tile grout is £4.50 at Hobbycraft.

**GLOW UP:** Create a cosy evening vibe with lighting. Rechargeable USB lights are a brilliant budget way to add ambience.

Solar-powered bulb string lights from The Range are a great option, now on offer at £9.99.

Argos also has a set of three colour-changing camping lamps to add a cosy glow for £12.

**GO CART:** No space for an outdoor kitchen? Why not use a trolley cart, so you can wheel out your utensils, cutlery and cups when you have guests? Get a three-tier cart at Dunelm, reduced from £22 to £15.40 now.

● All prices on page correct at time of going to press. Deals and offers subject to availability.

**What's new?**

IF you need new indoor and outdoor furniture, garden equipment or toys, head to Argos for its Big Red event. This Flymo lawnmower was £100, but is £66.67. But be quick - tomorrow is the final day of the deal.



**Little helper**



STOCK up on wine and bubbly at Morrisons today to save 25 per cent when you buy six bottles. That would mean a £40 saving on half a dozen bottles of The Best Brut Premier Cru Champagne, £27 each.

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Popular ... Angela

# Page 3's Angela dies at 71

By **JOE HADDEN**

FORMER Page 3 Girl Angela Jay died yesterday after a short battle with lung cancer.

She was a mainstay on the inside pages of The Sun in the early 1980s.

Angela was also the face of lingerie brand Gossard and worked with boxer Henry Cooper for his Brut Aftershave ads.

The 71-year-old died in hospital in Eastbourne, East Sussex, with husband Ken by her side.

He described her as the "perfect girl next door" and a "miner's daughter from the northern pits who dared to dream".

Ex-Sun snapper Ken, 79, said Sunderland-born Angela was spotted by a modelling agency after moving to Manchester.

He said: "The first time I saw her she had a pair of jeans and a scruffy T-shirt on and looked just as beautiful as anyone."

"That's when I knew she was the one for me."

# No Tyne for romp

GEORDIES have had less sex this year than anyone else in Britain, according to a survey.

The average Brit has romped 19 times in the 17 weeks since January 1 – or 1.1 times a week.

But the figure was just 0.6 times a week for those living in Newcastle.

Edinburgh had the next lowest amount, then Liverpool and Leicester.

At the other end of the scale, Brummies were the biggest bonkers – doing it 1.6 times each week.

Cardiff, Glasgow, Manchester and Norwich followed in the poll of 2,000 for married dating site illicitcouners.com. It said: "Brummies are setting quite the pace this year."

# £39m for a refresh

BREWER Heineken is to invest £39million in hundreds of its UK pubs – creating 1,000 jobs.

The Dutch giant's Star Pubs operation said 612 of its 2,400-strong estate would be refurbished.

It will also see 62 long-term closed pubs reopen. Star said the refurbishments will "transform tired pubs into premium locals".

MD Lawson Mountstevens said the work will "help pubs fulfil their role as vital third spaces where communities can come together". He called on the Government to ease taxes on boozers.

# REPTILE DYSFUNCTION

Cops called to reports of a crocodile seen in floodwater discovered a plastic toy reptile floating in Cholesbury, Bucks.

# I STILL FEEL HAUNTED BY SPACEY'S 'GROPES'

A MAN who says he was groped by Kevin Spacey revealed he is "haunted" by the star's advances.

Theatre usher Danny de Lillo claims the actor thrust his groin in his face during a panto performance.

He is one of ten men speaking out in a new Channel 4 docu-

mentary – Spacey Unmasked – airing tonight and tomorrow.

**EXCLUSIVE**  
by **ROD MCPHEE** TV Editor

Danny, from Oxfordshire, was 22 when he claims double Oscar winner Spacey targeted him. Now 39, he recalled being at work in 2007 for performances of Cinderella at The Old Vic in South London, where Spacey

was artistic director. He says: "I started to get, like, scared of coming to work."

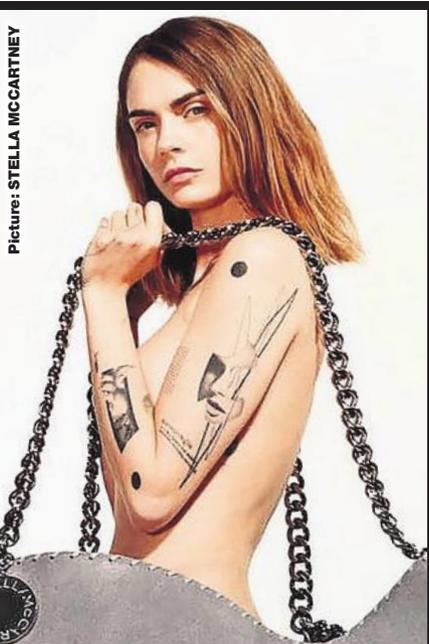
"Is it going to happen again today? He had this look of intent that still haunts me. Like, he owned part of me."

"There was continual moments where he would like touch me from behind or brush himself across me in a way that was completely uninvited." None of

the men claim what Spacey, 64, did was criminal, but they say his behaviour was disturbing and often came with the suggestion he would help their film careers.

The American Beauty star, cleared last July of sexual assault charges against four men in the UK, denies the claims. He said: "None of this happened in the way this has been described."

Complaints ... Spacey



Picture: STELLA MCCARTNEY

# CAR-IER BAG

By **HOWELL DAVIES**

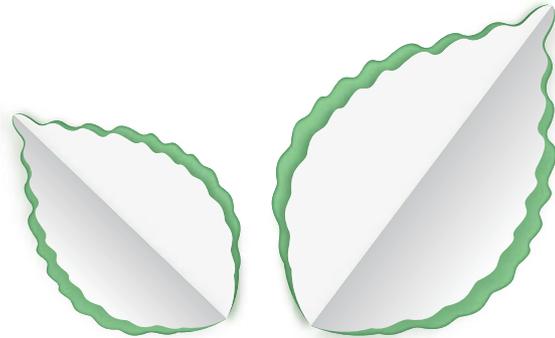
**MODEL** Cara Delevingne bags herself a big role in a new ad campaign.

She posed with a giant version of Stella McCartney's vegan Falabella handbag, with the normal size ones costing up to £1,800.

Cara, 31, has been starring in musical Cabaret in the West End and wants to take it to New York. She said: "Broadway would be a dream. I've caught the theatre bug."



In the bag ... Cara with Falabella handbag



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Horror... theme park

## Legoland mum rap on baby 'neglect'

By **JOE HADDEN**

A WOMAN has been arrested on suspicion of neglect after a baby boy suffered a cardiac arrest at Legoland.

The five-month-old is in a critical condition in hospital after the incident shortly before 1pm on Thursday.

The 27-year-old woman, from Witham, Essex, was arrested on Friday and bailed until July 26.

Detective Constable Zoe Eele, of the Thames Valley Police Child Abuse Investigation Unit, said: "Our thoughts are with the boy's family."

"We are supporting them as best we can at this extremely difficult time. We are working closely with the team at Legoland Windsor Resort."

"We would like to speak to anyone who may have information – specifically anyone who was queueing for the Coastguard HQ boat ride between 11.30am and 12.45pm."



Concern... over deck

## Hospital can't use its £14m helipad

By **ANDY ROBINSON**

A HOSPITAL'S £14million helipad due to open in 2018 is still gathering dust due to safety concerns.

Experts fear the forces from helicopters landing could damage windows below, including a neonatal intensive care unit.

The delay comes after another last year when cladding panels had to be removed, checked and reattached over fears they could be knocked off too.

It means the helipad – largely funded by taxpayers – is unlikely to take patients before 2025.

And even once the deck on Thomas Kemp Tower at Brighton's Royal Sussex County Hospital is operational, it could be unusable during high winds.

John O'Connell, head of the TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "This looks like a vanity project that hasn't been thought through."

An NHS spokesman said: "We remain committed to bringing the helideck into use."

# A MOTHER'S DIARY ON HE

### October 2018

MY daughter Laura was in her first term at King's College London studying international relations when I got the call.

She had been to an opticians for an eye test to complete her application to become an officer cadet with the University Royal Navy Unit and was being sent to Moorfields Eye Hospital for tests. Days later a nurse would deliver devastating news.

Laura had a brain tumour. Our world was never going to be the same again. As the doctor left the room, there was a moment's silence. "Plot twist," said Laura dryly, in the understatement of the year.

Laura called the admin department at King's to say she was leaving with immediate effect, explaining: "I've got a brain tumour."

It was around then that the angel of death started to visit me. Sometimes she would just whisper in my ear, other times she'd take centre stage in feverish dreams or sidle into my peripheral vision when I was awake.

She looked like Siobhan Fahey from Shakespears Sister in the Stay video. I knew exactly what she was: the embodiment of my darkest fears.

### November 2018

LAURA'S surgeon made us aware of the risks involved in the complex brain surgery she needed.

On the morning of her operation, with half an hour to go, Laura still wasn't out of bed. Gracie and Mark went to get her up but couldn't rouse her. Something was terribly wrong.

Laura was rushed to Salford Royal where the surgeon came into her room dressed in green theatre scrubs and cap. Her life was in the balance. After the surgery Laura's room crackled with the static of pulsing monitors and soft lights. Her very existence had been reduced to this series of neon digits on a monitor.

Later, at the Christie Hospital in Manchester, the oncologist explained that Laura would have 30 sessions of radiotherapy. We were desperate to help Laura and, despite the oncologist's reticence, took a leap of faith. We introduced cannabis.

A friend of a friend, doing well with a similar diagnosis, offered to put us in touch with his source. We were sent a mobile number, and a secret codeword "grease".

Details were exchanged and a few days later we found ourselves driving around a housing estate looking for our "man". The man turned out to be one half of a middle-aged couple in a tidy bungalow with a neat garden.

His wife made us cups of milky tea and told a story of breast cancer that had refused to respond to chemo.

In time cannabis would become a fundamental element of Laura's treatment protocol, and part of her daily life. Even without the anti-tumour effects shown by promising new research, cannabis lifted her mood and, perhaps more importantly, improved her tiny appetite.

### February 2019

LAURA started a bucket list – and it was very random.

She wanted to watch the filming of Saturday Night Live and meet US comedian Kate McKinnon, visit the Heinz beans factory in Wigan, drive a heavy goods vehicle, see The Scream by Edvard Munch, visit the Churchill War Rooms, go gold-panning, cross the Equator, have afternoon tea at the Ritz, catch a big fish and have a photo taken holding it (ideally with Bob Mortimer and Paul Whitehouse).

I was going to need a great deal of help to make Laura's wishes come true, so later that day I posted the bucket list on Twitter. I also became a relentless sender of the brazen email and cringed at how cheeky my requests were. I'm proud most of Laura's dreams came true – and more.

She piloted a Royal Navy warship, spent a day with M15, met Michelle Obama and even got to watch Saturday Night Live being filmed. We were also raising £150,000 to fund something called a dendritic vaccine for Laura, which helps the immune system attack cancer cells.

### March 2019

WE received a phone call that the pessimist in me had been half-expecting, and which sent us right back to square one. We had hoped

A nurse delivered devastating news: Laura had a brain tumour. Our world was never going to be the same. Laura said dryly: 'Plot twist'

HARROWING JOURNEY... Laura with mum Nicola



WHEN Laura Nuttall took her first breath in May last year, aged 20, Nicola opened a window to "let her soul fly away".

It was a beautiful gesture in tribute to a young woman whose fight against brain cancer since she was 19 was so inspiring it coaxed comic Peter Kay back on stage in 2021 after a four-year break.

Laura, from near Nelson, Lancs, made headlines as she ticked off a bucket list of wishes including driving a monster truck, commanding a Navy warship, riding pillion on a motor racing bike and meeting Red Arrows.

Peter, who knew Laura's dad Mark, a storyboard artist, through his work at Granada TV,

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for the dendritic vaccine, made from a frozen tumour, but there wasn't enough of Laura's tumour available.

I was back on the laptop trying to fashion a Plan B.

That same month British Airways flew us on a trip to South Africa to cross the Equator. In the Concorde lounge Laura had a call from Sir Alex Ferguson and they discussed the best things to wear on safari.

I knew the early-morning safari starts would be hard on Laura: "Listen, Laura, we don't have to get up for the early game drive, we can do the evening ones. I know you need your sleep." She replied: "I'll sleep when I'm home, Mum – I'm going to do absolutely everything."

### June 2019

LAURA accepted a new university place in Manchester to study philosophy, politics and economics.

She was so frail I couldn't imagine she would be strong enough to look after herself and walk between halls and lectures, but we had to remain

positive – she had three months of recovery before term started.

We scheduled a telephone appointment with a professor in Germany whose clinic offered treatments designed to stimulate the immune system into recognising cancer cells so they attack them with T-cells – immunotherapy in its simplest form.

It was the best option we'd found, so we arranged to take Laura over to Cologne the following month. She went every month for a year.

Less than two per cent of the UK national spend on cancer research has been on the brain. All cancers need a cure but it's hard not to feel aggrieved by the reluctance to invest in brain cancer treatments.

### January 2020

THERE was a spot on the brain in Laura's scan. It was 4mm across, but the doctor didn't think it was visible in the previous scan, which meant it was growing. It was too small to operate on, so it would most likely be a "watch and wait" scenario. We

assumed our usual positions – Laura pragmatic, Gracie and I devastated, and Mark pretty much in denial.

### March-April 2021

LAURA'S cancer was back. Gracie was inconsolable: "This is going to be our life, isn't it? We are going to have to go through all this, every three months, and if we're not... that means she's dead."

### Summer 2021

LAURA didn't want to restart chemo immediately. It was likely to make her sick and her priority was to finish her degree.

It was decided Laura should begin hormone injections to stimulate her ovaries, and any useful eggs could be stored until needed.

This was a notice of intent – a promise to her future self she would still be there and had given herself the best chance of being a mum.

In July Mark's friend, the comedian Peter Kay, came over for lunch and cheered us up. They had worked together briefly at Granada TV 15

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## LAURA'S BUCKET LIST

Visit Heinz Beans factory in Wigan

Drive a HGV

See The Scream by Edvard Munch

Cross the Equator

Go panning for gold

Have a tea at

# PETER'S DAUGHTER'S BRAIN CANCER

... made a triumphant return to hold two charity shows for Laura's treatment.

Laura's mum Nicola, 54, had been keeping thousands of X/Twitter followers updated about her daughter's journey.

The campaigner for more funding for brain tumour research has now written a moving book about Laura's life, *The Stars Will Still Be There*.

Here, **GRACE MACASKILL** highlights exclusive extracts from the book, which tells how Nicola, husband Mark, 61, and Laura's sister Gracie, 22, all coped.

● *The Stars Will Still Be There*, by Nicola Nuttall, is out on Thursday (£20, HarperCollins).

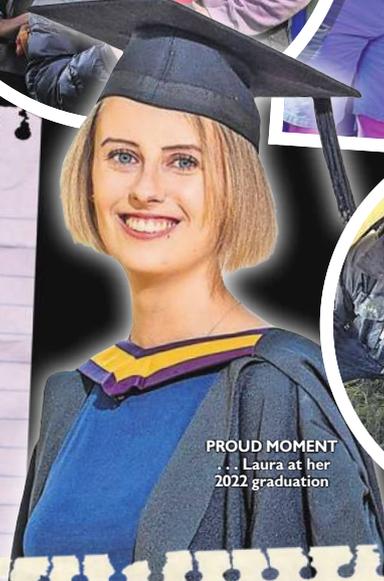


**SUPPORT** ... with parents Mark and Nicola, and sister Gracie



**STEPPING UP** ... Laura, circled, at Dance For Life with Peter Kay in November 2022.

... were so grateful to Peter Kay. As well as the money he raised, he made us feel 100 times better. If you could cure someone with laughter and a bear hug, Peter could heal the world.



**PROUD MOMENT** ... Laura at her 2022 graduation



**DREAM CATCH** ... Laura got to go fishing with Paul Whitehouse and Bob Mortimer



**TREATMENT** ... Laura in hospital after first op in 2018. Right: comic Peter Kay

Laura and I stared up at a million stars. 'When we're dead,' she said, 'the stars will still be there and the tide will come in and go back out; we're hardly anything at all, are we?'

said, "Mum, this is mad, but last night, when I was asleep I was visited by a spirit and it traced a cold finger down my back. It's happened a few times before but I'm not frightened." I was, though. Laura was taken into the Christie where the doctor told us that, once she was stable, we should take her home and they would help manage her pain. We knew what that meant. Gracie wept: "I don't want to be an only child."

### January/February 2023

MY friend Steph offered us a few days in her rental house on the Northumberland coast. One night Laura and I sat on a bench by the sea to stare up at a million stars. "When we're dead, the stars will still be there, and the tide will come in and go back out; we're hardly anything at all, are we?" she said softly.

### April 2023

Laura needed a fifth operation. Things changed. As the world outside moved to the light days of spring, we were chilled by an approaching winter. We were losing Laura - she stared with wide eyes but answered questions with a single word, or didn't answer, or made a small mime.

### May 2023

Laura could just use odd words, then yes or no. We used a pen and paper, then a child's pink plastic Magna Doodle, and then it was thumbs up or down, then nothing more than a long blink in place of communication.

We pushed the sofa against her bed and I would play the music she liked, or read from *The Magic Faraway Tree* while she stroked my arm. We moved the television so Laura could watch her favourite films from bed.

It was the little things that broke me - the half-drunk bottle of Coke in the fridge that Laura saved one lunchtime with every intention of finishing, the Timberland boots she'd never wear again, the handwritten "To do" list, books bought and never read, the white summer top she'd bought in Dusseldorf - never to be worn.

She began to have seizures. I'd been told that hearing is the last sense to go, so I played her long, rambling voicemails from her friends. I hope Laura heard and knew how loved she was.

Then I tried to get messages from people Laura liked to watch - the lovely actress Diana Morgan, then a friend in Ireland sent one from US comedian Tina Fey, followed by an incredible three-minute message from Sandra Bullock which began, "I've just spent the past day and a half looking at the extraordinary life that you have lived so far".

Late at night I walked around the village raging at it all. My howls of misery echoed back from the walls of sleepy terraced houses.

We all slept downstairs now - on sofas with cushions and spare duvets, like some strange indoor camping adventure. We drifted in and out of sleep while Mark kept watch and woke us when the time came.

We held her hands and told her how much we loved her, and then she left us. I opened the window so her soul could leave.

### Spring 2022

WE made it to Peter's Dance For Life show and Laura had no need of a trapdoor - she danced all night.

The family was out in force, wearing tutus, legwarmers and Brain Tumour Charity T-shirts. Peter got us all on stage and we joined him in a Love Train conga in front of 10,000 people.

### Summer 2022

Laura's graduation was on one of the hottest days the UK had ever experienced. She looked stunning in a dress we had bought during her treatment time in Cologne.

I took a million photographs. I wanted to burn the memory into the backs of my eyes, so I never forgot how beautiful or happy she was.

### September 2022

I HAD managed to convince Mark and Gracie we should enter the Great North Run to raise funds for the Brain Tumour Charity, but Laura had other ideas. "If you lot are doing it, I'm doing it too," she stated firmly.

During the race, Laura soldiered on

but became gradually quieter, her face pale, eyes starey. Each time we asked if she wanted to stop, she shook her head determinedly.

We met Laura's doctor and the news wasn't good - a scan showed new growth. It was too risky to fly to Germany now because the pressure could be dangerous for Laura.

Laura knew better than any of us that time was short, but would be talking with the airport border police about trying to get a job.

We were now reliant on miracles.

### November 2022

Laura was getting sicker so we planned an early Christmas which developed a momentum all of its own.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone. I don't think I'd appreciated how far and wide Laura's story had spread. It was humbling and heart-warming to read all the kind and supportive words.

Fake Christmas Day was brilliant.

### December 2022

ONE morning Laura woke up and

... ago. When Laura's story first hit the local news, Peter had given me a call and had maintained regular contact ever since.

Peter later wrote Peter an email asking if he would perform at a fundraising event.

Minutes later, my phone rang. "I'll do you ten minutes at your house, or ask them at Burnley Mechanics Theatre, but what I could also do is phone up the Manchester Apollo to see what their availability is," he said. I almost dropped the phone.

Within a week, we had a matinee evening show booked at the Apollo, one of the biggest venues in Manchester. Peter hadn't toured for years, and I knew that there would be media interest - but once details were released, the world went mad.

### December 2021

STARED at the hospital mural of a living fish as my eyes swam with tears. The cancer had grown. We were back at square one for a third time, and barely nine months since

Laura's last surgery. There was a new, 2cm tumour on Laura's brain.

Realistically, surgery alone was only going to buy us an extra six to 12 months, so she would need to go back on chemo again.

I cried all the way home, quietly, so Laura in the passenger seat couldn't hear. We were meeting Peter Kay later for tea. I don't think he could have seen many audiences as miserable as us, but he had an incredible knack of getting smiles from the saddest faces.

"You should come to Dance For Life next year, I'll get you up on stage with me," he said. "You can come up through a trapdoor in your wheelchair, Laura." Only Peter could make us laugh with a line like that. We all felt a hundred times better.

If you could cure someone with laughter and a bear hug, Peter could heal the world. We were so grateful for his support - the funds he'd raised would allow us access to further vaccine therapy in Germany, and we knew how lucky it made us.

**Monday**



**6am Breakfast** (S)  
**9.30 Morning Live** (S)  
**10.45 Big Little Crimes** (R,S)  
**11.15 Homes Under The Hammer**  
 Property auctions. (R,S)  
**12.15 Bargain Hunt** Eric Knowles presents archive clips to do with trains or railways. (S)  
**1.00 BBC News** (S)  
**1.20 Regional News** (S)  
**1.30 Doctors** Scarlett's mock driving test with Rob doesn't go well. (S)  
**2.00 Planet Earth III: Narrated By Kids** A special Earth Day episode, narrated by schoolchildren across the UK. (S)  
**3.00 Escape To The Country** Sonali Shah's property know-how helps an escapee. (S)  
**3.45 Garden Rescue** (S)  
**4.30 The Finish Line**  
**NEW** Roman Kemp and Sarah Greene host the quiz in which five contestants race in moving podiums across the studio floor to try to win £5,000. (S)  
**5.15 Pointless** (S)  
**6.00 The Boy, The Mole, The Fox And The Horse** (R,S)  
**6.30 BBC News** (S)  
**6.50 Regional News** (S)

**6.30 am Bargain Hunt** (R,S)  
**7.15 Money For Nothing** (R,S)  
**8.00 Sign Zone: MasterChef**  
 Ten familiar faces return in Comeback Week. (R,S,SL)  
**9.00 BBC News** (S)  
**12.15 Impossible** (R,S)  
**LIVE 1.00 Snooker: The World Championship** Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the third session of the final from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where eight frames are scheduled to be played. (S)  
**4.15 The Secret Genius Of Modern Life** Hannah Fry uncovers secrets behind the technologies of the modern world, beginning with the bank card. (R,S)  
**5.15 Flog It!** From Burton Constable Hall in the East Riding Of Yorkshire. (R,S)  
**6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games** With Sian Gibson, Jean Johansson, Iain Stirling and Rav Wilding. (R,S)  
**6.30 Marcus Wareing Simply Provence** The chef heads to Provence to explore the secrets of simple seasonal French food. (S)

**6am Good Morning Britain** (S)  
**9.00 Lorraine** Entertainment, current affairs, fashion news, showbiz stories and celebrity gossip. (S)  
**10.00 This Morning** Celebrity chat and lifestyle features. (S)  
**12.30 Loose Women** Celebrity interviews and studio discussion from a female perspective. (S)  
**1.45 ITV News** (S)  
**1.50 Regional News** (S)  
**2.00 Alan Titchmarsh's Gardening Club** David Domoney offers a masterclass on water features, Anna Greenland provides eco-friendly gardening tips, and amateur gardener Alex has updates on his vegetable-growing journey. (S)  
**3.00 Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom**  
**FILM** While trying to protect genetically engineered dinosaurs, Owen Grady and Claire Dearing uncover a conspiracy. Action sequel starring Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard. (2018) **CC** (S)  
**5.30 In For A Penny** Stephen Mulhern sets challenges to members of the public. (R,S)  
**6.00 The Chase** Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R,S)

**6.30 am 3rd Rock From The Sun**  
 Triple bill. (R,S)  
**7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond**  
 Four episodes. (R,S)  
**9.40 F1 Miami Grand Prix Highlights** (R,S)  
**11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** Gordon Ramsay tries to save New Jersey's Spanish Pavilion from failure. (R,S)  
**1.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien visit Cheshire and Wirral, where items include an antique butter churn and an old enamel advertising sign. (R,S)  
**2.10 Countdown** (S)  
**3.00 A Place In The Sun** (R,S)  
**4.00 Narrow Escapes** Comedian Joel sets off to unknown territory in the Midlands. (S)  
**5.00 Come Dine With Me: The Professionals** More chefs battle it out in the kitchen to win the £1000 prize, starting with three restaurants in and around Sheffield. (S)  
**6.00 Four In A Bed** The first venue of the week is the Plough Inn in Ripple, Kent. (S)  
**6.30 C4 News** (S)

**6am Milkshake!**  
**9.15 Jeremy Vine** (S)  
**11.15 Storm Huntley** (S)  
**12.45 Friends** Double bill. Ross tries his hand at teaching. Then, Rachel forces Ross to annul their marriage. (R,S)  
**1.40 5 News** (S)  
**1.45 Home And Away** After watching Death Throes Cash has something on his mind. (R,S)  
**2.20 In Love With Murder**  
**FILM** A woman falls in love with the CEO who hired her and everything seems perfect until his ex-wife's body is found in his mansion. Thriller starring Alicia Leigh Willis. (2023) **CC** (S)  
**4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun** Double bill. Colin organises a Halloween-themed family fun day. Then, Andy Edwards and Matt Walters celebrate their wedding anniversary. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**  
**6.00 Police Interceptors** A white van fails to stop and leads officers on a night-time pursuit round Halifax. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

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**7.00 The One Show**  
 Alex Jones and Jermaine Jenas present the first visit of the week to the One Show studio, featuring the usual mix of topical stories and celebrity chat. (S)  
**7.30 EastEnders**  
 Honey tries to convince Billy to give Stevie a chance. (S)  
**8.00 MasterChef**  
 (16/24) The first group of eight are hit with an Invention Test. The larder has been stocked with some of the finest foods, so the only limitation will be the contestants' imaginations. (S)  
**9.00 Blue Lights**  
 (4/6) Lee is the new boss in Mount Eden. Under pressure from Canning to get results, Shane leads Tommy into danger. Starring Seamus O'Hara. (S)  
**10.00 BBC News** (S)  
**10.20 Regional News** (S)  
**10.30 Have I Got A Bit More News For You**  
 (5/10) Martin Clunes hosts the satirical quiz with journalist Lye Doucet and comedian Chloe Petts joining team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (R,S)  
**11.15 Dua Lipa Live Lounge Special**  
 The artist performs three tracks from her new album Radical Optimism. (S)  
**11.45 Glow Up: Britain's Next Make-Up Star**  
 (4/6) The MUAs demonstrate their special effects skills on the set of Casualty. (R,S)  
**12.45 The Repair Shop** (R,S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead 1.50-6am** BBC News (S)

**7.00 Snooker: The World Championship** Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the fourth and concluding session of the final from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first player to reach 18 frames will be crowned champion. Luca Brecel secured an 18-15 victory over Mark Selby 12 months ago to win the title for the first time in his career, but both of 2023's finalists were eliminated in the first round this year. With commentary and analysis from Steve Davis, Ken Doherty, Stephen Hendry, Shaun Murphy, John Parrott, Joe Perry, Dennis Taylor, John Virgo and Rob Walker, and reports provided by Abigail Davies. (S)  
**10.00 Rush** The 1976 F1 Championship season is dominated by a fierce rivalry between two contrasting drivers, as daredevil English driver James Hunt and methodical Austrian defending champion Niki Lauda put their lives on the line to outdo each other on the track. Fact-based drama starring Chris Hemsworth, Daniel Bruhl and Alexandra Maria Lara. (2013) **CC** (S)  
**11.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile**  
 Sean Fletcher and Margherita Taylor discover how Rutland Water has transformed the area into a wildlife haven. (R,S,SL)  
**12.45 Darren McGarvey: The State We're In** The rapper takes a look at the UK's justice system. (R,S,SL) **1.45-2.50am** How To With John Wilson (R,S,SL)

**7.00 Regional News** (S)  
**7.10 ITV News** (S)  
**7.30 Emmerdale**  
 Tom has a bad day at work, Belle feels the pressure, and Moira meets Ruby for lunch but has revenge in mind. (S)  
**8.00 Coronation Street**  
 Liam helps himself to Paul's medication, Dee-Dee delivers disappointing news to Roy, Bernie catches Denny stealing, and Alya discovers that Adam has salvaged her work placement. (S)  
**9.00 Beat The Chasers: Celebrity Special**  
 Bradley Walsh hosts as Neil Delamere, Michelle Ackerley, Charlie Styt, Danny Sebastian and Rick Edwards take on the experts, hoping to win big money for their chosen charities. (S)  
**10.00 ITV News At Ten** (S)  
**10.15 The Magnificent Seven**  
**FILM** A remote frontier town falls under the control of a ruthless industrialist, who uses the locals as forced labour in his mines. A woman goes in search of help, recruiting a band of seven hired guns to protect the town and train the people to fight back. Remake of the classic Western starring Denzel Washington and Chris Pratt. (2016) **CC** (S)  
**12.35 Shop On TV 3.00** It's Showtime! The story of a group of working-class men who bought a racehorse. (R,S,SL) **4.10** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.35-6am** Gino's Italy: Secrets Of The South. Hidden gems. (R,S,SL)

**7.00 Wildlife Rescue**  
 Essex is full of the joys of spring but there's a duckling emergency at a local swimming pool. Sue embarks on a late-night rescue of a peregrine falcon that's got a bit lost. (S)  
**8.00 Jamie Cooks Spring**  
 (2/3) Jamie celebrates the homegrown vegetables of his spring garden and demonstrates recipes for a spring greens ravioli, a green chicken curry and a new take on pizza. (S)  
**9.00 Spacey Unmasked**  
**NEW** (1/2) Documentary about the allegations of sexual harassment and abuse made against Kevin Spacey and following the outcomes of the court cases held against him. (S)  
**10.15 Rescue: Extreme Medics**  
 Nine-year-old David has been thrown 50 yards off his quad bike and impaled onto a fence, while 59-year-old Jacqui has multiple injuries after her car fell down an embankment. (R,S)  
**11.15 Sky Coppers**  
 (1/6) Documentary following the work of the West Midlands Police Drone Unit. (R,S)  
**12.15 24 Hours In A&E** (R,S) **1.10** **FILM** Name Me Lawand. Documentary about a profoundly deaf boy from Iraq. (2022) **CC** (SL) **2.45** Grand Designs Australia (R,S) **3.40** Couples Come Dine With Me (R,S,SL) **4.30** Location, Location, Location (R,S) **5.25** The Perfect Pitch (R,S) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

**7.00 Traffic Cops**  
 (11/20) A day trip to Scarborough turns into a high-speed pursuit. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**  
**8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders**  
 (4/10) PC Brian Camsell pursues two reckless drivers in Newcastle city centre in the early hours of the morning and ends up chasing another motorist who has something to hide. (S)  
**9.00 Inside The Force**  
 (8/14) PCs Jordan Vasey and James Boyd Bell are called to a suspected domestic incident, but upon arrival the suspect is struggling to breathe and in need of medical help. (S)  
**10.00 Police Code Zero: Officer Under Attack**  
 (1/6) PC Mike Davey and his dog face a man armed with knives. A routine car stop turns into a life-threatening incident when the driver speeds off while the officer clings to the door. (R,S)  
**11.05 Police: Suspect No 1**  
 (1/4) Documentary following the work of police as they attempt to identify those responsible for criminal acts. (R,S)  
**12.05 Traffic Cops** (R,S) **1.00** PlayOJO Live Casino Show (S) **3.00** 10 Years Younger In 10 Days (R,S) **3.50** Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun (R,S) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R,S,SL) **5.05** House Doctor (R,S,SL) **5.30** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.40** Thomas & Friends (R,S,SL) **5.50-6am** Pip And Posy (R,S,SL)

**REGIONAL VARIATIONS** S4C: 6am Cyw 12.00 Dim Byd Iw Wisgo 12.30 Heno 1.00 Dan Do 1.30 Welsh Whisperer: Ni N Tethio Nawr 2.00 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 2.05 Prynhaidd Da 3.00 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 3.05 Alyn, Chris A Ffili 4.05 Caru Canu A Stor 4.15 Dreigiau Cad 4.25 Pablo 4.40 Ne-wif-ion 5.00 Swinsh: Our 5.00 Osgar 5.10 Lego Ffrindiau: Amdani Ferched! 5.20 Prys A'r Pryfed 5.30 Cer I Greu 5.50 Newyddion Ni 6.00 Sain Ffagan 6.30 Rownd A Rownd 6.58 Newyddion S4C 7.00 Heno 7.30 It's My Shout: Short Films From Wales 7.45 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 8.00 Cysgu O Gwmpas 8.25 Garddio A Mwy 8.55 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 9.00 Ffremio 9.30 Dych 10.30-11.35pm Iaitir Ar Daith BBC ONE WALES: 6.00-6.30pm The Merthyr Mermaid 10.30 Paranormal: The Girl, The Ghost And The Gravestone 10.55 Have I Got A Bit More News For You 11.45 Dua Lipa Live Lounge Special 12.15am Glow Up: Britain's Next Make-Up Star 1.15-6am BBC News

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TALENT... Gunning in comedy

## JESS JUST WRITE ON OUTLAWS

BABY Reindeer hasn't only catapulted **RICHARD GADD** to global fame, it's established **JESSICA GUNNING** as one of Britain's best TV talents.

Before enthralling us as the Netflix drama's stalker Martha, she was hilarious as community payback officer Diane Pemberley in comedy *The Outlaws*.

My picture shows her back for series three of **STEPHEN MERCHANT**'s comedy, which will land on BBC One later this month.

She said: "It's been lovely all being back together, and I felt lucky that I was in the writers' room this time, as I co-wrote an episode with Stephen."

"Diane is persistent, she's ruthless... never misses a trick. Or so she thinks. In a dream world she would be a police officer. She's Cagney & Lacey's No1 fan."

Sounds like a much easier day at the office than on *Baby Reindeer*.

**ELIZABETH BANKS** and **JESSICA BIEL** are teaming up for Prime Video series *The Better Sister*, expected to be shot this year. They will executive produce and star in the thriller about two sisters, one of whom has their life torn apart when her husband is murdered. The other sister is his ex.

## ROB: ALEX NOT HALF BAKED

CELEBRITY *Bake Off* for Stand Up To Cancer might be a bit of fun for a great cause, but some celebs take it very seriously.

Comic **ROB BECKETT**, who competed on **PRUE LEITH** and **PAUL HOLLYWOOD**'s show in 2021, named one contestant who was super-competitive.

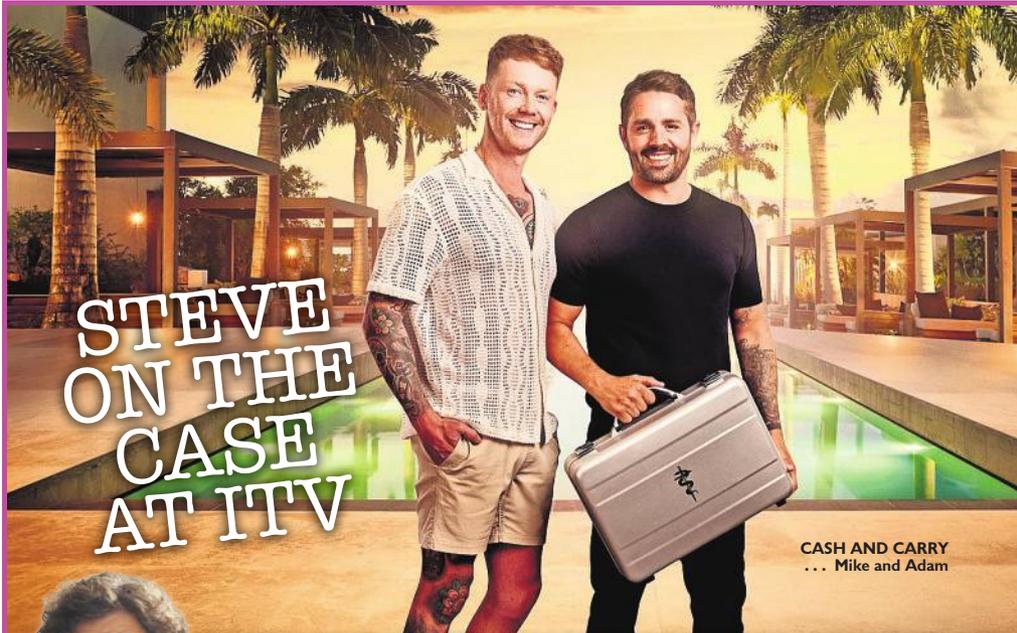
Chatting with telly host **ALISON HAMMOND** on his

*Parenting Hell* podcast, he revealed: "ALEXANDRA BURKE. When I was given a handshake from PAUL, I felt eyes burning into the back of my head. That night Alex

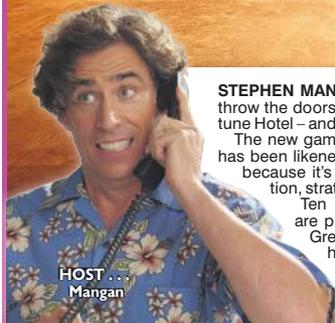
remade the stuff at home and let Prue and Paul taste it when we came back the next day."

The pop star wasn't the only keen bean. Of presenter pal **DERMOT O'LEARY**'s stint on the show last month, Alison added: "He took it very seriously, yes. But he tried to act as if he didn't!"

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CASH AND CARRY  
... Mike and Adam



HOST...  
Mangan

**STEPHEN MANGAN** is about to throw the doors open to his Fortune Hotel – and you're all invited.

The new game show from ITV has been likened to *The Traitors* because it's a test of deception, strategy and luck.

Ten pairs of people are put up in a luxury Grenada resort and have to swap suitcases in a bid to

end their stay with £250,000. But hidden among the cases are Early Checkout cards – which send the couples straight home.

Show host Stephen said: "I found it almost impossible to remain neutral, I was heartbroken for every couple eliminated."

One pair of hopefuls are best mates Mike and Adam, who are a landscaper and bricklayer from Bognor Regis. The lads are fast

set to become viewer favourites with their banter and chat.

Adam told me: "It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience to share with your best friend."

Mike said with a laugh: "I couldn't resist a free holiday in the Caribbean and also getting the chance to meet new people and have fun! The experience was just surreal."

The show begins on May 13.

# Popping back

## KEN BRUCE ON THE 'BIGGER, BETTER' POPMASTER...& HIS SNAZZY MAKEOVER

**KEN BRUCE** proved he was far more than a face for radio when his *PopMaster* quiz seamlessly transitioned from the airwaves to TV.

