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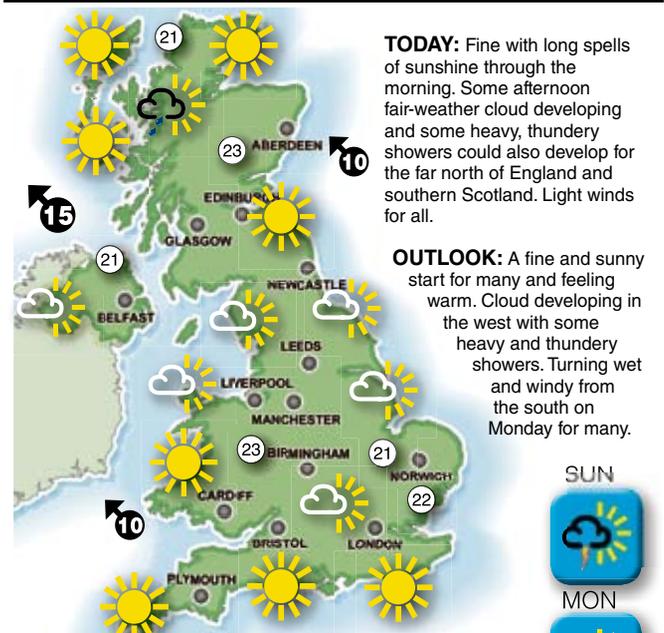
by AARON TINNEY

A HUMUNGOUS solar flare – known as a sun burp to those in the space trade – could cause chaos by knocking out our internet. Which might be handy on Monday morning.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



TODAY: Fine with long spells of sunshine through the morning. Some afternoon fair-weather cloud developing and some heavy, thundery showers could also develop for the far north of England and southern Scotland. Light winds for all.

OUTLOOK: A fine and sunny start for many and feeling warm. Cloud developing in the west with some heavy and thundery showers. Turning wet and windy from the south on Monday for many.



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SET FOR LIFE: THURSDAY, MAY 9: 01, 14, 17, 27, 35 LIFE BALL: 09
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Samba beat by Biggles

SALES of Adidas Samba trainers tanked after Rishi "Biggles" Sunak was seen wearing a pair.

The number sold fell 11% in April compared to March, figures from payments app Klarna show. Adidas had previously said that Samba sales were "very strong and growing".

Fashion mag GQ said the PM "took an eternally cool sneaker, and ruined it for everyone".

Biggles said at the time: "I issue a fulsome apology to the Samba community."

"But, in my defence, I would say I have been wearing Adidas trainers including Sambas... for many, many years."

War on 'fire and rehire'

A BID to improve protections against "fire and rehire" tactics has moved one step closer to becoming law.

A private members' bill put forward by former trade union boss Lord Woodley aims to provide safeguards for workers against dismissal and re-engagement on inferior terms and conditions.

He told fellow peers: "Fire and rehire is a despicable tactic used by the unscrupulous employers to rip off workers, to cut costs and to boost profits."

"That's why it gives me so much pleasure to see this Bill make progress in this House."

Knobo: I'll have a party

DOMINIC "Knobo" Cummings plans to set up a new political party after the next general election.

Boris "Bozo" Johnson's former pal wants to establish The Startup Party if the divided Tories are defeated.

He said: "The only point of doing it is to do something which is completely different from other parties."

"The Tories now obviously represent nothing except a continuation of the s**tshow."

"That includes higher taxes, violent crime, more debt, public services failing, immigration out of control."



IT looks like a boat made for a Batman film, but this stealth sub could help Ukraine fight Russian forces. Highland Systems' Kronos sub can sneakily launch torpedoes and secretly place mines on unwitting warships.

Picture: HIGHLAND SYSTEMS/SWNS

KIDS OFF FRIDAYS SCANDAL

Parents blasted for 'skive' rise



HIT OUT: Keegan

EDUCATION Secretary Gillian Keegan has slammed parents who let their kids skip school on Fridays.

The minister said parents working from home have contributed to a rise in pupils missing school days.

She added that 50,000 more pupils were absent at the end of the week compared with the start, as parents pull them out of class for weekends away or holidays.

Ms Keegan said: "It is unacceptable to take a deliberate decision to

take your child out of school." Latest government figures show that student absenteeism jumps by 20% on Fridays.

Last year the minister was accused of being "flippant" and unhelpful by school leaders after suggesting that headteachers should personally collect absent pupils to help solve England's "crisis" in school attendance.

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Crouch balls-up



HIGH-PITCHED: Comic Squeaky Joe's go low blow

FUNNYMAN Joe Pasquale has confessed he secretly wishes he had a deeper voice.

The telly star, 62, has made a career out of his ear-splitting stand-up style for years.

Joe admitted: "I wish I could talk low. People would say, 'Try and talk low' but I can't do it."

He told fellow comic Paul Chowdhry on his podcast that he was jealous of his deeper tone. He said: "The voice is everything. I envy people with that voice."

"Your voice is great. It resonates, it's almost a growl all the time."

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VETERAN: McShane

Ian tells actors to 'chill'

IAN McShane thinks modern actors "take themselves too seriously".

The 81-year-old star has worked with legends such as Richard Burton, John Hurt and Oliver Reed.

More recently he buddied up with Keanu Reeves on the money-spinning John Wick film franchise.

Ian said: "Most modern actors take themselves too seriously. Keanu is one of the most wonderful human beings I've ever met."

"Keanu is by no stretch of the imagination a ball of fun, but he's seriously sensitive and great to work with."



KYM

★ CRAFTY Kym has packed up her trunk and gone back to nature by moving into a caravan.

★ "I've just bought a new caravan which I'm living in while I do up my apartment," says the 28-year-old Geordie. "The van's called Nellie - and I love her!"

★ Well you've already got the movie star looks and now you've got a trailer.

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MIXED MESSAGES: Karen and daughter Abbey

PETER ADMITS SEXTING WIFE ABBEY'S MUM

by KENZI DEVINE and DAN LAURIE

PETER Crouch scored an own goal when he accidentally sexted wife Abbey Clancy's mum.

The ex-footballer was left red-faced when the message including a beaver emoji went to mother-in-law Karen.

Crouchy made the confession after being grilled by fans on the couple's podcast The Therapy Crouch.

One asked: "Hey have you guys ever texted a person you were actually talking about by mistake, and how did you fix it?"

Peter, 43, said: "Do you remember when I sent your mum a sexual message? That was horrendous."

Model Abbey, 38, replied: "He was sexting my mum!"

Peter added: "The beaver emoji sent straight to her mum. That was highly embarrassing, wasn't it?"

"That was early on (in our relationship) as well."

"I was meant to text you, but I text your mum."

Abbey added: "That was a Freudian slip wasn't it!"

Abbey previously told how Peter "punishes" her if



BEAVER TALE: Crouchy

they have a row, revealing: "If we go to bed not speaking, Pete puts pyjamas on."

"It's like I'm not allowed to see his naked body as punishment. It's so funny."

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WOODY & TED CHAT CHEERS

WOODY Harrelson and Ted Danson are launching a new podcast.

The 62-year-old actor has joined forces with his former Cheers co-star to create Where Everybody Knows Your Name, which launches on June 12.

Ted, 76, who played Sam Malone on Cheers, said: "Though I've always dreaded small talk at a cocktail party, I've found that it is a genuine privilege to sit down with someone for a deep, uninterrupted conversation."

KILLER BUGS AND THUNDER

Vibrant Vilnius

PEOPLE looking for a bargain city break may want to consider heading to Vilnius.

The Lithuanian capital overtook last year's winner, Lisbon, with the cost of a trip there put at just £237.

Amsterdam was the most expensive city, with a cost of £669, says the Post Office's study.

Bigger berries

A DARK, wet winter has delayed the British strawberry season by a fortnight, growers say.

But Nick Marston, chair of British Berry Growers, said "they are well worth the wait" as the weather conditions left flowering and ripening to occur gradually - making bigger and juicier strawberries.

Invasion of the mozzies



BOFFINS have found 16 different types of mosquito in Scotland - including one known to carry three potentially killer viruses.

All could be passed on to humans bitten by disease-carrying Culex pipiens bloodsuckers.

The viruses - Rift Valley Fever, Japanese encephalitis and West Nile virus - can affect the nervous system.

University of Glasgow researchers were surprised to find the mozzie strain.

Professor Heather Ferguson warned global warm-

ing could lead to mosquitoes heading to Britain from regions where they transmit deadly diseases such as dengue fever and Zika.

She said: "With warming temperatures we're going to see larger numbers of mosquitoes, potentially different species including some that might be migrating from other areas where they can transmit diseases.

"They may be active for longer periods which means they maybe do pose a risk."

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★ **ELLIOTT Hutton and Elsie Butt** celebrate the hot weather at an open-air swimming pool.

★ **The pair, both from Manchester, were in Hathersage village, Derbys.**

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WRECK OUR FUN IN THE SUN



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GOING DOWN STORM

THE UK's sizzling heatwave is set to be blown away by a huge storm from Bermuda next week.

The weather front will bring 55mph gales and torrential downpours from Monday.

Met Office spokesman Stephen Dixon warned: "There is the potential for travel disruption as part of the thundery systems. "Some intense downpours are

possible, with the potential for up to 30mm of rain in less than an hour."



But before that Brits will go BBQ crazy this weekend, with the mercury hitting 26C today and 27C tomorrow.

Clear skies will also offer stargazers a good chance of seeing the stunning Northern Lights.

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E-gate hol hell

TRAVELLERS face "four hours-plus" airport queues - if grem-lins wipe out e-gates.

More than 270 at 15 airports and rail stations went down this week leaving staff to process passengers.

An aviation expert said no e-gates at the height of summer would be "horrific".

Rom gone

COMEDIAN Romesh Ranganathan has said his trip to Africa is the "perfect way" to bring his BBC Two travel show to a close.

The 46-year-old's Misadventures show will return to BBC Two for its fourth and final series this month and explore Madagascar, Rwanda and Uganda.

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Security is no joke

WE hear regular warnings about the importance of security when it comes to choosing passwords.

It's just a shame no one told bosses at the National Cyber Security Centre.

They've been left with red faces after it emerged the code for the doors between rooms is 1234.

You couldn't make it up.

It would be funny, if the situation was not so serious.

Coming at a time when our country is facing numerous risks from bad actors around the world, it's alarming.

Such a huge blunder surely leaves them open to all kinds of danger.

These are meant to be the biggest brains in the world of online safety.

They're supposed to lead the way for others when it comes to our defences against hacking.

So it doesn't exactly fill you with confidence that they could do something so stupid.

It cannot be allowed to happen again.

Lazy MPs a bit rich

EDUCATION Secretary Gillian Keegan has slammed parents who let their children skip school on Fridays.

She said it's "unacceptable".

It's a bit rich coming from her.

After all, it's not as if our MPs are shy when it comes to taking time off.

In fact, they seem to spend more time sitting around doing absolutely nothing than they do fixing this country's problems.

And yet they're the first to criticise others for the way they behave.

We can't actually remember the last time we saw a politician working hard.

So it takes some nerve to accuse others of being absent.

Our lazy parliamentarians should get their own house in order before they castigate others.

Cr-ouch!

PETER Crouch once accidentally sent a raunchy message to his wife Abbey Clancy's mum.

What an own goal!

10 OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD FACTS

Now for closer look at Uranus

★ NASA is preparing to bend over backwards and do whatever it takes to grab a cheeky snap of Uranus – 47 years after the Voyager Two mission reached 50,000 miles off the planet's cloud tops.

As we revealed yesterday, astronauts plan to get to the bottom of planning the mission by 2031.

★ Here **KIM CARR** reveals 10 things you never knew about Uranus...



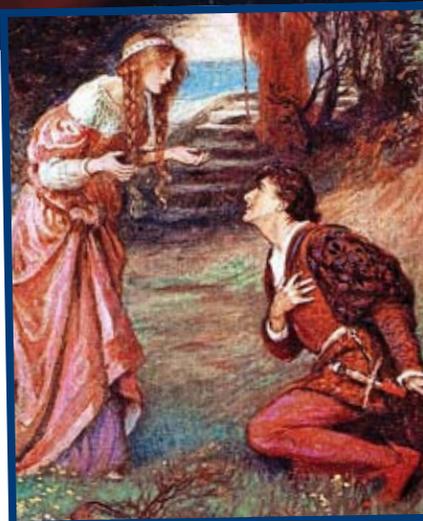
DISCOVERY: Left, Sir Frederick William Herschel. Below, Shakespeare's *Tempest* and Herschel's Forty-Foot Telescope

1 Peeking through his telescope on March 13, 1781, astronomer Sir William Herschel found more than the Gemini constellation he was expecting when he became the first person to identify Uranus.

2 The German-born composer and astronomer moved to Britain in 1757 when he was 19 and wanted to name his discovery *Georgium Sidus* (George's Star) after King George III, who was on the throne at the time.

3 While Herschel wrote about seeing rings around Uranus it took until 1977 before the first of 13 were officially recorded. They are split into two groups – the narrow main rings and the broader dusty rings.

4 English poetry and drama inspired the names of the 27 known moons of Uranus. Nine of them have been given monikers from the works of William Shakespeare including the fifth moon *Miranda*, from *The Tempest*, and the sole known outer prograde moon is called *Margaret*, taken from *Much Ado About Nothing*. It is thought they are asteroids which got stuck in the planet's gravity.



5 In 1850 it was officially decided the title would be Uranus, after the Greek God of the sky – the son of Chaos and mate of Gaea (the name for Mother Earth), who hated his offspring and forced them into a prison deep in the Earth. It's the only planet not named after a Roman God but its Greek counterpart.

6 It takes Uranus around 84 Earth years to get around the Sun and 17.2 hours for a day to pass on the planet.

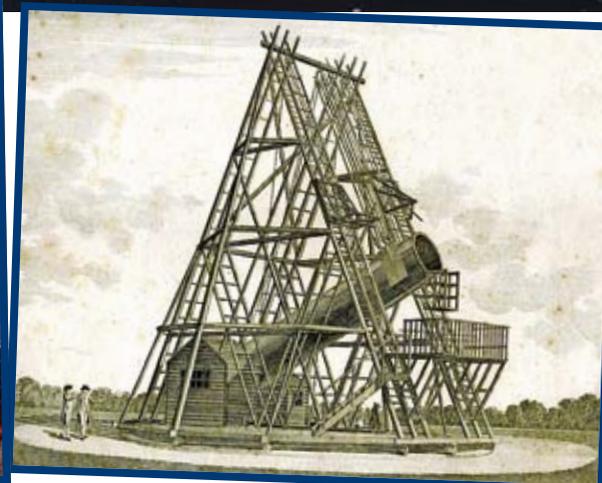
7 Considering some areas don't see sunlight for more than 40 years it's no surprise that Uranus is the coldest planet, with -224 degrees the lowest temperature recorded.

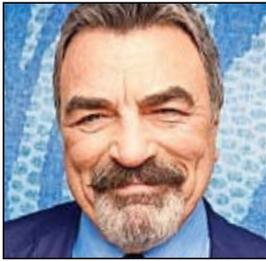
8 Clouds of frozen hydrogen sulphide surround the planet which give off a honking stench similar to rotten eggs and are responsible for its blue-green colour.

9 Like Neptune, Uranus has its own Great Dark Spot – a hurricane where the wind blows up to

560mph in the opposite direction to the planet's rotation.

10 Boffins believe ice giants like Uranus will give us answers to how the solar system formed. In 2022 Professor Leigh Fletcher of Leicester University said: "We think we understand how something gets to be the size of Earth and Venus but we don't understand how a world can start to grow and grow and not carry on to become Jupiter-mass in size. A mission to Uranus could help us."





MAGNUM OPUS: Tom

Selleck pens full memoir

TOM Selleck wrote his new memoir entirely by hand.

The actor, 79, revealed his book, called *You Never Know*, was created that way because he "can't think in front of a keyboard".

The Magnum, P.I. legend said: "I've always written that way - and it's the only way I know how to write."

"I drive them nuts on *Blue Bloods* because I say, 'You must send me scripts. I need to see the paper.'"

"I don't really register the same way when I scroll, so it's better for me."

Speaking about his old-school approach, he said: "It made it more personal. I knew there were private things I'd need to share."

FACT OF

A POPPED champagne cork can reach speeds of around 40mph - so remember to duck when the fizz is being opened.

THE DAY



TRANS SPORT: Star

Double take for TV Jane

TELLY star Jane McDonald once went to a trans bar and was accused of being a "s***e" lookalike of herself.

Jane, 61, went to the London venue with her *Loose Women* co-star Denise Welch.

She said the other punters didn't believe they were the real deal and "thought we were really bad impersonators of ourselves".

Denise, 65, added: "As we walked in we heard one guy say, 'Have you seen those two who've come as Jane McDonald and Denise Welch? They're s***e.'"

Jane added: "It's true. 'Nothing like them. Who do they think they are, these two?'"



LOVELY BUBBLY MANDY

★ RADIO presenter Amanda Holden cracks open the bubbly as she helps make a listener a millionaire.

★ Samantha Hayes, 38, from Colchester, Essex, won Heart Radio's *Make Me A Millionaire* contest. She said: "I just can't process it!"

Picture: PA

TOP SECRET CODE: PASSWORD 1234



SPEAKER: Lord Cameron

by JERRY LAWTON
THE National Cyber Security Centre faces questions after telling visitors they could open internal doors with the passcode 1234.

Delegates attending a speech by Foreign Secretary Lord Cameron were stunned after being issued with the simple password on arrival at the organisation's high-tech London HQ.

The centre was established as part of the nation's GCHQ intel-

Security Centre ignores own advice

ligence agency in 2016 to advise on toughening defences against hacking.

As part of its remit it issues advice on devising complex passwords to defeat hackers.

Its recent guidance warned against using codes that contained a "run of numbers".

It said: "Research shows that

weak passwords often contain names, places or a run of numbers.

"The more complex a password is the more secure it becomes."

The agency's website also contains a list of 100,000 common passwords that should be avoided and "changed immedi-

ately" if they are still in use. Number 15 on the list is 1234.

But a Whitehall source insisted the agency had "robust and in-depth security measures in place at its headquarters".

The National Cyber Security Centre declined to comment.

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MAD DISEASE: Cow BSE in UK find

AN investigation is under way after a case of BSE, known as mad cow disease, was confirmed on a farm in Ayrshire.

Restrictions on movement have been imposed, while the animal's offspring and herd members have been quarantined.

The animal did not enter the human food chain and the owners were praised for their quick response.

Three other farms also imposed restrictions but chief veterinary officer Sheila Voas said the risk to the public is "minimal".

Pictures: NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL



HANG OVER

★ A FARMHOUSE left hanging precariously off a cliff following a land slip has been demolished. Contractors used a

wrecking machine to level Cliff Farm in Trimmingham, Norfolk, yesterday. ★ Coastal erosion made it unsafe to live in.

STRESS 'IS NEW COVID'

A WORLD Health Organisation chief has warned that the next global pandemic is "looming".

But it won't be a virus or disease that causes it.

WHO director Hans Kluge claims we are set to be gripped by a mental-health nightmare because the world is in a state of "permacrisis".

He said wars, the Covid pandemic, climate change and the cost-of-living crisis had taken a toll on us.

Mr Kluge said: "One out of six people in the EU has some distress, anxiety and sleeping problems."

Measles epidemic warning

VACCINE FIGURES DROP

■ by ADAM AIKEN

FEARS of a measles emergency are growing as the biggest outbreak in more than a decade takes hold.

Almost 900 cases have already been recorded this year, according to the UK Health Security Agency. That is a huge increase on last year's figure of 368.

Experts have warned vaccine uptakes are too low to keep the virus at bay.

Dr Helen Bedford, professor of children's health at University College London, said: "This is the biggest outbreak of measles we've had since 2012.

"The main reason for that is the vaccine uptake - for all vaccines, not just MMR.

"Figures have been going down very slightly year-on-year for the last 10 years.

"Our uptake for the MMR vaccines overall for England is 89.3% for the first dose and 84.5% for the second dose.

"It is the most infectious respiratory disease around and, because of that, we need to have very high levels of vaccine uptake. We need at least 95% for both doses."

The key symptoms of measles include a



DANGEROUS: The tell-tale red rash

high fever, coughing, sneezing, red and sore watery eyes and a rash that usually appears after the initial symptoms.

Dr Bedford added: "In addition to the young children that haven't been vaccinated, we've got a group of young adults now who weren't vaccinated 25 years ago.

"Apparently their parents were scared of some research which has since been discredited, which suggested the vaccine might be linked to autism."

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STEAMY: Galitzine

Nick is 'all for' sex film

HUNKY Nicholas Galitzine has insisted that he's "all for the sex scene".

The Brit actor got steamy in *Mary & George*, his TV miniseries about the affair between James VI and I and George Villiers.

He also gets up close and personal with Hollywood star Anne Hathaway in new movie *The Idea Of You*, which follows the romance between a single mum in her 40s and a younger boy-band star.

The 29-year-old told GQ Hype: "I think you can gain a lot of insight into characters at their most primal, their most emotionally and physically vulnerable. I'm all for the sex scene."

WORD OF

SYZYG: An alignment of three celestial objects. For example, when the Earth, sun, and moon are positioned in a line to cause an eclipse.

THE DAY



PROTEST: Glass smash

OAPs in Magna case hit

TWO Just Stop Oil protesters in their 80s smashed a case protecting the Magna Carta at the British Library.

Rev Sue Parfitt, 82, and Judy Bruce, 85, a retired biology teacher, targeted the glass around the historic document with a hammer and chisel.

Just Stop Oil said the pair then held up a sign reading "The Government is breaking the law". Rev Parfitt said: "There will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we allow climate breakdown to be the catastrophe now threatened."

The Met said two people were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage.

SUN BURP TO EAT INTERNET



124,000 MILES

Picture: SDO/NASA/SWNS

AI vs ET warning

ARTIFICIAL intelligence could destroy humanity before we contact aliens.

Expert Michael Garrett, of the University of Manchester, said: "Could AI be the universe's 'great filter' - a threshold so hard to overcome it prevents most life evolving into space-faring civilisations?"



by AARON TINNEY

A HUGE sun burp heading for Earth could spark an "internet apocalypse".

Work-shy staff could have the perfect excuse for bunking off work, it is claimed.

Space boffins warn severe sun storms 15 times wider than our planet are blasting plasma at us and may wipe out power systems, satellites and the web.

One of the biggest solar flares ever seen - 124,000 miles wide - was set to strike us in the early hours of today. Professor

Nasa alert as solar flares batter Earth

Mathew Owens, a space physicist at Reading University, said: "Space is a mess right now."

"There's six or seven of these eruptions piling up between the sun and Earth and we're predicting they're going to arrive at 2am."

"The worry is there'll be effects on the power grid."

I don't expect those to be significant but you never know."

America's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has issued its first severe solar storm warning since 2005: "They can potentially disrupt communications, the electric power grid, navigation, radio and satellite operations."



ACE: Michael Olise

★ I AM good at multitasking. I listen, ignore and forget all at once.
 ★ Don't ignore this advice and have a punt on **CRYSTAL PALACE** to beat Wolves: **Bet365 - 6/4**

Wardy's WAGERS

by JOHN WARD

BE A TWITT...
 Fancy getting on a winner? Then follow Wardy's Wagers on Twitter @StupidPunt.

Fat chance Pogo

I WENT to the doctors. He said: "Don't eat anything fatty." I said: "Like what, bacon and burgers?" He said: "No fatty, I don't eat anything."

Tuck into a gamble on **POGO** in the 3.50pm at Haydock: **William Hill - 7/2**



TODAY: Haydock

ODDS

PEOPLE often ask me why I wanted to be a film editor. Well, to cut a long story short. Cut to the chase and stick a wager on **CRAWLEY** to beat MK Dons tonight: **Bet365 - 7/2**

SPOT

Thee one to watch

I'VE done some terrible things for money. Like getting up early to go to work.

Make some cash with a flutter on **SAHITH THEEGALA** to win the US PGA: **Betfair - 70/1**



TOUR: Sahith

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■ CRAZY: The "goth gremlin"



GOOD GOTH IT'S BAMBIE

Ireland's magic spell

HAVE you ever been in your car, singing along to the radio, and noticed the person in the car next to you is singing the same song?

It happened to me today. I was bombing down the motorway, singing along to the Spice Girls. I looked to my right and a guy was staring at me, singing the same song. You wouldn't have thought "Stop Right Now" would be a policeman's type of song, but there you go.

I love singing in the car. But don't you hate it when you're belting out a tune you're listening to and the artist or the band gets the lyrics wrong. Happens all the time.

My wife shouted at me the other day to stop singing Queen songs. I replied: Don't stop me now, I'm having such a good time."

And she's not the only one who dis-

likes my crooning. I was told to stop singing famous Motown songs at a karaoke night in my local pub. People said it was soul destroying.

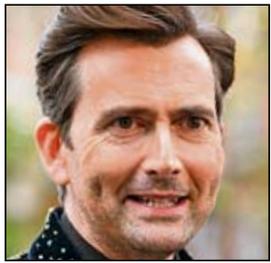
There will be plenty of terrible tunes played tonight as the Eurovision Song Contest returns.

ABBA's Waterloo has been voted as the greatest Eurovision song of all time but they never mentioned who came 2nd or 3rd.

I guess the Winner Takes It All. Did you know that if Benny and Björn had been called Sam and Dave, ASDA would have won Eurovision?

Israel could potentially win a political-ly charged competition but I reckon Ireland's **BAMBIE THUG**, a "goth gremlin witch" - things have changed since the days of Dana - has a shout: **Ladbrokes - 18/1**

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MOVING ON: David Tennant time up as Doc

DAVID Tennant has "retired" from Doctor Who. The actor, 53, made a surprise return for three episodes as part of the BBC show's 60th anniversary celebrations last year.

But showrunner Russell T Davies, 61, has insisted he will not be coming back again.

He said: "I think he died. I'm going to start saying that. He went to Venice, 2063, when the city sank, and he went into a whirlpool, which is really sad."

"David is parked and retired and it's all Ncuti's show now. Genuinely.

"Not that David might be coming back - he's absolutely not coming back."

David previously admitted he has "no plans" to take on the iconic role again.

The show returns this weekend with Ncuti Gatwa, 31, steering the Tardis.



FACING BAN: Flaps

A flap in the face for cats

CAT flaps should be banned to help preserve the UK's declining number of garden birds, says a former minister.

Lord Blencathra, a life peer, said there is "no justification whatsoever" for cat owners to take a "laissez-faire attitude" by letting their pet "go in and out when it pleases".

The former Tory MP also backed calls for outdoor cats to be required to wear collars and bells.

He said research suggests this helps reduce the number of birds killed.

Lord Blencathra told the House of Lords that studies show cats kill 60million garden birds each year.

He said: "So I would make collars and bells compulsory for cats let outside. But I would go further, my Lords, and I'd ban cat flaps completely."

DON'T BRING PET TO SONG CONTEST



PET SCAN: Animals check

by ED GLEAVE in Malmö
KILLJOY Eurovision bosses have banned pets from tonight's final.

In a bonkers list of rules, fans have been warned not to bring dogs or cats to the contest at Malmö Arena in Sweden.

Only animals needed for disability will be allowed in.

A contest insider said: "Anyone hoping to treat their beloved pets to a night of camp entertainment in the arena has been left disap-

Euro-derision as final animal ban slammed

pointed. The animals will have to make do with watching it on TV."

Vuvuzelas are also banned as are skateboards, frisbees and balloons. Bosses say they will ban anything "likely to have an

adverse effect on the successful delivery of the contest".

They are also on high alert amid growing unrest over Israel being allowed to compete.

More than 20,000 pro-Pales-

tine protesters have demonstrated in the area in recent days.

Israel's act Eden Golan said: "The European Broadcasting Union is taking all precautions to make this a safe and united place so I think it's safe for everyone."

It comes as Britain's Olly Alexander is facing up to having next-to-zero chance of winning.

The singer, 33, is 66-1 to win and said: "My odds are at 1%. But that's fine - it's better than zero."

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Tyson's rumble ready..

★ TYSON Fury looks fighting fit just over a week out from his title clash with Oleksandr Usyk. The British boxer, 35, is aiming to become undisputed heavyweight champion next Saturday in Saudi Arabia when he faces the Ukrainian.

★ The winner will become the first man to hold all the heavyweight belts at the same time since Lennox Lewis achieved the feat in 1999.

TOP 10 SINGLES

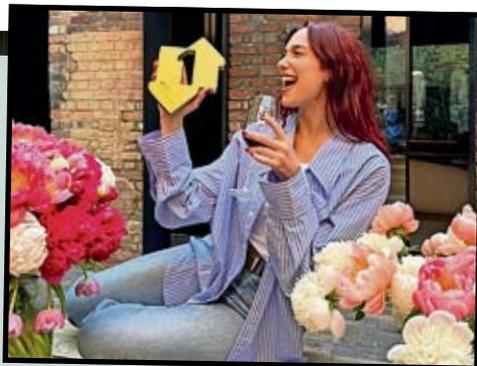


1	(1)	ESPRESSO	Sabrina Carpenter
2	(3)	TOO SWEET	Hozier
3	(6)	A BAR SONG	Shaboozey
4	(2)	BEAUTIFUL THINGS	Benson Boone
5	(4)	FORTNIGHT	Taylor Swift ft Post Malone
6	(5)	I LIKE THE WAY YOU KISS ME	Artemas
7	(31)	MILLION DOLLAR BABY	Tommy Richman
8	(7)	LOSE CONTROL	Teddy Swims
9	(10)	AUSTIN	Dash9
10	(-)	NOT LIKE US	Kendrick Lamar

TOP 10 ALBUMS



1	(-)	RADICAL OPTIMISM	Dua Lipa
2	(1)	TORTURED POETS...	Taylor Swift
3	(-)	UNDEFEATED	Frank Turner
4	(3)	THE HIGHLIGHTS	The Weeknd
5	(4)	GUTS	Olivia Rodrigo
6	(-)	INEVITABLE INCREDIBLE	Kelly Jones
7	(10)	50 YEARS	Fleetwood Mac
8	(9)	STICK SEASON	Noah Kahan
9	(11)	GOLD	ABBA
10	(14)	SOUR	Olivia Rodrigo



★ **DUA Lipa** toasted *Radical Optimism* with a glass of red yesterday, after her third studio album had the biggest opening week by a British female in three years. ★ It's the Londoner's first LP to debut at the top after shifting a total of 46,300 chart units, the most for any Brit woman since Adele's November 2021 chart-topper 30. It's also this week's best seller on vinyl.

★ **CRAIG David** has a suspicion that the **Drake and Kendrick Lamar** beef is fabricated. The 7 Days hitmaker believes the fallout could be part of a plan to shine a spotlight on hip-hop music. ★ Craig said: "Just imagine that Drake, their people were actually talking to other people and

saying, 'For the culture of hip-hop let's have this', because all eyes are on it right now. 'No one needs to tell anyone we did this because all eyes are on hip-hop now.'" ★ Well it seems to be working as five Lamar and Drake diss tracks are in the Top 30 this week!



Enrique: I never kiss off my wife

ANNA'S EASY..

ENRIQUE Iglesias says his wife **Anna Kournikova** doesn't mind him smooching fans.

The Spanish singer/songwriter has a reputation for being a ladies' man but reckons making out with admirers is just part and parcel of being an entertainer.

Asked if ex-tennis pro Anna, mother to his three children, ever gets jealous, Enrique insisted: "Not at all, no, no, no, no. Anna will be at one of my shows and I'll do that (smooch).

"I do that all the time - I love embracing, kissing and hugging my fans. I like getting close up.

"And a lot of times she says, 'Man, I always get this look from some of the girls... and they'll ask, 'Are you OK with it?' Yeah I'm totally cool he's on stage. He's embracing his fans."

Enrique's fans have gone to extreme lengths to meet their Hero, and potentially get a little kiss.

He shared: "I just love to get so much love from my fans.

"I had a fan that hid underneath my dressing room table for eight hours with her little sister and once I was done with my show, I went back to the dressing room and she was



scared of coming out from underneath the table.

"I had a fan one time that swam across the bay to my house and she was so sweet, she was so cool."

His wife must be delighted!

Last month Enrique released what he called his last-ever album, *Final (Vol.2)*, and he says it will allow for more family time: "I just don't wanna make albums any more.

"The process for me for making an album, and I don't know how it is for other artists, but I will write or I'll record 150 songs and then you gotta deliver 10 songs, and I just don't wanna do that."



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JAMES CABOOTER'S

WIRE

with SAM MAYERS

All week



★ CHELSEA FC's season might have been a damp squib but they still got to celebrate with top-class music. Roots singer **Elles Bailey** performed live at the club's End Of Year Awards' night, where Cole Palmer nabbed the Player Of The Year gong.

★ Elles returns with stunning new album *Beneath The Neon Glow* next month.



★ **MEGAN THEE** Stallion vents her anger in a *Street Fighter* video for new single *Boa*. She plays the part of anime character *Boa Hancock*, from Japanese series *One Piece*, and lets male rivals have it in no uncertain terms.

★ Wonder if she was imagining any rival rappers while swinging punches?

★ AWARDS season might be over but **Olivia Rodrigo** is still getting prizes. The US star and her long-time collaborator **Dan Nigro** received the prestigious Songwriters of the Year award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) this week.

★ Olivia is on tour here in the UK and helped a fan feel better about a tattoo mishap. The singer commented under Grace Flemming's TikTok video after she had mistakenly inked "butter wings" instead of Hope Ur Ok song lyrics "butterfly wings" on her body.

★ Rodrigo wrote: "THIS IS THE NEW LYRIC IM CHANGING IT TO BUTTERWINGS."

★ EVEN before Eurovision **Olly Alexander** has been wearing a disguise on public transport. The Dizzy star told Hits Radio: "I will wear a hat and a mask on the Tube – I get really paranoid about being in an enclosed space and someone recognising me when I'm doing something weird like eating a sandwich or drinking a coffee and I look stupid."

★ "It's a bit of an anxiety but if I'm wearing a hat and a mask no one will recognise me, no one will look at me." The nation is cheering on Olly tonight, as is his famous pal **Dame Judi Dench**: "She has such a warm, lovely, naughty personality – loves making dirty jokes."



★ **CHARLI XCX** released her new single *360* accompanied by a video featuring a slew of semi-well known faces from the C-list community. Among the pals are **Chloe Cherry, Richie Shazam, Chloë Sevigny, Alex Consani** and **Rachel Sennott**.

★ But topping the lot is actress **Julia Fox**, right, who was also out to support Charli at a launch party on Thursday night. Charli's sixth studio album *Brat* follows June 7.



TAY'S NEW ERA

ARE You Ready For It Europe? Because **Taylor Swift** clearly is. The star kicked off the European leg of her record-breaking Eras tour in Paris on Thursday night and gave her wardrobe and setlist a Shake up. A revamped set included a section for latest album *The Tortured Poets Department*, featuring new tunes such as *Down Bad* and *Fortnight*. Taylor cracked out six new looks

including a custom-made **Vivienne Westwood** white dress emblazoned with the lyrics: "I love you, it's ruining my life." The dress was made of recycled taffeta and she completed the look with **Christian Louboutin** lace-up ankle boots. Taylor said she felt "incredibly lucky" to be in "the most beautiful, romantic city in the world". UK dates start in June in Edinburgh, followed by Liverpool, Cardiff and London, and then Dublin in the Republic of Ireland.



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TRIALS: Old Bailey

Jurors' trauma support

JURORS in distressing court cases will be offered counselling and "round-the-clock" triage support under a new scheme.

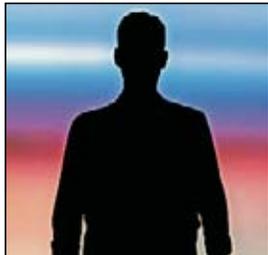
The Ministry of Justice said they would be entitled to six free therapy sessions after a trial and have access to a 24-hour helpline.

Specialists will provide emotional aid, advice and information.

The 10-month pilot starts this summer at 15 Crown courts to help those who have sat through harrowing cases, such as the trial of serial baby killer nurse Lucy Letby.

It could be rolled out across England and Wales.

The MoJ said it would provide "further reassurance that those who hear distressing evidence of murder, abuse and cruelty will get the support they need, when they need it".



CLAIMS: Anonymous

Prem ID hidden in case

A SENIOR Premier League figure has been granted anonymity in a High Court case against him over alleged child sex abuse.

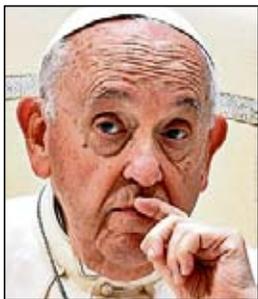
According to the BBC, the figure is being sued for damages by a woman who claims she was abused by the man when she was 15.

Judge Amanda Stevens has said his anonymity in the civil case was "necessary to secure the proper administration of justice" and "there is no sufficient countervailing public interest in disclosure".

The BBC and publication The Athletic reported the alleged abuse took place in the 1990s.

Court files reported allege the man "committed trespass to the claimant's person, assault and battery, and intentionally inflicted injury" to the woman.

POPE'S 'MORE SEX' SERMON



PLEA: Pope Francis

Lots of tots needed to save human race

POPE Francis is urging people to have more sex.

The Pontiff wants Italians and Europeans to have more kids to keep the human race going.

He called for long-term policies to help families, and warned the country's demographic crisis was

by WILL STONE

threatening the future. The Pope told an annual gathering of pro-family groups: "The number of births is the first indicator of the hope of a people."

"Without children and young people, a country loses its desire

for the future." He wants an end to unreliable work contracts and barriers to buying homes so women don't have to choose between having kids and careers.

His latest appeal comes amid what he has called the "demographic winter" facing many

industrialised countries. Pope Francis previously praised the virtues of sex in a documentary earlier this year.

He called sex "one of the beautiful things that God has given to the human person".

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Pals' Two Pints at pub

★ RALF Little and Will Mellor spark hopes of a Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps sitcom reboot.

The Royle Family actor, 44, and pal Will, 48, were in Runcorn, Cheshire, at the site of the pub where the BBC show was filmed.

★ Ralf captioned a snap on Instagram: "Look who's back outside The Archer from Two Pints. It's a Buddhist temple now. Will explain soon why we were here."

Hol law for sex workers

SEX workers in Belgium have become the first in the world to win workers' rights including holidays and maternity leave.

A new law also offers them health insurance and the right to pensions and unemployment benefits.

They can also refuse certain acts or clients without it being grounds for "dismissal" by pimps.

Daan Bauwens, of sex workers' union UTSOPI, said: "I can't stress enough how important this is."

"With this model, Belgium is really demonstrating that it aims to protect sex workers, regardless of any moral judgments about the profession."

Tractor pull by workers

FARMERS face a tractor shortage after 500 factory staff voted for strike action, said trade union bosses.

Workers who produce top-selling New Holland farm vehicles will down tools for nine days this month, with the first walk-out starting on Tuesday.

Employees at CNH International in Basildon, Essex, are angry after being offered a 4% pay rise rather than the 7.4% they were allegedly told they would get, said Unite the Union.

It added: "Strike action will severely compromise the supply of New Holland tractors."

The firm was contacted for comment.

Tyke a lesson in lingo

A RETIRED teacher wants to keep the Yorkshire dialect alive by teaching it "in t'schools".

Rod Dimbleby is on a mission to stop words dating back more than 1,000 years falling out of use.

He says the lingo should be taught to young 'uns in the same way as modern foreign languages.

Rod, 80, said: "This is a part of our cultural heritage, something that anyone born or growing up in Yorkshire has every reason to be proud of."

He warned: "It will die out unless we do something about it."

"I'd love to see schools teaching the Yorkshire dialect or maybe accept it as an after-school activity."

MUSK IN BRAIN CHIP HEADACHE

Implant hits snag in first patient



GAMER: Noland plays online with pals

ELON Musk's Neuralink lab has admitted part of its brain chip malfunctioned in its first patient.

Noland Arbaugh made history when he became the first to have the chip implanted in January.

The 29-year-old, who was left paralysed from the neck down by a diving accident eight years ago, has used it to play online chess and video games with his mind.

In an update on his progress, Neuralink, owned by Musk, inset, revealed a number of the electrode "threads" came loose following surgery.

The system, called the Link, records neural signals using 1,024 electrodes

■ by LEIGH McMANUS

across 64 threads that are thinner than a human hair.

Reports claim medics considered removing the chip altogether but decided against it because it poses no risk to Noland.

Instead they modified the recording algorithm to improve the translation of signals.

Noland uses the chip for eight hours a day during the week and up to 10 hours a day at weekends. He said the tech had enabled him to "do things on my own again without needing my family at

all hours of the day and night". The American described it as like a "luxury overload," and is even able to beat friends at video games such as Mario Kart.



"I haven't been able to do these things in eight years and now I don't know where to even start allocating my attention," he said.

"The games I can play now are leaps and bounds better than previous ones."

"I'm beating my friends in games that as a quadriplegic I should not be beating them in."

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Picture: TRISTAN POTTER/COVENTRY TELEGRAPH



Miss & chips.. Fan's 7k miles to closed shop

★ COVENTRY fan Lauti Murguía poses outside the city's world-famous chip shop after travelling more than 7,000 miles – only to find it's shut on Sundays.

The Argentinian, 23, jetted over to watch his beloved Sky Blues take on Man Utd in the FA semi and wanted to feast at the famed Binley Mega Chippy after their heartbreaking defeat on penalties.

★ The chippy became a phenomenon on TikTok two years ago after a catchy jingle exploded. Since then thousands have descended on the restaurant with people visiting from as far as Australia and the US.





CONVICTED: Green
Fake PC
quizzed
woman

A SECURITY guard has been convicted of impersonating a police officer to stop a woman driver on a country lane.

Chris Green, 32, flashed blue lights to pull the victim over before confronting her at her car window.

When challenged, Green told the victim that he worked for law enforcement, claiming to be part of a local undercover crime-fighting unit called "The Brotherhood".

However, once Green noticed the victim's son in the car, he left.

Swindon Magistrates' Court heard the woman had recorded Green's number plate, which police then traced.

Green, of Peterborough, was convicted of impersonating a police officer after a trial and will be sentenced on June 28.



CHECK: Numbers
Panics
at 'odd'
callers

BRITS hate unexpected phone calls and don't even bother to answer them, according to a poll.

Nearly a third, 31%, "panic" when it rings - especially if it's from an unknown number or someone they haven't heard from in a while.

And as many as 40% prefer to know when someone is going to ring them.

The study was commissioned by Buffalo Trace Distillery to tie in with the firm opening its first store outside the USA, in London's Covent Garden.

Andrew Duncan, global brand director for the whiskey maker, said: "It's clear spontaneity is becoming a lost art form.

"We believe fortune favours the bold, and picking up the phone has the potential to result in some amazing adventures."



IT TAKES TWO
TO FLAMINGO

★ A PAIR of loved-up flamingos give each other a peck on the beak. They were part of a huge flock frolicking and parading on a scorching hot summer's day. ★ The birds were snapped by Hira Punjabi in the Porbandar district in Gujarat, India. Hira, 59, said: "These birds do a courtship dance to select the partner for mating and in monsoon they breed."

Pictures: HIRA PUNJABI/CATERS NEWS

Snooker chump



CLASS ACT: Kyren lifts trophy after huge win

by JERRY LAWTON

KYREN Wilson turned out for his local pool team after winning the World Snooker Championship - and lost.

The cue man got a hero's welcome from The Argyll Hustlers in their league match, two days after picking up the coveted trophy for the first time - and £500,000 in prize money.

But Kyren, 32, could not repeat the heroics he displayed in beating Jak Jones 18-14 in the final.

He admitted he had not had much sleep since claiming the title at the

World champ Wilson is sunk in local pool match

Crucible in Sheffield on Monday - and his cueing arm was suffering because he had not stopped cradling the trophy.

Following his dodgy display at the Argyll Club in his home town of Kettering, Northants, Kyren said: "It's

amazing, coming to one of my locals, seeing some of the videos of the guys watching the final.

"It's the least I could do bringing them the Silver Lady trophy. I haven't let it go in the last few days."

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Weight loss fat chance

THE size of a person's fat cells may be key to whether they pile on the pounds, according to a study.

Boffins found people with large fat cells tend to lose more weight over time than those with small cells.

The study's Prof Peter Arner said: "It is like having a room filled by a few large balloons or many small. It is easier to make empty space in the room by letting out air from the big."

JUSTICE AT LAST

Pc Sharon killer jailed 20 years after murder

THE mastermind of an armed robbery that left a police officer dead will die in jail. ■ by KATIE DICKINSON

Piran Ditta Khan, 75, was given life, with a minimum of 40 years, for murdering Pc Sharon Beshenivsky.

Her family were in court as Khan was sentenced almost 20 years after Pc Beshenivsky was shot on her daughter's fourth birthday.

Khan was "pivotal" in the seven-man robbery at a travel agents in Bradford, West Yorks, in



SHOT: Sharon

November, 2005, Leeds Crown Court heard. Pc Beshenivsky, who was unarmed, was shot at point-blank range.

Khan, who was on the run for 15 years, was also found guilty of possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life and possessing a prohibited weapon. Judge Mr Justice Hilliard told him: "You will inevitably spend the remainder of your life in custody."

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ON THE WILD SIDE

With Lily Woods

SWALLOW

I'VE had a couple of friends already this year excitedly come up to me to tell me they've seen their first swallow of the year. And who can blame them for being happy? It's a miracle that these tiny little guys ever make the journey, and yet they do it every year.

The males are always the first to arrive, so it's safe to assume the first one of the year you see is going to be a boy, followed a week or so later by the ladies.

So in celebration of the summer, let's talk today about these pretty little aerial acrobats and their lives.

The swallow we all know and love is actually known as the "barn swallow". We only tend to call it that because it's the only swallow we get... Or is it?

The swallow family has over 80 members worldwide, but that also includes their very close relatives, the martins.

Rarely, but occasionally people in various parts of the UK catch sightings of a different species, the red-rumped swallow, though this is a pretty special occurrence. As such today we'll only be talking about the barn swallow.

We have a million swallows here in the UK during the summer, which is a nice big number, unless you take into account that there are around 14 European countries that each have a higher population.

Of all of his extended family, the barn swallow is the single most widespread swallow in the world. You might think of the swift as being part of that family, but despite similar behaviour they are not related at all. Not even a little.



Acrobats of spring

They come to the UK for the summer and to breed, although in the winter they live in Africa.

Barn swallows who breed in Europe can be found all over Africa, but British birds fly the farthest south, settling in southern Africa.

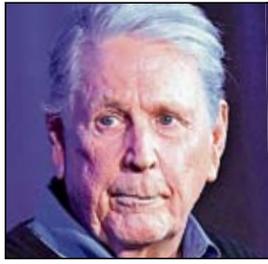
Even here they spend much of their time on the wing, but can be spotted landed, very often on telegraph wires.

They exclusively hunt, and drink, on the wing. They fly low over water to scoop it into their beaks, while also taking advantage of the insects there.

They can be spotted pretty much anywhere, but their favourite places are around big animals, like cows and horses. They sleep alongside them, and fly around the large animals, who kick up insects for them as they walk. Hence the name "barn swallow".

Tip of the week

Dormice should be coming out of hibernation now. They like to make sure it's nice and warm before they crawl out of their nests and start devouring everything they see. I feel like that sometimes.



BEACH BOY: Wilson

Brian in 'illness' petition

BEACH Boys legend Brian Wilson has been placed in a court conservatorship over a "major neuro-cognitive disorder".

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Gus May approved the petition filed by the 81-year-old's family.

It follows the death in January of his wife Melinda who handled most of his tasks and affairs.

"I find from clear and convincing evidence that a conservatorship of the person is necessary," May said at a brief hearing.

The judge said the songwriter consents to the arrangement and lacks the capacity to make health-care decisions. Papers revealed Wilson is taking medication for dementia.

Wilson, a co-founder of the group, has struggled with mental health and substance abuse issues.



NEW PAD: Josh

At home in family garage

A MAN struggling to get on the property ladder has built his first home in his parents' garage.

Josh Jones created the one-bed apartment for just £15,000.

The 21-year-old landscaper, from Tunbridge Wells, Kent, said: "Renting is ridiculously expensive."

"As I was still living at home it was a no-brainer really."

"I learned to do it all on YouTube as I have been in the building trade since I was 16."

Josh started the build in January 2023 and it took eight months to complete all the work.

He added: "When I told my friends what I was doing they were gob-smacked."

"I can see myself living here for the next 10 years."

House training



NEW TRICKS: Man-pooch Toco is a star with a hoover and a duster



FAKE DOGGIE TOCO CAN CLEAN UP AFTER HIMSELF

THE man-dog who spent £12,000 on a costume to live as a border collie has been showing off his cleaning skills.

Toco has been hailed a "good boy" after impressing fans with his hoovering and dusting.

The human pooch also picks up rubbish with his teeth and pops it in

by LEIGH McMANUS

the bin. One fan branded him a "good dog" and a "helpful doggo".

But other viewers weren't so sure. One wrote: "I don't know why this disturbs me."

A second agreed, saying: "This is actually very disturbing."

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SHIRT'S OFF: Mad Vlad

PUTIN ON AN 'ALPHA' SHOW

MAD Vlad thinks he is an "alpha male" and superior to the rest of us, a body language expert claims.

The Russian president bragged his forces are "always ready" and also warned the "future of the motherland depends on us" in a sabre-rattling speech during Russia's Victory Day.

The annual parade marked the 79th anniversary of the country's victory over Nazi Germany.

Analysing his speech celeb psychic

EXCLUSIVE

by ADAM CAILLER

Inbaal Honigman said his body language showed even more bravado than his words.

She said: "When he sits, we see Putin smacking his lips, which is an indication that he feels superior to those around him. The lip-smacking facial expression is common when someone believes themselves to be the alpha male in a situation."



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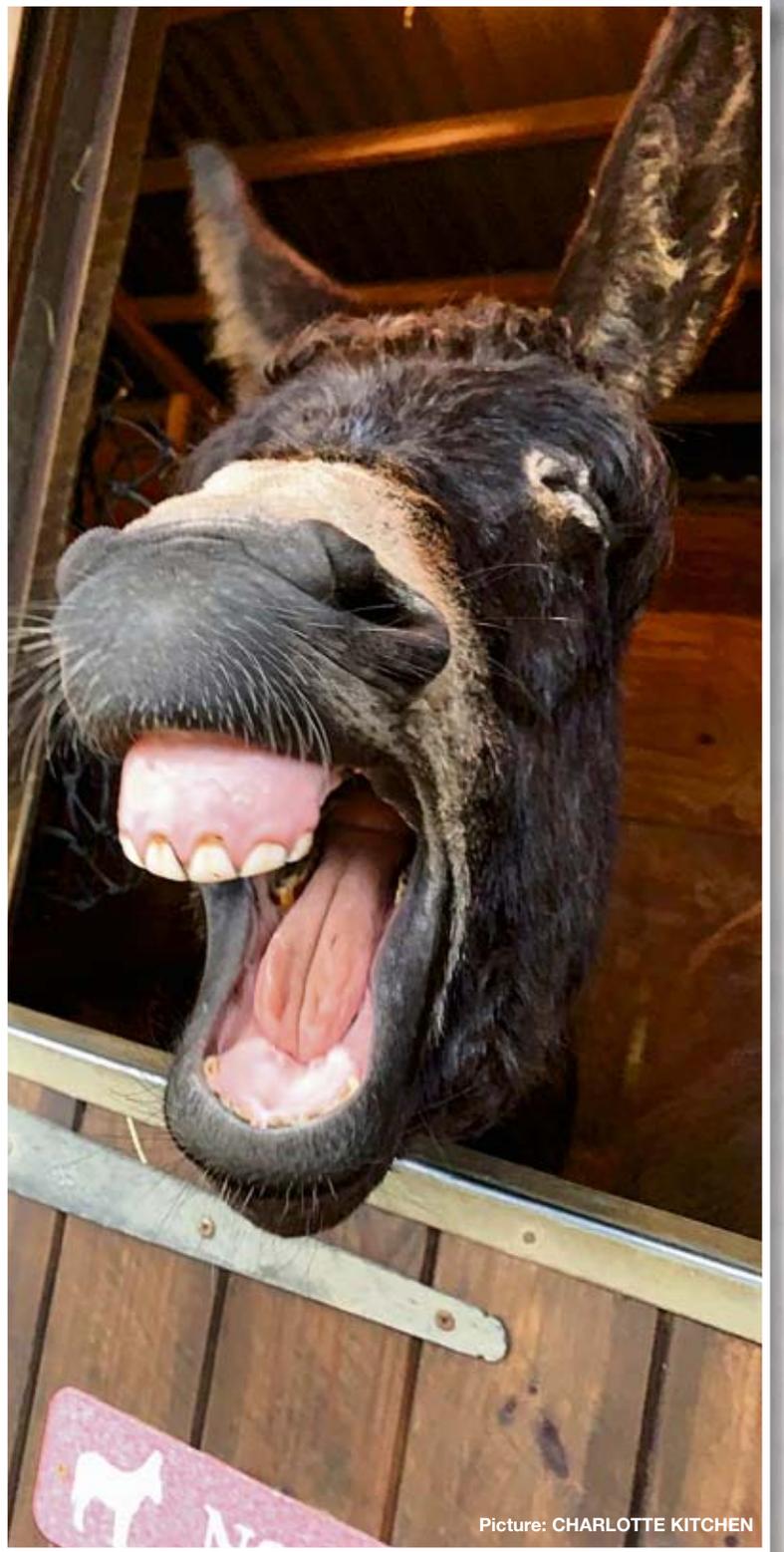


INSIDE MONDAY'S





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 Eilean's having snow much fun his little legs have turned into ice blocks. The hilarious snap has made the final of the Comedy Pet Photo Awards. More finalists include waving cat Artie, happy hamster Freddie, toilet paper kitties, a "headless" horse and a "laughing" donkey.



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'Mugged woman', 60, dies

A WOMAN in her 60s died after being stabbed during a suspected mugging.

Police and an air ambulance were called to the scene following reports of a knifing. The woman was treated for her injuries but died. It happened in Edgware, north London.

Jess Bloom, who was working at a nearby shop, said: "The woman ended up in the middle of the road. The guy was trying to get her handbag but she said, 'no' and fought back."

A 22-year-old man was last night in custody.



EPIC TRIP: Ashley. Inset, playing for Coventry in 2009. Above, Azaylia

NO PAIN, NO GAIN FOR ASH

★ EX-FOOTBALLER Ashley Cain is ready to smile through the pain barrier as he attempts an epic challenge to create a "legacy" for his tragic daughter.

The former Coventry City star, 33, is travelling from Land's End to John O'Groats three times – almost 3,000 miles – once running, once cycling and once kayaking.

★ His Ultraman challenge began on April 24, the anniversary of daughter Azaylia's death from leukaemia aged just eight months. Ashley said: "She always smiled, even through the darkest times."



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Store's staff to strike..

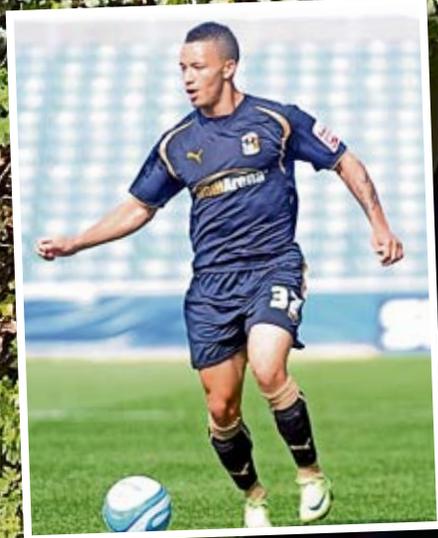
SUPERMARKET staff are to strike in a pensions row.

Union bosses said almost 1,000 Morrisons workers employed as warehouse stock controllers, canteen staff and administrators voted overwhelmingly to take action.

The workers, based in Cheshire and Wakefield, will strike from May 23 to 26 and from June 13 to 16.

Unite's Sharon Graham said: "Changes to workers' pensions will leave our members worse off."

Morrisons was approached for comment.



NEW HOME FOR CHEEKY MONKEY



NEW LIFE: Marcel

■ by ED CHATTERTON
A MONKEY found in a woman's conservatory has been given a new home – and a girlfriend.

Marcel, a South American marmoset, is believed to have been an unwanted pet dumped on the streets.

Volunteers from animal charity Wings and Paws spent several weeks nursing him back to full health before trying to find him a suitable home.

Volunteer Gemma Warner said: "It was with mixed emo-

Dumped Marcel finds sanctuary

tions seeing him go because he was such a sweetheart.

"But it will certainly be better for him than trying to survive on the streets."

Marcel was rescued from a home in Wolverhampton, West Mids, after being discovered by the "hysterical" homeowner.

He was finally offered a place at Monkey World in Wareham,

Dorset, and made the 200-mile journey there this week.

Gemma added: "We are obviously ecstatic for him as it's undoubtedly the best place for him. We were really happy to find him somewhere suitable.

"It wasn't an easy task though, Monkey World places are in very high demand. Like ourselves and other rescue places they are

often full." Once Marcel has settled in his new enclosure he will be introduced to his new girlfriend.

Earlier this year the Government brought in new rules to make it illegal to keep monkeys, lemurs and other primates without a licence from April 2026.

URI..HELP LIFT CURSE ON HARRY

Spoon bender can break trophy jinx



POTLESS: Kane

URI Geller wants Daily Star readers to unite and say "abracadabra" to break Harry Kane's "curse".

The England captain faces a 13th straight trophyless season after his Bayern Munich side were knocked out of the Champions League by Real Madrid.

The striker, 30, moved to Germany from Spurs for £82million last summer in a bid to finally bag some silver-

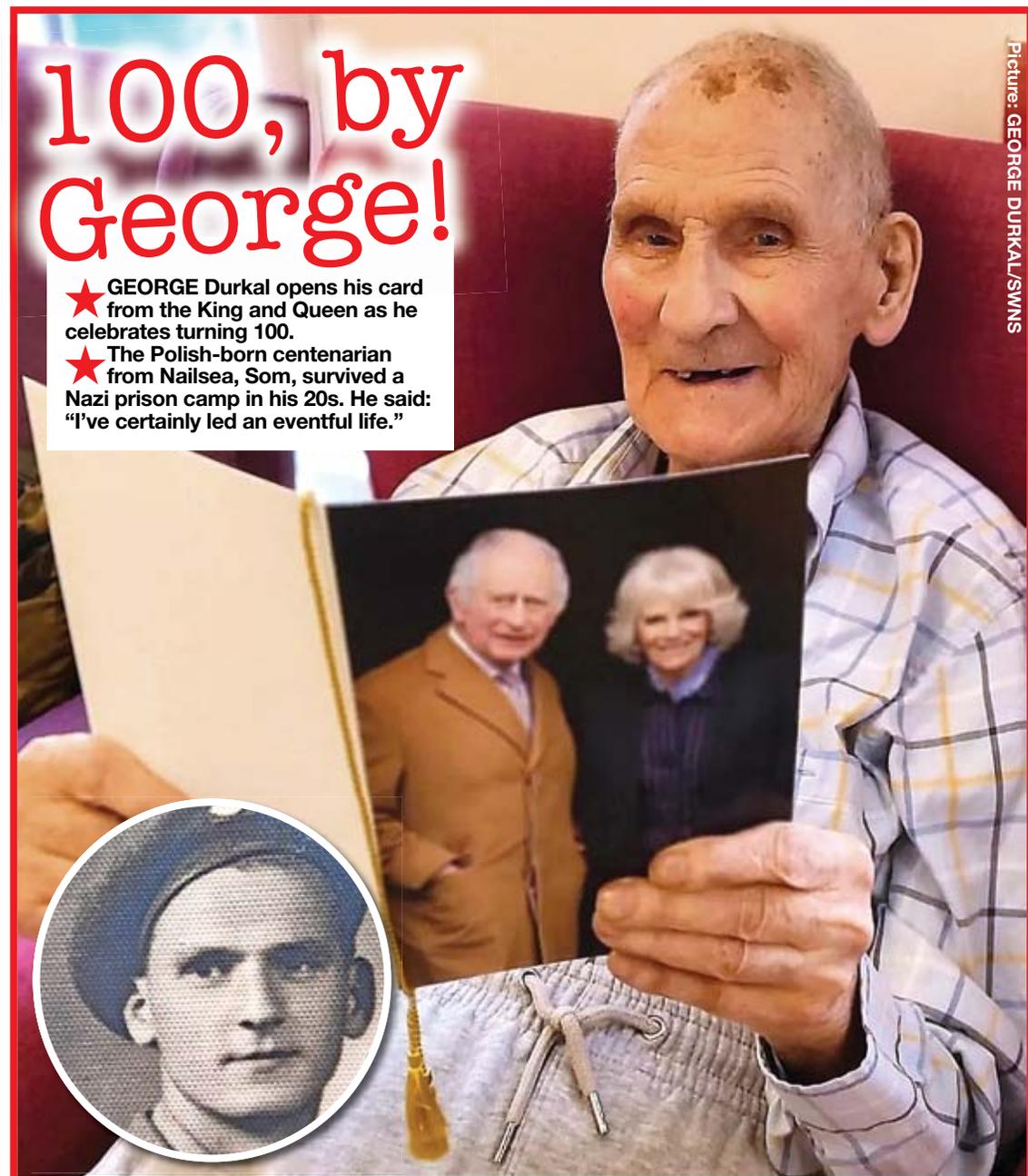
EXCLUSIVE by NEIL DOCKING

ware. Instead Bayern are set to notch up their first campaign without a trophy since 2012.

Spoon-bending psychic Uri said: "It's very easy to lift the curse. I can do it. We have to unite all your readers at a certain hour of the day.

"All your readers visualise the curse leaving him. I suggest to say the word abracadabra 11 times and use visualisation techniques to ensure the curse is lifted."

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Picture: GEORGE DURKAL/SWNS

100, by George!

★ **GEORGE Durkal opens his card from the King and Queen as he celebrates turning 100.**

★ **The Polish-born centenarian from Nailsea, Som, survived a Nazi prison camp in his 20s. He said: "I've certainly led an eventful life."**

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

May 11

by JAMES MOORE

1 year ago...Big Cat proof?
DNA from a black hair caught on a barbed wire fence following a sheep attack suggests big cats really are roaming Britain.

11 years ago...Cup shock
Roberto Martinez's Wigan Athletic defeat Manchester City 1-0 at Wembley to win the FA Cup, the first major trophy in their history. Ben Watson scores the game's only goal in injury time.



14 years ago... Cameron is PM

Tory leader David Cameron becomes Prime Minister, after his party enters a coalition with the Liberal Democrats following the general election.

27 years ago... Supercomputer victory.
IBM's Deep Blue computer beats chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov in New York, the first defeat of its kind.

39 years ago...Football fire
A blaze breaks out in Bradford City's Valley Parade football stadium during a match against Lincoln City. It kills 56 people and injures 265.

41 years ago...Scottish victory

Alex Ferguson's Aberdeen FC win the European Cup Winner's Cup, beating Real Madrid 2-1 after extra time in the final in Gothenburg, Sweden.

43 years ago... Bob Marley dies

The Jamaican reggae singer, famous for hits like One Love, dies in hospital in Miami, Florida, from cancer, aged just 36.



55 years ago...Python born
John Cleese, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle, Michael Palin, Terry Jones and Terry Gilliam meet at a curry house to form comedy troupe Monty Python's Flying Circus.

60 years ago...Store opens
Designer Terence Conran opens the first Habitat store, selling trendy home furnishings, on London's Fulham Road. It's now owned by Sainsbury's.

64 years ago...Nazi snared
Israeli soldiers capture Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He would later be executed for war crimes.

115 years ago... Artist born

Salvador Dali will go on to find fame as a surrealist artist known for paintings involving melting clocks as well as iconic works like his lobster telephone.



212 years ago...Premier assassinated

Prime Minister Spencer Perceval is shot dead by merchant John Bellingham in the lobby of the House of Commons. Bellingham is later executed for the murder.



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KEVIN'S GOALDEN TICKET..

★ MAN City fan Kevin Bryant holds keys to his new £3.5m Cheshire pile – which he netted off a £25 prize draw entry.
★ Kev, 53, of Plymouth, who won the Omaze draw and £100k cash, now “hopes to bump into Jack Grealish when he pops out for some milk”.



Satanist horror in New Forest..



EVIL: Sheep found in 2019

'PERVERSE' SHEEP SLAUGHTER

SATANISTS are feared to be on the rampage after sheep were found stabbed, slashed and mutilated.

Andrew Parry-Norton and his wife Sarah said whoever attacked their flock of sheep in the New Forest is “sick and perverse”. They told of the “horrific” moment they found their blood-covered animals. Andrew said: “I had a call at 7.10am from a neighbour who had found a lamb which had bled to death by her front gate.” He was also told one of

his animals had been “run over”. He said: “It had a four-inch gash to its side and most of its intestines hanging out, so it had to be put down at the roadside.” Another lamb was found with its throat slit. The couple, of Storms Farm in Cadnam, said

sheep deaths have been happening for five years. Andrew said: “This is just pure sick behaviour. Someone must get some perverse enjoyment from it.” In 2019 sheep were killed and Satanic symbols used, including on church walls.

STILL TO COME, FOLKS

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TRAGIC LOSS:
Sara Tavares. Above, Lynsey de Paul with Mike Moran



GET set for plenty of crazy outfits and cheesy tunes as Eurovision storms back on to our screens tonight and the UK's entry Olly Alexander goes for glory with track Dizzy. But alongside all the razzmatazz of the contest – this year taking place in Sweden on the 50th anniversary of ABBA's Waterloo win – its history also has its dark side. Here **JAMES MOORE** looks at some of the most shocking episodes linked to the event from addiction and accidents to tragic deaths...

COACH CRASH TRAUMA

Bubbly British pop group Bucks Fizz won the 1981 song contest with their upbeat tune Making Your Mind Up, famous for a routine featuring a saucy mini-skirt reveal.

But, three years later, the four-some were involved in a terrifying bus crash on their way back from a gig in Newcastle when the vehicle collided with a lorry.

Bobby G suffered whiplash and Jay Aston was hospitalised with back injuries while the other two were thrown through the windscreen.

Cheryl Baker broke her spine and Mike Nolan had internal bleeding and facial injuries which left him fighting for his life in a coma.

He recovered but was left with epilepsy and lost 50% of his vision.

This week Mike announced he would be quitting performing with Cheryl and Jay under the moniker of The Fizz as travelling was taking its toll. They last released an album, Everything Under The Sun, in 2022.

SUDDEN STROKE

Lynsey de Paul, who dated the likes of actor Sir Sean Connery, came second representing the UK along-

side Mike Moran at Eurovision in 1977 with the song Rock Bottom, but she died suddenly, aged 66, in 2014. The star suffered a brain haemorrhage at her home in north London.

Her niece Olivia Rubin said the death was completely unexpected, saying: "She was in perfect health. "She was a vegetarian, didn't smoke and didn't drink"

CHRISTMAS CALAMITY

Known as the Red Army Choir, the Russian Alexandrov Ensemble took part in 2009's Eurovision, held in Moscow, as part of an interval performance with 2003 entry female pop duo t.A.T.u, who had a UK No 1 with All The Things She Said.

In the early hours of Christmas Day in 2016, a Russian Tupolev Tu-154 military plane, carrying the group to a festive celebration crashed off the coast of Russia, near Sochi.

All those aboard, including 64 members of the choir and its director, were killed in the accident, which was put down to pilot error.

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PETRIFYING
Singer Mika, better known for hits Kelly, hosted Italy. But back in

STARS SHINE BRIGHT FOLLOWING SHOT AT GLORY



BIG HITS: Mika with sister Paloma. Left, The Fizz with former member Shelley Preston. Below, Sara Tavares performing with Mayra Andrade, Branko and Dino in 2018, and Örs Sikiösi of AWS

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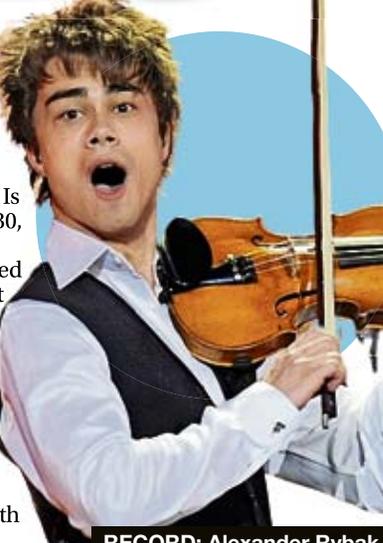


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career on hold when his sister Paloma, 28, fell 50ft from the window of her fourth floor flat in Kensington, London, after losing her balance. Her legs were impaled on the spikes of railings below, with one piercing her abdomen.
Taken to hospital by helicopter, surgeons operated for 17 hours to save her.
She survived but had to learn to walk again.
Mika, now 40, said: "It showed me that you could lose everything you take for granted in five seconds."

mia battle - the group had finished 21st at Eurovision in 2018.
He is not the only Eurovision star to have died young from illness. Latvia's Valters Fridenbergs, who finished fifth in 2005 with The War Is Not Over passed away, aged 30, from cancer.
Sara Tavares, who represented Portugal at the 1994 contest passed away in 2023, at 45, after a decade-long battle with a brain tumour.



place then finishing fourth with the song Rapsodia in 1992. But the singer and actress died aged 47 in 1995, at her flat in Cardano al Campo, near Milan from a heart attack due to a cocaine overdose.

was to pass away "suddenly" on New Year's Day in 2021 at his home, aged 65.

ADDICTION DRAMA
Norway's Alexander Rybak won Eurovision in 2009 with his song Fairytale - with, at that time, a record number of 387 points.
He returned to the contest in 2018, that time finishing 15th.
In 2020 the singer, now living in Los Angeles, revealed that he was recovering from an addiction to sleeping pills and antidepressants.
Singer Matt Monro, who finished second for the UK in 1964, died aged 54 from liver cancer after battling alcoholism.

NEW YEAR DEATH
Irish singer Liam Reilly fronted Bagatelle and finished joint second at the Eurovision Song Contest in 1990 in Zagreb, with the song Somewhere In Europe.
And in 1991, he composed the song Could It Be That I'm In Love for Kim Jackson's Irish entry. But he

PLUNGE
born in Lebanon and
like UK No 1 Grace
2022's Eurovision in
2010 he had put his

SICK STARS
Hungarian lead singer Örs Sikiösi, from the heavy metal band AWS, died aged 29 in 2021 after a leuke-

HEART ATTACK
Italian songbird Mia Martini took part in Eurovision twice, representing her homeland with Libera in 1977 and reaching 13th

RECORD: Alexander Rybak

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STILL FUNNY: Comic pair

Steptoe And Son is classic comedy

Love watching the old episodes of 'Steptoe & Son' especially the one where two convicts escape from prison and try to rob the Steptoe's and end up feeling sorry for them and giving them cigarettes and 50p for their electricity meter, classic comedy. **SJ**

Just been watching some old "Benny Hill" shows through the gaps in my fingers. How on earth was this kind of smut ever allowed? **Penny R**

the speculation about this years strictly line up, has started. However i reckon you can definitely rule out mr motivator and jay blades. Two men, who are rarely seen without their hats. **Ann**

why do footy analysts keep telling hosts to listen when they start talking. Morrison is 1 of the worst. **Dave westhoughton**

HARRY KANE's dream of a champion's league trophy dies BUT he has never scored or assisted in a final outside of his penalty shoot out goal in EURO 2020 final defeat to Italy. He has struggled to make an impact in many other crucial games while key errors have also played a part in his failure to secure a single major trophy. I'll cheer sincerely when he gets a well deserved trophy. C'mon Harry let's go again. **Brian Linford Pontefract**

Erik ten Hag's doing a cracking job at Man Utd. Eighth in the table, with thirteen league defeats so far, and negative goal difference. All, if things don't improve, records for them in the Premier League era. Pity they're of the wrong kind. **Redleader P.S. That's Liverpool red.**

If anyone deserves to lose at Darts it's Rob Cross, ALL he does is drink water all night. **ANGIE B**

congratulations to sair khan from Corrie and her partner Nathan on the birth of their beautiful baby boy. **stocky shell**



GRE HITS RAD

Don't change your team or political hue

there's things you should never change like your fav newspaper or footie team! Let alone one's political party! Elphicke's shameless! **mjb**

Natalie Elphicke defects to Labour. When Starmer's party lose the general election will these opportunists change their colours again? Like Scargill said, politicians are in it for themselves. I wouldn't trust them as far as I can fling them. **Gordon, Sunderland**

How the hell can Natalie Elphicke expect to stay in parliament she was voted in as a conservative if she is no longer in that role they should hold a by election in her area another case of oh my god I,m on the losing side I,m off I,m not losing my wages and as for Starmer why the hell is he letting someone join his party after all the bad mouthing she has done about labour. **Charles**

Instead of defecting to Labour why don't Conservative MPs fight their corner with effective campaigning and engagement. **Kevin**

Totally agree with Queen bee I'm in same position regarding State pension increase No better off! Wouldn't it be lovely to be in House of Lords get tax to wait while you sign in for your £300 and then buggor off! This government is a shambles. **SamSpurs**

Khan in a week already 3 stabbings in London welcome to the new Khan regime man should do the decent thing and step aside. **Ron milk**

re squirrel i think you'll find Sadiq Khan is a labour M P not Tory. **stig2**

As far as I can see Putin is a mental case and along with his followers

should be sent to Siberia. If he continues his bombing of Ukraine the Ukraine army should launch missiles onto bridges to the crimea and cut rail and roads off from russia then target power stations. **Stockton Jeff**

Vladimir Putin has had Botox and fillers in his cheeks, which prevents natural muscle movement, and that he comes across as cold, and restrained. No change there then. **Harry John (Linton, Cambridgeshire)**

some say donald trump has turned the great office of us president, into a laughing stock. However, i hope he spans biden in november! **martin**

To the sick person who cut the whiskers off my 8yr old grandson who has autism cat. WHY u have left a little boy heartbroken and a very scared cat. **Scousemum**

Di from Derby: Thanks for your reply. I hope that, if ever you are in need, the animals you prefer to support will be there to support you! **HAZ**

It's sad to hear that children are dying of whooping cough but it is avoidable. Most of us had our children vaccinated years ago as a preventative. **EC**

may I make a suggestion to Greta Twitburgh stop playing protests and go and get a meaningful job. Lazy little spoilt brat. **Ollies mum**

Almost everytime you watch the police on tv the suspects being interviewed just say "no comment" if that's not guilt in itself what is? **SUNNY JIM**

Can anyone explain what an administration fee is for please re car insurance. Ours was up from £5 to £40 this year which we declined and went elsewhere. Surely this is a rip-off. **Stewart & Geoff. Turisdale Co. Durham.**

I agree with dave from coppull about anyone who starts a sentence with 'so'. Bloody annoying. At least make it a punishable offence for anyone over 14 y.o. **Willo**

People who eat crunchy food or smelly food at their desk, especially if they are near me, are scum. **Dave from coppull**

re Dennis Fitzgerald and gender reveal parties... one constant that will remain is it will be a BOY OR A GIRL. **ANON**

TEXT OF THE DAY
 11th may 1985, RIP THE 56 AT VALLEY PARADE. I was on the kop that day. Supposed 2 b celebrating champions of 3rd division. SO SAD, HEARTBREAKING. **Bantaman**

SNAP HAPPY



Bonnie enjoys the sun. **Jo**

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CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Being alcoholic, it would go to one's head (8)
- 5 A much admired figure, but one may be old (4)
- 8 It could have been spent in old Ireland (4)
- 9 Showing intelligence by having a spare ruler (8)
- 10 Not in any way bent (7)
- 12 Alter, maybe, at some future time (5)
- 13 To ride around having a responsible job (6)
- 15 Beat Paul badly with a hearty growl! (6)
- 17 Boxes of samples? (5)
- 18 Orator in the Commons? (7)
- 22 Have a game with a new team, chum (8)
- 23 Either way, it's part of a ship (4)
- 24 Exclamation upon

- infestation? (4)
- 25 Remoteness shown by a little boy during a game? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Like Mars or Jupiter, a Roman deity (7)
- 2 One who's had it, so to speak (5)
- 3 Being tricky, it may be dropped (5)
- 4 How a pin can hurt! (4)
- 6 One currently just floating around (7)
- 7 Intoxicating Elgar composition! (5)
- 11 Dozens, yes; but possibly a fat lot? (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:

ACROSS: 1 Wiseacre, 5 Hour, 8 Mien, 9 Workaday, 10 Letters, 12 Peril, 13 Yellow, 15 Border, 17 Today, 18 Cameron, 22 Sheepish, 23 Avow, 24 East, 25 Masterly.
DOWN: 1 Wembley, 2 Spent, 3 Cower, 4 Earl, 6 Ordered, 7 Royal, 11 Ebony, 12 Pro-am, 14 Ladders, 16 Run away, 17 Taste, 19 Aphis, 20 Rover, 21 Film.

- 12 Let a learner have leisure! (5)
- 14 Coffee of the month? (7)
- 16 Tasteful style of hat? (4-3)
- 17 To prance around can be an illegal activity! (5)
- 19 Two large streams of verse (5)
- 20 Reputed, at present, to be in the outskirts of Kensington (5)
- 21 Bare-headed during tribal dances (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Bedtime drink (8)
- 5 Worshipped image (4)

- 8 Flat-bottomed vessel (4)
- 9 Meditating (8)
- 10 Standing erect (7)
- 12 Afterwards (5)
- 13 Press chief (6)
- 15 Beat or flog (6)
- 17 Instances (5)
- 18 Orator (7)
- 22 Child's pal (8)
- 23 Ship's stern (4)
- 24 Rodents (4)
- 25 Range (8)

DOWN

- 1 Planet (7)
- 2 A "dead duck"! (5)
- 3 Seize (5)
- 4 Soreness (4)
- 6 Fishing boat (7)
- 7 Beer (5)
- 11 Obese (5)
- 12 Tenancy contract (5)
- 14 Moment (7)
- 16 Non-vegetarian item (4-3)
- 17 Cavort (5)
- 19 Pieces of verse (5)
- 20 Familiar (5)
- 21 Hairless (4)

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Ex-lover to wed my dad

MY dad stole my girlfriend from me. Now they're sleeping together and talking about getting married. I'm facing the prospect of having a 28-year-old stepmum whom I used to bonk. Gross. I've warned him that she's a gold digger, but he won't hear a word said against her. My real mum thinks the whole situation is hilarious. She's treating it like a soap opera, but this is my life and I'm flipping out. What can I do?

JANE SAYS: You can hardly forbid your dad from marrying the woman he loves. Clearly, you've attempted to offer your opinion but if he's not interested, then back off.

Resist the urge to drip feed your mum details regarding their relationship and concentrate on doing your own thing.

You're young, the world is at your feet and your dad can find out for himself what your ex is like.

Who knows, maybe they're ideally suited and made for each other?

Stop looking back and start moving forward or you'll tie yourself up in emotional knots. How much time do you plan to spend in your dad's company anyway?

IT'S NOT CHEATING DAY 6



Jane says

I AGREE with Dan. You are having sex with someone else and he has every right to feel threatened by it. Just because Sam is another woman doesn't make your actions any less serious. You obviously have no intention of leaving Dan for her, but that doesn't make your having sex with her unimportant. It's great that she can give you fantastic orgasms, but maybe Dan could if you let him try. You need to be more patient with him and show him what you want. That is, of course, if you have any relationship left after what you've done. The poor guy is very hurt, and probably confused. If you say that it's only sex, he'll be even more upset. If you want to stay with him you'll have to give up Sam and make more of an effort with your relationship. If he really can't ring your bell you'd best end it with him at once rather than dragging it out and being tempted to cheat again.

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From getting drunk and taking drugs to breaking the furniture, it was like herding tigers. Two couples swapped

PALS WERE ANIMALS

partners, had noisy sex and then a massive argument.

Two single girls brought back strangers for an orgy - and my own boyfriend slept with both my best mate and cousin.

It was carnage. Everyone's still buzzing about an amazing weekend but I've

been left with a massive bill and no respect for anyone. How dare they?

JANE SAYS: How disappointing. You tried to organise a celebration, yet your ungrateful friends threw your efforts back in your face.

Sadly, if they're too immature to

know how to behave, if they couldn't show you a single ounce of respect, then I suggest you dump the lot of them.

Was it them playing up because the booze was free? Or they were jealous of you? Do they even realise that you've got a hefty bill?

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Cheap gift is a huge insult

MY husband's parents are loaded. I told my son that they'd give him at least £1,000 for his 18th birthday.

Instead, he got a nasty polyester jumper. My husband says I can't risk upsetting them by making a fuss. But how dare they insult us when they have so much? Should I say something?

JANE SAYS: How quick has your son been with the thank-you notes over the years? Sadly, if your boy hasn't been grateful, then maybe his grandparents have decided to react.

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CRUISE

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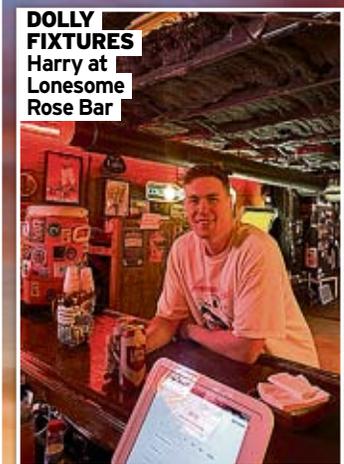
Hotel break for £241pp: Enjoy four nights at the Lakeside Coastal Village, Hants, on a Warner Leisure adults-only break featuring RE-MIXED with Emily Haig, following her recent rendition of God Save The King in the presence of King Charles III, who brings a show of opera, "pop" era and musical magic, plus vocalist Stephen Maycock. Includes breakfasts, three-course dinners, activities and entertainment. warnerleisurehotels.co.uk

COACH BREAK

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STAR BUY

Corfu from £189pp: Depart from East Midlands on May 19 for a week's B&B at the three-star Bruskos Hotel, Agios Georgios. loveholidays.com
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Relax, you're far too stiff!" my new dance partner urged me as I awkwardly shifted side to side at a honky-tonk bar in San Antonio, Texas. "It's one step to the right," she said, gripping my hands tighter, "and then two steps to the left."

It struck me she might have been miffed at finishing third in The Lonesome Rose bar's Best Dressed Dolly Parton competition. Or the more likely explanation - I have no rhythm.

It was Halloween at the vibrant saloon and the Dolly lookalike had asked me to boogie. At the bar I was ticking off stereotypes I'd been desperate to see before flying to Texas.

Here I was, in my new \$60 cowboy hat, dancing with a Dolly, surrounded by neon Budweiser signs and mounted stag heads, while an authentic country and western band performed only feet away. I was the star of a John Ford film.

But, it turns out, this was merely the amuse-bouche of my five-day trip. What I found in San Antonio went far beyond my expectations of Texas from the silver screen. The city surprised and captivated me in ways I'd never expected with its rich culture, incredible food and history.

"You don't need to die to go to heaven," celebrity chef Johnny Hernandez told our group after we sat down for dinner one night at his Mexican restaurant La Gloria, where the food is so good people nod their

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TRAVEL



San city

Harry Leach takes his cowboy hat off to this Texan superstar



MUST-SEE
The San Antonio River Walk

EasyJet holidays has launched packages to French Med island Corsica and Sitges, on the Spanish coast near Barcelona. Corsica starts at £393 for four nights from Gatwick; Sitges from £450 for seven nights from a range of UK airports. 23kg baggage. easyjet.com/en/holidays

Where's hot to trot in '24?

BY VICKY LISSAMAN

Shoulder Season travel, spring and autumn, is on the rise, according to British Airways' Holidays 2024 Travel Trends Report.

Research, carried out with forecasting agency Globetrender, revealed searches by customers looking to travel in May and June this year were double that of July and August (compared to 2023).

Most popular destinations were Gran Canaria (+86% year-on-year), Antalya (+67%) and Malta (+49%) and for autumn, Malta (+77%), Lanzarote (+45%) Crete (+40%), with airline schedules beginning earlier and finishing later to meet demand.

Around 45% said they are most likely to travel off-peak with cheap deals, fewer crowds and increasing temperatures as incentives.

TikTok is where 25% of UK consumers get inspired, with 18% booking a trip because of the site.

But 58% did say they would like to pay in interest-free instalments.

Destination swaps are popular, with Albania and Abu Dhabi alternatives to the Maldives and Dubai. Travellers over 45 were most likely to choose a lesser-known destination (78%). Around 78% have visited a TV or film location.

New York, Orlando and Dubai are BA's most searched packages for this year, with St Kitts (+97%), Kingston, Jamaica (+73%) and Malta (+58%). However, 42% of UK working adults said they do not take their full leave allocation.

BUY OF THE WEEK

BY NIGEL THOMPSON

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heads at each other after every bite. He was right, I thought, while filling my face with house-made tortilla chips, but not only about his food offering, I felt those six words everywhere I went in the city.

WHERE TO STAY AND WHAT TO SEE

I was lucky enough to wake up each day at the beautiful Omni La Mansión del Rio hotel. It's worth mentioning that it's the home to the Four Brothers restaurant, which served up the best chilli I've ever had. A mouthwatering fusion of American Wagyu beef, aged cheddar, scallions and crema.

The hotel leads out to San Antonio's breathtaking River Walk – a channel built in response to a flood in 1921 which killed 50 people. Its meandering route, below street level, is lined with restaurants and shops, making it a major tourist destination.

Colourful boats with tour guides at the helm float down the water at busy periods. While on board I learnt my new favourite wacky fact: it's illegal to milk another person's cow in Texas, and doing so may result in a \$10 fine.

THE ALAMO AND RIVER WALK

Visit the River Walk early in the morning, and you'll find its winding pathways and connecting stone bridges deserted. It was incredible to see it so peaceful.

The River Walk's snake-like bends bind the city together. It connects must-see draws such as San

Antonio Museum of Art, culinary and cultural hub The Pearl and arguably the city's most famous piece of history, the Alamo.

The site was one of the early Spanish missions and was built as a base to convert native Americans to Christianity.

The Battle of the Alamo took place there in 1836, towards the end of the Texas Revolution.

American folk hero Davy Crockett died along with most of the 200 defenders during the 90-minute battle at the end of a 13-day siege by around 2,000 Mexican troops.

I was amazed to see a fiddle which purportedly belonged to Crockett on display at the Witte Museum. Mainly because it was in a tiny back room, in a box behind a sheet, which could easily be missed.

Maverick Whiskey, around the corner from the Alamo, offers a fabulous tasting tour. I was told about the distillery's storied past as I knocked back its delicious liquid



HEAVENLY
Enchiladas
at La Gloria

gold... perhaps too delicious, as I forgot a lot of the fine details the moment I stepped back outside.

This also set the scene for an interesting walk back to my hotel, dodging horse carriages which travel through San Antonio's streets.

WHERE TO EAT

San Antonio's food offerings blew me away, along with my belt buckle. Eating upwards of 8,000 calories per day became routine.

Portions were big, and my belly is now even bigger yet I regret not one mouthful.

Tex-Mex restaurant and bakery Mi Tierra was a highlight and a visual explosion from the off. Shiny ceiling decorations hang within touching distance, while mariachi bands perform at the tables. Covering an entire wall is a mural depicting important figures who helped build America's Hispanic community and San Antonio in general.

"The food is just really, really great," said manager Gerardo Sepulveda when I asked him what makes the family-run business so popular. A simple, but correct assessment. I chose its Huevos Rancheros – eggs, refried beans, bacon with tortillas – and devoured the meal within what felt like 10 seconds flat.

La Panaderia bakery's popularity is evident in the long queue snaking out of the door when we



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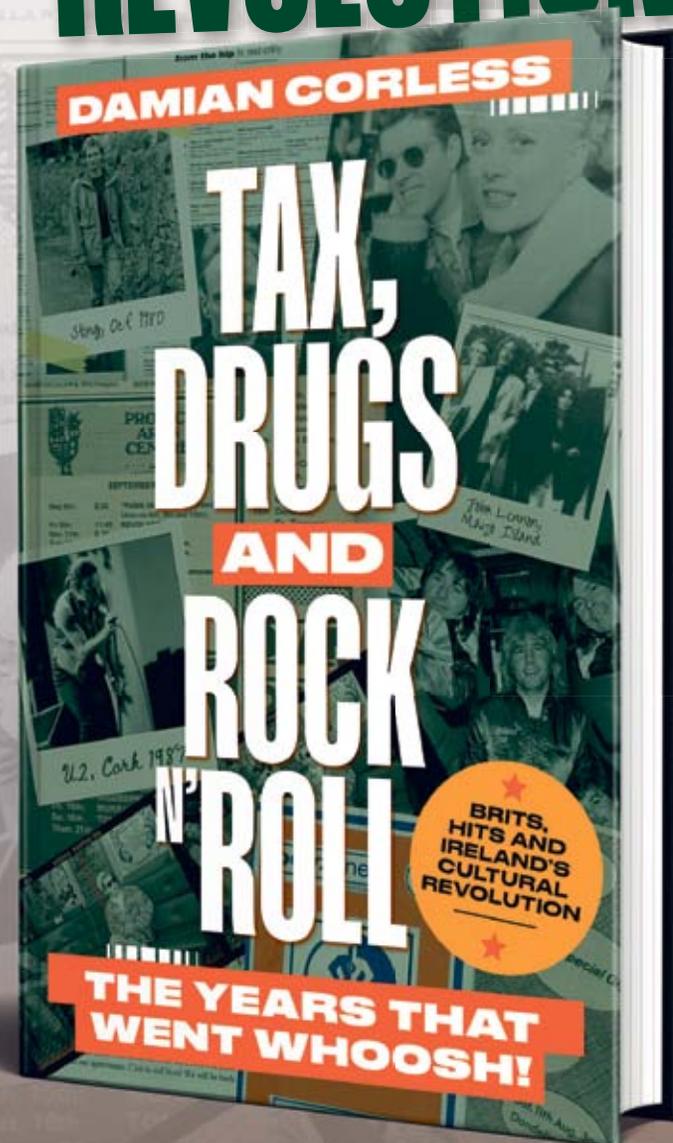
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THE JUMBO PUZZLE

PUB QUIZ

TEST your brains with our tantalising Pub Quiz. But beware – one of the 20 teasers is a trick question. Answers on Monday.



Q12: Brian Cox played which character in 1997 BBC TV drama Food for Ravens?

- 1 ACCORDING to a 2021 survey by The National Centre for Social Research, what percentage of Britons said the monarchy was 'very important'?
a) 31%
b) 51%
c) 71%
- 2 WHO did John Rhys-Davies play in Peter Jackson film trilogy The Lord of the Rings?
a) Gimli
b) Gligli
c) Gibli
- 3 WHICH colours form the flag of Portugal?
a) Red and green
b) Black and blue
c) White and yellow
- 4 WHO released 1974 album Kimono My House?
a) Cockney Rebel
b) Horslips
c) Sparks
- 5 WHAT type of dish is Hachis Parmentier?
a) Lasagne
b) Shepherd's pie
c) Chili con carne
- 6 WHO created comic strip Rupert Bear?
a) Enid Blyton
b) Mary Tourtel
c) Beatrix Potter
- 7 ON which of the Balearic Islands is the town of Ciutadella?
a) Formentera
b) Menorca
c) Ibiza
- 8 WHICH duo wrote 1971 film score Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory?
a) John Kander and Fred Ebb
b) Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd-Webber
c) Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley
- 9 WHO is to host BBC Radio 2 show Steve Wright's Love Songs from June?
a) Michael Ball
b) Mike Read
c) Martin Kemp
- 10 IN which Henry Miller volume did short story Jabberwhorl Cronstadt appear?
a) Tropic of Cancer
b) Black Spring
c) Tropic of Capricorn
- 11 ACCORDING to a recent survey carried out by the National Sheep Association, what is the most frequently occurring rural crime in the UK?
a) Sheep rustling
b) Badger-baiting
c) Sheep worrying
- 12 WHO did Brian Cox play in 1997 BBC TV drama Food for Ravens?
a) Harold Wilson
b) Aneurin Bevan
c) Spencer Perceval
- 13 WHICH town does 2006 sculpture The Singing Ringing Tree overlook?
a) Barnstaple
b) Belper
c) Burnley
- 14 WHEN was French Navy frigate Venus captured by the Royal Navy?
a) 1710
b) 1760
c) 1810
- 15 WHO wrote 2015 science fiction novel Children of Time?
a) Adrian Tchaikovsky
b) Simon Chopin
c) Bailey Holst
- 16 WHEN was the Battle of Langside fought?
a) 1568
b) 1768
c) 1968
- 17 OF which 1957 UK No. 1 single by Lonnie Donegan and his Skiffle Group was Love is Strange the B-side?
a) Cumberland Gap
b) Gambler's Man
c) My Old Man's a Dustman
- 18 TO whom is Beaker assistant in television series The Muppet Show?
a) Rizzo the Rat
b) The Swedish Chef
c) Gonzo the Great
- 19 WHICH track opens 1973 album Pin-ups by David Bowie?
a) Tracey
b) Suzanne
c) Rosalyn
- 20 WHO wrote 1908's The Autobiography of a Super-Tramp?
a) W. H. Auden
b) W. H. Davies
c) W. H. Smith

ACROSS

- 1 In a way showing little enthusiasm or effort (15)
- 9 Lionel , Argentina 2022 FIFA World Cup Final-winning captain (5)
- 12 Wheeled vehicle used to transport small groups (7)
- 13 See 34 Down
- 14 Disorderly crowd (3)
- 16 Quotes (5)
- 17 Shallow recess (5)
- 18 Out of reach (12)
- 19 Profit from something (4,2)
- 21 Murderers (7)
- 24 Protective cover for a vinyl record (6)
- 26 Broad sash (3)
- 28 President of Yugoslavia from 1953-80 born Josip Broz (4)
- 30 White vestment worn by priests (3)
- 31 Capital of Cyprus (7)
- 32 Capital of India (3,5)
- 34 Childish (8)
- 35 Playthings (4)
- 36 and 39 Down Pearl Nolan in Whitstable Pearl (5,8)
- 40 Object of worship (4)
- 41 Edible marine gastropod mollusc of the abalone family (5)
- 42 Dwarf planet (5)
- 43 Promises (4)
- 44 Round stone fruit; binomial name Prunus persica (5)
- 46 Magic rod (4)
- 47 Framework of bone (8)
- 51 Plot outline (8)
- 53 See 9 Down
- 54 B and C, members of The Spice Girls (3)

Complete the Jumbo Puzzle and rearrange the shaded squares to reveal a hidden celebrity name.

DOWN

- 55 Beams (4)
- 57 Mineral spring (3)
- 58 Extraterrestrials (6)
- 60 Japanese dish of seafood or vegetables deep-fried in batter (7)
- 65 and 43 Down Anya in Big Mood (6,6)
- 66 Historical romantic novel with depictions of sexual activity (6,6)
- 68 Encouraged (5)
- 71 Bloodsucking parasite (5)
- 72 Flock of pheasants (3)
- 73 Tall, plumed, cylindrical, military headdress popular in the 19th-century (5)
- 74 Japanese art of paper folding (7)
- 75 Suffered pain (5)
- 76 In a moody manner (15)
- 1 Pale yellow oval citrus fruit (5)
- 2 Doubter (5)
- 3 See 64 Down
- 4 See 33 Down
- 5 Blow (7)
- 6 Head of a university (10)
- 7 Large areas of water surrounded by land (5)
- 8 The most delicious (8)
- 9 and 53 Across DCI Neil McKinven in Traces (7,7)
- 10 See 63 Down
- 11 Dishonesty (11)
- 15 Male bovine animal (4)
- 20 See 37 Down
- 22 Immoral (4)
- 23 Fragrant climbing shrubs or arching vines in the genus Lonicera (12)
- 24 Attaches by stitches (4)
- 25 See 52 Down
- 27 Arousing violent feelings (12)
- 29 Each of various forms of an element with the same atomic number (7)
- 33 and 4 Down Jeannie Keefe in This Town (3,6)
- 34 and 13 Across Pippa Walsh in Wreck (5,5)
- 37 and 20 Down Katie Wells in Passenger (5,8)
- 38 See 62 Down
- 39 See 36 Across
- 43 See 65 Across
- 44 Piece of classical music with a constantly repeated bassline (11)
- 45 Metal container (3)
- 48 Greek god of love (4)
- 49 Heat (4)
- 50 Judge (10)
- 52 and 25 Down Noel Holmes in The Dropout (9,6)
- 56 Having a harsh sound (8)
- 59 Made a sound like a horse (7)
- 61 Old two-handed thin-necked container (7)
- 62 and 38 Down Jack Rooney in Netflix series 3 Body Problem (4,7)
- 63 and 10 Down Georgina Merrick in The Twelve (6,9)
- 64 and 3 Down Christina Brand in Professor T (6,6)
- 67 Market town in Surrey associated with a bitter saline spring (5)
- 69 Rough or twisted lump on a tree (5)
- 70 Building for processing and storing milk (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Bibliography, 7 and 10 Down Levi Brown, 11 Lambast, 12 Downright, 13 and 29 Across Amber Grappy, 15 See 25 Down, 16 Drawing rooms, 20 Enlist, 22 Beggar, 24 Champion, 26 Opal, 28 Iota, 29 See 13 Across, 31 Devours, 32 Renounce, 35 Sandpaper, 37 Hill, 38 and 44 Across Jenni Baird, 41 Call centre, 42 Assurances, 44 See 38 Across, 46 Burn, 47 Interpret, 52 Compiled, 54 See 6 Down, 56 See 75 Across, 58 Apex, 59 Asia, 60 Obduracy, 62 Quacks, 63 and 23 Down Nicola Coughlan, 68 Kaleidoscope, 70 Forego, 71 Fuses, 73 Britannia, 74 Everton, 75 and 56 Across Will Mellor, 76 West Virginia. **DOWN:** 1 Belarus, 2 Bemoan, 3 Irascible, 4 See 5 Down, 5 and 4 Down Andy Gathergood, 6 and 54 Across Howard Charles, 8 Elgin, 9 Interim, 10 See 7 Across, 13 Avenges, 14 Balsa, 17 Onion, 18 Singe, 19 Fairy, 21 Toymaker, 23 See 63 Across, 24 Carelessness, 25 and 15 Across Anne Archer, 27 Advent Sunday, 30 Pedal, 33 Use, 34 Concede, 36 Arapaho, 39 and 66 Down Jennifer Spence, 40 Green Man, 43 Nepal, 45 Rip, 48 Threads, 49 and 51 Down Ella Bruccoleri, 50 Shout, 51 See 49 Down, 52 Crook, 53 Medal, 55 Easter egg, 57 Lions, 61 Rainbow, 64 Infanta, 65 Scrap, 66 See 39 Down, 67 Boston, 69 Oriol, 72 Fast. **PRIZE NAME:** Bill Nighy.