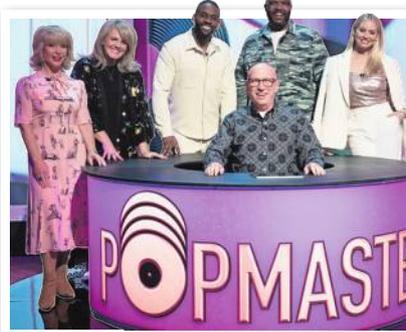
And now he's upped the stakes for his music-based quiz as it returns for series two – with a new section and a liberal dose of celebrity stardust.

Ken told me: "I think it's bigger and better this time. We've refined it just a little bit, with a new round."

"It's called Mix Tape and there's a lot of jeopardy in it. There's a button the players have to press to stop a randomiser going up and down lots of different music categories and nobody ever seems to manage to stop it on the one they want, it always goes on to the next one after."

"As it goes along, the randomiser gets faster and then it becomes even harder to land on what you want it to. It's a really good new addition."

So many people tuned in for the launch series last year, it elevated *More4* to the number one digital channel in its time slot – feedback Ken



HIT... Ken and Toyah, Sally, Richard, Mistajam, Kimberly

says is "heartwarming". The success means two celebrity specials have been added to the return run.

Stars including DJ **MISTAJAM**, **TOYAH WILCOX**, rapper-turned-actor **RICHARD BLACKWOOD**, actress **SALLY LINDSAY** and singer **KIMBERLY WYATT** will now take on the quiz. In the past, celebrities rang up Ken's Radio 2 show to

play the game anonymously. Ken said: "There's always one who says 'it only belongs on the radio' but on the whole, everyone was extremely positive."

"I thought it would work nicely on TV, but I maybe didn't expect it to do as well as it did."

"Sometimes when you watch celebrity editions of quiz shows, they can be a bit easier. But that is not the case with this one. We're not giving the celebrities an easy ride."

### 'Looking sharp'

"It is brave of them, they've no guarantee they'll be able to answer anything. Everyone hopes they will but it's never easy."

"It's a dangerous thing in a sense for pop and rock stars to take part in, but I'm glad they're taking the chance."

Ken's move to telly means he had to think more about his image and has overhauled his wardrobe.

Fans immediately spotted a new line in snazzy shirts.

He said with a laugh: "I'm enjoying looking a bit sharp, for a change." *PopMaster* returns on May 13 at 9pm on *More4*.

## JO'S GOT CRAIG IN SIGHTS

HE proudly launched his new stage show this weekend – and Strictly's **JOHANNES RADEBE** is already eyeing his next career move.

Speaking at the gala performance of his House Of Jojo tour in London, the pro dancer joked that the BBC One show's judge **CRAIG REVEL HORWOOD** better watch his back.

He said: "I will do Strictly for as long as my bones allow – then I will go for Craig's job. My dream is that House Of Jojo continues long after I stop performing, so I don't always have to headline it and then I can do other things."



TOUR... star

Celebs including **GRAHAM NORTON**, **RACHEL RILEY** and **AJ ODUDU** watched the spectacular at the London Palladium.

Johannes added: "This show is for all those people who told me to tone it down."

**PETE WICKS** has ruled out returning to *The Only Way Is Essex* after seven years on the series. **The Casanova**, who left the show in 2022, insists he wants to move on. Pete, who has since been on Channel 4's *The Underdog*: **Josh Must Win**, said: "I enjoyed it. But I'm done with the chapter now."

## SUE DIPPY OVER HER THAI TRIP

**THERE'S** first world problems, and then there's the issue **SUE PERKINS** faced on her new TV tour of Thailand.

The comic explored three regions of the country for Channel 5's *Lost In Thailand*, which begins on Friday.

And she's told how her experience diving in 31-degree tropical seas was so magical, it has made going for a swim back home in Blighty seem a very poor second.

Sue said with a laugh: "The water was delicious and it has destroyed everything!"

She added: "The diving was a special trip and it's such a brilliant reciprocal arrangement for tourists."

"You pay to go on a boat, be taken to a beautiful diving area and, while you're there, you can help the crew bag up the inevitable waste you'll spot."

"It's just a brilliant way to spend the day."

# Monday

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## FREEVIEW

**BBC THREE *Freeview 23***  
**7pm** The Next Step **7.45** Galaxy Dance **7.55** Corey Baker's Dance Race **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.00** I Kissed A Girl **9.50** High: Confessions Of An Ibiza Drug Mule **10.35** The Big Proud Party Agency **11.35** Galaxy Dance **11.45** I Kissed A Girl **12.35** Gavin & Stacey **1.35-2.20am** High: Confessions Of An Ibiza Drug Mule

**BBC FOUR *Freeview 9***  
**7pm** Coast **7.15** Great Railway Journeys **8.05** The Abbey With Alan Bennett **9.00** Britain's Lost Masterpieces **10.00** Civilisation: A Personal View By Kenneth Clark. Two episodes. **11.40** Peter Rice: An Engineer Imagines **12.40** Great Railway Journeys **1.30-2.30am** The Abbey With Alan Bennett

**ITV2 *Freeview 4***  
**6am** CITV: Craig Of The Creek **6.15** DC Super Hero Girls **6.25** Teen Titans Go! **6.50** Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous **7.20** Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated **7.45** Be Cool, Scooby-Do! **8.10** What's New Scooby-Do? **8.35** Scooby-Do And Guess Who? **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **9.25** Catchphrase **10.00** Veronica Mars **11.00** Dawson's Creek **12.00** Secret Crush **1.00** Dress To Impress **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Dress To Impress **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Family Fortunes **8.00** Bob's Burgers **9.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** Bob's Burgers **1.30-2.20am** Apocalypse Now

**ITV3 *Freeview 10***  
**6am** Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Wild At Heart **10.15** The Royal **11.20** Heartbeat **1.30** Classic Emmerdale **2.35** Classic Coronation Street **3.45** Poirot **5.55** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** DCI Banks **11.50** The Royal **12.45-2.30am** Wild At Heart

**ITV4 *Freeview 26***  
**6am** The Protectors **6.30** The Sweeney **7.20** Robin Of Sherwood **8.25** Magnum, P.I. **9.25** Kojak **10.30** BattleBots **11.30** Robin Of Sherwood **12.35** Magnum, P.I. **1.45** **FILM** The Sting. Depression-era comedy drama with Robert Redford and Paul Newman. (1973) **4.20** **FILM** Cahill, US Marshal. Western starring John Wayne. (1973) **6.25** **FILM** Live And Let Die. James Bond spy adventure starring Roger Moore. (1973) **9.00** **FILM** Central Intelligence. Action comedy starring Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart. (2016) **11.15** The Motorbike Show **12.15** The Chase Celebrity Special **1.15** Auto Mundial **1.45-2.10am** Motorsport Mundial

**E4 *Freeview 13***  
**6am** Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Modern Family **8.00** Teen First Dates **9.00** Made In Chelsea **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** First Dates **12.05** The Big Bang Theory **1.05-2.05am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

**MORE4 *Freeview 18***  
**8.55am** Food Unwrapped **9.30** A Place In The Sun **10.25** A New Life In The Sun **11.30** Come Dine With Me **2.10** Four In A Bed **5.00** **FILM** Dad's Army. Comedy starring Arthur Lowe. (1971) **6.55** Car S.O.S. **7.55** Grand Designs



**SMOOCH ADO** ... host Danni, and love match Demi, left, and Fiorenza

### I KISSED A GIRL

**BBC3**  
 THE obvious bonus of a girl-only dating show is that there will be none of the toxic, cocky and humourless blokes who continue to taint season after season of Love Island. But will that be quite enough to convince viewers to tune in to this second series of the UK's first gay dating programme? Following I Kissed a Boy's run last year, it's now the turn of the girls to enjoy some fun and games – or as these contestants see it, a “hot girl queer summer”. Ten singletons, who are either lesbian or bisexual, are



## last night

back in the same Italian villa looking for love. Once again, Danni Minogue is presenting, and it's clear the Aussie's presence is very much appreciated by the show's contestants. They can't help but drool over her when she enters the villa wearing a flowing purple dress – and sparks “gay panic”, as one competitor puts it. The show's big gimmick also remains the same as before, as the five matched couples' first interaction of any kind is kiss.

There's no talking, hugging or handshakes, it's just straight to the action – bosh! But the couples don't tend to stay together for very long, or to commit easily, as temptations usually lie elsewhere. This is far from the norm for Welsh Priya – who reveals during a game of “what's the gayest thing that you've ever done?” how she once got engaged to a member of the US military, despite never having met them other than

**9.00** Car S.O.S **10.00** The Lancaster Bomber At 80 With David Jason **11.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.05** Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.00-2.15am** 999: On The Front Line

**SKY MIX *Freeview 11***  
**7am** Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing To Declare **9.00** Caught On Dashcam **11.00** Highway Patrol **1.00** Nothing To Declare **UK 4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager **8.00** The Rookie **9.00** A League Of Their Own: US Road Trip **2.0** **10.00** An Unexpected Killer **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **12.00** Grimm **1.00-2am** The Force: North East



**E4 9pm** Jazz is left feeling regretful in reality series Made In Chelsea

**DAVE *Freeview 19***  
**7.15am** Lazy Boy Garage **8.05** Top Gear Winter Olympics Special **9.05** Top Gear: Polar Challenge **10.10** Top Gear Botswana Special **11.10** Top Gear USA Special **12.10** Gavin & Stacey **4.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race 2023 **6.00** Rick Stein's Road To Mexico **7.00** Richard Osman's House Of Games **8.20** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** Meet The Richardsons. Jon upssets Alexander Armstrong. **9.35** **QI** **11.00** The Shield **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40** Would I Lie To You? **1.20-2.30am** QI XL

**DRAMA *Freeview 20***  
**7.10am** Passport To Freedom **8.00** Doctors **9.15** Classic Holly City **10.35** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Father Brown **6.00** Keeping Up Appearances **6.40** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** Miss Marple: Murder At The Vicarage. A colonel is found dead. Whodunit, starring Joan Hickson. **10.00** New Tricks. A case involving Sandra's father is reopened. **11.20** Soldier, Soldier **12.30-2.50am** When The Boat Comes In

**REALLY *Freeview 17***  
**6am** Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **1.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Yorkshire Auction House. With just a month before her due date, Gem and Tom ask Angus to visit their 16th century Suffolk home. **10.00** The Repair Shop. The team restore a cast-iron gate, a watch, a rocking chair and an arcade game. **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00** Ghost Adventures **1.00-2am** Paranormal: Caught On Camera

**YESTERDAY *Freeview 27***  
**6.10am** Secrets Of The Transport Museum **7.10** Scouting For Toys **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** WW2: Frontlines **11.00** War Factories **12.00** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** WW2: Frontlines **5.00** War Factories **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Secrets Of The London Underground **8.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It. The boys visit Norfolk to assist retired engineer Graham and his wife Lindsay. **9.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Bangers & Cash. Behind the scenes of a North Yorkshire-based, family-run historic car auction business. **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **1.00-2am** Secrets Of The Transport Museum

**W *Freeview 25***  
**6.25am** My Kitchen Rules: Australia **8.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **8.00** Gemma And Gorka: Life Behind The Lens. New series. It is a manic Monday as Gemma heads to a fashion shoot right after the school run. **9.00** Inside The Ambulance. Chris and Tom go to the home of a young woman who is having suicidal thoughts. **11.00** Red Flag. Coleen meets firefighter James online. **12.00** Louis Theroux's Altered States **1.00-3am** Inside The Ambulance

**QUEST *Freeview 13***  
**6am** The Repair Shop Australia **10.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers **7.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **8.00** Salvage Hunters: The Restorers. French polisher Alex is excited to work on a 100-year-old table. **9.00** Outback Opal Hunters. The Blacklighters are hit with a double dose of disaster. **10.00** Life Below Zero: Canada. A group grapples with bad weather while trying to find food, water and shelter. **11.00** Bennetts British Superbikes **12.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00-2am** Mega Shippers

## SPORT



**Sky Sports Main Event 7.30pm** Michael Olise and Crystal Palace face Man United

**SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT**  
**6am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** The Football Show **11.30** **LIVE** SWPL: Rangers v Celtic. Kick-off at 12noon. **2.30** **LIVE** EFL: Crawley Town v Milton Keynes Dons. Kick-off at 3.00. Coverage of the League Two Play-Off semi-final first-leg tie from Broadfield Stadium. **5.15** **LIVE** EFL: Crewe Alexandra v Doncaster Rovers. Kick-off at 5.30. The League Two Play-Off semi-final first-leg tie from Mornflake Stadium. **7.30** **LIVE** MNF: Crystal Palace v Manchester United. Kick-off at 8.00. **11.00** Sky Sports News **11.30** Back Pages **Tonight 12.00-6am** Sky Sports News

**SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**6am** PL Highlights **6.30** SNF **7.00** PL Highlights **8.00** SNF **8.30** PL Highlights **10.00** The Football Show **11.30** Ref Watch **12.00** The Football Show **1.00** PL Highlights **2.00** SNF **2.30** PL Highlights **3.30** SNF **4.00** PL Highlights **5.30** PL 100 Club **6.00** PL Legends **6.30** **LIVE** MNF: Crystal Palace v Manchester United. Kick-off at 8.00. Coverage from Selhurst Park. **11.00** Premier League Icons **12.00** MNF Hills **12.30** Premier League Icons **1.00-3am** PL Years

**SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL**  
**6am** EFL **9.00** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **9.15** SPFL Highlights **9.30** WSL **10.00** EFL Highlights **11.30** **LIVE** SWPL: Rangers v Celtic. Kick-off at 12noon. Coverage of the match from Broadwood Stadium. **2.30** **LIVE** EFL: Crawley Town v Milton Keynes Dons. Kick-off at 3.00. Coverage of the League Two Play-Off semi-final first-leg tie from Broadfield

Stadium. **5.15** **LIVE** EFL: Crewe Alexandra v Doncaster Rovers. Kick-off at 5.30. Coverage of the League Two Play-Off semi-final first-leg tie from Mornflake Stadium. **8.00** Bundesliga Highlights Show **9.00** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **9.15** SPFL Highlights **9.30** WSL **10.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **11.30** SWPL **12.00** EFL Highlights **1.00-3am** Championship Retros

**SKY SPORTS ACTION**  
**6am** British Basketball **8.15** NFL: Bitesize Highlights **8.45** Betfred Super League Highlights **9.00** **LIVE** Fight Night International. Naoya Inoue v Luis Nery. Coverage of the super-bantamweight title bout from Tokyo Dome, plus the undercard. **2.00** Fight Night International **4.30** Betfred Super League Highlights **4.45** NFL: Bitesize Highlights **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **8.00** Fight Night International **12.00** Total Access **1.00-6am** Fight Night International

**SKY SPORTS ARENA**  
**6am** Betfred Super League **10.50** My Icon: Leon Pryce **11.00** Betfred Super League **1.05** My Icon: Leon Pryce **1.15** Betfred Super League Highlights **2.30** Betfred Super League **4.45** My Icon: Leon Pryce **4.55** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.15** Unbeatable **5.45** Betfred Super League **7.50** My Icon: Leon Pryce **8.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **9.00** Fight Night International **10pm-2.50am** Betfred Super League

**SKY SPORTS CRICKET**  
**6am** IPL **10.55** **LIVE** County Championship Cricket. Lancashire v Kent. Coverage of day four of the Division One match from Emirates Old Trafford in Manchester. **2.50** **LIVE** Indian Premier League. Mumbai Indians v Sunrisers Hyderabad. Coverage of the T20 match from Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai. **7.00** Dreams Of A Nation **8.00** Best Of ICC WT20 **9pm-4.10am** IPL

**SKY SPORTS GOLF**  
**6am** DP World Tour Golf **11.00** PGA Tour Golf **4.00** PGA Tour Champions **5.00** Roots: Paul Lawrie **5.30** Roots **6.00** DP World Tour Golf **7.00** PGA Tour Golf **8.00** European Challenge Tour Golf **8.30** England Golf: Get Into Golf **9.00** PGA Tour Golf **10.00** DP World Tour Golf **11.00** European Challenge Tour Golf **11.30** England Golf: Get Into Golf **12.00** PGA Tour Golf **1.00-2am** DP World Tour Golf

## ENTERTAINMENT



**Sky Showcase 10pm** Elena is determined not to abandon her people in The Regime

**SKY SHOWCASE**  
**6am** Secret World Of Sound With David Attenborough **9.00** Attenborough's Journey **10.00** Movie Megastars: Made In The 80s **10.20** The Simpsons **3.00** **FILM** The Amazing Maurice. Animated adventure with the voices of Hugh Laurie and Emilia Clarke. (2022) **5.00** **FILM** The Beatles: Eight Days A Week: The Touring Years. Director Ron Howard's documentary charting the band's time on the road. (2016) **7.00** **FILM** Blithe Spirit. Comedy with Isla Fisher and Dan Stevens. (2020) **9.00** The Jinx Part Two **10.00** The Regime **11.05** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver **11.45** Sex And The City **1.00-2am** The Force: Manchester

### SKY ATLANTIC

**6am** The Guest Wing **7.55** Game Of Thrones **10.10** True Blood **12.25** Billions **2.45** Mary & George **8.00** Mary & George. George tries to persuade the king to open Parliament to request funds. **9.00** Mary & George. George and Charles embark on a historic trip to Spain. **10.00** The Regime. Christmas approaches amid escalating violence. **11.05** House Of The Dragon. Rhaenyra continues her search for a suitable match. **12.15** Succession **1.25-2.55am** Mildred Pierce

**SKY WITNESS**  
**6am** Sun, Sea And A&E **8.00** Air Ambulance **ER 9.00** UK Border Force **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **3.00** Nothing To Declare **6.00** Caught On Dashcam **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** The Cleaning Lady. A single mother becomes a cleaning lady for the mob to provide for her child. **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. The unit search for a suspect who drugs women's drinks. **11.00** The Rookie: Feds. Simone and Laura learn vital details regarding an abusive relationship. **12.00** Departure **1.00-2am** FBI: Most Wanted

**GOLD**  
**7.25am** Are You Being Served? **7.55** Desmond's **8.30** Keeping Up Appearances **9.10** Ever Decreasing Circles **9.50** Are You Being Served? **10.30** Open All Hours **11.05** Last Of The Summer Wine **12.25** Keeping Up Appearances **1.05** Ever Decreasing Circles

**1.45** Open All Hours **2.25** Ghosts **3.40** Dad's Army **4.20** Are You Being Served? **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.20** Open All Hours **7.00** Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth's picnic plans backfire. **7.40** Dad's Army **9.00** Ghosts **10.55** Billy Connolly Does. The Big Yin offers words of wisdom on the subject of fatherhood. **11.55** Ghosts **1.50-2.15am** Desmond's

**COMEDY CENTRAL**  
**8am** Friends **9.00** Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains. With Rosie Jones, Eshaan Akbar and Jordan Gray. **10.00** Impractical Jokers. Q, Sal, Joe and Murr act as not-so-handy-men. **10.30** Lee Evans Live At Wembley. A performance by the energetic comedian in front of a sell-out 10,000-strong crowd at Wembley Arena. **12.30** Important Things With Demetri Martin **1.00-2am** The Ricky Gervais Show

**ALIBI**  
**7.10am** Death In Paradise **7.00** Elementary. Holmes discovers Watson has been lying to him, but it seems she is not the only one as Detective Bell becomes the chief suspect in a shooting case. **8.00** Death In Paradise **10.00** Murdoch Mysteries. Murdoch suspects that an art dealer's murder is linked to a cache of erotic drawings. **11.00** Elementary **12.00** Evil **1.00** Unforgettable **1.55-3.10am** Death In Paradise

**SKY COMEDY**  
**8am** Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Mr Mayor **10.30** Girls **11.40** Entourage **12.50** Eastbound & Down **2.10** Girls **3.20** Entourage

**4.30** Mr Mayor **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The US Office **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver. Talk show in which the comedian takes a satirical look at a range of news and pop culture topics from the previous seven days. **9.40** Veep **11.00** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver **11.45** Real Time With Bill Maher. Comedian Bill Maher invites three guests from different parts of the political spectrum to discuss the week's events. **12.55-2.10am** Sex And The City

**DISCOVERY**  
**6am** How It's Made **7.00** Gold Divers **8.00** Building Off The Grid **9.00** Baggage Battles **10.00** American Chopper **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **11.00** Building Off The Grid **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** American Chopper. Paul Jr unveils the most important build of his career. **7.00** Wheeler Dealers. Mike has found a rare, 33-year-old Peugeot 405 while in Portugal. But finding parts isn't going to be easy. **8.00** Expedition Bigfoot. Russell finds a structure he believes is a Bigfoot nest. **9.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour. In Poland, Mike and Elvis find a weathered Polski Fiat 126. After their restoration, they go on a snow-covered joyride alongside other loyal 126 fans. **10.00** Roadworthy Rescues. Derek tries to convert a 1966 Oldsmobile F-85 into a timeless cruiser. **11.00** Combat Dealers. One of Bruce Crompton's clients seeks a German half-track armoured personnel carrier. **12.00** Gold Divers **1.00-2am** Wheeler Dealers World Tour

## RADIO



**Radio 2 10pm** Trevor Nelson introduces a mix of soulful tunes in Rhythm Nation

**VIRGIN RADIO *DAB virginradio.co.uk***  
**6am** Steve Denyer **10.00** Andy Goldstein **1.00** Suzi Ruffell **4.00** Rich Williams **7.00** Bam **10.00** Olivia Jones **1.00-4am** Sean Goldsmith

**TALKRADIO *DAB talkradio.co.uk***  
**6.30am** Mike Graham **10.00** Alex Phillips **1.00** David Bull **4.00** Jeremy Kyle **7.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **10.00** Petrie Hosken **1.00-5am** Paul Ross

**TALKSPORT *105.3, 1089MW talksport.com***  
**6am** Breakfast With Jeff Stelling **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive With Andy Goldstein And Darren Bent **7.00** GameNight **10.00** Sports Bar **1.00-5am** Extra Time

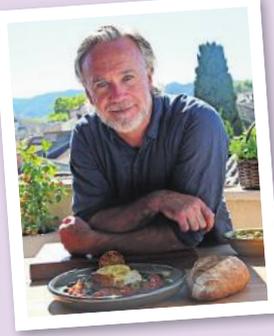
online. But Scottish chef Fiorenza and fire-breather Meg already look like they have broken away from their respective partners, as they enjoy a smooch away from prying eyes.

Meanwhile, Fiorenza's match, Demi, is a self-titled "baby gay", as she's only just come out.

This is but one of several terms viewers may be encountering for the first time – they may also soon learn whole new meanings to the words golden retriever, black cat, femme and a stem.

It's all certainly quite an education.

**STUART PICK**



**BON APPETIT . . . TV chef Marcus**

**MARCUS WAREING SIMPLY PROVENCE, BBC Two, 6.30pm:** In his new travelogue cookery series, chef Marcus shows that adding French cuisine to your everyday meals doesn't have to be daunting.

Embarking on a summer cooking adventure around Provence, he learns more about the local produce and how they make the most of certain ingredients – with each episode focusing on a different one, from tomatoes to lamb.

After sampling dishes, Marcus will then show us how we can recreate the magic at home by making British classics with a Provence twist. Beautiful scenery, delicious food and



**picks**

Marcus's passion for cooking make this a must-watch for foodies. Continues weekdays.

**GEMMA AND GORKA: LIFE BEHIND THE LENS, W, 9pm:** We're back with Gemma Atkinson and Gorka Márquez's "Spancunian" – Spanish and Mancunian – family.

The start of this second series reveals changes to their busy household as four-year-old Mia has started primary school and six-month-old Thiago is developing a little personality. But it's back to business for the

couple, as Gemma takes a break from nappy duties for a fitness photoshoot, while Gorka prepares for his new job as a judge on the Spanish version of Strictly. An entertaining look at celebrity family life.

**COME DINE WITH ME: THE PROFESSIONALS, Channel 4, 5pm:** This returning spin-off has elements that the original often doesn't – edible food, for starters – but we miss nosying around in contestants' bedrooms.

Representatives of restaurants in the Sheffield area go head-to-

head tonight. Elliot, the Garrison's owner and chef, and manager Sam are determined to win the £1,000 prize – but will their menu, including the cheekily named The Dog's Scallops, bring home the bacon?

**SPACEY UNMASKED, Channel 4, 9pm:** Kevin Spacey was once the toast of Hollywood, having starred in Oscar-winning The Usual Suspects and TV hit House Of Cards – but then charges of sexual offences against four men in the UK surfaced. He was acquitted of those charges in 2023, but in this two-part documentary other men open up about their experiences with him for the first time.

**GEMMA GRAHAM**

**TNT SPORTS 1**

**6am** Original Documentary **7.00** Premier League Stories **7.30** Premier League – The Big Interview **8.00** Premier League **9.30** Vanarama National League **11.00** Liberty A-League Women **12.30** **LIVE** The FA Futsal Women's Super Series. Action from the FA Futsal Women's Super Series. **2.30** **LIVE** Vanarama National League South. Worthing v Braintree Town. Kick-off at **3.00**. **5.30** FIA Formula E Preview Show **6.30** Premier League Stories **7.00** Premier League – The Big Interview **7.30** **LIVE** Serie A. Udinese v Napoli. Kick-off at **7.45**. **9.45** TNT Sports Goals Reload **10.15** Fight Week **10.45** Sport in Focus **11.00** WWE Raw Highlights **12.00** WWE SmackDown Highlights **1.00-4.15am** **LIVE** WWE Monday Night Raw. Wrestling action.

**TNT SPORTS 2**

**6am** FIM JuniorGP Championship **10.30** Sign Up – Into Football **11.15** Fight Night **11.30** UEFA Champions League Magazine **12.00** UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine **1.00** European Rugby Challenge Cup **3.00** Investec Champions Cup **5.00** **LIVE** Serie A. Salernitana v Atalanta. Kick-off at **5.00**. **7.00** Sign Up – Into Football **7.45** Around the Block **8.00** **LIVE** Ligue 1. Lille v Lyon. Kick-off at **8.00**. **10.00** Vanarama National League North **11.30** Vanarama National League **1.00-2.30am** Vanarama National League South

**TNT SPORTS 3**

**6am** Serie A **2.00** WSL Championship Tour **3.00** UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine **4.00** Liberty A-League Women **5.30** The WRC Magazine **6.00** Isuzu UTE A-League **8.00** Fishing: On the Bank **9.00** **LIVE** MLB. Philadelphia Phillies v San Francisco Giants. Start-time at **9.05**. From Citizens Bank Park. **12.15** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **12.30** FIA Formula E Preview Show **1.30-6am** FIM JuniorGP Championship

**PREMIER SPORTS 1**

**6am** LaLiga **8.00** Top 14 Rugby Union **10.00** LaLiga **12.00** NHL Ice Hockey **2.00** LaLiga News **2.30** Transworld Sport **3.30** URC In 60 **4.30** Top 14 Rugby Union **5.00** Sporting Countdowns **5.30** Sporting Greats **6.00** Viva LaLiga **7.30** LaLiga **9.30** LaLiga Specials **10.30** Football's Greatest **11.00** Asian Golf Tour **12.00-3am** **LIVE** NHL Ice Hockey

**TALKSPORT2** *DAB talksport.com*

**6am** Sportsday **9.00** TalkSPORT Exclusives **1.00** The TalkSPORT 2 Social **5.00** TalkSPORT Exclusives **6.00** TalkWRESTLING **8.00** TalkSPORT Exclusives **12.00** TalkSPORT Exclusives **5.00-6am** Early Breakfast

**TIMES RADIO** *DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio*

**6am** Breakfast **10.00** Matt Chorley **1.00** Times Radio Afternoons **3.00** Jane Garvey **5.00** John Pienaar With Times Radio Drive **7.00** Pienaar And Friends **8.00** Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00-1.30am** The Story

**RADIO 1** *97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1*

**6am** BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend With Greg James **10.00** BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend With Dean And Vicky **2.00** BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend With Vick, Katie And Jamie **6.00** BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend With Jack Saunders **8.00** Future Artists With Sian Eleri **10.00** Power Down Playlist With Sian Eleri **11.00** Rock Show With Daniel P Carter **1.00-2am** BBC Introducing Rock On Radio 1 With Nels Hylton

**RADIO 2** *88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2*

**6.30am** The Gaby Roslin Breakfast Show **9.30** Gary Davies **12.00** Tony Blackburn's Sounds Of Soul **2.00** Abba And Beyond: The Story Of Eurovision 74 With Scott Mills (R) **4.00** Jane McDonald's Picky Tea **7.00** Jo Whitley's Shiny Happy Playlist **9.00** The Blues Show With Cerys Matthews **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00-2.30am** Phil Williams

**MOVIES**



**Sky Cinema Premiere 10pm** Cillian Murphy stars in Oppenheimer

**SKY CINEMA PREMIERE**

**9.45am** Out Of Darkness (15, 2022) ★★★ **11.25** Monolith (15, 2023) ★★★★★ **1.05** The Equalizer 3 (15, 2023) ★★★★★ **3.05** Oppenheimer (12, 2023) ★★★★★ **6.05** The Cinema List: True Stories **6.25** Out Of Darkness (15, 2022) ★★★ **8.00** The Equalizer 3 (15, 2023) ★★★★★ **10.00** Oppenheimer (12, 2023) ★★★★★ **1.10-3am** Strays (15, 2023) ★★★★★

**SKY CINEMA STUNT**

**10.15am** Iron Monkey (12, 1993) ★★★ **11.50** The Bourne Identity (12, 2002) ★★★★★ **1.50** The Bourne Supremacy (12, 2004) ★★★★★ **3.40** The Bourne Ultimatum (12, 2007) ★★★★★ **5.40** The Bourne Legacy (12, 2012) ★★★ **8.00** Jason Bourne (12, 2016) ★★★★★ **10.10** Yes, Madam! (18, 1985) ★★★ **11.50** Magnificent Warriors (18, 1987) ★★★ **1.25-3.15am** Crime Story (18, 1993) ★★★

**SKY CINEMA ACTION**

**11.05am** Sisu (15, 2022) ★★★★★ **12.50** Shaolin Soccer (PG, 2001) ★★★ **2.25** The Hurricane Heist (12, 2018) ★★★ **4.15** Mad Max (18, 1979) ★★★★★ **5.55** Mad Max: Fury Road (15, 2015) ★★★★★ **8.00** Top Gun (12, 1986) ★★★★★ **10.00** Battle Royale (18, 2000) ★★★★★ **12.00-2.15am** Battle Royale 2: Requiem (18, 2003) ★★

**FILM4** *freeview 14*

**11am** Tad The Lost Explorer And The Secret Of King Midas (U, 2017) ★★★ **12.40** Charlotte's Web (U, 2006) ★★★ **2.30** Evolution (PG, 2001) ★★★ **4.35** Zathura: A Space Adventure (PG, 2005) ★★★★★ **6.40** Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull (12, 2008) ★★★★★ **9.00** Moonfall (12, 2022) ★★★ **11.35** Terminator Salvation (12, 2009) ★★ **1.50-4am** Freaks (15, 2019) ★★

**TALKING PICTURES** *freeview 82*

**12.35pm** The Ghost Of Greville Lodge (PG, 2000) ★★★ **2.25** Go Go With Matt Monro **3.00** The Saint **4.05** Look At Life **4.15** Black Beauty (PG, 1971) ★★ **6.25** A Lifetime Ago With The Baim Collection **7.00** The Footage Detectives **8.00** Enemy At The Door **9.05** Genghis Khan (PG, 1965) ★★ **11.40** Alibi Breaker (PG, 1937) ★★ **1.00-2am** The Gold Robbers

**GREAT! MOVIES** *freeview 34*

**10.45am** And So It Goes (12, 2014) ★★ **12.40** Seabiscuit (PG, 2003) ★★★★★ **3.30** Sweet Home Alabama (12, 2002) ★★★★★ **5.45** Australia (12, 2008) ★★★★★ **9.00** Gone Girl (18, 2014) ★★★★★ **12.00-2.05am** Single White Female (18, 1992) ★★★★★

**GREAT! ACTION** *freeview 42*

**11.30am** Cowboy (U, 1958) ★★★ **1.30** Garden Of Evil (PG, 1954) ★★ **3.40** Silverado (PG, 1985) ★★★★★ **6.25** City Slickers II: The Legend Of Curly's Gold (12, 1994) ★★ **9.00** Missing In Action (15, 1984) ★★ **11.10** Who Dares Wins (18, 1982) ★★★★★ **1.40-3.50am** Seraphim Falls (15, 2006) ★★★

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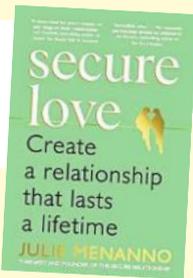
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Admit that things have turned toxic

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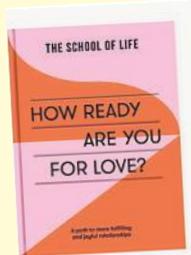
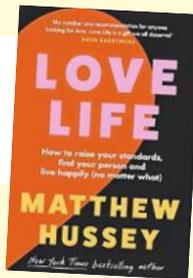
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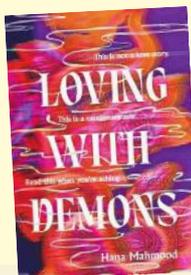
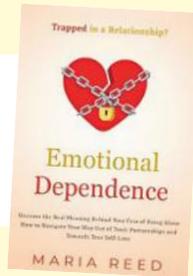
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By **EMMA KENNEY**

### NOBODY will ever leave a happy relationship.

And there are always two sides to every story when a partnership breaks down.

But when Jay Blades' wife Lisa-Marie Zbozen announced that their 18-month marriage is over last Friday, she seemed to suggest life with the 54-year-old Repair Shop star had not been plain sailing.

In an emotional video, the 44-year-old fitness trainer said she had tried to make the marriage work "over and over", but "couldn't get it right".

Research suggests as many as 20 per cent of married people feel "trapped" in their relationship. Another survey found that almost half of married couples are only together because of their children. One-sixth said they stayed in their relationship because they could not afford to be single.

As a psychologist who has navigated my own divorce — and helped many others do the same — I know the red flags that signal when it is time to move on, however painful.

Here, I offer my advice on recognising when and how to break free...

#### 1. HAS THE RELATIONSHIP TURNED TOXIC?

ONE of the biggest signs of this is when you are persistently disrespected by your partner.

If your opinions are con- sidered or ridiculed, and your partner dismisses your feelings or achievements, it's a sign of deep disrespect.

I have worked with so many clients whose partners regularly made disparaging comments about them in front of friends. This shows a lack of respect and support, and masks seething resentment.

It is essential to extricate yourself from this partnership, because over time your self-esteem will be destroyed.

A partner's job is to remind you what an awesome human being you are. Their reflection of you has the power to become your perception of yourself, so it is essential to make sure it is a positive one.

When I discovered my ex-husband's adultery and confronted him, initially he denied it, then he tried to blame me. This is very common when people know they are in the wrong and have a level of guilt over their actions.

Another red flag involves manipulation, which can manifest as guilt-tripping you into doing things you're uncomfortable with, or twisting facts to blame you for their mistakes.

These tactics confuse and isolate you and often mean you feel a lack of security both in your surroundings and in the decisions you make on a day-to-day basis.

You may also have noticed that your partner has become more controlling. Often this begins with small suggestions, where they tell you they prefer you in a certain outfit or when you wear less make-up.

But this behaviour will escalate into every area of your life, controlling who you see, where you go or even how you spend money. They might even start to give you a monthly "allowance", significantly limiting your financial independence, even if you are also working.

While all relationships will

experience conflict, if you are constantly arguing and no resolution ever seems to arrive, it is likely your relationship has reached its conclusion.

If you feel the joy has left and been replaced with shouting and sulking, then the time has come to shake hands and move on, because these toxic traits do tend to escalate, as opposed to reduce.

#### 2. PLAN A SAFE EXIT STRATEGY

LEAVING a toxic relationship, especially when living together, can feel enormously daunting.

You are likely already exhausted, frustrated and deeply sad that anything you worked hard at has now failed. Even though you may feel you don't have the emotional

bandwidth to plan an exit strategy, it will pay dividends if you do.

I asked my ex-husband to leave when I discovered his adultery. This meant taking on the costs of running a house alone and accepting the fear and responsibility that came with it.

Getting organised was key, as was prioritising my children's needs at a very traumatic time. By focusing on what I could do, change and accomplish, I put myself in an empowered mindset, as opposed to a helpless one.

First, get your admin head on, because I promise you that making sure you have your bank cards, passport, driving licence and financial documents will be all be essential after you leave your relation-

ship. Try to gather these together and keep them in a safe place, possibly outside the home, with a trusted friend or in a safety deposit box.

It can help to open a bank account in your name only and start saving money before you exit your relationship.

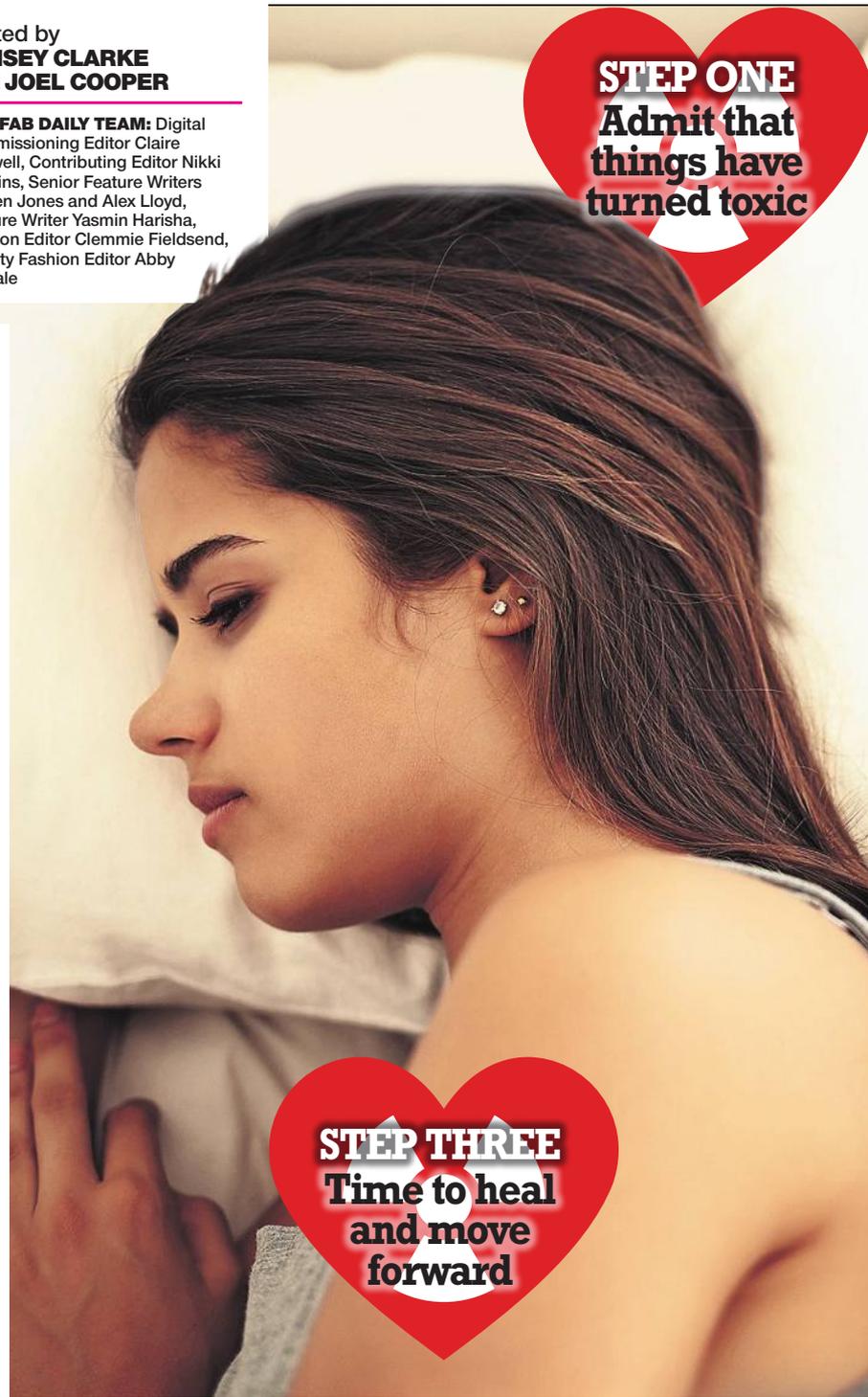
This fund will be essential for your initial expenses post-separation, such as rent, food and possibly legal fees.