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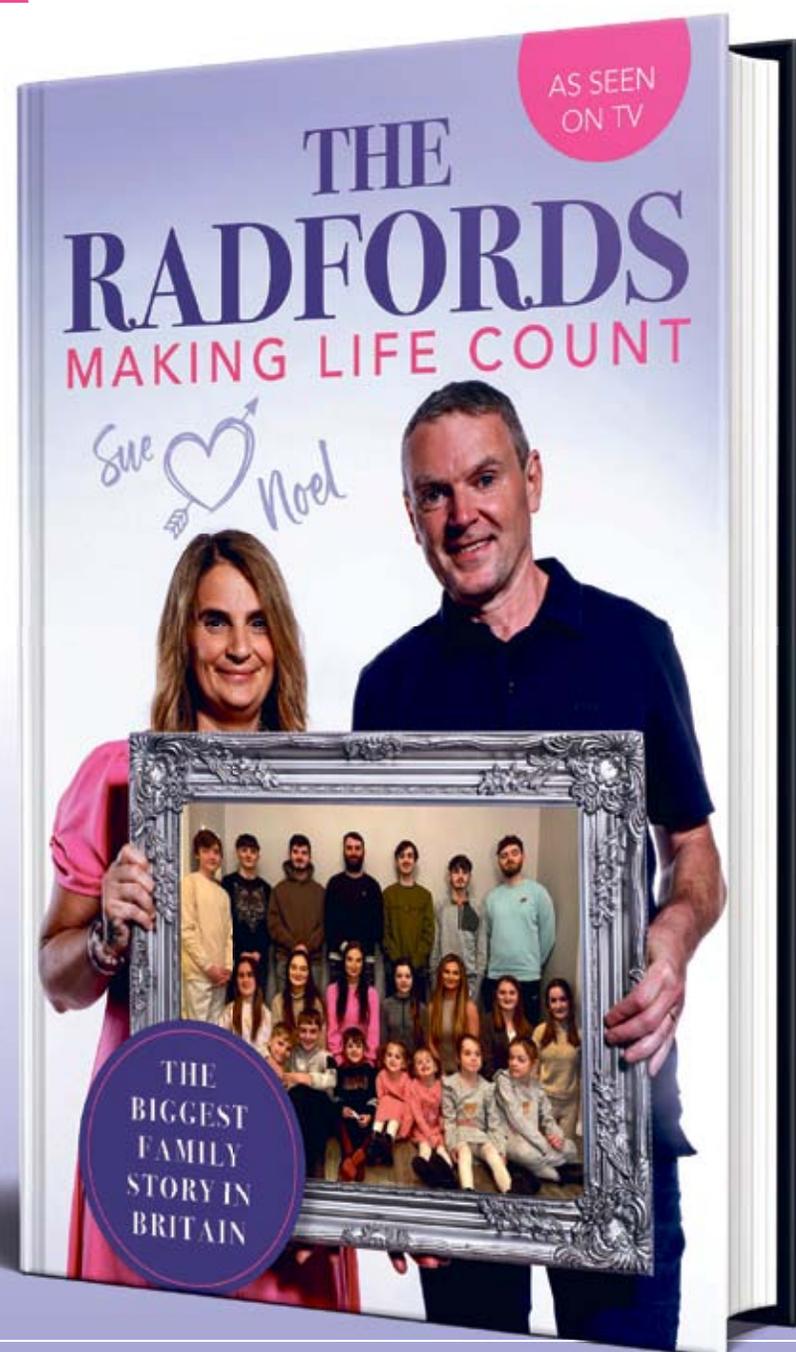
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STAR SHORTS

Murray's on Bord

■ TENNIS

ANDY MURRAY will make his return to action at a second-tier Challenger event in Bordeaux next week.

And the Scot, 37 next week, has confirmed he will play doubles at the French Open with Dan Evans as preparation for his potential farewell at the Paris Olympics.

The three-time Grand Slam winner ruptured ankle ligaments at the Miami Open in March.

Evans is egged on

■ FORMULA E

MITCH EVANS hopes Jaguar will not derail his title charge by prioritising his team-mate.

Kiwi star Evans is trailing his team-mate and childhood pal Nick Cassidy in the standings.

Before this weekend's Berlin double-header, Evans said: "We're both within a shot of the title, so it is far too early to be putting all of our eggs in one basket."

Jimmy to call time

■ CRICKET

JIMMY ANDERSON looks set to bring the curtain down on his England career.

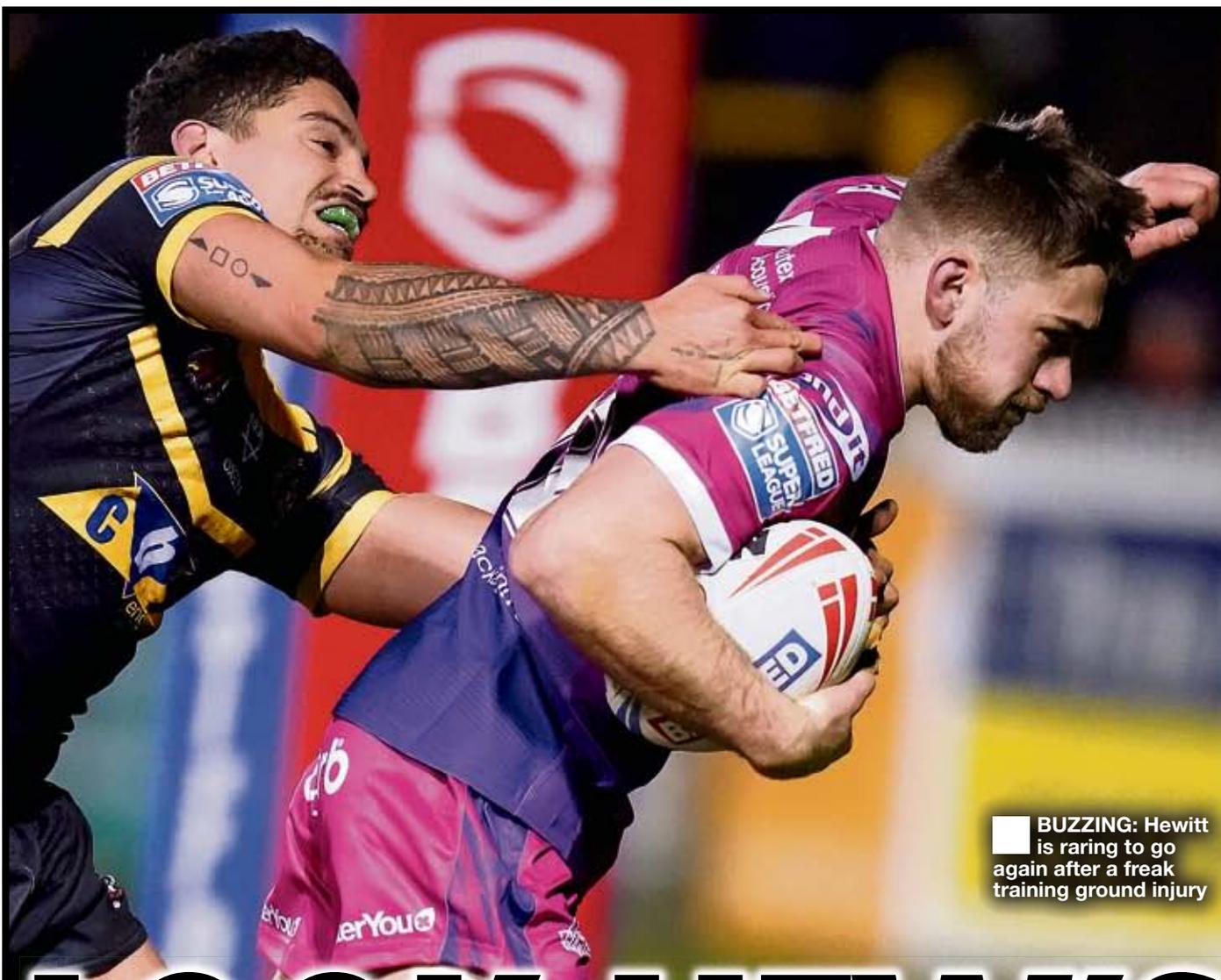
Anderson, 41, is the highest wicket-taking seamer in Test history, with 700 victims in a 20-year career.

However, it now looks likely he will retire from the international scene after England's Test series against West Indies and Sri Lanka this summer.

5 FOR FUN

- Which Nico de Boinville mount won the 2024 Melling Chase at Aintree?
- Who scored two tries for Leinster in the 2023-24 Investec Champions Cup quarter-final win over La Rochelle?
- Which English golfer tied third in the 2024 Masters?
- Who won Round 1 of the 2024 British Rally Championship, the North West Stages?
- Which former West Ham player scored twice for Atalanta in the 2023-24 Europa League win at Liverpool?

ANSWERS: Page 43



UP FOR IT: Abdull

Jordan firing up Dragons

CATALANS v LEEDS

5.30pm, SS Arena

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

JORDAN ABDULL admits Catalans' mis-firing half-backs must redeem themselves against Leeds.

Dragons were early Super League leaders but are now desperately hoping to avoid three successive defeats.

Last year's beaten Grand Finalists were hammered 30-2 at lowly Leigh and 30-8 at champions Wigan.

Steve McNamara's side have scored just one try in more than 160 minutes of action, heaping pressure on his creative hub.

Stand-off Abdull said: "Steve's been honest with the group and the halves in terms of where we're at in attack.

"It's our job to get better, get more points on the board and improve our mentality when things aren't going too well.

"There's been reasons, with lots of different combinations due to injuries and suspensions.

"But we need to adapt to situations much quicker."

The on-loan Hull KR star added: "It's up to half-backs to get points and create chances for those out wide.

"Me, Jayden [Nikorima] Morguey [Arthur Morgue] and Theo [Fages] have spoken as a group.

"We want to improve. We're disappointed with how we played against Wigan and Leigh but don't need long for a chance to redeem ourselves against a Leeds side who've been doing really well."

BUZZING: Hewitt is raring to go again after a freak training ground injury

LOOK HEWITT'S BACK AGAIN

Fighting-fit Sam has Warriors in his sights

FIT-AGAIN Sam Hewitt has timed his run to perfection as Huddersfield bid to fire on both fronts.

HUDDERSFIELD v WIGAN

3pm, Sky Sports Arena

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

The hard-working second-row has missed the last seven games due to a freak training ground incident.

But he returns as Giants face champions Wigan in today's intriguing Super League tussle.

And Hewitt, who this week signed a new three-year deal, plans to show he's straight back up to speed for next Sunday's Challenge Cup semi-final against Warrington.

He said: "I'm buzzing. I've been itching to get back for a week or two.

"I was gutted with the injury, especially the way it happened.

"It was in training but there

was no one around me. I just turned to get back outside and wasn't touched by anyone but ended up snapping my ankle ligament and needing surgery.

"It was tough to take as I'd been playing every week and felt like I was doing a good job, so that put a dampener on things.

"You're only human and the Wigan and Warrington games are the ones you want to play in.

"But the physio team told me the best and worst-case scenarios - and luckily I've finished with the best."

As well as chasing Wembley, Huddersfield were showing signs of challenging for top spot recently but slipped off the

pace with back-to-back defeats against St Helens and Salford.

World Club champions Wigan will offer another stern test and Hewitt added: "They are an aggressive pack and on the edges they're pretty silky with some skill.

"But I'm sure we'll rise to it. I can't wait to get back out there."

That new deal shows how much faith boss Ian Watson has in the no-nonsense forward.

He's now aged 25 but his career has been a slow-burner since making his Huddersfield debut off the bench against Leeds back in 2018.

Hewitt spent time on loan at Workington and Halifax in his formative years and even last season he went out on loan to Wakefield for seven games.

But he was rewarded with the

No.12 jersey by Watson this term and he started all five of their opening games before that untimely injury.

The gritty Yorkshireman said: "It's been a waiting game and been about being patient.

"The last couple of years I had Chris McQueen in front of me who's a great professional and did some wonderful things in the NRL.

"He came here and was absolutely fantastic.

"I did have some hard conversations with Watto but I trusted him.

"I had a lot to learn coming through and do feel I'm starting to get there now - my role and my position.

"Now I need to make the most of my chance - and I'm absolutely thrilled with the contract."

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April 27 winner was David Wilson from Middlesbrough.

ACROSS

- 2001-04 Norway and 1999-2005 Southampton midfielder (2,6)
- Dennis, 1990-2000 Holland and 1995-2006 Arsenal forward (8)
- 8 and 42 Down. 2023-24 Scottish Championship club whose home is Somerset Park (3,6)
- Estadio Santiago, Real Madrid home (8)
- Marcos, 2009-11 Argentina and 2010-12 Sunderland defender (8)
- Darren, 1990-97 Carlisle defender; 2013-15 Barrow boss (9)
- 14 and 31 Across. Coventry and 2020-23 Everton striker (5,5)
- Hope, 2014-15 Nigeria and 2013-15 Reading midfielder (5)
- See 25 Across.
- Shay, 1996-2016 Republic of Ireland and 1997-2009 Newcastle goalkeeper (5)
- Myziane, Comoros and Hertha BSC attacker; Hibernian loanee since January (7)
- 2006-10 and 2014-16 Brazil coach (5)
- 25 and 20 Across. Jamaica and Fulham forward (5,2,7-4)
- City, 2023-24 Championship club whose home is Carrow Road (7)
- Cyriel, Nigeria and Rangers forward (7)
- See 14 Across.
- Mick, 1964-78 QPR, 1978 Detroit Express and 1978-79 Cambridge midfielder (5)
- Matheus, Montrose and 2019-20 Inverness Caledonian Thistle midfielder (7)
- Russell, 2017-18 Grimsby boss (5)
- Sweden, Newcastle, 2017-19 Borussia Dortmund and 2019-22 Real Sociedad forward (9,4)
- 38 and 22 Down. 1968-73 Swindon forward; 1969 League Cup final winner (5,5)
- 41 and 47 Across. 1995-2005 South Africa and 2001-06 Charlton striker (5,8)
- Tunisia and Arsenal defender; Wigan and Servette loanee in 2023-24 (4,5)
- Pegguy, 1997-2000 Leicester goalkeeper (8)
- See 41 Across.
- Carlos, 1997-99 Argentina goalkeeper (3)
- Alberto, 2011-16 ChievoVerona and January-June 2016 Swansea striker (8)
- Martin, 2004-09 Republic of Ireland and 2003-12 QPR midfielder (8)

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- Ralph, 1960-62 Scotland, 1954-65 Rangers and 1965-67 Manchester City striker (5)
- 2006 Scottish Cup final runners-up (6)
- Alvaro, Spain, Atletico Madrid and 2017-20 Chelsea striker (6)
- Chris, 2007-09 Crewe and 2010-14 Morecambe defender (8)
- Richard, Solihull Moors and 2015-17 Fulham defender (8)
- Kevin Stuhr, 2002-05 Manchester City and 2012-19 IF Elfsborg keeper (9)
- Carl, 2015-16 Nigeria and 2003-18 Wolves keeper (5)
- Alan, 2011-12 Scunthorpe boss (5)
- Shabani, 2000-08 DR Congo and 2000-05 Monaco striker (5)
- Suriname-born 2012-13 Bournemouth midfielder (7,6)
- See 38 Across.
- See 4 Down.
- Marcus, 1994-2011 US and 2002-09 Reading goalkeeper (9)
- Euro 2024 nation coached by Francesco Calzona (8)
- 31 and 40 Down. 2022 and 2023 League of Ireland Premier Division champions (8,6)
- Joel, Cameroon, Liverpool and 2009-16 Schalke defender (5)
- Gunnar, 1988-99 Norway and 1991-96 Oldham defender (5)
- Scott, Derby County, 2006-12 Watford and 2019-21 Barnet goalkeeper (5)
- Ovie, 2016-20 Liverpool and 2020-23 Reading midfielder (6)
- See 31 Down.
- Martin, 2004-19 Slovakia, 2008-16 Liverpool and 2016-19 Fenerbahce defender (6)
- See 8 Across.
- Spain and Manchester City midfielder (5)
- SD, 2023-24 Segunda Division club (5)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1. Broddle; 4. See 30 Across; 7. Dempsey; 9. Baillie; 11. Poyet; 13. Ekuban; 15. Osadebe; 18. Gagliardini; 20. Money; 21. Twenty-two; 24 and 47 Across. Terry Hurlock; 25. Kanchelskis; 27. Nathan Tella; 30 and 4 Across. Emile Smith Rowe; 32. Carvalho; 34. Latka; 36. Trent Bridge; 38. Polston; 40. Lyttle; 42. Nemecek; 44. Rushden; 47. See 24 Across; 48. Arveladze; 49. Nemecek. **DOWN:** 1. Babb; 2. Dell; 3. Endean; 4 and 17 Down. Simon Milton; 5. Hyypia; 6 and 19 Down. Wade Small; 8. Simoni; 10. Arena; 12. The Royals; 14 and 26 Down. Brice Samba; 16. Egan; 17. See 4 Down; 18. See 28 Down; 19. See 6 Down; 22. Wirth; 23. Ochoa; 25. Katic; 26. See 14 Down; 27. Neil Aspin; 28 and 18 Down. Avram Grant; 29. Larsen; 31 and 45 Down. Eddie Howe; 33. Hirst; 35. Tall; 36. See 46 Down; 37. Glebe; 39. Tuchel; 40. Larkin; 41. Crowe; 43. Eder; 45. See 31 Down; 46 and 36 Down. Nick Tanner.

DOWN

- Martin, 1971-84 Northern Ireland and 1971-81 Nottingham Forest midfielder; 1990-95 Wycombe, 1995-2000 Leicester, 2000-05 Celtic and 2006-10 Aston Villa boss (6)
- John, 1995 England and 1994-96 Liverpool defender (6)
- 4 and 27 Down. 1949-65 Brazil defender; 1962 World Cup final-winning captain (5,5)



RIGHT MOVE: Aubameyang is at which club? See EUROPA

HALF-TIME TEASERS

IPSWICH

This Ipswich Hall of Fame member signed from which club in this year?

- Paul Cooper, 1974
- Allan Hunter, 1971
- Cyril Lea, 1964
- Charlie Woods, 1966
- Jim Magilton, 1999

WSL

Which 2023-24 Women's Super League club played most of its home games at this venue?

- Prenton Park
- Brisbane Road
- Kingsmeadow
- Bescot Stadium
- Broadfield Stadium

EUROPA

This man scored for which side in the 2023-24 Europa League quarter-finals 1st leg?

- Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang
- Mario Pasalic
- Victor Boniface
- Gianluca Mancini
- Angel Di Maria

BUNDESLIGA

Which team won the Bundesliga title for the first time in this season?

- 1964-65
- 2008-09
- 1969-70
- 2023-24
- 1965-66

BRACE

Who hit both goals for this team in this 2023-24 Premier League 2-2 draw against this side?

- Tottenham at Everton
- Burnley vs Fulham
- Wolves at Nottingham Forest
- Chelsea vs Burnley
- Manchester United at Bournemouth

KEEPER

This goalkeeper played for which northern side for this period?

- Eddie Hopkinson, 1952-70
- Alan Kelly, 1958-73
- Kelham O'Hanlon, 1985-91
- Mark Gillespie, 2010-17
- Roy Tunks, 1981-88

BENELUX

Which club from the Benelux countries, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland, lost this European Cup tie to this British club by this aggregate score?

- 1982-83 first round, Celtic (4-3)
- 1969-70 quarterfinals, Leeds (2-0)
- 1973-74 first round, Liverpool (3-1)
- 1968-69 second round, Manchester United (4-3)
- 1983-84 second round, Dundee United (4-0)

HOTSHOTS

Which nation or nations were top scorers in the group stage of this Euro tournament but did not reach the final?

- 2020
- 2016 (two countries)
- 1996
- 2004 (two countries)
- 2008

CAF

This man was top scorer for which CAF nation after two 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers last November?

- Njiva Rakotoharimalala
- Mo Salah
- Patson Daka
- Emilio Nsue
- Kamory Doumbia

A BRIT ABROAD

This Briton become coach of which nation in 2023?

- Darren Bazeley
- Ricky Hill
- Lee Bowyer
- Terry Connor
- Ashley Westwood

ANSWERS

- IPSWICH**
5. TSV 1860 Munich
- KEEPER**
1. Bolton
2. Preston
3. Rotherham
4. Carlisle
5. Wigan
- BENELUX**
1. Ajax
2. Standard Liege
3. Zambija
4. Equatofrial
5. Guinea
- BRACE**
5. Benfica
- EUROPA**
1. Marcellino
2. Atalanta
3. Bayer
4. Leverkusen
5. Roma
- BUNDESLIGA**
1. Werder Bremen
2. VfL Wolfsburg
3. Borussia
4. Eintracht Frankfurt
5. Bayer
- CAF**
1. Madagascar
2. Egypt
3. Zambia
4. Equatorial
5. Mali
- A BRIT ABROAD**
1. Liverpool
2. David Dutton
3. Lee Bowyer
4. Terry Connor
5. Ashley Westwood
- HOTSHOTS**
1. Bournemouth
2. Hungary and Wales
3. England
4. England and Sweden
5. Sheffield Wednesday
- BENELUX**
1. Marcellino
2. Atalanta
3. Bayer
4. Leverkusen
5. Roma
- BRACE**
1. Richard Dutton
2. David Dutton
3. Lee Bowyer
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BATTLED TESTED: Jake Hadley is out to showcase his skills

Jake's ready for backyard brawl

JAKE HADLEY has got his hand raised in enemy territory plenty of times – and has laughed off Charles Johnson's St Louis travel warning.

Birmingham flyweight Hadley faces the American in his Missouri home tonight at UFC on ESPN 56, with Johnson promising a hostile reception.

Despite the name, crime stats suggest St Louis has plenty of sinners as well, with 'InnerG' even posting: "I come from the 'show me' state, a city that's been the murder capital, and shapes a different type of person... In MY CITY! In front of MY PEOPLE! We show the UK boy who the King of the monsters is."

However, Hadley has seen and heard it all before, most notably when he travelled to South Africa to defend his Extreme Fighting Championship (EFC) title against Nkazimulo Zulu in 2019.

'White Kong' said: "I have done this so many times before. This is not my first rodeo. Charles Johnson keeps talking about how St Louis is the 'murder capital'. Well, I went to Cape Town, South Africa – their proper murder capital – and beat their boy in his backyard.

"I have also fought Blaine O'Driscoll in

EXCLUSIVE

by GARY HITCHCOCK

Dublin, which was his backyard, and I have fought all these Americans in the UFC in their backyards. So for me this fight is no different.

"It is just another normal day at the office.

"I don't mind the boos. I have been booed before. It gives you extra fuel for the fire in the fight."

Johnson will be familiar to UK fans after he took Wigan's Muhammad Mokaev the distance in a losing effort in London two years ago.

However, Hadley, who is 2-2 in the UFC, is out to use his opponent as a springboard to rise up the rankings.

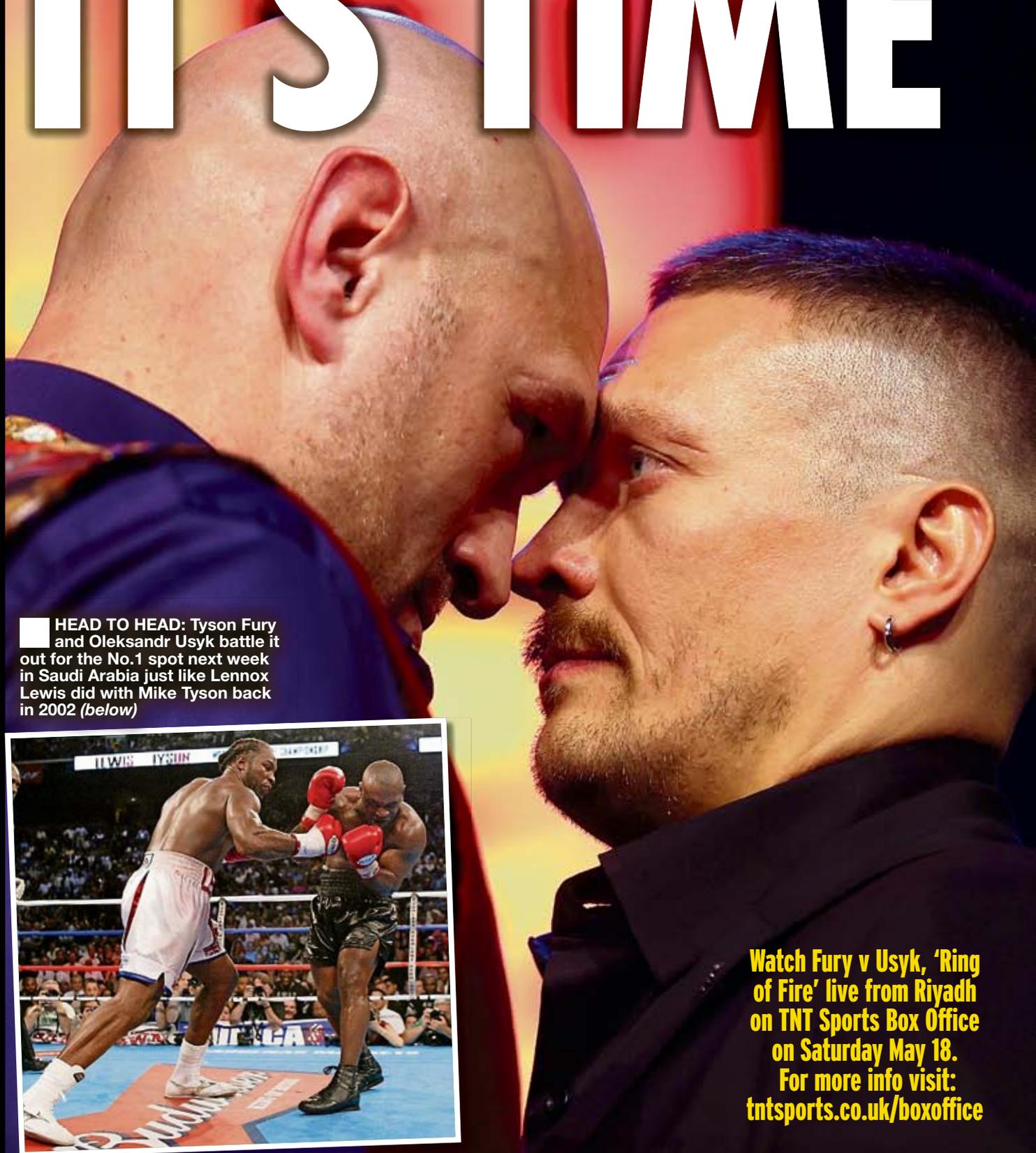
He added: "He is elusive but I see myself beating him in any aspect of the game, whether that is striking or on the ground.

"He likes to fight a certain way but I feel that I could fight him how he likes to fight and still beat him. But if I put my game on to him, it is going to be a good night for me. You will see the best version of me so far come Saturday.

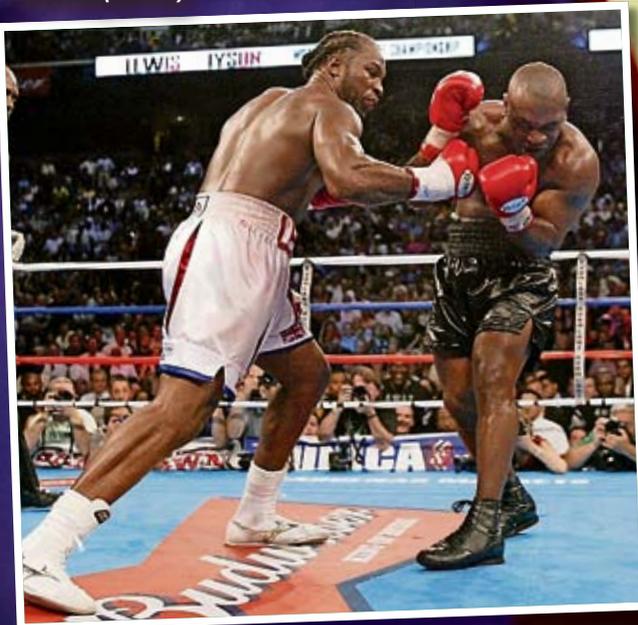
"I think this is a good style fight for me to showcase my skills against a good and known opponent. I am motivated and ready to go."

WORLD BOXING: SEVEN DAYS TO GO

IT'S TIME



HEAD TO HEAD: Tyson Fury and Oleksandr Usyk battle it out for the No.1 spot next week in Saudi Arabia just like Lennox Lewis did with Mike Tyson back in 2002 (below)



Watch Fury v Usyk, 'Ring of Fire' live from Riyadh on TNT Sports Box Office on Saturday May 18. For more info visit: tntsports.co.uk/boxoffice

Tom eyes a hot Hatch scorcher

TOM INGRAM is aiming to make hay while the sun shines when the British Touring Car Championship rolls into Brands Hatch.

Much improved conditions are forecast compared with the opener at Donington Park, where Ingram (inset) laid down an early marker with a commanding double in his Hyundai.

"Donington was a fantastic way to start

by SIMON MELLISH and I'm feeling pretty good," said Ingram.

The BTCC heads to the shortest track on the calendar, the action-packed Brands Hatch Indy circuit,

and Ingram added: "The weather looks a lot more favourable, which should make things more hassle-free and I think we are in a really good place."

THE Brands Hatch action is broadcast live tomorrow on ITV4 from 11am.



PRICE IS RIGHT UP FOR IT



LAUREN PRICE grew up dreaming about being Kelly Holmes with an Olympic gold medal.

And now, having won at the 2020 Tokyo Games, she's eyeing up being a Welsh boxing icon like her other inspiration, Joe Calzaghe.

Price (left) takes on Jessica McCaskill for the WBA welterweight crown in Cardiff tonight – in just her seventh professional fight.

The Newport native, 29, has already ticked off

three of her childhood goals of winning kick-boxing world championships, playing football for Wales and claiming Olympic gold.

"My nan always told me to always go for my dreams," she said.

"I wrote those three things down and ticked them off. Now I look

ahead at something else. No dream is stupid, no dream is too big if you work hard enough.

"Kelly Holmes was the one who inspired me, she made me want to go to the Olympics when I was eight.

"I didn't know how I would get there or what sport I was going to do but I knew I would get there."

Now she's charging through the professional boxing ranks and hoping to join Joe Cordina as a reigning Welsh world

champion tonight when she faces experienced American McCaskill, 39.

Boxer-backed Price is hoping that along with Cordina, who is promoted by Matchroom, they can bring big-time boxing to Cardiff like the glory days when Calzaghe packed out the Principality Stadium for huge fights.

She added: "He's a hero. For me he's one of the greatest. We've seen Katie Taylor selling out massive arenas in Ireland and I want to do that here."



UNTIL FURY v USYK

TO BELT UP

Money-driven promoters don't want an undisputed champ

by CHRIS McKENNA

LENNOX LEWIS insists there will not be a hint of sadness when he loses the crown of being the last undisputed heavyweight champion.

The plan is for the British star to present the WBA, IBF, WBO and WBC belts to the winner of Tyson Fury against Oleksandr Usyk in Saudi Arabia next weekend.

It will be a symbolic moment because, for the first time in 25 years, one man will be taking over from Lewis as the last to be considered, without any doubt, the best fighter in the sport's glamour division.

Thanks to boxing politics it would not be surprising if there is a similarly long wait for the next one to take over from the winner of this showdown, with American referee Mark Nelson, who has taken charge of more than 100 world title fights, set to be the third man in the ring.

"I would be delighted that there is another one because records are there to be broken," said Lewis.

"I'm going to be happy that I've held it for this length of time.

"Now I challenge the other heavyweight to hold his for the length of time I did.

"Being undisputed champion is so difficult. By the time you sit down and are enjoying it, there's three (now four) people that are saying, 'I can beat you' and there's three (now four) belts saying, 'You have to box this guy or that guy'."

"There's a whole bunch of confusion and in order to satisfy all the belts you have to talk to them and

says **LENNOX LEWIS** the last man to hold that honour

arrange it, you have to make sure they're feeling happy about you representing their belt for a long time." That's boxing and the winner of Fury and Usyk will hold on to all four belts for about five minutes.

The IBF are primed and ready to strip the winner, given there is a rematch clause and neither man will be free to defend the belt against their mandatory challenger next.

"The promoters want there to be belts out there for their boxers to have, so they're able to promote and say, 'Hey he's universal champion' and I'm like, 'What's universal champion?'" added Lewis (*inset*).

"Where do they come up with these remarks. It's either undisputed or that. There's no universal champion, I don't know where that came from or whatever term they use. To me it is all about money.

"I understand it is business but tell the truth, don't put the facade in there, wipe it away and tell the truth. Tell it how it really is."

Lewis knows it all too well. When he beat Evander Holyfield at the second attempt in 1999 at the Thomas & Mack Center, the WBA, IBF and WBO belts were all draped over him.

Back then the WBO wasn't considered a serious title.

But within weeks, he had lost the WBA belt without stepping in the ring as he was stripped for failing to fight John Ruiz next when Don King took the matter to a hearing. Still,

there was no denying that Lewis had become king of the era and he solidified his position by beating Mike Tyson three years later.

"Everything I did was leading up to this point, I wanted to be Olympic champion, so I went back twice to the Olympics," said Lewis, who won gold at Seoul in 1988 for Canada.

"I wanted to be British champion, I wanted to be European champion, I wanted to be world champion, and my last thing was undisputed champion."

"Once I won undisputed champion, I could rest. But I waited for Tyson so there will be no argument about who will be the best in this era. "I didn't want anyone to be sitting in the barbers having an argument saying, 'Who was the best? Tyson, Holyfield or Lewis? I ended my career showing the whole world that I am the best of that era.

"Even now I'm listening to promoters and boxers talk saying, 'Oh there was a champion 25 years ago.' "They've forgotten my name. It was me. Lennox Lewis.

"I was the world champion, I'm the undisputed champion and I've been the undisputed champion for 25 years."

Now the undefeated duo of Fury and Usyk get that chance next weekend in Saudi Arabia.

But the man who will be handing the winner the belts still thinks he would be king if he was still around now. "Absolutely," he said.



Tyson needs a battle of Britain

by CHRIS McKENNA

TYSON FURY will still have to face Anthony Joshua to clear up the heavyweight division if he beats Oleksandr Usyk, says Lennox Lewis.

'The Gypsy King' puts his WBC heavy-weight title on the line against WBA, IBF and WBO belt holder Usyk in the first undisputed heavyweight title fight since Lewis beat Evander Holyfield in 1999.

But British boxing icon Lewis still reckons Fury will need to face a resurgent Joshua (*below*) to ensure he's remembered as the best of this era, despite Usyk's two wins over the Watford-born boxer.

He said: "Yeah, I think he does need to fight him because it is a British thing. I'm sure the British fans want to see that match up.

"There's always a big British fight between two enormous heavyweights."

Joshua got people excited with three wins in 2023 against heavyweight contenders before he dismantled former UFC fighter Francis Ngannou in March.

Lewis added: "I'm sure there are a lot of people saying, especially after the Ngannou fight, 'What about Anthony's right hand? It's back and he looked great'.

"But, you know, the kind of boxer Ngannou is.

"He is not the same as Fury.

"When you look at the one-two, is that gonna hit Tyson Fury?"

"Maybe not in the first couple of rounds, maybe in the last couple of rounds.

"You've got two different styles that are going to clash and everybody is wondering what is going to happen and the only way to find out is if they fight."



DENZEL NEEDS TO DIG DEEP

THERE comes a time in every fighter's career when they hit a crossroads clash - one they simply must win.

That is what tonight is for Denzel Bentley as the middleweight faces Danny Dignum in what can be a York Hall cracker.

Denzel (*left*) is coming off a tough defeat last year by Nathan Heaney. That was a huge blow for him.

It's not too long ago that he came close to winning a world middleweight title against the imperious Zhanibek Alimkhanuly.

FRANK WARREN

Interview by CHRIS McKENNA

Denzel just left it a bit late that night and if he'd have turned it up earlier, then he may have conquered the feared fighter.

But now he has a chance to reignite his career.

This is no pushover, this is a real fight and Dignum is coming to win and

further his own career. We will learn a lot about Denzel tonight and I hope he can show us what he's made of to get back in the mix at middleweight.

It's a big night for many on the undercard.

These nights are where we showcase our younger talent but also give them the chance to prove they're ready for the big time.

Ryan Garner is a super-featherweight who had us very excited about him earlier in his career but he's had injuries and issues

which have stalled his development.

There's still something special in him, though, and he can push on with a big performance against the very good Liam Dillon.

Then we have Nathaniel Collins continuing his rise at featherweight and Royston Barney-Smith in his 10th outing at super-feather.

Archie Sharp is another looking to ignite something. We give these fighters the platform, so let's hope they can take the chance.

INFORMATION STATION

CRICKET

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - DIVISION ONE — Hampshire v Durham (The Rose Bowl): Hampshire . 336-4 (96.0 overs; A G H Orr 126, T J Prest 65no) Durham.

Kent v Worcestershire (Canterbury): Worcestershire . 308-5 (96.0 overs; G H Roderick 117, K Ali 72, A J Hose 50no) Kent.

Nottinghamshire v Lancashire (Trent Bridge): Lancashire . 306-8 (96.0 overs; K K Jennings 91, T C Bruce 73) Nottinghamshire.

Surrey v Warwickshire (The Oval): Warwickshire . 318-8 (96.0 overs; E Barnard 96no, J Clark 4-50) Surrey.

DIVISION TWO — Glamorgan v Sussex (Sophia Gardens): Sussex 278 (87.2 overs; J A R Harris 4-93, Mir Hamza 4-70). Glamorgan 21-1 (6.0 overs).

Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire (Northampton): Gloucestershire . 338-8 (96.0 overs; M A H Hammond 112, C T Bancroft 53, S Kaul 4-58) Northamptonshire.

1ST T20I — Ireland v Pakistan (Dublin): Pakistan 182-6 (20.0 overs; M B Azam 57); Ireland 183-5 (19.5 overs; A Balbirnie 77). Ireland win by 5 wickets

4TH T20I — Bangladesh v Zimbabwe (Mirpur): Bangladesh 143-10 (19.5 overs; T H Tamim 52; L M Jongwe 3-20); Zimbabwe 138-10 (19.4 overs; S Al Hasan 4-35; M M Rahman 3-19). Bangladesh win by 5 runs.

IPL — (Ahmedabad) Gujarat Titans 231-3 (20.0 overs; S Gill 104; B S Sudharsan 103); Chennai Super Kings 196-8 (20.0 overs; D J Mitchell 63; M M Ali 56; M M Sharma 3-31). Gujarat Titans win by 35 runs.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA — Stage 7 (Foligno to Perugia, 37.2km ITT): 1 T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates 51m 44s, 2 F Ganna (Ita) INEOS Grenadiers +17s, 3 M Sheffield (US) INEOS Grenadiers +49, 10 G Thomas (GB) INEOS Grenadiers +2m. Overall: 1 Pogacar 24h 12m 36s, 2 D Martinez (Col) BORA-hansgrohe +2m 36s, 3 Thomas +2:46.

DARTS

PDC EUROPEAN TOUR (Wunderino Arena, Kiel, Germany) - **1st Round**: S Bialecki (Pol) bt J de Sousa (Por) 6-5, M Kuivenhoven (Ned) bt C Toonders (Ger) 6-0, A Gilding (Eng) bt T Tricole (Fra) 6-1, F Roetzsch (Ger) bt H Puha (Nzl) 6-4, M Hilger (Ger) bt M Dennant (Eng) 6-2, J Wattimena (Ned) bt B Dolan (Nlri) 6-1, L Woodhouse (Eng) bt R Joyce (Eng) 6-5, J Wade (Eng) bt N Zonneveld (Ned) 6-2.

GOLF

USPGA TOUR WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP (Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA) — **1st Round** (USA unless stated, Par 71): 64 X Schauffele, 67 R McIlroy (Nlri), C Morikawa, A Noren (Swe).

TENNIS

INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA (Rome) — **Selected 2nd rd Men's**: N Djokovic (Ser) bt C Moutet (Fra) 6-3 6-1, B Shelton (USA) bt P Kotov (Rus) 4-6 6-3 6-4; S Korda (USA) bt F Cobolli (Ita) 7-6 (8-6) 4-6 6-4; A Zverev (Ger) bt A Vukic (Aus) 6-0 6-4; T Fritz (USA) bt F Foggini (Ita) 6-3 6-4; M Kecmanovic (Ser) bt C Ruud (Nor) 0-6 6-4 6-4. **Selected Women's**: S Kenin (USA) bt O Jabeur (Tun) 7-5 2-6 6-4; J Ostapenko (Lat) bt A Potapova (Rus) 6-4 6-2; I Begu (Rom) bt O Dodin (Fra) 5-2 ret A Kalinskaya (Rus) bt C Tauson (Den) 6-1 6-2; D Yastremska (Ukr) bt L Siegemund (Ger) 4-6 7-5 6-2; V Azarenka (Bir) bt M Linette (Pol) 6-7 (5-7) 6-4 6-3; C Garcia (Fra) bt E Cocciaretto (Ita) 6-2 7-6 (7-5) E Svitolina (Ukr) bt S Errani (Ita) 6-0 6-2.

TODAY'S DIARY

CRICKET

County Championship - Division One — **Day 2 of 4** (11.1am Start) **1st T20I**: England v Pakistan (Edgbaston, 2.30pm). **IPL** - Kolkata Knight Riders v Mumbai Indians (Kolkata, 3pm)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League: Catalans Dragons v Leeds (5.30), Huddersfield v Wigan (3pm).

RUGBY UNION

Gallagher Premiership: Bristol v Saracens (3.05), Exeter v Harlequins (5.30), Northampton v Gloucester (3pm).

United Championship: Blue Bulls v Glasgow (1pm), Leinster v Ospreys (7.35), Lions v Cardiff Rugby (5.15), Munster v Connacht (5.15), Scarlets v Ulster (3.05), Sharks v Benetton Treviso (3.05).

ANSWERS

YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD
Across: 1 Cross; 4 Pfaff; 7 Edu; 8 Laura; 9 Seidl; 10 Bebe; 11 Jayden; 14 Turgut; 15 Muir; 18 David; 20 Milan; 21 Eva; 22 Rise; 23 Titan.
Down: 1 Caleb; 2 Okunbor; 3 Seam; 4 Puskas; 5 Aki; 6 Folan; 12 Doublet; 13 Bunde; 14 Tudor; 16 Run-in; 17 Amat; 19 Vui.

FIVE FOR FUN

1 Jonbon, 2 James Lowe, 3 Tommy Fleetwood, 4 Chris Ingram, 5 Gianluca Scamacca.

SERIOUSLY football PREMIER LEAGUE

MONDAY, 8pm
SKY SPORTS REF: Simon Hooper



BEHAVE JURSELF



Klopp will keep calm to avoid spoiling send-off

JURGEN KLOPP insists he will be on his best behaviour at Villa Park on Monday to avoid a touchline ban for his Anfield farewell.

The Liverpool boss is one yellow card away from being sent to the stands and with one game to go after their clash with Aston Villa, that would mean sitting in the crowd for his final game as Reds manager.

Liverpool host Wolves next Sunday in what will be an emotional farewell for Klopp after nine years at the club.

The German coach was shown a card at Luton early in the campaign and at home to Burnley in February. If ref Simon Hooper brandishes another, it would have huge ramifications.

Klopp said: "By the way, we could turn it around and say I only got two yellow cards, some of my colleagues got suspended, right? Hmm."

"I got calmer over the years, obviously. I don't need to (be on the touchline) but it would be cool that I could do that.

"It will not be from my side. I will try absolutely everything to try to not get involved in any kind of discussions."

Liverpool are not mathematically out of the title race but would need Manchester City and Arsenal to suffer

■ **by CHRIS MCKENNA**

almighty collapses. The focus is now on bidding farewell to Klopp and there will be a chance for Darwin Nunez to rediscover form.

The Uruguayan has been linked with a move after he deleted all his Liverpool pictures on Instagram.

Nunez, 24, has scored 18 goals this season and created 13 but his misses have been costly.

The £85m signing from Benfica missed another great chance in the 4-2 win over Tottenham last weekend which frustrated supporters.

But Klopp said: "There is no speculation. It must be external because I don't know about this.

"He is unlucky, let me say was, he was unlucky in so many situations where he is doing everything right.

"That's really tough for a young man. He has big expectations on himself.

"There is no alternative than going through it, that's what he's doing right now. We try to help him.

"If he was less good, he would not have chances."

■ **JULIAN WARD** has returned to Liverpool's ownership group just 12 months after quitting the club.

He has been named as the technical director at Fenway Sports Group.

GRIN AND BEAR IT: Klopp will have to hold his tongue at Villa on Monday

SICKENER FOR UNAI

■ **by NEIL MOXLEY**

UNAI EMERY will hold a roll call with Aston Villa's injured players before deciding on his plan of attack against Liverpool.

Villa's boss left Greece early yesterday morning with a furrowed brow as his resources were further stretched in Athens.

The Spaniard saw his club's chances of success in the Europa Conference League dashed as Olympiakos reached their first European final.

While that was a bitter pill to swallow in a competition that Villa were favourites to win, of more pressing concern was the possibility that he may have added to the list of players on the treatment table.

Leon Bailey (*below*) limped through the majority of the semi-final second leg after a thigh-high challenge from right-back Rodinei.

His leg was heavily bandaged as he boarded the team coach back to the airport.

Emery will be holding conversations with his crooked stars over the next 48 hours to ascertain who, if any, have a chance of facing the Reds on Monday night.

He has four players ruled out until the end of the season – Emi Buendia, Tyrone Mings, Boubacar Kamara and Jacob Ramsey – and Morgan Rogers is likely to fall into the same category due to a thigh strain.

"Each day is going to be very important because some players have small injuries, some have pain," said Emery.

"Nicolo Zaniolo is close but until he is feeling comfortable he's not available to play. Hopefully he can progress. Youri Tielemans is close. Alex Moreno is not a big injury."

Villa have lost their last three matches and head into their final two games – against the Reds and in-form Crystal Palace – in search of the victory that will secure a Champions League spot.



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Cool Hand's Mad for it

LUKE HUMPHRIES hopes his beloved Leeds will breeze through the Championship play-offs – and send him to Madison Square Garden on a wing and a prayer.

'Cool Hand Luke' won the BetMGM Premier League night in Leeds on Thursday, beating Michael van Gerwen 6-5 in a gripping final.

Now Humphries (*inset*) wants Daniel Farke's men to beat Norwich over two legs so he can go to Wembley before flying to New York for the World Series event 24 hours later.

The PDC world

■ **by MIKE WALTERS**

champion said: "I'm available to go to Wembley and I will be going if Leeds make it.

"I fly to New York on the 27th and the play-off final is the day before, so I hope to be at the check-in desk in a good mood!"

Humphries has been less enthusiastic about the draughts wafting across stage at some of the Premier League venues.

He added: "I'm still learning – I'm not used to playing in arenas where

there's a breeze. Rotterdam is awful, it's really tough. Last week in Aberdeen was probably worse.

"You see my frustration – because my darts, which are pretty much back-heavy, are like somersaulting in the air.

"You can't keep being negative, you have to try and do something about it.

"These are just the little obstacles you have to face."

Championship preview: See pullout



Mac of the Net

NO-HOLDS-BARRLED FOOTBALL

TALK WITH SENIOR SPORTS WRITER CHRIS MCKENNA

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CONFIDENT: Butland

Who on Earps to blame?