While it can feel dishonest to do this without your partner's knowledge, you have to start thinking and acting like a single person, who has a right to their own documents and bank accounts.

One of the key decisions you need to make involves where you intend to stay after you leave. The support of close friends and family can go a long way in reinforcing why you have made the decision to leave.

When you finally leave your partner, it can help to leave at a time when they are not at home, to avoid confrontation.

I always advise my clients to do this, as it is normal to feel



**STEP THREE**  
Time to heal and move forward



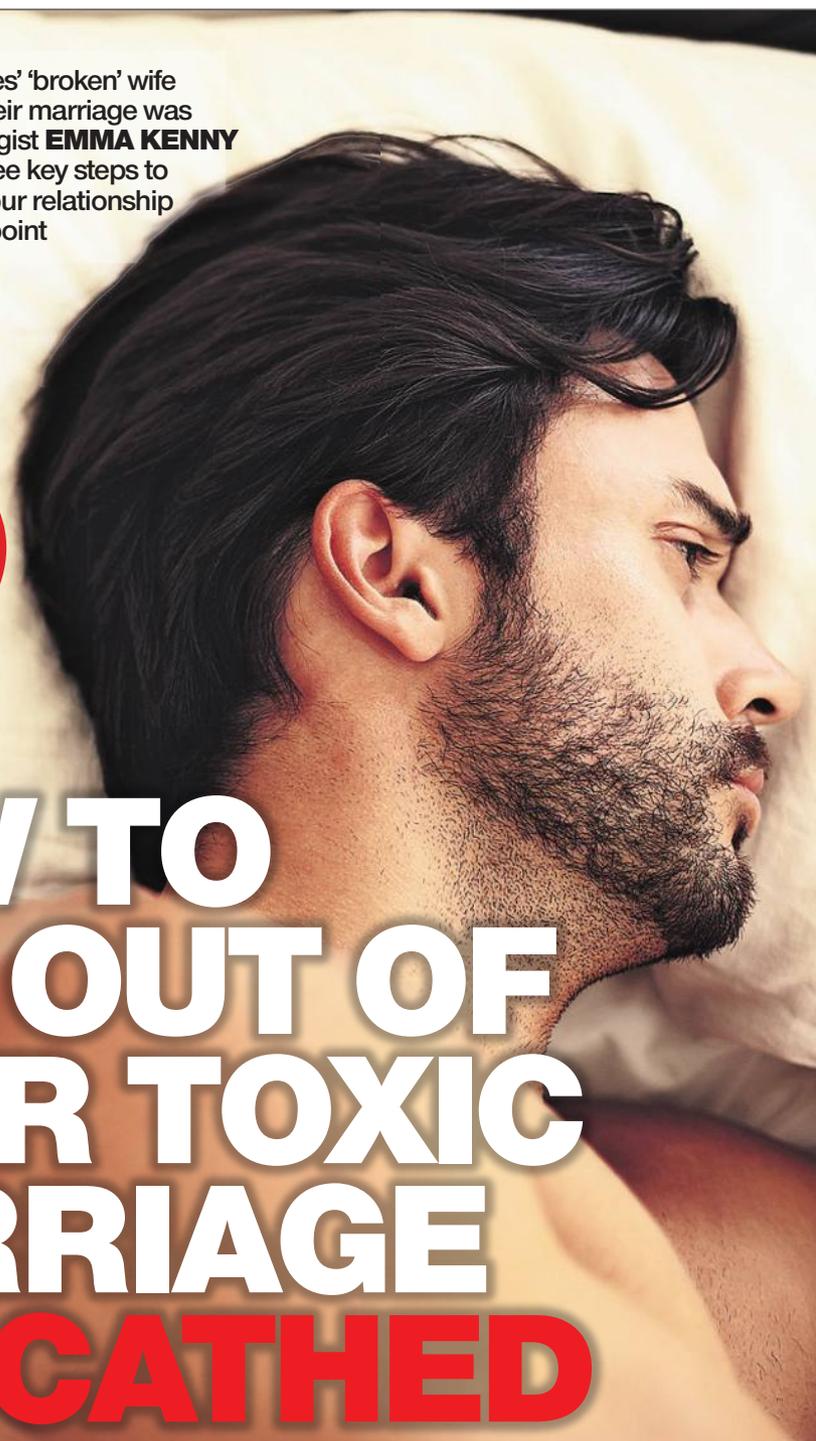
SPLIT... Jay and Lisa



After Jay Blades' 'broken' wife announced their marriage was over, psychologist **EMMA KENNY** reveals the three key steps to follow when your relationship hits breaking point



# HOW TO GET OUT OF YOUR TOXIC MARRIAGE UNSCATHED



vulnerable and guilty when leaving a relationship. This can make you more likely to bend to your partner's pleas if they are present when you are packing.

Put an emergency bag together with essentials such as clothes, medication and any personal items.

Leave your partner a letter, send an email or give them a call to explain why you left. This will allow your ex time to digest how you feel and give you that all-important space to process your next steps.

### 3. HEALING AND MOVING FORWARD

NOW that you are finally free of your toxic relationship, it is time to focus on your emotional healing.

I can remember the grief I felt when I discovered my first husband's affair with one of my most trusted friends.

I knew immediately that I wouldn't tolerate such a betrayal and asked him to leave that very night – but that was only the beginning of my journey. Suddenly, I was a

broke, 35-year-old single mum with a future that looked entirely different to the one I'd envisaged. I had to relearn who I was all over again.

And when you leave a toxic relationship, you still need to grieve. Feeling sad, frustrated or lonely is normal.

But trust me, these feelings will be temporary and I promise that your future life will be invariably better, just as mine has been.

I grew in resilience, compassion, authenticity and courage, and this led to me believing I could achieve whatever I put my mind to.

I embraced being a single mum and now have a husband who is genuinely my best friend and biggest advocate – and a new baby girl who reminds me on a daily basis that anything is possible.

If you are really struggling, then seek professional help. A therapist

can help you work through your emotions and make sense of the past relationship.

Sharing your experiences with others who understand can be incredibly validating.

If you need to maintain contact (for example, for co-parenting), be sure to set clear boundaries.

Use communication tools designed for divorced or separated parents, such as OurFamilyWizard, to keep interactions straightforward and documented.

Expect that your ex will still try to use all the toxic tactics that led to the breakdown of your relationship in the first place.

The only way this behaviour will ever stop is through initiating these rigorous new rules and standards, so your ex has no option but to fall into line with your requests.

This is empowering as it puts you back in charge of your choices, boosting your confidence as a single person.

Now that you are free of your relationship, start working on your own needs.

Engage in activity that enhances your sense of self. This could be a new hobby, course or fitness regime. Reconnect with old friends to rebuild your support network. Take time to reflect on what you've learned from the experience, too. Understanding what went wrong can boost personal growth.

These steps not only foster recovery, but also empower you to build a healthier, happier future.

It can be truly terrifying untying the ropes of toxicity, but once these initial threads have been undone you can finally be free to forge the life you truly deserve.

●For further help and advice, visit [womensaid.org.uk](https://www.womensaid.org.uk) or [refuge.org.uk](https://www.refuge.org.uk).

Additional reporting: **YASMIN HARISHA**



ADVICE ... Emma

## Fab Daily Hot or Not



### MAKE-UP MADE OVER

AFTER disappearing during the pandemic, Boots' popular beauty brand Natural Collection is back – complete with a fabulous makeover. Boots has started from scratch with a new range of bargain make-up that is on sale now. Skin and body care products will arrive later this month.



### ANNE-TASTIC

AMAZON Prime's latest romcom, *The Idea of You*, stars the brilliant Anne Hathaway as a single mum who falls for the lead singer of a boy band. Fans are convinced the character of Hayes, played by Nicholas Galitzine, is based on Harry Styles.

### SPOT ON

JENNIFER LAWRENCE is the latest A-lister to go wild for tiny leopard-print bags. The fun-sized accessory will be a must this season, say the fashionistas, with stores already replicating top designer offerings. George at Asda has one for £12.



### DISGUSTING DRINKS



TIKTOK trends have got a lot to answer for – but this might be the most repulsive craze yet. People across the globe have been trying out a new iced coffee that has a tangy veggie twist – adding spring onion to their lattes and downing them. Whatever happened to a traditional, simple brew?

### SPIDER SCARE

LOOK away now if you are one of the 50 per cent of women who are scared of spiders. A new species has been discovered on our shores, capable of jumping really high. They possibly arrived in the UK on plants.



### MESH MADNESS



CELEBS have been forking out thousands on the latest shoe trend – ballet flats with mesh fabric that make your toes visible. Kourtney Kardashian, Dua Lipa and Elsa Hosk have snapped up the freaky footwear and now the high street is following suit. But it is a firm no from us.





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# dear deidre

Edited by **SALLY LAND**

No matter what the issue, I answer every single problem

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## KIDS LOST OUT OVER PROBATE MONEY

Dear Deidre

AFTER my partner died recently, I discovered that she deceived our children out of some money – and I am disgusted with her.

I was going through some of her paperwork and discovered a copy of her mother's will.

In it, her mother, who died 15 years ago, stipulated that she wanted our children to benefit from her estate.

But I know for a fact that they didn't receive any money. I am 71. My partner died six weeks ago. We were together for 28 years. She was 73.

Her children are 44 and 42 and have young families of their own. I cannot believe my partner didn't tell them they were beneficiaries. I know it would have made a huge difference to them to have received the money. But my partner kept it all.

I loved her but this has thrown me. I have no idea what to do. I am wondering whether I should keep this information to myself.

**DEIDRE SAYS:** It is possible the bequests were overlooked, due to ignorance of the legal need to carry out what was in the will. Or it may have been deliberate, as you suspect.

There is nothing to be gained by telling your children. It will only sour their memory of their mother.

You have the chance to make amends by ensuring they now benefit from your will if she has left her estate to you.

## hot topic

ILLEGAL drugs can have a devastating effect on your health – and if you are caught with them you will often face a custodial sentence.

In the year ending March 2023, one in every ten people aged 16 to 59 reported using a drug in the last 12 months.

While many people begin by telling themselves they are simply "experimenting", it often leads to complete dependence.

If you are struggling, my support pack Drug Worries can help you.

Dear Deidre

I DON'T know how to help my son, whose life is being ruined by his wife.

I am his 58-year-old dad. My son is 35 and his wife is 33. They met at university and whenever she came to say, rather than trying to set a good impression, she drank heavily and was disruptive and rude.

My son was going to leave her, but then she became pregnant. Things became so bad between them he had a breakdown, but still they struggled on. They even have a second child now.

Sadly, my son never finished his degree and now works in menial jobs that pay very little. His girlfriend has good qualifications and it seems that

# First love after hubby is cheat

Dear Deidre

I WAS gutted to discover that the first lover I had after my husband died was cheating on me with two of his exes.

We were together for five months and our relationship was incredibly intense, which was something I had never expected after my man passed away three years ago.

This man, who I met through a dating site, was so funny and kind that I fell for him straight away.

I am 41 and he is 44. We chatted for weeks and when we later met for drinks things really took off.

The first time we had sex was difficult for me, but he was so considerate that, by the second time, everything felt completely natural.

You can imagine how devastated I was when, five months later, I received a text from him telling me it was all over.

There was no explanation. His words were cold and callous.

Then one day, out of the blue, I received a message from him asking

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if he could talk to me. We met up and he apologised. He said he'd been in a bad place and work was stressing him out.

I forgave him and we started again. But then I heard from one of his exes. She warned me to be care-

ful because he'd gone crawling back to her, too. She had discovered our messages on his phone and saw a separate thread between him and a third woman – another of his exes. She then sent me screenshots of his conversations.

I was gutted and ended our relationship there and then.

I want to forget him and try to stop loving him, but it's so hard.

**DEIDRE SAYS:** You were looking for love after your husband's tragic death and jumped in feet first.

You were emotionally vulnerable and didn't know how badly this man would treat you. I know it's hard to let go when you may have hoped things would come right, but he's let you down and you know you can never trust him.

Shed your tears over him then make a determined effort to move on. You deserve much better but may need help to realise it.

Concentrate on improving your social life. There are plenty of great guys who are unattached. Find one who is worthy of your love and wants the same as you.

My support pack, Addictive Love, will help you get things straight in your head and move on.

## MY MAN PUTS HIS DAUGHTER BEFORE ME ALL THE TIME

Dear Deidre

IF my husband's daughter demands his time and attention, he cancels our plans at the drop of a hat.

This is driving me crazy, and I wish he would occasionally make me a priority.

I am 41 and my husband is 42. We are both divorced and have been together for eight years, married for three.

My husband has a ten-year-old daughter. She is the apple of his eye and she knows it. We often have to cancel our plans because she will message asking if she can visit.

I have cancelled weekend city breaks, festivals and concerts to accommodate her, usually losing money in the process.

We have his daughter every weekend and most of the school holidays, so it isn't as if they don't see each other.

I have a good relationship with her and don't begrudge her being here but there is a limit. Am I wrong for wanting to be a priority sometimes?

**DEIDRE SAYS:** No. While he comes as a package complete with his daughter, there are times when you should come first. Tell him how hurt you are when he cancels your plans.

Say that you know he is a good father but once in a while would like to feel valued. He may feel guilty about splitting up with his daughter's mum and compensates by dropping everything for her.

My support pack on step-families explains more.

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## SON'S RUDE WIFE RUINING HIS LIFE

while she develops her career, my son's life has come to a standstill in every way.

Thankfully, his mental health is stable now but his wife is very controlling. He cannot go out alone so we haven't seen him much.

If I call him he sounds very down in the dumps. He gives in to his wife every time, saying he does not want to cause a scene, especially in front of the children.

I worry his mental health will deteriorate again but I'm not sure how best to support him.

**DEIDRE SAYS:** No parent wants to see their child suffer. Knowing your son is being controlled by his wife, and feeling powerless to help, is extremely upsetting.

You are helping him merely by being there for him and listening. He may feel he can't tell anyone else because he's a man.

But men can be victims of domestic abuse too, and he should not feel embarrassed.

Tell him to speak in confidence to an organisation called the Mankind Initiative (mankind.org.uk) as soon as he can. It helps men in domestic abuse situations.

My support pack Abusive Partner also details professional organisations that can help.

## GET IN TOUCH

If you are worried about something, my team is here to help. Please contact and follow us.  
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I CAN'T believe that there isn't going to be another season of prison drama show *Screw* on Channel 4, now that bosses have axed it.

Where do I lodge a complaint?

**WILLIAM FAURE**  
San Francisco

**TORY** Lord Houchen has been re-elected this week as Tees Valley Mayor.

Interestingly, he "forgot" to wear a Conservative Party rosette at the count announcement.

Just what Rishi Sunak needs, that.

**CHRIS TORODE**  
Richmond, North Yorks

IT'S great news that James Corden and Ruth Jones' classic sitcom *Gavin & Stacey* is coming back at Christmas for one last episode.

What's occurring? I hope Nessa and Smithy tie the knot.

**NICK FLETCHER**  
Malton, North Yorks

FOR someone who claims that he's now "free from substances and never been happier", that was a very funny-looking cigarette *Danny Cipriani* was pictured smoking.

The former rugby star should get his act together pretty quickly before he goes on *Bear Grylls'* forthcoming show, *Bear Hunt*.

Drugs are for mugs.  
**KAREN PORTER**  
Belfast

## Night mayor is never-ending

**£50 LETTER**  
I DIDN'T think my level of trust in British politics could fall any lower, but how wrong I was.

I've lived here for over 40 years and, when arriving to vote this week, heard so many people saying the same thing - that they were only voting to get London Mayor *Sadiq Khan* out of office.

I would like to meet one of his supporters who is happy with the Ulez traffic restrictions, the constant stabbings in the capital and all the shops and restaurants closing.

What has he given to these voters that I seem to have missed?

**NIGEL NEWTON**  
Romford, East London

NOW that *Sadiq Khan* has been elected for a third term as Mayor of London, those who voted for him cannot complain if he imposes on them yet more misery in the way of traffic restrictions. Londoners have given him the mandate, and a free hand to carry on as before.

I'VE been feeling sorry for Londoners being dictated to by London Mayor *Sadiq Khan*, so for them to have voted him back in again is utterly unbelievable. Talk about not learning from previous mistakes...

**PETER CHESTER**  
Hull

*Khan* - and then vote him back in. It seems they don't learn.

**BERT GREGORY**  
Ramsgate, Kent

IF Prime Minister *Rishi Sunak* thinks he has any chance of winning the next general election, he's not listening to the ordinary person coping with day-to-day living.

Unlike *Boris Johnson*, he does not have the ability to connect with the voters. *Boris* is a big personality with often controversial opinions, but is an excellent communicator.

*Rishi* needs him.

**MARY WINDSOR**  
Mansfield, Notts

THE Tories have been humiliated. It's time they called a General Election.

The country can't carry on with this pantomime. We're in an economic mess, our immigration policy is not working and our international reputation is now in tatters.

**SYD VAUGHAN**  
Birmingham

*RISHI SUNAK* is a disaster. The best thing he can do is call an election, lose to that creep *Sir Keir Starmer* and allow the Tories to regroup in opposition - preferably under a rejuvenated *Boris Johnson* with *Nigel Farage* as his deputy.

**SIMON LEWIS**  
Market Weighton, East Yorks

HOW brave of *Sinead Watson* to tell of her regret after having surgery to transition to a man, and how disgusting that she has been subjected to such abuse.

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### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

**Teaser**  
8 9 1 2 3 7 4 6 5  
2 4 7 8 6 9 3 1  
6 5 3 3 2 4 9 2 7 8  
7 6 9 3 2 5 8 7 4  
1 3 8 9 7 4 6 5 2  
4 2 5 6 1 8 3 9 7  
5 7 2 8 9 3 1 4 6  
9 8 6 4 5 1 7 2 3  
3 1 4 7 6 2 5 8 9

**Set Square**  
3 + 1 x 4  
x x x x  
7 - 2 x 5  
x x + 8  
9 x + 8 + 6

**Quizword**  
ACROSS: 1 Allertan, 6 Meat Loaf, 12 Troon, 13 Elstree, 14 Taiga, 15 Supremes, 16 Chittagong, 18 Fulham, 20 Genesis, 22 Coda, 25 Ave, 26 Farsi, 27 Lake Poets, 29 Ono, 30 Sylvester, 31 Gregg, 32 LBJ, 34 Mars, 36 Far East, 37 Jensen, 40 Indicative, 42 Arkansas, 45 Salma, 46 Archers, 47 Tiana, 49 Schiller, 50 Ironbridge.

**Sun Sko 1**  
319  
245  
678

**Toughie**  
3 6 5 7 9 1 4 8 2  
9 8 2 5 4 3 1 7 6  
7 1 4 8 2 6 3 9 5  
8 9 3 2 5 4 6 1 7  
1 4 7 3 6 8 2 5 9  
5 2 6 9 1 7 8 3 4  
6 7 1 4 8 5 9 2 3  
2 3 8 7 9 5 4 1  
4 5 9 6 1 7 2 3 8

**Mini Fit**  
EVE, GEE, OAST

**Word Square**  
ACROSS: 1 Spell 2 Three 3 Aorta 4 Stood 5 Horns  
DOWN: 1 Stash 2 Photo 3 Error 4 Link on 5 Leads

**Cell Blocks**  
ROCK, Rook, Room, Roam, Roar, Soar, STAR

**Number Crunch**  
Easy: 184  
Medium: 55  
Harder: 2056

**Mind The Gap**  
Monologue, Juxtapose, Executing, Attendant, Avoidance, Coherence, Enjoyable, LAUNDRY

**Mini Code**  
S A S H I C  
C E A S E  
T A T I N  
T E S I T

**Clue Square**  
Ting, Sing, Single, Lying, Tings, String, Linger, Singly, Tingly, Ingest, Relying, Syringe, Resting, Glisten, Singlet, Sterling, RESTYLING

**Brickwork**  
1 Ire 2 Emir 3 Miser 4 Remiss  
5 Simpurs 6 Premises 7 Impasses  
8 Prises 9 Spire 10 Rips 11 Sir

**Minidoku**  
DOWN: 1 Ant, 2 Trompe l'oeil, 3 Renee, 4 A Level, 5 Ouse, 7 Evert, 8 Titan, 9 Orinoco, 10 Frangais, 11 Archaeologist, 15 Sofia, 17 Senior Service, 19 Alfred, 21 Hiker, 22 Aethra, 24 Apogee, 28 Ellis Island, 30 Symbiosis, 33 Janus, 35 Rudolph, 38 McCall, 39 Prison, 41 Thane, 43 Attar, 44 Lear, 48 Abe.

**Arrowword**  
E T U E I G H E F S  
W A P E R O B E K  
L O I N L O B S T I E R S  
T K A L E I O T T I N D Y  
V I L I N L A I R A N D Y  
M I O A T S E M E R I A G E  
B I G U N E N D A B E I T

**Add Up**  
106, 72, 86

**Wordsearch**

**Numberfit**

**Train Tracks**

**Missing Link**  
Spot, Disc, Mind, Look, Legs, Rain, Cube, Leaf, Fall, Sout, TINKER BELL

**Pathfinder**  
DISHWASHER, HEATER, BLENDER, BREAD MAKER, MICROWAVE, FRIDGE, FREEZER, STEAM IRON, TOASTER, TELEVISION

**Pub Quiz**  
1 Angela Bassett  
2 ABC  
3 Life On Mars  
4 Tony Hawk  
5 Canada  
6 Amethyst (from "amethysts")  
7 Surrealism  
8 Emma Bunton (Baby Spice)  
9 A mineral  
10 Cambridge  
11 Colman's  
12 Twelve

**Two-Speed Crossword**  
ACROSS: 1 Ti-a-ra, 4 Lyrical, 8 Er-rat-ic, 9 Tri-ad, 10 C-omprise, 12 Done, 14 E-nguil, 15 A-board, 18 B-oil, 19 Dr-un-kard, 21 Abuse, 22 C-class(e)-c, 24 Downer, 25 T-one-d, 26 Down: 1 Tre-e-d-e, 2 Air, 3 After-all, 4 Locust, 5 Rite (right), 6 C-hip-ola-la, 7 Lodge, 11 Magitude, 13 A-bun-dan-t, 16 De-duc-ed, 17 Gro-c-er, 18 Brand, 20 Seam, 23 S-in.

**Sun Sko 2**  
138  
465  
729

**Suguru**  
1 2 4 5 3  
4 5 3 2 1  
3 2 1 5 4  
1 5 4 3 2  
2 3 1 5 4



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**ARIES** March 21 - April 20

The combination of the moon's deep emotions and Mercury's smart moves gives you a number of advantages. Put them to work by getting a deal into writing or some feelings into words. Trusting your heart to know when the time is right to share is your other key skill. Luck waits near piano music.

**TAURUS** April 21 - May 21

Holding secrets close gets harder with the upfront power of Mars in your chart - and this can be your cue to let someone special in. If you're single, this may be a trusted friend. But even if you just talk honestly to yourself about a difficult subject, you can find a way through now. Number "7" can lead you to luck.

**GEMINI** May 22 - June 21

Two friends, or workmates, who seem opposites at first can turn out to have lots in common, including a big business plan - so start getting vague ideas into motion. Practise pitching yourself and your dreams. Love carries a hidden message that can transform your near future in an exciting way.

**CANCER** June 22 - July 22

The power of Pluto in your transformation zone may feel hard to handle at first, but you are ready to learn so much and push yourself in new directions. Do remember, though, that you are the one who controls your own head and heart. A moon of emotional truth highlights a breakthrough during a family meal.

**LEO** July 23 - August 23

Your Venus strength is the ability to see the best in everyone, including yourself. Any mistakes can be positive steps forward rather than holding you back, which backs up your new sense of adventure. A journey that's been planned at least three times before can now happen. The luck factor circles "XX".

**VIRGO** August 24 - September 22

Step away from the surface and take a deep dive into instincts and emotions. This may be unexplored territory, but you are ready to claim it as your own. You read faces, and understand feelings, so well - and sense exactly what to do next in every situation. This restores trust in yourself and your dreams.

**LIBRA** September 23 - October 23

Finding a balance between what you want and what you need is your chart's purpose as the moon and Mercury link up. If you're in love, this encourages patience. If you're single, you can see past an obvious type to an unexpected face that lifts your heart. Listening is your big skill with family.

**SCORPIO** October 24 - November 22

For a while now, you've known exactly what health move you need to make. Any extra time off can mark your first step towards this. It doesn't need to be drastic and the only person you need to inform is yourself. Love is so together - partners can reconnect and new passion waits where people play in pairs.

**SAGITTARIUS** November 23 - December 21

You're even more honest as Pluto settles into reverse - and could ruffle some feathers. At work, keep all points professional, not personal - and two teas or people can move forward as one. At home, the past doesn't need to decide the future - you can break the chain. Love is challenging in fabulous ways.

**CAPRICORN** December 22 - January 20

Finding your own security, in your own life, is such a step forward - as you realise keeping certain people or promises close is a choice. You can reach this unique place of personal confidence. Passion-wise, your new impulsive, open self may surprise other people, but inside this can feel so natural and right.

**AQUARIUS** January 21 - February 18

It's better to ask for longer to get your words in line than just to start talking - so do so if you are feeling the pressure. Career-wise, a communication-linked role could come round again soon, so start your preparations. If you're in love, speak or write with a cool head. Single? Celebrate your unique self.

**PISCES** February 19 - March 20

Someone new in your circle may dazzle you with glitz and glamour, but your chart reminds you that the strong and steady glow of true friendship or love is what you need. Trying to have both may not be the best move. If facing a cash question, by tonight you can dispense of any doubts.

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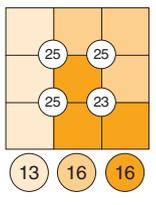
## BRAINBUSTER

Using these clues, find four pairs of words that are pronounced the same but spelt differently.

- [a] Provisional/wind
- [b] Saying/erodes
- [c] Thief/resolve
- [d] Followed/pipe

## SUKO®

Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals below.



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PAGE 2 SUJIKO SOLUTION: Top line 824 middle 136 bottom 975

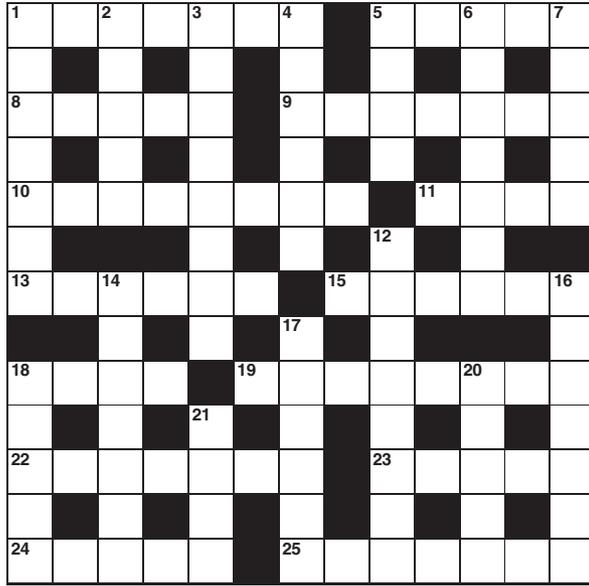
## TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

### Cryptic clues

- ACROSS**
- Fundamentalist spoke about clubs (7)
  - Female with skills creates story (6)
  - A dhow ultimately remains flooded (5)
  - Sound from above? This is missing below (7)
  - Excited Eric came for dessert (3,5)
  - Shem misused the network (4)
  - Soldier-king in US state (6)
  - Goddess seen after credit crunch (6)
  - Pine for young woman (4)
  - A Charlie, clergyman is faithful (8)
  - Dubious character of tornado (7)
  - Some sheep somewhere in Derby town (5)
  - Robbery article with fort emptied (5)
  - Leave car: trade-in arranged (7)

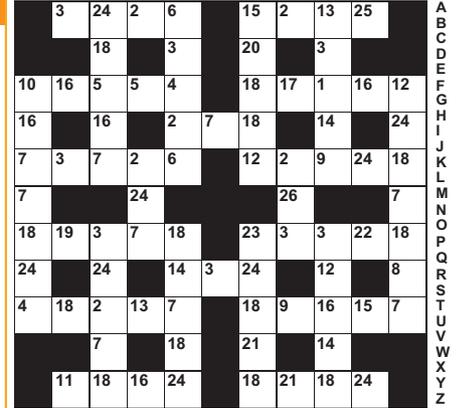
- DOWN**
- Pragmatism is shown in field (7)
  - Doctor with parrot in shroud (5)
  - Molten core then sticking together (8)
  - All the jumping enough to kill (6)
  - Psychiatrist right to leave row (4)
  - Pesters nocturnal animals (7)
  - Foxhole found inside near Thurrock (5)
  - Turn game, perhaps causing debate (8)
  - Absence of stress regarding nastiness (7)
  - Son the one she loves in general (7)
  - Kept record that's scratched (6)
  - Ultimate in excitement in bubbly composition (5)
  - So confused in ship (2,3)
  - Section of most attractive figure (4)



### Coffee time

- ACROSS**
- Drastic (7)
  - Moral tale (5)
  - Inundated (6)
  - Reverberate loudly (7)
  - Cone's content (3,5)
  - Interlock (4)
  - Sea-related (6)
  - Decisive moment (6)
  - Fail to notice (4)
  - Precise (8)
  - Funnel-shaped wind (7)
  - Surrey racecourse (5)
  - Stealing (5)
  - Alight at a station (7)
- DOWN**
- Practicality (7)
  - Curtain (5)
  - Consistent (8)
  - Causing death (6)
  - Vendetta (4)
  - Harasses (7)
  - Our planet (5)
  - Heated discussion (8)
  - Hiatus (7)
  - US WW2 tank (7)
  - Got a goal (6)
  - Choral work (5)
  - Between ports (2,3)
  - Photocopy (4)

## WORD WORKOUT

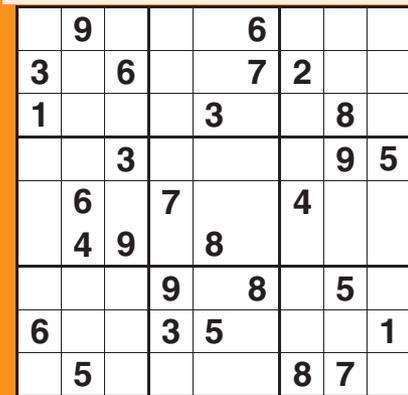


THIS is the world's best brain teaser. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter A, write A in all the squares with a 4. All the alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. We will print the answers tomorrow.  
**YESTERDAY** - ACROSS: Vacuum, Hock, Bets, Instep, Equilateral, Jangle, Fifth, Know, Canary. DOWN: Safe, Muesli, Ambivalence, Thus, Eczema, Quaint, Expend, Gaw, Tyre.

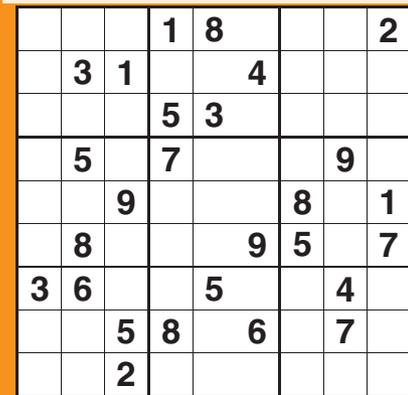
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Find seven things in a jar. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally. Solution below.



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## THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a politician:



- 8 & 3 Mr Sanders, Vermont senator who lost the 2016 Democratic nomination for US President to Hillary Clinton (last two letters of name)
- 11 & 4 Mr Wareing, chef on MasterChef: The Professionals (second and third letters of name)
- 1 & 7 Chemist who developed vulcanised rubber
- 12 Anna, winner of the 2021 Women's Open golf tournament
- 5 Shona, actress who plays Whitney in EastEnders (last letter of name)
- 2 & 10 Czech actor who played Chief Inspector Dreyfus to Peter Sellers' Inspector Clouseau
- 9 & 6 Mr Haley, singer backed by the Comets (last two letters of name)

● Yesterday: Reality TV star **SAM BAILEY** (Arnold Bennett, Martin Shaw, Linda (Evangelista), Julia (Roberts), Peyton (Manning)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.  
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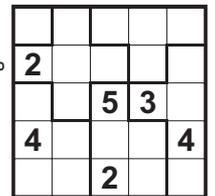
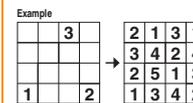
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BEGINNER	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
49	129	732
- 39	Third of it	- 5/6 of it
× 6	+ 99	÷ 2
+ 188	Half of it	- 57
÷ 8	+ 127	Square root of it
- 23	2/3 of it	× 11
× 10	- 34	+ 1506
+ 82	÷ 7	÷ 8
÷ 9	+ 458	+ 3550
+ 120	Quarter of it	Third of it
ANSWER	ANSWER	ANSWER

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Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below.



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Check today's answers by calling 0905 757 0156 before midnight. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

Yesterday's solutions are on today's Letters page

**Today's Solutions**

NumberCrunch  
 138, 118, 1247  
 Brainbuster  
 [a] Draft/draught [b] Phrase/trays  
 [c] Steal/steal [d] Tracked/tract  
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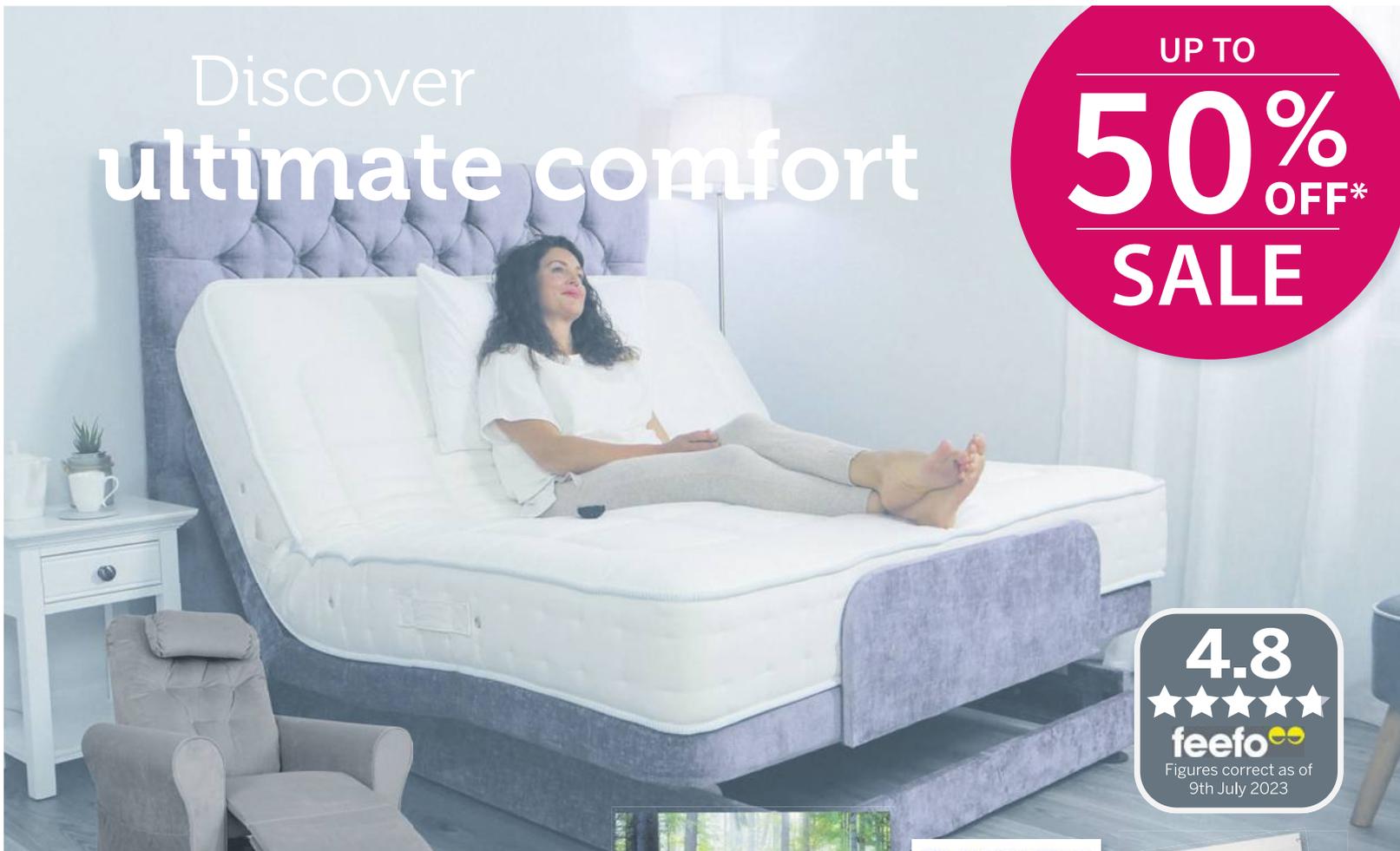
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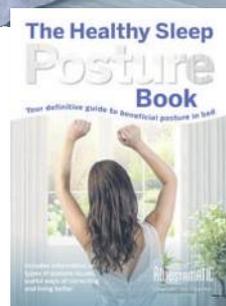
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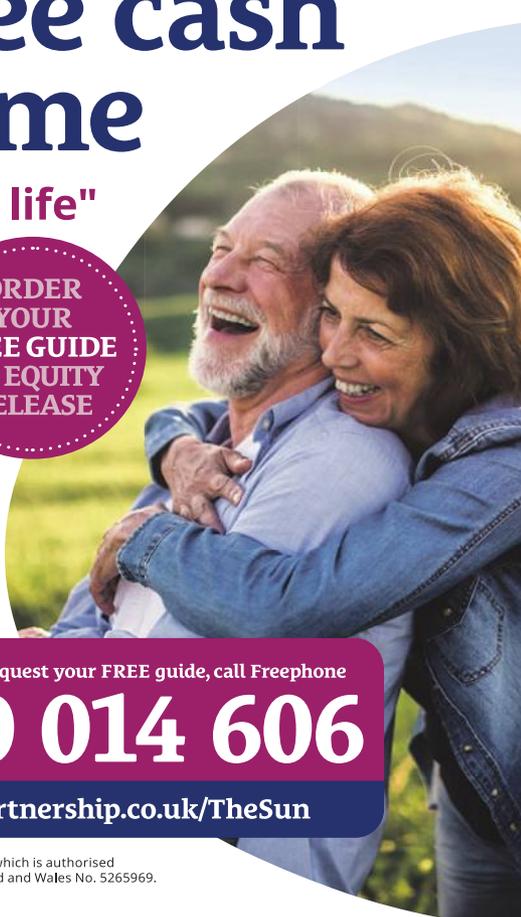
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# SNOOKER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

## Renovation plan

**RONNIE O'SULLIVAN** has the perfect remedy to sharpen up an "outdated" Crucible — bring in an interior designer.

The Grade II listed building, opened in 1971, is the subject of much debate with its snooker contract up in three years. Home of the sport at the highest level since 1977, the Crucible Theatre now splits opinion.

O'Sullivan — who has won seven world titles at the venue — said: "I think it's a little bit dated."

By **ROB MAUL**

It could be updated. It could have better facilities for players to relax.

"They've started to make little improvements.

"But if you really put down a wish list... the venue could be friendlier towards players.

"Relaxation rooms, more practice tables.

"If you get a clever interior designer or an architect in here you could knock all the walls down and start again."

### SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAY-OFF FINAL**  
**BROMLEY (1) 2 SOLIHULL M (0) 2**  
 Cheek 41, 58 (pen) Sharra 48  
 Osborne 65  
 Att: 23,374  
 AET: Score after 90 mins 2-2.  
 Bromley win 4-3 on penalties.

**CRICKET**  
**SECOND TWENTY20 INTERNATIONAL**  
**Bangladesh v Zimbabwe**  
**Chittagong:** Zimbabwe 138-7 (20.0 overs); Bangladesh 142-4 (18.3 overs). **Bangladesh win by 6 wickets. Bangladesh lead 5-match series 2-0.**

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION ONE**  
**Lancashire v Kent**  
**Old Trafford:** Kent 261 (85.1 overs); J D M Evison 71no, and 71-1 (24.0 overs) Lancashire 92 (30.0 overs); N N Gilchrist 6-24, W A Agar 4-35 and 332 (106.3 overs); G Bell 65, M Hurst 58).

**DIVISION TWO**  
**Derbyshire v Sussex**  
**Derby:** Derbyshire 246 (63.3 overs); L M Reece 50 and 109 (26.0 overs); J N T Seales 5-29, Sussex 479 (109.4 overs); C A Pujara 113, J M Coles 72, T P Alsop 64, T J Haines 58. **Sussex (24pts) beat Derbyshire (3pts) by an innings and 124 runs.**

**Middlesex v Leicestershire**  
**Lord's:** Leicestershire 306 (83.2 overs); P S P Handscomb 109; E Bamber 4-68, Middlesex 407-8 (103.0 overs); S D Robson 162, J L du Plooy 131).

**Yorkshire v Glamorgan**  
**Headingley:** Glamorgan 221 (79.0 overs); W T Root 51; D M Bess 4-25, D Moriarty 4-74, and 171-3 (56.0 overs) Yorkshire 519-7dec. (94.1 overs); F J Bean 173, J E Root 156, H C Brook 65, J A Tattersall 56, M S Crane 5-152).

**INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**punjab Kings v Chennai Super Kings**  
**Dharamsala:** Chennai Super Kings 167-9 (20 overs); R D Chahar 3-23; H V Patel 3-24; Punjab Kings 139-9 (20 overs); R A Jadeja 3-20. **Chennai Super Kings (2pts) win by 28 runs.**

**Lucknow Super Giants v Kolkata Knight Riders**  
**Lucknow:** Kolkata Knight Riders 235-6 (20.0 overs); S P Narine 81; N U Mirdid 3-49; Lucknow Super Giants 137 (16.1 overs); H Rana 3-24; V C Vinod 3-30. **Kolkata Knight Riders (2pts) win by 98 runs.**

**BASKETBALL**  
**BBL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS QTR-FINAL** - Sheffield Sharks 86 Leicester Riders 69 (Sheffield Sharks win series 2-1).  
**NBA PLAY OFFS: Western Conf** - Denver Nuggets 59 Minnesota Timberwolves 106 (Minnesota lead best-of-7 series 1-0).  
**Eastern Conf** - Cleveland Cavaliers 106 Orlando Magic 94 (Cleveland win series 4-3).

**CYCLING**  
**GIRO D'ITALIA: Stage 2** (San Francesco Al Campo to Santuario di Orapa 161km) - 1 D Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates 3h 54m 20s, 2 D Martinez (Col) BORA-hansgrohe +27s, 3 G Thomas (GB) INEOS Grenadiers, 4 L Fortunato (Ita) Astana Qazaqstan Team, 5 F Lipowitz (Germany) BORA-hansgrohe all at same time. **Overall** - 1 Pogacar 7h 08m 29s, 2 Thomas +45s, 3 Martinez at same time.  
**LA VUELTA FEMENINA: Stage 8** (Madrid to Madrid 89km) - 1 D Vollering (Ned) Team SD Worx-Protime 2h 43m 06s, 2 E Muzic (France) FDJ-SUEZ +29s.  
**Final overall** - 1 Vollering 23h 30m 55s, 2 R Markus (Netherlands) Team Jumbo-Visma +1:05, 3 E Borghini (Ita) Lidl-Trek +2:00, 58 L Deignan (GB) Lidl-Trek +56:15.

**GOLF**  
**LIV GOLF (Singapore): Final** (Rsd unless stated) - 198 B Koepka 66 64 68 200 M Leishman (Aus) 67 67 66, C Smith (Aus) 71 65 64, 201 T Gooch 68 66 67, 202 T Pieters (Bel) 66 67 69, T Hatton (Eng) 68 68 66, 203 J Neumann (Chi) 67 69 67, D Johnson 67 70 66, K Na 66 70 67, 204 J Rahm (Spa) 69 68 67, A Ancer (Mex) 66 67 71, E Lopez-Chacarra (Spa) 67 69 68, A Meronik (Pol) 67 66 71, 205 P Reed 71 69 66, S Garcia (Spa) 69 68 68, D Burmester (Rsa) 67 70 68, C Tinagle 66 68 71, K Samojko (Fin) 72 69 64, 206 S Munoz (Col) 65 70 71, M Kaymer (Ger) 66 69 71, C Ortiz (Mex) 72 70 64.  
**VOLVO CHINA OPEN (Shenzhen): Final** (Rsd - 199 A Olegu (Spa) 67 66 65, 199 C Migliozzi (Ita) 68 67 67, 200 S Soederberg (Swe) 65 72, P Waring (Eng) 66 65 69, J Girthach (Swi) 66 67 67, 201 L Jefferson Co (Phi) 68 66 67, 202 B Stone (Rsa) 74 64 64, 203 J Veerman 69 68 66, M Schwab (Aut) 67 68 68, 204 A Rozner (Fra) 68 69 67.

**ICE HOCKEY**  
**NHL PLAY-OFFS: Eastern Conf** - Boston Bruins 2 Toronto Maple Leafs 1 (OT) (Boston win series 4-3).

**MOTORCYCLING**  
**BRITISH SUPERBIKES CHAMPIONSHIP** (Oulton Park): **Race 1** - 1 G Irwin (GB) Ducati 28m 22.97s, 2 C Iddon (GB) Ducati +1.069, 3 K Ryde (GB) Yamaha +2.069, 4 T Bridewell (GB) Honda +2.588, 5 R Vickers (GB) Yamaha +5.885, 6 D Kent (GB) Honda +5.978, 7 R Skinner (GB) BMW 1:34.221, 8 T Bridewell (GB) Honda 1:34.240.

**NETBALL**  
**VITALITY SUPERLEAGUE** - Severn Stars 56 Cardiff Dragons 41.

**RUGBY LEAGUE**  
**BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP** - Barrow 24 Batley 14, Featherstone 36 Halifax 16, Swinton 12 Bradford 38, Widnes 16 Doncaster 14, York 16 Whitehaven 36.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	7	7	0	0	252	72	14
Sheffield	7	6	0	1	224	98	12
Widnes	7	6	0	1	190	97	12
Featherstone	7	5	0	2	192	132	10
Bradford	7	4	0	3	169	129	8
Toulouse	7	3	0	4	153	130	6
Doncaster	7	3	0	4	156	168	6
Swinton	7	3	0	4	140	154	6
Whitehaven	7	3	0	4	133	189	6
Barrow	7	3	0	4	102	207	6
Batley	7	2	0	5	109	154	4
Halifax	7	2	0	5	94	199	4
York	7	1	0	6	113	193	2
Dewsbury	7	1	0	6	115	205	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oidham	6	6	0	0	328	42	12
Kelghley	7	6	0	1	320	110	12
Hunslet	8	5	0	3	184	228	10
Rochdale	8	4	0	4	281	246	8
Workington	7	4	0	3	204	208	8
Midlands	7	3	0	4	252	170	6
North Wales	6	3	0	3	174	129	6
Cornwall	6	0	0	6	86	322	0
Newcastle	7	0	0	7	74	448	0

**RUGBY UNION**  
**INVESTEC CHAMPIONS CUP SEMI-FINAL**  
**Toulouse (31) 38 HARLEQUINS (12) 26**  
 Toulouse - Tries: Label, Mauvica, Flament, Dupont (2), Mallia. Cons: Kinghorn (3), Ramos.  
 Harlequins - Tries: Smith, W. Evans, Murley, T. Green. Cons: Smith (3).

**SNOOKER**  
**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP** (Sheffield): **Final** - K Wilson (Eng) leads J Jones (Wal) 11-6.

**TENNIS**  
**ATP & WTA MADRID OPEN** (Spain): **Men's Final** - A Rublev (Rus) bt F Auger-Aliassime (Can) 4-6 7-5 7-5.

**TODAY'S SPORT**  
**PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**Crystal Palace v Man Utd**..... 8.0 (Live on Sky Sports Main Event)  
**SKY BET LEAGUE TWO PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINALS FIRST LEG**  
**Crawley Tn v MK Dons**..... 3.0 (Live on Sky Sports Main Event)  
**Crews v Doncaster**..... 5.30 (Live on Sky Sports Main Event)

**VANARAMA NATIONAL SOUTH PLAY-OFF FINAL**  
**Worthing v Braintree Tn**..... 3.0 (Live on TNT Sports 1)  
**NORTHERN PREM PLAY-OFF FINAL** - Macclesfield v Marine (3.0).  
**SOUTHERN PREM CENTRAL PLAY-OFF FINAL** - AFC Totton v Salisbury FC (3.0).  
**SOUTHERN PREM SOUTH PLAY-OFF FINAL** - AFC Telford v Leamington (3.0).

**ISTHMIAN PREM PLAY-OFF FINAL** - Chatham Town v Enfield Town (3.0).  
**CRICKET**  
**County Championship** (day 4, 11am).  
**IPL: Mumbai Indians v Sunrisers Hyderabad** (Mumbai, 3.0).

**CYCLING**  
**Giro d'Italia - Stage 3** (Novara to Fossano, 166km).  
**MOTOR RACING**  
**British Superbikes Championship** (Oulton Park, Cheshire).  
**SPEEDWAY**

**Rowe Motor Oil Premiership:** Belle Vue Aces v Birmingham Brummies (12.0), Ipswich Wolves v King's Lynn Stars (2.15), Oxford Spire v Leicester Lions (7.30).

# JAK BEHIND BLACK BALL

## He needs to copy Taylor's 1985 classic



EYES ON PRIZE... Wilson's picture of concentration as he ramps ahead in final against a jaded Jones (inset)

**JADED** Jak Jones had the worst start to a Crucible final for 33 years. And despite dodging a first-session whitewash, the qualifier now needs a Dennis Taylor-style comeback to scoop the £500,000 top prize.

Welshman Jones, 30, could not have imagined a more terrible start to his maiden appearance at the business end of the World Snooker Championship. The Silent Assassin watched hopelessly as pre-match favourite Kyren Wilson ended the opening session with a 7-1 advantage.

But if Jones seemed out of sorts it was perhaps understandable...because he had spent almost TWICE as much time on the table as his rival in Sheffield. It took him a gruelling 45hr and 57min of playing time — and a mammoth 117 FRAMES — to reach this showpiece.

At least Jones nabbed frame eight with a 65 break, which he celebrated with an ironic punch in the air. Had he gone 8-0 down, it would have rivalled the dreadful scoreline Taylor faced in the famous 1985 Black Ball Final with Steve Davis.

Remarkably, Taylor (right) fought back in epic fashion to claim an 18-17 win post-midnight with millions watching on TV. Clinical Wilson, 32, opened up the two-day final — his first since 2020 — with a spectacular 129 break.

It was the first time since 1993 — when Stephen Hendry crushed Jimmy White 18-5 — that the opening frame saw a top-plus break. That day 31 years ago,

and he's expecting to pot what could be difficult shots."

Wilson, who hit four centuries yesterday, won frame 17 on the black ball after needing a snooker with the colours left to lead 11-6 going into the final day.

Jones did tremendously well to reduce the gap after his disastrous start, but his opponent needs only seven frames today to become world champion.

The Welshman said: "It's a miracle I am still in it. Shocking, absolutely shocking. I am still in the match. "I am just knackered. It could have been different if I'd had a good night's sleep."

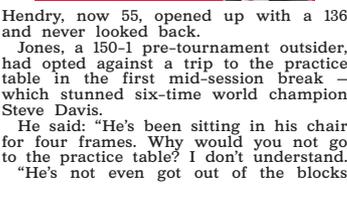
Wilson added: "Jak played really well tonight. There was a lot of tension in that last frame. Target achieved. I have scored pretty well."

Jones, who prepares for matches with a Nando's, wants to become the third qualifier to win the Crucible crown. His wife, Inna, is a Russian law student, — they met five years ago in Riga, Latvia — but she has spent most of the tournament watching it on TV back home with his mum, Debbie.

Jones is one of the slowest stars on tour and after he beat Judd Trump in the quarter-finals, the world No2 moaned: "It was a little bit slower than I'd have liked".

But Jones snapped: "They are supposed to be the best players in the world, yet they're moaning about being knocked out of their rhythm. It seems strange to me. "But they always have to say that after they lose against me."

**By ROB MAUL**





VAN LEUVEN... bye

## Det KO's trans tie

By PHIL LANNING

DETA HEDMAN refused to play against transgender Noa-Lynn van Leuven at the Denmark Open over the inclusion of the darts player in women's events.

The pair were drawn to meet in the quarter-finals of the WDF-ranked event on Saturday afternoon.

However, Hedman withdrew prior to the match, so Van Leuven received a bye through to the semis.

The English star, 64, has been outspoken in her opposition to transgender players competing in women's competitions, stating that it is "damaging" to the sport.

She hit out on social media when it was suggested she had pulled out through illness.

On X, Hedman posted: "No fake illness, I said I wouldn't play a man in a ladies event."

Van Leuven has won a Challenge Tour event in a mainly male field and two PDC Women's Series titles.

## Dadz the way, GB

PART-TIME accountant Eugene Amo-Dadzie helped Britain seal a Paris Olympics sprint relay spot.

The Essex ace joined Zharnel Hughes, Nethaneel Mitchell-Blake and Richard Kilty in the 4x100 metres heats at the World Athletics Relays in the Bahamas.

GB qualified after a season's best of 38.36sec.

Amo-Dadzie said: "For years I sat on my sofa watching. God willing, I stay healthy and I can be on that team in Paris."

Britain's women's squad also qualified, as did both 4x400m teams.

# CHAMPIONS CUP SEMI



BINNED... Walker (left) consoled after yellow



SPECIAL JUAN... hosts enjoy Mallia's late try

MUR TO COME... Cadan Murley bags a try but Harlequins' fightback proved in vain

# It's Tou bad

## MESSY START KILLED US, SAYS CARE

By HARRY TALBOT

DANNY CARE admitted Quins "messed up" after going close to a stunning Champions Cup semi-final fightback.

Harlequins threatened to overhaul a 31-12 half-time deficit with a storming second-half display, giving Toulouse a major scare on home soil.

They reduced the deficit to five points and could smell an upset at a nervy Stadium de Toulouse before hooker Jack Walker was sent to the sin bin for making direct head contact with Antoine Dupont. The French

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giants, with the player advantage, immediately punished the Londoners as Juan Cruz Mallia scored in the corner to break Quins' resistance.

Scrum-half Care, 37, said: "It was a brilliant game to be involved in. We messed up in the first half by giving them too many points and it was too much to pull back, even for us."

"There was a bit of a kick up the bum at half-time. We let ourselves

down in a few breakdown areas. We gifted them 28 points and if you do that it is very hard to pull back.

"We nearly did it. It is a great learning curve, a lot of lads will have more opportunities in this tournament. I am not sure how many I will have but days like this you will remember."

Toulouse face Leinster in the final at Tottenham's stadium on May 25.

Quins' try-scorers were Marcus Smith, Cadan Murley, Will Evans and Tyrone Green.

But earlier Toulouse tries by Dupont (2), Matthijs Lebel, Peato Mauvaka and Thibaud Flament ultimately proved decisive in this ten-try thriller.



LAWES... confidence

## Lay down the Law

By ADAM HATHAWAY

COURTNEY LAWES says Northampton's Euro agony can drive them to a first Prem title for a decade.

Lawes, a league winner in 2014, played his last Champions Cup game for Saints in Saturday's 20-17 last-four loss to four-time winners Leinster in Dublin.

Prem leaders Saints made it a three-point game as George Hendy and Tom Seabrook replied to James Lowe's try treble.

And Lawes, set to move to Brive this summer, reckons Northampton can land the domestic crown at Twickenham on June 8.

Back row Lawes, 35, said: "We have got a lot of young lads who have not played in anything like that pressure before."

"It is great to see them prove we are in the mix with some of the best teams in the world and gives us confidence."

"It is up to us to push on now until the end of the season."

## Tapping up is OK

RUGBY LEAGUE bosses have ditched Super League's 'anti-tampering' deadline — as everyone was doing it anyway.

Officially, players in the final year of their contracts could not be approached until May 1.

But Leigh owner Derek Beaumont said: "The May 1 deadline is completely pointless and at our last meeting, owners and chief executives of clubs agreed we should eradicate that."

"It's fair game once a player goes into the final year they can negotiate. It's what happens anyway!"

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ROOT... celebrates ton

## Root raps fixtures torment

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

JOE ROOT fears cricket's congested schedule could damage the development of future England stars.

Former captain Root is also worried that county players are suffering mental and physical issues and face dangerous late-night car journeys.

Root, who scored 156 for Yorkshire against Glamorgan yesterday, was speaking after a Professional Cricketers' Association survey showed 81 per cent of county players think the amount of cricket is causing problems.

Two-thirds claim the schedule does not encourage high performance and 76 per cent are worried about unsafe travel.

Root said: "The schedule needs to change to see long-lasting benefits for English cricket. Looking at the fixture list from a physical, wellbeing and high-performance angle does cause me concern."

"Having space to recover, prepare and improve your game during the season is crucial and the creation of standards to protect player welfare is non-negotiable."

PCA chief operating officer Daryl Mitchell revealed more than ten per cent of county players accessed their mental health services last year.

He added: "The relentless schedule is a factor."

### Sport

GREAT BRITAIN won team silver behind Italy at the European Gymnastics Champs.

Becky Downie, Alice Kinsella, Abigail Martin, Ruby Evans and Georgia-Mae Fenton scored 162.16 points.

### SHORT

## Rublev's a Master

ANDREY RUBLEV secured his second Masters 1000 title after coming from a set down to win the Madrid Open.

The Russian, 26, beat Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime 4-6 7-5 7-5 following a gruelling 2hr 48min battle in the Spanish capital.

It was Rublev's ninth win in his last ten matches against top-20 players on clay and sees him climb to sixth in the world rankings.

The seventh seed said: "What words do you have to describe your second Masters title? No words."

"If you knew what I've been through the last nine days you wouldn't imagine I'd be able to win a title."

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## American dream as Brit breaks F1 duck

LANDO NORRIS was the top Trump in Miami after finally winning a first Formula One GP.

The brilliant Brit capitalised on a rare off-day for reigning world champ Max Verstappen in a thriller at the Hard Rock Stadium.

Before the race it was former US President Donald Trump basking in applause at the Sunshine State.

But Norris stole his thunder with an epic drive, and fortuitous safety car, for a maiden win in 110 starts. Norris screamed: "Whaoooooo! I love you all, thank you so much" after crossing the finish line and was then mobbed by his team after leaping out of his McLaren.

Norris, the 21st British driver to win a GP, said: "Ah wow. About time, F\*\*\*, sorry. It's been a long time coming so I'm so happy."

"Finally on top so I'm over the moon. We had the perfect strategy and it paid off. This is for the team. I have made a lot of mistakes over my short career - but today we put it all together."

The 24-year-old from Glastonbury has finished second eight times before and had come agonisingly close to breaking his duck.

In the 2021 Russian GP, he slid off in the wet on the final few laps while leading. And he blew the chance of victory in Qatar last year.

Yet Norris ended his drought here in Miami as he finished ahead of Verstappen and Charles Leclerc, who completed the podium.

Norris signed a new deal with

### From BEN HUNT in MIAMI



McLaren earlier this season in a bid to fend off interest from rivals.

And jubilant team chief Zak Brown revealed he may now get a Miami tattoo after this victory.

Norris joined McLaren's young driver programme in February 2017 after a successful junior career.

He built himself a reputation as a brilliantly quick and smooth driver and his personality has made him a huge hit with fans.

This race got off to a flying start when Sergio Perez gave Verstappen a scare on the opening lap when he fired up the inside and nearly took out the Dutchman.

Perez zoomed straight on and

narrowly avoided contact with his team-mate and the Ferrari of Carlos Sainz. The Mexican's error threw open the door to McLaren's Oscar Piastri, who hunted down Verstappen.

Piastri was able to keep the Red Bull man in his sights as the world champion was unable to pull away.

Verstappen was battling his Red Bull and working hard to keep it pointing in the right direction.

At one point, he lost control and clattered into a plastic bollard - an unusual mistake from him.

He stopped for fresh tyres on lap 24, three laps after striking the bollard, putting Piastri in the lead. Piastri then stopped himself on lap 28 for tyres, which meant team-mate Norris inherited first place.

The Brit, who looked quick all weekend, was then given a substantial boost in unusual circumstances.

Kevin Magnussen, who bashed into Lewis Hamilton on Saturday -

earning penalties totalling 35 seconds in sanctions - crashed into Logan Sargeant.

The US driver, who faces an uncertain F1 future, was punted into barriers and his stricken Williams saw the safety car deployed.

That allowed Norris to make his pitstop and retain first place for the outright lead.

When the safety car finished, Norris was able to hold off the threat of Verstappen, who was simply unable to find a way past the McLaren.

In fact, Verstappen was more concerned with holding off Leclerc, who was doing his best to snatch second place.

It set up a thrilling finale as Norris held his nerve out in front while Verstappen toiled. He even radioed his team, saying: "I can't get the car to turn. It's a disaster!"

Behind him, the Ferrari duo of Leclerc and Sainz battled and caught Piastri.

The Aussie was clipped by the latter and suffered front-wing damage that forced him to pit, killing off chances of a podium.

Meanwhile, Hamilton was doing his best to drag his Mercedes to a top-five finish.

The 39-year-old was unable to find a way past Perez, who took fifth and frustrated Hamilton had to settle for sixth.

But it was Norris' day as he celebrated victory with his team, who recorded their first triumph since Monza 2020.

### MIAMI GRAND PRIX RESULT

1	Lando Norris	1:30:49.876
2	Max Verstappen	+7.612
3	Charles Leclerc	+9.920
4	Carlos Sainz	+11.407
5	Sergio Perez	+14.650
6	Lewis Hamilton	+16.585

### DRIVER STANDINGS 2024

1	Max Verstappen	136
2	Sergio Perez	101
3	Charles Leclerc	98
4	Carlos Sainz	85
5	Lando Norris	83
6	Oscar Piastri	41



COTTEE... board rant

# COTT

From Back Page

to go, with the club already meeting potential successors like Ruben Amorim.

Cottee, 58, hit 118 goals in 285 Hammers games.

He stormed: "Absolute joke of a Board!"

"Hung out to dry our third best manager ever, publicly courting and talking to other managers is really poor and classless."

"It now seems obvious it's time to change manager but there are ways to do it."

Moyes led West Ham to a first major trophy for 43 years with last season's Europa Conference League.

Cottee added: "Please make an announcement and give the manager the send-off he deserves."

"The worst thing at a club is uncertainty and the board are fully complicit in creating that since we won the cup!"

"The circus is back and 14 years is far too long, a change is needed at the top! I've had enough! Our fans deserve much better."

Asked about his future, Moyes said: "I am going to talk to the board at the end of the season."

Match report — Goals P2,3



MOSHIRI... owner

## Toffees in fresh 777 sale woe

EVERTON'S takeover took a fresh twist as 777 Partners were accused of fraud by a lender which runs into hundreds of millions.

London-based Leadenhall Capital and Leadenhall Life claim 777 'pledged' £279m in assets that "did not exist" or "weren't actually owned" by co-owner Josh Wandler's entities.

The lawsuit has been filed in a New York civil court.

Leadenhall is seeking to recover "millions of dollars in damages from a house of cards on the brink of collapse".

777 Partners has declined to comment.

The Miami-based investment firm still awaits Prem approval to buy Everton.

Owner Farhad Moshiri agreed to sell his 94 per cent Toffees stake to 777 last September.

But 777 has faced scrutiny from regulators.

Leadenhall's court filing stated: "Everton is the latest shiny object of Wandler's fraudulent scheme."

# Foxes salute to Vichai

**LEICESTER** paid a moving tribute to late owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha as they celebrated winning the Championship title.

Thousands of fans lined the streets as Jamie Vardy and Co lifted the trophy on an open-top bus parade.

The Thai businessman was killed in a helicopter crash in 2018 and a giant photo, held by Marc Albrighton, took centre stage on the front of the bus. Foxes hero Vardy addressed the fans

By **JAKE SANDERS**

with an X-rated speech and midfielder Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall said: "We're just soaking it all in. It means everything to these fans."

"I'm so happy we can have a day where so many people can come out and enjoy it."

"That's what it's all about, celebrating together. I'm having an absolutely great day, it's fantastic scenes. We've worked so hard for moments like this."



## FOREST BOSS SLAMS PREM

# NUNO RAGE

By **GRAEME BRYCE**

**NUNO ESPIRITO SANTO** has launched a fresh attack on the Premier League's snail-paced disciplinary process.

The Nottingham Forest boss claimed it is ridiculous fellow strugglers Burnley could be relegated **WITHOUT** any team kicking a ball this week.

Nuno believes the integrity of the Premier League will be damaged if the fate of Vincent Kompany's side is sealed **BEFORE** they play Tottenham on Saturday.

That would happen if a three-person independent appeals commission deems Forest's original four-point deduction too harsh and reduces the sanction to two points.

It is almost four months since it was revealed Forest had fallen foul of Profitability

## 'Points deduction delay is not good for anyone'

and Sustainability Rules — way back on January 15. Nuno (*below*) expects to finally discover the appeal verdict this week.

And he believes it is outrageous the Premier League process has rumbled on this long.

He said: "They had time to avoid what might happen now."

"We are waiting to see the final decisions and see if we have 33, 32, 31 or 30 points."

"This is what we have

to know, and for our opponents also. It should have been done before now. People have spoken about the integrity of the league and it's not good for anyone."

"They have to get it right." Despite being charged in mid-January, it was not until March 7 and 8 that a three-person independent commission heard Forest's case.

Ten days later the Reds were docked four points for breaching their £61million permitted losses across a rolling three-year period by £34.5million.

Forest appealed that decision later

that week yet their appeal was not heard for more than a month — on April 24 — in a process which lasted one day.

Now, 12 days later, Forest are still in the dark about the outcome.

And with today a bank holiday, they do not expect to discover their fate until tomorrow at the earliest!

Even Forest skipper Ryan Yates says it would be ludicrous for Burnley to be relegated on a day when no Premier League teams are in action!

The midfielder, who scored in Saturday's vital 3-1 victory at Sheffield United, said: "It's not ideal for Burnley or for us."

"If they are going to do it then just tell if it's one, two points or none — just let us know."

"To be honest, as players, none of us really know what to think about the points thing."

"We'll just go on as if we're not getting anything back."

"Until we're mathematically safe ourselves, we'll just keep going."

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FERNANDES... wanted

# TALK

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this process. We are visiting games where Jadon was performing."

Meetings happened with the now departed director of football John Murtough and United's director of player negotiations Matt Hargreaves.

Sancho fell out with Ten Hag last September after he was dropped for the away defeat at Arsenal.

Afterwards the manager explained his absence was owing to poor attitude in training. The player later put out a social-media post effectively calling his boss a liar.

While Sancho took that post down, he refused to apologise to Ten Hag.

He was banished from the first team and made to train on his own and with the academy players, before finally being allowed to leave on loan.

His poor form at United has been at odds with his Dortmund performances, not least in last week's 1-0 Champions League semi-final first-leg win over Paris Saint-Germain.

Asked if he still required an apology from Sancho, the United boss replied: "There was a conflict and let's first finish the season so stay away from

**There was a conflict, let's finish the season**  
— ERIK TEN HAG

this issue. Now it is not important.

"He has the return of the semi-final, in the league it is not going that well for them and we have four important games in the league and the FA Cup final, then we will see."

Clearly Ten Hag is already looking ahead to what the make-up of his squad will be going into next season, believing he will still be the boss.

He admits he needs greater depth after being left exposed by a raft of injuries this season.

He said: "That is one of the issues in constructing the squad. We have to construct a squad better, with more depth."

"I think every manager wants winning attitudes.

"Great mentality, big personalities to perform under stress is what every manager is looking for."

One player he wants to keep is Bruno Fernandes, who hinted in an interview last week that he will consider his future at United following this summer's Euros.

Ten Hag said: "That was taken out of context. I know he is Manchester United and he is very happy to be here."

# PREMIER LEAGUE



# CRYSTAL PALACE

You'd better...

# ADAM AND EVE IT

## Flying Eagle Wharton is destined for 3 Lions



WHAR BLIMEY... Wharton gets ahead of Fulham's Alex Iwobi

**WHEN** Gareth Southgate tunes in to Manchester United's trip to Crystal Palace tonight he will have a keen eye on Kobbie Mainoo in midfield.

The Red Devils wonderkid, 19, has taken the Prem by storm this season and earned two senior caps – against Brazil and Belgium – this year.

But many in South London and Lancashire think Southgate should be looking at one man in red and blue.

Adam Wharton, 20, has been a sensation since joining the Eagles from Blackburn for an initial £18million in January.

Palace, then under Roy Hodgson, were desperate for an injection of life in midfield but there were concerns over paying a large fee for such a

By **JACK ROSSER**



young player. But the South Londoners, under sporting director Dougie Freedman, have a fine record of recruiting from the Championship – and Wharton is another gem.

Those who know him say taking the next step has never been a mental hurdle for Wharton to jump.

That makes his sensational start to life in the top flight the norm for an exceptionally talented young player.

Darragh Tuffy, who coached Wharton as a youth player at Blackburn, told SunSport: "All through his age groups he had this weird ability to never be fazed by anything. I watch

him in the Premier League now and he is playing passes that he used to do in training.

"He doesn't get fazed by pressure – you just can't teach that."

"He looks like he is in total control of what he is doing, takes the ball under pressure and looks like the calmest man on the pitch."

That composure caught the eye in a losing cause when Blackburn visited Chelsea in the Carabao Cup in November.

Wharton's creative ability in midfield, with his eye for a pass, has blown away Palace fans as well as Hodgson and new Eagles boss Oliver Glasner.

Past coaches say it is a natural trait, something which stood out before he was even ten – and a side of his game that was needed as one of the

smallest players on the pitch as a youngster. Tuffy added: "He was always the smallest player in his age group coming through, a real late developer physically."

"In games that was never a problem for him. He was always able to stand out with his technical attributes, which he still does now."

"He didn't hit his growth spurt until 17. We knew he was going to come through that and as long as he carried on doing what he was good at, we were going to have a really good footballer on our hands."

Wharton's older brother, 26-year-old Scott, still plays for Blackburn and was a towering player in the academy.

This, along with maturation tests which predict a player's eventual height, gave coaches the confidence

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## WHARTON THIS SEASON

	Games	Mins	Touches*	Passes*	Passing Acc	Goals	Assists
Blackburn	29	2,215	70	54	85%	2	3
C Palace	13	1,038	54	38	81%	0	2

\* Per 90 minutes



CREATIVE TALENT... Wharton (circled) at Moorland private school



## Oli's a sports nut but cricket's out

**SPORTS-MAD** Crystal Palace boss Oliver Glasner is loving London life but will draw the line at watching cricket.

Glasner, a decent skier, tennis player and golfer who plays off a single-figure handicap, is also a basketball fanatic. And last week he was in the US watching the 76ers against New York Knicks in the NBA play-offs with Eagles chairman Steve Parish and co-owner Josh Harris, who runs the Philadelphia club.

Palace's Beckenham training ground backs on to Kent's cricket academy but the Austrian supremo (*above*), 49, confessed he is unlikely to be nipping over the fence to watch any time soon.

Glasner said: "We spoke about cricket in the office the other day and I said maybe it is the only sport where I don't understand the rules. I have

By IAN McCULLOUGH

never watched a game but I know it is very popular over here. But if you don't understand the rules, then it would be terrible to watch a game for five days.

"So it won't be my favourite sport. Would I think about going? No, I don't think so."

Since replacing Roy Hodgson in February, he has rejuvenated a team that had stagnated in the Premier League.

Victory over Manchester United tonight would see Glasner's Eagles complete the double for the first time in club history.

He added: "We hope that we can keep this momentum, they look ready, I could see how focused they are in training.

"We're four games unbeaten. The goal is staying unbeaten until the end of the season."



the smallest lad on the pitch would grow into something special.

Being small early on helped mould a technically gifted player.

Wharton's nonchalant style had teachers at Moorland, the private school where Blackburn send players, comparing him with Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle – before he earned the nickname 'Messi'.

Charlie Jackson (*right*), who taught Wharton at Moorland having previously worked with Manchester United star Scott McTominay, told SunSport: "All our sessions were pass and move and he'd jump all over them, it was meat and drink for him.

"He creates but sees the game, it's like he has a crystal ball.

"When I played him for the school, you wouldn't see him for 20 minutes

in the game – he'd just go missing. And then all of a sudden you would see a pass which is Maradona-esque. Then he's on it again and gets man of the match."

They were traits which caught Palace's eye early on.

Freedman even started scouting the boyhood Blackburn fan, who joined the club at Under-six level, before he had made his full league debut just 20 months ago at the age of 18.

He won man of the match as Rovers beat Blackpool. That effort, and interest, was not lost on Wharton and his representatives when it came to making a move in January, with Chelsea having also been keen.

The move to the capital from Lancashire is a big one, especially with Wharton living in the thick of it

not far from central London. But the England Under-21 star has always been bright and intelligent, able to adapt to anything.

Jackson added: "Oh, he didn't even have to revise for GCSEs. I use him as an example to the GCSE boys. He was an all-rounder with his head screwed on.

"Adam could turn himself into anything. He lived near British Aerospace with his parents and I used to say he could be a rocket scientist and work there, that is how bright he was."

The world of rocket science may have lost a potential star – but Crystal Palace, and maybe England, have certainly bagged one.



TOUGH TERM... but keeper Onana wants to stay positive

# ONANA'S BIG MOVE DILEMMA

By CLIFF HAYES

**ANDRE ONANA** admits he questioned his decision to join Manchester United.

The Cameroon keeper has endured a tough first season at Old Trafford.

And the £43.8million signing revealed he asked himself if he had made the right choice in moving from Inter Milan to "Rainchester".

Onana declared: "It was really hard to start off with – it was the first time I faced such a situation. "In the beginning I thought, 'Wow, did I make the right choice?'"

"Now I know the league, the people, the country, Manchester."

OK, Rainchester! When I look back now, I'm just smiling because it was a big lesson for me.

"But I'm 100 per cent sure I made the right choice because Manchester United is the bigger club in this country, one of the biggest in the world.

"Who would say 'No' to playing for this beautiful club?"

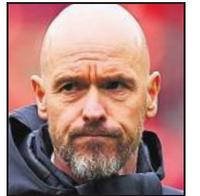
However, Onana concedes all the United players are "not happy" with the way this season has unfolded.

Boss Erik ten Hag's side are languishing eighth in the Premier League after losing a record 12 matches, with the Dutchman's job on the line.

United are also in danger of missing out on Europe for the first time in 10 years if they finish outside the top seven and fail to win the FA Cup in this month's Wembley final against rivals Manchester City.

The players have also been under fire from former Old Trafford legends Roy Keane, Rio Ferdinand, Paul Scholes and Gary Neville.

Ahead of tonight's crunch trip to Crystal Palace, Onana, 28, told



TEN HAG... eighth

MUTV: "The whole season has been difficult for all of us.

"But we all have to take responsibility. I start with myself, always.

"You can speak about a lot of things – injuries, bad luck. But we are Manchester United, such a big club, so we cannot talk about that. We have to stay positive.

"My team-mates are not happy with the situation because they are all winners, everyone wants to win.

"When we started the season, we spoke in the dressing room about fighting for every title.

"But things happen in life and we have to deal with this situation.

"We have a beautiful final to play and another few games. We'll go for it and end with dignity."

# HARRY FEAR

**HARRY MAGUIRE** is in danger of missing out on the FA Cup final.

Manchester United last night announced their England centre-half has a muscle injury that will sideline him for "about three weeks".

But that means Maguire, 31, now faces a race against time to be fit for the Wembley final against bitter rivals Manchester City on May 25.