MANCHESTER UNITED are set for a huge game tomorrow, one which could have a major impact on their season.

I'm not talking about Erik ten Hag's strugglers against Arsenal but the Women's FA Cup final at Wembley.

Sorry to go all Jurgen Klopp over fixture scheduling, but who decided to put this on at 2.30pm on the same day the men's team face a major rival?



At Old Trafford, Ten Hag will be fighting for his job as Arsenal scrap for three points in the title race.

And the 75,000 or so fans there won't be able to watch Mary Earps (*inset*) and her United teammates because they'll be travelling to the ground.

There's a chance it goes to extra time and penalties, meaning it could cut into the men's game.

It could be an historic moment for United's women's team but if the men's team win or lose it will probably be an afterthought.



SAFE 'N SOUND: Idrissa Gueye (*right*) celebrates his goal against Forest which pushed Everton to safety with Abdoulaye Doucoure

Dyche snub shows it's all gong wrong



AWARDS time in the world of football leads to many debates. Here's another.

Where are Sean Dyche and Gary O'Neil on the Premier League manager of the year shortlist?

It couldn't be more lacking in creativity if it tried.

Yes, Mikel Arteta should be in that list. If the Gunners win the Premier League title, then he is hands down the winner for eclipsing Manchester City.

But if Arsenal fall short, then, should a manager who has had the ability to spend a fortune last summer and still come up short in the title race be considered 'manager of the year'?

Anyway, Arteta (*inset, top*) has to be on the list, considering he can still pull off a gigantic success.

Pep Guardiola is there and he's a great manager but yet again in control of the best squad in the world.

I am not really sure Jurgen Klopp leading Liverpool to third is worthy of inclusion. He's had a fine season turning the Reds around but they've fallen short

SEAN SHOULD BE ON LIST

in the title race. Bournemouth boss Andoni Iraola has led the Cherries to their record Premier League points tally, so fair play.

But has he done more than Dyche (*above*) at Everton?

The Toffees manager has somehow guided the Blues to safety despite two points deductions and amid takeover chaos and with very little budget. And they did it with three games to spare, too.

Dyche can be a character who rubs people up the wrong way and he's not shy in singing his own praises.

But to get Everton out of the mire has to be worthy of some credit. Particularly how much further they'd be up the table if they didn't have a points deduction.

Wolves have wavered in recent weeks

which may be why O'Neil (*inset, bottom*) has fallen out of people's thoughts.

But from the first game of the season, when his side totally outplayed Manchester United at Old Trafford, he has been doing something impressive at Molineux.

They also lost over £100m in talent last summer as Julen Lopetegui walked out on the job over the finances.

Wolves have an outside chance of finishing in the top half and they've never been in bother of relegation.

Anyway, it's all for a prize that is barely remembered.

The real trophies are handed out to the team at the top of the table and the cup winners.

But for clubs who can't get close to that, these smaller gongs matter.



ONSIDE

KIERAN MCKENNA: Great name, great manager! On the way up with Ipswich.



OFFSIDE

MASON MOUNT: Injured again? What a horror season and a worry for his future.

But's up for fight

JACK BUTLAND insists Rangers can go "toe-to-toe" with Celtic in today's crucial Old Firm game at Parkhead.

With three games left, the Hoops are three points clear of their city rivals at the top of the Scottish Premiership and have a superior goal difference.

Yet Gers keeper Butland believes he has seen enough in the encounters to give him confidence going into today's game, which will be attended by home fans only.

He said: "I think even in the game in late December when we go down to 10 men, we still showed that we've got that fight and that energy to keep going."

"The fitness levels in the squad and the desire in the squad is to push and keep going."

"Despite losing that game and drawing 3-3 in the last one, there's signs there that we can go all the way, we can go toe-to-toe and we can get a win."

Kyl time to leave

■ by MATTHEW COOPER

KYLIAN MBAPPE has confirmed he is leaving Paris St-Germain this summer, with the forward now expected to join Real Madrid on a free transfer.

In a video shared on his social media accounts, Mbappe said: "I wanted to announce to you all that it's my last year at PSG."

"I will not extend and the adventure will come to an end in a few weeks."

"I will play my last game at the Parc des Princes on Sunday."

The France striker said his decision had stirred up "a lot of emotions" after joining PSG seven years ago from Monaco.

Mbappe also announced that his next club will be outside his homeland, with Real the heavy favourites to secure his signature.

Andre off

HUDDERSFIELD boss Andre Breitenreiter has left the club by mutual consent after relegation from the Championship.

Breitenreiter, 50, took over from Darren Moore in February with the Terriers two places outside the drop zone, but oversaw just two wins in his 14 games as the team slipped into the third tier.

SERIOUSLY football PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY, 3pm
REF: Jarred Gillett



POINTS TAKEN: Dyche

Difficult days for Dyche



TODAY: 3pm, REF: Stuart Attwell

■ by CHRIS MCKENNA
EVERTON have withdrawn their appeal against a second points deduction.

The Toffees were docked two points last month for a second breach of the Premier League's Profit and Sustainability Rules, having already had six points taken off them for an earlier breach.

Everton appealed the second deduction as they fought off relegation but have now decided to ditch the hearing.

The Toffees host relegated Sheffield United today with neither club having much to play for, which may be a relief for Everton boss Sean Dyche.

The manager believes this has been his toughest period in football.

He said: "It's been difficult. It still is difficult.

"Not many press conferences have I spoken about football, but what do you do?"

"If you wrote down on paper the job responsibilities, you would be there a long time.

"It is part of my learning and development.

"Every day is a school day. You have lots of tough days and every day is a tough day around here."

Wilder's worries

■ by DAVID ANDERSON

CHRIS WILDER says Sheffield United are "vulnerable" to predatory offers for their best players.

Gustavo Hamer, Anel Ahmedhodzic and Vini Souza are being linked with moves away from Bramall Lane following relegation.

And Blades boss Wilder said: "There are players we want to keep but we're in a bit of a vulnerable position because of the finances involved.

"I can't say they're going to be here for five years."

ROYAL FLUSH

Ange happy to pull the chain on King's men

■ by JON WEST

ANGE POSTECOGLU has vowed to ruin King Charles' weekend - just days after he was invited to Buckingham Palace.

Tottenham manager Postecoglou was a guest of the monarch and Queen Camilla at a sun-soaked summer garden party on Wednesday.

Today sees Spurs host Burnley - the club closest to Charles' heart - and the Claretts will be down if they don't win.

Postecoglou, like many Aussies, was not prepared to do the Establishment any favours, though.

He said: "I'd be happy to disappoint him on that front - no problem."

Postecoglou revealed his invitation, which extended to his wife plus Mile Jedinak, [MD] Scott Munn and [defender] Charli Grant, came via the Australian government.

Big Ange posed for pictures with fellow attendees but admitted he didn't get to within "10 feet" of the King.

Which is just as well because the Greece-born boss might have said too much about certain ancient artefacts in the British Museum. He said: "If I



had got closer, I probably would have asked him about the Parthenon marbles and probably have got thrown out."

Tottenham have lost their last four games and have let in 13 goals against Newcastle, Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool.

Spurs fans want that run ended today. However, they aren't too fussed about losing the one after Burnley as that's against title-chasing Manchester City.

The thought of helping bitter rivals

Arsenal win the league instead is the worst nightmare for many blue and white diehards.

But any hope that Postecoglou will tell his players they are free to throw in the towel has already been dashed.

Spurs need to overturn a seven-point deficit to pip Aston Villa for the last Champions League slot and he reckons it is still possible.

He said: "I don't give up on anything. I'm here fighting tooth and nail every single day for everything I can get for

this football club because that's my responsibility. I would not give up on any cause, even the most lost of causes.

"I want us to try and win three games of football and see where that takes us."

Postecoglou has seen supporters and pundits lose faith in his tactics following the four-game losing run.

But he said: "Not that I don't respect it, I just don't think it is relevant to me.

"Even when people were saying good things about me, I wasn't paying attention then either."

MARBLES AVENGER:
Ange Postecoglou and (left) the King at his garden party

KOMPANY REFUSED TO SELL CLARETS' SOUL

VINCENT KOMPANY says he was never tempted to "sign a pact with the Devil" to survive with Burnley.

The Claretts are staring down the barrel of relegation today and will go down after just one year in the Premier League if they fail to beat Tottenham.

Kompany (left) says he was not prepared to gamble the club's future by signing expensive Premier League players on big contracts.

He did spend more than £90m on overhauling his squad with younger players

■ by DAVID ANDERSON and feels they have added value to the team.

"It's not like we didn't know the options we had," said the Belgian coach.

"You get more experience, pay more money, they're higher risk in case we get relegated, in case they get injured, in terms of contracts where players don't want to lower their wages if we go into the Championship.

"All these kind of things where you sign a pact with the Devil almost just to get you through one season. That

is an option. Or the other option was to try and find the right mix, where you have some sort of experience in the squad that helps the young ones come through.

"These young players coming through are the ones who hopefully in the future pay for the next crop and that way you can gradually increase your budget.

"The cost of that is we have not been as competitive as we'd like at times. But the benefit is they've made a lot of strides forward. And the fact they've played in the

Premier League makes them so much more valuable, not just financially but in terms of the output they'll have for us very soon."

Kompany knows Burnley will have to sell to help them balance the books if they are relegated and he says the club should make a profit.

"I'd like to think we'll be able to benefit from the time we've invested in the players and if they go on and be successful, we'll get a fair price for them," he said.

"But when that happens? The later the better for me."



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TODAY, SKY SPORTS

5.30pm REF: Tony Harrington



BIG FINISH: Glasner

Oli has eye on Eagles



TODAY: 3pm, REF: Thomas Bramall

OLIVER GLASNER knows a 4-0 win over Manchester United has not made Crystal Palace the "best in the world" and wants to maintain their strong finish to the campaign.

The Eagles swept past United at Selhurst Park on Monday night to make it five matches unbeaten.

Palace head to Wolves today, when manager Glasner expects a fully focused display.

"I already forgot the Man United game because it is not important for tomorrow," said Glasner.

"We enjoyed the night but on Tuesday we were still critical as we could do some things better.

"This is what we talked about and this is what we did in training because we go to Wolverhampton and we want to win there.

"It is important to take the positive things but not now say, 'Wow, we are the best in the world because we beat them.' That is how we worked this week."

Palace have announced contract extensions for Will Hughes, Jeffrey Schlupp and Joel Ward, while James Tomkins and Jairo Riedewald will be leaving the club at the end of their current deals.

Gary in final call

GARY O'NEIL wants his Wolves players to lift themselves for the fans in their final home game.

Injuries have bitten and they have only one win from their last nine.

"It's been an incredibly tough couple of months for the fans, I can feel it, and I knew it would be," said O'Neil.

"When you look at it as a whole, one win in nine, then it looks bad, but there's been plenty of positives in the tough time and the fans have been incredible."

OUT OF THE BLUES

Poch could take future into his own hands

by SCOTT TROTTER

MAURICIO POCHETTINO has warned he could be the one to call time on his Chelsea career at the end of the season.

The Blues boss' future has been scrutinised in recent weeks, with Pochettino growing tired of the speculation surrounding his position.

The 52-year-old is not yet halfway through his two-year deal and has started preparations for pre-season.

His future remains uncertain, however, amid claims the club are eyeing possible replacements.

Now the Argentine coach has hit back by insisting he could be the one who chooses to walk away.

"If we are happy, perfect," said the former Spurs boss. "But it is not only if the owners are happy or the sporting directors are happy.

"If we are happy, you need to ask also because we said, 'Look, maybe we are not happy with certain situations and maybe we are not happy and we need to split'.

"It is not going to be the first time that a coaching staff decide at the end of the season not to keep going.

"There are two parts who can take a decision. It is not only because Chelsea are not happy, the owners are not happy, the sporting directors are not happy.

"Maybe we are not happy because we arrived here with some job to do but in the end it has not happened what we expect.

"Maybe we are not happy. I don't say that I am not happy but always it is lacking one

side. Maybe the other side say, 'OK, maybe until here' and we split. It is not a problem. It is not going to be the end of the world."

With Chelsea in contention for Europe, it remains to be seen if that is enough to convince club bosses he should stay.

"I always try to be positive," added Pochettino ahead of today's trip to Nottingham Forest.

"Of course, I project myself here for a long period - more than only the one year that it says in my contract - because we really trust in our work. If that doesn't happen, yes, that's not in our hands.

"It is not my decision because if the owners are thinking to change - yes, for sure - in one week we will know.

"That's an instability with which we are comfortable with working.

"It's true that in the last few months, like we were talking, that question is always coming. You need to kill the rumours if that's not true, if not the rumour is there for a

different strategy. If you ask is it affecting me? It is not affecting me.

"Is it affecting the people working with us? I think yes because in the end you can kill the rumour, sack me and that's not a problem. It happens in a lot of clubs."

But praise from chairman Todd Boehly this week was welcomed by Pochettino.

"I think he described the reality, I think Todd has always been good with us and even in the tough moments he was very positive," said the Blues boss.

"To go public now and if the owner is happy, then it's much better for the club, for the fans, for the players and for the owners also."

Captain Reece James has returned from injury and is in contention for the first time since December.

"The most important thing is that he is going to be there with us," Pochettino added. "To have your captain is a massive boost for a young team."



PADEL PAL: Terry

JT asks for Mauricio patience

by NEIL McLEMAN

JOHN TERRY wants Mauricio Pochettino to be given more time at Chelsea after seeing him work on the training ground.

The Blues legend, who is back at the club's academy, said: "I love the way he is with the players. We need to be patient."

Terry, Chelsea's most successful ever captain who won five Premier League titles and the 2012 Champions League, has added his support to the club's head coach.

"I think Poch has done well," he said. "It was always going to be difficult right from the outset but clubs need stability."

Terry is keeping fit by playing padel tennis "two or three times a week" and took part in Padel Aid to raise money for UNICEF this week.

"Padel Aid is very similar to Soccer Aid, which is coming up in June at Stamford Bridge, which I have played in for a couple of years," he said.

"This was the first one and we are hoping we can grow it and make it bigger and better."

Worrying's a no-no for Nuno

NUNO ESPIRITO SANTO will not allow worrying about Premier League permutations to influence his pre-match preparations.

Depending on how rivals Burnley and Luton fare in their 3pm matches today, Nottingham Forest could be safe or under mounting pressure by the time they kick off at 5.30pm.

Boss Nuno (inset) said: "We can't change the situation. It feels like we often play after our rivals. "That (kicking off first) is better, because it is like



by BRENDAN McLOUGHLIN

a penalty shoot-out. You always choose to go first, as if you do your job, it adds an extra element of pressure to your opponent.

"We can't get distracted by other games. Let's just focus on ourselves. We prepared for the Chelsea game on Thursday at the City Ground. We are ready to go.

"When we arrive the other games will be in the second half. Normally we have a TV in the dressing room, but we will just try to keep preparations normal."

EVAN AND HELL OF A WEEK

EVANGELOS MARINAKIS predicted Nottingham Forest will achieve "great things" as he took a sideswipe at the Premier League.

The shipping magnate was in buoyant mood after another club he owns, Olympiakos, defeated Aston Villa to reach the Europa Conference League final.

However, he spoke afterwards to voice his dissatisfaction at the four-point deduction Forest failed to overturn on appeal this week.

The Greek (inset) said: "I am confident we will



by NEIL MOXLEY

stay up and you will see in years to come where Forest will be.

"It's a great club - it inspires us and we want to do more - and you will see great things happen at Forest in the years to come.

"But it is not fair what has happened so far. Referee(ing) decisions have cost us points and this is something that has been repeated and repeated and what we expect for the Premier League and referees is to correct these mistakes."

SERIOUSLY football PREMIER LEAGUE

HAAL DO IT

Erling vows to grab goals and leave the possession to Rodri

ERLING HAALAND has warned his rivals he is on a mission to win as many trophies as possible.

Haaland landed himself a Treble last season in his first campaign after joining Manchester City from Borussia Dortmund in a £52m deal.

The Norwegian superstar is also on course to win a Premier League and FA Cup Double this time round.

But in an ominous warning to City's challengers, Haaland has told them his thirst for silverware will never be quenched.

Haaland admitted winning the Treble felt "unreal" - and increased his appetite for more success.

The striker told the 'Men In Blazers' podcast: "I want more.

"Right now my only focus is on winning the Premier League and, after that, the FA Cup.

"But I want to win more of these big trophies, because the Treble feeling was unreal.

"It's about trying to be successful and develop as a player and a person."

Haaland, meanwhile, has told Sky Sports pundit Roy Keane he's talking rubbish by labelling him a "spoilt brat" for falling out with Pep Guardiola.

Haaland appeared to have a row with the City boss after being hauled off during last weekend's hammering of Wolves.

But Haaland insists his anger was not aimed at Guardiola and the pair of them are just fine. He said he wasn't mad at being subbed.

"I was mad for something completely

by JEREMY CROSS

different," he added. "I was super happy because Julian Alvarez came on and scored.

"I'd love to score more goals, but I wasn't mad about getting subbed off.

"I'm happy for the guy who came on for me, Julian, and that's how it is."

Haaland has hit back at his critics and told them he could not care less how much he touches the ball - as long as he scores goals.

Haaland came under fire for having just 32 touches in last week's 5-1 win over Wolves, despite finding the back of the net four times.

But he insists his job is to score, not dominate possession like midfield team-mates such as Rodri.

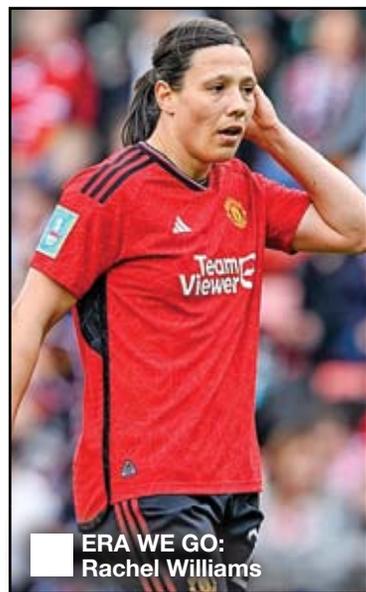
Haaland, who will be looking to add to his 25 league goals this season at Fulham this lunchtime, said: "There has always been this discussion on how many times I should touch the ball.

"When I score nobody talks about this, but when I don't people start to mention my touches. This is a part of my life, it's how people will speak and I can't control what people say about me.

"I just have to focus on what I should do on the pitch - and my job isn't to be like Rodri, to control a game, it's being in the box and finishing the attacks.

"That's my focus and I don't care about what people say. It's about focusing on helping the team win."

■ **TO listen to the full interview with Haaland, go to: <https://youtu.be/ZWye0DED7pM>**



ERA WE GO: Rachel Williams

WILLIAMS EYES FIRST OF MANY



MAN UNITED vs TOTTENHAM

TOMORROW: 2.30pm, BBC ONE REF: Abi Byrne

by MEGAN FERINA

RACHEL WILLIAMS believes Women's FA Cup glory over Tottenham could herald a new era for Manchester United.

Marc Skinner's side, having reached a second successive Wembley final, will look to clinch their first major piece of silverware since the side was launched in 2018 and atone for an otherwise miserable season.

"I do think people forget that United Women are only five, six years old," said forward Williams ahead of tomorrow's final.

"It's a club that wants to win things. They invest in us. We've got the best of everything to be the best players we can be.

"This could be the start of us bringing silver-ware to the club."



While United are bidding to make up for their fifth-placed WSL berth, maiden finalists Spurs are bidding to cap a transformative season under boss Robert Vilahamn.

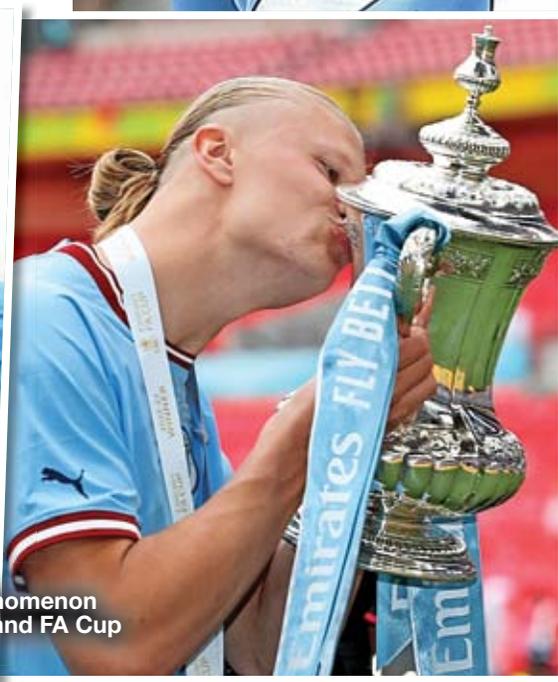
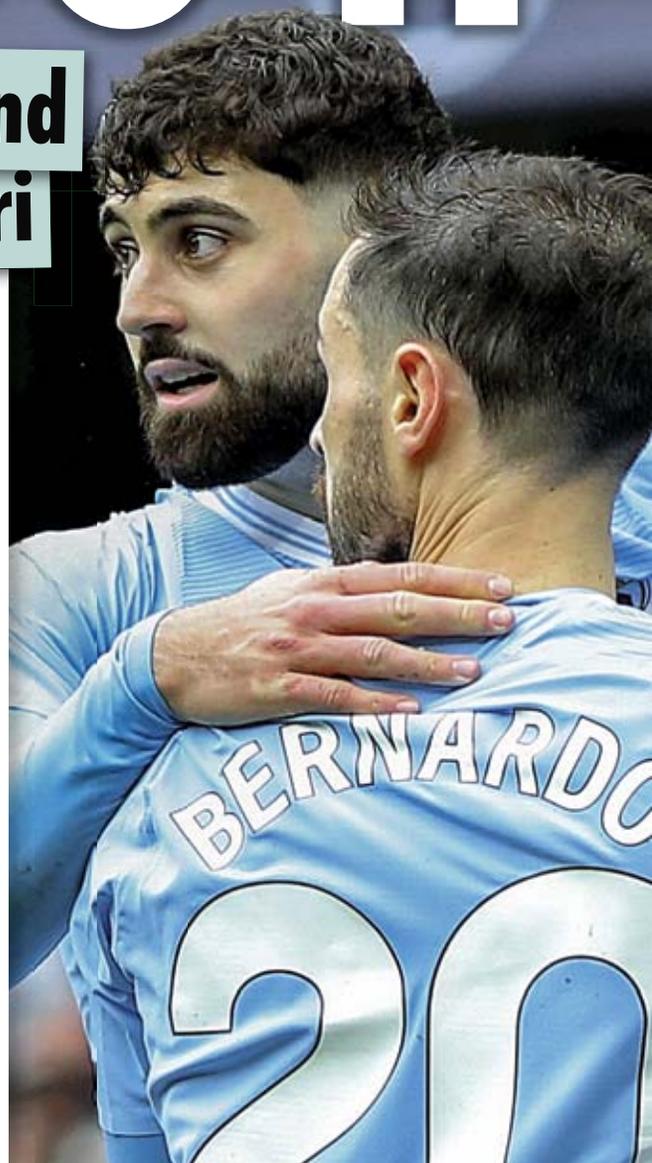
Former United striker Martha Thomas, 27, is one player thriving under the Swede.

Thomas was a late substitute in United's FA Cup loss to Chelsea last season but has notched double-digit goals in all competitions for Spurs, including the winner against Leicester in the semi-finals.

However, Thomas played down talk of a revenge mission.

"I don't think you need any more extra motivation than an FA Cup final," she said.

"Sometimes you have to take a leap and hope it works out. In this case, it felt like the right fit and the way the season has gone validates that a little bit."



ERLING DOES LOVE A TROPHY: City's scoring phenomenon with (from left) the European Cup, Premier League and FA Cup



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TODAY, 12.30pm
TNT SPORTS REF: Anthony Taylor



MY WAY



■ **SCORING MACHINE:** Erling Haaland enjoys one of his goals against Wolves with his City team-mates including Rodri (right)

PERFECT

From Back Page the playing surface at Craven Cottage last season, and was less than impressed with the pitch at Nottingham Forest last month.

The City boss, who has made his stars train on a dry and uneven surface this week, said: "On Thursday we trained part of the session dry to feel it."

"It's a massive (difference). It's another game and you have to adapt. The passes must be stronger, faster. "It's like Wimbledon or Roland-Garros (grass and clay tennis). Completely different. Ask a tennis player. The speed of the ball is different. It's the same in football."

Guardiola has no doubt Fulham will "do everything" to beat City no matter how much fun they have had in training.

Video footage circulated this week of some of Fulham's squad flying kites at the club's training ground during a lighter moment in their schedule.

That prompted some fans of City's title rivals Arsenal to question if they'll have their minds fully on the job.

"I never saw anything," said Guardiola when asked about the Fulham video.

"But I never met one player or manager who, when they start to play, wasn't focused to win."

"They will do everything to beat us."



■ **EXCHANGE OF VIEWS:** Haaland confronts Pep Guardiola after being taken off

FUL STEAM AHEAD AFTER SILVA SALVO

MARCO SILVA says he has unfinished business with Manchester City after his Etihad explosion.

Fulham take on City eager to avenge a 5-1 mauling in September which left the Cottagers boss furious.

His side were heading into half-time level, only for VAR to deem an offside Manuel Akanji did not interfere with a goal by Nathan Ake.

Silva was so incensed he was booked for leading the protests and has not forgotten. He said: "It was one of the biggest mistakes

■ by PAUL BROWN this season by a linesman and VAR.

"We were going into half-time at 1-1 and it allowed them to go into half-time at 2-1.

"It had a huge impact. It's in the past now. I hope for a good performance this time from my team."

Silva said recently he is already making plans for next season and seeing what the club needs to do in the transfer market.

And he held talks with the club's owners about targets and budgets again this

week. Silva added: "We have been talking. We had a meeting on Wednesday. I expect everything to be more clear in the next week. It's important to put on the table the plan we have."

The Fulham boss (inset) also confirmed that striker Jay Stansfield will stay with the club next season after his loan spell at Birmingham.

The England Under-21 international could not prevent Brum's relegation

from the Championship. But he scored an impressive 13 goals in all competitions and he will now get a chance to impress at Craven Cottage.

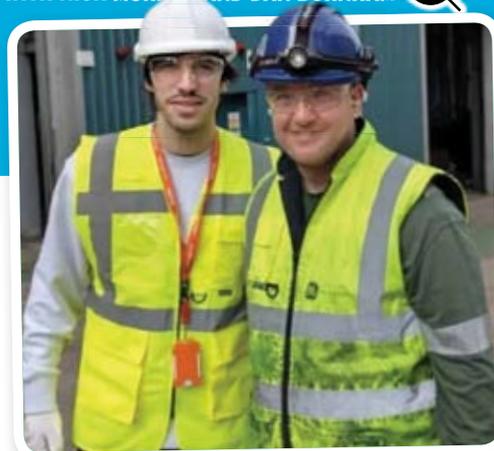
Silva said: "He's going to be back with us. Everything we planned, apart from the collective goal of Birmingham, was a box ticked."

"To be able to give a step forward in the Championship and score important goals... Jay achieved all the important things."



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JOB ON THE TYNE

SANDRO TONALI'S got to pay back his £55m fee somehow - and it looks like he's earning his keep at a local oil company.

Not only does that stop him accessing his

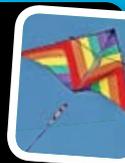
phone for certain apps, there's also the added bonus of preparing him for his inevitable Saudi switch. Seems he only came to Newcastle for Greggs and the nights out anyway.



Who said Chelsea and Manchester United don't know what they're doing? The duo sent Ian Maatsen and Jadon Sancho on loan to Borussia Dortmund, and now they're both

Champions League finalists. If they return to their parent clubs, it could end up being their only chance of silverware for a while.

Fulham are taking 'on the beach' a bit too literally. They prepared to face Man City by flying kites in training. You'd have to be as high as one to think Arsenal will win the league.



YOU LOT CAN KISS OFF

A La Liga manager's daughter has been handed a ban - from dating footballers or coaches. Gorgeous Nadia Jemez, whose father Paco coached Granada and Rayo Vallecano, admitted: "I've never been with a footballer or kissed a footballer. Never." Given her success as a model, she doesn't need to be a WAG anyway.



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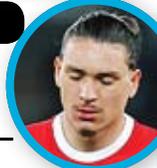
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NUNEZ DELETES LIVERPOOL PICS Probably tried to set an alarm - @tinscognito



UNITED PUMMELLED AT PALACE

Reckon Casemiro might be the first player in Barclays history to have to come off with a stitch tonight - @The_Paris_Angel

SERIOUSLY football PREMIER LEAGUE

Erik's not worrying about job

by DAVID McDONNELL

ERIK TEN HAG says "common sense" dictates he should be manager of Manchester United next season.

The Dutchman has been given no assurances by Sir Jim Ratcliffe and his new United football operations team that he will stay in charge at Old Trafford.

United have suffered a chronic injury crisis this term.

They have slumped to eighth in the table and are on course for their worst finish of the Premier League era.

Louis van Gaal was sacked by United in 2016, despite winning the FA Cup.

Ten Hag was asked if he fears he could suffer the same fate as his Dutch compatriot – even if he beats Manchester City at Wembley on May 25.

Ten Hag said: "No. I think they [United bosses] have common sense, they seen when you have 32 different backlines, when you lose eight centre-backs, when we see we don't have a left full-back.

"They know that will have a negative impact on results but we're still fighting and it's a huge FA Cup final and we're still there.

"It can be a highlight of the season, but we know why we are underperforming. I'm a realistic person, I see this, I analyse and no team would perform with these injuries."

Ten Hag insists he is not concerned about his future.

He added: "This question you have to ask the owners."

He revealed skipper Bruno Fernandes and striker Marcus Rashford are back training and available to face Arsenal tomorrow.

But Luke Shaw and Mason Mount have both had setbacks in their recovery from injury, with the former now a major doubt to make Euro 2024.

"We have some doubts, players are fighting to be available," Ten Hag said.

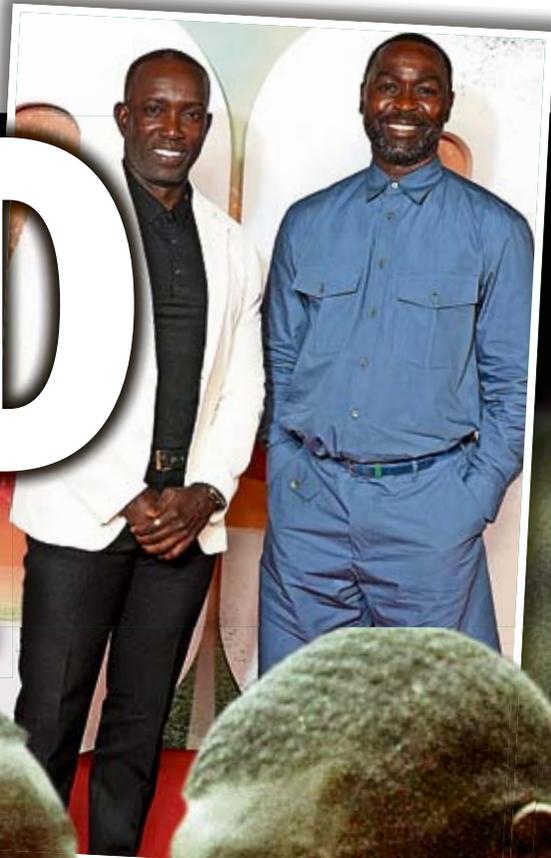
"Licha [Lisandro Martinez] came to me and wants to play against Arsenal, but he's not ready, he needs more time."



TIMED OUT: Ten Hag with defender Lisandro Martinez who is not yet fit enough to play against Arsenal

HAULED OVER THE COLE

REEL CLOSE: Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole at the 99 world premiere at Printworks, Manchester



Dwight messy situation

From Back Page the team. It's just a really bad place to be if you're a United player, not just a centre-forward."

Yorke's former United strike partner Andy Cole echoed his views, saying the winning mentality and hunger that defined the 1999 team has gone.

"Of course it upsets me, because I know what United is all about," said Cole. "I know why I wanted to play for United. I wanted to be able to

go and win things. I wanted to play for an unbelievable club and know I was going to win things.

"But there are players who have come to the club and they turn around and say, 'United are s****'. Why? But why didn't it work out for you?"

"So for everyone who says 'United are s****', you're going to have two players who say 'it's unbelievable'."

Cole also laid into

United injury-prone striker Anthony Martial for failing to live up to his £56m transfer fee.

Martial, 28, who has been out since December, has been at United nine years, but has just 90 goals from 317 appearances.

Cole, with 121 goals from 275 appearances for the Red Devils, said: "For someone to be at United for nine years and not get himself 100 goals in total, that tells me something's not right."

TOMORROW, 4.30pm
SKY SPORTS REF: Paul Tierney



1-2-X CHECK

Goalscoring greats insist United are butt of joke now

by DAVID McDONNELL

you've got to understand what United is all about.

"It's about winning, it's about competing, it's about being involved in, and pushing for, major honours, especially in the domestic game.

"But we're so far away. We keep saying, 'Oh another couple of years' but it's been longer than a couple of years, we've got to be brutally honest."

"When are United going to be involved in the title race again? Who knows? It's like that now."

Yorke echoed his former team-mate, claiming the most shocking aspect of the team's demise is the fact they cannot even make the Champions League.

"It's so far apart [from the 1999 team]

it's not even close, to say the least," said Yorke, who scored a combined 53 goals with Cole in the Treble season.

"What's more painful about it is that we can't even qualify for the Champions League. For me, that's the minimum.

"You can accept you aren't close to winning the league, but when you aren't even qualifying for the Champions League, that's a whole new level.

"But that's where we are, that's the brutal thing. We should never even be thinking of fourth place.

"It's crazy how the mindset has changed and to hear me even get into that sort of conversation... we aren't even qualifying for that, we're out of that."

With the team sliding deeper into crisis, Yorke admitted United are no longer the top draw for the world's best players. "Is it losing the

X factor?" said Yorke. "Maybe a little bit, but that's what it is.

"If you're a player and you've got Liverpool and Manchester City after you, then United is in the second tier.

"I think that people now are second-guessing whether they want to join United. It never used to be a club you contemplated coming to.

"United are in for you? You don't think about it. Now players are thinking, 'I'm not so sure' and that's not a good sign."

One of the most damning indictments of the current United team is the goal difference, which currently stands at minus three, a statistic Cole cannot fathom.

"It's not United, is it?" he said. "For me, that's an upsetting thing as well.

"Playing for Sir Alex Ferguson, you might concede a few but we played the way United should play - and that's attacking teams home and away.

"This counter-attacking football? No, there was none of that.

"You go for the jugular from minute one, home or away."

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TITLE RUN-INS

ARSENAL	
Tomorrow v Man Utd (a)	
May 19 v Everton (h)	
MAN CITY	
Today v Fulham (a)	
May 14 v Spurs (a)	
May 19 v West Ham (h)	

GOALDEN BOYS: Yorke and Cole at United back in 1999

OUR ART IS FULLY IN IT SAYS JORGINHO

JORGINHO claims Mikel Arteta wants to stay at Arsenal beyond next season and build a dynasty, insisting: "I honestly don't see him going."

The Italy midfielder had four different managers during four and a half years at Chelsea before signing for the Gunners in January last year.

The former Napoli star, 32, has signed a 12-month contract to stay at the Premier League leaders next season.

Arteta will enter the final year of his contract this summer and could take his pick of jobs. But Jorginho reckons his manager will also be ready to commit his future to the Gunners.

"He could stay way longer," he said. "I feel that he feels good here and I honestly don't see him going. And it is really important for the club for him to stay because him with (sporting director) Edu and the board, the whole club, they have created something special. I don't believe he wants to go."

Arteta, 42, won the FA Cup in his first season and then imposed his authority by moving out Mesut Ozil and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

by NEIL McLEMAN

"You have the direction that you need to go," said Jorginho (left with Arteta).

"You go in that direction or you are not part of the project. It is very clear. Everyone that is here wants to be in the same direction."

Arsenal have won four consecutive league games since their Champions League elimination to level the number of victories in the Invincibles season of 2003-04.

A win at Old Trafford tomorrow will set a club record of 27 wins in a 38-game season and set another high of goals scored in a Premier League season. They have netted 88 in 36 games but have yet to lift a big title.

Jorginho, who has won the Champions League and Euro 2020, said: "I don't think we miss much. We are really close, as you can see. The consistency now has been really good and that's how we need to carry on going.

"What he [Arteta] has been doing here since he joined has been incredible. It is not just a coincidence where we are now. "It is such a long process that he has been doing really well with the club, and now with the team, with the fans.

"The whole thing is working really well because everyone is looking in the same direction. "Every little part that you add to the team is just to make the team better and achieve things."

The title is in Manchester City's hands but Jorginho said Arsenal have to make them win it by taking maximum points.

"The first thing that we have to do is our part," he said.

"Otherwise there is no point in even hoping."

Fly guys

From Back Page are taking things easy, despite the kite-flying antics.

"I think everyone who understands football and how important the job is, don't expect that was something that happened during training," said the Fulham boss.

"It's not even something to talk about.

"We prepared well for the match. We are going to do our maximum to get points for ourselves, we are not going to do favours for no one."

Arsenal go into the weekend on top of the table before their visit to Old Trafford tomorrow.

"My brain tells me when talking to the players that we are lifting the Premier League," added Arteta.

"That's what my brain is doing at the moment and I want to follow my brain and my gut. This is the way I want everybody to think as well. Hopefully we can achieve it."

Arsenal will face a United team in disarray following a 4-0 thrashing at Crystal Palace.

They sit eighth and the future of manager Erik ten Hag is uncertain, but Arteta is still expecting a tough challenge.

"The difficulty is still there," said the Spaniard.

"The quality, the manager - it brings a lot of challenges.

"We've been in very difficult scenarios this season and we've done well.

"Hopefully we can do the same on Sunday."

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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	35	16	6	13	52	55	54
West Ham	36	13	10	13	56	70	49
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Brighton	35	12	11	12	53	57	47
Wolves	36	13	7	16	49	60	46
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TODAY

- (3pm unless stated)
- Premier League**
- 1 AFC Bournemouth v Brentford
 - 2 Everton v Sheff Utd
 - Fulham v Man City (12.30pm)
- (Live on TNT Sports 1)
- 4 Newcastle v Brighton
 - 5 Nottingham Forest v Chelsea (5.30pm)
 - 6 Tottenham Hotspur v Burnley
 - 7 West Ham v Luton
 - 8 Wolves v Crystal Palace
- Sky Bet League Two Play-Offs Semi-Final Second Leg**
- MK Dons (0) v Crawley Tn (3) (7.45pm)
- cinch Scottish Premiership**
- Celtic v Rangers (12.30pm)
- (Live on Sky Sports Football)
- 9 Hearts v Dundee
 - 11 Livingston v St Johnstone
 - 12 Ross County v Motherwell
 - 13 St Mirren v Kilmarnock
- cinch Scottish Championship Play-off Semi-final 2nd Leg**
- Hamilton (2) v Alloa (2)
 - Inverness CT (0) v Montrose (0)
- cinch Scottish League One Play-off Semi-final 2nd Leg**
- Peterhead (1) v Spartans (2)
 - Stirling (1) v Dumbarton (2)
- cinch Scottish League Two Play-Off Final 1st Leg**
- East Kilbride v Stranraer
- FA Trophy Final**
- Gateshead v Solihull M (4.15pm)
- (Live on TNT Sports 1)
- FA Vase Final**
- G Waking Rvrs v Romford (12.15pm)
- (Live on TNT Sports 3)
- Spanish League**
- 14 Athletic Bilbao v Osasuna (8pm)
 - 17 Granada v Real Madrid (5.30pm)
 - Mallorca v Las Palmas (1pm)
 - 20 Villarreal v Sevilla (3.15pm)
- Italian League**
- 21 AC Milan v Cagliari (7.45pm)
 - 26 Napoli v Bologna (5pm)
- German League**
- 29 B M'gladbach v E Frankfurt (2.30pm)
 - 32 Cologne v Union Berlin (2.30pm)
 - 33 Freiburg v Heidenheim (2.30pm)
 - 34 Mainz v B Dortmund (5.30pm)
 - 35 RB Leipzig v W Bremen (2.30pm)
- Portuguese Liga Nos**
- Estoril v Sporting (6pm)
 - Guimaraes v Braga (8.30pm)
 - Portimonense v Rio Ave (3.30pm)
 - Vizela v Estrela (3.30pm)

TOMORROW

- Premier League**
- 3 Manchester Utd v Arsenal (4.30pm)
- Sky Bet Championship Play-Offs Semi-Final First Leg**
- Norwich v Leeds (12noon)
- (Live on Sky Sports Main Event)
- West Brom v Southampton (2.15pm)
- (Live on Sky Sports Football)
- cinch Scottish Premiership**
- 10 Hibernian v Aberdeen
- Spanish League**
- 15 At Madrid v Celta Vigo (3.15pm)
 - 16 Cadiz v Getafe (1pm)
 - 18 Real Betis v Almeria (8pm)
 - 19 Valencia v Rayo Vallecano (5.30pm)
- Italian League**
- 22 Atalanta v Roma (7.45pm)
 - 23 Genoa v Sassuolo (2pm)
 - 24 Juventus v Salernitana (5pm)
 - 25 Lazio v Empoli (11.30pm)
 - 27 Verona v Torino (2pm)
- German League**
- 28 B Munich v Wolfsburg (4.30pm)
 - 30 VfL Bochum v B Leverkusen (6.30pm)
 - 31 Darmstadt v Hoffenheim (2.30pm) ..
- French League**
- 36 Clermont Foot v Lyon (8pm)
 - 37 Marseille v Lorient (8pm)
 - 38 Montpellier v Monaco (8pm)
 - 39 Nantes v Lille (8pm)
 - 40 PSG v Toulouse (8pm)
 - Rennes v Lens (8pm)
 - Strasbourg v Metz (8pm)
- Dutch League**
- 41 Ajax v Almere City FC (1.30pm)
 - 42 Excelsior v Heracles (1.30pm)
 - 43 Fortuna Sittard v PSV (1.30pm)
 - 44 Go Ahead Eagles v AZ (1.30pm)
 - 45 Heerenveen v Vitesse (1.30pm)
 - 46 NEC v Feyenoord (1.30pm)
 - 47 Twente v Volendam (1.30pm)
 - 48 Utrecht v Sparta (1.30pm)
 - 49 RKC v PEC Zwolle (1.30pm)
- Portuguese Liga Nos**
- Benfica v Arouca (6pm)
 - Casa Pia v Moreirense (6pm)
 - FC Porto v Boavista (8.30pm)
 - Gil Vicente v Farense (3.30pm)
- Women's FA Cup Final**
- Man Utd v Tottenham (2.30pm)
- (Wembley, Live on BBC 1)

MONDAY

- Premier League**
- Aston Villa v Liverpool (8pm)
- (Live on Sky Sports Main Event)
- Spanish League**
- Barcelona v Real Sociedad (8pm)
- Italian League**
- Florentina v Monza
 - Lecce v Udinese (5.30pm)

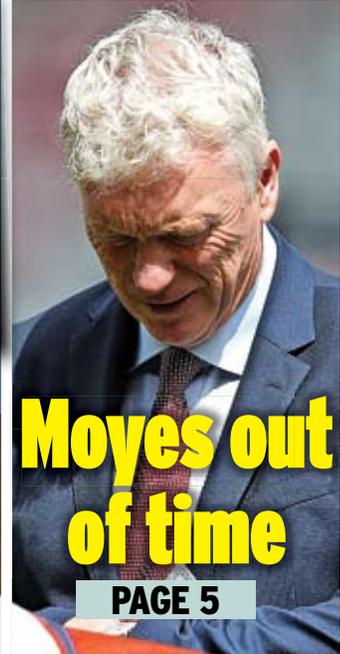
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DAD'S THE WAY TO DO IT

SON SHINE: Bournemouth sharpshooter Justin Kluivert

FAMILY FORTUNES: Dutch legend Patrick Kluivert

Kluivert Jr out to copy famous father's example

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IRAOLA: I'M NOD IN SAME LEAGUE

BOURNEMOUTH boss Andoni Iraola was pleased to hear of his Premier League manager of the year nod but claims his fellow nominees are "on another level".

Iraola's efforts in guiding the Cherries to a record points total in the division with six games still to play saw him join Mikel Arteta, Pep Guardiola, Jurgen Klopp and Unai Emery on the shortlist.

That makes Iraola (*inset*) the sole representative from outside the top four, an acknowledgement of the Spaniard's achievements with the South Coast club, whose tally of 48 outstrips the 46 they managed under Eddie Howe in 2016-17.

"It's nice to receive

■ **by JOSHUA PECK** the nomination, yes, I think it's something for the club," he said.

"People think that we have done a very good season and it's good to see yourself with this kind of recognition.

"But I think the other nominees are on another level, I would say. They are the top four teams in the league.

"It's good that a club like us receives this kind of recognition but in the same way it could go for Sean Dyche or Gary O'Neil, they are also doing very good jobs."

Bournemouth are now looking to secure a top-half finish, wrapping up their home season with the visit of Brentford today before signing off at Chelsea.



With a dad

■ **CHERRIES AID:** Justin Kluivert has relished his time at Bournemouth and as a child with dad Patrick (*below*)

IVAN CAN MAKE BIG EURO PUSH

THOMAS FRANK has no doubt Ivan Toney will be back to his best in time for Euro 2024.

Toney (*inset*), who made his England debut against Ukraine in March, has gone 10 matches without a goal – his longest barren spell for five years.

Brentford manager Frank revealed the striker had been struggling with niggling injuries since returning from his eight-month suspension for breaking betting rules in January.

But he insisted Toney was now fit and firing again ahead of today's trip to Bournemouth as he looks to seal his place in Gareth Southgate's squad.

"Ivan has a strong mentality and is a strong character," said Frank. "In general he's fine.

"I know it's a big ambition to be picked in the England squad for the Euros.

"I'd pick him, although I know I'm

■ **by JOSHUA PECK** biased. But I think he should be in there and I think he brings something extra with the quality he has.

"You have to take into account he was out for eight months. He came back flying, scored four in his first five matches and did very well.