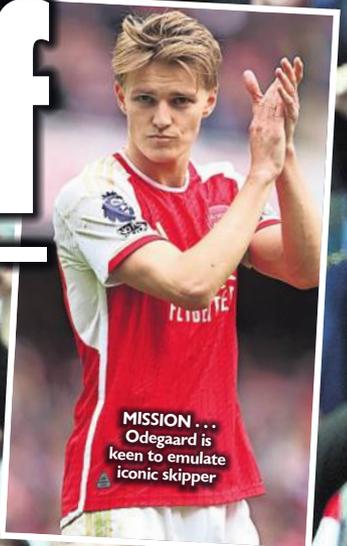
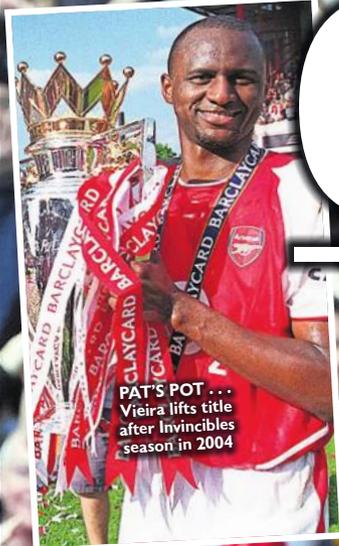
It has handed under-fire United boss Erik ten Hag yet another defensive headache.

He is already missing Lisandro Martínez, Luke Shaw, Raphael Varane, Victor Lindelof and Jonny Evans.

While forward Marcus Rashford, plus midfielders Bruno Fernandes and Scott McTominay are also doubtful for tonight's Premier League showdown at Crystal Palace.

**PREMIER LEAGUE**  **GUNNERS AND**

# Changing of the Gaard



## MARTIN OUT TO MAKE HISTORY LIKE CLUB LEGENDS



**THE weight of history for Arsenal is unavoidable right now.** It was 22 years ago this week that Arsene Wenger's Gunners won 1-0 at Manchester United to clinch the title with a game to spare. And it was 20 years ago that Wenger's Invincibles, with ex-skipper Patrick Vieira and Thierry Henry, went unbeaten to win another crown – the club's last league triumph. The likes of Wenger, Vieira and Henry will be at the Emirates when Mikel Arteta's 2023-24 crop end their campaign against Everton on May 19. Whether those North London icons get to witness another Prem trophy ceremony remains uncertain. And Arteta and current captain Martin Odegaard must try to manage the pressure and expectations around a title push that – as of today – is out of their hands. On Sunday, Arsenal head to the Theatre of Dreams once more in their penultimate outing this season. The title cannot be won but a win can keep the heat on Manchester City. By the time Arsenal kick off at United, they may have briefly fallen from top spot if City – one point behind in second with a game in hand – beat Fulham on Saturday. Ironically, Arteta and Arsenal's

**By JORDAN DAVIES** 

best chance of regaining control in the title race lies with their North London rivals Tottenham, who welcome City on May 14. Meanwhile, flashbacks of Sylvain Wiltord's dramatic Old Trafford winner in 2002, or Vieira lifting the title at Highbury in 2004, will be racing through the minds of supporters with a thrilling finale coming to a close. But as hard as it may be, Odegaard is keen to isolate those emotions and keep cool heads to force this title race with Pep Guardiola's City down to the wire. After seeing off Bournemouth 3-0 on Saturday, Odegaard, 25, said: "We have heard the stories. "We have seen what happened [in the past at Old Trafford] and how much it has meant for the club's supporters. "It is a part of the history of the club and it is something we want to do again. We want to make the fans happy again. "It has been a big goal for a long

**41 GUNN SALUTE . . .**  
Rice has fans love-in after scoring third

time to win something, so that's what we are pushing for – and we will keep going until the end. "We do not need any more motivation for it. "But we just have to focus on ourselves. It is important to control our emotions. "We don't know what other teams will do – but we need to keep putting pressure on City. "So we just have to keep going. Keep believing, keep pushing and do everything until the last day . . . and see what happens." One man who does not appear to be affected by the cranking of pressure is Kai Havertz. He is in the form of his life and played his part in seeing off the Cherries on Saturday. Bukayo Saka, Leandro Trossard and Declan Rice may have got the goals but Havertz stole the headlines with an all-round complete performance. The German international, who joined from Chelsea last summer for £65million, boasts 12 Prem goals this term. That is a career-best return in England, and he has hit eight since February 17. Havertz, 24, said of their

nerve-shredding title push: "We feel the pressure as we need to win the last games but I'm really enjoying it – every second." Arsenal needed a controversial penalty to finally make the breakthrough against Bournemouth. And Cherries keeper Mark Travers was left fuming with officials after he was punished for his challenge on Havertz just before the break. Travers lunged his right leg towards the onrushing German. The Gunners forward appeared to drag his left foot into Travers' leg to win the spot-kick – which was initially given by ref David Coote before a lengthy VAR approval. Saka converted from 12 yards and the Gunners went on to secure the three points with second-half strikes from Trossard and Rice. But Travers complained: "I don't know what else I'm supposed to do – just stand there so he can hit it first time so it goes in? "From a goalkeeper's perspective, I was just trying to come out and make a save. "I wasn't thinking about Havertz dangling out a leg, I was just trying to make myself big. "There's nothing I can do about it now but the ref's call is frustrating."



**GAMES TO GO**

**SUN**



Man Utd (a)  
Old Trafford Prem meetings  
P W D L F A  
31 4 9 18 23 52

**MAY 19**



Everton (h)  
Emirates Prem meetings  
P W D L F A  
17 12 4 1 37 13



**TOP OF THE TABLE**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Arsenal	36	26	5	5	88	28	+60	83
2 Man City	35	25	7	3	87	33	+54	82

# CITY CRANK UP TITLE HEAT



GUARDIOLA... realist

## Boss' Utd warning

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

PEP GUARDIOLA has told his Manchester City stars not to expect any more favours for their title bid off neighbours United.

The Etihad chief says he can "smell" that Prem leaders Arsenal will win their final two matches.

And those begin with a tricky trip to Old Trafford next Sunday.

United put the skids under Liverpool's trophy hopes with a 2-2 draw last month.

But Guardiola declared: "If we don't win, we won't be champions because you see Arsenal's level of consistency since the winter break — the way they are playing."

"It's not the fact they are winning, it's the way they play. You smell they are not going to lose the two games they have left."

"On Saturday, we arrived to play Wolves and the players knew if we didn't win, it's 'bye bye' and see you next season."

City can leapfrog the Gunners if they beat Fulham away next Saturday.

But Guardiola warned: "Fulham have always been really tough for us. But the important thing is that it's in our hands."

## Kai's no to day off

By JORDAN DAVIES

KAI HAVERTZ does not want a single day off during Arsenal's epic title run-in.

Rodri, Phil Foden and Bernardo Silva at rivals Manchester City have all complained of tiredness in this gruelling season.

Yet German attacker Havertz declared: "I don't even want to have a day off because you're just so excited for the weekend."

"I want to work with the team, try to get everything out of us to be better prepared every single day. "We have such a lot to play for now."

Prem leaders Arsenal are at Manchester United on Sunday before hosting Everton a week later in their final league game.

City, one point behind with a game in hand, visit Fulham on Saturday, then play Spurs and West Ham.

Havertz, 24, added: "Ours are going to be two tough games, we have to win those and then see."

He took time to settle after joining from Chelsea for £65million last June.

But on his current red-hot form, Havertz said: "The other Arsenal players make it easy for me, so I enjoy my role. The mood is good."

### MANCHESTER CITY PENALTY RECORD UNDER PEP

(All comps)	Pens taken	Converted	% Scored
2016-17	14	10	71%
2017-18	10	7	70%
2018-19	10	7	70%
2019-20	16	10	63%
2020-21	11	7	64%
2021-22	14	11	79%
2022-23	18	14	78%
2023-24	11	10	91%

# BLIND SPOT TO SWEET SPOT

### ERLING HAALAND has been spot on for Manchester City in so many ways over the past two seasons.

Not least because Pep Guardiola now finally has a penalty taker he can rely on. Haaland rattled in four goals in Saturday's 5-1 Etihad win over Wolves and was again ice-cool from 12 yards.

He scored two first-half penalties to make it 16 converted from 18 attempts during his time at the club.

Just one miss this term means, for the first time under Guardiola, City's spot-kick conversion rate is above average.

If only injury had not forced Haaland off in the second leg of their Champions League exit to Real Madrid — when they went on to lose in a shootout.

Prior to Haaland's arrival in summer 2022, City had missed around a third of their penalties during Guardiola's reign.

Riyad Mahrez, Gabriel Jesus and Raheem Sterling were hit and miss at best. Even the great Sergio Aguero's scoring rate was only just over 75 per cent.

Haaland has not been perfect — he hit the post with one at Sheffield United at the start of the campaign and blazed one over at Bayern Munich last season.

But when he picks up the ball, you

### By MARTIN BLACKBURN



generally know the outcome. Guardiola said: "Having mental strength is a skill as well. People say the penalty shooting is down to luck but no, it's not."

"If you are a good taker you have a better chance. If you are a good keeper you have a better chance."

"Erling is, of course, going to miss penalties but everyone knows he is a good taker. He thinks, 'I am going to take a penalty and I am going to score'. It's his confidence that's right."

Some felt City were fortunate to get the first penalty against Wolves when Rayan Ait-Nouri clattered into Josko Gvardiol early on.

And the second one needed a lengthy VAR check after Haaland himself was clipped by Nelson Semedo.

But he scored both emphatically to keep City in control of the title race.

In between those two he rose majestically to head home Rodri's cross.

Haaland said: "I liked that header a lot — it was a good feeling but the better feeling was winning the game."

Many felt Haaland saved his best for last as he took down Phil Foden's brilliant pass and curled home a beauty.

It came moments after Hwang Hechan struck for the visitors on 53 minutes. Julian Alvarez wrapped things up with a neatly taken fifth on 85 minutes soon after replacing the Norwegian.

Haaland was bullish when he spoke after the game and, with three to play, his team are in no mood to slip now.

Defending champions City trail Premier League leaders Arsenal by one point but have a game in hand.

The Gunners beat Bournemouth 3-0 on Saturday to keep the pressure up on City and Haaland said: "I watched some of the Arsenal game but in the end it's about focusing on ourselves and getting three points."

"Look at the mentality of this club and what we've been doing the last two years and before."

"It's a lot — the mentality is unbelievable. As a team we always want to score more goals. That's why it's nice to play in this team."

"Goal difference could be important but the main thing is winning, which is what we did."

Haaland was branded "a spoiled brat" by Roy Keane yesterday as the Manchester United legend reignited his war of words with the striker.

The City ace had hit back at Keane after Saturday's four-goal haul took him to 25 Premier League goals this campaign.

Keane previously dubbed him "a League Two player" but Haaland said: "I really don't care that much about that man."

However, yesterday Sky Sports pundit Keane issued another jibe over Haaland's strop at being substituted late on against Wolves by City boss Guardiola.

Keane said: "We saw Haaland being brought off, not too happy. He was behaving like a spoilt brat."

AWESOME... Erling Haaland takes his penalty tally to 16 out of 18 for City

## Haaland has cured Pep's penalty pain



GAMES TO GO SAT

Fulham (a)

Craven Cottage Prem meetings

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	9	5	1	33	18

MAY 14

Tottenham Stadium Prem meetings

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	0	0	4	0	6

MAY 19

West Ham (h)

Etihad Prem meetings

P	W	D	L	F	A
17	15	1	1	35	11



ARNE-FIELD... Slot is set to be next boss

# KLOPP

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about it and nor should they. We didn't leave school when our favourite teacher retired."

Klopp added to Sky Sports: "You take all you can get from the different people you meet during your journey."

"We love each other and have a good relationship with little bumps here and there which is completely normal."

"It's good for the players now not to know what to expect."

"We always go for security, the same holiday, the same hotel and the same spot on the beach."

"But actually, it makes sense to go to another beach as well."

Feyenoord boss Slot looks set to replace Klopp, who is stepping down due to a lack of energy.

He was worried next year "could have been tricky" for his Reds side had he carried on.

But at least Liverpool recovered from seeing their title hopes dashed in recent weeks by running Spurs ragged.

Mo Salah shone with a goal just a week after his touchline bust-up with Klopp when the Egyptian was brought on in the 2-2 draw at West Ham.

Klopp said: "Mo was absolutely outstanding and you could see what he was capable of."

The German is motivated by winning his final two games but admits his Anfield farewell against Wolves on the final day could bring tears.

He said: "Maybe we will be lucky and it will be pouring down like crazy and we cannot stay outside after the game! We wouldn't see!"

# No Poste mortem

By TOM BARCLAY

ANGE POSTECOGLOU will carry on attacking despite Tottenham losing four on the trot for the first time in 20 years.

And the Aussie boss says defenders Cristian Romero and Emerson Royal having a heated row as they came off for half-time showed "they care".

Spurs followed up league defeats against Newcastle, Arsenal and Chelsea with a 4-2 lashing at Liverpool.

But Postecoglou said: "It is disappointing, obviously but compared to our last two performances in Newcastle and Chelsea, I at least saw us trying to be ourselves and that's something for us to hold on to."

"In terms of the way we played, the way we pressed, it was much more like ourselves. I don't know about a step forward but we didn't take a step back, that's for sure."

Mo Salah, Andy Robertson, Cody Gakpo and Harvey Elliott put Liverpool 4-0 up before Richarlison and Son Heung-min sparked a late rally.

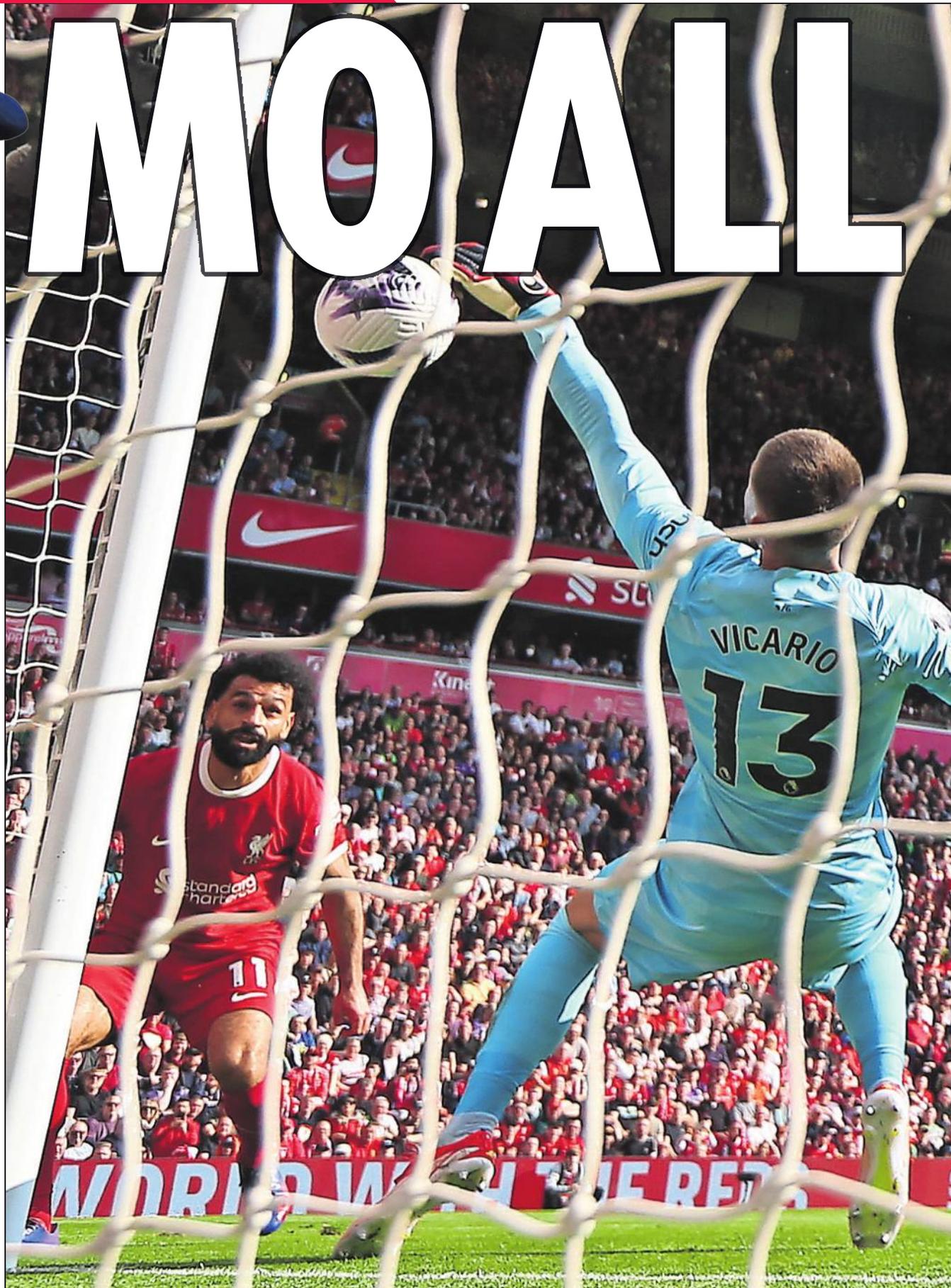
The loss put Spurs on their longest losing run since the David Pleat side of 2004 while only Ossie Ardiles has suffered more consecutive defeats (7).

Royal and Romero clashed as they walked off at the break.

Postecoglou said: "They care. I would hate to think they were skipping into the tunnel holding hands."

Son became the first Prem star to net in four consecutive Anfield games.

He said: "In tough moments everybody has to get it together and help each other. We have to hold this pain, keep working hard and get better."



**10** LIVERPOOL'S Mo Salah is the first player to register ten or more goals and assists in three successive seasons — and the second man to do so in five separate campaigns after Wayne Rooney. He now has 12 goals against Tottenham in his career.

**191** AFTER six goals yesterday, there have now been 191 Premier League goals in matches between Liverpool and Tottenham — the most in a fixture in the competition, one ahead of Liverpool against Arsenal.

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RICHARLISON 72; SON 77

# F I R E D U P !

## Spurs burnt again as Salah and Klopp put bust-up behind them

**MO GO ZONE...**  
Salah nets 12th Prem goal against favourite opponents Tottenham

By **TOM BARCLAY**



**WITH Mo Salah and Spurs, you know there would be fire.**

Not the kind of flames the Egyptian warned he would unleash if he spoke to reporters after last week's touchline bust-up with his Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp.

But the sort of blazing scoring form that has made him one of the Prem's hottest goal-getters in the last seven years – with Tottenham so often getting burnt. Salah's opener here, after he was put straight back into the team following that fracas at West Ham, was his 12th strike against the north Londoners.

The only club to feel his wrath more is Manchester United, who he has notched 14 against.

His other favoured opponents are Manchester City, West Ham (both 11) and Arsenal (ten) – summing up just what a big-game player the 31-year-old is.

Salah may have faded in recent weeks, this game aside.

But that lethal record against the best the Prem has to offer shows how much the Reds will miss him if he does follow Klopp out the exit door this summer.

Having said that, Spurs looked more like the worst in the top flight yesterday as Ange Postecoglou's struggling side made it easy for their hosts.

From Guglielmo Vicario's weak effort to repel Salah's early header, to Emerson Royal having his pocket picked in the build-up to Cody Gakpo making it 3-0, the visitors had a shocker.

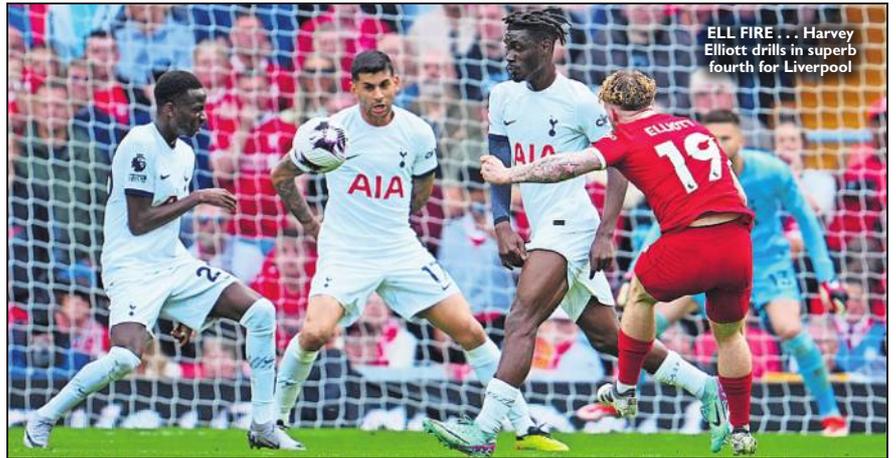
Left-back Andy Robertson made it two goals in as many games in between those strikes, firing in after a shot was saved by Salah, who also teed up a worldie for Harvey Elliott.

The emphatic victory kept Liverpool technically in the title race, even though it would take a miracle for them to overhaul City and Arsenal at this point.

It resembled more of a fun day out for fans to remind them of what their icon Klopp is capable of creating on what was his penultimate home game in charge before he walks into the sunset at the end of the season.

The Anfield experience must have been anything but fun for boyhood Liverpool fan Postecoglou, whose first campaign is in danger of unravelling.

This was Spurs' fourth defeat



**ELL FIRE...** Harvey Elliott drills in superb fourth for Liverpool

on the trot, another where they have shipped four and their dismal away record in the league now stands at one win in nine.

More worryingly, the free-flowing fare dubbed 'Angeball' which delivered three Manager of the Month awards at the start of the season was in short supply.

That was save for two late strikes, which proved to be consolations but added a bit of drama, through ex-Evertonian Richarlison and Son Heung-min. They did not get close to capitalising on Aston Villa's loss at Brighton earlier in the day.

And now with three games left, including a home clash with imperious-looking City, they are seven points off Unai Emery's fourth-placed side.

Worse still, Spurs have in-form pair Newcastle and Chelsea in their rearview mirror. The Toon are only four points behind and, whisper it, old boss Mauricio Pochettino and his Blues are two further away.

Aussie boss Postecoglou wanted a reaction after Thursday's dismal 2-0 loss at Stamford Bridge and Spurs actually looked OK for the opening five minutes or so.

It was downhill from there, though.

Salah struck the crossbar with an effort which surely must have been a cross

on eight minutes, before Cristian Romero cleared an Elliott strike off the line.

The hosts did not have to wait too much longer to find the back of the net as the impressive Gakpo clipped a gorgeous ball over to Salah, who had lost his marker Royal completely.

His header was accurate enough towards the near post but Vicario will be disappointed he was so easily beaten as the Reds went into the lead on 16 minutes.

Liverpool grew in confidence – no mean feat given their patchy recent form – and it was just a matter of time before the second went in.

Gakpo, Robertson, Luis Diaz and Trent Alexander-Arnold all went close before the Scotland left-back converted just before the break.

Robertson had laid an Alexander-Arnold cross back to Salah and was Johnny on the spot to turn in the rebound when the Egyptian's shot had been saved.

Whatever Postecoglou's half-time team-talk was, it did not work as Gakpo headed in Elliott's superb delivery for No3 within five minutes of the interval.

Elliott then netted the goal of

the game just before the hour by driving a fantastic strike into the top-left corner from 22 yards.

England boss Gareth Southgate, if he was watching, will no doubt have been hugely impressed with the 21-year-old.

It was getting embarrassing for Postecoglou, just like it had been at Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle since Christmas.

But similarly to the 4-2 loss at the Amex at the end of December, his side did salvage some pride with a late rally.

The first came when Richarlison hit his 11th Prem goal of the season by coolly slotting home Brennan Johnson's cross.

Richarlison then teed up Son, who became the first-ever visiting Prem player to score in four consecutive matches at Anfield.

No wonder Klopp thinks not signing the South Korean from Spurs was the biggest transfer mistake of his Reds' tenure.

The late goals merely papered over the cracks for sinking Spurs. While their nemesis Salah could even afford a wry smile when being flagged offside after burying what he thought was his 13th strike against one of his favourite opponents.

**HOW THEY LINED UP**

**LIVERPOOL:** Allison, Alexander-Arnold, Quansah, Van Dijk, Robertson (Gomez 64), Elliott (Szoboszlai 83), Endo (Bajcetic 65), Mac Allister (Gravenberch 75), Salah, Gakpo, Diaz (Nunez 75).

**TOTTENHAM:** Vicario, Porro, Romero, Van de Ven, Royal (Skipp 61), Bissouma, Bentancur (Richarlison 61), Sarr (Lo Celso 75), Kulusevski (Maddison 61), Son, Johnson.



**POINT MADE**  
... Elliott after 61 minutes netted his stunning goal

PREMIER LEAGUE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	36	26	5	5	88	28	83
Man City	35	25	7	3	87	33	82
Liverpool	36	23	9	4	81	38	78
Aston Villa	36	20	7	9	73	53	67
Tottenham	35	18	6	11	69	58	60
Newcastle	35	17	5	13	78	56	56
Chelsea	35	15	9	11	70	59	54
Man Utd	34	16	6	12	52	51	54
West Ham	36	13	10	13	56	70	49
Bournemouth	36	13	9	14	52	63	48
Brighton	35	12	11	12	53	57	47
Wolves	36	13	7	16	49	60	46
Fulham	36	12	8	16	51	55	44
Crystal Palace	35	10	10	15	45	57	40
Everton	36	12	9	15	38	49	37
Brentford	36	9	9	18	52	60	36
Nottm Forest	36	8	9	19	45	63	29
Luton	36	6	8	22	49	78	26
Burnley	36	5	9	22	39	74	24
Sheff Utd	36	3	7	26	35	100	16

(Everton deducted 6pts. Nottm Forest deducted 4pts)

MATCH STATS	
LIVERPOOL	TOTTENHAM
25	11
13	6
46%	54%
420	521
350	442
48	31
8	3
14	12
1/0	4/0
MATCH TIME: 99m 1s	
BALL IN PLAY: 54m 34s	

**4** TOTTENHAM have lost their last four Prem games. Only Ossie Ardiles (seven in 1994) has lost more in a row as Spurs boss than Ange Postecoglou's current run.

**GAMES TO GO**

<b>May 13</b> Aston Villa (a) Prem	<b>May 19</b> Wolves (h) Prem	<b>Saturday</b> Burnley (h) Prem	<b>May 14</b> Man City (h) Prem	<b>May 19</b> Sheff Utd (a) Prem
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**Cottee's Hammer for board**

Chelsea.....5  
West Ham.....0

By JACK ROSSER

**FUMING** West Ham legend Tony Cottee accused the club's board of hanging David Moyes out to dry.

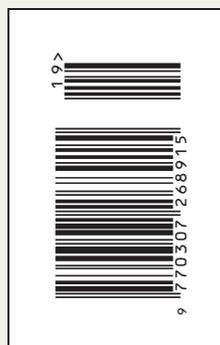
Cottee called for "change at the top" for "publicly courting and talking to other managers".

The Hammers were thrashed at Chelsea yesterday but Moyes (left) and the club insist no decision will be made on his future until the end of the season, when his deal is up.

The Scot is expected  
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**LANDO'S FIRST F1 VICTORY**

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# Klopp: Kop need new teacher



Liverpool.....4  
Tottenham.....2

By TOM BARCLAY

**JURGEN KLOPP** has told his Liverpool players it is time for a new "schoolteacher" as they gave Tottenham a lesson in his penultimate Anfield game.

The German's side crushed sorry Spurs to add another happy memory ahead of his summer exit – with Dutchman Arne Slot expected to take over.

Klopp, 56, also revealed none of his squad have asked him about life once he walks away into the sunset.

He said: "Nobody has spoken to me  
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**PUMPED UP . . .** Mo Salah celebrates scoring a week after his row with Klopp (left)

## UNITED PEACE MISSION

# COME BACK JADON



**HE'D BE HANDY**  
...United chiefs are in talks with Sancho

By NEIL CUSTIS

**MANCHESTER UNITED** met exiled Jadon Sancho in a bid to bring him back to Old Trafford next season.

The £73million signing was loaned to his previous club Borussia Dortmund after falling out with boss Erik ten Hag. But the Dutchman has revealed that meetings have taken place with the winger, 24, and United staff have been in Germany monitoring his matches.

Ten Hag said: "We are close in that process. We had a visit with him, we talk with him and we will keep going with

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## Ten Hag reveals Sancho return talks

# Soul music for Shoe

**KIERAN SHOEMARK** called upon his Soul mate for a much-needed win. The jockey has been waiting for his first big winner for new boss John Gosden and gave Friendly Soul a positive ride to bag the Pretty Polly. The three-year-old was sharply out of the gates and made every yard of the running to see off a good field, pulling miles clear with the runner-up Kalpana. She is not in the Oaks and is more

By **JACK KEENE** at Newmarket

likely to head across the Channel for the French version, which is over ten furlongs, next month. Shoemark said: "She is a work in progress but she has a big engine." "It's still early in the role and it's a long year, but it's nice to get this." Gosden said: "Kieran is very talented with superb hands and a good judge. He is bright and intelligent."



ASCOT  
AIM...  
Rosallion

# Rich Royal rematch

**RICHARD HANNON** can't wait to have another crack at Notable Speech. His horses Rosallion and Haatem filled the places behind Charlie Appleby's 2,000 Guineas champ. And Hannon, 48, will send Rosallion to Royal Ascot for a much anticipated rematch in the St James's Palace Stakes on June 18. Notable Speech is the 2-1 favourite for the mile Group 1 with Rosallion now 5-1. Hannon said: "I was so

By **CALLUM JAMIESON**

proud of the pair of them, they're proper horses. "Charlie's thing looks a bit special but we will take him on again — we have to, don't we. "They could both go to Ireland for the Irish Guineas and then Rosallion will go to Royal Ascot too. "It was mixed emotions as, of course, you want to win."

Monday, May 6, 2024

# THE HOME OF RACING Favourite



**NARROW MARGINS**  
... Elmalka denies Porta Fortuna

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## SILVESTRE DE SOUSA gave his rivals El as he bagged his first Classic.

By **JACK KEENE**

The popular former three-time champion jockey lifted 28-1 shot **Elmalka** to a shock last-gasp success as he made his loudest statement yet since returning to the UK. The Brazilian's career was on the rocks when he jetted back home after an ill-fated stint in Hong Kong. De Sousa, 43, made the switch to the Far East in 2022 having lost his job with King Power Racing. But after just a few months he found himself in hot water having assisted fellow

jockey Vagner Borges to place bets on racing, resulting in a 10-month ban. With his brief stint in Hong Kong over and his rides having dried up in Britain, they were worrying times. But De Sousa has returned to these shores with a vengeance and produced a typical never-say-die ride on Roger Varian's outsider. De Sousa said: "To win this really is a dream come true. "I know people say that all the time but, for me, it really is a dream win. I've always wanted to win a Classic and

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**GRINNER WINNER** ... joy for Silvestre De Sousa after 1,000 Guineas win

# ELMALKA'S BELLS

28-1 shock as solid Silv strikes gold with first Classic

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# Beverly Home of Racing

## BEVERLY TEMPLEGATE TOM PEPPER

1.55	Larchill Lass	1.55	Call Me Harswell
2.30	Willolarupi	2.30	WILLOLARUPI (nap)
3.05	Kindest Nation	3.05	Midnite Runner
3.40	Do I Dream (nb)	3.40	Laura's Breeze
4.15	Swatch	4.15	Original Thinker
4.50	She's Got Bottle	4.50	Sunny Orange
5.25	Seahorse Syd	5.25	Miss Galloway

■TIC-TAC: R-H sharp, oval course of 1m 3f, 3f uphill run-in. The 5f course bends right at halfway and is uphill and testing, especially on soft ground. ■DRAW: High best in sprints today. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2019-2024): T Easterby 4-830, N Tinker 26-233, M & D Easterby 24-188, P Midgley 17-161. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDERS (2019-2024): D Tudhope 38-199, J Fanning 30-166, D Allan 29-274, K Stott 28-146. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Spartan Warrior (5.25) trained at Marlborough, Round trip of 416 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Missirini (4.50). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

### GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT)

**1.55 JUDDMONTE MAIDEN STAKES (Class 2); 2-y-o; value to the winner £16,200; 5f. (13 runners)**

1	(7) AZUINTEJUNGLE N Tinker 9-7	Rowan Scott	89
2	(6) ONESIES M & D Easterby 9-7	Faye McManamon	85
3	(1) SPACE RAIDER C Lidster 9-7	Tom Eaves	85
4	(1) SPRING CORN R T Easterby 9-7	David Allan 89	
5	(3) STIRRUP CUP T Easterby 9-7	Duran Fentiman	85
6	(12) 3 CALL ME HARSWELL 11 R Fell & S Murray 9-2	Jason Hart 97	
7	(10) COURTES FINISH K Burke 9-2	Pieter-Jan 85	
8	(8) J STREET C Lidster 9-2	Tom Eaves	85
9	(13) O JUNO STAR 19 P McBride 9-2	Daniel Tudhope 73	
10	(9) 2 LARCHILL LASS 11 (BF) K Burke 9-2	Clifford Lee 89	
11	(4) 7 OWT FUR NOWT 30 O Peers 9-2	Cam Hardie 72	
12	(4) 5 GODESS 11 C Galloway 9-2	David Allan 89	
13	(2) SYBARIS JEWEL B Ellison 9-2	Ben Robinson	85

BETTING: 13-8 Larchill Lass, 7-2 Call Me Harswell, 5 Spring Corn, 8 Greek Gift  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2  
2023: Nellie Leyke 9-7 Pierre Jamon 10-1 (T Dascombe) drawn 9, 12 ran.

### 2.30 WE LOVE A BANK HOLIDAY HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; value to the winner £4,527; 5f. (10 runners)

1	(6) 52000-1 TICKYBOO 257 N Tinker 9-9	Rowan Scott	85
2	(10) 22538-4 WILLOLARUPI 12 (B+) D Carroll 9-6	Harrison Shaw	89
4	(4) 45275-1 MECCA'S DUCHESS 195 M Dods 9-4	Connor Beasley	95
5	(1) 9073-2 BRUMMELL 20 J Camacho 9-2	Ryan Sexton	98
6	(1) 18037-7 CROOKED CROWN 217 (D) P Midgley 9-1	Paul Mulrennan	93
7	(3) 33228-7 LUCRATIVE LOVE 10 G Tuer 9-0	Silvestre De Sousa	97
8	(9) 635-3 LA LA LAGRATIE 188 G Tuer 9-3	Shane Gary 98	
9	(8) 635-5 MISS MARY 16 T Easterby 8-11	David Allan 89	
10	(5) 596-16 MULLIBUR SUNRISE 31 T Easterby 8-11	Duran Fentiman	88
11	(5) 047-7 OUR NEIL 52 B Ellison 8-4	Cam Hardie 82	

BETTING: 10-3 Willolarupi, 4 Brummell, 6 Mecca's Duchess, 8 Mullibur Sunri, Queens Road, 10 Crooked Crown, 12 Tickyyboo, 16 Lucrative Love, Our Neil, La La Lagrative  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1  
2023: Miss Braze 9-9 Joanna Mason 5-1 (M & D Easterby) drawn 10, 8 ran.

### 3.05 PETER BURNE BOTH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; value to the winner £4,527; 7f. (10 runners)

1	(3) 710- MIDNITE RUNNER 212 (D) M Dods 9-10	Connor Beasley	90
2	(2) 242-307 BAZBALL 27 (V) K Burke 9-4	Andrew Breslin	(3) 88
3	(1) 5438-41 PRINCESS ALEX 9 (D) K Burke 9-8	Clifford Lee	99
4	(6) 2433- PUELLA LINA 174 & S O Quinn 9-6	Jason Hart 97	
5	(8) 51 KINDEST NATION 411 (D) H Palmer 9-6	Paul Mulrennan	98
6	(9) 835-167 PRINCESS DREAM 16 T Easterby 9-2	Duran Fentiman	92
7	(4) 4511- KORROOR 230 (D) J Camacho 9-2	Tom Kiely-Marshall	(7) 90
8	(5) 14266-3 BUTTERCROSS FLYER 10 (D) C Lidster 9-2	William Pyle	(5) 97
9	(10) 6070-6 FALVE AUB 226 T Easterby 9-0	Sean Kirrane 78	
10	(4) U4-5636 CASSANOS LAD 14 (VBF) M & D Easterby 8-10	Billy Garrity 75	

BETTING: 4 Princess Dream, 10 Falve Aub, 14 Cassanos Lad, 16 Princess Flyer  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-5  
2023: River Usk 9-1 Oisín Oir 9-4 Fav (R Fahey) drawn 9, 4 ran.

### 3.40 BRIAN DIXON MEMORIAL FILLIES' HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,527; 7f. (13 runners)

1	(4) 1197-13 HOSLERY 18 R Carr 7-9	Joanna Mason	93
2	(10) 9426-10 ADRBRACCAN 16 (P,T,D) M Appleby 5-9-9	Fredrick Larson	(3) 96
3	(1) 7420-60 SHANDY STAR 16 (B,R) F Fell & S Murray 4-9-9	Jonny Pate	(3) 87
4	(1) 01432- GINETTE ELLEN 199 D & N Barron 5-9-8	Callum Rodriguez	96
5	(7) 82797-7 PRINCESS DREAM 16 T Easterby 9-2	Duran Fentiman	92
6	(7) 47-4211 D0-1 DREAM 14 B Haslam 5-9-5	Sam Feilden	(7) 99
7	(5) 25735-1 STREANGORONTHOSE 213 (C) N Tinker 6-9-5	Faye McManamon	92
8	(2) 1234-4 LAURA'S BREEZE 38 (D) L Bailey 4-9-3	Billy Garrity 90	
9	(6) 6245-4 DANDY'S ANGEL 14 (C,D) J Wainwright 7-9-3	Ryan Sexton 97	
10	(12) 425-4307 CUPSAH GOLD 14 (H,D) S West 5-9-2	Molly Fanning	(7) 86
11	(2) 6078-99 INANNA 53 (D) B Toomey 4-9-0	David Allan 89	
12	(12) 4744-13 POWDERING 23 (D) M Herrington 4-9-0	Tom Eaves 91	
13	(2) 40-24353 WILLOW BABY 9 J Ward 4-10	Silvestre De Sousa 94	

BETTING: 3 ADRBRACCAN, 5 Hoslery, 10 D Dream, 11-2 Willow Baby, 6 Gentile Ellen, 14 Princes Dream, 16 CupSAH Gold, 17 Dandy's Angel  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2  
2023: Jazz Samba 4-8-13 Joanna Mason 17-2 (M & D Easterby) drawn 1, 7 ran.

### 4.15 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HUMBERSIDE AIRPORT HANDICAP (6); winner £4,266; 7f. (10 runners)

1	(7) 7068-01 SWATCH 8 A Haynes 5-10-25(x)	Silvestre De Sousa	99
2	(10) 7143-92 MISTER SWO 10 (P,D) T Easterby 4-9-11	David Allan 89	
3	(2) 6451057 TO THE BAR 10 (P,T,D) A Haynes 6-9-9	Tommie Jakes	(5) 87
4	(8) 42437-5 ORIGINAL THINKER 10 (P) B Bethell 4-9-9	Faye Fanning	92
5	(4) 6282-42 EYE UP ITS JAZZ 9 (BF,D) T Coyle & K Wood 5-9-9	Tom Eaves 85	
6	(3) 780-64 ADRBRACCAN 16 (P,T,D) L Bailey 4-9-7	Daniel Tudhope 89	
7	(9) 209-624 HEADSABVETZER 4 (T) R Mulrennan 4-9-7	Paul Mulrennan 85	
8	(5) 02-8856 DR RIO 12 (CD) C Carroll 9-3	Harrison Shaw 87	
9	(1) 24446-7 COLOANE 10 (H+) R Fell & S Murray 4-9-2	Jason Hart 95	
10	(6) 026-709 TWILIGHT JAZZ 7 (D) Chiamouso/Clutterbuck 4-8-12	George Wood 88	

BETTING: 9-4 Swatch, 4 Mister Swo, 5 Eye Up Its Jazz, 15-2 Headsabvether, 3 Coloane, 10 Dr Rio, Original Thinker, 16 Gordonstoun, To The Bar, 66 Twilight Jazz  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8-9 5 0-0  
2023: Swinging Eddie 7-9-6 Oliver Stammers 14-1 (G Tuer) drawn 12, 14 ran.

### 4.50 SUPPORT INDEPENDENT RACECOURSES HANDICAP (6); winner £4,527; 1m 100yds. (12 runners)

1	(9) 932-761 SHE'S GOT BOTTLE 5 (CD) Fell/Murray 5-10-5(x)	Daniel Tudhope 93	
2	(7) 0350 ROSE AID 27 G Tully 4-9-9	Rowan Scott 82	
3	(10) 006-038 DODGIES DREAM 28 (P,D) N Tinker 5-9-8	Faye McManamon 85	
4	(1) 5989-9 SUNNY ORANGE 12 (P) T Easterby 4-9-7	Duran Fentiman 87	
5	(1) 3555-06 MOUSH 11 (P+) L Bailey 4-9-7	Billy Garrity 87	
6	(2) 29-7098 RUN SIMBA 10 (P) R Menzies 4-9-6	Kevin Stott 84	
7	(12) 1422-14 CALCUTTA DREAM 18 (H) M & D Easterby 6-9-4	Joanna Mason 89	
8	(3) 51977-4 PATRONAGE 13 N Tinker 9-3	Connor Beasley 94	
9	(1) 14889- JOSEBOND 205 (C,D) R Duffield 4-9-3	David Allan 89	
10	(2) 833620- CLOTHERHOLE 169 (H,P,CD) C Ruffill 7-8-10	Joe Fanning 91	
11	(5) 000U-6P CAPERNITY 23 P Niven 4-8-9	Cam Hardie 78	
12	(8) 88696- MISSMINNI 244 T Jackson 4-8-9	James Sullivan 81	

BETTING: 9-4 Swatch, 4 Mister Swo, 5 Eye Up Its Jazz, 15-2 Headsabvether, 3 Coloane, 10 Dr Rio, Original Thinker, 16 Gordonstoun, To The Bar, 66 Twilight Jazz  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2023: No corresponding race.

### 5.25 RACING AGAIN ON TUESDAY 14 MAY HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; winner £4,266; 1m 2f. (6 runners)

1	(5) 80-76 SPARTAN WARRIOR 14 (P+) O Sangster 9-11	Kevin Stott 85	
2	(2) 04617-1 SEAHORSE SYD 192 (B,D) O Peers 9-10	Cam Hardie 86	
3	(1) 66-4-3 PEARL SANDS 19 B Ellison 9-7	Ben Robinson 91	
4	(1) 60-145 PATRONAGE 13 N Tinker 9-3	Rowan Scott 82	
5	(7) 734-87 MISS GALLOWAY 13 H Eustace 9-0	Pierre Jamon 89	
6	(6) 6-890 TURKISH TIGER 8 B Rothwell 8-12	William Pyle	(5) 80

BETTING: 11-4 Pearl Sands, 4 Patronage, 9-2 Seahorse Syd, Spartan Warrior, 10 Miss Galloway, 33 Turkish Tiger  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 6 1  
2023: Blue Yonder 9-1 Oisín Oir 15-8 Fav (R Fahey) drawn 9, 7 ran.

## WINDSOR COLOURS AND TIPS

### 2.00 CAMERON SMART MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Class 5) 3-Y-0; £4,397; 6f (6 runners)

1	232-21 DIFFERENT BRED 103	(5) S Hodgson 9-9	William Carver (3)	97
2	4329-3 JOHNNY JOHNSON 30	(6) B Millman 9-5	Ross Coakley	87
3	618-813 CYPRIOT DIASPORA 2 (D)	(2) B Millman 9-4	non-runner	95
4	864- DARK FANDANGO 282	(4) C Hills 9-3	Hollie Doyle	94
5	4513-2 KISS AND RUN 17 (D)	(3) R Cook & J Bridger 9-2	David Probert	99
6	1437-4 CHARLIE MASON 17 (D)	(1) A Carroll 8-13	Rossa Ryan	98

BETTING: 11-4 Kiss And Run, 3 Charlie Mason, 4 Different Bred, 5 Dark Fandango, 13-2 Johnny Johnson  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 abd 3-5 2 2  
2023: Hiatus 9-6, K Stott 5-1 (C Allen), drawn 3, 8 ran.

Back on turf after break, consistent, great attitude, good draw, lots to like  
Fair form as juvenile, moderate return, needs more to lose maiden tag  
Failed to handle Goodwood on Sat, good win before, ruled out today  
Cost 100,000gns, been a slow burner, nice mark for hcap debut, fancied  
Climbed weights last time, encouraging return, likes cut, one to beat

### 3.05 GABBY FULLBROOK MEMORIAL NOVICE STAKES (DIV 1) (5); value to the winner £4,320; 1m. (13 runners)

1	INFANTRYMAN J11 P Murphy 4-1-2	Dylan Hogan	91
2	20- QUICY SPA 333 (H) H Charter 4-9-11	David Probert	87
3	ANHYDROUS (T*) H Palmer 3-9-3	Harry Davies	91
4	6-5 B100 LU 3 A Watson 3-9-3	Hollie Doyle	82
5	5 FORTNUM 17 G Boughey 3-9-3	Grace McEntee	(3) 84
6	11-5 GILDED WATER 16 W Haggas 3-9-3	Tom Marquand	80
7	14-7 HULCHER 144 R Beckett 3-9-3	Hector Crouch	92
8	1- CAN BELIEVE & T Gosden 3-9-3	Kieran Shoemark	87
9	5-8 MILETUS 16 C Hills 3-9-3	Rossa Ryan	97
10	11-7 TESTE TESTED 13 M Bell 3-9-3	Jay Kallies	(7) 70
11	3-3 USUARIO AMIGO 20 J O'Brien 3-9-3	Callum Shepherd	86
12	42-34 HAVA 3 (BF) A Badling 3-12-2	David Probert	99
13	00- POST MISTRESS 144 H Morrison 3-8-12	George Bass	(3) 76

BETTING: 11-4 Hava, 3 Usuario Amigo, 9-2 Gilded Water, 5 Can't Believe, Hutzchene  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 1 1 1  
2023: Royal Cape 3-9-3 Oisín Oir 15-8 Fav (H Morrison) drawn 3, 9 ran.

### 3.10 GABBY FULLBROOK MEMORIAL NOVICE STAKES (DIV 2) (5); value to the winner £4,320; 1m. (13 runners)

1	66-ACHERNAR 33 (T) H Palmer 4-10-2	Harry Davies	91
2	7- A MAJOR PAYNE 18 M Bell 3-9-3	Hector Crouch	82
3	6- HALUX 16 L Channon 3-9-3	Charles Bishop	87
4	9- KILLARNEY LAKE (P*) S Hodgson 3-9-3	William Carver (3)	91
5	95- LITTLEBEEBOSS 247 W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-3	Lewis Edmunds	78
6	10- MONKEY ISLAND 221 B Methuen 3-9-3	Sean Levey	81
7	3-2 NORMANDY LEGEND 33 (H) J Ferguson 3-9-3	Daniel Muscutt	95
8	6- PARADOXICAL 16 S Kirk 3-9-3	Callum Shepherd	81
9	42-21840 9 J S T Gordon 3-9-3	Kieran Shoemark	99
10	9- ANGLEPOISE 33 R Beckett 3-8-12	Rossa Ryan	74
11	10-0 COSMOS ARTIST 7 R Smith 3-8-12	Edward Greatorex	70
12	58- GELICHAUX 184 (H+) E Walker 3-8-12	Tom Marquand	82
13	99- HOT PATOOTIE 32 S Dow 3-8-12	Paddy Bradley	72

BETTING: 3 Vibrato, 4 Galxy, 9-2 Acheranar, 11-2 Normandy Legend, 8 Killarney Lake  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: See Division 1  
2023: Royal Cape 3-9-3 Oisín Oir 15-8 Fav (H Morrison) drawn 3, 9 ran.

### 3.45 MICK & JOAN COE MEMORIAL HANDICAP (5) 3-Y-0; £4,397; 1m 3f (5 runners)

1	953 COLLEGE CHOIR 75	(2) W Haggas 9-8	Tom Marquand	92
2	3472 MEMORIES MAKER 9	(3) C Johnston 9-7	Franny Norton	99
3	412-33 FREE SPEECH 19	(1) E Dunlop 9-7	Rossa Ryan	97
4	4613-6 TIPSYS TIGER 10	(5) W Stone 9-7	Hollie Doyle	95
5	49-65 LUCENTIO 13 (P*,T)	(4) J T Gosden 9-4	Kieran Shoemark	97

BETTING: 11-4 Free Speech, 3 Lucentio, 4 Memories Maker, 9-2 Tipsy Tiger, 5 Collee Choir  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4  
2023: Enochduh 9-8, R Horny 15-2 (J Portman), dr 3, 7 ran.

### 3.50 COLLEGE CHOIR (8-13) 33-1 led, ridden 3f out, pressed for lead, early change 2f out, headed final furlong 3rd of 9 (btn 3/4) to Los Toldos (9-4) (Kempton 1m 3f hcap (5) £4,187 AW)

Steady improver on AW, fair mark for hcap debut, needs step forward  
Drops back in trip after gutsy effort in same grade, solid battler, chance  
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Drops back in trip after finding trouble on hcap debut, worth another chance

### 4.00 MEMORIES MAKER (9-3) 12-1 tracked leader, ridden 2f out, kept on, btn 7/8 by Contacto (9-0) (7 ran) (Dunstable 1m hcap (5) £4,387 soft)

Did too much in front on return, fitter now, has won in this grade, threat  
Drops back in trip after finding trouble on hcap debut, worth another chance  
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Drops back in trip after finding trouble on hcap debut, worth another chance

### 4.55 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (6) 3-Y-0; value to the winner £3,768; 1m (11 runners)

1	633-3 JUAN SOLO 117	(1) S Kirk 9-10	Callum Shepherd	95
2	408 SOLDIER'S CLASS 65	(9) E Dunlop 9-9	Hollie Doyle	83
3	5-50 WAISTCOAT 17	(1) R Hannon 9-8	Sean Levey	80
4	60-566 GUNS AND FLOWERS 68	(11) L Monaghan 9-7	Daniel Muscutt	84
5	97-246 MASONBROOK MEADOW 31	(7) S Mullins 9-7	George Downing	80
6	83-21887 CURTIZ 31 (D) H Morrison 7-9-6			

BETTING: 11-4 On Edge, 7-2 Abolish, 6 Libra Tiger, 12 Roman Spring, 16 Jacqueline  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2023: Mr Zee 6-9-2 Adam Farragher 3-1 Fav (M Titterton) drawn 1, 11 ran.

### 5.00 DOWNLOAD RACEDAY READY APP HCAP (4) winner £6,281; 6f (11 runners)

1	7038-7 ABLE KANE 9 (D)	(2) B Millman 7-9-3	Ross Coakley	92
2	341-74 SERGEANT PEP 21 (C,D)	(1) C Cox 4-9-6	Rossa Ryan	98
3	2731-7 AMAZONIAN DREAM 21 (CD)	(8) B Millman 5-9-5	Jack Gilligan	95
4	5220-5 GEMINI STAR 27	(3) A Haynes 4-9-3	Hollie Doyle	90
5	3139-3 STONE CIRCLE 23 (D)	(11) M Bell 7-9-0	Hector Crouch	97
6	-17613 BIG R 19 (D)	(7) E J-Houghton 4-8-13	Charles Bishop	89
7	2381-5 LADY DREAMER 19 (T,V,CD)	(4) T Ward 4-8-13	Sean Levey	95
8	22140- FIERCE 236 (P)	(6) G & J Moore 4-8-12	Rhys Clutterbuck	92
9	435-63 TIRIAC 9 (P,B,F,D)	(9) J Channon 4-8-11	David Probert	92
10	462115 GLAMOROUS EXPRESS 39 (T,D)	(5) A Carroll 5-8-11	William Carson	92
11	78-701 SNUGGLE 14 (CD)	(1) L Dace 4-8-5	Marco Ghiani	99

BETTING: 11-2 Tiriac, 6 Sergeant Pep, 7 Snuggle, Big R, Stone Circle, 8 Glamorous Express, Gemini Star, 10 Amazonian Dream  
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 1 3 2  
2023: Indian Creak 6-8-13, R Dawes 5-2 (J Channon), dr 4, 6 ran.

### 5.55 TIPSYS TIGER (8-9) 28-1 prominent leader, ridden 2f out, pushed along 2f out, headed 1f out, carried head high and weakened, 6th of 12 (btn 5/4) to Goodwood Odyssey (9-8) (Sandown 1m hcap (4) £3,268 good to soft)

Poor run latest after two fair efforts, remains to be seen if mark too high  
Keen when flopped as fav latest, starting to look exposed, bid to prove  
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### 6.00 DOWNLOAD THE RACECOURSES HANDICAP (6); winner £5,233

1	3605 ANGELICA K 17 S Hodgson 4-9-9			
2	(12) 8837-7 ROBIN WALLE 115 (HD) H			
3	(16) 341-18 ROSCIOLI 23 (D) B Johnson 6-9-9			
4	(17) 9-9808 DAPHNE MAY 23 (C,D) G & J Moore			
5	(6) 64524- DOTTIES STAR 168 P Phelan 5-8-8			
6	(14) 0980-01 DUBAI MIMO 18 (P,D) W Stone 5-9-7			
7	(13) 87225-7 LUCIDITY 30 E Dunlop 4-9-7			
8	(3) 780- NOSTROMO 203 R Teal 4-9-6			
9	(7) 2-31857 CURTIZ 31 (D) H Morrison 7-9-6			
10	(10) 553-135 TORIAN TRUTH 13 (BF,CD) E De G			

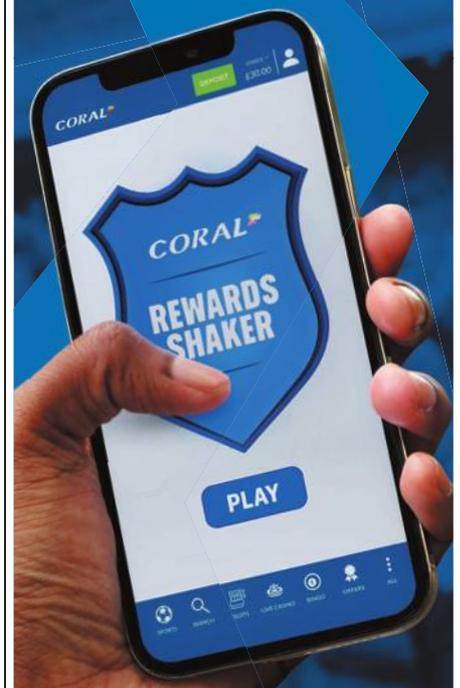
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GOING: SOFT

FREEZE 33 Hector Crouch 77 £0
DE WINTER 99 12-1 led until
INTER 33 (P) Charles Bishop 79 £184
... others with more promise
T MATCH 6 (D) Kieran Shoemark 98
Places: 2 £6,735
higher, good attitude, shortlist
NOTENOUGH 14 (CD) Tom Marquand 99
£4,167
... month, only up 1lb, on to beat
MONTHLY 13 William Carson 93
Places: 1 £5,740
... fore AW win, up just 1lb, on list
S 7 Jack Gilligan 97
Places: 1 £1,768
... on hcap debut, dangerous
Magnificent Match, Calm
6 Walcoat

TIC-TAC: Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f with a straight final 5f. 6f races start on an extension to the straight. DRAW: High best in sprints. FAVOURITES: (2019-2024); 289 have won out of 888 races (32%). At corresponding meetings, 15 have won out of 34 races (44%). TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: J Channon 8 wins from 20 runners; H Charlton 4 from 11; E Walker 4 from 14; J & T Gosden 4 from 28; A Balding 10 from 37. JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: D Probert 11 wins from 42 rides; H Doyle 10 from 52. TOP TRACK TRAINERS (2019-2024): R Hannon 38-265, A Balding 31-64, W Haggas 29-100, R Beckett 24-135. TOP TRACK JOCKEYS (2019-2024): T Marquand 56-311, S M Levey 28-183, R Ryan 25-174, K Shoemark 20-146. LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Memories Maker (3.45) trained by C Johnson, Middleham, round trip of 476 miles; Anhydrous (2.35) & Acheron (3.10) trained by H Palmer, Malpas, round trip of 354 miles; Johnny Johnson (2.00), Amazonian Dream (2.00), Able Kane (4.20), Calm Waters (4.55), Bama Lale (5.30), B Millman, Cullompton, round trip 298 miles. SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. FIRST TIME BLINKERS: None. FIRST TIME VISE: None. FIRST RUN SINCE WIND UP: Letmebethose (3.10). WEIGHTWATCHER: Absolut (won off 89, down 23lb to 66); 6.00 Robert Walpole (won off 75, down 15lb to 60). JOB JOCKEY: H Doyle rides Gemini Star (4.20) for A Haynes, 4 from 13, 3% D Probert rides Tiriac (4.20) for J Channon, 9 from 29, 3% M Ghiani rides Snuggle (4.20) for D Lacey, 6 from 23, 26%. JACKPOT: 1-6. LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

Templegate STEVE MULLEN IS RACING'S No1 TIPSTER

HAYA (2.35 Windsor, nap) can lower the colours of her rivals. Andrew Balding's Cheveley Park-owned filly showed up well in some hot maidens last season and was too keen on her return in the mud. Butter-fingered David Probert then fumbled the whip which didn't help. There should be no mistake today on better ground and Haya can rank higher in the future. DO I DREAM (3.40 Beverley, nb) has been a nightmare for bookies, doing well to land the odds twice last month for favourite backers. The first one was an apprentice race so she escaped a penalty and she has only gone up 3lb for her latest win at Pontefract when she showed a great attitude to win by a neck. This extended seven furlongs will suit, as will the soft ground. She can strike again off her workable mark with Sam Fildes taking 7lb off. MAGNIFICENT MATCH (3.55 Windsor, treble) met his when bumping into a nice prospect at Yarmouth. He was nudged up 3lb for a win at the seaside track earlier and is clearly still on a handy mark. His last two runs have come since being stepped up to a mile and that clearly suits. Put JOY CHOI (3.25 Bath) in the Lucky 15. She would have won with a clear run on her seasonal return at the track last month.

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BATH RUNNERS TEMPLEGATE

- 2.15 Anglesey Lad Star Anthem Joy Choi Stage Show Fleurir Newfangled Andromedas Kingdom
2.15 TOM PEPPER It's Showtime Bank On Kent Symbol of Hope Midsummer Music Hat Toss Meet Me In Meraki James Park Woods

TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval track of 1m 4f with 41 run-in-sprints start on an extension to the home straight. DRAW: Low best up to a mile. LEADING TRAINERS (2019-2024): C Cox 30-118, A Carroll 28-294, A Wintle 24-121, R Hannon 19-144. TOP JOCKEYS (2019-2024): L Keniry 18-167, L Morris 17-170, T Whelan 14-151, K O'Neill 13-144. LONGEST TRAVELLER: Forever Eighteen (2.15) trained at Malton, Round trip of 434 miles. TRAINERS: C Cox won 2.50 in 2021 & 2023. G Harris won 2.15 in 2022 & 2023. HORIST RUN SINCE WIND UP: Midsummer Music (4.00). LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

- 2.15 HANDICAP (Class 6); 3-y-o; winner £2,983; 6f. (10 runners)
1 (5) 5534 IT'S SHOWTIME 11 (B) C Allen 9-10 L Morris 2 (9) 23-3 FOREVER EIGHTEEN 20 (BF) N Tinker 9-10 A Jary (5) 3 (8) 52-4 ANGLESEY LAD 37 D Loughnane 9-8 L Pearson 4 (1) 3455 SMOOTH SILESE 9 L Williamson 9-8 B Loughnane 4 (9) 0-1 LADY TWILIGHT 33 G J McSheehy 9-8 R Hornby 6 (7) 37-6 FORGOTTEN TREASURE 18 W Knight 9-4 C Fallon 7 (3) 6-75 MONKEY MISS 18 D C Kubler 9-4 L R Kingscote 8 (2) 6290 BIRKIE BOY 19 P Moore 9-0 M Wonnacott (5) 9 (7) 5460 TRES CHIC 14 J Moore 9-0 J Mohd (7) 10 (10) 8857 MAJOLICA 16 S Hodgson 9-0 A Redman (7) Anglesey Lad 99, It's Showtime 98, Birkie Boy 97, 5-2 Forever Eighteen, 5 Anglesey Lad, 6 Forgotten Treasure, 2 Monkey Miss, 15-2 It's Showtime, 8 Lady Twilight

- 2.50 MAIDEN (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,211; 5f. (9 runners)
1 (8) BANK ON KENT P Evans 9-7 A Rawlinson 2 (2) DISTANT RUMBLE R Teal 9-7 C Fallon 4 (3) 445 MAJESTIC HEIGHTS 21 R Hannon 9-7 J Leavy (5) 4 (7) RED SAND E Walker 9-7 B Loughnane 5 (6) SIEGER R Hannon 9-7 P Dobbs 6 (6) 2 STAR ANTHEM 17 C Cox 9-7 R Kingscote 7 (1) 6 HARMONIA 14 P Evans 9-2 F Marsh 8 (4) 465 AUTHENTIC LEGACY 21 R Keniry 9-2 Keniry 9 (9) TIOALATONEGIATEA D Hitchings 9-2 T Whelan Star Anthem 99, Majestic Heights 84, Harmonia 80, 4-5 Star Anthem, 4 Sieger, 13-2 Red Sand, 10 Bank On Kent

- 3.25 HANDICAP (6); winner £2,983; 5f. (9 runners)
1 (2) 5-32 PROFIT AND LOSS 21 (D) G Baker 5-9-11 A Keeley (3) 4 (4) 133-2 JOY CHOI 8 (D) M Saunders 6-9-10 J Gordon 5 (1) 70-7 SYMBOL OF HOPE 14 (CD) J Flint 6-9-9 J Leavy (5) 4 (3) 34-5 UNDER THE MOON 18 (CD) A Carroll 8-9-9 J Leavy 6 (7) 8730 ANWIL ANGEL 21 (C) A Carroll 5-8-8 L Morris 6 (6) 3147 SISTERS IN THE SKY 13 (P) G Harris 5-9-4 F Marsh

KEMPION JUMPERS GOING: GOOD

- 2.55 Ryan's Rocket Ideal Des Bordes Quick Draw Art Of Diplomacy Onemorefortheoad Playtogetaway
2.55 TOM PEPPER Mirabad Fasel Quick Draw Sam Pedro Bourball Dublin Four

TIC-TAC: R-H triangular, flat course of 1m 5f, ten fences per circuit and a 175yd run-in. LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2019-2024): N Henderson 47-216, P Nicholls 43-240, D Skelton 25-148, A King 16-133. TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2019-2024): N De Boinville 35-155, H Cobden 31-190, S Twiston-Davies 14-107, J J Burke 11-84. LONGEST TRAVELLER: Art Of Diplomacy (4.40) trained at Haverwest, Round trip of 460 miles. FIRST RUN SINCE WIND UP: Ideal Des Bordes (3.30), Galahad Quest (4.05). LIVE ON RACING TV

- 2.55 NOVICE HURDLE (Class 4); winner £4,357; 2m. (8 runners)
1 41- MIRABAD 15 Newland/Insole 5-11-10 C Hammond 2 021- RYAN'S ROCKET 41 (D) F O'Brien 6-11-10 J Burke 3 241- EXCELERO 47 (H) J Williams 4-11-4 N Noonan 4 17- IDEAL DES BORDES 25 (P) D Sisson 6-11-10 G Sheehan 5 LUCKY SAN JORE F195 G & J Moore 5-11-3 N Houlihan 6 SANDMARTIN M16 6-11-3 S Twiston-Davies 7 482- AUTHENTIC LEGACY 23 G & J Moore 4-10-11 C Quinn (3) 8 85- POOCH 56 (T) H Dickinson 4-10-11 B Harris (3) 8 Authentic Legacy 99, Roger 98, Excelero 95, 13-8 Excelero, 2 Ryan's Rocket, 7-2 Mirabad, 10 Authentic Legacy, 14 Sandmartin, Roger, 20 Lucky San Jore, 33 Pooch

- 3.30 MAIDEN HURDLE (4); winner £4,357; 2m 5f. (8 runners)
1 5- BIG CHEESE 24 J Snowden 5-11-4 G Sheehan 2 4- FASOL 104 (BF) P Nicholls 5-11-4 C Cobden 3 1PP- GENTLEMAN'S RELISH 75 N Henderson 5-11-4 P O'Brien 4 1PP- HONEY JACK 35 J Tizzard 5-11-4 B Powell 5 32P- IDEAL DES BORDES 25 N Henderson 6-11-4 N De Boinville 6 522- ISOCRATE 59 (BF) J A O'Neill 6-11-4 J O'Neill Jr 7 7P- JASPER BOY 43 (P\*) N Gifford 5-11-4 T Worsley (3) 8 P0- JUKEBOX FURY 26 N Henderson 5-11-4 F Gordon (5) Isocrate 95, Ideal Des Bordes 32, Fasel 55, 15-8 Ideal Des Bordes, 2 Isocrate, 5 Fasel, 10 Gentleman's Relish

- 4.05 HANDICAP CHASE (3); winner £9,506; 3m. (9 runners)
1 1P1- KARL PHILIPPE 16 (B) N Henderson 9-12-2 D Boinville 2 1P2- QUICK DRAW 14 (T) F O'Brien 9-12-2 J Hogan (3) 3 15P- ERNE RIVER 13 (P) N Kent 9-12-0 non-runner 4 237- OUR JET 29 (CD) D Skelton 8-11-10 C Gethings 5 55- NEON MOON 45 (B,T,D) J Pigg 8-11-9 J Tudor 6 62P- MAD HAD 35 (T) J Williams 8-11-6 D Noonan 7 800- KILLER KANE 24 (P-CD) J Tizzard 9-11-5 B Powell

EL'S BELLS

From Page One I'm very grateful to Roger for giving me the opportunity and I'm delighted for the yard and the whole team.

At the halfway point Elmalka was last and going nowhere. Yet she flew home for De Sousa, getting up in the dying strides to get her head to catch brave French raider Ramatuelle and Porta Fortuna. De Sousa said: "She just took a few strides to organise herself. She picked up well for me going into the dip and in the final furlong I thought we'd get there. "I'm having to start my career again and these wins are important, I can still do it when I get the opportunities so hopefully this is just the start."

Varian said: "I have to admit, I wasn't really expecting that. She looks exciting." France's Ramatuelle ran out of petrol. Trainer Christopher Head said: "She ran an incredible race. I thought she was going to hang on but I'm very proud of her."

THE CURRAGH

Table with 1.15 IRISH HEREFORD BREEDERS FUND MEDIAN SIREES. Lists names like Paddy Harkin, Gavin Ryan, Ryan Moore, etc.

Table with 1.50 GAIN FIRST FLUR STAKES (LISTED). Lists names like David Egan, Billy Lee, Declan McDonogh, etc.

Table with 2.25 COOLMORE STUB PADDDINGTON TETRACH STAKES (LISTED). Lists names like Billy Lee, Ryan Moore, Declan McDonogh, etc.

Table with 3.00 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FLIPPERS HANDICAP. Lists names like Dylan McMonaghe, Robbie Colgan, Shane Foley, etc.

Table with 3.35 COOLMORE ATHASI STAKES (FILLIES/MARES' GROUP 3). Lists names like David Egan, Ryan Moore, Declan McDonogh, etc.

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Sunracing FORM

MAGICAL SUNSET (10-0) 16-1 tracked leader, ridden 2f out, held, 5th of 10 (btn 8 7/4) to Brilliant (8-8) (Curragh 1m Gr 3 (1-61) 34-1) ... VAIN GLORIA (9-5) 4-9 fav improved to lead 2f out, ridden to assert if not ran on well, but kaihana (9-0) 7/8 (Cork) 1m act cut €10,381 good).

RACING RESULTS CHECK AND GREYHOUND RETURNS

Table with NEWMARKET. Lists races like 1.50 FRIENDLY SOUL K Shoemaker, 2.00 KALPANA (4-3) & 3 Kitteridge, etc.

Table with SALISBURY. Lists races like 2.10 DAKOTA POWER Miss Megan Gordon, 2.10 Amaysom (9-2); 3 Beau Jardine (6-1); 13 ran (Luna Magic 3-4), etc.

Table with HAMILTON. Lists races like 2.05 CAPITAL THEORY J Fanning, 2.10 EUREKA (1-1) & 2 Brothertons (7-4), etc.

Table with SLIGO. Lists races like 1.40 SAKEMOON W Lee (11-1); 2 Bella Mistico (3); 3 Marble Angel (11-1), etc.

Table with PR BUCKLEY. Lists races like 2.05 PR BUCKLEY HANDICAP DARK UN-COLLEGE CHOR (3-45 Windsor) has improved with each AW run and has a fair mark on handicap debut.

Table with MASON (2-0) Windsor found trouble on his return but still put in a good shift and will be fitter now.

Table with GAMBLON: SPARTAN WARRIOR (5.25 Beverly) was punted on handicap debut. He is worth another go in a poor race.

Table with EYECATCHER: CHARLIE. Lists names like Catherine Chroi, Alex P Mullan, etc.

SOFT (SOFT TO HEAVY IN PLACES)

Table with EAMONN HAMES. Lists names like Barnavara, Arizona Blaze, Norfolk Havoze, etc.

Table with TOM PEPPER. Lists names like Right And True, Whistlejacket, Samuel Cok, etc.

Table with 4.10 COOLMORE MOORESBridge STAKES (GROUP 2). Lists names like Dylan McMonaghe, Ryan Moore, Declan McDonogh, etc.

Sunracing FORM

ELEGANT MAN (9-12) 11-4 fav handy, led 8f out, quickened 3f out, kept on, but Penzance (9-2) 1/4 (14 ran) (Newham 1m hcp) (2-30) 40-1 ... WHITE BRIB (8-5) 10-3 led fav headway into 5th 2f out, ridden and led, good.

Table with 4.45 AL BASTI EQUIMORLD DUBAI APPRENTICE HCAP. Lists names like Jack Kenny, James Power, Daniel King, etc.

Table with 5.00 HOLDEN PLANT RENTALS HANDICAP (47-75). Lists names like Gavin Ryan, Andy Strydom, Donagh O'Connor, etc.

Table with GREYHOUND RESULTS. Lists names like Flame (2-4-6), CENTRAL PARK: 2.04 Eira Darc (map), etc.

Table with GREYHOUND SELECTIONS. Lists names like WROMFORD: 10.47 Opening Venture, 11.17 Droop (2-3) 11.20 Sentosa Sprint, etc.

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# GOALS

SMILES BETTER . . .  
Noni Madueke (centre)  
is congratulated by  
Nicolas Jackson after  
their row over Cole  
Palmer's penalty (below)  
against Everton in April



# Water under the Bridge!

## BLUES KIDS GROW UP AFTER PEN ROW

Chelsea.....	5
West Ham.....	0

By JACK ROSSER

**MAURICIO POCHETTINO** lauded his Chelsea kids for growing up fast — as they bid for Europe.

The Blues hit five past sorry West Ham, with Noni Madueke and Nicolas Jackson putting their furious penalty spat against Everton behind them.

After Cole Palmer and Conor Gallagher got Chelsea going, Madueke added a third in the first half before selflessly squaring for Jackson as the hosts cut through the Irons.

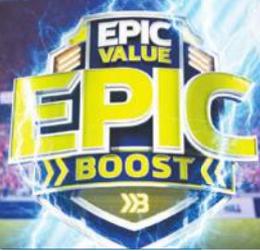
Stamford Bridge boss Poch said: "The assist from Noni to Jackson showed we learned, we are smart. "The situation with the penalty against Everton

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# goals PREMIER LEAGUE

9

CHELSEA have won nine of their last 11 Prem home games (D1 L1). Since the start of December, they have the joint-most home wins (9, level with Arsenal) and home points (28, level with Manchester City) in PL.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

(3.0 unless stated)

**TODAY**

**PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Crystal Palace v Man Utd ..... 8.0

**SKY BET LEAGUE TWO PLAY-OFFS SEMI-FINAL FIRST LEG**  
Crawley Town v MK Dons ..... 5.30  
Crewe v Doncaster ..... 5.30

**VANARAMA NATIONAL LGE SOUTH PLAY-OFF FINAL**  
Worthing v Braintree Town.....

**ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION PLAY-OFF FINAL** - Chatham Town v Enfield Town

**THE NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION PLAY-OFF FINAL** - Maclesfield v Marine.

**THE SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL DIVISION PLAY-OFF FINAL** - AFC Telford v Leamington.

**THE SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH DIVISION PLAY-OFF FINAL** - AFC Totton v Salisbury FC.

**SPORTS DIRECT PREMIERSHIP EUROPA LEAGUE PLAY-OFF FINAL** - Crusaders v Coleraine (7.45).

(7.45 unless stated)

**TOMORROW**

**UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL SECOND LEG**  
PSG (0) v B Dortmund (1) ..... 8.0

**SKY BET LEAGUE ONE PLAY-OFFS SEMI-FINAL SECOND LEG**  
Bolton (5) v Barnsley (1) ..... 8.0

**CINCH PREMIERSHIP PLAY-OFF QUARTER-FINAL FIRST LEG**  
Airdrieonians v Partick.....

**CINCH CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINALS FIRST LEG**  
Ailtoa v Hamilton.....  
Montrose v Inverness.....

**CINCH LEAGUE 1 PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINALS FIRST LEG** - Dumfries v Stirling Albion, Spartans v Peterhead.

**WEDNESDAY**

**UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL SECOND LEG**  
Real Madrid (2) v B Munich (2) 8.0

**UEFA EUROPA CONFERENCE LGE SEMI-FINAL SECOND LEG**  
C Brugge (2) v Fiorentina (3) ..... 5.45

**SKY BET LEAGUE ONE PLAY-OFFS SEMI-FINAL SECOND LEG**  
Peterboro (0) v Oxford U (1) .. 8.0

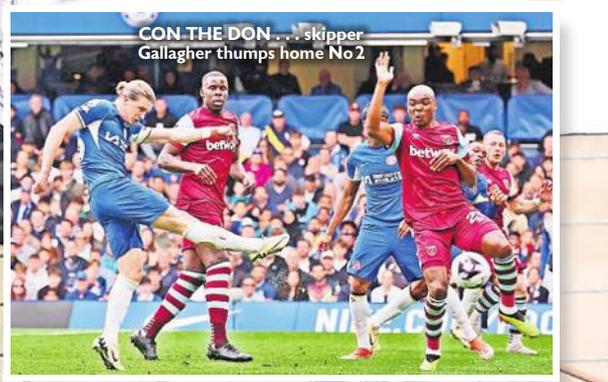
**THURSDAY**

**UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL SECOND LEG**  
Atalanta (1) v Marseille (1)..... 8.0  
B Leverkusen (2) v Roma (0) ... 8.0

# SO HOT,



**COLE ON A ROLL...**  
Palmer bags the opener



**CON THE DON...** skipper Gallagher thumps home No 2



**NIC PICKS IT OUT...**  
Jackson coolly strokes in Chelsea's fifth — and his second of the day — to complete the drubbing

# BRIDGE

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we received a lot of criticism but a young team needs to make mistakes. "We need to feel this situation and to improve. "Today was a great action of Noni to see how the group is starting to live and feel between them. It is a process that takes time, you never know if it will be one month, six months or a year. "But they are starting to feel and live like a group of players with links. I am so pleased for that, helping them grow and be mature. It is only the first step but a massive step." Madueke, 22, said: "We have been confident but now we're starting to put everything together, being unselfish and working as a collective. "The last two games have shown that. Two clean sheets and seven goals. It's a credit to the whole club." Jackson then got a fifth on 80 minutes, with the goal ruled out before VAR found he was outside — with the refs in Stockley Park on his side after chalking off a number of strikes this season. He joked: "Every time I



score, VAR tries to interfere but I was very happy this time. "I expected Noni would pass because we are close friends and team-mates. It was a very good assist." Less than a month ago Jackson and Madueke embarrassed themselves by rowing over who would take a spot-kick against Everton, when Palmer shoved them both aside. Poch (below) was raging with the two then but hailed the squad for growing up since. Chelsea are in the race for a European finish, something which is crucial for Pochettino and his cash-splashing owners going forward. The Argentine added: "We need to keep this momentum and belief going. We are going to rest tomorrow and Tuesday we will prepare for Nottingham Forest. It's step by step but most important is the mentality. "Last season was tough and to turn the feelings and performance this season is difficult. "We needed time for everyone to trust in the process and we have recovered good feelings."

**CHELSEA..... 5**  
Palmer 15; Gallagher 30; Madueke 36; Jackson 48, 80

**WEST HAM..... 0**

**Attendance:**  
39,295

**Total match time:**  
98m 3s

**Ball in-play time:**  
58m 59s

**FEELING BLUE**

DAVID MOYES' horror record at Stamford Bridge continued with this 5-0 thrashing by Chelsea.

The West Ham boss has never won at the ground as a manager — failing to record a victory in 24 attempts — with his teams shipping an average of 2.3 goals per game.

**MOYES' BOSS RECORD AT CHELSEA**

WINS 0

DEFEATS 16

DRAWN 8

PLAYED 24

GOALS FOR 18

GOALS AGAINST 56

**STAT ATTACK**



**LEADING GOALSCORERS**

- Erling Haaland (Man City).....25
- Cole Palmer (Chelsea, left).....21
- Alexander Isak (Newcastle).....20
- Ollie Watkins (Aston Villa).....19

**32**  
GOALS SCORED

**AVE PER GAME**  
**3.55**

**32**

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# TODDY

## Poch axe dilemma for owner Boehly



**BOEHL IN HOLE**... the Blues chief will struggle to axe Poch after a strong end to the season



MOYES... toughness

## Rice exit mullered defence

By JACK ROSSER

DAVID MOYES blasted his players for a lack of toughness and mentality — claiming Declan Rice's departure is why they are leaking so many goals.

After conceding five at Chelsea, West Ham have now shipped more goals — 70 — than any other Prem team Moyes has managed.

Even his relegated Sunderland side conceded fewer with 69.

The Irons have also conceded five or more against Fulham, Arsenal and Crystal Palace.

Asked why they have become soft touches, Moyes said: "Declan Rice. "When you've got the best midfielder player in the country protecting and probably limiting 50 per cent of their attacks..."

"When you get that, it makes you a much better defensive team."

"We've lacked protection in front of the back four, lacked good enough defending, not been good enough at those things in many games."