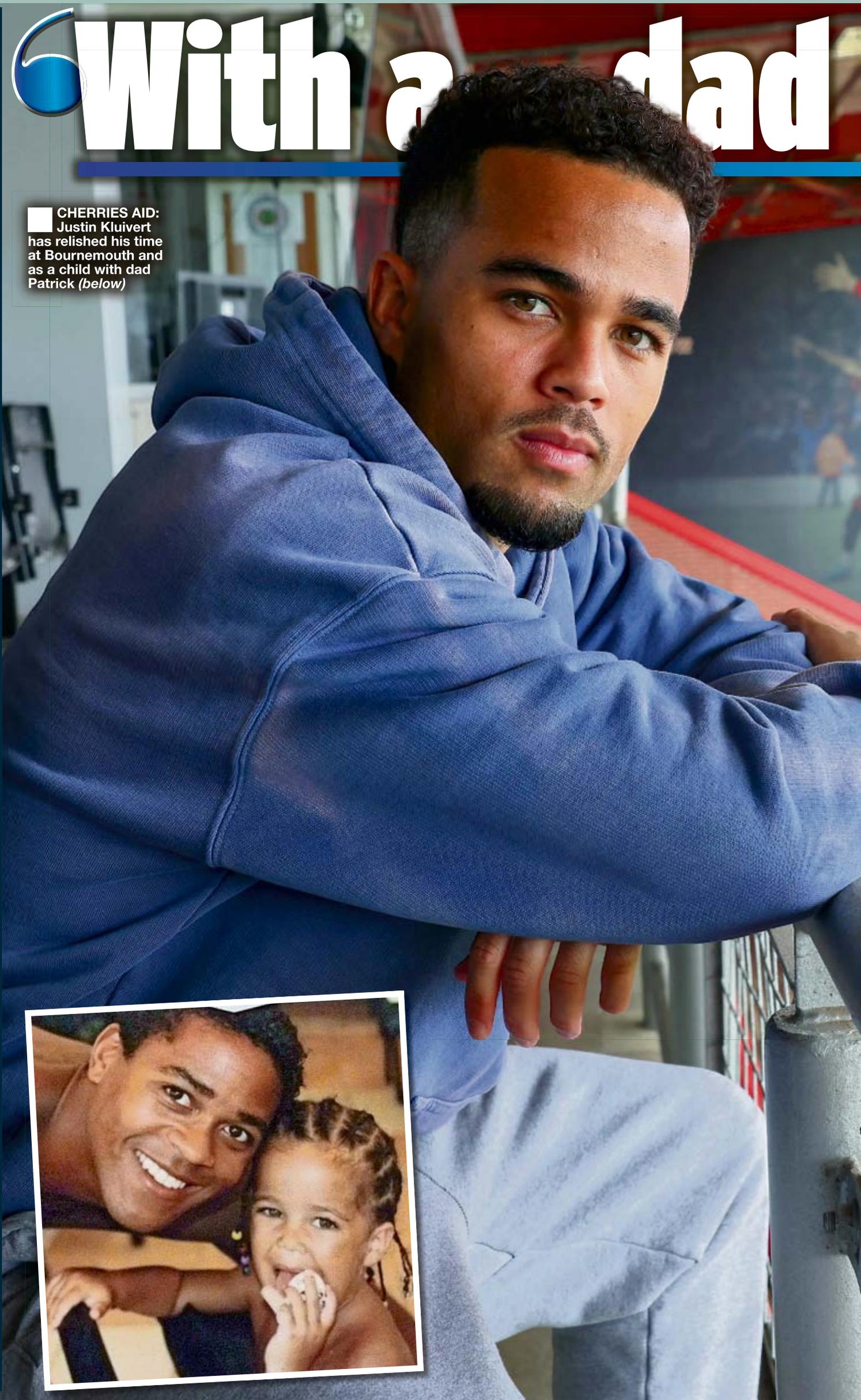
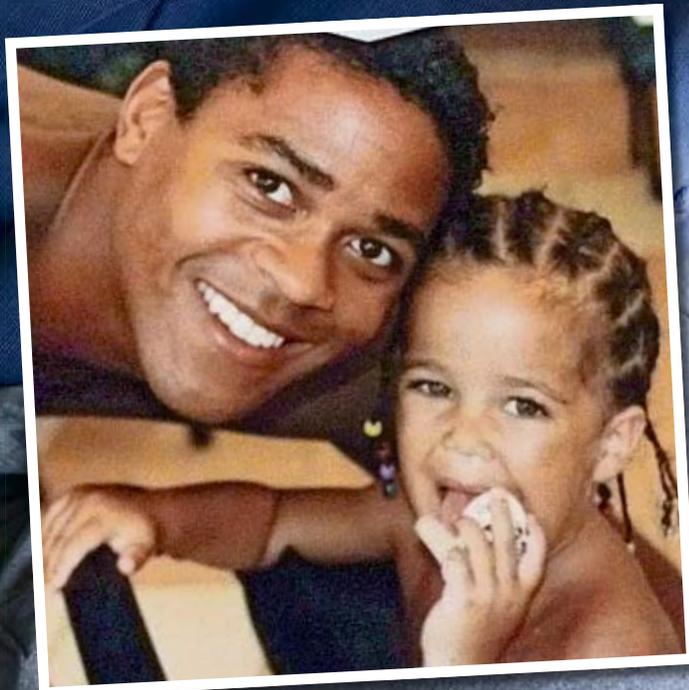
"But when you are coming from not having played to the highest level, you can pick up small niggles. Unfortunately he did that.

"Now he is just picking up again. He has just had a really good training week, trained really hard, so

I really hope we will see a good performance, hopefully a win and a goal from Ivan. I, 100 per cent, expect him to be a lot sharper.

"The most important thing is he's fit. He is ready."

Bees defender Kristoffer Ajer will wear a mask at Bournemouth after suffering a broken nose against Fulham last weekend.



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KLUIVERT FOLLOWING IN
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EXCLUSIVE

by CHRIS MCKENNA

JUSTIN KLUIVERT has obvious inspiration to play for his country at Euro 2024, given his father Patrick famously starred for Holland on the biggest stage.

But as the Bournemouth attacker speaks about hoping to find a way into Ronald Koeman's squad this summer, his eyes light up when he thinks about a film he would often watch.

'In Orange' is the story of a Dutch boy who overcomes personal tragedy to make it all the way to the top of the game.

"It was so beautiful," said Kluivert. "Step by step, he's achieving his dream."

"There are some struggles that he's going through. The ups and downs that come into the football also."

"Looking at it when you're young, you think, 'I want to be that guy.' He's so good at football, you have got to watch it."

"I see a bit of myself in that now. All those difficult moments I've been through, I cherish them. Everything goes bad, not only in football, but life too, there is always something positive too."

Now Kluivert is looking to continue his own story. Being the son of the Dutch footballing legend who played for Ajax, AC Milan, Barcelona, Newcastle and more, football was always going to be Kluivert Jr's life.

"With a dad like that, you want to become a football player," he said.

"Then in Holland football is massive, so you love playing football. I played since I was so young, I can't even remember. I'm lucky to say I made it because a lot of guys don't make it."

Kluivert has made it, but it hasn't always been easy.

He broke out as a teenager at Ajax, the same club his father began with.

Then in 2018, he made the bold move to Roma. But it didn't work out.

Soon after he joined, the manager Eusebio Di Francesco left and sporting director Monchi departed not long after.

It led to loan spells at RB Leipzig, Nice and Valencia and a nomad existence that he struggled with.

It also saw him fall out of favour with his national side after making his debut at 18.

"They were difficult years," the 25-year-old said. "You come from Holland, you are the biggest talent from Holland and everyone loves and admires you."

"And then I choose to make a big step and I choose to go in the big leagues of world football."

"There are a lot of things that come with it. I learn from these things and I like challenges. I took it as a challenge and I'm happy where I'm at now."

"All those things are in my backpack, all those years I'm thankful of and I can't wait to take all these things out when needed."

Now Kluivert feels like he's found his home. Last summer,

Bournemouth paid almost £10m to bring him to the Premier League to work with new boss Andoni Iraola.

The Cherries - who face Brentford today - have secured their record points tally in the Premier League already.

And on a personal level, he's become the first player to score in six major European leagues and also surpassed his dad's tally of six Premier League goals from his stint at Newcastle in 2004-05.

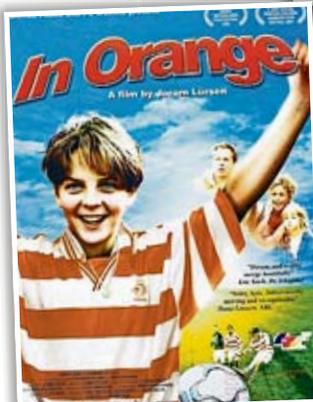
"He's happy for me," Kluivert said with a

laugh. "I never fell out of love with the game. I was always happy, positive. Everyone asks me how am I always positive?"

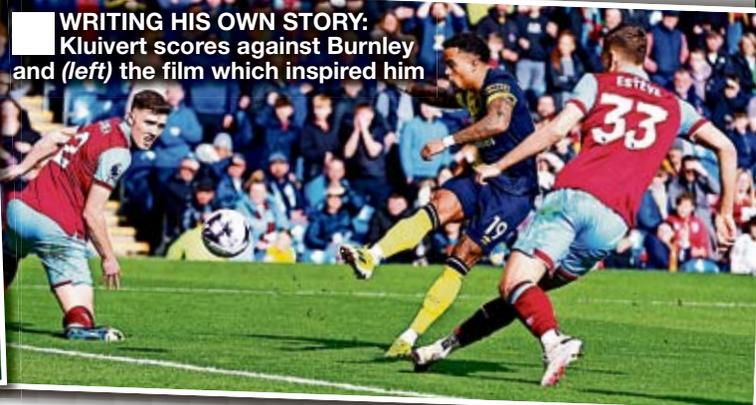
"I think we can push further up the table and towards European spots."

But first he's hoping to write his own Dutch fairy-tale story that may be as inspiring as the one in the film he watched as a child.

"Imagine scoring a few goals for your country in a tournament," he added. "It would be beautiful, so let's hope."



WRITING HIS OWN STORY: Kluivert scores against Burnley and (left) the film which inspired him



Premier League TEAMTALK

BOURNEMOUTH
v BRENTFORD

TYLER ADAMS now has a back complaint, but Brentford boss Thomas Frank is hopeful he'll be fit. Lloyd Kelly should be okay following a bout of illness. KRISTOFFER AJER (broken nose) and Mathias Jensen (knock) are in contention to return for Brentford, but Aaron Hickey's (hamstring) campaign is over. **Last season:** B'mouth 0 Brentford 0. **Referee:** Matt Donohue.

EVERTON v
SHEFF UNITED

VITALII MYKOLENKO (ankle), Nathan Patterson (hamstring) and Dele Alli (groin) remain Everton's only injury absentees. Manager-of-the-month Sean Dyche is expected to pick the same starting XI. ANEL AHMEDHODZIC is suspended, while Mason Holgate is ineligible to face his parent club, meaning the Blades will be without 10 players for the trip to Merseyside. **Last season:** NA. **Referee:** Stuart Attwell.

FULHAM v
MAN CITY

HARRISON REED (knock) is Fulham's only worry, but he has been back in training this week. Adama Traore is pushing for his first league start. PEP GUARDIOLA has that rare beast of an injury-free squad to choose from, so the City boss' only issue is whether to rotate his XI, with Jack Grealish and John Stones contenders to start. **Last season:** Fulham 1 Man City 2. **Referee:** Anthony Taylor.

NEWCASTLE v
BRIGHTON

KIERAN TRIPPIER (calf) may return for Newcastle after being out for two months. Joelinton and Miguel Almiron should be fit to start after appearing as subs at Burnley. AN ANKLE injury has ruled out Brighton top scorer Joao Pedro, but Adam Lallana and Tariq Lamptey (both knock) are likely to be fit. Julio Enciso and Ansu Fati are both doubts. **Last season:** Newcastle 4 Brighton 1. **Referee:** Darren England.

NOTTM FOREST
v CHELSEA

NECO WILLIAMS (knee) is not expected back until at least next week and he is Forest's only injury worry. Taiwo Awoniyi is pushing for a start. CHELSEA may welcome back Reece James from a thigh injury, but he's still touch and go, as is Lesley Ugochukwu (hamstring). There are still another seven players out injured, though. **Last season:** Nottingham Forest 1 Chelsea 1. **Referee:** Tony Harrington.

TOTTENHAM
v BURNLEY

SPURS boss Ange Postecoglou has no fresh injury concerns, with Destiny Udogie, Fraser Foster, Timo Werner, Manor Solomon, Ben Davies and Ryan Sessegnon still missing. MAXIME ESTEVE (illness) returns for Burnley after missing the defeat to Newcastle, while Luca Koleosho (knock) is an outside bet to be in the Claret's squad. **Last season:** NA. **Referee:** Jarred Gillett.

WEST HAM
v LUTON

WEST HAM defenders Nayef Aguerd and Konstantinos Mavropanos (both knock) are still absent, but Lucas Paqueta (knock) should be fit. Calvin Phillips (calf) is out again. CHIEDOZIE OGBENE (thigh) should be back to boost Luton, who could now be down to just seven injury absentees as their treatment room finally sees some light at the end of the tunnel. **Last season:** NA. **Referee:** Michael Oliver.

WOLVES v
C PALACE

PEDRO NETO (thigh) is back on the grass, but still not ready to return for Wolves, though it should be all systems go for defender Santiago Bueno. PALACE midfielder Will Hughes (calf) is a doubt, while Sam Johnstone (elbow), Rob Holding (ankle), Jefferson Lerma (thigh), Check Doucoure (Achilles) and Matheus Franca (groin) are all still sidelined. **Last season:** Wolves 2 Crystal Palace 0. **Referee:** Tom Bramall.

TOMORROW

MAN UNITED
v ARSENAL

MANCHESTER UNITED'S lengthy injury list shows signs of abating, with Bruno Fernandes (right) and Scott McTominay (knee) in contention, but Mason Mount (knock) misses out. BUKAYO SAKA (shin) and Takehiro Tomiyasu (knock) are injury doubts for Arsenal, while Jurrien Timber (ACL) may return to the squad. **Last season:** Man Utd 3 Arsenal 1. **Referee:** Paul Tierney.



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No flog on the Tyne

ALEXANDER ISAK and Bruno Guimaraes WILL be Newcastle players next season - after Eddie Howe dismissed £200m transfer rumours surrounding his star men.

Isak, with 20 top-flight goals this season, is Arsenal's top target for the summer window and rated at £120m.

Guimaraes has a £100m release clause that goes live in June for a month and only a handful of clubs could afford him, including Manchester City and Paris St-Germain.

But boss Howe says it would set Newcastle back into rebuild mode if they lost either and he is planning for both being integral to the Toon next term.

"All my planning is with them in the squad," he said.

"We don't want to sell our best

ALEX AND BRUNO GOING NOWHERE



by **SIMON BIRD**

players. That is hugely important for us. It will knock us back some considerable distance because we would have to start again.

"There is no weakness in the club to say we are going to sell anyone. There is no desire from anyone at the football club to sell our best players."

Asked if Isak (**right**) could have his

head turned, Howe added: "Judging by Alex's performances and training and just how he is day to day, I don't see him thinking about those things."

"It's business as usual. When you're in the position that he's in and he's scoring goals, you get used to people talking about you."

"We're just focusing on our future with Alex. We're focusing on trying to build our team with him in it."

"We signed him knowing that he was young and we wanted to develop his talents and give him an opportunity to showcase what he could do and, for me, that was a long-term thing that we

started with him, a long-term journey hopefully, and I've just seen him flourish this year."

The Isak's camp will seek talks over a new deal but Howe said: "The beauty of the structure of football clubs now is that it is not my decision."

"I give my views on the player and how important he is to us and what I see for the team. The club will do the rest."

Howe admits some players will leave this summer.

Miguel Almiron could be the first and head to Saudi Arabia, but Howe would ideally want to keep Callum Wilson, who has a year left on his contract.



Seagulls facing a Gross loss

by **DARREN WELLS**

ROBERTO DE ZERBI has accepted rival clubs could try to prise Pascal Gross away from Brighton this summer.

Gross has shone in a variety of different positions this season, scoring four times and contributing 10 assists, and was this week named Brighton's player of the year and players' player of the year.

Seagulls boss De Zerbi is desperate to cling on to the 32-year-old (*inset*), who only earned his first Germany cap last August but is viewed as a likely selection for Julian Nagelsmann's squad for Euro 2024 on home soil.

But he recognises Gross' improvement means he could be an attractive option for any big club.

"Pascal Gross is a great, great player, a top player for us," said De Zerbi, whose side travel to Newcastle today.

"I think he can play in every big team because he's smart and his passion and his attitude are incredible."

"I work for myself but I work to help the player become better. If Pascal has an offer, I think we can understand."

"I want him to stay with us but his level now is higher than two or three seasons ago. I speak like this because I am watching his level but I don't know if he has an offer or not."

"I hope not and I would like him to play with us."



TOP TOON: Bruno Guimaraes is a key figure in Newcastle's plans

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ROB'S HATT OFF TO SCOT

ROB EDWARDS paid tribute to outgoing West Ham boss David Moyes – then vowed to hold on to his Luton job for a while yet.

That is in spite of the fact that Edwards, who takes the Hatters to face the Hammers today, could see his team relegated tonight.

With two games to play, Luton are three points behind fellow strugglers Nottingham Forest, who have a vastly superior goal difference.

So Edwards' men, who kick off at the London Stadium at 3pm, must do better than Forest, whose home game with Chelsea is an evening kick-off.

Otherwise, Luton's Premier League

■ by GARETH DAVIES adventure will be over after just one season.

The Hammers were thrashed 5-0 at Chelsea last Sunday, but Edwards (*inset*) said: "We'll expect the best West Ham. David Moyes has done an incredible job.

"I'm sure he'll get the reception he

deserves in his final home game. He's brought them a trophy, consistent top-half finishes and European football.

"It's not for me to comment on what West Ham fans think, but I've a lot of respect for him."

At 41, Edwards is 20 years younger than Moyes, who started in management in 1998, and has been in charge

at clubs including Manchester United and Everton. This is his second spell at West Ham, and Edwards added: "Anyone with that longevity I have unbelievable respect for.

"His consistency, staying at the top level, showed how good he is."

While the Scot is leaving, Edwards is looking to the future with the Hatters, saying: "I hope I'm kept on. I've got a contract for another couple of years, so I don't envisage losing my job. We've all done a very good job together."

Luton's injury crisis has eased slightly with the return of winger Chiedozie Ogbene from a thigh injury.

Edwards said: "Cheo has trained for the past couple of days. He can come back in the squad."



GOING QUIETLY:
Moyes insists it's not his style to make farewell speeches

HAMMER
TIME'S UP

Moyes says it's right to move on

DAVID MOYES insists he bears no grudge over the manner in which his West Ham departure has been confirmed.

And the says expectations have risen to such an extent in East London over the past four years that he believes it is the correct time for him to move on.

Former Wolves boss Julen Lopetegui (*inset*) will be unveiled as the Hammers' new head coach when the Premier League season concludes.

Moyes had consistently said a decision would be made after their last game.

But his imminent departure was announced on Monday evening, 24 hours after a 5-0 defeat at Chelsea.

It was done so swiftly that he did not speak to all of his players.

But Moyes, who last season guided the club to a first trophy in 43 years, said: "It's right for me because I think there's been moments where I've felt maybe there's more expected."

"I get it. You always want more when you're a football supporter.

"I have no problems with that at



■ by ALAN SMITH

all. It may be right for me as well. Unfortunately for different reasons.

"But I've got no bad feelings towards the club.

"No bad feeling to the supporters. No bad feeling towards any players. Nothing at all."

Moyes was offered a new contract by the club in January but says "there were things which weren't right" within that deal.

And having inherited a team that was fighting relegation, he feels "I'm leaving the club in a better place than when I came here".

Still, going forward he thinks "it may be hard" for West Ham to constantly challenge the top six

because "the finances are less". And while the Scot is looking to take a break having been left "pretty beaten up" by three seasons of competing in Europe, he expects to return to management soon.

Moyes will work for the BBC during next month's European Championship and spend time at home in the North West with his wife before deciding on a next job.

He does not expect to deliver a major farewell speech after this afternoon's London Stadium finale against Luton because "it's not my style".

And he added: "I don't mean that in a bad way. I think I'm quite shy, actually, behind all this and because of that I'm not into [fist bumps in the air], you know what I mean? I'm not quite that type of manager.

"Sometimes I really wish I was. Sometimes it might be a bit more sexy, maybe I need to get my teeth bigger or something."



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DREAMER: Addai

WEM-GLEE THE DREAM FOR ADDAI

SEMI-FINAL PLAY-OFF 2nd leg

MK DONS (0) v CRAWLEY (3)
KICK-OFF: 7.45pm, Sky Sports

by IAN WINROW

COREY ADDAI says there is no risk of him feeling the pressure as he attempts to fulfil a childhood dream and help Crawley reach Wembley.

The Reds travel to Milton Keynes in tonight's League Two play-off semi-final second leg backed by a 3-0 first leg advantage.

And keeper Addai insists he won't be fazed by the occasion despite the size of the prize on offer.

He said: "I have been playing football since I was 10 years old and this is all I have ever wanted to do.

"These are the moments you live for. You will have moments in your career when you don't have a club, are not getting any game time, don't have a contract - that's the downside of football.

"This is the upside. You want to play in games in MK. You want to get to Wembley.

"I grew up in Hackney and a lot of the pitches and astroturfs are based on Wembley. So growing up Wembley has always been the dream.

"I don't feel any pressure in the games, I think we are in a good position and I know we can do it."

Alex Gilbey says he is facing the biggest game of his career - and insists Milton Keynes will revel in the role of underdog.

The MK skipper (*inset*) said: "A lot of people have written us off, but for us, that is brilliant.

"Bring it on. We know, and I know how much ability and talent we've got in the dressing room, how many of the lads want to put it right.

"There are a lot of people in there who are really disappointed."

WAGNER'S BOYS WILL NOT WILT

DAVID WAGNER believes Norwich have already shown they can handle the heat of a high-pressure play-off clash.

The Canaries' hopes of a top-six finish looked bleak during the first half of the season when a slump in form raised doubts about Wagner's future.

But an impressive turnaround meant they ended the campaign in sixth spot to set up a

by RICHARD LEWIS semi-final meeting with Leeds. The next target is to establish a first-leg advantage in tomorrow's clash at Carrow Road.

And boss Wagner says his side can draw confidence from the way they have held their nerve in other tension-filled games this season.

He said: "One of our first targets was top six. That first step is done but it is

only the first step. Everyone should embrace this situation.

"We had some exciting games already this season where the players delivered, the derbies, other big must-win games where they were fully on it.

"That gives us trust and belief we can deliver again. We will only have a chance if we do it together on the pitch and in the stands." Wagner confirmed

Shane Duffy (*right*) would be available for selection after the defender was charged with drink driving following a two-vehicle collision on Monday night.

Norwich said the club would be "considering the matter internally in accordance with its own disciplinary procedure".

Wagner added: "He has been in full training since the beginning of the week. He trained like normal."



FARKE'S FEELING FERRELL

Manager backs Anchorman plan

SEMI-FINAL PLAY-OFF 1st leg

NORWICH v LEEDS
TOMORROW: 12pm, live on Sky Sports

by DAVID ANDERSON **DANIEL FARKE has welcomed Will Ferrell on board at Leeds - but admits the Anchorman star can't help them sink Norwich.**

Ferrell is buying into Leeds' owners, the 49ers Enterprises in his native California, and Farke is delighted the funnyman is joining fellow actor Russell Crowe in having a stake in the club.

But Farke (*inset*) does not think the arrival of the Elf and Barbie star will guarantee a Hollywood ending to their push for promotion via the play-offs.

"We need each and every man," said the Leeds boss ahead of the first leg of their semi-final at Norwich tomorrow.

"It's always good when investors support the interests of the club. He's a

great, great actor. We're all happy that he's on board, but I don't think it will help us a lot in Norwich!

"It's nice to have this and it says a lot about the calibre of this club that we have many well-known and also popular supporters.

"But it's up to the players in order to bring the success we want and shoot the ball over the line."

Farke was at pains to talk up his side after they lost four of their last six Championship games to miss out on automatic promotion.

Leeds have also failed in all five of their previous play-off campaigns but Farke added: "One thing is for sure, I wouldn't swap one player in this team.

"I totally believe in them. I've spoken quite often about the winning mentality

that I think we have because when there's a special occasion, when there are really spotlight games, we're good.

"We played two times against Leicester and we won two times. We played two times against Ipswich and we won two times.

"Yes, a bit more consistency would have been great, but also with 90 points you can't speak too much about a lack of consistency.

"So the feeling is, especially in spotlight games, this team is spot on.

"We have two spotlight games against Norwich and I'm optimistic we can repeat this and show this winning mentality again."

Farke was delighted to see his players go for a team meal after their difficult few weeks and he also played down the significance of their two Championship wins over his old team Norwich.

The German coach insists none of that matters because the play-offs are a new competition.

"It doesn't count," he said. "The negative or the good things don't matter because it's a new competition.

"So the 90 points, our unbeaten record, our clean sheets or our two wins over Norwich, they don't matter right now.

"A new competition starts and we have to be in this competition."



FUNNY OLD GAME: Will Ferrell takes in a match with David Beckham (*left*) and Ryan Reynolds

WHITES HOT: Leeds stars celebrate a goal on the way to play-off qualification



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IT'S MEAL WARNOCK

Veteran boss told Martin to take troops out for tea

RUSSELL MARTIN has revealed he acted on the advice offered to him by serial promotion winner Neil Warnock to fire up Southampton's play-off push.

Warnock was working as a TV pundit when Saints suffered a humiliating 5-0 defeat at Leicester last month.

The veteran boss (*inset*) - who has won a record eight promotions as a manager - said Martin should take his players "out for a Chinese".

The Saints manager says he took Warnock's wise words on board which helped his side wrap up the regular campaign with a win at play-off rivals Leeds to gain a huge boost before tomorrow's semi-final first leg at West Brom.

Martin said: "I think when someone as wise and as experienced as Neil Warnock tells me to take the team out for a meal, I think he's spot on."

"It was a nice meal but it wasn't a Chinese, it was a little bit healthier than that."

"I thank him for that advice. He was right that the players, after such an intense schedule, just needed it."

"The staff too. We were all together with the owners and the executive team here."

"We worked hard in the morning and had some food. We spent some time together and set the stall out for what's to come."

Saints' challenge for automatic

SEMI-FINAL PLAY-OFF 1st leg



■ by IAN WINROW

promotion ran out of steam and they ended the season in fourth place.

But they will travel to The Hawthorns as favourites to progress to Wembley against either Leeds or Norwich.

A gap of 12 points separated the two clubs in the final league table and Southampton beat the Baggies home and away during the campaign.

But Martin warned there is no room for complacency from his side.

He added: "Everyone has spoken about the top four and how difficult that race was."

"West Brom have been the best of the rest in the league and gave us two really tough games."

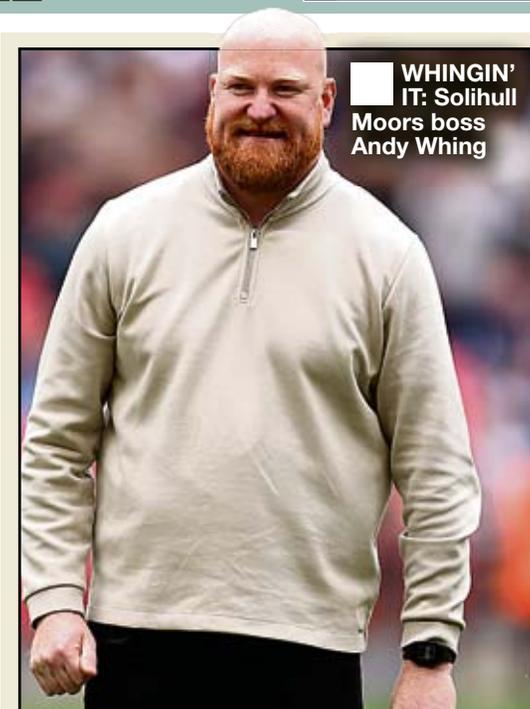
"Carlos (Corberan) is a really brilliant coach and they've got experienced Premier League and Championship players - physical, strong and powerful."

"They can do both sides of the game, with and without the ball, so it's a tough game."

"We played brilliantly there this season and if we can reach those levels again, I'll be very happy."



FOOD FOR THOUGHT:
Southampton boss
Russell Martin



WHINGIN'
IT: Solihull
Moors boss
Andy Whing

HEARTBREAK GIVES MOOR MOTIVATION

ANDY WHING says Solihull Moors' play-off final agony will fuel their FA Trophy bid against Gateshead today.

And opposite number Rob Elliot admits his side will also be fired up by their own promotion frustrations.

Moors return to Wembley six days after they missed out on a place in the EFL for the first time in the club's history after losing to Bromley on penalties.

Boss Whing said: "To come off the back of such a disappointment, we want a nicer feeling this time coming away from Wembley."

"If that gives us extra motivation, then that's brilliant and the players will have learned from that massive experience."

"Then we can give it a right good go."

Defender James Clarke added: "I've been here three years and the fan base has grown and everything about Solihull has progressed so much in such a short space of time. If we keep doing well on the pitch, the fans will come with that as well."

Gateshead also suffered National League play-off disappointment when they were

FA TROPHY FINAL

GATESHEAD v
SOLIHULL MOORS

KICK-OFF: 4.15pm, TNT Sports

■ by IAN WINROW

prevented from taking part in the end-of-season showdown because of a stadium dispute.

The Tyneside club were unable to demonstrate they met the EFL criteria that clubs have a guaranteed 10-year tenancy at their home ground.

Elliott (*below right with chairman Neil Pinkerton*) is also attempting to make amends after losing to Halifax in last year's Trophy final.

The Heed Army boss said: "The situation has not been ideal, to say the least, but my focus is on us reacting as a group and trying to make the point that we would have been a force in the play-offs if we were able to play in them."

"I think that this situation can give us extra motivation to go out and leave a good impression on everyone, as it is a great day for the club and every single player deserves the opportunity."



TOM OUT TO BAG BIG PRIZE

TOM FELLOWS says West Brom's back-to-back league defeats to Southampton will count for nothing today.

The Albion winger believes previous meetings in the league won't matter when the prize of a place in the Wembley final is at stake.

Saints had the upper hand over the Baggies this season,

■ by IAN WINROW winning 2-1 at St Mary's before completing a league double at The Hawthorns.

The teams will meet for a third time with the South Coast side's visit today.

Fellows (*left*) said: "Southampton are clearly a very good side and they finished above us in the table."

"They like to

dominate possession, but we gave them a really good game at their place."

"At our place, they were on top for most of the match but this is the play-offs now and anything can happen."

"There's no doubt they'll be a tough opponent and it'll be a challenge for us, but we'll approach it with full confidence because we know we

deserve this opportunity and we deserve to be in the play-offs."

The West Brom forward added: "We've delivered some really good performances this year and we're all determined to produce another couple in the two legs."

"We need to try and make sure we're the better team in each match."



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	35	16	6	13	52	55	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	36	11	10	15	49	57	43
*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
(R) Sheff Utd	36	3	7	26	35	100	16

*deducted 8pts **deducted 4pts
(3pm unless stated)

TODAY

- Bournemouth v Brentford.....
- Everton v Sheff Utd
- Fulham v Man City (12.30pm, TNT1)
- Newcastle v Brighton.....
- Nottm Forest v Chelsea (5.30pm, Sky)
- Tottenham v Burnley
- West Ham v Luton
- Wolves v Crystal Palace.....

TOMORROW

- Man Utd v Arsenal (4.30pm, Sky)

MONDAY

- Aston Villa v Liverpool (8pm, Sky).....



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
(C) Leicester	46	31	4	11	89	41	97
(P) Ipswich	46	28	12	6	92	57	96
Leeds	46	27	9	10	81	43	90
Southampton	46	26	9	11	87	63	87
West Brom	46	21	12	13	70	47	75
Norwich	46	21	10	15	79	64	73
Hull	46	19	13	14	68	60	70
Middlesbrough	46	20	9	17	71	62	69
Coventry	46	17	13	16	70	59	64
Preston	46	18	9	19	56	67	63
Bristol City	46	17	11	18	53	51	62
Cardiff	46	19	5	22	53	70	62
Millwall	46	16	11	19	45	55	59
Swansea	46	15	12	19	59	65	57
Watford	46	13	17	16	61	61	56
Sunderland	46	16	8	22	52	54	56
Stoke	46	15	11	20	49	60	56
QPR	46	15	11	20	47	58	56
Blackburn	46	14	11	21	60	74	53
Sheff Wed	46	15	8	23	44	68	53
Plymouth	46	13	12	21	59	70	51
(R) Birmingham	46	13	11	22	50	65	50
(R) Huddersfield	46	9	18	19	48	77	45
(R) Rotherham	46	5	12	29	37	89	27

TOMORROW

- Play-offs Semi-finals first legs
- Norwich v Leeds (12pm, Sky)
- West Brom v Southampton (2.15pm, Sky).

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SUNDAY SHOWDOWN

TOP MARCS:
Rashford nets his second and (inset) celebrates with Antony



LAST TIME THEY MET
In the Premier League at Old Trafford, September 4, 2022

MAN UNITED 3
(Antony 35, Rashford 66, 75)

ARSENAL 1
(Saka 60)

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-3-1): De Gea; Dalot, Varane, Martinez (Maguire 80), Malacia; McTominay, Eriksen; Sancho (Fred 67), Fernandes, Antony (Ronaldo 58); Rashford (Casemiro 80).
Subs: Heaton, Dubravka, Lindelof, Shaw, Elanga.

ARSENAL (4-2-3-1): Ramsdale; Tomiyasu (White 46), Saliba, Gabriel, Zinchenko; Odegaard, Partey, Fabio Vieira (Xhaka 84); Saka, Trossard (Smith Rowe 22) (Nelson 68) Martinelli.
Subs: Tierney, Kiwior, Holding, Jorginho, Turner.

REFEREE: PAUL TIERNEY
ATTENDANCE: 73,431



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
(C) Portsmouth	46	28	13	5	78	41	97
(P) Derby	46	28	8	10	78	37	92
Bolton	46	25	12	9	86	51	87
Peterborough	46	25	9	12	89	61	84
Oxford Utd	46	22	11	13	79	56	77
Barnsley	46	21	13	12	82	64	76
Lincoln City	46	20	14	12	65	40	74
Blackpool	46	21	10	15	65	48	73
Stevenage	46	19	14	13	57	46	71
Wycombe	46	17	14	15	60	55	65
Leyton Orient	46	18	11	17	53	55	65
*Wigan	46	20	10	16	63	56	62
Exeter	46	17	10	19	46	61	61
Northampton	46	17	9	20	57	66	60
Bristol Rovers	46	16	9	21	52	68	57
Charlton	46	11	20	15	64	65	53
**Reading	46	16	11	19	68	70	53
Cambridge Utd	46	12	12	22	39	61	48
Shrewsbury	46	13	9	24	35	67	48
Burton Albion	46	12	10	24	39	67	46
(R) Cheltenham	46	12	8	26	41	65	44
(R) Fleetwood	46	10	13	23	49	72	43
(R) Port Vale	46	10	11	25	41	74	41
(R) Carlisle	46	7	9	30	41	81	30

*deducted 8pts **deducted 6pts



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
(C) Stockport	46	27	11	8	96	48	92
(P) Wrexham	46	26	10	10	89	52	88
(P) Mansfield	46	24	14	8	90	47	86
MK Dons	46	23	9	14	83	68	78
Doncaster	46	21	8	17	73	68	71
Crewe	46	19	14	13	69	65	71
Crawley Town	46	21	7	18	73	67	70
Barrow	46	18	15	13	62	56	69
Bradford	46	19	12	15	61	59	69
AFC Wimbledon	46	17	14	15	64	51	65
Walsall	46	18	11	17	69	73	65
Gillingham	46	18	10	18	46	57	64
Harrogate Town	46	17	12	17	60	69	63
Notts County	46	18	7	21	89	86	61
*Morecambe	46	17	10	19	67	81	57
Tranmere	46	17	6	23	67	70	57
Accrington	46	16	9	21	63	71	57
Newport County	46	16	7	23	62	76	55
Swindon	46	14	12	20	77	83	54
Salford City	46	13	12	21	66	82	51
Grimsby	46	11	16	19	57	74	49
Colchester	46	11	12	23	59	80	45
(R) Sutton Utd	46	9	15	22	59	84	42
(R) Forest Green	46	11	9	26	44	78	42

*deducted 3 pts

TODAY

- Play-offs Semi-final second leg
- MK Dons (0) v Crawley (3) (7.45pm, Sky).....



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
(C) Chesterfield	46	31	5	10	106	65	98
Barnet	46	26	8	12	91	60	86
Bromley	46	22	15	9	73	49	81
Altrincham	46	22	11	13	84	59	77
Solihull Moors	46	21	13	12	71	62	76
Gateshead	46	22	9	15	88	64	75
FC Halifax	46	19	14	13	58	50	71
Aldershot	46	20	9	17	74	83	69
*Southend	46	21	12	13	70	45	65
Oldham	46	15	18	13	63	60	63
Rochdale	46	16	14	16	69	64	62
Hartlepool	46	17	9	20	70	82	60
Eastleigh	46	16	11	19	73	87	59
Maidenhead Utd	46	15	13	18	60	67	58
Dag & Red	46	14	14	18	69	63	56
Wealdstone	46	15	11	20	60	72	56
Woking	46	15	10	21	49	55	55
AFC Fylde	46	15	10	21	74	82	55
Ebbsfleet United	46	14	12	20	59	74	54
York	46	12	17	17	55	69	53
(R) Boreham Wood	46	12	16	18	59	73	52
(R) Kidderminster	46	11	13	22	40	59	46
(R) Dorking	46	12	9	25	54	85	45
(R) Oxford City	46	8	9	29	54	94	33

*deducted 10pts

TODAY

- FA Trophy Final
- Gateshead v Solihull (4.15pm, TNT1)
- FA Vase Final
- Great Wakering v Romford (12.15pm, TNT3)

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Saffie to lift Cup with Fanshawe's hope

by JASON HEAVEY

PUNTERS should clock HICKORY (2.40) in the big handicap at Ascot.

The six-year-old is maturing with age and ran his two best races at the Berkshire track last season, especially when just failing to reel in Baradar in July.

James Fanshawe's beast ran a cracker on his seasonal bow at Kempton and should take a step forward in today's Lavazza & Ascot 10 Year Anniversary Victoria Cup.

Saffie Osborne gets a good tune out of Hickory and 10-1 looks a fair price.

Merlin The Wizard and **Mostabshir** will have their supporters while the unexposed **Arabian Storm** has been nibbled at in the betting market.

Two contenders who could outrun their odds are **Streets Of Gold** (18-1) who has been given a bit of respite by the handicapper.

And despite his advancing years, **Bless Him** (also 18-1) can never be written off in these big-field cavalry charges.

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TIME IS RIGHT: Hickory goes well at Ascot and should be backed in the Victoria Cup

HICKORY IN COLLECT

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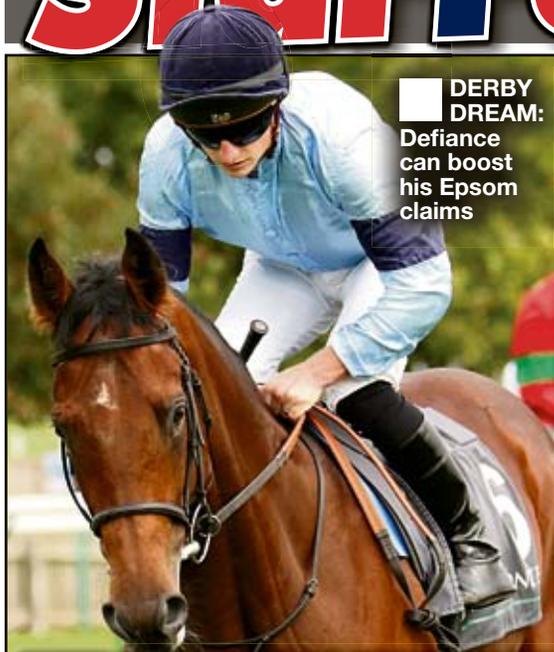
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DERBY DREAM:
Defiance can boost his Epsom claims

MOST APPEALING:
Mostabshir should not be missed at Ascot while Lark In The Mornin (*below*) looks a good thing at Haydock



IT'S DEFINITELY DEFIANCE

WE'VE seen the emergence of a few Classic contenders this week, but it is today's Lingfield Derby Trial that I have been really looking forward to.

DEFIANCE (3.00) was a gallant second behind Epsom hope Bellum Justum last month, but I think he can be marked up further for that performance and should go one better today.

That was his first try beyond a mile and James Doyle rode him accordingly, jumping him out of the stalls and pulling him back to the rear of the field.

Little did he know that Ryan Moore was going to set such steady fractions with the eventual winner sat in the perfect position just beside him.

Unfortunately for Defiance, it meant that he had about three lengths to make up when the pace lifted turning into the home straight and it was a

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Page Fuller, lead analyst for RaceIQ, looks at some of the big racing stories with an eye on the data

very impressive performance to quicken up and get as close as he did to the winner.

Considering that the winner quickened up to a Finishing Speed Percentage of 113.85%, it was even more impressive that Defiance was able to produce a faster FSP of 114.86% and finish just three-quarters of a length behind at the post.

The track at Lingfield isn't dissimilar to Epsom with the sharp downhill run into the home straight, so if Doyle has more confidence in his mount's stamina here, I think he will be hard to beat.

VIEW FROM THE COUCH

By Mark Winstanley

NEIL MULHOLLAND doesn't have many runners on the Flat but **THINK FIRST (1.30)** ran a cracker when runner-up at Epsom off a perch of 92 in April.

He has been dropped a pound for the Peroni Nastro Azzurro 0.0% Handicap run over a mile and a half at Ascot, so back him each-way around the 8-1 perch.

The fact the crafty Sir Mark Prescott had **TRUE LEGEND (1.50)** entered in the above race but has decided to run his beast in the William Hill Epic Value Handicap run over an extended mile and three furlongs at Lingfield is enough for yours truly to back him each-way at 5-1.

A triple winner last season, this is just the sort of progressive four-year-old the Baronet excels with so expect to see him rated higher than 88 by the end of the summer.

On her seasonal reappearance in the Group Three Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury three weeks ago, **TOPAGANA (2.05)** finished fifth when still carrying her winter coat. The form received a massive boost when the third Elmalka came out and landed the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Sunday.

Andrew Balding's daughter of Siyouni looks very well treated racing off a ledge of 88 in the Peroni Nastro Azzurro 0.0% Fillies' Handicap over a mile at Ascot.

DANIELLE (2.25) bolted up by a dozen lengths over

SHIR CLASS

Go high with well-treated ace



Evs on for York

SPRINTING sensation Big Evs is "99 per cent certain" to launch his three-year-old campaign next week.

Trainer Mick Appleby has given his Breeders' Cup hero an entry in Thursday's Listed British Stallion Studs EBF Westow Stakes.

Run over five furlongs at York, a local track for owner Paul Teasdale, it is restricted to horses in the colt's age group.

Big Evs was last seen in action at Santa Anita in November, when he helped Appleby make a top-level breakthrough.

"I'm 99 per cent certain

■ by **DAVID YATES**
Big Evs will run at York's Dante meeting," said the Rutland trainer (*below*).

"It's a nice starting point for three-year-olds.



Tom Marquand will ride and we'd like some good ground, so hopefully there won't be much rain."

Ancient Wisdom, 8-1 in William Hill's Derby betting, heads 12 possible Dante runners on the same day.

Sponsored by Al Basti Equiworld Dubai, 11 winners over its 1m2½f distance have gone on to Classic glory at Epsom.

ten furlongs at Wetherby at the end of April, and as a close relation of Ascot Gold Cup hero Courage Mon Ami, she is going to relish the step up in real estate when she contests the William Hill Oaks Trial run over a mile and a half at Lingfield Park.

High draws have been favoured in recent runnings of the Lavazza Victoria Cup over seven furlongs at Ascot, so **MOSTABSHIR (2.40)** is begging to be backed each-way bursting out of trap 19.

John Gosden's four-year-old was rated 108 when sixth in the Group One St James's Palace Stakes at this course in June, so racing off a mark of 103 he looks very well-treated to my four eyes.

Track down a benevolent bookie who is offering 7-1

and paying five places and fill your boots.

Simon Crisford's animals have hit top form after a very slow start to the season, so throw away a few quid each-way on **MEYDAAN (3.00)** in the William Hill Derby Trial run over a mile and a half at Lingfield Park.

This highly-rated son of Frankel made a successful start to his career when landing a novice affair over a mile and a quarter at Newcastle in November, but like so many of his stablemates, he was disappointing on his seasonal bow at the Craven meeting last month.

He will relish the step up in trip, and with the stable in better form, he is worth an each-way nibble at 12-1.

In the Pertemps Network

Swinton Handicap Hurdle run over two miles at Haydock Park, **LARK IN THE MORNIN (3.15)** looks a good thing racing off a perch of 130 on his favoured fast ground.

He was running off a mark of 122 when trouncing 21 opponents in the Fred Winter at Cheltenham in March, on a soft surface which he did not enjoy.

On her last outing at Deauville in April, **GREAT GENERATION (3.35)** finished fourth. The form has been ranked by the second, Ramatuelle, and the third, Tamfana. Those fillies went on to finish third and fourth in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Sunday.

My selection can snare the Chartwell Fillies' Stakes run over seven furlongs at Lingfield.

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WHITE HOT

Longshot Light
ready to shine



LONGSHOT hunters should try to see the light in the Pertemps Network Swinton Hurdle at Haydock today.

The market suggests **CLEAR WHITE LIGHT (3.15)** has little chance at 40-1.

But don't be put off by the price if you're seeking an each-way play.

Adrian Keatley's eight-year-old is useful over hurdles on his day - when conditions are right.

And a strong gallop on good ground on a flat track is just up his street.

He had those optimum conditions at Doncaster in early December when he thrashed Soaring Glory by five lengths, showing a good turn of foot.

Clear White Light has had a couple of runs on the Flat and is a sporting punt to grab a place at least under Henry Brooke.

Haydock is one of three ITV4 cards with others at Lingfield and Ascot.

DANIELLE (2.25, nb), a half sister to Courage Mon Ami, was very impressive when scoring at Wetherby by 12 lengths and should win the William Hill Oaks Trial at Lingfield.

ILLINOIS (3.00) is a lovely looking son of Galileo and will improve for a recent run in what looks a sub standard renewal of the William Hill Lingfield Derby Trial for Ryan Moore and Aidan O'Brien.

AIMERIC (1.50) can take the first televised race from Lingers for Roger Varian, while **REMARQUEE (3.35)**, who was second in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot last June, can cement James Doyle's new link-up with Wathnan Racing.

KOTARI (1.30) bolted up last weekend at Goodwood and looks miles ahead of his handicap mark.

He can complete a hat-trick at Ascot in the opener, while the tough and consistent **BELLARCHI (2.05)** looks overpriced in the fillies' handicap.

CLEAR CHANCE: Clear White Light can spring a major surprise at Haydock

BELL OF THE BALL: Bellarchi looks overpriced for her Ascot mission

ZOFFEE SCORES TO GIVE OWEN A DREAM WIN

FOOTBALL legend Michael Owen celebrated a home win via a thrilling late strike from Zoffee in the Chester Cup.

Trained at his local Manor House Stables, the 9-1 chance and jockey Harry Davies hit the front with around 100 yards to race.

Zoffee dashed past well-backed favourite Aztec Empire to prevail from Emiyn (28-1) and fast finisher Zanndabad (11-1).

The former England and Liverpool striker was delighted with the result, as Hugo Palmer's trainee suffered a narrow defeat 12 months ago.

"It is pretty much a lifelong dream to win that race and he was second last year," said Owen (*above*), whose yard has been in business since 2007.

"I said earlier in the week I think we'd win the big one. This horse has always

■ by **MELISSA JONES**
been a yard favourite - he's just the nicest person in the world."

Returning to the Flat after a spell hurdling for Ollly Murphy, Zoffee gave former top apprentice Davies a huge boost.

The 19-year-old went freelance when he lost his weight allowance and had to re-establish himself with fresh contacts in Newmarket.

"He was 3lb lower than last year which I thought was absolute theft!" said the rider.

"This is the race Hugo Palmer's team wanted to win,

he's a massive supporter of mine. It's hard when you lose your claim, but the trainers I ride for stick by me and I'm very grateful."

Earlier on, Sir Michael Stoute's Passenger swept past Israr to earn an 8-1 quote for the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot.



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PUNTER POINTERS

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

TERRIFIC TRAINERS: (Most wins last 14 days) A Balding 12; J & T Gosden 11; J Channon 10; D O'Meara 9; C Johnston 9; A Carroll 8; E Walker 7; K R Burke 7; A P O'Brien 7; R Hannon 6; R Varian 6.

SUFFERING STABLES: (Runners since last win) Mrs R Gasson 7; Alexandra Dunn 7; M Barnes 5; A Brown 4; D Bourke 3; S Hosie 3; P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck 2; R Hannon 2; J Clutterbuck 2.

HOT JOCKS: (Most wins last 14 days) Oisin Murphy 12; David Probert 12; William Buick 11; Hollie Doyle 9; Connor Beasley 9.

RISE OUT OF LUCK: (Rides since last win) Jimmy Quinn 49; Benjamin Poste 49; Callum Hutchinson 47; Laura Pearson 37; Molly Gunn 34; Harry Reed 34; Sam Coltherd 33.

HEAVEY'S NAP

ALSEEYERTHERE (6.55 Leicester) travelled strongly and was just touched off on her seasonal return at Doncaster. The better ground will suit her and she will attract a handicap mark she will take plenty of beating

STARFORM TREBLE

NAP: DEFIANCE (3.00 Lingfield)
NB: FIVE DOLLAR FINE (4.35 Hexham)
TREBLE: RESTRICTED (5.15 Nottingham)

MAGIC COMBINATIONS

ASCOT: Neil Callan rides 3.45 Midnite Storm for K Ryan, previous combinations 2 wins from 9 mounts 22% strike rate at course.

NEW QUARTERS

HORSES having their first runs for new trainers:
ASCOT: 1.30 King Of The Plains (C Johnston to James Horton), 2.05 Zouzanna (H & R Charlton to Harry Charlton), 2.40 Merlin The Wizard (H & R Charlton to Harry Charlton), 2.40 The Wizard Of Eye (J S Moore to C Fellows).
HAYDOCK: 2.45 Magical Merlin (H & R Charlton to Harry Charlton), 2.45 Rogue Thunder (Tom Clover to P Morris), 5.00 Rogue Raider (Tom Clover to P Chapple-Hyam).

HEXHAM: 5.10 Cool Desire (Alice Dawson to Mrs Dawson), 5.45 Snookered (B Ellison to H Burns), 6.45 Borna Gem (Cormac Doyle to N Twiston-Davies), 6.45 Scuggles (C D Timmons to Sue Smith).

LEICESTER: 6.25 Rogue Tornado (Tom Clover to James Owen), 7.55 Savanna King (J & T Gosden to J Parr), 8.25 Colonial Love (R Brisland to K Frost), 8.25 High Court Judge (R Bandy to David Dennis).