And Moyes once again pointed the finger at his players for a gutless display — just as he did after defeat at Crystal Palace.

Moyes, 61, added: "Not good, we were lacking toughness, leadership and mental toughness."

"We've now had two away games where we've conceded five."

"The manager will always take the responsibility because that's what you do in this job, you have to prepare them and get them right, setting them up."

"Somewhere along the line the players have to take responsibility for doing their jobs, being hard to play against, being aggressive and competitive. I question if we were all that in the first half."

### CHELSEA got in some early Thursday-Sunday practice as they mount a late charge for Europe.

And there were no signs of 'Europa League fatigue' as they ignored their tired bodies to sweep abject West Ham aside.

Just three days after beating Tottenham, Blues boss Mauricio Pochettino rallied his players to claim a second London derby win in succession.

This rout lifts Chelsea into seventh place, hot on the tail of sixth-placed Newcastle, who are just two points ahead with three games each to play.

From heading towards mid-table insignificance, there is suddenly a lot to play for in the final fortnight of a turbulent season.

But there is also now a big dilemma facing Chelsea chairman Todd Boehly amid rumours Pochettino will be sacked in the summer.

If the Argentinian can add Europa League qualification to the Carabao Cup final and a FA Cup semi at Wembley in his first year in charge — all while juggling a crippling injury list — it makes it hard to relieve the manager of his duties.

Not so for his opposite number David Moyes over in east London.

With his contract up in just a few weeks and already under the cosh from West Ham purists over his style of football, this looks like one long gloomy goodbye.

Chairman David Sullivan is already talking to potential successors and with the away end at Stamford Bridge half-empty with 40 minutes left, the Scot — who can brag he won the club their first trophy for 43 years last summer — looks set to depart.

Despite earlier hitting the bar twice, sub James Ward-Prowse's 57th-minute free-kick was their first effort on target.

They had a whole week to rest up and prepare for a match which was vital to their own fading hopes of a fourth successive European campaign.

Instead they turned in a performance that is just another nail in Moyes' coffin as his second stint as manager nears a dispiriting end. Even though

By **ANDREW DILLON**

his team had played just a couple of days ago, Pochettino kept the same starting line-up bar one.

Departing defender Thiago Silva was brought back in at the expense of blossoming rookie Alfie Gilchrist.

At 39, it is now a risk relying on Silva's ageing knees and, to be fair, although West Ham were largely a shambles in the first half, the problems were at the back.

That is where the Hammers chucked it all away. For a manager who prides himself on defence first, the stats make gruesome reading for boss Moyes.

Only the Premier League's bottom three have conceded more goals than West Ham this season.

Injuries to centre-backs Navef Aguerd and Konstantinos Mavropanos are forcing creaky Angelo Ogbonna to hold the line at the back alongside skipper Kurt Zouma.

It is no great surprise two of the first three goals at least were down to costly defensive slips.

Zouma and 35-year-old Ogbonna could not deal with the pace of Chelsea's attackers, who defied the lactic acid in their thighs to whip balls in at speed.

And after 15 minutes, Cole Palmer — celebrating his 22nd birthday today — made the breakthrough from such a move.

Zouma was first to Noni Madueke's low centre into the box but his loose touch sent the ball straight towards Chelsea's top scorer — who curled home his shot with a precise touch.

Sixty seconds later Bowen rapped the woodwork from a corner.

But then it was the same story again as Palmer prodded a ball into

the box. Zouma got there first but, under pressure, could only poke the ball to Conor Gallagher (below) — who doubled the lead by volleying the ball home.

Madueke, brim full of confidence, was tormenting the Irons and is emerging as a formidable young force in this markedly improving Chelsea team.

The England Under-21s winger went close before finally hitting the target himself.

Mykhailo Mudryk's corner sailed to the back post where Silva stood unmarked to head it down, diagonally across the six-yard box.

Madueke was in space to stoop and nod the ball into the net for goal No3 from just a couple of yards out nine minutes from the break.

Many Hammers fans promptly departed for an early half-time pint on the concourse and missed Bowen again smacking the woodwork.

When Nicolas Jackson made it 4-0 just three minutes into the second half, most of them left for good — and who can blame them as their team were falling apart right in front of their eyes.

To rub it in, Jackson got his second and Chelsea's fifth with ten minutes to go after West Ham hit the bar for a third time.

Pochettino was able to start rolling out some of his recovering crocks for the final third of the game with the match resembling training.

To be honest, he could have brought on the Chelsea pensioners and still got the better of West Ham.

**HOW THEY LINED UP**

CHELSEA: Petrovic, Chalobah (Gusto 83), Badiashile, Thiago (Disasi 82), Cucurella, Caicedo, Gallagher, Madueke (Casadei 76), Palmer (Gilchrist 89), Mudryk (Nkunku 76), Jackson.  
WEST HAM: Arzola, Coufal, Zouma, Ogbonna, Emerson, Soucek, Alvarez (Ward-Prowse 46), Bowen, Paqueta (Cresswell 76), Kudus, Antonio (Ings 70).



**TRUE BLUE...** Gallagher hails goal No 5 of the season



### NET CRASH

WEST HAM have conceded 70 Premier League goals this season, their joint-most in a single campaign in the competition (also in 2010-11), and the most a side managed by David Moyes have ever shipped in a single top-flight season.

**MOYES' FULL PREM SEASONS MOST GOALS CONCEDED**

Season	Club	Games	Goals conceded
2023-24	WEST HAM	36	70
2016-17	Sunderland	38	69
2003-04	Everton	38	57
2022-23	West Ham	38	55
2021-22	West Ham	38	51



### COLE OF THE SEASON

COLE PALMER is only the fifth player to record 30+ goals and assists in a single Premier League season for Chelsea.

**CHELSEA'S MOST PREM GOAL INVOLVEMENTS IN A SEASON**

Season	Player	Goals	Assists	TOTAL
2009-10	Didier Drogba	29	10	39
2009-10	Frank Lampard	22	14	36
2000-01	Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink	23	9	32
2018-19	Eden Hazard	16	15	31
2004-05	Frank Lampard	13	18	31
2023-24	COLE PALMER	21	9	30

CHELSEA		WEST HAM	
25	SHOTS	13	
14	SHOTS ON TARGET	2	
70%	POSSESSION	30%	
726	PASSES	297	
678	COMPLETED PASSES	242	
33	TOUCHES IN OPPOSITION BOX	17	
8	CORNERS	6	
12	FOULS CONCEDED	10	
1/0	YELLOW/RED	3/0	

### PREM TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	36	26	5	5	88	28	83
Man City	35	25	7	5	87	35	82
Liverpool	36	23	9	4	84	33	78
Aston Villa	36	20	7	9	73	53	67
Tottenham	35	18	6	11	69	58	60
Newcastle	35	17	5	13	78	56	56
Chelsea	35	15	9	11	70	59	54
Man Utd	34	16	6	12	52	51	54
West Ham	36	13	10	13	56	70	49
Bournemouth	36	13	9	14	52	63	48
Brighton	35	12	11	12	53	57	47
Wolves	36	13	7	16	49	60	46
Fulham	36	12	8	16	51	55	44
Crystal Palace	35	10	15	15	45	57	40
Everton	36	12	9	15	38	49	37
Brentford	36	9	9	18	52	60	36
Nottingham Forest	36	8	9	19	45	63	29
Luton	36	6	8	22	49	78	26
Burnley	36	5	9	22	39	74	24
Sheff Utd	36	3	7	26	35	100	16

# goals PREMIER LEAGUE

10

BRIGHTON went into half-time level for just the tenth time in the Premier League this season, with only Burnley and Manchester City doing so on fewer occasions (9).



BRIGHTON.....1  
 Pedro 87  
 ASTON VILLA....0

Attendance: **31,596**  
 Match time: **104m 27s**  
 Ball in-play time: **56m 58s**

## ANGER MANAGEMENT

ROBERTO DE ZERBI has more cards since his appointment (11) than any other boss — including a league-high five this term.

### PREM MANAGER CARDS THIS SEASON

(All competitions)	Y	R	TOTAL
R De Zerbi (Brighton)	5	0	5
M Arteta (Arsenal)	5	0	5
E ten Hag (Man Utd)	4	0	4
V Kompany (Burnley)	3	1	4
P Guardiola (Man City)	3	0	3
S Dyche (Everton)	3	0	3
M Silva (Burnley)	3	0	3
M Pochettino (Chelsea)	3	0	3
T Frank (Brentford)	2	0	2
D Moyes (West Ham)	2	0	2
A Postecoglou (Tottenham)	2	0	2
A Iraola (Bournemouth)	2	0	2
S Cooper (Notm Forest)	2	0	2
P Heckingbottom (Sheff U)	2	0	2
G O'Neil (Wolves)	2	0	2
J Klopp (Liverpool)	2	0	2
N Espirito Santo (N Forest)	2	0	2
C Wilder (Sheff Utd)	1	0	1
U Emery (Aston Villa)	1	0	1
E Howe (Newcastle)	1	0	1
R Hodgson (C Palace)	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>

Not booked: R Edwards (Luton), O Glasner (Palace)

### FINALLY, HOME...

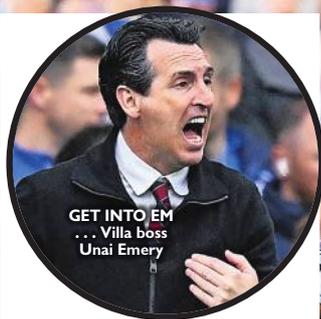
BRIGHTON beat Aston Villa at home for the first time since Dec 1980, ending an eight-match winless run (D4 L4).

### BRIGHTON'S LAST TEN HOME GAMES v VILLA

Dec 20 1980	W1-0	Jan 18 2020	D1-1
Dec 28 1981	L1-0	Feb 13 2021	D0-0
Mar 26 1983	D0-0	Feb 26 2022	L2-0
Nov 18 2016	D1-1	Nov 13 2022	L2-1
Sep 25 2019	L3-1	Yesterday	W1-0

### MATCH STATS

BRIGHTON	V	ASTON VILLA
15		2
8		1
52%		48%
481		439
413		379
27		10
7		3
13		10
2/0		1/0



GET INTO EM ... Villa boss Unai Emery

By ISABELLE BARKER

ONE shirtless Aston Villa fan perfectly summed up a rollercoaster day in the club's quest for Champions League football.

This boisterous supporter went from jumping around — singing songs with a pasty belly on show — to arms folded, looking glum with his shirt back on as Joao Pedro won the game for Brighton. The Brazilian's header, the first goal scored by a Seagulls player since March 31, scuppered Villa's chance to go ten points clear of Tottenham, seemingly opening the door for Ange Postecoglou's team.

But Unai Emery's side were let off the hook. Spurs lost 4-2 at Liverpool and — if the North Londoners are beaten at home by desperate Burnley on Saturday — Villa could actually seal a spot in Europe's elite competition before they next kick a ball in the Premier League. Emery's shattered side need all the help they can get as they drag themselves towards the finish.

And there is no let-up — with a Europa Conference League semi-final second leg in Greece on Thursday as they try to overcome a 4-2 deficit at Olympiakos.

Villa's display yesterday was typified by Ezri Konsa's lazy tackle on Simon Adingra to gift the hosts an 87th-minute penalty. The only promising sign was stand-in keeper Robin Olsen, who



### PREM TOP 8

	Pld	GD	Pts
1 Arsenal	36	+60	83
2 Man City	35	+54	82
3 Liverpool	36	+43	78
4 A Villa	36	+20	67
5 Tottenham	35	+11	60
6 Newcastle	35	+22	56
7 Chelsea	35	+11	54
8 Man Utd	34	+1	54

# All going BUT GUTLESS VILLANS' TOP-4

produced a string of heroic saves to keep the scoreline respectable with Emi Martinez ruled out due to a hamstring injury. Olsen actually saved Pedro's initial penalty but it popped out perfectly for the Brazilian to head home the rebound and give the Seagulls a first top-flight home win over Villa since 1980. But Brighton deserved every bit of it, leaving Roberto De Zerbi as the best-looking boss in town. Before the match, the Amex chief said: "If you win and look

in the mirror, you look handsome. If you lose, you are stupid!" Villa mustered only one shot in the first half but their hosts looked dangerous. Ivorian winger Adingra drilled a low drive at Olsen early on before dancing into the box again to sting the Swedish stopper's hands with a rasping shot. Chants of, "You're just a s\*\*t John McGinn" aimed at Pascal Gross nearly backfired as the

German's corner nearly went in off Danny Welbeck's back. On 26 minutes, Emery was forced into an early Villa change, bringing on Matty Cash for the injured Morgan Rogers. Ollie Watkins came to life on 34 minutes, latching on to a Lucas Digne cross and waltzing into the box before he was snaffled up. It was a menacing sight for Brighton fans, given the striker scored a hat-trick in the reverse

6-1 pasting at Villa Park back in September. Emery's side had conceded six goals in two games without Martinez before this seaside trip but Olsen stepped up. Adingra was at it again, bursting towards goal only for Olsen to come off his line and mop up. And the Villa stopper, 34, made a blinding close-range save as Adingra nearly poked one in on the stroke of half-time. Emery

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ASTON VILLA had just two shots against Brighton, their fewest in a Prem match in eight years since May 2016 when they played Newcastle (also 2).

TOP 5

- MOST PREM GOALS IN A SEASON FOR BRIGHTON**
- Glenn Murray (2018-19, left) ..... 13
  - Glenn Murray (2017-18) ..... 12
  - Alexis Mac Allister (2022-23) ..... 10
  - Neal Maupay (2019-20) ..... 10
  - JOAO PEDRO (2023-24) ..... 9

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JOAO'S THAT... Joao Pedro turns in rebound to give Brighton the win

# Joao winner relights the fire for Rob

By ISABELLE BARKER

**ROBERTO DE ZERBI** was so happy with Brighton's win that he rushed off the pitch for a celebratory ciggy.

The Brighton boss oversaw the club's first win in just under two months as Joao Pedro headed home the rebound of an 87th-minute penalty.

Pedro's goal was his 20th of the season but had he not been on target, it would have been a third successive game that the Seagulls had not scored.

They have scored only five times in their last ten Premier League fixtures.

But Brighton have moved up to 11th following their first home success against Villa in 44 years.

De Zerbi (right) said: "I'm proud because we played a great game against one of the best teams in the Premier League."

"They are fourth in the table and playing against the teams of Unai Emery is still very, very tough. We played a good game, well, we deserved to win."

"I thought it was good to come into the dressing room after the win today (not stay on the pitch). There's nothing behind it. I wanted to smoke a cigarette earlier."

Three points for Villa would have been enough to guarantee them Champions League football next season – after Tottenham were later beaten at Liverpool.

They were also denied a lift ahead of Thursday's Europa Conference League second leg with Olympiakos as Villa head to Greece looking to overturn a 4-2 deficit.

Emery said: "Overall we're being positive. I'm happy and proud of our club. The most important thing is to rest."

"I want to recover our freshness and energy. It's more difficult on Thursday but we'll be trying to do something different."

Emery refused to criticise referee Rob Jones for awarding Brighton their match-deciding penalty after Simon Adingra fell to the floor under Ezri Konsa's light clip.

When asked about the incident, Emery added: "It was soft but for the referee it was difficult. But I respect it."



## STATS LIFE

Compiled by Russell Lanning

### HATS OFF TO CITY

ERLING HAALAND'S hat-trick was the 41st scored by a Manchester City player in the Premier League, with only Liverpool (42) netting more in the competition's history.



### BUK THE TREND

BUKAYO SAKA became the first Englishman to score 20 goals for Arsenal in a season since Theo Walcott in 2012-13 (21).

#### ENGLISH PLAYERS TO SCORE 20+ GOALS IN A SEASON FOR ARSENAL

(In Prem era. All competitions)

1993-94	Ian Wright	35
1992-93	Ian Wright	30
1996-97	Ian Wright	30
1994-95	Ian Wright	30
1995-96	Ian Wright	23
2012-13	Theo Walcott	21
*2023-24	BUKAYO SAKA	20

### 1984 WELCOME back to the Prem, Ipswich – still the last team to come from behind at half-time at Old Trafford in the league and win, 40 years ago tomorrow (May 7, 1984), thanks to goals from Mitch d'Avray and Alan Sunderland.

### STALE OF THE CENTURY

SHEFFIELD UNITED conceded their 100th Prem goal of the season – the first side to do so in a 38-game top-flight campaign since Leicester's 102 in 1908-09.

#### MOST GOALS CONCEDED IN A 38-GAME (OR FEWER) TOP-FLIGHT CAMPAIGN

Season	Team	Games	Goals
1891-92	Darwen	26	112
1908-09	Leicester	38	102
*2023-24	SHEFF UTD	36	100
1905-06	Wolves	38	99
1914-15	Tottenham	38	90

\*Still running

### EFL BY NUMBERS 2023-24

THE EFL regular season is over – and it was goals galore in League Two, while a 1-1 draw was the most common scoreline in all three divisions.

	EFL		
	Championship	League One	League Two
Average attendances	23,061	9,645	6,267
Goals scored	1,480	1,427	1,645
Home wins	246	235	248
Away wins	177	182	173
Draws	129	135	131
Yellow/red cards	2,219/57	2,257/94	2,213/89
Most common score	1-1 (60)	1-1 (65)	1-1 (67)
No of different scorelines	31	29	38

# belly-up

## BID STILL LIVES

must have given them a tongue-lashing at the break and, straight after the restart, Cash's long-range screamer shaved the bar.

Gross thought he had given the ultimate answer to those Villa fans' taunts, slotting home on 68 minutes but VAR ruled it offside.

Villa too had the ball in the net yet McGinn's close-range attempt was also ruled out.

Drama erupted as ref Robert Jones pointed to the spot when

Konsa clipped Adingra. It looked soft but VAR concurred and Pedro stepped up to nod home the rebound for his 20th goal of the season.

Emery winced – but ultimately Villa got away with it.

#### HOW THEY LINED UP

**BRIGHTON:** Verbruggen, Webster, Dunk, Igor, Veltman, Gilmour (Baleba 88), Gross, Adingra (Barco 90), Pedro, Buonanotte (Enciso 61), Welbeck (Morrer 88).

**ASTON VILLA:** Olsen, Konsa (Chambers 90), Torres, Carlos, Digne (Moreno 90), Bailey, Diaby (Duran 73), Douglas Luiz, Rogers (Cash 26), McGinn, Watkins.



GRIN 'N BARE IT... shirtless Aston Villa fan

# goals PREMIER LEAGUE

5

SHEFFIELD UNITED have failed to win any of the last five Premier League games in which they have gone 1-0 up — losing three and drawing the other two.

**SHEFF UNITED...1**  
Brereton Diaz 17 (pen)

**NOTTM FOREST...3**  
Hudson-Odoi 27, 65; Yates 51

**TIERS FOR SOUVENIRS**  
NOTTINGHAM FOREST'S Ryan Yates' first Prem goal made him the ninth player to score in each of the top four tiers since the start of 2017-18.

**PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED IN EACH OF ENGLAND'S TOP FOUR TIERS**  
(Since the start of the 2017-18 season)  
Luke Berry, Jordan Clark, Karlán Grant, James Justin, James McClean, David McGoldrick, Harry Toffolo, Ben White, **RYAN YATES**

Attendance: **28,516**

Total match time: **102m 36s**

Ball in-play time: **54m 22s**



**WITH just two games remaining, it is sink or swim for Nottingham Forest in their fight for survival.**

And skipper Ryan Yates knows which he prefers. He says he is ready to dig out his Speedos and take a dip in the River Trent if Forest avoid the drop to set up a third straight season back in the top flight.

After 58 Premier League appearances without scoring for Forest, the 26-year-old finally broke his duck with a crucial goal in Saturday's 3-1 win at Sheffield United.

At full-time he celebrated in front of Forest's away support by pretending to do a little bit of breaststroke, followed by the front crawl.

And if things continue to go swimmingly for Forest, Yates will consider taking the plunge.

He said: "The fans have been singing, 'If Yatesy scores, we're in the Trent,' for about 18 months now.

"It was starting to die off because I hadn't scored for so long and I had a couple ruled out, so I had to do that swimming celebration just to give something back to them."

Asked if he would consider a post-season dip in the Trent, the midfielder replied: "I think it's a bit dangerous, to be fair!"

"So if any fans decide to

By **GRAEME BRYCE**



do that, please be careful. But when we're officially safe I will consider it."

Forest hit choppy waters during a difficult first half at Bramall Lane.

Chris Wilder's Blades played with the freedom of a side who knew they were already doomed.

And they took the lead through a 17th-minute spot-kick from Ben Brereton Diaz after he was brought down by Forest's Gonzalo Montiel.

Typically, the Prem's leakiest side held that advantage only ten minutes before Callum Hudson-Odoi drifted inside on his favoured right foot to thump an equaliser.

Despite a string of chances the rock-bottom hosts could not find a way through. After the break Yates scored his historic first Prem goal, smashing home a volley which tore into the net to put Forest in front.

He added: "I didn't think about it. The ball just dropped nicely and then the net was rippling."

"I thought, 'Oh no, they're checking it, because I've had a couple of goals disallowed by VAR. I told myself, 'Not again,' but it was OK and I'm buzzing now with the win."

Hudson-Odoi proved that the Blades do not learn from their blunders.

The former Chelsea man was again allowed to cut on to his stronger foot to sweep home a third.

That goal clocked up the 100th league goal Sheffield United have conceded — that is a Premier League record in a 38-game season.

And, worryingly, Wilder's side still have to negotiate another two games before bowing out.

But Anel Ahmedhodzic's sending-off for recklessly wiping out Forest's Nicolas Dominguez in stoppage time summed up the Blades' defensive stupidity.

In contrast, the visitors' first away win in eight left them three points clear of Luton and five off Burnley in the battle for survival.

With their vastly superior goal difference Forest need just three more points against Chelsea at home or Burnley to guarantee safety.

Yates believes boss Nuno Espirito Santo's positivity deserves to be rewarded.

He said: "Ever since the manager came in, every team sheet has been really positive with an attack-minded team. When you do that, you force your own luck."

**HOW THEY LINED UP**  
SHEFFIELD UNITED: Foderingham, Ahmedhodzic, Trusty, Robinson, Bogle, Hamer, Arblaster, Brooks (McAtee 66), Osborn, Archer (Souza 74), Brereton Diaz.  
NOTTM FOREST: Sels, Montiel (Toffolo 83), Boly, Murillo, Aina, Yates, Danilo, Elanga (Niakehate 67), Gibbs-White, Hudson-Odoi (Dominguez 90), Wood (Awoniyi 90).



**FOREST JUMPING...**  
Anthony Elanga leaps to congratulate scorer Yates at Bramall Lane

# RIVER DEEP MOUNTAIN? RY

Yates plans dip in the Trent if Forest stay afloat

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**49**

**EDDIE HOWE** (right) took charge of his 100th Prem game as Newcastle boss — it was his 49th victory, with only Kevin Keegan (55) winning more in his first 100 with Toon.



**TOP 5**

**MOST ALL-TIME PREM GOALS FOR NEWCASTLE**

Alan Shearer.....	148
Callum Wilson.....	47
Peter Beardsley.....	46
Shola Ameobi.....	43
Andy Cole.....	43

**BRENTFORD.....0**  
**FULHAM.....0**

**8** SATURDAY was Brentford's eighth 0-0 draw in the Premier League. Only Crystal Palace (11) and Brighton (9) have had more scoreless draws since the Bees were promoted to the competition at the start of the 2021-22 season.

Attendance: **17,090**

Total match time: **102m 40s**

Ball in-play time: **59m 28s**

# Norgaard is shirty with Ivan

By ISABELLE BARKER

**CHRISTIAN NORGAARD** has his eye on a shirt swap at this summer's Euros — the one worn by Ivan Toney.

England face a repeat of their Euro 2020 semi-final against Denmark in Group C on June 20.

And Norgaard, 30, has been teasing his Brentford team-mate Toney about potentially going head to head at the tournament.

The Three Lions striker, 28, is now without a Prem goal in ten games.

Since returning to action in January following an eight-month ban for breaching betting rules, Toney has netted five in 16 appearances for club and country.

A hip injury did not help the Bees star's cause in his bid to make Gareth Southgate's Euro 2024 squad.

Toney scored his first England goal by converting a penalty in March's 2-2 friendly draw with Belgium.

Dane Norgaard, who has 24 caps, said: "He's a warrior, he wants to play every game even if he has one leg, so it's hard to keep him out of a game."

"The medical staff are doing a good job and he must take responsibility, too."

"He wants to be available for the Euros as well. It's difficult for him. He has done well and even with his injuries, he is always putting a shift in for the team."

"We've spoken about the Euros, hopefully we can get a shirt swap if we play each other, that will be fun."

Meanwhile, Andreas Pereira is sweating over William's future at Fulham with the Brazilian yet to confirm if he will stay.

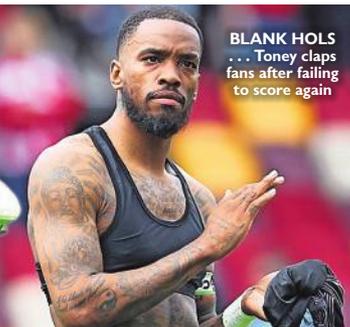
The midfielder, 35, has scored nine goals over his two seasons with the club.

And Pereira said: "We want him to stay with us. He is a very important player."

**HOW THEY LINED UP**

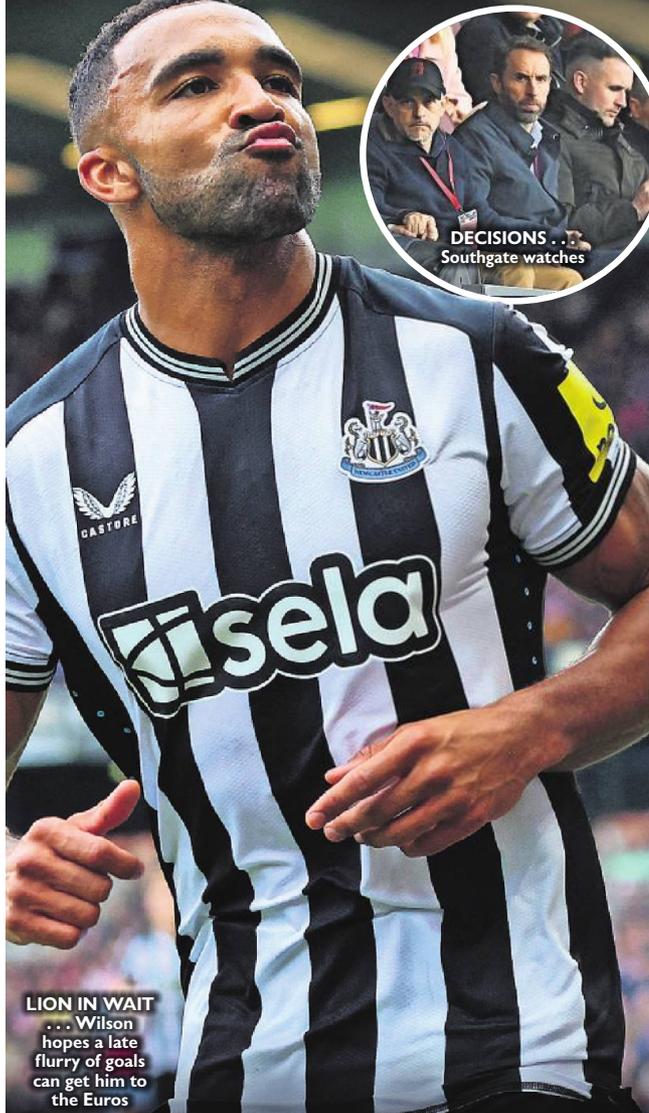
**BRENTFORD:** Flekken, Ajer (Roerislev 48), Collins, Pinnock, Reguilon, Damsgaard (Schade 82), Norgaard (Onyeka 82), Janell (Yarmoluk 66), Mbeumo, Toney, Lewis-Potter (Wissa 66).

**FULHAM:** Leno, Castagne, Diop, Bassey, Robinson, Paliinha, Lukic (Cairney 75), Iwobi (Wilson 93), Pereira (Decordova-Reid 75), Willian (Traore 64), Muniz (Jimenez 64).



# 4 Will drive

## CALLUM GEARED UP TO JOIN GARETH'S STRIKE QUARTET



**CALLUM WILSON** has three games to gatecrash the Euros as England's fourth striker.

Nursing a pec injury for ten weeks from mid-February, the Newcastle forward knew time was against him to make what will likely be his last shot at a major tournament — having played only a cameo role at the 2022 World Cup.

Yet a goal off the bench against Sheffield United last week was followed by another in his first start in three months at Burnley.

Gareth Southgate was at Turf Moor, and Wilson hopes he has given the England boss food for thought.

Harry Kane, Ollie Watkins and Ivan Toney look nailed on, but with squads expanded to 26, the 32-year-old reckons he can sneak in as a fourth option.

Wilson said: "I heard afterwards Gareth was here so all you can do is perform when given an opportunity."

"But I'd be lying if I said I didn't have one eye on trying to make an impression over the last few games."

"There are strikers that have had fantastic seasons but it gives the manager a dilemma."

"Most players have played 50-odd games this season whereas I haven't — but I guess that's the only going to benefit me heading into the summer."

Wilson got the Magpies up and running at Burnley against the run of play.

He took his Prem tally at Newcastle to 47, second now

By **OSCAR PAUL**



only to Alan Shearer... by 101 goals. Sean Longstaff, Bruno Guimaraes and Alexander Isak all piled in as well — while Dara O'Shea grabbed a consolation late on for the hosts.

Magpies boss Eddie Howe insisted on Saturday he wants to keep Wilson, who has entered the final 12 months of his deal so this summer is the Toon's last chance to cash in.

Asked about his future, Wilson hardly reassured fans he will be at St James' Park next term.

He said: "It's a huge honour to be part of this club's history. Wearing the No9, it's what dreams are made of."

"My first thought is to finish the season strong. I'm contracted to Newcastle so I'll be back for pre-season."

The Clarets are five points off safety, meaning they must beat Tottenham on Saturday to stand any chance of survival.

Defender O'Shea said: "We want to give ourselves the best chance going into the last day against Nottingham Forest."

"We want to bring it back to Turf Moor and hopefully have something to play for. We need to go into Spurs with our heads high."

**HOW THEY LINED UP**

**BURNLEY:** Muric, Assignon, O'Shea, Esteve (Ekdal 45), Vitinho, Cullen, Berge, Odober, Brownhill (Amdouni 85), Bruun Larsen (Gudmundsson 82), Foster (Fofana 85).

**NEWCASTLE:** Dubravka, Livramento, Kracht, Burn, Hall, J. Murphy (Anderson 69), Longstaff (Joelinton 77), Bruno Guimaraes, Gordon (Ritchie 85), Wilson (Barnes 69), Isak (Almiron 77).

**BURNLEY.....1**  
**O'Shea 86**

**NEWCASTLE.....4**  
**Wilson 19; Longstaff 35; Guimaraes 40; Isak 55**

Attendance: **21,781**

Total match time: **101m 5s**

Ball in-play time: **56m 59s**

**ENGLAND FRONT RUNNERS**

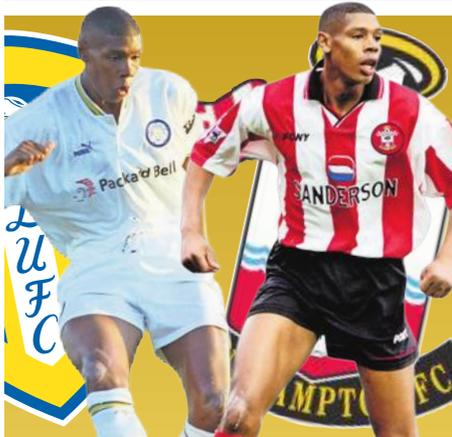
Striker Club	Kane	Watkins	WILSON	Toney
Games	93	90	61	50
Goals	76	43	28	25
Assists	16	18	6	6
Shot conversion %	22.6	20.2	22.2	17.1
Mins per goal	107	172	128	173

**RECORDS SINCE THE START OF LAST SEASON**  
(All competitions)

# goals CHAMPIONSHIP

90

LEEDS are only the second team in EFL history to get 90+ points and not go straight up — the other being Sheffield United in League One in 2011-12.



## EX FACTOR

### Farke target not enough

**FORMER** midfielder **CARLTON PALMER** gives his verdict after two of his old clubs, Leeds (1994-97) and Southampton (1997-99), clashed on the last day of the Championship league season. The 58-year-old also won 18 England caps between 1992 and 1993.

AT the start of the season I seem to recall boss Daniel Farke targeting 90 points for his Leeds side in their bid to make an immediate return to the Premier League after relegation a year ago.

Well, his players delivered that tally despite their 2-1 defeat against another of my former teams Southampton at Elland Road on Saturday.

It is the first time ever a team recording 90 or more league points has failed to land an automatic promotion place from the second tier.

From the opening games this season, I fancied it would be Leicester and Leeds going up automatically.

But full credit to Ipswich, who have been relentless and are more than deserving of their place back in the Premier League for the first time in 22 years.

It has been a tough few weeks for all the teams at the top chasing the top two positions and I watched a Leeds side at QPR on the Friday before last looking very leggy after losing 4-0.

I would like to think Saturday's clash between two of my old clubs will be the dress rehearsal for the final on May 26 — providing Leeds can overcome Norwich and Saints beat another of my old teams West Brom in their respective semi-finals.

I am a big fan of the play-offs but what it does do is bring all the teams back to zero.

The fact Leeds finished 17 points ahead of their semi-final opponents Norwich, with Southampton 12 ahead of West Brom, means nothing when the teams line up for the first legs on Sunday.

However, I don't think you can read too much into Southampton's 2-1 win on Saturday with regards to what happens next in the play-offs.

I cannot talk about the Championship season without mentioning another of my old club's Sheffield Wednesday and the stunning job manager Danny Rohl has done.

When he took over the club last October they were bottom of the league — without a win after 11 games — and seven points adrift of safety.

A Championship table of results since Rohl took over would see Wednesday ninth in the league — just six points off a play-off place.

And he has turned the results around with the same set of players.

Interview: **RUSSELL LANNING**

# Rutt can put it all right

By **ALAM KHAN**

**DANIEL FARKE** vowed to get Leeds out of a Rutt to rescue their promotion dream.

The Whites have to find a way back to the Premier League through the play-offs after finishing third.

A run of four defeats in six games ended their top-two hopes — and dented their confidence.

French forward Georginio Rutter, signed for an initial £25million, has been one to suffer a dip after earlier dazzling displays.

Ahead of next Sunday's semi-final first leg against his former club Norwich, German boss Farke admitted: "We have to work with

Leeds.....1  
Southampton.....2

him because we definitely need Georgie back at his best.

"He's an emotional player. In his first games after surgery, he played more or less without training and wasn't at his best — and it did something with his confidence.

"On the training pitch he looks good and needs to find self-confidence back in the games.

"It's also important he should not be too disappointed with himself. He's played an outstanding season. He has an unbelievable amount of assists, goals and

creativity. Hopefully the next week will be beneficial to get his momentum and confidence back."

But with one clean sheet in eight games, Leeds also need to tighten up at the back.

Southampton cashed in on their lapses to end their own three-match losing streak as Adam Armstrong finished off a cross for the opener before Will Smallbone tapped home the winner.

Joel Piroe, who scored the Leeds reply, said: "We are disappointed but have all to play for. We have to stay on it and do better."

West Ham loanee Plym Downes controlled Saints' midfield and boss Russell Martin said: "This team has missed him so much when he hasn't played."



**BIG PUSH . . . Leeds need Rutter hot for play-offs**

# ONWARDS



## McKenna vows to

By **JUSTIN ALLEN**

**KIERAN MCKENNA** has pledged his immediate future to Ipswich — and roared: "There is still big and exciting stuff to come."

Prem clubs have been linked with him throughout this season, including his former club Manchester United.

The Tractor Boys sealed their second successive promotion and return to the top flight after 22 years.

And McKenna, just 37, was quick to pour cold water over any suggestion he could be on the move this summer.

He said: "I love it here. It's a fantastic club and I'm so proud to be manager."

"I've worked so hard here and given so much of myself to the people around me for the last couple of years."

"I'm enjoying the job and focused on this journey so much. That sort of

Ipswich.....2  
Huddersfield.....0

speculation has been around for the last two years, to be honest.

"I've shown loyalty to the club throughout and I'm really pleased I've stuck with it and achieved what we have. And there's still some big, exciting stuff to come for the football club."

It has been quite a journey for McKenna since he pitched up in Suffolk in December 2021.

The club were wandering around aimlessly in League One — but in his first full two seasons as manager they have achieved back-to-back promotions.

Most of the Ipswich squad were taking on the likes of Morecambe and Fleetwood last season but now will be heading to Manchester City, Liverpool



**WE KENN DO IT . . .** McKenna has led Ipswich to successive promotions

**STAT  
ATTACK**

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**  
 Sammie Szmodics (Blackburn)...27  
 Adam Armstrong (Soton).....21  
 Cryscio Summerville (Leeds)...19  
 Morgan Whittaker (Plymouth)...19

**33**  
GOALS SCORED

**AVE PER GAME**  
2.75

**30**

**2**

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# VARDY'S BRIGHT IDEA

By **GRAHAM HILL**

**MARC ALBRIGHTON** thanked Jamie Vardy for allowing him to end his Leicester career as captain.

Albrighton is set to leave the club after a decade and over 300 appearances for the Foxes — winning the Premier League and FA Cup along the way.

When he came on as a second-half substitute on Saturday, pal Vardy handed him the skipper's armband with Albrighton's contract up this summer.

It was a gesture that meant a lot to the wideman — on what was likely his final game for Leicester in a season which saw them win promotion and top the Championship.

And Albrighton, 34, said: "It just goes to show the person that Vards is. He

Leicester.....0  
 Blackburn.....2

didn't have to do that but he made it special for me.

"To captain this club is more than I can say in words. I'm more or less sure that was the end. To bow out in this manner is the perfect way to go out."

Albrighton — who joined on a free from Aston Villa in 2014 — also saluted the Foxes fans, who recognised his contribution to the squad.

He added: "It wasn't something I expected or took for granted.

"Every time I came on to the pitch the fans really warmed to me. It was a special moment to share that with them."

But Albrighton hinted his playing

days are not over and said: "I do feel like there are minutes left in my legs — a couple of years maybe.

"Everything has to fit into place, whatever that is. I'm excited to find out." Leicester's celebration party continued after they had been presented with the Championship trophy.

But two second-half goals from Sammie Szmodics gave Blackburn the win that made sure they stayed up — and earned him the Championship's Golden Boot with 27 goals.

Szmodics said: "I've been at the top all season and I've been chased by some great names, so to top it off with the Golden Boot, and staying in the league for another season, is amazing.

"I would never have imagined scoring that amount of goals. I don't think anything tops the Golden Boot."



MOWATT... penalty

## Carlos is eager to Bag final

West Brom.....3  
 Preston.....0

By **PETE THOMPSON**

**CARLOS CORBERAN** is determined to banish his miserable

Wembley memories by guiding West Brom back into the Prem. Albion marched into the play-offs with this big win — setting up a semi-final against Southampton.