LINGFIELD: 1.50 Kotossal (Carmen Bossack to J Osborne), 1.50 Track Of Time (F Graffard to I Williams), 3.35 Sirona (C Johnston to D Menuisier).

NOTTINGHAM: 2.20 Call To Action (K Ryan to M & D Easterby), 3.30 Eech Bah Gum (I Furtado to M Appleby), 5.15 Oak Allye (Kevin Coleman to P Owens).

WARWICK: 6.05 Miami Jim (M P Collins to Mrs R Gasson), 6.05 Northern Reel (Anthony Chariton to H Dickin), 7.05 Swordsman (Mrs D Foster to Jonjo & A O'Neill).

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JASON HEAVEY STAR TIP

Over Spiced	5.20	Sergio Parisse
Catherine Chroi	5.55	Captain Dandy
Fiddlers Green	6.25	Fiddlers Green
Alseyerthere (nap)	6.55	Alseyerthere
Waleefy	7.25	Fair Point
Khathak	7.55	Nikovo
Isle of Wolves	8.25	Crazy Crackers

5.20 RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)

Class 5 2YO 5f (15 runners) £3,664

1 (1)	6	ANT COLONY (22) E J Houghton 9.7	E Greatrex	73
2 (15)	220	BOB THE BANDIT (21) W G M Turner 9.7	F Daly (7) *76	71
3 (10)	1	CABLE RATE (10) W Muir & C Grassick 9.7	DOUBTFUL	67
4 (4)	5	CLIPSHAM NOBLE (21) Alice Haynes 9.7	D Keenan	37
5 (9)	1	HOLBROOK Ollie Sangster 9.7	N Currie	—
6 (2)	1	L SANGATIN (19) I Furtado 9.7	H Hart	—
7 (13)	1	SEARGIO PARRISE C Cox 9.7	J Fahy	—
8 (7)	1	TOY SOLDIER R Scott 9.7	Liam Wright (5)	—
9 (12)	1	UNIC SAM K Ryan 9.7	T Eaves	—
10 (14)	1	WRITTENINTHESTARS R Cowell 9.7	G Downing	—
11 (3)	1	LUCKY LOTTERY G Kelloway 9.7	G Wood	—
12 (5)	1	MILITARY GIRL M Dods 9.2	C Beasley	—
13 (8)	4	OVER SPICED (21) Tom Clover 9.2	Joanna Mason	69
14 (6)	65	PADDY'S COURAGE (43) Darryll Holland 9.2	R Hornby	65
15 (11)	1	ROSELLY Jack Jones 9.2	Dylan Hogan	—

Star Betting: 9-2 Sergio Parisse, 11-2 Over Spiced, 6 Ant Colony, 15-2 Holbrook, Paddy's Courage, 8 Uncle Sam, Bob The Bandit, 10 Toy Soldier, 14 others.

2023: Fangari 9-2, Ben Curtis 9-2 (Jack Jones), drawn (7), 7 ran.

STARFORM: ANT COLONY DANGER: Over Spiced

5.55 NUCLEUSHR HANDICAP

Class 6 6f (16 runners) £3,140

1 (7)	1611	CATHERINE CHROI (6)D.A.G.S(B) J Jardine 6 10 3(Sp)	M Tabit (5)	67
2 (1)	3-06	RWENEARLYTHEREDAD (32)D.G D Carroll 4 9 11	Z Wheatley (5)	71
3 (16)	4-46	FIVE WINDS (15) Jack Jones 4 9 11	J Hart	70
4 (3)	0-50	SHARK TWO ONE (15)C.D.G.S(B) Jessica Macey 6 9 7	Joanna Mason	69
5 (6)	6065	ALL IN THE HIPPS (67)D.A.S(P) E Evans 4 9 7	Dylan Hogan	66
6 (2)	61-5	GHERKIN (19)D.A.G.S(B) W Kitterow 7 9 6	R Hornby	72
7 (10)	3-56	JACK OF CLUBS (12)D.A M Dods 4 9 6	C Beasley	68
8 (5)	16-1	CAPTAIN DANDY (33)D.A.S(P) R Fahy 4 9 6	D Nolan	70
9 (13)	1563	BLUE COLLAR LAD (12)D.A.G(P) Alice Haynes 5 9 5	Tommie Jakes (5)	74
10 (12)	555	GATWICK KITTEN (183)D.G.S(T) E Dunlop 7 9 4	R Havlin	72
11 (5)	0-06	MY GENGHIS (11)A A Carroll 5 9 2	N Currie	67
12 (9)	1111	TILSWORTH TURF (14)C.D.S J R Jenkins 4 9 1	E Greatrex	69
13 (8)	0154	NUBOUGH (28)D.A(JT) M Pattinson 6 9 1	P Bradley *76	73
14 (4)	1600	PEACH (18) M Widdie 4 10 11	T Eaves	73
15 (14)	1-01	PIRANHEER (10)W J & S Best 5 8 13	Jimmy Quinn	57
16 (11)	4004	AUTUMN FLIGHT (9)D.A.G.S(B) P McEntee 8 8 9	Josephine Gordon	64

LONG HANDICAP: Autumn Flight 8-8.

Star Betting: 3 Catherine Chroi, 13-2 Tilsworth Turf, 7 Captain Dandy, Gherkin, 10 Blue Collar Lad, 12 Five Winds, Jack Of Clubs, 14 Autumn Flight, Nubough, 16 others.

2023: King Of Speed 4 9 10, Ray Dawson 14-1 (M Loughnane), drawn (2), 7 ran.

STARFORM: GHERKIN DANGER: Captain Dandy

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GOING: GOOD

PLACEPOST FIRST SIX RACES

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) D Skelton 64 winners, (20.4% strike rate), -£17.25, Jonjo & A O'Neill 32, (19.9%), +£15.20, N Henderson 30, (22.4%), -£3.87, A King 21, (17.5%), -£5.92, N Twiston-Davies 16, (11.5%), -£12.50.

5.35 HANDICAP CHASE

Class 5 (18 fences) 3m (10 run) £4,489

1	LUO-	HARLEM SOUL (30)S S Hosie 6 12 0	Beau Morgan	94
2	350-	PHIL DE PAIL (22)P,T O Greenall & J Guerrero 7 12 0	Toby Wynne (3)	—
3	P52-	HOBIE (17)G,S David Dennis 7 11 8	J Martin	102
4	PP-	THE LATE LEGEND (144)C.D.G.S(B) T Weston 11 11 3	L Stones	—
5	443-	SUPASUNRISE (32)C,S(V) N Twiston-Davies 11 11 3	F Lambert (3)	102
6	P0-3	DUNWOLLEY (2) N Kent 8 11 2	DOUBTFUL	*114
7	51P-	TOAD OF TOAD HALL (217)G,S Alexandra Dunn 8 10 12	N Fox	104
8	PL-	THE KNOT IS TIED (F23)G,S(P,T) R Potter 9 10 12	A Stevens	—
9	104-	TIME FOR A PINT (57)G,S Jonjo & A O'Neill 7 10 12	Benjamin Macey (10)	101
10	OPP-	KOOKY (32)P,M Mrs J Phillips 6 11 4	J Powell	—

Star Betting: 9-4 Supasunrise, 5-2 Hobie, 13-2 Time For A Pint, 7 Phil De Pail, 12 The Knot Is Tied, Toad Of Toad Hall, 14 Harlem Soul, 25 others.

2023: Tom O'Roughley 8 10 8, Lorcan Murtagh 11-1 (Sheila Lewis), 11 ran.

STARFORM: SUPASUNRISE DANGER: Hobie

6.05 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE

Class 4 (8 flights) 2m (10 runners) £4,084

1	54-	EL CURAMACH (46)T R Potter 6 11 4	S Bowen	*112
2	410-	GASMANI (21)S David Dennis 5 11 4	T Bellamy	—
3	L6-	LORD OF THE GLANCE (31) A Hales 5 11 4	DOUBTFUL	—
4	UP-	MIAMI JIM (37)G Mrs R Gasson 6 11 4	J Postle	—
5	3P2-	MOKORO (117) D Skelton 5 11 4	H Skelton	—
6	7P-	NEED CASH (40)H P Phillips 6 11 4	B J Powell	—
7	00-	WINDSURFER (122) B Case 5 11 4	J Quinlan	—
8	34P-	DEWENTSWITHE (144) S Hosie 5 10 11	J Best	—
9	00-	GOLDIES ROC C Scott 6 11 11	L Williams	—
10	L60-	GOTTEREINTHEEND (22) L Horsfall 5 10 11	Charlie Pace (3)	85
11	5P6-	NORTHERN REEL (65)S H Dickinson 6 10 11	B Harris (3)	86

Star Betting: 3 El Curamach, 7-2 Mokoro, 5 Gasmani, 8 Northern Reel, Goldies Roc, 14 Windsurfer, Ned Cash, Dewentswithe, Gotterehtheend, 16 others.

2023: Glorious Fun 6 11 4, Bridget Andrews 7-2 (D Skelton), 8 ran.

STARFORM: EL CURAMACH DANGER: Gasmani

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3.55 FOLLOW US ON TWITTER HANDICAP HURDLE

(12 flights) 2m 4f (21 runners) £6,000

1	65L	BENNY THE DUKE (53)G R P Cody 7 12 0	O R Brown (5)	—
2	305-	GORDONS AURA (202)P G Elliott 5 12 0	D Gilligan (3)	117
3	553-	REBEL ROSE (20)G(B) M Fahy 8 12 0	Aidan Kelly (5)	116
4	260-	RING O ROSES (40)G(H) H De Bromhead 6 12 0	Rachael Blackmore	107
5	L00-	CARRIG ROCK (20)D(T) P Croke 9 11 12	J Gairford	81
6	026-	JOYEUX VIVO (41)B(F) John E & Kelly 5 11 12	M P Walsh	117
7	703-	ALL ABOUT LUCY (27)E G McCarthy 7 11 11	G B Noonan (5)	97
8	5/6-	HAMMERSMITH (30)G(B,T) O'Brien 8 11 11	M J O'Sullivan	102
9	0/0-	COTTEMECAVENIIGOAL (37)T J S Crowley 9 11 10	S O'Keefe	—
10	31-	DUBERYACINGCRAIC (F14)G R P Cody 5 11 10	P Byrnes (3)	102
11	34F-	PENNY JAR (170)D2,G(P,T) P Downey 8 11 10	P M O'Brien (7)	117
12	153-	ANYWAY (217)G(P,T) D Budds 8 11 9	P Millar (7)	113
13	022-	DOWNTHEREORDANAN (25)P J M Widdie 6 11 9	K M Donoghue	116
14	14L-	GOLDEN SANDBANKS (F46)G(P,T) P W Flynn 7 11 8	S W Flanagan	112
15	106-	MISTER TWITZ (225) P Fenton 6 11 8	B Hayes	120
16	500-	REVE INOUI (25)S J P Flavin 6 11 8	D J O'Keefe	114
17	500-	SIMPLETWISTOFFAITH (18) Patrick J Hassett 7 11 8	D Meyer	119
18	700-	FOR FEAR OF FROST (42) M F Morris 6 11 7	R A Doyle	88
19	456-	GOLDEN TEMPLE (18) M Widdie 4 10 11	M P Walsh	106
20	100-	AUSSIE WARRIOR (257)G(T) R Hughes (UK) 5 11 3	RESERVE	*121
21	PL-3	LUCKY STORM (2)T G Elliott 6 11 3	RESERVE	110

Star Betting: 9-2 Downtherefordancin, 6 Dubeyeringcraic, 8 others.

STARFORM: JOYEUX VIVO DANGER: Dubeyeringcraic

TRACKFACTS Right-handed oval track 1m 5f with a 5f straight. There is a straight mile. Stalls today Straight Stands Side; Round Inside.

6.25 SIGNFAB (UK) HANDICAP

Class 5 1m 4f (9 runners) £3,664

1 (4)	123-	ROGUE TORNADO (226)D,G James Owen 4 9 11	R Havlin	76
2 (7)	563-	D DAY ARVALENREEVA (185)C,D,G K P De Foy 4 9 9	Hart	77
3 (2)	1611	FIDDLERS GREEN (15)D,A,G,S J G O'Shea 5 9 9	T Heard (3)	77
4 (9)	3232	GEELONG (10)B,F,A,G(B) P & O Cole 5 9 8	C Fallon	78
5 (5)	00-	FAZAYTE (34)P R Potter 9 9 8	D Keenan	71
6 (3)	26-L	KITTYKARMA (21)D,G R Fahy 4 9 6	D Nolan	77
7 (1)	0222	GORDON GREY (11)B(F,T) B Brookhouse 4 9 6	A Rawlinson *79	75
8 (6)	L-66	CAPTAIN HADDOCK (6)D,G(B) H Main 7 9 4	Joanna Mason	69
9 (8)	4545	GOLDEN ECHO (33) J Camacho 4 8 9	H Shaw	70

Star Betting: 2 Fiddlers Green, 9-2 Gordon Grey, 5 D Day Arvalenreeva, Rogue Tornado, 6 Geelong, 14 Kittykarma, 16 Golden Echo, 20 Captain Haddock, 33 Fazayte.

2023: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: FIDDLERS GREEN D: D Day Arvalenreeva

6.55 TONY TOACH & SON HANDICAP

Class 5 7f (11 runners) £3,664

1 (9)	2L-0	MUSICAL MYSTERY (31)D2,A,E Dunlop 5 9 11	R Havlin	79
2 (11)	3163	AL MUQADD (12)D,A,D O'Meara 4 9 11	D Nolan	79
3 (2)	30-0	YOSHIMI (41)C,D2,D,A,G M Herrington 7 9 10	T Eaves	78
4 (7)	6330	SIR MAXI (38)D,A,G,S R Fahy 6 9 9	B Garrity	80
5 (8)	01-2	WALEEFLY (24)B,F,D,A,G Hary Estate 4 9 9	G Wood	70
6 (1)	4123	BELL SHOT (20)B,F,D,A,G,S M Appleby 5 9 8	A Rawlinson	81
7 (10)	L654	CHARENCEY (36)A J Williams 4 9 9	Josephine Gordon	79
8 (3)	312	WAKE UP HARRY (35)D2,A,P Brian Toomey 6 9 7	C Fallon *83	80
9 (6)	00-	SUPASPECIALAWESOME (141)D,A(V) H Palmer 4 9 6	Hart	77
10 (5)	L-24	BUCKSHAW VILLAGE (17)D,A,D Carroll 5 9 6	H Shaw	82
11 (4)	5-43	ALSEEYERTHERE (15)D,G(T) Steph Hollinshead 6 9 0	D Costello	79

Star Betting: 9-2 Bell Shot, 11-2 Al Muqadd, Valtellina, 6 Alseyerthere, 7 Buckshaw Village, Wake Up Harry, 8 Charencey, 14 Sir Maxi, Supaspecialawesome, 16 others.

2023: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: WAKE UP HARRY DANGER: Bell Shot

7.25 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)

Class 4 7f (16 runners) £5,234

1 (4)	6	CAVALRY CALL (23) S & E Cristoforo 3 9 4	C Beasley	80
2 (8)	00-	CRAFTY SPIRIT (19) C Cox 3 9 4	J Hart	68
3 (9)	0-0	GLAM SQUAD (21) C Fellows 3 9 4	D Keenan	72
4 (6)	222	GOOD BLESS AMERICA (22)B,F E J Houghton 3 9 4	G Downing	80
5 (12)	6	HEY CRACKERS (23) Tom Clover 3 9 4	Dylan Hogan	70
6 (5)	1	HISTORIC CITY S bin Suoro 3 9 4	C Bennett	—
7 (14)	1	IMPERIAL PHOENIX(T) B Brookhouse 3 9 4	D Nolan	—
8 (10)	1	MYAL Steph Hollinshead 3 9 4	D Costello	—
9 (13)	26	RISEN AGAIN (58) J Ferguson 3 9 4	G Wood	79
10 (7)	1	SOCIALITE C Hills 3 9 4	W Cox	—
11 (3)	1	TILSWORTH SILVER J R Jenkins 3 9 4	E Greatrex	—
12 (1)	3-2	WALEEFLY (7)B,F W Haggas 3 9 4	C Fallon	81
13 (16)	1	WEDSTRIDGE J & T Gosden 3 9 4	R Havlin	—
14 (2)	0	ARABIC SONG (11) S bin Suoro 3 8 13	L Catton (5)	63
15 (15)	32	FAIR POINT (157)B(F) R Sclater 3 8 13	R Hornby *89	83
16 (11)	1	THEWIND CRIES MARY E Bethell 3 8 13	H Shaw	—

Star Betting: 7-2 Westridge, 5 Waleefy, 11-2 Fair Point, 13-2 God Bless America, 8 Cavalry Call, Socialite, 12 Risen Again, Historic City, 14 others.

2023: Lowton 3 9 4, Phil Dennis 4-6 Fav (E Bethell), drawn (4), 8 ran.

STARFORM: WALEEFLY DANGER: Fair Point

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- Cerulean Bay 2.10 Winterfair
- Wreck It Ryley 2.45 Roaring Ralph
- Clear White Light 3.15 Gin Coco (nb)
- Indian Run 3.50 Poet Master
- Kashchei 4.25 Pougie
- Cambria Legend 5.00 Cambria Legend

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

1.35 PERTEmps NETWORK LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP HURDLE

Class 2 (12 flights) 3m (17 runners) £20,812

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| 1 | 352640- | BOLD ENDEAVOUR (20)(G,S)(P) | N Henderson 8 12 0 | J Bowen | 145 |
| 2 | 140346- | COVEL ROAD (50)(C, S)(T) | N Twiston-Davies 8 11 12 | DOUSTFUL | 144 |
| 3 | 0/3810- | FLIGHT DECK (50)(D2,G,S)(P) | Deborah Cole 10 11 12 | C Ward (3)* | 149 |
| 4 | 521306- | MIGHT (29)(S)(T) | H Fry 8 11 9 | L Murtagh | 136 |
| 5 | 0412P4- | PULL AGAIN GREEN (24)(G,S)(T) | F O'Brien 8 11 4 | L Harrison | 143 |
| 6 | 50/4U5- | PARTY BUSINESS (24)(S) | Williams 8 11 3 | C J Todd | 143 |
| 7 | 312050- | JUDICIAL LAW (42)(G,S)(P) | Jonjo & A O'Neill 7 11 2 | Jonjo | 145 |
| 8 | 36/0P1- | KNOWSLEY ROAD (30)(D,S) | P Nicholls 7 11 2 | H Cobden | 141 |
| 9 | 1/4F50- | WINDTOTHELIGHTNING (24)(G,S) | O Greenall & J Guerniero 6 11 1 | H Cobden | 141 |
| 10 | 2/24P4- | ZESTFUL (24)(G,S)(H) | M Keighley 5 11 0 | A Wedge | 144 |
| 11 | 5/PL52- | HARBOUR LAKE (24)(S) | A King 8 11 0 | T Cannon | 144 |
| 12 | 1/43L1- | SABRINA (20)(D,G,S)(P,T) | P Nicholls 9 11 0 | F Gingell (3) | 141 |
| 13 | 06P2P2- | LORD SNOOTIE (28)(S) | Christian Williams 7 10 12 | J Tudor | 144 |
| 14 | P12531- | CZECH HER OUT (21)(D3,G,S) | Russell 10 10 11 | P W Wade (3) | 140 |
| 15 | 1/41306- | BARBADOS BUCK'S (62)(D2,S)(P) | D Bourke 9 10 11 | Craig Nichol | 144 |
| 16 | 341411- | ZAIN NIGHTS (24)(D2,G,S)(P) | L Wadhams 5 10 10 | G Sheehan | 142 |
| 17 | L42020- | MY BOBBY DAZZLER (42)(G,S) | Mrs M Rowley 9 10 6 | C Deutsch | 146 |
- Star Betting: 6 Zain Nights, 7 Harbours Lake, Knowsley Road, 8 Sabrina, 10 Czech Her Out, Lord Snootie, 12 Zestful, Bold Endeavour, 14 others.
2023: Willaston 7 10 13, Jamie Hamilton 14-1 (M Walford), 16 ran.
STARFORM: LORD SNOOTIE DANGER: Bold Endeavour

2.10 PERTEmps NETWORK HANDICAP

Class 4 3YO 1m (9 runners) £8,640

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|---|-----|--------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----|
| 1 | (1) | 11L-4 | CERULEAN BAY (16)(G,S) | D O'Meara 9 9 | D Tudhope | 89 |
| 2 | (4) | 31-10 | BRAVO ZULU (25)(A) D & C Kubler 9 7 | R Kingscote | 89 | |
| 3 | (9) | 221-3 | JOHNNY RINGO (20)(A)(T) | L Russell 9 6 | P Mulrennan | 85 |
| 4 | (7) | 432-2 | SUNNY STREET (121)(B,F) | J Tate 9 5 | S James | 91 |
| 5 | (5) | L-1120 | SENNOCKIAN (10)(D2,A) | C Johnston 9 5 | J Fanning | 90 |
| 6 | (3) | 51-3 | WINTERFAIR (30)(A) | W Haggas 9 2 | A Farragher | 86 |
| 7 | (8) | 3122- | CHESHIRE DANCER (19)(B,F,C) | H Palmer 9 1 | S M Levey | 85 |
| 8 | (6) | 512-5 | SILENT MOVE (20)(G) | R Fahy 9 0 | C Murtagh*92 | |
| 9 | (2) | 46-4 | KING'S FOUNTAIN (44) | A Balding 9 0 | C Rodriguez | 88 |
- Star Betting: 11-4 Sunny Street, 7-2 Winterfair, 6 King's Fountain, 13-2 Cheshire Dancer, 7 Cerulean Bay, 10 Johnny Ringo, 12 Sennockian, 14 Bravo Zulu, Silent Move.
2023: James McHenry 9 3, Callum Rodriguez 9-4 Fav (E Bethell), drawn (1), 9 ran.
STARFORM: WINTERFAIR DANGER: Sennockian

2.45 PERTEmps HANDICAP

Class 4 7f (12 runners) £8,374

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| 1 | (6) | 5640-L0 | JUSTCALLMEPETE (22)(A)(B) | H Evans 5 9 10 | J Bryan | 91 |
| 2 | (3) | 142032- | MAGICAL MERLIN (231)(G,S)(P) | Harry Charlton 4 9 8 | R Kingscote | 90 |
| 3 | (4) | 04114L- | RED MAIDS (217)(CD,D,G) | M Rimell 4 9 7 | S M Levey | 86 |
| 4 | (7) | L-00033 | ZOZIMUS (7)(A)(V) | D O'Meara 6 9 7 | D Tudhope | 89 |
| 5 | (5) | 20624L- | CRAVEN (160)(B,G)(V) | R Fahy 4 9 6 | A Farragher | 90 |
| 6 | (11) | 1150-02 | LIANGEL HOPE (14)(D3,G,S) | C Mason 9 4 | Gina Mangan (3) | 88 |
| 7 | (8) | 4-15413 | BEAUTY CHOICE (17)(D3,A,S) | M & D Easterby 7 9 3 | S James*92 | |
| 8 | (1) | 3-63530 | EAGLE DAY (42)(B,F,A)(T) | P Evans 4 9 3 | J Fanning | 89 |
| 9 | (9) | 410-026 | ROGUE THUNDER (70)(D,A) | P Morris 4 9 3 | C Murtagh | 89 |
| 10 | (10) | 41621-6 | MERESIDE DIVA (21)(G,S) | D & N Barron 4 9 2 | C Rodriguez | 90 |
| 11 | (2) | 631060- | ROARING RALPH (204)(D2,A,G)(P) | M Dods 4 9 1 | P Mulrennan | 90 |
| 12 | (12) | 1344-32 | WRECK IT RYLEY (17)(D,A,G) | A Brown 4 8 10 | R Clutterbuck | 89 |
- Star Betting: 4 Zoimus, 11-2 Beauty Choice, 6 Wreck It Ryley, Liangel Hope, 7 Magical Merlin, 12 Mereside Diva, Eagle Day, Justcallmepete, Craven, 14 others.
2023: Metabolit 4 9 3, Laura Pearson(3) 10-3 Fav (D Loughnane), drawn (1), 9 ran.
STARFORM: ZOZIMUS DANGER: Beauty Choice

3.15 PERTEmps NETWORK SWINTON HANDICAP HURDLE

Class 1 (9 flights) 2m (17 runners) £45,560

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|---|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1 | 311U2- | BALLEE (29)(D2,G)(H) | P Hobbs & J White 5 12 0 | M G Nolan | 140 |
| 2 | /5104- | GIN COCO (41)(D,G)(T) | H Fry 8 11 12 | L Murtagh | 140 |
| 3 | 511L4- | AURIGNY MILL (15)(D2,G,S)(T) | V Dartnall 7 11 7 | A Johns*143 | |
| 4 | 31534- | AFADIL (21)(D4,G,S)(P) | P Nicholls 5 11 7 | F Gingell (3) | 141 |

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| 5 | LL640- | TEDDY BLUE (41)(D2,G) | G & J Moore 6 11 6 | C Quinn (3) | 140 |
| 6 | 21L/0- | N'GOLO (70)(CD,D2,G,S)(B*,T) | P Neville 9 11 6 | G Sheehan | 105 |
| 7 | 15230- | LUTTRELL LAD (29)(D,G,S)(P,T) | T Lacey 8 11 5 | S Sheppard | 138 |
| 8 | 01511- | TINTINTIN (24)(D3,G,S)(T) | F O'Brien 5 11 5 | J J Burke | 138 |
| 9 | 2P/R0- | NIBIRU (F78)(D,G,S)(P,T) | A J Martin (IRE) 9 11 4 | D King (3) | 114 |
| 10 | U2102- | MR FREEDOM (41)(D2,G,S) | Miss S West 5 11 4 | M Goldstein | 139 |
| 11 | 0/145- | CLEAR WHITE LIGHT (F15)(D,G,S)(T*) | A Keatley 8 11 2 | H Brooke | 141 |
| 12 | /0152- | RARE MIDDLETON (24)(D,G,S)(T) | P Nicholls 5 11 2 | H Cobden | 139 |
| 13 | 2631- | LARK IN THE MORNIN (60)(D,S) | J P O'Brien (IRE) 4 11 1 | J J Slevin | 142 |
| 14 | 24251- | ALL THE GLORY (49)(D,G)(P) | Jonjo & A O'Neill 7 11 0 | Jonjo O'Neill Jr | 139 |
| 15 | 32406- | CASTEL GANDOLFO (24)(D3,F,G)(B,T) | F O'Brien 7 11 0 | J Hogan (3) | 141 |
| 16 | 21131- | PICKANUMBER (16)(D3,G,S) | O Murphy 6 10 12 | D Johnston (5) | 139 |
| 17 | 42134- | TAPLEY (24)(D3,G) | Miss Suzy Smith 7 10 12 | Elizabeth Gale (7) | 139 |

Star Betting: 7-4 Lark In The Mornin, 7 Afadil, 10 Tintintin, Ballee, Rare Middleton, 12 Gin Coco, 14 All The Glory, 16 Mr Freedom, Pickanumber, Nibiru, Luttrell Lad, 20 others.
2023: Black Poppy 7 10 5, Adam Wedge 10-1 (Kerry Lee), 17 ran.
STARFORM: RARE MIDDLETON DANGER: Afadil

3.50 PERTEmps NETWORK SPRING TROPHY STAKES (LISTED)

Class 1 7f (6 runners) £28,355

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| 1 | (4) | 1101-1 | POET MASTER (23)(CD,D3,G,S) | K R Burke 4 9 10 | S James | 111 |
| 2 | (1) | 03L04-4 | POGO (15)(CD,D4,G,S) | C Hills 8 9 10 | R Kingscote | 113 |
| 3 | (5) | 454L6-1 | SHARTASH (21)(D,G,S) | A Watson 4 9 10 | J Bryan | 112 |
| 4 | (2) | 210152- | SILVER SWORD (210)(A,G) | D Cunha 4 9 10 | R Clutterbuck | 105 |
| 5 | (6) | 3341L-5 | WITCH HUNTER (15)(D3,A,G,S)(P) | R Hannon 5 9 10 | S M Levey*115 | |
| 6 | (3) | 311L- | INDIAN RUN (210)(D,G) | E J-Houghton 3 8 12 | D Tudhope | 103 |
- Star Betting: 2 Witch Hunter, 3 Shartash, 5 Pogo, 11-2 Indian Run, 13-2 Poet Master, 10 Silver Sword.
2023: Angel Bleu 4 9 10, Hector Crouch 3-1 (R Beckett), drawn (2), 6 ran.
STARFORM: POET MASTER DANGER: Shartash

4.25 PERTEmps NETWORK 'JUNIOR' OPEN NH FLAT RACE

Class 3 4YO 2m (13 runners) £5,446

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|----|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1 | DOCTOR MIDAS | N Henderson 11 0 | J Bowen | - |
| 2 | 4- EAGLE'S QUEST | (111) Megs Mullins (IRE) 11 0 | J J Burke | 110 |
| 3 | EL BATTLE BUS (H) | D McCain 11 0 | William Maggs (7) | - |
| 4 | 42- FRENCH SHIP | (30) P Hobbs & J White 11 0 | M G Nolan | 105 |
| 5 | GLENVILLE | Ewan Whillans 11 0 | Craig Nichol | - |
| 6 | KASHCHEI | S Drinkwater 11 0 | A Wedge | - |
| 7 | POUGIE | C Honour 11 0 | H Cobden | - |
| 8 | SAYVA | Jonjo & A O'Neill 11 0 | Jonjo O'Neill Jr | - |
| 9 | STEP AHEAD | D Cantillon 11 0 | G Sheehan | - |
| 10 | 5- TREASURE COVE | (29) Williams 11 0 | C J Todd | 95 |
| 11 | 34- TWIN EARTH | (44) A Watson 11 0 | Miss B Hampson (3) | 103 |
| 12 | 0- LETTERSTON LILY | (30) P & M Bowen 10 7 | B R Jones*114 | |
| 13 | 0- MISAURO | (23) P Kirby 10 7 | J Williamson (3) | 89 |
- Star Betting: 9-2 Doctor Midas, 5 Letterston Lily, 11-2 French Ship, 7 Step Ahead, Eagle's Quest, Sayva, 8 Twin Earth, 10 El Battle Bus, 14 others.
2023: No corresponding race.
STARFORM: FRENCH SHIP DANGER: Doctor Midas

5.00 PERTEmps NEWTON HANDICAP

Class 5 3YO 1m 2f (7 runners) £6,281

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| 1 | (6) | 365 | ROGUE RAIDER (70) | P Chapple-Hyam 9 9 | D Tudhope | 76 |
| 2 | (7) | 60-32 | CAMBRIA LEGEND (18) | J Fanshawe 9 7 | R Kingscote*78 | |
| 3 | (5) | 03-33 | MINSTREL KNIGHT (14)(B,F) | E Bethell 9 6 | C Rodriguez | 75 |
| 4 | (9) | 622L- | AMASAR (194) | C Johnston 9 5 | J Fanning | 76 |
| 5 | (4) | 3353-36 | RICH HARRY (14)(P) | Alice Haynes 9 5 | S James | 76 |
| 6 | (1) | 60-54 | YIPPEE (117) | C Johnston 9 4 | A Mullen | 75 |
| 7 | (2) | 65335-4 | CONTINUANCE (19) | M Keighley 9 1 | P Mulrennan | 77 |
- Star Betting: 13-8 Cambria Legend, 9-2 Minstrel Knight, 5 Rogue Raider, 11-2 Yippee, 10 Rich Harry, Amasar, Continuance.
2023: No corresponding race.
STARFORM: CAMBRIA LEGEND DANGER: Minstrel Knight

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Best bets for today's TV action from our experts

DEFIANCE (3.00) can stand up to all comers in the William Hill Lingfield Derby Trial.
Roger Varian (*below*) has always felt this colt would blossom as a three-year-old and his unlucky defeat in the Blue Riband Trial hinted that the in-form trainer could be right.
He got going late from a poor position there to finish strongly for a close second to a winner who was always in the right place.
The Derby hopeful relished the step up to 1m2f and looks sure to be even happier over today's 1m4f.
In the William Hill



Chartwell Fillies' Stakes, Remarquee has a big class edge and will have plenty of supporters.
She's the most likely winner but faces a serious rival in **GREAT GENERATION (3.35)**, who appeals at 5-2.
Her fourth in a French Group Three was given a huge boost when two of those in front of her finished third and fourth in the 1,000 Guineas.
The improving three-year-old gets a ton of weight from the year-older favourite and today's better surface could also unlock a bit more.
The TV action at Ascot is competitive but there

are two bets that appeal.
The first is **THINK FIRST (1.30)** in the Peroni Nastro Azzurro 0.0% Handicap.
The four-year-old was set some stiff tasks in Group company last year but was much more at home in an Epsom handicap last month when chasing home a well-treated rival.
That run suggested he can make an impact off today's mark on just his fourth handicap start.
The other is **MY MARGIE (2.05)** in the Peroni Nastro Azzurro EBF Fillies' Handicap.
She's a bit of an unknown switching back to turf in search of a hat-trick but she's been improving leaps and bounds on the all-weather.

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MAR-VELLOUS: My Margie has been in red-hot form

JASON HEAVEY		STAR TIP	
Kotari (treble)	1.30	Kotari	
Bellarchi	2.05	My Margie	
Hickory	2.40	Streets Of Gold	
Rokuni	3.10	Rokuni	
Midair	3.45	Too Bossy For Us	
Ciara Pearl	4.20	Turn Up The Heat	
Habooba	4.55	Brave Nation (nap)	

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

1.30 PERONI NASTRO AZZURRO 0.0% HANDICAP

Class 3 1m 4f (14 runners) £13,500

1 (12)	50LL-2	(12) THINK FIRST (18)(A)(H)*	N Mulholland 4 9 10.....N Callan 99
2	-53455	(6) YOUTHFUL KING (7)(A,F)	L Dace 5 9 8.....C Bishop 100
3	1-2012	(2) HAKU (56)(D5,A)	M Loughnane 5 9 5.....Billy Loughnane 101
4	2-2232	(4) WAY OF LIFE (19)(D5,A,G)	J Portman 6 9 4.....J Leavy (5) 99
5	/1-120	(3) PALACE BOY (43)(A,G)	R J Smith 7 9 4.....G Rooke 98
6	30206-	(9) MASO BASTIE (187)(A,S)(B)	M Bell 4 9 3.....T Marquand 100
7	15406-	(8) APPIER (184)(D6,A,F,G)	S Woods 5 9 2.....Brandon Wilkie (5) 100
8	31061-	(13) GREAT BEDWYN (323)(D,A,G)	R Hannon 4 9 1.....P Dobbs 96
9	22P41-	(10) KING OF THE PLAINS (225)(D,A)	James Horton 4 9 1.....O Murphy 98
10	2/6-11	(11) KOTARI (6)(G,S)	G & J Moore (5lb ex) 5 9 1.....Jason Watson★103
11	2-603L	(1) RHYTHMIC INTENT (62)(D,G,S)	S C Williams 8 9 0.....S De Sousa 99
12	L0/303	(5) ENTHUSED (13)(D,F,S)(P)	James Owen 7 9 0.....S D Bowen (5) 97
13	2241-0	(7) GRAHAM (21)(D2,F,G)	R Hannon 4 8 11.....H Doyle 97
14	23L6-1	(14) OBSIDIAN KNIGHT (16)(D,A)	T Kent 6 8 7.....David Egan 98

Star Betting: 7-2 Kotari, 13-2 King Of The Plains, Great Bedwyn, 7 Think First, 8 Way Of Life, 10 Palace Boy, Obsidian Knight, 12 Youthful King, 14 others.
2023: Sheer Rocks 4 9 2, Charles Bishop 11-1 (E J-Houghton), drawn (9), 8 ran.
STARFORM: THINK FIRST DANGER: Kotari

2.05 EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (STR)

Class 2 1m (10 runners) £23,193

1	13-646	(7) MYSTIC PEARL (35)(D,G)(T*)	W Haggas 4 9 12.....T Marquand 97
2	/450-3	(2) ROSE PRICK (35)(G)	E Walker 4 9 7.....O Murphy 100
3	033-00	(3) FARHH TO SHY (23)(CD,F,G,S)	G Margaron 6 9 5.....T P Queally 101
4	L0136-	(5) ZOUZANNA (199)(C,D,F,G)	Harry Charlton 4 8 13.....W Buick 102
5	3123-0	(6) MOTHER MARY (35)(S)	J Ferguson 4 8 11.....S Osborne 103
6	2221-4	(1) STRONG IMPACT (35)(BF,G)	R Varian 4 8 10.....S De Sousa★104
7	21-5	(10) TOPANGA (21)(A)	A Balding 3 8 4.....H Turner 92
8	5L-312	(9) BELLARCHI (16)(A,F,G)	G Tuer 3 8 3.....S D Bowen (5) 101
9	L63-11	(4) MY MARGIE (29)(D,A)	R Hughes 3 8 2.....G Rooke 94
10	20-211	(8) FLYING FINN (15)(D2,S)	A Keatley 3 8 2.....H Doyle 95

LONG HANDICAP: My Margie 8-0, Flying Finn 7-13.
Star Betting: 4 Zouzanna, 5 Flying Finn, 6 Mother Mary, 7 Topanga, Strong Impact, 8 My Margie, Rose Prick, 10 Mystic Pearl, 12 others.
2023: Farhh To Shy 5 9 4, Tom Queally 20-1 (G Margaron), drawn (1), 11 ran.
STARFORM: MY MARGIE DANGER: Zouzanna

2.40 LAVAZZA & ASCOT 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY VICTORIA CUP

Class 2 7f (23 runners) £51,540

1	2212-6	(17) POPMASTER (23)(C,D,A,F,G,S)	E Walker 6 9 12.....Brandon Wilkie (5) 112
2	20L0-0	(5) JUMBY (77)(CD,D3,F,G)	E J-Houghton 6 9 10.....W Buick 102
3	0122-2	(18) RAMAZAN (21)(D2,F,G,S)(V)	R Fahey 4 9 8.....J Leavy (5) 114
4	33L5-0	(23) STREETS OF GOLD (23)(D,F,G,S)	E J-Houghton 4 9 8.....Georgia Dobie (3) 110
5	6405-3	(19) MOSTABSHIR (45)(A,F)(B)	J & T Gosden 4 9 6.....J Crowley 113
6	3266-0	(7) CARRYTHEONE (23)(D,G)(T)	M Bell 7 9 4.....K Stott 112
7	01062-	(16) ROPEY GUEST (203)(D2,A,F,G)(V)	G Margaron 7 9 4.....T P Queally 112
8	0L65L-	(12) THE WIZARD OF EYE (232)(A,G)(P)	C Fellowes 5 9 2.....T Marquand 111
9	14-313	(20) FANTASTIC FOX (43)(A,F,S)	R Varian 6 9 1.....A Keeley (3) 112
10	40050-	(13) BLESS HIM (217)(C2,D2,A,F)(H)	D M Simcock 10 9 1.....P Cosgrave 111

11	150-L4	(8) RHOSCOLYN (14)(D6,F,G,S)(T)	D O'Meara 6 9 1.....Jason Watson 113
12	11510-	(9) MERLIN THE WIZARD (224)(D2,A,G)	Harry Charlton 4 8 13.....H Doyle 111
13	/103-5	(21) ARABIAN STORM (45)(D,A)	A Balding 4 8 10.....O Murphy 101
14	0045-1	(4) MUSTAJAAB (30)(D2,A,G)	W Muir & C Grassick 4 8 10.....L Edmunds 115
15	352-0L	(10) LONDONER (20)(A)	J Goldie 4 8 9.....Billy Loughnane★118
16	05-001	(22) WOBWOBWOB (7)(D3,G,S)(V)	A Keatley 6 8 8.....David Egan 114
17	1313-0	(14) PEARLE D'OR (23)(CD,D,G,S)(H)	D O'Meara 5 8 7.....S De Sousa 112
18	L230-2	(6) HICKORY (38)(D3,A,G)(V)	J Fanshawe 6 8 6.....S Osborne 115
19	0421-0	(15) ABDUCTION (20)(D5,A,F,G)	J Goldie 6 8 6.....Ethan Jones (7) 115
20	1/10-0	(1) GOOD KARMA (28)(BF,D2,A,G)	J Ferguson 4 8 5.....DOUBTFUL 108
21	6100-4	(11) CARAGIO (38)(BF,D2,A,F)(P)	R Teal 4 8 3.....J F Egan 115
22	1254-1	(3) ZERO CARBON (38)(D5,A,S)(P)	R Hughes 5 8 3.....G Rooke 116
23	5-120	(2) KING'S VANITY (83)(D,A)	A Balding 4 8 2.....H Turner 108

LONG HANDICAP: King's Vanity 8-1.
Star Betting: 13-2 Mostabshir, 8 Pearle D'or, 10 The Wizard Of Eye, Hickory, Popmaster, 12 Ramazan, Merlin The Wizard, 14 Fantastic Fox, Streets Of Gold, Jumbo, 16 others.
2023: Rebel Territory 5 9 1, Jim Crowley 11-1 (A Perrett), drawn (2), 22 ran.
STARFORM: POPMASTER DANGER: Pearle d'Or

3.10 PERONI NASTRO AZZURRO 0.0% NOVICE STAKES

Class 3 2YO 5f (10 runners) £10,800

1 (6)	A YSGARTH C Cox 9 7.....J Crowley -
2 (5)	BOW STREET K P De Foy 9 7.....B Sayette -
3 (7)	CHASING GOLD R Cowell 9 7.....H Doyle -
4 (3)	3 HALLASAN (25)(BF) C Appleby 9 7.....W Buick★85
5 (11)	MONOMYTH Ollie Sangster 9 7.....K Stott -
6 (8)	ORIGINAL OUTLAW R Beckett 9 7.....DOUBTFUL -
7 (10)	PIVOTAL DAYS E Walker 9 7.....T Marquand -
8 (4)	0 REPOSADO (22) D F Davis 9 7.....David Egan 64
9 (1)	ROKUNI E J-Houghton 9 7.....C Bishop -
10 (9)	SPIRIT OF LEROS M Botti 9 7.....N Callan -
11 (2)	XANTHE R Hannon 9 2.....P Dobbs -

Star Betting: 6-4 Hallasan, 9-2 Aysgarth, 8 Xanthe, Reposado, 10 Pivotal Days, Bow Street, Monomoth, 20 Spirit Of Lerors, Rokuni, 50 others.
2023: Natural Force 9 4, Neil Callan 10-1 (J Tate), drawn (3), 5 ran.
STARFORM: HALLASAN DANGER: Xanthe

3.45 CAREY GROUP HANDICAP

Class 3 3YO 1m 2f (8 runners) £13,500

1	52310-	(8) CITY BURGLAR (142)(G)	R Beckett 9 9.....S De Sousa 89
2	3120-3	(6) GLOBAL SKIES (16)(S)(H)	B Brookhouse 9 7.....J Gilligan★94
3	5311-	(2) MAGICO (185)(A,G)(T)	M Botti 9 7.....H Doyle 91
4	522-2	(3) MIDAIR (18)(BF,P*)	Harry Charlton 9 5.....W Buick 92
5	14	(7) SINDORIYNO (14)(BF,A)	C Johnston 9 2.....O Murphy 89
6	4422-2	(1) MIDNITE STORM (33)	K Ryan 9 1.....N Callan 93
7	60-3	(5) TOO BOSSY FOR US (59)	K P De Foy 8 11.....B Sayette 92
8	501-4	(4) THE FERRET (128)(A)	R Hannon 8 9.....J Leavy (5) 91

Star Betting: 3 Midair, 9-2 Magico, City Burglar, 5 Midnite Storm, 7 Sindoriyno, 15-2 Global Skies, 10 Too Bossy For Us, 16 The Ferret.
2023: Maasai Mara 9 4, Cieren Fallon 13-2 (J & T Gosden), drawn (7), 7 ran.
STARFORM: MIDAIR DANGER: Magico

4.20 MARINER SYSTEMS FILLIES' HANDICAP

Class 4 1m 2f (10 runners) £10,808

1 (7)	41335-0	PRENUP (25)(A,G,S) J Chapple-Hyam 5 10 2.....David Egan 82
2 (6)	00L11-5	MOOGIE (35)(D,A)(H) M Fanshawe 4 10 1.....R Coakley 82
3 (5)	43-4211	AVON LIGHT (35)(D,A,T) W Muir & C Grassick 4 10 1.....L Edmunds 83
4 (3)	212-111	CIARA PEARL (13)(D2,A,S) D & C Kubler 4 9 13.....J Crowley 80
5 (8)	42401-0	MELERI (33)(D2,G,S) J Boyle 5 9 2.....P Cosgrave 84
6 (6)	41-6	WARDA JAMILA (22)(S) A Balding 3 9 0.....O Murphy 78
7 (10)	L-42	TURN UP THE HEAT (34) R Beckett 3 8 13.....W Buick 77
8 (1)	364	MISS ALPILLES (22) E Walker 3 8 9.....S Osborne 73
9 (9)	10104L-	LIV MY LIFE (185)(G) R Hannon 3 8 9.....J Leavy (5) 76
10 (2)	60140-3	UNREAL CONNECTION (26)(G) A Perrett 3 8 3.....J F Egan 73

Star Betting: 7-2 Ciara Pearl, 5 Warda JAMILA, 11-2 Turn Up The Heat, 7 Miss Alpilles, 15-2 Avon Light, 10 Unreal Connection, Prenup, Moogie, Meleri, 16 Liv My Life.
2023: Double March 3 8 13, Harry Davies(3) 11-1 (S Woods), drawn (9), 8 ran.
STARFORM: AVON LIGHT DANGER: Prenup

4.55 PERONI NASTRO AZZURRO 0.0% BLUE RIBBON HANDICAP

Class 4 6f (27 runners) £10,808

1 (3)	12403-2	BUCCABAY (10)(CD,D,G) E J-Houghton 4 10 0.....C Bishop 88
2 (13)	22043-3	CHAMPAGNE SARAH (26)(D,A,G)(P) M Murphy & M Keady 4 9 9.....K Stott 88
3 (1)	21206-2	CAPOTE'S DREAM (26)(D6,A,G)(V) T Ward 7 9 9.....T Marquand 91
4 (7)	L020-1L	KUWAIT CITY (10)(G,S) J Butler 4 9 8.....J Crowley 90
5 (22)	0-52406	WILDFELL (43)(A,G) R Fell & S Murray 4 9 8.....J F Egan 90
6 (11)	3L0L-4	BRAVE NATION (10)(G)(H) M Bell 4 9 8.....Ethan Jones (7) 87
7 (25)	00004-3	MORE WAVE (24)(BF,D,A) J Portman 4 9 3.....G Rooke 90
8 (15)	04/4-0	TADREEB (36)(A,G) M Attwater 6 9 7.....Jason Watson 82
9 (14)	0040-0	TEMPLE BRUER (9)(D8,A,F,G)(B,T) M Murphy & M Keady 6 9 6.....H Doyle 90
10 (18)	01233-0	HOLKHAM BAY (22)(D2,A) W Knight 4 9 6.....Brandon Wilkie (5) 89
11 (21)	210-416	ABBET HEIGHTS (51)(BF,D2,A) D & C Kubler 6 9 6.....S Osborne 88
12 (2)	155-351	DARK SIDE THUNDER (58)(D5,A)(P) Jessica Macey 5 9 6.....S De Sousa 88
13 (6)	L-55005	EXPERT AGENT (26)(D3,A)(P) S C Williams 4 9 5.....N Callan 88
14 (5)	020-L41	ANTIPHON (12)(D2,A,G,S) M Murphy & M Keady 5 9 4.....S D Bowen (5) 89
15 (8)	0-62L00	ZU RUN (43)(A)(P) M Loughnane 4 9 4.....Billy Loughnane 94
16 (19)	243-060	FANTASY MASTER (14)(D2,G,S)(P) Darryll Holland 6 9 4.....David Egan 92
17 (23)	60-1350	BEELZEBUB (24)(D2,A)(H,T) Alice Haynes 4 9 3.....B Sayette 91
18 (24)	1L10L-3	ALCAZAN (26)(D5,A,G,S) R Teal 6 9 3.....J Leavy (5) 88
19 (4)	26-2142	ONE MORE WAVE (24)(BF,D,A) J Portman 4 9 3.....G Rooke 90
20 (12)	1-30L03	KING CABO (31)(A,G) L Dace 5 9 3.....T P Queally 90
21 (9)	1/20-55	AL AMEEN (14)(D,A)(P,T) J Fanshawe 5 9 2.....R Coakley★95
22 (10)	1L3024-	STARPROOF (175)(D2,G,S) W Muir & C Grassick 4 9 2.....L Edmunds 88
23 (16)	21-2432	HABOoba (33)(D,A)(P) T Kent 4 9 1.....O Murphy 91
24 (2)	01-4331	NORTHCLEIF (9)(D2,A)(P) M Murphy & M Keady 4 8 13.....Sorcha Woods (7) 89
25 (26)	021131	BURABACK (14)(D2,A,S)(P) D Shaw 5 8 11.....A Kealey (3) 89
26 (20)	45-5414	SARAH'S VERSE (13)(D4,A,G,S) R Harris 7 8 8.....R Da Silva 88
27 (17)	4310-5	THE COLA KID (19)(D6,A,G)(B,T) G Harris 7 8 4.....H Turner 91

Star Betting: 8 Buccabay, 10 Capote's Dream, Brave Nation, 12 Champagne Sarah, Temple Bruer, 14 Antiphon, Dark Side Thunder, Alcazan, Expert Agent, Northcliff, Kuwait City, 16 others.
2023: Coco Bear 5 9 5, Saffie Osborne 9-4 Fav (P Chamings), drawn (7), 9 ran.
STARFORM: BUCCABAY DANGER: Mister Bluebird



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ANDREW BALDING (below) has started the season in terrific style and he could add another big handicap to his already impressive CV when outsider **ARABIAN STORM (2.40)** runs in the Victoria Cup at Ascot today.



The least exposed runner in a field of 23, this beautifully bred colt may well be best served by the stamina test of the William Hill Oaks' Trial Stakes at Lingfield.

Outpaced in the Listed Montrose Stakes last back end, expect the daughter of Nathaniel to take a huge step forward and the 11-2 on offer with the sponsors looks solid.



STORM FORCE: Arabian Storm (right) is a big price

Paul Jacobs tips as Moorestyle in our sister paper the Daily Star Sunday and has won the Racing Post Naps Table five times...

LONGCHAMP (TOMORROW)

2.50 EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULICHES (FILLIES GROUP 1)

3YO 1m (15 runners) €301,304

1 (10)	31-3 ROUIHYA (24)(BF,A) F Graffard 8 13..... M Guyon	23
2 (11)	3212- VESPERTILLO (245) W McCreery (IRE) 8 13..... W J Lee	*112
3 (1)	112- ROSE BLOOM (28)(BF,D,G,S) Clement 8 13..... S Pasquier	85
4 (7)	2112-01 SEE YOU AROUND (21)(D,S,M) P Sogorb 8 13..... A Pouchin	89
5 (5)	11-35 SPARKLING PLENTY (28)(D,S,A,S) P Cottier 8 13..... M Grandin	68
6 (13)	1132-32 MINOUSHKA (28) C & Y Lerner 8 13..... C Soumillon	104
7 (9)	2141- OPERA MONDI (17)(A,S) C & Y Lerner 8 13..... R Thomas	95
8 (14)	011-1 ROMANTIC STYLE (33)(G,S) C Appleby (UK) 8 13..... W Buick	97
9 (12)	1-1 ROCK'N SWING (24)(CD,G,S) A Fabre 8 13..... M Barzalona	18
10 (15)	11114-1 CHIC COLOMBINE (57)(D,S,G,S) G Boughey (UK) 8 13 Billy Loughnane	88
11 (4)	13311-3 TULIPA CHOPE (25)(D,S) Chr Head 9 2..... F Bachelot	100
12 (3)	51-3 KATHMANDU (25)(A) B Meehan (UK) 8 13..... S M Levey	100
13 (6)	11-1 FOLGARIA (22)(D,G,S) M Botti (UK) 8 13..... R Doyle	104
14 (8)	012514- CONTENT (19)(D,G,S) A P O'Brien (IRE) 8 13..... H Moore	105
15 (2)	11-1 LOUISE PROCTER (45)(A,S) J C Rouget 8 13..... C Demuro	10

Star Betting: 5-2 Romantic Style, 4 Content, 5 Louise Procter, 8 Vespertillo, 10 Chic Colombine, 12 Rock'n Swing, 14 Folgaria, 16 Minoushka, Rose Bloom, 20 others.

3.30 EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS (GROUP 1)

3YO 1m (13 runners) €356,087

1 (12)	12-12 KERAN (33)(A,S) J C Rouget 9 2..... C Demuro	38
2 (9)	21-2 ROSHVAR (24)(BF,A) F Graffard 9 2..... W Buick	18
3 (7)	41-2332 ORNE (36)(A,S) J T Gosden (UK) 9 2..... T Marquand	99
4 (10)	11113-2 BEAUVATIER (28)(C,S) Y Barberot 9 2..... M Guyon	103
5 (5)	414-11 RAMADAN (25)(CD,D,S) Chr Head 9 2..... A Lemaitre	70
6 (1)	11-5 METROPOLITAN (28)(D,G,S) M Baratti 9 2..... A Pouchin	65
7 (4)	25115- DANCING GEMINI (19)(S) R Teal (UK) 9 2..... D Browne McMonagle	107
8 (2)	13-21 SUPERCOOLED (24)(CD,S) R Teal (UK) 9 2..... S Pasquier	46
9 (8)	111-12 PUCHKINE (21)(BF,D,S) J C Rouget 9 2..... I Mendizabal	88
10 (3)	111- HENRY LONGFELLOW (245)(S) A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2..... R L Moore	*119
11 (3)	133-2 EBEN SHADDAD (24)(G) J T Gosden (UK) 9 2..... K Shoemark	105
12 (13)	13112-6 ALCANTOR (24)(BF,D,S) A Fabre 9 2..... M Barzalona	88
13 (11)	116- DIEGO VELAZQUEZ (197)(D,G) A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2..... C Soumillon	109

Star Betting: 6-4 Henry Longfellow, 9-2 Ramadan, 8 Beauvatiere, 10 Dancing Gemini, 12 Eben Shaddad, 14 Supercooled, Keran, Diego Velazquez, Alcantor, 20 others.

NAAS Racing TV

NEIL RANDON STAR TIP

Celtic Chieftain	1.25	Tommy McJohn
Jazzy Dancer	2.00	Keke
Pompano Beach	2.35	Snapdragon
Sporting Hero	3.05	Cash Or Crypto
Eclipse Emerald	3.40	Edwardian
Je Zous	4.15	Je Zous
Old Faithful	4.50	Naturally Nimble
Red Viburnum	5.25	Red Viburnum

GOING: GOOD

PLACEPOST FIRST SIX RACES

1.25 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MAIDEN

2YO 5f (12 runners) €9,391

1 (11)	CELTIC CHIEFTAIN A P O'Brien 9 2..... W M Lordan	-
2 (6)	TOMMY MCJOHN M O'Callaghan 9 2..... C T Keane	-
3 (10)	WEEGEBEAR (14) G M Lyons 9 2..... C F Carroll	71
4 (4)	WITHOUT FURTHER ADO Miss Jennifer Anne Lynch 9 2 J J G Ryan (5)	71
5 (5)	CLEVER AND CLASSY (14) J S Bolger 9 2..... A J Slattery	69
6 (2)	ECLAIRAGE Daniel Murphy 9 2..... S Foley	-
7 (8)	EL FONTEVARO J P Fahey 9 2..... F Roche	-
8 (1)	FLAMEBIRD QUEEN A Murray 9 2..... J Cleary (7)	-
9 (9)	4 HUGO'S GIRL (28) Thomas Dowling 9 2..... O McSweeney (5)	*77
10 (3)	0 KEITHAL (20) K Colter 9 2..... R Whelan	30
11 (7)	MAKE HASTE(T) D Dias 9 2..... G M Ryan	-
12 (12)	YOUR CHEATEN HEART L Comer 9 2..... R Colgan	-

Star Betting: 6-4 Celtic Chieftain, 9-2 Weegeebear, Tommy McJohn, 8 Make Haste, Hugo's Girl, 12 Clever And Classy, 16 Eclairage, Keithal, Flamengo's Queen, 50 others.

2023: Devious 9 7, Gavin Ryan 11-5 Fav (Donnacha O'Brien), drawn (2), 9 ran.

STARFORM: CELTIC CHIEFTAIN D: Tommy McJohn

2.00 HANDICAP (47-75)

5f (13 runners) €6,000

1 (10)	2122 INISHMOT PRINCE (50)(D,S,A) T G McCourt 6 10 2 J J G Ryan (5)	61
2 (12)	6-05 MEHMAN (20)(D,S,A) Gerard O'Leary 5 10 2..... S Foley	77
3 (3)	513- BOLD OPTIMIST (162)(BF,A) Daniel McLoughlin 4 9 13..... O McSweeney (3)	79
4 (4)	4-55 SO MAJESTIC (28)(CD,D,G) Miss McGivern 4 9 12..... C D Hayes	76
5 (5)	2-4 L RUMBLED AGAIN (50)(G) D Hogan 4 9 11..... J M Sheridan	84
6 (7)	10-5 KEKE (14)(D,S) T E Lyman 4 9 8..... W J Lee	*85
7 (11)	10-4 SENADO SQUARE (5)(CD,D,A,S) A Slattery 4 9 8..... C Horgan (7)	79
8 (2)	3-31 JAZZY DANCER (57)(CD,A,G) W J Martin 6 9 5 L T McAtee	83
9 (13)	0-00 SHOEBOX KING (14)(D,S,G) Kevin Coleman 5 8 12..... N M Crossie	80
10 (6)	6064 REINFORCE (9) Miss K Brown 4 8 8..... R Whelan	77
11 (1)	6300 AMERICAN IN PARIS (29)(A,F,G) D Hogan 4 8 7..... K G Kennedy (7)	78

Star Betting: 10-3 Jazzy Dancer, 7-2 Keke, 11-2 Bold Optimist, 13-2 Mehman, 8 Inishmot Prince, 12 Reinforce, 14 Shoebox King, So Majestic, American In Paris 8-5, Imperial Khan 8-4, Below Deck 8-2.

2023: Harry's Hill 5 10 0, M W Hassett (10) 15-2 (M Hassett), drawn (19), 19 ran.

STARFORM: BOLD OPTIMIST DANGER: So Majestic

2.35 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MAIDEN

2YO 6f (9 runners) €9,391

1 (3)	GO ON GREEN J G Coogan 9 2..... L Roche	-
2 (2)	LIMIT OFF A Murray 9 2..... W J Lee	-
3 (6)	ONE SMACK MAC G M Lyons 9 2..... C T Keane	-
4 (8)	SNAPDRAGON A P O'Brien 9 2..... W M Lordan	-
5 (7)	GAZELLE D'OR M C Grassick 9 2..... D E Sheehy	-
6 (9)	HOOR IN COURT E & P Harty 9 2..... C D Hayes	-
7 (5)	5 NO STRAIGHT SWAPS (42)(M) John O'Donoghue 9 2 R Whelan	*64
8 (4)	POMPANO BEACH J P O'Brien 9 2..... D McMonagle	-
9 (1)	TWINKLING TOES Charles Weld 9 2..... N G McCullagh	-

Star Betting: 11-10 Snapdragon, 11-4 Pompano Beach, 4 One Smack Mac, 8 No Straight Swaps, 16 Limit Off, 20 Hoor In Court, 25 Gazelle D'or, Twinkling Toes, 50 Go On Green.

2023: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: ONE SMACK MAC DANGER: Snapdragon

3.05 TRM KURASYN HANDICAP

6f (15 runners) €6,522

1 (14)	5L-0 NEW DEFINITION (54)(D,A) R O'Brien 4 10 7..... K G Kennedy (7)	89
2 (11)	620- DANCE NIGHT ANDDAY (183)(G) R O'Sullivan 4 9 12..... C T Keane	86
3 (13)	214- ONLY SPOOFING (28)(G) Kevin Coleman 10 9 12..... MP Sheehy	89
4 (3)	106- THE ORGANISER (231)(D,S,G) J F Levins 5 9 11..... D W O'Connor	80
5 (15)	0660 ROUGH DIAMOND (21)(CD,D,S) P T E Lyman 7 9 9..... B M Coen	85
6 (5)	0-4 SPORTING HERO (20)(A) D Hogan 4 9 9..... J M Sheridan	85
7 (1)	516- CASH OR CRYPTO (155)(BF,D,S) D Marnane 4 9 8 L T McAtee	88
8 (7)	1-50 DREAM TODAY (43)(D,A,G) T A McGuinness 9 9 8..... C J MacRedmond (5)	*94

Star Betting: 13-2 Midnight Fire, 7 Blairmoyne, Only Sporting Hero, The Organiser, 8 Coughsington, 10 Sporting Hero, Cash Or Crypto, Dance Night Andday, Mount Ruapehu, 12 others.

2023: Dandyville 5 9 9, Billy Lee 3-1 Fav (N Lupini), drawn (3), 14 ran.

STARFORM: MIDNIGHT FIRE DANGER: Mount Ruapehu

3.40 DECLAN LANDY FENCING HANDICAP

3YO6f (15 runners) €23,478

1 (12)	210 BID FOR CHESTER (14)(D,S) M Mulvaney 9 12..... W Joyce (5)	89
2 (5)	2-2 ECLIPSE EMERALD (20)(BF) J A Stack 9 10..... M Sheridan	91
3 (1)	11L EDWARDIAN (236)(C) A P O'Brien 9 9..... W M Lordan	88
4 (15)	44-3 KORTZ BAY (20) S Lavery 9 6..... R Colgan	90
5 (10)	4-41 OHAIBHIC (85)(D,A) J Feane 9 5..... D McMonagle	90
6 (3)	1-40 VASSULA RYDEN (14)(D) W McCreery 9 5..... W J Lee	87
7 (7)	134 PERFECT JOULET (21)(D,A) P A McGuinness 9 5..... C J MacRedmond (5)	89

Star Betting: 5 Tai Tam Bay, 11-2 Edwardian, 6 Eclipse Emerald, 8 Ohaibhich, Kortez Bay, 10 Bid For Chester, Anvika, 12 Vassula Ryden, Elinor Dashwood, 14 others.

2023: Lord Massusus 10 0, Gary Carroll 10-3 Fav (Joseph G Murphy), drawn (3), 10 ran.

STARFORM: ECLIPSE EMERALD DANGER: Ohaibhich

LEOPARDSTOWN (TOMORROW) Racing TV

NEIL RANDON STAR TIP

Igor Stravinsky	1.15	Igor Stravinsky
Himalayan Heights	1.50	Highbury
Buttons	2.25	Wendla
Yosemite Valley	3.00	Power Under Me
Los Angeles	3.35	Los Angeles
Ob La Di	4.10	Fleetingly
Ethical Diamond	4.45	Saturn
Cow Chico	5.20	Natural Ruler

1.15 FITZ AGRIPLANT MAIDEN

7f (15 runners) €7,826

1 (1)	3-1 HOT TO FOXTROT (237) P T Foley 4 10 1..... L T McAtee	45
2 (9)	623- SUB ROSA (327)(BF,T) D Kinsella 4 10 1..... R Colgan	-
3 (4)	AN NHI ABU G Cromwell 3 9 8..... C D Hayes	-
4 (3)	5 HILLASIOS (50)(P) A Oliver 3 9 8..... B M Coen	-
5 (15)	2 IGOR STRAVINSKY (22)(BF) A P O'Brien 3 9 8..... W M Lordan	*90
6 (11)	INVINCIBLE KEEN M Halford & T Collins 3 9 8..... N G McCullagh	-
7 (14)	0 MASTASTROQUE (16) J A Stack 3 9 8..... A J Slattery	14
8 (7)	PERFECT REEL M C Grassick 3 9 8..... C Geordharry (7)	-
9 (13)	LL- SAXON KINGDOM (252)(M) M C Grassick 3 9 8..... D E Sheehy	30
10 (5)	SPEEDWOOD E & P Harty 3 9 8..... L F Roche	-
11 (8)	4-6 VERSATILE (35)(T) J Harrington 3 9 8..... S Foley	66
12 (10)	20-2 APRICOT ICE (37) G M Lyons 3 9 3..... C T Keane	96
13 (12)	55 PURPLE SKY (13) J S Bolger 3 9 3..... Gabriella Hill (10)	52
14 (6)	SAYFA FAD J G Geoghegan 3 9 3..... G Halpin	-
15 (2)	6 WHITE CLOVER (22) Joseph G Murphy 3 9 3..... F Carroll	79

Star Betting: 5-4 Igor Stravinsky, 5-2 Apricot Ice, 10 Sub Rosa.

STARFORM: IGOR STRAVINSKY DANGER: Igor Rosa

1.50 MAIDEN

3YO 1m 4f (9 runners) €7,826

1 (9)	5 ALBALI (29) A Oliver 9 8..... B M Coen	-
2 (5)	FINAL ENTRY(P,T) J Harrington 9 8..... S Foley	-
3 (4)	3 HIGHBURY (16) A P O'Brien 9 8..... W M Lordan	66
4 (1)	4 HIGHLAND BLING (47) J Harrington 9 8..... S T McCullagh (3)	-
5 (2)	5 HIMALAYAN HEIGHTS (16)(BF) G M Lyons 9 8..... C T Keane	*68
6 (7)	7 TOEFIMO J S Bolger 9 8..... D McDonogh	-
7 (8)	7 TIMURSHAH M Halford & T Collins 9 8..... N G McCullagh	-
8 (3)	VICE PRESIDENT A P O'Brien 9 8..... J Cleary (7)	-
9 (6)	DARK OAK Joseph G Murphy 9 8..... F Carroll	-

Star Betting: 7-4 Highbury, 5-2 Himalayan Heights, 10 Sub Rosa, 7 Final Entry, 12 Toefimo, Highland Bling, 16 others.

STARFORM: HIMALAYAN HEIGHTS DANGER: Highbury

GOING: YIELDING

PLACEPOST FIRST SIX RACES

TRACKFACTS Left-handed galloping track of 1m 6f with a run-in of 3f.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) A P O'Brien 90 winners, (18.7% strike rate), -£79.45, J P O'Brien 62, (14.2%), +£1.10, G M Lyons 45, (15.2%), -£1.00, J Harrington 45, (12.2%), -£15.93, D K Weld 35, (15.4%), -£34.78, J S Bolger 32, (10.3%), -£1.00.

2.25 AL SHIRAZI RACING 'MUTAMAKINA' STAKES

Class 1 3YO 1m (7 runners) €27,391

1 (4)	6-1 AMELIYA (18)(D) J M Barrett 9 2..... L T McAtee	24
2 (5)	1-3 BUTTONS (35)(C,G) A P O'Brien 9 2..... W M Lordan	96
3 (6)	5-1 CHEEKY WINK (19)(S) J P Murtagh 9 2..... B M Coen	77
4 (3)	1-1 ONE LOOK (43)(S) P Twomey 9 2..... S Foley	*117
5 (7)	10- UNREASONABLE (218)(D) J P O'Brien 9 2..... D McDonogh	87
6 (2)	66-3 VIVA ARANA (30) H De Bromhead 9 2..... G F Carroll	87
7 (1)	16-16 WENDLA (35)(D) G M Lyons 9 2..... C T Keane	94

Star Betting: Evens One Look, 2 Buttons, 10 Cheeky Wink, Wendla, 12 Unreasonable, 16 Ameliya, 25 Viva Arana.

STARFORM: ONE LOOK DANGER: Wendla

3.00 AMETHYST STAKES (GROUP 3)

Class 1 1m (7 runners) €27,391

1 (4)	560- BOLD DISCOVERY (226)(D,G) J Harrington 4 9 9..... W M Lordan	105
2 (1)	502 FISCAL RULES (3)(BF,G) J S Bolger 7 9 9..... D McDonogh	87
3 (2)	44-2 KNIGHT TO KING (49)(BF,G) D K Weld 4 9 9..... C D Hayes	96
4 (2)	40-2 POWER UNDER ME (32)(D,S) G M Lyons 6 9 9..... C T Keane	*113
5 (7)	6L-5 QUAR SHAMAR (252)(D,A) J Harrington 4 9 9..... S Foley	84
6 (5)	20-1 REAL APPEAL (65)(CD,D,A,G,S) P A McGuinness 7 9 9..... B M Coen	33

Star Betting: 5-2 Yosemite Valley, 21 Donnacha O'Brien 4 9 9..... G M Ryan 105

Star Betting: 5-2 Yosemite Valley, 3 Power Under Me, 4 Knight To King, Bold Discovery, 6 Real Appeal, 12 Quar Shamar, 16 Fiscal Rules.

STARFORM: KNIGHT TO KING DANGER: Yosemite Valley

3.35 CASHAL PALACE HOTEL DERBY TRIAL STAKES

Class 1 3YO 1m 2f (5 runners) €41,739

1 (2)	55-1 BREMEN (16)(D,S) Donnacha O'Brien 9 5..... G M Ryan	*100
2 (3)	1-2 EUPHORIC (16) A P O'Brien 9 5..... D McDonogh	94
3 (5)	21- KEEPER'S HEART (198)(A) G M Lyons 9 5..... C T Keane	70
4 (1)	11- LOS ANGELES (203)(D) A P O'Brien 9 5..... W M Lordan	76
5 (4)	421- TARAJ (170)(A) D K Weld 9 5..... C D Hayes	70

Star Betting: 8-11 Los Angeles, 4 Bremen, 9-2 Euphoric, 8 Keeper's Heart, Taraj.

STARFORM: TARAJ DANGER: Los Angeles

4.15 EBF JANNAH ROSE STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 3)

Class 1 3YO 1m 2f (5 runners) €33,913

1 (2)	5-3 FLIGHT OF FANCY (31) A P O'Brien 9 2..... W M Lordan	88
2 (5)	43-1 HIGHER LEAVES (36)(A) H De Bromhead 9 2..... W J Lee	85
3 (1)	12-3 JE ZOUS (40)(BF,S) J P O'Brien 9 2..... D McMonagle	*103
4 (4)	1- MADAM CELESTE (169)(A) G M Lyons 9 2..... C T Keane	91
5 (3)	140- SEA THE BOSS (217) J Harrington 9 2..... S Foley	93

Star Betting: 5-2 Je Zous, 11-4 Flight Of Fancy, 3 Madam Celeste, 5 Sea The Boss, Higher Leaves.

2023: Caroline Street 9 2, Dylan McMonagle 11-2 (P O'Brien), drawn (8), 8 ran.

STARFORM: MADAM CELESTE DANGER: Je Zous

4.50 ALTO EQUINE BUILDING SOLUTIONS RATED RACE

3YO 1m 2f (4 runners) €8,348

1 (2)	1-4 MESSERSCHMITT (15)(S) N Meade 9 8..... C T Keane	91
2 (4)	25-3 OLD FAITHFUL (54) A P O'Brien 9 0..... W M Lordan	96
3 (1)	5-04 GIBBS ISLAND (12) A Oliver 8 13..... B M Coen	93
4 (3)	2-3 NATURALLY NIMBLE (31) J P O'Brien 8 13..... D McMonagle	*97

Star Betting: 7-4 Old Faithful, 9-4 Naturally Nimble, 11-4 Messerschmitt, 11-2 Gibbs Island.

2023: New Variant 9 0, Luke McAtee (3) 9-4 (J S Bolger), drawn (5), 6 ran.

STARFORM: NATURALLY NIMBLE DANGER: Old Faithful

5.25 NURSERY OF CHAMPIONS FILLIES MAIDEN

1m (14 runners) €6,261

1 (14)	05 HARSEVA (4) G Keane 4 10 2..... J J G Ryan (5)	52
2 (1)	PEPPA'S SISTER(H) Peter Maher 4 10 2..... L T McAtee	87
3 (6)	06- AUBURN AVENUE (252)(T) Chris Timmons 3 9 3..... B M Coen	61
4 (3)	5 DAKOTA GIRL (42) J Harrington 3 9 3..... N M Coen	53
5 (10)	DUCKADILLY Daniel McLoughlin 3 9 3..... O McSweeney (3)	59
6 (2)	0-0 ETERNAL REIGN M Halford & T Collins 3 9 3..... R Whelan	-
7 (12)	60- GLEANING (203) A P O'Brien 3 9 3..... W M Lordan	55
8 (13)	GOLDEN OCEAN M O'Callaghan 3 9 3..... C D Hayes	-
9 (4)	IMPERIAL MISS M Halford & T Collins 3 9 3..... N G McCullagh	-
10 (7)	55- MAGICAL CIRCLE (219) J Harrington 3 9 3..... S Foley	58
11 (8)	0-5 MAPA (15) S Lavery 3 9 3..... R Colgan	55
12 (5)	6-5 QUADRUPLE (34) G M Lyons 3 9 3..... C T Keane	67
13 (9)	35- RED VIBURNUM (244) D K Weld 3 9 3..... D Hayes	*87
14 (11)	SPRINKLES(H) P Roche 3 9 3..... L F Roche	-

Star Betting: 10-11 Red Viburnum, 9-2 Quadruple, 15-2 Dakota Girl, 8 Golden Ocean, 10 Magical Circle, Gleaning, 16 Auburn Avenue, 20 Eternal Reign, Mapa, 25 others.

2023: Mashia 3 9 3, Chris Hayes 10-1 (D K Weld), drawn (14), 20 ran.

STARFORM: RED VIBURNUM DANGER: Quadruple

KEY TO THE CARDS: our racecards are designed to give you a better, easier to understand guide to the runners. Brackets after the racecard number indicate the draw in Flat races. In the form figures, an 'L' indicates the horse finished in last place and a # indicates Bumper form. Figures in brackets after each horse's name indicate the number of days since the horse last ran. (C) indicates a course winner, (D) indicates a winner over the same distance as today's race, (B) or (V) indicates that the horse wears blinkers or a visor. (T) indicates that the horse wears a tongue strap. * indicates if wearing blinkers or visor for first time. (P) indicates that the horse is wearing a Cheek Piece. (BF) stands for beaten favourite, (F) is winner on firm going, (G) on good going, (S) on soft going and (A) on the all weather. The figures in the last column after the jockey's name is an exclusive Clockform rating giving a guide to the horse's chance. The highest figure denotes the top rated, which is also pinpointed by a *.

O'Brien eyeing up Long haul in France

AIDAN O'BRIEN will try to put City Of Troy's 2,000 Guineas flop behind him by landing the French equivalent with unbeaten Henry Longfellow tomorrow.

The son of Minding rounded off his own perfect

campaign by winning the National Stakes by five lengths and will start the hot favourite under Ryan Moore at Longchamp.

He will be joined in the 13-runner field by stablemate

Diego Velazquez, who finished sixth in the Futurity Trophy last year, a place behind Dancing Gemini, who will seek a first Classic success for Lambourn trainer Roger Teal.

Content, a fast-finishing

third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf when last seen, will be O'Brien's runner in France's 1,000 Guineas in which she can expect opposition from Godolphin filly Romantic Style.

StarForm NUMBER ONE FOR RACING



NEWCASTLE (TOMORROW)



JASON HEAVEY		STAR TIP	
Bulmer Bank	3.07	Tierney	
Nazionale	3.42	Naepoint	
My Little Queens	4.17	Jean Baptiste	
Prince Achille	4.52	Real Terms	
Rocket Warrior	5.27	Mafnood	
Aerospace	6.00	Fairbanks (nap)	
Longlai	6.30	Zip	
King's Lynn	7.00	Dare To Hope (nb)	

GOING: STANDARD

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

3.07 RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP

Class 4 3YO 6f (10 runners) £10,468

1 (7) 5612 CROSS THE TRACKS (44)(CD,A,S)(B) R Spencer 99	89
2 (6) 030-MR WONDERL (278) K R Burke 96	82
3 (4) 245-TIERNEY (229)(D) G Palmer 95	84
4 (8) 520-SWORDPLAY (227)(D) C Johnston 95	83
5 (1) 11-6 SHE'S A GAMBLER (14)(D2,G) R Fahey 92	82
6 (10) 612 BUZZ BOX (89)(BF,CD,A) B Smart 92	88
7 (3) 436-INFINITY BLUE (209) J Camacho 92	84
8 (9) 5413 WREN OFFICER (9)(CD2,A)(V) G Kelleway 813	87
9 (2) 040-BULMER BANK (183)(H) M & D Easterby 89	85
10 (1) 4-06 OAKLAND PRINCESS (9) K R Burke 88	84

Star Betting: 10-3 Cross The Tracks, 11-2 Buzz Box, 6 Mr Wonderful, Wren Officer, 8 Tierney, Oakland Princess, 10 Bulmer Bank, 12 Swordplay, Infinity Blue, 14 She's A Gambler.

3.42 RACEDAY-READY.COM MAIDEN STAKES

Class 3 6f (11 runners) £14,850

1 (7) FIONA'S RIDGE J Wainwright 5 10 2	P Mulrennan	-
2 (5) FORNBY J Camacho 3 9 6	Ryan Sexton	83
3 (8) 2 JUNGLE LAND (10)(BF) K R Burke 3 8 6	D Tudhope	83
4 (9) 2-6 MIDNIGHT DREAM (16) R Varian 3 9 5	J Mitchell	76
5 (2) 223 MOON MAN (10)(P) D O'Meara 3 9 6	Mark Winn	85
6 (1) 3-NAEPOINT (202) E Bethell 3 9 6	C Beasley	77
7 (9) 35 NAZIONALE (16) R Hannan 3 9 6	J Leavy	82
8 (3) 43-6 NOVATION (129)(BF)(P) G Kelleway 3 9 6	D Allan	75
9 (4) STORM STAR A Balding 3 9 6	O Murphy	-
10 (8) 02-TREASURE TIME (214) W Haggas 3 9 6	C Fallon	80
11 (14) 4-6 PORT AND STARBURD (7) Craig Lidster 3 9 1	James	59

Star Betting: 3 Treasure Time, 7-2 Jingle Land, 5 Moon Man, 13-2 Naepoint, 8 Storm Star, Novation, 10 Nazionale, 12 Midnight's Dream, 25 others.

4.17 HANDICAP (DIV 1)

Class 4 1m 2f (10 runners) £10,468

1 (4) 43-SEA LEGEND (372)(H) J Fanshawe 4 9 11	D Muscott	85
2 (7) 10-2 JEAN BAPTISTE (13)(D2,A,G,S)(P) R Fell & S Murray 7 9 10	J Hart	86
3 (6) 31-0 ROLL IT IN GLITTER (15)(D2,S) M & D Easterby 4 9 8	B Garrity	83
4 (9) 010-FEARLESS BAY (12)(D) E Dunlop 5 8 6	S Osborne	81
5 (1) 413-ABBEY GARDENS (170)(C,A) S Williams 4 9 5	M Murphy	79
6 (8) 1340-BOHEMIAN BREEZE (21)(D,A,G) C Johnston 4 9 5	J Fanning	82
7 (10) 6051-MY LITTLE QUEENS (7)(D2,A,G,S) R Fahey 6 9 4(5ex)	Oisin Orr	88
8 (3) 1325-PERCY WILLIS (14)(CD,A)(P) O'Keefe 6 9 2	J Garrity	86
9 (5) 2220-SENSE OF WORTH (33)(A) S Spencer 8 9 2	Dale Swift	86
10 (2) 50-0 MOLINARI (13)(D2,G) M Todhunter 7 9 0	Mark Winn	83

Star Betting: 4 My Little Queens, 13-2 Abbey Gardens, 7 Jean Baptiste, 8 Sea Legend, 16 Roll It In Glitter, Bohemian Breeze, 25 Fearless Bay, Percy Willis, 50 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

ASCOT

1.50: 1, ARCTIC THUNDER (D Probert 10-1); 2, Accumulate (11-4); 3, Dragon Leader (2-1 jfav); 2-1 jfav American Bay, shd, 3/2L 5 ran. A Balding. Tote: £11.00; pl £3.20, £1.70. Exacta: £24.20. Trifecta: £86.10. CSF: £34.97. NR: Respectful.

2.20: 1, MISS RASCAL (T Marquand 5-6 fav); 2, Naana's Diamond (4-1); 3, Dolce Vita (9-2). 3l, 3l, 6 ran. P & O Cole. Tote: £1.84; pl £1.20, £1.70. Exacta: £4.10. Trifecta: £10.20. CSF: £4.28. NR: Lift Lady.

2.55: 1, NAKHEEL (P Dobbs 7-1); 2, Queen Of Soldiers (3-1); 3, Hillbridge (15-2); 11-4 fav Pure Of Heart, hd, 2/2L 6 ran. Owen Burrows. Tote: £8.00; pl £2.90, £1.80, £1.70. Exacta: £40.00. Trifecta: £28.80. CSF: £122.60. CSF: £26.13.

3.30: 1, GLENFINNAN (C Beasley 8-1); 2, Bilyjoh (10-3 fav); 3, Russet Gold (4-1). nk, hd, 9 ran. M Dods. Tote: £9.00; pl £2.40, £1.70, £1.90. Exacta: £40.00. Trifecta: £124.93. Trifecta: £217.20. CSF: £35.00. NR: Bernardo O'Reilly, Kiwano.

4.00: 1, JIMMY SPEAKING (L Edmunds 10-3 fav); 2, Mashadi (4-1); 3, Imperial Guard (5-1). nk, 2/2L 12 ran. C Dwyer. Tote: £4.34; pl £1.80, £1.90, £2.10. Exacta: £17.30. Trifecta: £66.92. Trifecta: £73.10. CSF: £16.28. NR: Pen Portrait.

4.35: 1, THE ICE PHOENIX (Billy Loughnane 4-1); 2, Zain Blue (15-2); 3, Crown Estate (13-2); 11-4 fav Terabach 2/4l, hd, 11 ran. C Hills. Tote: £5.10; pl £1.70, £2.40, £2.50. Exacta: £35.00. Trifecta: £190.49. Trifecta: £243.30. CSF: £32.52. NR: Commander Crouch, Rey De La Batalla, Suspicion.

5.10: 1, BAILEYS KHELSTAR (Ardchie Young 11-10 fav); 2, Hedonista (11-2); 3, Crescent Lake (15-2). hd, 1/4L 7 ran. C Johnston. Tote: £2.10; pl £1.30, £2.00. Exacta: £6.30. Trifecta: £27.59. Trifecta: £27.20. CSF: £6.95. NR: Clansman, Yakhabar.

QUADPOT: £23.40
PLACEPOT: £113.70

CHESTER

1.30: 1, PERCY'S LAD (R Kingscote 16-5); 2, Dancing Magic (3-1 fav); 3, Documenting (28-1); 1/2L, 1/4L 13 ran. D & C Kubler. Tote: £4.20; pl £1.50, £1.60, £6.00. Exacta: £15.50. Trifecta: £236.69. Trifecta: £222.10. CSF: £12.59.

2.05: 1, MINA RASHID (O Murphy 17-2); 2, Ephesus (11-10 fav); 3, Mr Hampstead (7-4). 1/4L, 1/2L 5 ran. A Balding. Tote: £9.50; pl £2.60, £1.20. Exacta: £17.20. Trifecta: £32.60. CSF: £18.41. NR: Enzo Maresca, Tryfan.

2.35: 1, CITY STREAK (O Murphy 9-4 fav); 2, Box To Box (7-2); 3, Woodstock City (28-1). ns, 1/2L 7 ran. A Balding. Tote: £2.35; pl £1.70, £2.00. Exacta: £10.20. Trifecta: £161.99. Trifecta: £115.30. CSF: £10.12. NR: Bolster, Botanical.

3.05: 1, PASSENGER (R Kingscote 7-4); 2, Israr (13-8 fav); 3, Regal Reality (11-1). 1/2L, 5/2L 6 ran. Sir M Stoute. Tote: £2.75; pl £1.50, £1.40. Exacta: £4.90. Trifecta: £18.41. Trifecta: £20.80. CSF: £4.82. NR: Certain Lad, Royal Rhyme, Sunchair.

3.40: 1, ZOFFEE (H Davies 9-1); 2, Emlyn (28-1); 3, Zannadab (11-1); 4, Aztec Empire (4-1 fav). 1/4L, nk, 1l, 16 ran. H Palmer. Tote: £12.60; pl £3.10, £4.90, £2.80, £1.70. Exacta: £235.90. Trifecta: £2830.46. Trifecta: £3424.20. CSF: £253.89. NR: The Shunter.

4.15: 1, ALPHONSE LE GRANDE (W Buick 17-2); 2, Hamsiyann (5-1); 3, Law Of The Sea (5-1); 4, Yorkindness (11-1). 4-1 fav Prince Alex. 2/4L, 1/4L, 3l, 16 ran. A J Martin. Tote: £9.50; pl £2.00, £1.80, £1.90, £2.70. Exacta: £41.70. Trifecta: £245.58. Trifecta: £382.10. CSF: £47.81. NR: Havilla.

4.50: 1, OMAN (Z Wheatley 22-1); 2, Chillihi (5-2); 3, Southern Voyage (9-2); 15-8 fav Order Of Malta. 1/4L, 4/2L 7 ran. A Carroll. Tote: £23.00; pl £3.40, £1.80. Exacta: £92.40. Trifecta: £298.05. Trifecta: £450.40. CSF: £73.35. NR: Alphonse Le Grande, Blow Your Horn, Golspie.

5.23: 1, CHASE THE DOLLAR (C Planas 18-1); 2, Turner Girl (9-2); 3, Percy Jones (15-2); 9-4 fav Giselles Defence. 6l, ns, 8 ran. D Loughnane. Tote: £19.00; pl £4.40, £1.60, £2.60. Exacta: £104.90. Trifecta: £667.94. Trifecta: £290.00. CSF: £93.17. NR: Lunar Jet.

JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £14,017.74 carried over
QUADPOT: £6.60
PLACEPOT: £18.80

MARKET RASEN

1.40: 1, CHICAGO GAL (P W Wadge 13-2); 2, Coccionado (10-1); 3, Cellular Club (40-1). 5-4 fav Swiss Money. 1/2L, 1/4L 10 ran. M & D Easterby. Tote: £7.50; pl £1.60, £2.70, £3.30. Exacta: £70.00. Trifecta: £2414.62. Trifecta: £3286.50. CSF: £69.34.

2.10: 1, ITTACK BLUE (H Skelton 8-11 fav); 2, Can't Resist It (6-4); 3, Red Nile (22-1). 1l, 13l, 8 ran. D Skelton. Tote: £1.73; pl £1.10, £1.10, £2.80. Exacta: £1.70. Trifecta: £6.90. CSF: £2.18.

2.40: 1, THE ELECTRICIAN (A Anderson 10-1); 2, Our Bill's Aunt (11-2); 3, Friary Rock (9-1). 7-2 jfav Beat The Edge, 7-2 jfav Titanium Bullet. 20l, 1/2L, 9 ran. M Sowersby. Tote: £11.00; pl £2.80, £2.10, £2.60. Exacta: £51.80. Trifecta: £519.90. Trifecta: £623.10. CSF: £65.25. NR: Croagh Patrick.

3.15: 1, LIHYAN (William Maggs 10-1); 2, Porter In The Park (4-1); 3, Giovanni Change (16-1). 7-2 jfav For Gina, 7-2 jfav Legionair. 3/4L, 7/4L 9 ran. R Menzies. Tote: £11.00; pl £2.60, £1.70, £3.30. Exacta: £57.60. Trifecta: £646.84. Trifecta: £747.40. CSF: £51.40. NR: Imperial Merlin.

3.50: Void race.

4.25: 1, SUMMERGROUNDS (Sean Quinlan 9-2); 2, Misty Mani (11-4 jfav); 3, Warner's Cross (20-1). 11-4 jfav Get A Superstar. 1/2L, 1/2L 9 ran. N Richards. Tote: £5.50; pl £1.80, £1.30, £4.20. Exacta: £19.70. Trifecta: £221.80. Trifecta: £214.80. CSF: £176.2. NR: Mr Hope Street.

5.00: 1, IRON HEART (J Bowen 7-4 fav); 2, Polypocket (7-2); 3, Lunar Ocean (28-1). 7/4L, nk, 9 ran. P & M Bowen. Tote: £2.75; pl £1.20, £1.50, £7.70. Exacta: £9.50. Trifecta: £122.99. Trifecta: £159.70. CSF: £3.80. NR: Gms Prince.

QUADPOT: £35.20
PLACEPOT: £397.90

NOTTINGHAM

5.27: 1, MIDNIGHT GUN (K Stott 15-2); 2, Condor Pasa (7-2); 3, Redhot Whisper (5-4 fav). 2l, 2l, 11 ran. E Walker. Tote: £8.90; pl £1.10, £2.10, £1.10. Exacta: £29.20. Trifecta: £54.20. CSF: £26.19. NR: Pipes And Drums. Pipes And Drums Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 10p in the pound.

5.59: 1, SOI DAO (Gina Mangan 15-2); 2, Lunario (7-1); 3, The Spotlight Kid (10-3 fav). 1/4L, 1/4L 11 ran. A Wintle. Tote: £9.20; pl £1.20, £1.70. Exacta: £65.80. Trifecta: £212.23. Trifecta: £360.80. CSF: £58.28. NR: Love Your Work.

6.34: 1, THEORY OF TIDES (J Mitchell 13-2); 2, Dramatic Star (8-1); 3, Padesha (10-3). 11-4 fav Inner Peace. 1/2L, 1/2L 11 ran. J & T Gosden. Tote: £7.70; pl £2.30, £2.20, £1.60. Exacta: £54.40. Trifecta: £225.20. CSF: £57.61. NR: Ghost Story.

7.09: 1, CLEAR STORM (C Fallon 11-2); 2, Fougere (7-2); 3, Pink Lily (10-1). 5-4 fav Golden Myrrh, hd, 3l, 8 ran. W Haggas. Tote: £6.50; pl £1.90, £1.30, £2.00. Exacta: £22.50. Trifecta: £187.77. Trifecta: £102.00. CSF: £25.32.

7.44: 1, RAY VONN (J Gilligan 8-1); 2, Enderman (9-2); 3, Lotus Rose (6-1). 10-3 fav Harry's Halo, hd, 1/4L, 10 ran. B Brookhouse. Tote: £9.00; pl £2.50, £1.80, £2.30. Exacta: £43.30. Trifecta: £238.11. Trifecta: £206.80. CSF: £42.46. NR: Dazy Mazy, Hallowed Time.

8.18: 1, YAZAMAN (Mark Winn 9-2); 2, Spanish Angel (15-2); 3, Showalov (5-2 fav). 2l, 1/2L, 10 ran. P Middley. Tote: £5.60; pl £1.50, £2.50, £1.50. Exacta: £44.80. Trifecta: £105.70. Trifecta: £185.60. CSF: £37.26. NR: Captain Bentley, Enchanted Night, Loco Lobo.

QUADPOT: £17.10
PLACEPOT: £34.40

RIPON

5.30: 1, DO IT NOW (P Mulrennan 11-8 fav); 2, Combat Soldier (12-1); 3, Go On Rosie (12-1). 4/2L, 1/4L 9 ran. A Keatley. Tote: £2.38; pl £1.10, £2.90, £2.50. Exacta: £13.00. Trifecta: £114.10. CSF: £19.90.

6.05: 1, MATTICE (D Fentiman 6-1); 2, Leodis Dream (14-1); 3, Vadamiyah (14-1). 11-4 fav Princess Karine. 1/4L, shd, 12 ran. T Easterby. Tote: £7.00; pl £2.10, £3.30, £4.00. Exacta: £84.90. Trifecta: £1128.08. Trifecta: £916.60. CSF: £85.81.

6.40: 1, NEY (B Garrity evens fav); 2, Tarbat Ness (4-1); 3, Sugarpihoneybunch (11-1). 1/2L, 6l 9 ran. D Brooke. Tote: £2.00; pl £1.10, £1.30, £2.20. Exacta: £5.00. Trifecta: £28.83. Trifecta: £26.50. CSF: £5.54. NR: Bonne Vitese.

7.15: 1, HAVANA RUM (A Mullen 12-1); 2, Roundhay Park (20-1); 3, Counsel (20-1). 2-1 fav Fortamour. 1/2L, hd, 13 ran. R Fahey. Tote: £14.50; pl £3.40, £4.80, £5.20. Exacta: £21.90. Trifecta: £484.92. Trifecta: £2120.50. CSF: £238.65.

7.50: 1, CONTRAST (Joanna Mason 11-1); 2, Golden Melody (13-2); 3, Sonning (12-1). 9-4 fav Bearwith, nk, 1/2L 12 ran. M & D Easterby. Tote: £12.00; pl £3.10, £2.20, £3.40. Exacta: £86.00. Trifecta: £2120.50. CSF: £238.65.

8.25: 1, HAVANA PRINCE (D

TRACKFACTS

Left-handed all-weather Tapeta course with a 3f run-in. Races up to a mile run on the straight course. Stalls Top Straight Centre; 1m2f & 1m4f Outside.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) R Fahey 84 winners, (11.7% strike rate), £281.33, K R Burke 51, (12.1%), £221.80, R Varian 50, (24.4%), £12.85, J Goldie 50, (10.6%), £63.06, D O'Meara 49, (12.0%), £17.40, W Haggas 46, (27.5%), £4.29, A Watson 44, (21.2%), £3.58, G Tuer 40, (11.6%), £55.36.

TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) Paul Mulrennan 95 winners, (12.4% strike rate), £149.45, Jason Hart 83, (13.0%), £35.37, Daniel Tudhope 65, (19.9%), £4.09, Jack Mitchell 43, (20.0%), £52.46, Callum Rodriguez 41, (12.1%), £94.91.

4.52 HANDICAP (DIV 2)

Class 4 1m 2f (10 runners) £10,468

1 (9) 113-ANJO BONITA (223)(BF,D,G,S) R Fell & S Murray 4 9 10	B Garrity	85
2 (10) 10-4 YEOMAN (38)(A) J Fanshawe 4 9 8	D Muscott	87
3 (3) 3146-REAL TERMS (33)(CD,A,G,S) G Tuer 7 9 7	Brandon Wilkie	87
4 (4) 0304-FURZIG (21)(CD,D,A,G,S) J Butler 5 9 5	Oisin Orr	82
5 (2) 35-5 JACK SPAROWE (27)(A,S)(H) J Butler 5 9 5	L Morris	85
6 (7) 442L-CHANTICO (11)(D,A)(V) A Keatley 5 9 5	K S McHugh	87
7 (1) 0-22 NATZOR (7) D O'Meara 4 9 3	D Tudhope	88
8 (6) 0334-LUDO'S LANDING (17)(G) C Johnston 4 9 2	J Fanning	89
9 (8) 0072-NO RECOLLECTION (16)(D,A,G)(T) S England 6 9 1P	Mulrennan	83
10 (5) 811-PRINCE ACHILLE (50)(CD3,A,G) J O'Keefe 5 8 12	C Beasley	84

Star Betting: 7-2 Natzor, 5 Prince Achille, 6 Jack Sparowe, 15-2 Anjo Bonita, Yeoman, 8 Ludo's Landing, Chantico, 10 Real Terms, Furzig, 20 No Recollection.

5.27 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP

Class 3 3YO 1m 2f (7 runners) £14,394

1 (2) 16-L CURRAN (49)(CD,D,A,S) C Johnston 9 9	J Fanning	89
2 (3) 45-2 MAFNOOD (16)(G) R Hannan 9 9	J Crowley	91
3 (4) 00-5 CHATURANGA (26)(G)(P) A Watson 9 8	L Morris	88
4 (5) 3-11 ROCKET WARRIOR (44)(D,A,S) M Botti 9 3	J Gilligan	89
5 (1) 1-38 ALPEN POWER (16)(A) C Johnston 9 1	F Norton	90
6 (7) 336-CLOUDY SKYE (235)(BF) R Fahey 8 13	Oisin Orr	80
7 (6) 34-5 MONSIEUR MELEE (16) J O'Keefe 8 8	David Egan	83

Star Betting: 3 Rocket Warrior, 10-3 Mafnood, 4 Cloudy Skye, 6 Monsieur Melee, 13-2 Chaturanga, 8 Alpen Power, 12 Curran.

STARFORM MAFNOOD 6-1 (9-9) In touch, pushed along over 2f out, headway when short of room and switched right over 1f out, ridden and stayed on to go 2nd close home, 2nd of 7, 5f behind Our Golden One (9-4) at Doncaster 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) sft in Apr.

Chaturanga 33-1 (9-9) Chased leaders, pushed along over 3f out, soon outpaced and ridden inside final 2f, hung right and weakened final furlong, 5th of 13, 7f behind Watcha Matey (9-3) at Newmarket 1m 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Apr.

Rocket Warrior 15-2 (9-7) Close up on inner, wide and headway over 2f out, ridden to lead approaching final furlong, ridden out, won at Chelmsford City 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) pol in Mar beating Marefouri (9-7) by 11, 14 ran.

Cloudy Skye 2-1fav (9-2) Soon handy on outer, pushed along 2f out and dropped away, 6th of 9, 19l behind Local Arms (9-2) at Beverley 7f 2yo fil nov stks (5) sft in Sep.

Monsieur Melee 8-1 (8-10) Steadied and switched left start, held up in rear, going for run against far rail when hampered inside final 3f, plugged on inside final furlong, just missed well held 4th, 5th of 12, 3 1/2l behind Goodwood Odyssey (9-8) at Sandown 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gs in Apr.

Alpen Power 9-1 (9-2) Led, ridden and headed approaching 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 6th of 7, 18l behind Our Golden One (9-4) at Doncaster 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) sft in Apr.