Corberan suffered Championship play-off final agony against Nottingham Forest as Huddersfield boss two years ago.

The Spaniard is relishing another stab at promotion ahead of a home first leg with Saints on Sunday.

Baggies boss Corberan said: "I wanted to re-live this moment, after Huddersfield, because this club deserve it.

"Unfortunately last year we couldn't achieve it — but this year we have.

"We know how difficult the new target, which is Wembley, will be to achieve, but we are going to do our best."

Alex Mowatt's penalty and second-half goals from Kyle Bartley and Darnell Furlong sent Preston to a fifth loss on the bounce without scoring.

Manager Ryan Lowe admitted: "It's my job to find solutions and be better next season."

Middlesbrough...3  
 Watford.....1

**MICHAEL CARRICK** knows next season is the time to really show up.

His Middlesbrough side missed out on a top-six finish after losing in the play-offs last term.

Carrick said: "We want to take the next step now. There's no hiding from it. "We had a good season last time but fell a bit short. This time, we faced a lot more challenges.

"But it's a different feeling, 12 months ago felt like the end of something. "Now we've grown and feel we are at the start of something."

Emmanuel Latte Lath, Alex Bangura and Isaiah Jones struck in a 3-1 win over Watford on Saturday.

Wesley Hoedt bagged a leveller for the Hornets before Boro took control.

But Watford boss Tom Cleverley is bullish on 2024-25, saying: "I feel we have the tools to do well.

"We know we have to improve to be in that mix but that's my goal."

# & IPWARDS

GOOD... is Travis 'n his pals toast motion to Prem

## STRAIGHT THROUGH

IPSWICH are the fifth team to go from the third tier to the Premier League in consecutive seasons — two of the previous four went straight back down.

	3rd tier	2nd tier	Prem
Watford (1998-2000)	1st	5th	20th (R)
Man City (1999-2001)	3rd	1st	18th (R)
Norwich (2009-2011)	1st	2nd	12th
Southampton (2010-2012)	2nd	2nd	14th

# stay put to lead Tractor Boys in Prem

and Arsenal. McKenna admitted he burnt the midnight oil to prepare for the Southampton game last month, so will he get any sleep plotting a game plan against the likes of Pep Guardiola's City?

But the Northern Irishman was quick to point to the experience he garnered at Manchester United as an assistant to the likes of Jose Mourinho and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

He said: "I've coached in the Champions League when I was 31, 32. I've coached in the Premier League and been involved in those big games.

"It's brilliant to test yourself against the best clubs, the best teams, best players and best coaches. It's going to be great to do that again.

"My priority will always be how to help the people around me and represent the football club I work for and how to improve that team, those

players and that club. It's going to be fantastic to have that challenge in the Premier League next year but it was also fantastic to have that this year in the Championship and last season in League One."

Previously a youth coach, McKenna has succeeded in his first top job.

He said: "It's a different job but my career to this point had been as a youth team coach or manager at Tottenham and Manchester United.

"That is about trying to improve players and to improve teams and trying to develop a style of play. Of course, when you move into senior football it's about winning.

"It's what I've tried to make myself good at and worked hard to improve at — and I am still doing.

"The basis of the job every day is to come in and try to make the players better, the team better and try to win

games. Of course, there is leadership elements to the job now, in terms of managing people, messaging and things like that.

"But I've enjoyed that side of it as well. It's in my nature. I was always a captain and enjoyed the responsibility. The coaching is still a big passion for me, improving the players and team."

McKenna had dreamed of being a Prem footballer but injury forced him to retire at Tottenham when he was 22.

But, undeterred by that huge setback, he had an ambition to one day be a top-flight manager.

And he has now finally achieved it.

He said: "I moved away from home, I'd just turned 16, to try and fulfil one dream.

"A lot of sacrifices you make and then I have had to pivot on that journey at 22 and I've had 15 years plus now of work, sacrifice, learning, trying

to improve myself. It has been an incredible journey for myself and I am really proud of what I've achieved and the people around me.

"I don't think we could have dreamed of this, certainly not in this timescale. Something like this might only come around every decade.

"Ninety-six points in the Championship with a newly-promoted team is an incredible achievement."

Wes Burns' opener and a second-half effort from Omari Hutchinson saw off relegated Huddersfield to seal promotion to the top flight.

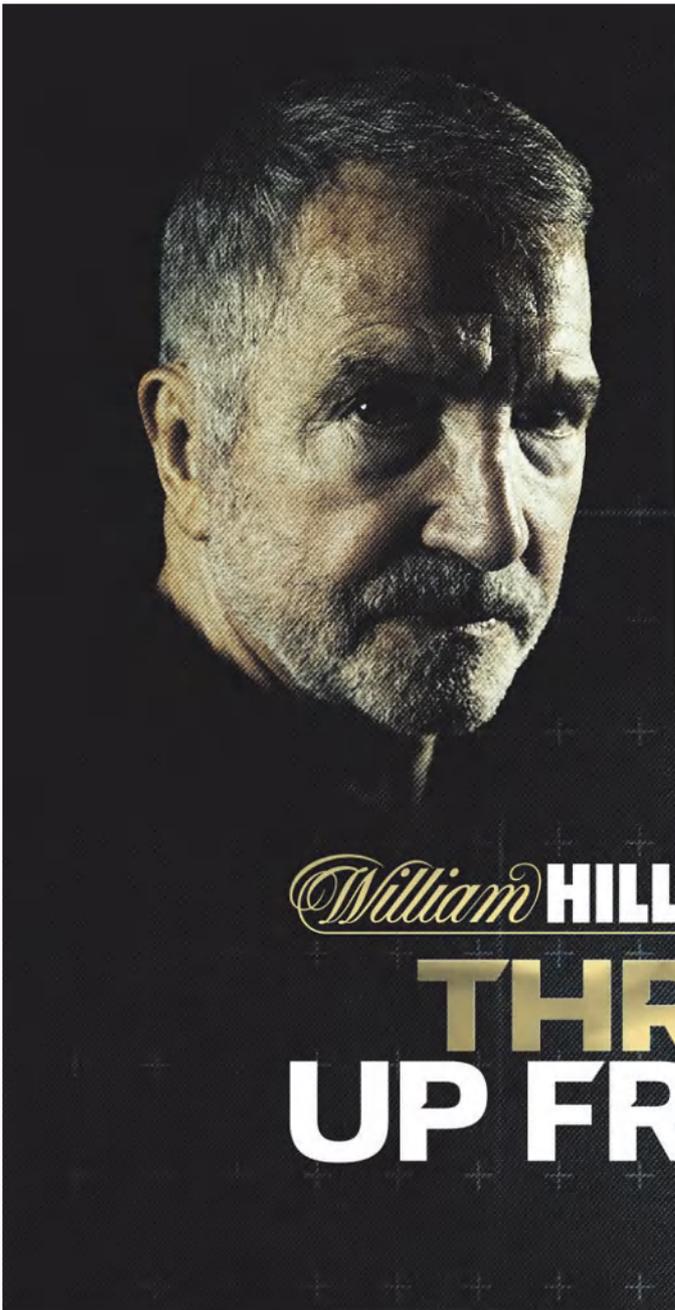
McKenna added: "To do it in this timescale in one of the toughest Championships is incredible.

"It will bring challenges, there is no two ways about it. It has come before anybody could have expected it but they are not for now, for now it's to revel in this wonderful day."

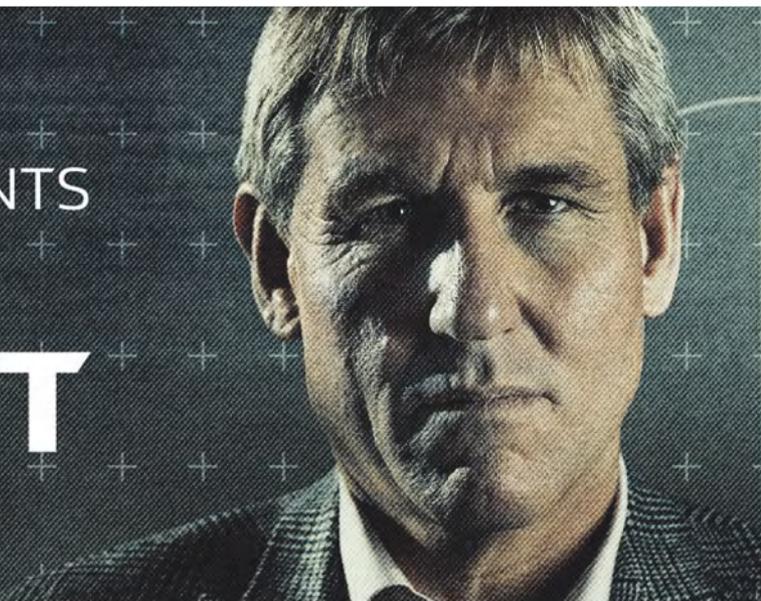
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# RUDDY HELL!

But John eyes a Brumbuck



William HILL PRESENTS  
**THREE UP FRONT**



## ED STAYS FROSTY

Plymouth.....1  
Hull.....0

By MATT BAMSEY

**JOE EDWARDS** clambered out of an ice machine to help Plymouth escape the relegation trapdoor.

The Pilgrims skipper has been struggling with a knee injury but recovered in time to score the goal that crushed Hull's slim play-off hopes.

Edwards capped a stunning display with a 40th-minute winner as Argyle condemned Birmingham to the drop.

Defender Edwards, 33, said: "My knee's been in an ice machine for the last few weeks and my body's been aching. "But when playing in front of that atmosphere, something comes over you and you feel like a kid again.

"It was win or bust as we knew everyone around us would win." Hull losing, combined with West Brom beating Preston, meant Liam Rosenior's side finished in seventh.

Tigers skipper Lewie Coyle, 28, said: "We're absolutely gutted as we had a dream to get in the play-offs and go up.

"As captain of my hometown club, it is a dream I will never stop chasing. "It'll take some time to digest as it's a difficult one to take. We need to learn the lessons of this season and go again."



JOY... Rohl shows delight at staying in Championship

# Starring Rohl

DANNY IN DEMAND AFTER RESCUE

By COLIN YOUNG

**MIRACLE manager Danny Rohl will meet Sheffield Wednesday owner Dejphon Chansiri this week to discuss his future – knowing he is a wanted man.**

Sunderland are among the clubs interested in hiring the former Bayern Munich assistant who took the Owls from the bottom to safety.

Not that the Black Cats did much to sell the club to Rohl.

Liam Palmer's opener and Josh Windass' effort ensured Wednesday's Championship status.

And after leading the dancing in front of the 2,200 away fans, Rohl revealed he will meet Chansiri after the celebrations have died down.

He said: "I want to enjoy this and then we will see what we can do –

Sunderland.....0  
Sheffield Wednesday...2

or not. I have had one meeting with the chairman this week and we will then have more meetings as soon as possible – and then we will see.

"But today it is not the key point. It is important that we enjoy this and be happy in the moment.

"What is important is that we have a direction. I think I have ideas what this direction could be like.

"But just to have an idea, it is, of course, not enough."

Sunderland chairman Kyril Louis-Dreyfus and sporting director Kristiaan Speakman have a huge managerial appointment ahead.

Favourite remains Will Still, recently relieved by Reims, with

Paul Heckingbottom, Lee Cattermole and Rene Maric, a Bayern Munich youth coach, also in the reckoning.

Caretaker Michael Dodds' disastrous spell meant few fans were willing to acknowledge the players at the end of their eighth home game without a win.

Captain Luke O'Nien – denied a goal by a close offside call – said: "I appreciate everyone who stayed and those who didn't. I understand human emotion – we didn't give them a reason to stay.

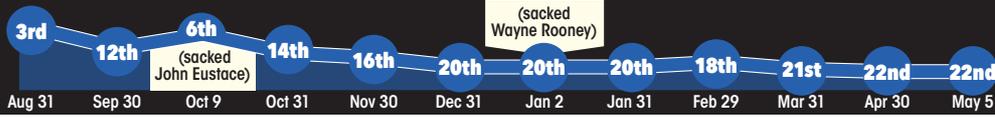
"Would I stay if my team lost 2-0? That's the question I ask.

"It's about how you turn up next season and the lessons you learn and how you develop.

"We all have a pre-season schedule to come back fighting fit.

"And, whoever is in charge, the foundations are good."

**BRUM BLUES THIS SEASON DEAL**



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**IT'S ALL OVER**  
... gutted Ruddy is escorted off after relegation as fans invade the pitch

**By TIM NASH**  
**CAPTAIN John Ruddy insists Birmingham can bounce back from relegation – and be in the Prem in FIVE YEARS.**

Keeper Ruddy, 37, was gutted as Brum lost their Championship status after 13 years on the final day. Wins for Sheffield Wednesday, Plymouth and Blackburn meant Paik Seung-ho's 55th-minute header to beat Norwich was irrelevant. City are now in the third tier for the first time in 29 years. And that was not in the script when owners Knighthead Capital Management, led by Tom Wagner, took over a year ago. The New York-based investment company – with NFL icon Tom Brady as a minority shareholder – have ambitious plans. These include a new 62,000-capacity, all-seater stadium at the nearby former Wheels Park. And Ruddy is convinced the club will bounce back stronger. The veteran keeper, one of eight players out of contract, said: "The future's bright. The owners have a

Birmingham.....	1
Norwich.....	0

plan and a project that they are going to give their all to. "Most of us won't be here to see it come to fruition but the plan is in place and the ball is starting to roll. "For me, this club will be in the Premier League within five years. "I really don't think relegation will affect that – but they have to have short-term goals as well as a long-term vision." Six managers in one season has not helped Blues' cause, most notably the failed experiment of Wayne Rooney, and his "no-fear football". Brum chiefs bizarrely axed John Eustace in October when the club were **SIXTH** and eyeing promotion. And during Rooney's disastrous 83 days in charge – before he was also sacked – they nosedived to

20th and current gaffer Gary Rowett (*below*) could not save them. Ruddy reckons everyone, from the board to the players, are to blame. The ex-Norwich and Wolves No1 added: "I hope that everyone is accountable. We are as players, I am as an individual. "There was a lot of change. Some of the change was enforced, some self-inflicted. "I hope everybody who has made those decisions takes responsibility. "As a group of players, I would just like to apologise. "I've been here two years and the fans have been terrific. "They helped us get over the line and stayed with us until the end." Norwich defender Jack Stacey wants fans to turn up the heat on Leeds in Sunday's first leg of their play-off semi-final. He said: "The thing you can take from the game is the importance of a home atmosphere. "We really want to try to use that to our advantage."



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Cardiff.....	2

**EROL BULUT** has called on Cardiff owner Vincent Tan to make a quick decision over his future as boss.

Having secured a top-half finish, Bulut (*below*) ended with this rout at relegated Rotherham.

He said: "In general, the season for us has been successful. We've finished 12th and could have come ninth if we'd won this.

"I've had talks with the chairman Mehmet Dalman. I have to make decisions about my future, as do the club, but it's best to make them quickly."



Jordan Hugill and Tom Eaves both got two, with Eaves' second a penalty after David Turnbull's foul.

Sam Nombe also netted while Nat Phillips and Ollie Tanner replied.

Millers boss Steve Evans revealed keeper Viktor Johansson left cash for 600 pints for fans. He said: "I think the chances are he will leave the club."

**OBA 'N OUT**

Swansea.....	0
Millwall.....	1

NEIL HARRIS revealed Millwall do **NOT** want to sign Michael Obafemi permanently from Burnley. Boss Harris claimed the on-loan star, 23, missed the game at Swansea for disciplinary reasons.

He said: "I'd rather play our own players who have trained impeccably. Michael was based around discipline but we weren't going to look to sign him in the window, so no need to include him."

Casper De Norre struck a 72nd-minute winner and Swans forward Liam Cullen said: "Finishing with a loss was not what we wanted."

Swansea sub Jerry Yates and Millwall defender Japhet Tanganga saw red for clashing off the ball.

**SCHU POLISH**

Stoke.....	4
Bristol City.....	0

STEVEN SCHUMACHER sent Stoke fans home for the summer in high spirits.

The Potters won their last three games to steer clear of relegation trouble but Potters boss Schumacher admitted: "It was only a few weeks ago that people were wanting me sacked."

Luke Cundle, Tyrese Campbell and two Million Manhoef goals handed Bristol City a thrashing.

Meanwhile, ex-Leicester title winger Andy King, 35, hung up his boots after a late sub appearance.

Robins boss Liam Manning said: "I would have loved to have had the opportunity to work with him in his prime."

Coventry.....	1
QPR.....	2

LIAM KELLY declared that ambitious Coventry are determined to get back to the top flight.

The veteran skipper, 34, signed off after seven years at the Sky Blues. Coventry were relegated from the Prem in 2001.

But Kelly (*below*) said: "The time is right to leave. The club are spending money getting players in and they are trying to get to the Premier League.

"That is the direction the club is going in and I am sure they will get there eventually."



Ilias Chair's stunner and Morgan Fox's first goal since 2020 sealed Hoops' win as sub Jamie Allen replied late for the hosts.

R's keeper Joe Walsh, 22, made key saves on his league bow from Callum O'Hare and Milan van Ewijk.

Walsh, 22, beamed: "I was buzzing and couldn't wait to play. I loved every single second of it."

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# goals LEAGUE ONE & LEAGUE TWO



LOMTADZE... stake

## Mik goes in at Wyc

By GARETH DAVIES and IAN BAKER

WYCOMBE'S new owner vowed to bring success to the club with a technology revolution.

Georgian billionaire Mikheil Lomtadze has taken a 90 per cent stake in the League One outfit through his company, Blue Ocean Partners.

Former owner, American Rob Couhig, remains the Chairboys' chairman.

Eduard Vyshnyakov and former Everton and Southampton recruitment guru Dan Rice have also joined Wycombe's board.

Lomtadze, 48, intends to reopen Wycombe's academy that they were forced to close in 2012.

He said: "Our goal is to achieve long-term success both on and off the pitch while building a financially sustainable club.

"The football world is evolving very fast and our priority will be to integrate data analytics and technology to elevate the club's performance to new levels.

"I'm also a strong believer in youth development and it will be fundamental to the club's vision."

## Ell-bent on glory

Oxford.....1  
Peterborough..0

By GARETH DAVIES

OXFORD skipper Elliott Moore expects a war of nerves as his side prepare to defend a slender lead on Wednesday.

The 6ft 5in centre-back's header in the 53rd minute gave United a play-off semi-final advantage over Peterborough.

Oxford must now try to stifle League One's top scorers in the second leg to reach Wembley.

Moore said: "It's going to probably be even tougher than the first leg. "Peterborough are a very attacking team with great players — but will be as nervous as us."

Posh boss Darren Ferguson, who has led the club to four promotions, said: "We must try and get the first goal.

"Our fans will play their part and must make it a fortress."

# Go fourth AND prosper

### 3-LOSS LIAM AFTER PLAY-OFF JOY

## Justin Allen

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TO KELL AND BACK... defeat on penalties saw Liam Kelly miss out on the Premier League

LIAM KELLY almost got promoted to the Premier League — but last season was relegated out of the EFL with Rochdale.

One year on, he is hoping to get his career back on the up by helping Crawley win promotion to League One.

The midfielder, 28, is hoping to make it FOURTH time lucky after three previous play-off attempts ended in failure.

Kelly came within a whisker of the top flight at Reading in 2017 — but, despite converting his spot-kick, the Royals were beaten by Huddersfield in a Championship play-off final at Wembley.

He also lost in the League One play-off final in 2020 and the semi-final in 2021, both when he was at Oxford.

Kelly said: "I have some unfinished business when it comes to the play-offs. "But it has been a turnaround from last season when it was gutting to go down with Rochdale.

"Had it not been for Crawley coming in for me I could have been playing in the National League.

"So I'm so grateful to have this opportunity of having a chance to get promoted to League One."

Kelly has had to ply his trade in the lower divisions despite showing so much promise at Reading.

The midfielder played 82 times in the Championship and his career path might have been different had the Royals won at Wembley seven years ago.

He said: "It was my first season in full-time football at Reading. I was only 20 so I was taking everything in my

stride. That day hurt and it still hurts today talking about it.

"Everything happened so quickly from my debut at the start of the year to finishing off that season at Wembley.

"The youthful side of me came through me when taking my penalty kick.

"It was as though I was taking one for the Under-18s or Under-21s.

"Once I stepped up, everything got blocked out. The fans, the occasion, you block everything out.

"Taking penalties was something I had done all my life so I backed myself to score and I did. Unfortunately, we didn't make it — that's something I'll always regret."

Kelly's seemed destined for bigger things when he followed former Royals boss Jaap Stam to Feyenoord in 2019.

However, misfortune struck when Stam left in October.

Kelly said: "When the gaffer wants you and leaves after just a couple of months, and a new manager comes in with his own ideas and players, it isn't helpful.

"But on reflection I wasn't good enough for that level. Things didn't work out for me in Holland.

"Jaap Stam was massive for me. He gave me my chance in the first team. He changed me from a No10 to a No6 and was a huge part of my development."

Fast forward to 2024 and Crawley, almost relegated to the National League themselves a year ago, have been League Two's surprise

package this season. Kelly credits popular boss Scott Lindsey with transforming the Sussex side's fortunes.

The midfielder said: "As a coach, he's up there with the best I've worked with.

"He has given me the confidence to play my game and the system we play has suited me massively.

"It gives me the freedom to play football and do what I love doing. "The reason it's worked the way it has is because the system is suited to a lot of our players.

"And he created a family environment — not just players, but the staff and ground staff."

Crawley will go into this afternoon's home first leg against MK Dons as underdogs.

The Red Devils beat the Dons 2-1 at the Broadfield Stadium in August but lost the return 2-0 in January.

And Kelly (left) said: "We know what they're all about. "They changed their manager after the first game.

"It was a good game at their place, where for 20 to 25 minutes we were excellent and should have scored goals.

"We're both youthful sides, like to keep the ball, press high and score goals. "It's all going to come down to who handles the pressure with all the TV cameras and scrutiny play-off games bring. "But we're the underdogs and we like it that way."



WILLIAMSON... hope

## We Will turn tide

BOSS Mike Williamson is desperate to end MK Dons' play-off hell.

The Dons have lost all FIVE semi-final clashes they have played in the end-of-season lottery.

But Williamson wants to change all that as they look for a first trip to Wembley in 16 years.

MK visit Crawley today for the League Two semi-final first leg. And he said: "We have had plenty of experiences of the play-offs — but only ones that we can learn from.

"There are a lot of lessons in defeat and we need to make that a reality.

"We need to be better for the pain and suffering of the past. The tide has to change at some time. We back ourselves to deliver."

## Go with Bells on

LEE BELL called on fans to create a red-hot atmosphere and give Crewe a Wembley leg-up.

The Railwaymen host Doncaster at tea-time in their play-off first leg.

Boss Bell said: "The supporters have been excellent this season.

"My message would be, 'Get there early, get the lads going and build some atmosphere'.

"We're the underdogs as Doncaster have been on a brilliant run. But we are into knockout football now and we'll put a plan together.

"I'd urge the fans to really get behind them."



## Rest Can help us

DONCASTER chief Grant McCann reckons fresh legs could prove crucial in the play-offs.

Only three players in his squad have started more than 30 League Two matches this season ahead of tonight's first-leg trip to Crewe.

McCann, 44, said: "There's a few of us who don't feel like we've had a 46-game season because we've not. We feel we've got plenty left in the tank.

"It was important we got the nine days leading into this first leg right, and we have done. We're ready to go now."

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PREMIER LEAGUE EURO RESULTS CHAMPIONSHIP

BRIGHTON (0) 1 ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Pedro 87 Att: 31,596

CHELSEA (3) 5 WEST HAM (0) 0
Palmer 15 Gallagher 30 Madueke 36 Jackson 48, 80

LIVERPOOL (2) 4 TOTTENHAM (0) 2
Salah 16 Robertson 45 Gakpo 50 Elliott 59

ARSENAL (1) 3 AFC B'MOUTH (0) 0
Saka 45 (pen) Trossard 70 Rice 90

BRENTFORD (0) 0 FULHAM (0) 0
Att: 17,090

BURNLEY (0) 1 NEWCASTLE (3) 4
O'Shea 86 Att: 21,781

ARSENAL P W D L F A Pts
Man City 35 25 7 3 87 83
Liverpool 36 23 9 4 81 38
Aston Villa 30 20 7 9 73 53

LEADING SCORERS
Haaland (Man City) 25
Palmer (Chelsea) 21
Isak (Newcastle) 20

LEADING ASSISTS
Watkins (Aston Villa) 12
Salah (Liverpool) 10
Gross (Brighton) 10

CLEAN SHEETS
Raya (Arsenal) 15
Pickford (Everton) 12
Leno (Fulham) 10

MAN CITY (3) 5 WOLVES (0) 1
Haaland 12 (pen), 35, 45 (pen), 54
Alvarez 85

PSV Eindhoven stormed to their 25th Eredivisie title since 2018.
Peter Bosz's side wrapped up the Dutch championship after a 4-2 win over Sparta Rotterdam at Philips Stadion.

LUTON (1) 1 EVERTON (1) 1
Adebayo 31 Calvert-Lewin 24 (pen) Att: 11,873

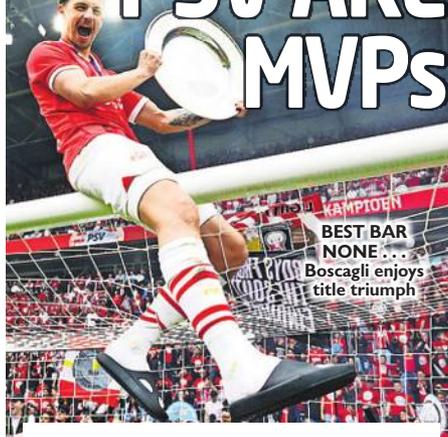
PSV Eindhoven's incredible season. Said Bakari's own goal and Johan Bakayoko's strike put PSV ahead.

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CINCH PREMIERSHIP
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Rangers 35 26 3 6 78 25 81

LA LIGA
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BUNDESLIGA
Hoffenheim 1 RB Leipzig 1; Borussia Dortmund 5 Augsburg 1; Cologne 0 Freiburg 0

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BEST BAR NONE...
Bosscagi enjoys title triumph



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LIGUE 1
Lens 2 Lorient 0; Toulouse 1 Montpellier 2; Nantes 0; Le Havre 3 Strasbourg 1; Metz 2 Rennes 3; Monaco 4 Clermont Foot 1.

EREDIVISIE
Almere City FC 1 Heerenveen 1; Fortuna Sittard 0 Go Ahead Eagles 0; AZ 2 Twente 1; Feyenoord 5 PEC Zwolle 0; Heracles 0 RKC SV 4 Sparta 2; Utrecht 1 Vitesse 0; Volendam 1 Ajax 4.

IPSWICH (1) 2 HUD'SFIELD (0) 0
Burns 27 Giraud-Hutchinson 48

LEICESTER (0) 0 BLACKBURN (0) 2
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PLYMOUTH (1) 1 HULL (0) 0
Edwards 40 Att: 16,881

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STOKE (3) 4 BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
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NO DAN-GER... Rangers saw off Kilmarnock 4-1 despite dodgy start

goals NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAY-OFF FINAL

# RAVEN BEAUTY

## Southgate's best man into EFL after pen drama

By JAKE SANDERS

**GARETH SOUTHGATE'S best man is now a Football League manager.**

Andy Woodman, who was at England boss Southgate's side for his wedding in 1997, celebrated wildly as Bromley won a thrilling National League play-off final on penalties at Wembley.

Captain Byron Webster, wearing an EFL armband, smirked before scoring the winning spot-kick to end the Ravens' 132-year wait to reach the League.

It continued the defender's 100 per cent national stadium record. Webster, 37, has now won all his four games there after successes with Millwall, Yeovil and Bromley two years ago in the FA Trophy.

Solihull Moors played their part in an epic final, with Joe Sbarra and Jamey Osborne cancelling out a Michael Cheek double, the second after he won and converted a second-half penalty.

But it was Bromley's day and boss Woodman (above) was relieved to finally get the job done after promotion took over his life.

Woodman, 52, said: "This has been an unhealthy obsession to the point where I was making myself ill - but we have done it. I was

Bromley.....2

Solihull Moors.....2

AET, BROMLEY WIN 4-3 ON PENS

about changing history and making sure when we're long gone, me and my team will forever be remembered for getting this club in the Football League.

"This job will kill you. When I'm walking my dog at 3am because I can't sleep, it gets you. It's got me for about six months.

"I have done my job, I'm going to have some family time and chill out now, but we've done it.

"We have players that will fight for each other and it showed.

"I was all right with the penalties because I have got the best keeper in the league. I knew he would save one, maybe two and we would take care of business."

Bromley keeper Grant Smith saved from Tyrese Shade and Joss Labadie in the shootout, leaving Solihull boss Andy Whing with the job of lifting his side for Saturday's Wembley return against Gateshead in the FA Trophy final.

Whing, 39, said: "Everyone associated with the club can be proud of what they've done today. To come out on the wrong side of a lottery penalty shootout is gutting."



COME ON! . . . Webster (left) hails winning penalty

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SPOT ON . . . Reiten nets first

## Guro's feeling greight

**GURO REITEN** bagged **FOUR** as Chelsea hammered Bristol City 8-0 in boss Emma Hayes' final home game at Kingsmeadow.

Goals in both halves by the forward helped the Blues breathe new life in their top-spot battle.

Reiten's sixth-minute spot-kick — after Niamh Charles was downed by Robins' Jasmine Bull — broke the deadlock.

Sjoeke Nusken's bundled home Chelsea's second

By **SANDRA BROBBEY**

before rising star Aggie Beever-Jones buried the Blues' third after the break.

Reiten then racked up two more with a curled low shot followed by a bottom-corner rocket.

Charles' close-range finish made it six before Reiten's fourth and final strike rang up goal No 7 for the hosts.

Aggie Beever-Jones late second completed the

roust and gave the Blues a one-goal advantage in goal difference over leaders Manchester City.

Liverpool pipped Manchester United 1-0 to leapfrog them into fourth.

Jenna Clark's first-half strike sealed the home win. And Sophie Howard helped Leicester share the spoils of a score draw at West Ham.

The defender's first-half header cancelled out Riko Ueki's 13th-minute opener.



**TOP GUNS** . . . Blackstenius is mobbed after her late winner

# Stin in the Tayl

## BLACKSTENIUS ROCKS GAZ

By **SANDRA BROBBEY**

**STINA BLACKSTENIUS** rocked Manchester City's WSL title hopes with a late double.

The Arsenal striker struck in the 89th and 92nd minutes to complete a remarkable turnaround following Lauren Hemp's early opener.

The result leaves City sitting top of the table, but they could be level with Chelsea by the time they travel to Aston Villa on the final day.

Chelsea cut the gap to three points after thumping Bristol City later in the day and will join them on 52 points should they beat Tottenham on Wednesday week.

Defeat to the Gunners ended City's 14-game unbeaten run at the Joie Stadium, stretching back to November.

City chief Gareth Taylor (*above*) said: "I always said I thought it would go to the final game and it's never changed. We knew what we had to do.

"Of course it would have been nice to win the game. We have another opportunity now at Villa.

"Chelsea opened the door the other night and we've opened it back again a little bit. It is what it is but nothing's changed in our thought process.

"We have always reacted well from negative results. I thought it was tough on us, a draw was probably a fair result.

"The girls will be fine. We still have one more game and we look forward to that.

"It would be amazing [to win a first WSL title since 2016]. It would complete the set for me

Manchester City.....1  
Arsenal.....2

domestically with the other trophies we've won.

"It's not easy. You've seen how the momentum can be in your favour, then taken from you."

City got off to a strong start with Hemp breaking the deadlock with a fine strike on 17 minutes.

She celebrated with City skipper Steph Houghton, named in the squad for her last home game before retirement.

The Etihad club's lead lasted until a minute from time when sub Blackstenius poked home a leveller, before nodding in the winner from Kim Little's cross two minutes into stoppage-time.

City's shock defeat came just four days after Chelsea manager Emma Hayes **RULED** her side out of the race — but the title could yet come down to goal difference.

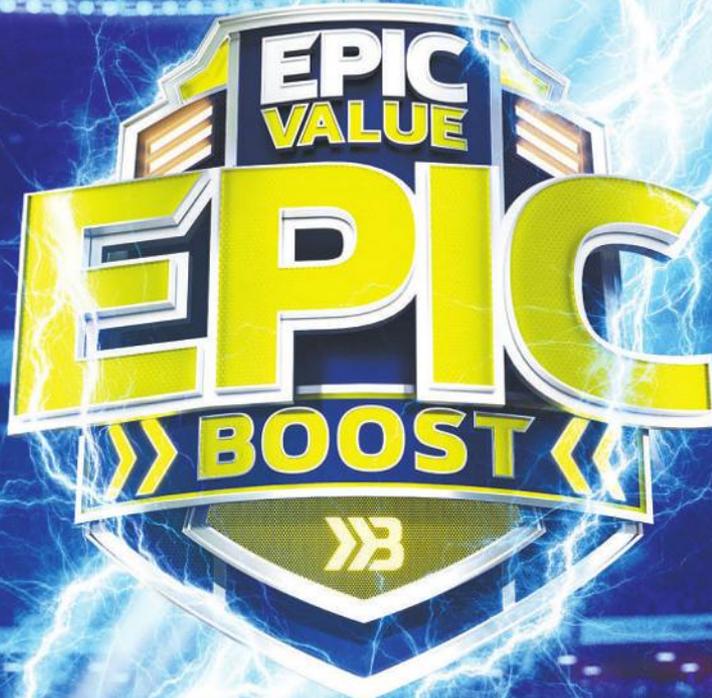
On Blackstenius, Gunners chief Jonas Eidevall said: "She's always had that gift, it does not come for free. She works extremely hard in training, and is an extremely dedicated player, so it doesn't come from nowhere, it comes from hard work."

"Kim Little is a phenomenal player in games like this, when it's about managing space.

"It's like having two players because she can press in front of her and behind her and she doesn't need any team-mate to help her with that."

### WSL RESULTS & TABLE

<b>CHELSEA (2)</b>	<b>8 BRISTOL CITY (0) 0</b>
Reiten 6 (pen), 56, 71, 77	
Nusken 23	
Beever-Jones 52, 88	
Charles 74	
<b>LIVERPOOL (1)</b>	<b>1 MAN UTD (0) 0</b>
Clark 45	Att: 4,567
<b>MAN CITY (1)</b>	<b>1 ARSENAL (0) 2</b>
Hemp 17	Blackstenius 89, 90
<b>WEST HAM (1)</b>	<b>1 LEICESTER (1) 1</b>
Ueki 13	Howard 36
<b>Played Saturday</b>	<b>2 TOTTENHAM (1) 2</b>
Everton 2	Spence 45
S Holmgard 10	England 48
Vanhaevermaet 15	
<b>BRIGHTON (0)</b>	<b>0 ASTON VILLA (0) 1</b>
	Lehmann 64
	Att: 2,651
	<b>P W D L F A Pts</b>
Man City	21 17 1 3 59 14 52
Chelsea	20 16 1 3 64 18 49
Arsenal	21 15 2 4 48 20 47
Liverpool	21 11 5 5 32 28 38
Man Utd	21 10 5 6 42 26 35
Tottenham	20 7 7 6 28 34 28
Aston Villa	21 7 3 11 26 41 24
Everton	21 5 5 11 20 37 20
Brighton	21 5 4 12 26 43 19
Leicester	21 4 6 11 26 41 18
West Ham	21 3 6 12 19 42 15
(R) Bristol City	21 1 3 17 20 66 6



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# RODGE RAP

## Clement pop at Brendan's 'disrespect'

By VIC HOLLY

**PHILIPPE CLEMENT** accused Celtic manager **Brendan Rodgers** of disrespecting his Rangers side.

The Gers boss was speaking after beating Kilmarnock to go within three points of their rivals. After Hoops' 3-0 win over Hearts on Saturday, Rodgers

Rangers.....4  
Kilmarnock.....1

looked ahead to the visit of Rangers by saying: "We can have a bit of fun."

Clement rapped: "That is something that I would never say about an opponent. It's not really respectful towards my

team. We are really hungry for that game - we can go equal."

Gers skipper James Tavernier scored an own goal then had a penalty saved by Killie keeper Will Dennis after Joe Wright was sent off for handball.

But Fabio Silva levelled before sub Ben Davies scored his first Rangers goal, with further strikes from sub Tom Lawrence and defender John Souttar.

FOUR STAR  
... Souttar  
grabs fourth



## Como seek a Fab finish

**CESC FABREGAS** was denied promotion to Serie A by a 93rd-minute goal.

Italian minnows Como, who are coached by Fabregas, thought a goalless draw at Modena was enough to send them into the top flight with a game to spare.

But third-place Venezia's late winner against Feralpisalo took the promotion race to the final day.

Como need to beat Consenza on Friday to guarantee joining champs Parma in the top flight.

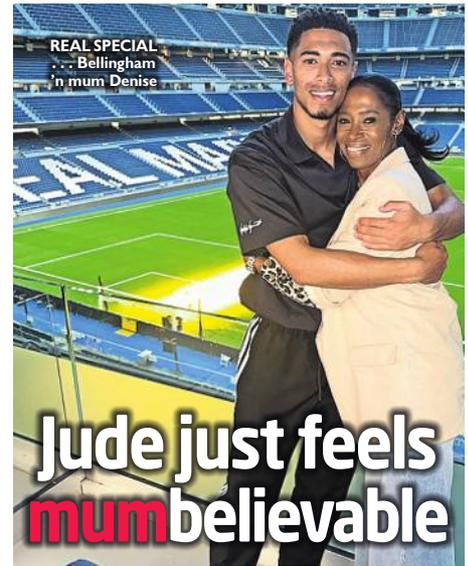
## Gunner be epic, Granit

**GRANIT KHAKA'S** beauty helped Bayer Leverkusen close in on a historic unbeaten league season.

The ex-Arsenal star put the German champs ahead in a 5-1 thrashing of Eintracht Frankfurt.

Hugo Ekitike levelled but Patrik Schick, Exequiel Palacios, Jeremie Frimpong and Victor Boniface netted for Xabi Alonso's side.

They have two league games left as they bid to become the first-ever Bundesliga team to deliver an Invincibles season.



REAL SPECIAL  
... Bellingham  
'n mum Denise

## Jude just feels mumbelievable

**JUDE BELLINGHAM** got a hug from his mum as he basked in Spanish title glory.

Just hours after boyhood club Birmingham were relegated to League One, the superstar midfielder won LaLiga with Real Madrid.

Bellingham, 20, scored in a 3-0 victory over Cadiz, with Barcelona's 4-2 defeat at Girona sealing the championship for Los Blancos.

But there were no wild celebrations as Carlo Ancelotti's side were back in training yesterday ahead of their Champions League semi-final second leg against Bayern Munich. Bellingham faces England pal Harry Kane on Wednesday with the tie poised at 2-2.

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