Curran 14-1 (9-9) Led, ridden and headed over 3f out, soon weakened, well behind final 2f, last of 8, well behind King Of Spain (8-10) at Doncaster 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-90 (3) sft in Mar.

STARFORM: MAFNOOD DANGER: Chaturanga

6.00 RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP

Class 3 1m 4f (12 runners) £14,394

1 (3) 514-MR LE PHILOSOPHE (J71)(D2,S)(V) R Menzies 4 9 9	A Rawlinson	-
2 (8) 45-0 CHARGING THUNDER (22)(D2,A,G)(P) D O'Meara 6 9 7	D Tudhope	97
3 (2) 12-L NO SURRENDER (10)(G) E Dunlop 4 9 7	S Osborne	94
4 (7) 3/11 AEROSPACE (34)(C,A) A Watson 5 9 7	L Morris	96
5 (4) 06-6 LEGENDARY DAY (15)(CD2,A,G,S)(P) A Keatley 6 9 6	Mark Winn	96
6 (10) 05-1 LA PULGA (16)(CD,A,G,S) C Johnston 5 9 5	Archie Young	93
7 (1) 11-6 FAIRBANKS (22)(D3,G,S)(V) A Balding 4 9 5	O Murphy	89
8 (11) 2253-ARTISAN DANCER (45)(BF,CD,A) C Johnston 4 9 4	J Hart	96
9 (9) 50-6 COCKALORUM (24)(G,S) R Fell & S Murray 9 9 3	H Russell	98
10 (12) 1/5-L PICADOR (200)(D2,G) L Russell 8 9 3	Oisin Orr	93
11 (6) 5016-GOD OF THUNDER (22)(D2,A) R Hannan 5 9 3	Alec Volkhansky	93
12 (5) 405-SOOVAIH (13)(C,A) J Goldie 4 8 6	Amie Waugh	97

Star Betting: 11-4 Aerospace, 9-2 La Pulga, 6 Fairbanks, 8 Artisan Dancer, 10 Legendary Day, Mr Le Philosophe, No Surrender, God Of Thunder, 14 others.

6.30 RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP

Class 3 7f (11 runners) £14,394

1 (4) 210-FARASI LANE (8)(D,A,S)(P) Dr A Newland & J Insole 6 9 9	Gina Mangan	100
2 (1) 3/10 NOBLE ORDER (22)(C,A) A Watson 5 9 8	L Morris	99
3 (2) 134-MASCAPONE (582)(A)(H) D M Simcock 4 9 7	C Shepherd	-
4 (5) 60-0 OBELIX (26)(C,A)(P) J Camacho 4 9 5	Ryan Sexton	99
5 (7) 5642-ZIP (15)(CD3,D7,A,G,S)(V) R Fahey 8 9 5	Oisin Orr	101
6 (10) 1005-LOVE DE VEGA (9)(D4,A,G,S) C Johnston 5 9 4	J Hart	100
7 (8) 15-2 ELDRICK JONES (14)(CD,C,A,G) R Fell & S Murray 5 9 3	O Murphy	102
8 (6) 1P-2 LONGLAI (44)(D,A,G) M Wigham 6 9 0	F Norton	98
9 (3) 6622-SWISS ACE (14)(CD3,A) R Carr 6 8 13	Joanna Mason	100
10 (9) 1133-BILLY MILL (29)(CD3,D2,A,G) B Millman 6 8 11	S Osborne	103
11 (11) 044-NORTHERN SPIRIT (14)(C2,A,S)(P) B Ellison 4 8 7	C Hardie	100

Star Betting: 5 Zip, 6 Swiss Ace, Eldrickjones, 7 Noble Order, Longlai, Billy Mill, 8 Love De Vega, 10 Farasi Lane, 12 others.

7.00 HANDICAP

Class 2 6f (14 runners) £38,655

1 (13) 200-JUAN LES PINS (44)(D6,A,G) M Appleby 7 9 12	A Rawlinson	108
2 (11) 01-0 ROCKET RODNEY (100)(D,G) G Scott 4 9 11	C Shepherd	100
3 (14) 500-TACARIB BAY (15)(CD,D,A,S) R Hannan 5 9 10	Alec Volkhansky	108
4 (1) 4223-MISTY GREY (24)(D3,A,G) D O'Mear		

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TOP SECRETS FROM THE TRADING ROOM



Lee Phelps, spokesperson for William Hill, says...

THE Derby and Oaks pictures continue to take shape and we've got two more key trials today at Lingfield.

William Hill sponsor the card, and in the Oaks Trial DANIELLE (2.25) is a strong market leader at 6-5, having been backed in from 5-4.

The betting for the Derby Trial is tighter, with Aidan O'Brien's ILLINOIS (3.00) and the Roger Varian-trained DEFIANCE vying for favouritism.

At the moment, it's Defiance that is just shading it, having been strongly supported into 2-1 from 5-2, while Illinois is 5-2 from 11-4.

Defiance and Illinois have also been popular in the Derby market, with both now priced at 20-1 for the Epsom Classic, from 66-1 and 40-1 respectively. At bigger prices

we've also seen some money for IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN, who is 14-1 from 20-1. In the Chartwell Fillies' Stakes, Remarque and Great Generation are both strong at the head of the betting, but Ryan Moore's (below) mount CELL SA BEELA (3.35) has been backed at bigger prices (9-1 from 10-1).

The Victoria Cup at Ascot is, as usual, a tough puzzle for punters to crack.

The Wizard Of Eye has been strong in the market but the two who have been well supported at bigger prices are JUMBY (2.40) (11-1 from 18-1) and ARABIAN STORM (12-1 from 18-1).

There's also jumps action from Haydock, where the Swinton Hurdle takes centre stage.

N'GOLO (3.15) won this race in 2022 and we've seen money for him at big odds (25-1 from 40s) for a repeat, making him one of our worst results of the day. ADVERTORIAL

LUDLOW (TOMORROW) Racing TV

JASON HEAVEY		STAR TIP	
Matterhorn	1.43	Matterhorn	.....
Opera King	2.18	Cusano	.....
Trapista	2.53	Trapista	.....
Cawthorne Banker (nb)	3.28	Collingham	.....
Musique De Fee (trb)	4.03	Musique De Fee	.....
No Worries	4.38	Bethpage	.....
I Look How I Look	5.13	Lion's Vigil	.....

1.43 HANDBICAP CHASE (GBB RACE)
Class 3 (13 fences) 2m (3 run) £7,922

6L-1 PLAYFUL SAINT (8)(S)(T) D Skelton 9 11 10.....	H Skelton	★140
2 2LP- MATTERHORN (16)(BF,G,S)(T) P Nicholls 6 11 2.....	H Cobden	-
3 461- GOWER PRINCE (21)(D,G)(H) N Twiston-Davies 6 10 5.....	S Twiston-Davies	139

Star Betting: 6-4 Gower Prince, 7-4 Playful Saint, 9-4 Matterhorn.
STARFORM: PLAYFUL SAINT DANGER: Matterhorn

2.18 SINCLAIR GROUP NOVICES' HURDLE
Class 4 (9 flights) 2m (6 run) £4,357

1 640- CHEVINGTON (28) A Ralph 5 11 1.....	Tabitha Worsley	(3) 111
2 0L4- DOESHERITTBELL (18)(T) Jonjo & A O'Neill 5 11 10.....	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	111
3 461- GOWER PRINCE (21)(D,G)(H) N Twiston-Davies 6 10 5.....	S Twiston-Davies	139

Star Betting: 5-4 Cusano, 9-4 Bellbird, 6 Opera King, 8 others.
STARFORM: CUSANO DANGER: Opera King

2.53 MORTIMER VETS MARES' HANDBICAP CHASE
Class 4 (16 f) 2m 4f (7 runners) £5,809

1 0L3- ROYALE MARGAUX (24)(S)(T) S Symonds 6 12 0.....	B Poste	★129
2 3P4- MOVIDDY (24)(S)(P) Noel Williams 8 11 12.....	J J Burke	122
3 345- VOICE OF CALM (24)(D,G,S)(T) E Lavelle 8 11 9.....	T Bellamy	125

Star Betting: 5-2 Trapista, 6 Royale Margaux, 8 others.
STARFORM: VOICE OF CALM DANGER: Trapista

PLUMPTON (TOMORROW) sky sports racing

JASON HEAVEY		STAR TIP	
Truth Will Out	2.05	Alain	.....
Sandy Brook	2.40	Eliza Dolittle	.....
Aviles	3.15	Eyed	.....
Glance At Me	3.50	Andapa	.....
Yalla Habibi	4.25	Wild Max	.....
Northern Poet (nap)	5.00	Judge Earle	.....
Tackletommywoowo	5.35	Eileen's Milan	.....

2.05 J H BUILDERS JOINERY MAIDEN HURDLE
Class 4 (9 fli) 2m (8 runners) £4,357

1 043- GLOBAL ESTEEM (165)(T) F O'Brien 7 11 4.....	L Harrison	111
2 22U- ILLEGAL D'AINAY (8) C Gordon 6 11 4.....	R Dingle	-
3 3P4- ALAIN (41) G & J Moore 4 10 12.....	C Quinn	★115

Star Betting: 7-2 Global Esteem, 10-3 Alain, 9-2 Solution, 5 Truth Will Out, 8 Shafia, 10 Illegal D'ainay, 33 Darcy's Glance, 50 Pooch, 2023: Angel's Dream 5 11 4, Niall Houlihan(3) 9-4 (G & J Moore), 9 ran.

2.40 J H BUILDERS HANDBICAP HURDLE
Class 5 (14 flights) 3m 1f (8 run) £3,829

1 PPL- SANDY BROOK (18)(S) C Gordon 9 12 0.....	F Gordon	(5) 57
2 7P0- PRIVATEARING (48)(P) A Irvine 8 11 13.....	P Armon	(3) 72
3 3P5- KAPITALISTE (204)(G)(T) Alexandra Dunn 8 11 10.....	L Stones	(3) ★97

Star Betting: 7-2 Glance At Me, 9-2 Inigo, 7 Andapa, 8 Macari, 10 Grandeex, Ez Tiger, Martin Spirit, 12 Cuban Court, Angel's Dream, Colonel Lesley, 14 others.
2023: Glance At Me 5 10 10, James Martin(7) 16-5 (Andrew Martin), 14 ran.
STARFORM: COLONEL LESLEY DANGER: Macari

2.45 LAKES OF KILLARNEY HANDBICAP HURDLE
(10 flights) 2m 1f (13 runners) £20,870

1 01L- COMMON PRACTICE (98)(S)(P) J P O'Brien 5 11 12.....	Aidan Kelly	(5) ★136
2 1L0- ENCANTO BRUNO (137)(D,G) G Cromwell 6 11 12.....	K M Donoghue	133
3 5-60 FASCILE MODE (8)(S) T Mullins 6 11 5.....	Jack Foley	133

Star Betting: 3-4 Royal Eagle, 5-2 Shecouldbeanything, 5 Minx Tiara, 6 Effernock Fizz, 8 Miss Fourie, 10 Lady Rita, 12 Gaillimh A Run.
2023: Shecouldbeanything 6 11 7, Donagh Meyler 4-1 (G Elliott), 7 ran.
STARFORM: ROYAL EAGLE DANGER: Shecouldbeanything

BEST OF KILLARNEY (TOMORROW) Racing TV

GOING: GOOD		STAR TIP	
How About No	1.00	St Faz	.....
Al Gasparo	1.35	Al Gasparo	.....
Effernock Fizz	2.10	Shecouldbeany-	.....
Cheerful Chap	2.45	thing	.....
Solitary Man	3.20	Icare Desbois	.....
Saylavee	3.55	Gaelic Arc	.....
Cavalry Master	4.30	Costanucci	.....
Spinola Bay	5.05	Florida Strait	.....

2.10 MARES HURDLE (LISTED)
Class 1 (10 flights) 2m 1f (7 run) £13,565

1 340- SHECULDBEANYTHING (98)(D2,S)(T) G Elliott 7 11 7.....	J Gainford	★139
2 10-4 EFFERNOCK FIZZ (12)(CD,D,G,S)(P) C Collins 9 11 0.....	C P Millar	126
3 531- GAILLIMH A RUN (21)(D,S) J Quella 7 11 0.....	J McGarvey	123

Star Betting: 9-4 Royal Eagle, 5-2 Shecouldbeanything, 5 Minx Tiara, 6 Effernock Fizz, 8 Miss Fourie, 10 Lady Rita, 12 Gaillimh A Run.
2023: Shecouldbeanything 6 11 7, Donagh Meyler 4-1 (G Elliott), 7 ran.
STARFORM: ROYAL EAGLE DANGER: Shecouldbeanything

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(10 flights) 2m 1f (13 runners) £20,870

1 01L- COMMON PRACTICE (98)(S)(P) J P O'Brien 5 11 12.....	Aidan Kelly	(5) ★136
2 1L0- ENCANTO BRUNO (137)(D,G) G Cromwell 6 11 12.....	K M Donoghue	133
3 5-60 FASCILE MODE (8)(S) T Mullins 6 11 5.....	Jack Foley	133

Star Betting: 3-4 Royal Eagle, 5-2 Shecouldbeanything, 5 Minx Tiara, 6 Effernock Fizz, 8 Miss Fourie, 10 Lady Rita, 12 Gaillimh A Run.
2023: Shecouldbeanything 6 11 7, Donagh Meyler 4-1 (G Elliott), 7 ran.
STARFORM: SET POINT DANGER: Zeeband

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) F O'Brien 30 winners, (19.7% strike rate), -£0.50, H Daly 21, (17.8%), -£10.00, N Twiston-Davies 20, (15.7%), +£6.83, A Ralph 20, (17.4%), +£0.10, D Skelton 16, (14.5%), -£8.00, P Nicholls 12, (21.4%), -£3.00.

3.28 HANDBICAP HURDLE
Class 4 (9 flights) 2m (11 run) £5,281

1 /PP- JAZZ KING (22)(S) A Ralph 8 12 0.....	J J Burke	-
2 000- COLLINGHAM (37)(D4,G,S) D McCain 6 12 0.....	C Maggs	(7) ★119
3 3P3- HIM MALAYA (20)(S)(T) P Nicholls 5 11 13.....	H Cobden	112

Star Betting: 3-4 Cawthorne Banker, 7-2 Him Malaya, 6 Flight Of Freedom, 8 Jazz King, Sergeant Wilson, 11 Zucayan, Collingham, Saddlers Quest, 14 others.
STARFORM: HIM MALAYA DANGER: Flight Of Freedom

4.03 HANDBICAP HURDLE (DIV 1)
Class 5 (11 flights) 2m 5f (11 run) £3,961

1 055- PEARL ISLAND (40)(P) H Daly 5 12 0.....	S Twiston-Davies	87
2 13L- NADIM (254)(BF,G,S)(R,T) R D Hawker 5 11 13.....	H Reed	98
3 041- MUSIQUE DE FEE (18)(CD,G) G Nicholls 5 11 10.....	S Bowen	99

Star Betting: 7-2 I Look How I Look, 9-2 Call Me Arthur, 6 Lion's Vigil, 15-2 Fantomas, 8 Silver Atom, 10 others.
STARFORM: FANTOMAS DANGER: I Look How I Look

TRACKFACTS An oval left-handed track, one mile one furlong in extent, with seven fences per circuit and a run-in of 200yds. The tight bends, steep undulations and uphill straight make it an ideal course for the handy, quick-jumper.

3.15 HANDBICAP CHASE
Class 4 (14 f) 2m 4f (8 runners) £5,809

1 222- TOOTHLESS (28)(G,S)(P,T) P Nicholls 6 12 0.....	F Gingell	(3) ★117
2 P10- JUST ONE SURF (15)(S)(T) W Greatrex 5 11 13.....	J Bowen	-
3 522- MAGISTRATO (28)(G)(T) Deborah Cole 6 11 11.....	C Ward	(5) 116

Star Betting: 2 Toothless, 5-2 Aviles, 6 Eyed, 7 Just One Surf, 10 Magistrato, Small Bad Bob, 16 Fairway Freddy, 25 Beaufort West, 2023: No corresponding race.

3.50 HANDBICAP HURDLE
Class 5 (9 flights) 2m (13 run) £3,829

1 20-0 CUBAN COURT (6)(G)(T) N King 6 12 0.....	J Quinlan	100
2 031- GRANDEE (77)(D,G) J & S Best 10 11 11.....	J Bowen	-
3 210- MACARI (29)(C,G) Miss S West 4 11 11.....	M Goldstein	92

Star Betting: 7-2 Glance At Me, 9-2 Inigo, 7 Andapa, 8 Macari, 10 Grandeex, Ez Tiger, Martin Spirit, 12 Cuban Court, Angel's Dream, Colonel Lesley, 14 others.
2023: Glance At Me 5 10 10, James Martin(7) 16-5 (Andrew Martin), 14 ran.
STARFORM: COLONEL LESLEY DANGER: Macari

GOING: GOOD

4.38 HANDBICAP HURDLE (DIV 2)
Class 5 (11 flights) 2m 5f (11 run) £3,961

1 660- KINGSTON KID (173)(D,S)(T) George Howell 7 12 0.....	Tabitha Worsley	(3) 100
2 640- KAPAMAZOV (22) H Evans 7 11 10.....	B Poste	98
3 341- BETHPAGE (23)(G) E Lavelle 6 11 10.....	T Bellamy	97

Star Betting: 15-8 Bethpage, 11-2 Mactavish, 6 Deadlock, 13-2 Flashy Boy, 11 Kingston Kid, Kapamazov, 14 Karakoram, 20 Chinook, No Worries, Pawpaw, 25 Methusalas.
STARFORM: FLASHY BOY DANGER: Bethpage

5.13 NOVICES' LIMITED HANDBICAP HURDLE
Class 5 (12 flights) 3m (14 run) £3,961

1 023- SAINT BIBIANA (19)(S)(T) G Nicholls 7 11 12.....	S Bowen	96
2 202- CALL ME ARTHUR (20)(T) T Lacey 5 11 10.....	F Gingell	(3) 96
3 LPF- I GOT STUNG (19)(P) K Bailey 6 11 9.....	Ciaran Gettings	96

Star Betting: 7-2 I Look How I Look, 9-2 Call Me Arthur, 6 Lion's Vigil, 15-2 Fantomas, 8 Silver Atom, 10 others.
STARFORM: FANTOMAS DANGER: I Look How I Look

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

4.25 HANDBICAP HURDLE
Class 3 (12 fli) 2m 4f 114yds (6 run) £9,242

1 P55- TRONADOR (30)(S) O Murphy 8 12 2.....	L Saunders	(8) 127
2 002- CALL ME ARTHUR (20)(T) T Lacey 5 11 10.....	F Gingell	(3) 108
3 311- YALLA HABIIBI (20)(G)(T) H Dickinson 5 11 10.....	F Gordon	125

Star Betting: 2 Yalla Habibi, 5-2 Ilanz, 5 Wild Max, 11-2 Beholden, 8 Tronador, 12 A Tickatickatimig, 2023: Royaume Uni 6 12 1, Rob Hargreaves(8) 10-3 (G & J Moore), 7 ran.
STARFORM: ILANZ DANGER: Wild Max

5.00 HANDBICAP CHASE
Class 4 (18 fences) 3m 2f (5 run) £5,809

1 64L- JUDGE EARLE (214)(G,S)(P) P & M Bowen 12 11 10.....	J Bowen	126
2 P55- NORTHERN POET (25)(CD,A,G,S)(P) N Gifford 9 11 7.....	James Davies	123
3 P3P- BLADE RUNNER (25)(CD3,C,G,S)(P) C Gordon 8 11 5.....	F Gordon	(5) 126

Star Betting: 5-2 Copperhead, 3 Northern Poet, Jacamar, 7-2 Judge Earle, 8 Blade Runner, 2023: No corresponding race.
STARFORM: COPPERHEAD DANGER: Jacamar

5.35 OPEN NH FLAT RACE (GBB RACE)
Class 5 2m 2f (8 runners) £2,722

1 EILEEN'S MILAN P Nicholls 5 11 2.....	F Gingell	(3) -
2 0-ANK TANK (123) N King 5 11 2.....	J Quinlan	65
3 4- THE SAINTED CANARY (169) J Scott 5 11 2.....	L Williams	99

Star Betting: 7-4 Eileen's Milan, 5-2 Dance And Glance, 7 Walk Plus, 14 Tackletommywoowo, 50 Tank Top, 2023: A Tickatickatimig 5 10 9, Harry Reed Evans Fav (Miss S West), 6 ran.
STARFORM: DANCE AND GLANCE DANGER: Eileen's Milan

4.30 TOTE KILLARNEY NATIONAL HANDBICAP CHS
(18 fences) 3m 2f (15 runners) £26,087

1 100- STEALTHY TOM (38)(C4,G,S)(P) E Bolger 9 11 12.....	C G O'Dwyer	(5) 140
2 015- BRIDESWELL LAD (11)(G,S) S Neville 8 11 8.....	J J Stevin	136
3 734- WEST CORK WILDWAY (31)(G,S)(P) P O'Flynn 10 11 5.....	K M Donoghue	-

Star Betting: 5 Jumping Jet, 11-2 Midnight Our Fred, 13-2 Birchdale, 8 Cavalry Master, 10 The Abbey, Brideswell Lad, West Cork Wildway, Stealthy Tom, 12 others.
2023: Pont Aval 10 10 0, Sean O'Keefe 16-1 (W P Mullins), 14 ran.
STARFORM: JUMPING JET DANGER: Midnight Our Fred

5.05 AN EXCELLENT CHOICE (PRO/AM) FLAT RACE
4YO 2m 1f (12 runners) £5,478

1 BRAVE SOLDIER Ms M Gannon 11 10.....	T P Harney	(7) -
2 CASA MANOLO L J Archdeacon 11 10.....	Conor Clarke	-
3 FLORIDA STRAIT J P O'Brien 11 10.....	Mr T Hamilton	-

Star Betting: 5-2 Kallium, 10-3 Florida Strait, 13-2 Spinola Bay, 8 Derrylee, 10 Mother Ship, Gather Yourself, Brave Soldier, 14 others.
2023: Big Dispute 11 10, Mr Finian Maguire 14-1 (P O'Flynn), 15 ran.
STARFORM: FLORIDA STRAIT DANGER: Mother Ship



CUP CASH: Jumbo has been backed in the Victoria Cup

EUROPE IN NIC OF TIME

Jackson to set Chelsea on way to top six



HIGH FLYER: Midair is a Placepot banker

Midair is set for take-off

WE'RE off to Ascot for today's Tote Placepot, where the Victoria Cup is the feature among a host of tricky handicaps.

Kotari was impressive at Salisbury last time and his patient running style will be an asset in leg one. The form of **Palace Boy's** Newcastle seventh is working out well and he also gets a vote along with class-dropper **Youthful King**.

The drying ground looks ideal in leg two for **Zouzanna**, who is first on the list. **Topanga** and **Mother Mary**, who has yet to finish outside of the first three on turf, are also respected.

Pearle D'Or's three runs over course and distance returned form figures of 213 so he has to be included in the feature race. **Charlie Fellowes** has a solid record in handicaps with stable switchers and **The Wizard Of Eye**, ex-Stan Moore, could go well on his stable debut. **Arabian Storm** will improve for his reappearance effort at Kempton.

Eve Johnson Houghton does well with 2yo colts on their debuts so her

by **ANDREW MOUNT**
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Rokuni gets a Placepot vote in leg four, as does fellow newcomer **Original Outlaw**.

The Roger Charlton yard does well with first-time cheekpieces on a handicapper and the headgear looks ideal for **Midair**, runner-up in his last three starts. I need a banker in one of the Placepot legs and the son of Frankel fits the bill in leg five.

Ciara Pearl has form figures of 212111, making her the ideal Placepot inclusion in a tricky final leg. **Unreal Connection** will appreciate the drying ground and step up to 1m2f.

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Placepot +

1.30 Ascot
Youthful King, Palace Boy, Kotari
2.05 Ascot
Zouzanna, Mother Mary, Topanga
2.40 Ascot
The Wizard Of Eye, Arabian Storm, Pearle D'Or
3.10 Ascot
Original Outlaw, Rokuni
3.45 Ascot
Midair
4.20 Ascot
Ciara Pearl, Unreal Connection

3 x 3 x 3 x 2 x 1 x 2 = 108 lines



JACK HAMMER: Nicolas Jackson has banged in 13 league goals for Chelsea this season

★ **STEVE ANDERSON** was on the mark last weekend when he tipped Arsenal at odds of 3-1 to beat Bournemouth 3-0, 3-1 or 3-2 and also suggested Bukayo Saka to get among the goals.

THE Premier League's race for Europe is reaching the home straight and Newcastle and Chelsea appear to be hitting their stride as they come off the final bend.

Manchester United look like they have stumbled and fallen and, after a 4-0 humbling by Crystal Palace in midweek, it's unlikely they will get up in time to finish in the top seven.

That seventh spot will provide a Europa Conference League slot if Manchester City beat United in the FA Cup final.

Or if United did win at Wembley AND finish in the top six, then seventh would still provide a Conference League place.

Aston Villa look to have sewn up fourth place and although Tottenham have lost four in a row to slip out of contention for that Champions League slot - they're now 11-1 to make the top four - Spurs should beat Burnley at home today at odds of 1-3.

Then after hosting Manchester City on Tuesday, a victory at relegated Sheffield United next weekend should secure Ange Postecoglou's men fifth place and a Europa League spot.

I expect leaders Arsenal to justify odds-on favouritism at 2-5 and win at Old Trafford tomorrow, which will effectively end United's top six hopes.

So that leaves Newcastle and Chelsea battling it out for the last two Euro spots. Sky Bet make Newcastle 2-5 shots to make the top six, with Chelsea next at 9-4 - but I have a hunch Mauricio Pochettino's Blues could win their last three games and edge out Toon.

It's been a difficult first season for Poch and today's opponents Nottingham Forest are still fighting

by **STEVE ANDERSON**

for points to escape relegation. But even though Chelsea are without an away win in their last five, they have lost only once in their last 12 league outings - and that was at Arsenal.

BetMGM make Forest 14-5 and the draw 59-20 but the Blues are certainly backable at evens with Betfred.

I would expect it to be tight but I'd back Chelsea to win 2-1 at odds of 9-1 with bet365.

Nicolas Jackson bagged two goals in Chelsea's 5-0 win over West Ham last time out, which should set him up nicely for today.

The Senegalese has 13 league goals to his name this term and has hit three in the last two games, so I'd fancy him at 7-4 to net at any time.

Cole Palmer simply cannot be ignored, with 10 goals in seven league games. It's no surprise he's only evens to net at any time, so I'd take 7-2 he gets the opening goal.

After today's outing, Chelsea travel to face a stuttering Brighton side and if they pick up three points there, then a home win against Bournemouth next weekend could secure sixth place.

That depends on Newcastle dropping points - which they may do when they visit Old Trafford in midweek before finishing with a tricky trip to Brentford.

First though, Toon host Brighton at St James' Park, where they are 1-2 favourites, with the Seagulls 19-4 at BetMGM for an away win while the draw is around 19-5.

Eddie Howe's men should see off Brighton with ease - they have hit four goals or more four times in their last seven league games.

Therefore Sky Bet's odds of 3-1 that they do the same here is worth a punt.

Relentless Celtic have title hat-trick within grasp

THE Scottish Premier League title is on the line at Parkhead this lunchtime.

Anything other than a win for Rangers will very likely hand the title to Celtic for a 54th time, a third straight win and 12th in 13 years.

Philippe Clement (right) has improved Rangers' fortunes this season as they embarked on a long unbeaten run, his only defeat in his first 29 games being a

by **MARK PEARSON**
BETFRED

narrow 2-1 loss in an away Old Firm clash. It looked like setting up a great title tussle but dropped points around their Europa League last-16 exit in March may cost them dear - unless they win today.

Celtic have been relentless despite a small loss of form before Christmas. They have

recovered their poise, taking 41 points from a possible 51 to hold a three-point lead ahead of the fourth Old Firm clash, with the pair still to meet in the Cup final.

Celtic are 10-11 favourites with Rangers 13-5 and the draw, which will also suit the home side, 11-4.

Celtic are unbeaten in three Old Firm clashes this season, winning two, while Rangers have just faltered

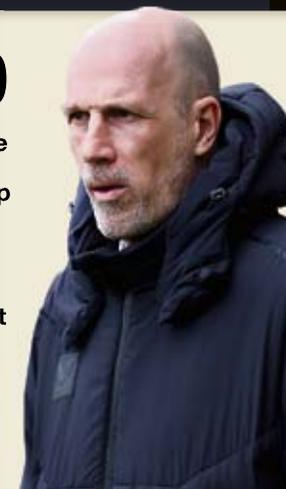
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13-8

lately. Celtic have kept just four clean sheets in their last 15 games, so goals look on the cards. Celtic to win and both teams to score at 2-1 may interest some.

Tomorrow the battle to reach the Premier League starts with the Championship play-offs.

Leeds face Norwich and are 6-4 to be promoted after missing the chance to go up automatically. After losing four of their final six matches, they are overlooked for that honour in favour of Southampton at 13-8.

The Saints won at Elland Road last weekend and are 6-4 to win the first leg against West Brom tomorrow.



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TO THE MAX: Rioja Maxi can get the job done for Kevin Hutton, who has five top fancies at Oxford today

Mac to relish trip

BALLYMAC ZARI (8.18) can step up in trip successfully to ensure a good night for local trainer Kevin Hutton with victory in the Oxford Stayers over 650m, streamed live by SIS.

Well regarded by his trainer, who made the youngster his joker in the recent Trainers Judgement Night, the recent Hove Puppy Cup runner-up can race into an unassailable lead first time over six bends.

Hutton might also be on the mark with moneyspinner **RIOJA MAXI (7.48)**, improving pup **DROOPYS FINN (8.03)**, in-form **DROOPYS HANOVER (8.33)** and his recent Laurels runner-up **JET STREAM ANGEL (9.03)** in a cracking finale over 450m.

Also fancied at the Cowley circuit is Jason Heath's **BURROWS SAPPHIRE (8.48)** who won well over C&D last week and can repeat the dose.

Monmore switches its open races from morning to evening tonight, live on the Premier Greyhound Racing service.

Best at the Wolverhampton venue are Carol Weatherall's **NEWINN SHARKY (6.32)**, Angela Harrison's **COOLAVANNY MERCY (8.21, above)**, Richie Taberner's **CROSSFIELD LARRY (8.57)** and Alan Jenkins' versatile **TABULE (9.31)**.

Doncaster also stages open races tonight with the Tom Heilbron-trained **UNTOLD RUBLE (7.08)** set to be in the money as drawn, while other fancies at the South Yorkshire venue include John Flaherty's powerful **GREENWELL HALLE (8.08)**.



by **JONATHAN HOBBS**

QUEEN JONI is the Time Greyhound Nutrition Greyhound of the Month for April after her victory in the Coral Brighton Belle at Hove for Liz and Rab McNair and owners the KSS Syndicate.

In winning the award, Derby-bound Queen Joni – she runs at Towcester tomorrow – edged out big-race winners Farneys Willie, Kilwest Ranger, Untold Dollar and Wicky Ned.

DAZL ROLEX, the Golden Jacket winner, takes on fellow heat victors Coonough Crow, Ballymac Taylor and Razldazl Amanda, his sister, plus defending champion Low Pressure in a red-hot first semi-final of the Ladbroke Kent Leger at Crayford tomorrow night.

ENTRIES for the £175,000-to-the-winner 2024 Star Sports/TRC English Greyhound Derby at Towcester close on Monday with a bumper Irish-trained entry expected given a later staging of the Irish Derby this year.

Graham Holland has won the last two Derbys with Romeo Magico and Gaytime Nemo and is well represented in tomorrow's last batch of trial stakes. His Swords Rex takes on Derby favourite King Memphis among a host of top clashes on the card.



OXFORD PM

6.47 (A4) 450m	8.03 (Open) 450m
1 6112 TA DA TIA (r) fw.....27.34	1 455 Kantohr Jack (sa ro).....00.00
2 2551 Rooftop Amy (r) ep.....27.36	2 2211 MUSKET HUNTER (r) ro.....27.19
3 4534 Dundee Joanne (md ro).....27.51	3 2412 Minnies Kharkiv (md ro).....26.85
4 3436 Jollie Mac (sa ro).....27.48	4 2341 Droopys Finn (md ro).....26.86
5 24 Berties Liz (md ep).....27.38	5 2621 Bobs Run (wd ep).....26.71
6 3343 Dark Times (sa ro).....27.32	6 2226 Rapido King (md ro).....27.46
Star betting: 9-4 Ta Da Tia, 3 Rooftop Amy, 7-2 Dark Times, 9-2 Berties Liz, 11-2 Jollie Mac, 6 Dundee Joanne.	Star betting: 11-4 Kantohr Jack, 3 Droopys Finn, Bobs Run, 4 Musket Gun, Minnies Kharkiv, 8 Rapido King.
7.02 (A2) 450m	8.18 (Open) 650m
1 6232 NOT A SCOOBY (md ep).....27.04	1 4433 Hay Bale (md ro).....40.29
2 5542 Geneva Vic (md ep).....27.08	2 2445 Hopes Melody (r) ro.....40.75
3 6162 Marston Nick (md ro).....27.09	3 1224 BALLYMAC ZARI (md ep).....00.00
4 4115 Eden Martin (md ro).....27.22	4 2542 Rooftop Ron (wd ro).....00.00
5 3513 Mustang Diva (wd ro).....27.33	5 4325 Helicopter Lena (wd ep).....40.91
6 3143 My Jersey Boy (sa ro).....27.33	6 Vacant Trap
Star betting: 11-4 Marston Nick, 3 Not A Scooby, 7-2 Geneva Vic, Eden Martin, 5 Mustang Diva, 6 My Jersey Boy.	Star betting: 5-4 Hopes Melody, 5-2 Helicopter Lena, 4 Hay Bale, 5 Rooftop Ron, 6 Ballymac Zari.
7.17 (Open) 253m	8.33 (Open) 450m
1 5543 Droopys Swag (md ro).....15.22	1 5542 Tip Top Maverick (wd ep).....26.99
2 4226 Casemiro (r) ro.....14.94	2 5624 Kilcash Jack (r) ep.....27.09
3 6543 Hopes Knight (r) fw.....15.40	3 1251 Droopys Hanover (md ro).....26.65
4 2331 My Lennie (r) ro.....15.08	4 3661 Laid Back Joe (r) ro.....26.91
5 2131 GLENHEAD TIGER (wd ro).....15.05	5 4111 UNION REBEL (nb) (md ro).....26.66
6 Vacant Trap	6 6111 Brinkleys Ginger (wd ro).....27.29
Star betting: 13-8 Hopes Knight, 7-4 My Lennie, 7-2 Glenhead Tiger, 11-2 Casemiro, 6 Droopys Swag.	Star betting: 5-2 Droopys Hanover, Union Rebel, 7-2 Laid Back Joe, 9-2 Tip Top Maverick, 11-2 Kilcash Jack, 6 Brinkleys Ginger.
7.33 (Open) 450m	8.48 (Open) 650m
1 4212 BRICKHILL MAISIE (ep r).....27.39	1 3524 Ballymac Maggie (wd ep).....00.00
2 255 Burrows Ruby (md ro).....27.48	2 412 SWIFT GIDDY (r) ep.....00.00
3 5324 Broken Curtin (md ro).....27.95	3 3452 Glenwood Thelma (md fw).....40.01
4 2144 Baran Maggie (md ep).....27.39	4 5413 Ruspers Dream (wd fw).....39.77
5 6412 Silly Old Moo (md ro).....00.00	5 1341 Burrows Sapphire (r) ep.....39.76
6 1212 Limerick Girl (r) ro.....26.88	6 Vacant Trap
Star betting: 7-4 Limerick Girl, 9-4 Broken Curtin, 9-2 Baran Maggie, Brickhill Maisie, 11-2 Burrows Ruby, 8 Silly Old Moo.	Star betting: 10-11 Swift Giddy, 2 Burrows Sapphire, 6 Ruspers Dream, Ballymac Maggie, 8 Glenwood Thelma.
7.48 (Open) 450m	9.03 (Open) 450m
1 64 6 Montana Angel (md ro).....00.00	1 2414 Kanturk Range (r) ro.....26.68
2 2126 Droopys Debonair (md ep).....27.08	2 1112 JET STREAM ANGEL (RL RO).....26.55
3 2253 Gladys All Over (md ro).....26.96	3 1343 Roadsea Gun (md ep).....26.97
4 2211 CHASING ANNA JO (md ro).....00.00	4 5133 Bit View Philly (wd ro).....26.86
5 1121 Rioja Maxi (wd ep).....26.45	5 2311 Taylors Gord (md ep).....26.76
6 Vacant Trap	6 5234 Ashwood Bocko (md ep).....00.00
Star betting: 1 Rioja Maxi, 5-2 Droopys Debonair, 11-4 Gladys All Over, 8 Chasing Anna Jo, Montana Angel.	Star betting: 2 Jet Stream Angel, 7-2 Bit View Philly, Taylors Gord, 4 Kanturk Range, 9-2 Roadsea Gun, 8 Ashwood Bocko.

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6.34 (B3) 450m	8.08 (Open) 483m
1 2523 Jinxed (r) ro.....28.15	1 Vacant Trap
2 4121 BALLYCOOLE DREAM (r) ro.....28.25	2 Links Weapon (md ro).....00.00
3 2441 Russanda Cora (md fw).....28.29	3 6422 Easy Eamon (md ep).....00.00
4 Vacant Trap	4 3213 MUCKY BUICK (ep md).....29.45
5 1524 Unknown Daisy (md ep).....28.03	5 6122 Greenwell Halle (wd ep).....00.00
6 4522 Keady Aussie (wd ep).....28.36	6 3253 Hazellhill Cocco (wd ro).....30.32
Star betting: 2 Keady Aussie, 5-2 Jinxed, 11-4 Unknown Daisy, 7-2 Ballycoole Dream, 6 Russanda Cora.	Star betting: 13-8 Hazellhill Cocco, 2 Greenwell Halle, Links Weapon, 8 Easy Eamon, Mucky Buick.
6.53 (B3) 450m	8.24 (A1) 483m
1 3222 NO COVERAGE (md fw).....28.11	1 1125 Skeard Magic (r) ro.....29.64
2 43 Tremount Sparrow (r) ro.....27.98	2 1611 Kerrydale Amos (wd ro).....29.69
3 1435 Easy McGregor (r) ro.....00.00	3 5434 Flying Ada (r) ro.....29.66
4 2253 Todays Tonic (wd ep).....00.00	4 1123 Jaggar Jacob (md ep).....29.33
5 5513 Glitter Alfie (wd fw).....27.70	5 2131 BRICK BARON (wd ep).....29.67
6 Vacant Trap	6 2131 Droopys Cozy (WD RO).....29.57
Star betting: 10-11 Untold Ruble, 2 Easy McGregor, 9-2 Glitter Alfie, 8 Todays Tonic, Tremount Sparrow.	Star betting: 6-4 Jaggar Jacob, 7-2 Brick Baron, 4 Droopys Cozy, 9-2 Kerrydale Amos, Skeard Magic, 8 Flying Ada.
7.08 (Open) 450m	8.41 (Open) 483m
1 2114 UNTOLD RUBLE (md ro).....00.00	1 3261 Emlys Superstar (r) ro.....00.00
2 43 Tremount Sparrow (r) ro.....27.98	2 1225 Keeffill Vale (r) fw.....00.00
3 1435 Easy McGregor (r) ro.....00.00	3 3441 Agile Annie (r) fw.....29.50
4 2253 Todays Tonic (wd ep).....00.00	4 2414 Keady China (md ro).....29.75
5 5513 Glitter Alfie (wd fw).....27.70	5 1143 GREENWELL GRACE (md fw).....29.48
6 Vacant Trap	6 Vacant Trap
Star betting: 10-11 Untold Ruble, 2 Easy McGregor, 9-2 Glitter Alfie, 8 Todays Tonic, Tremount Sparrow.	Star betting: 7-4 Zari Hunter, 5-2 Broken Misses, 11-4 Crispy Bacon, 4 Dick Dastardly, 6 Peggy Tashadelek.
7.23 (B1) 450m	9.13 (A3) 483m
1 2112 MAYBE SYDNEY (r) ro.....27.67	1 3445 Zari Hunter (r) ro.....30.13
2 5331 Edencurra Smoke (md ep).....27.76	2 1322 COOLEMOUNT HOLLY (md ro).....29.53
3 2115 Scatter Milo (r) ro.....27.71	3 3132 Brightstar Elle (md ro).....29.85
4 3124 Daleroad Tess (r) ro.....27.89	4 Vacant Trap
5 2232 Ballymac Levi (wd ro).....27.68	5 4421 Ballymac Levi (wd ro).....29.73
6 Vacant Trap	6 Maximum Calibre (ep wd).....00.00
Star betting: 2 Maybe Sydney, 11-4 Scatter Milo, 3 Ballymac Maker, 7-2 Daleroad Tess, 9-2 Edencurra Smoke.	Star betting: 13-8 Ballymac Levi, 2 Coolmount Holly, 3 Brightstar Elle, 4 Agile Annie, 8 Maximum Calibre.
7.38 (Open) 450m	9.28 (D3) 275m
1 3513 Todays Turbo (r) ep.....28.19	1 Vacant Trap
2 6536 Kit Man (md ep).....27.81	2 MIDTOWN IZZIE (md ep).....00.00
3 3155 Keeffill Peppa (r) ro.....28.25	3 1432 Miss Mini Lily (md ro).....17.45
4 2611 Ay Up Frederick (md ep).....28.63	4 Foxrock Brew (md ro).....00.00
5 1621 DISTANT PIPER (md ro).....28.75	5 4333 Tommys Elena (wd ro).....17.37
6 1651 Onefordotsy (sa md).....27.64	6 6652 Glitter Moon (wd ro).....17.45
Star betting: 7-4 Keeffill Peppa, 9-4 Distant Piper, 3 Todays Turbo, 5 Kit Man, 8 Ay Up Frederick, 9 Onefordotsy.	Star betting: 6-4 Foxrock Brew, 2 Glitter Moon, 5-2 Midtown Izzie, 5 Tommys Elena, 8 Miss Mini Lily.
7.53 (A2) 483m	
1 6 Brickwork Bill (r) ro.....30.52	
2 2122 ANARCHY (r) ro.....30.02	
3 5444 My Blue Boy (md ro).....29.67	
4 4544 Keady Gunner (md ro).....29.97	
5 4814 Kates Bojangle (sa ro).....30.19	
6 Vacant Trap	
Star betting: 9-4 My Blue Boy, Kates Bojangle, 10-3 Anarchy, 7-2 Keady Gunner, 4 Brickwork Bill.	

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6.32 NODUFF SAHARA (5).....Magical Drew (3)	11.31 JAGUAR COMANCHE (5).....Individual Man (6)
6.49 WERNERS ME NAME (6).....Rachel You Go (3)	11.49 SEND INTHE GREEK (5).....One Eye Jack (6)
7.09 BANGON JEREMY (1).....Coologue Pest (2)	12.08 BALLYMAC SOLAS (1).....Queen Ella (2)
7.27 MONTYS PEARL (4).....Sweet Treats (6)	12.26 CODE MAX (6).....King Morrison (4)
7.44 MAGICAL BLUEBEAR (5).....Teaboy Brownie (6)	12.46 MONEYSPIRER LAD (5).....Pennys Candy (1)
8.02 FLYHIGH ERNIE (2).....Some Talker (6)	1.04 RUFFIAN HAN (nap) (1).....Rapido Mary (2)
8.21 COOLAVANNY MERCY (4).....Barnfield Barra (3)	1.22 SIZZLING MADAM (4).....Gurtnacreehy Bono (2)
8.38 JAYCEE KAY (1).....Sette Fortunato (5)	1.42 SHEERAGHS KATE (5).....Dropsie (4)
8.57 OUTER LIMITS (4).....Boyneside Bigmac (3)	2.02 MONEYGALL LIAM (nb) (1).....Lindrick Luna (2)
9.16 WINTERFIELD TRIX (3).....Springside Lily (5)	2.22 SALEMS BEWITCHED (5).....Fairhill Run (3)
9.31 TABULE (2).....Magical Luna (1)	2.42 POLLY SNOW (1).....Lindrick Poppy (2)
9.46 HASSKONA MAGIC (2).....Bonita Girl (1)	

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RESULTS ROUND-UP

CENTRAL PARK	10.54: Flying Glenbrook (6) 5-1, Ross Diva (5) 5-1, bf: £35.62, tri: (6-5-2) £116.94, 11.09: Howmeanswy (6) 10-1, Cyclers Alison (2) 7-1, bf: £94.83, tri: (6-2-5) £394.12, 11.24: Jans Roller (1) 7-1, Ferryforth Sarah (2) 7-2, bf: £33.33, tri: (1-2-3) £74.50, 11.39: Catch My Tail (2) 11-8 fav, Shadow Warrior (4) 4-1, bf: £9.01, tri: (2-4-3) £41.65, 11.54: Dromberg Bale (6) 5-1, Mandeville Toto (3) 13-8 fav, bf: £20.47, tri: (6-3-2) £64.85, 12.09: Tintreach Tiny (1) 6-1, Moantene Lisa (5) 2-1 fav, bf: £24.74, tri: (1-5-2) £0.00, 12.24: Burnpark Glory (4) 7-2, Dance Pepper (6) 5-2, bf: £16.25, tri: (4-6-5) £62.90, 12.39: Snodland Flyer (5) 2-1, Hollyoak Mable (1) 6-1, bf: £17.34, tri: (5-1-4) £68.71, 12.54: Cuando La Reyna (4) 6-4 fav, Glasheen Mist (6) 11-4, bf: £6.99, tri: (4-6-1) £14.51, 1.08: Call You Mine (2) 6-1, Glassmoss Sal (1) 6-1, bf: £47.11, tri: (2-1-6) £120.67, 1.24: Broadway Mist (6) 4-1, Giveusagin (5) 11-4, bf: £18.17, tri: (6-5-3) £42.56, 1.39: Rosstemple Mo (2) 11-8 fav, Kereight Sam (4) 13-8, bf: £4.10, tri: (2-4-3) £0.00.	1.51: Dece Green (2) 15-8 fav, Flowerpot Fire (4) 2-1, bf: £6.67, tri: (2-4-5) £0.00, 2.09: Highbury Gold (5) 3-1, Foxy Biscuit (1) 7-4 fav, bf: £10.78, tri: (5-1-3) £0.00, 2.29: Granree Jessie (1) 15-8 fav, Faraway Sunset (4) 5-2, bf: £7.50, tri: (1-4-5) £0.00, 2.49: Saltees Suzi (3) 6-1, Mollies First (5) 5-2, bf: £30.25, tri: (3-5-6) £65.22, 3.07: Snoozing Star (4) 4-6 fav, Angel Whisper (2) 11-4, bf: £3.34, tri: (4-2-6) £0.00, 3.27: Vital Last Hit (2) 7-4 fav, Roseville Rose (1) 4-1, NR: Killeheen Bridie (res), bf: £9.57, tri: (2-1-4) £0.00, 3.47: Aero Penny (5) 7-2, Roseville Adelaide (1) 11-4, bf: £15.45, tri: (5-1-3) £0.00, 4.06: Telex Pretty (4) 5-1, Glenshee (5) 13-8, bf: £20.56, tri: (4-5-3) £0.00, 4.24: Graphics Gallery (3) 5-2, Crossfield Breda (4) 4-5 fav, bf: £5.52, tri: (3-4-2) £0.00, 4.42: Gringos On Tune (5) 11-4, Endova Dancer (1) 5-1, bf: £21.10, tri: (5-1-6) £0.00, 4.59: Freewill Weston (5) 10-1, Rusty Blue (6) 4-1, bf: £54.66, tri: (5-6-4) £159.50, 5.19: Ascot Maisie (2) 10-3, Slowlane Slippy (5) 7-4 fav, bf: £12.69, tri: (2-5-3) £0.00.
HOVE	10.47: Doona Dixie (5) 5-1, Sporting Pegasus (2) 11-4, bf: £24.11, tri: (5-2-1) £0.00, 11.02: Candolim Oasis (1) 5-2, Baffled (2) 4-1, bf: £13.10, tri: (1-2-4) £65.12, 11.17: Market Group (2) 13-8 fav, Sharp Star (6) 11-4, bf: £7.38, tri: (2-4-1) £0.00, 11.32: Gert Majesty (3) 15-8, Glory Tiger (2) 7-4 fav, bf: £5.88, tri: (3-2-6) £19.02, 11.47: Diegos Manna (2) 5-4 fav, Punk Rock Harley (1) 10-3, bf: £6.83, tri: (2-1-3) £0.00, 12.02: Darbys Gem (2) 11-8 fav, Smooth As Satin (1) 5-2, bf: £5.78, tri: (2-1-4) £0.00, 12.17: Ballymac Lolls (1)	
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