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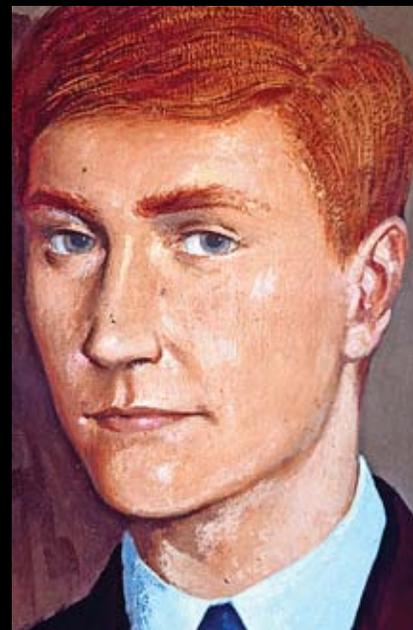
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EXCLUSIVE

BIBLE JOHN



DOUBLE Templeton and, right, artist's impression of Bible John



UNMASKED

» Author names new suspect in mystery of infamous serial killer

» DNA family link identifies former printer as murderer

A NEW suspect in the Bible John murders has been identified after being linked to the cold case through DNA, the Sunday Mail can reveal.

BY NORMAN SILVESTER sketch of the killer, has been named as the alleged murderer of Helen Puttock, one of three victims in the 60s. Templeton, who died in 2015, had a family link to a former prime suspect.

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KATE TO SEE YOU

THE Princess of Wales yesterday made her first royal appearance since revealing her cancer diagnosis, as she returned to public life at Trooping the Colour.

Kate joined members of the Royal Family to watch a spectacular flypast by the RAF as she stood on the Buckingham Palace balcony flanked by the King, her husband, Prince William, and three children.

In a symbolic gesture from the monarch, Kate stood next to Charles, 76, who is also battling cancer – a change from last year's arrangement when her husband was next to him.

Thousands of well-wishers braved the rain as early as 8am to get a glimpse of Kate, 42, and the rest of the royals as they began the traditional ceremony to honour the King's official birthday.

But despite the King's show of strength and all the pomp and ceremony of the event, which included more than 1200 soldiers and musicians, plus more than 200 horses, it was undoubtedly Kate who stole the show.

The flypast began as senior royals came out on to the balcony – with Charles and Camilla followed by Kate and William and their children George, 10, Charlotte, nine, and Louis, six. Kate then leant over to speak to Charles, who laughed at something she said.

During the day she was surrounded by other members of the family,

with her husband, the Prince of Wales, Colonel of the Welsh Guards, on horseback, as were the Princess Royal, Colonel Blues and Royals, and the Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel Scots Guards.

FLYPAST The senior royals on Buckingham Palace balcony



Trooping puts colour back into cheeks of princess as she returns to public life

BY PATRICK HILL

The King rode in a carriage with the Queen, a departure from last year because of his illness, and inspected the officers and guardsmen on Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall from the coach rather than from a horse.

The future queen did not join senior family members on a platform during the ceremony at Horse Guards Parade and instead watched from the Duke of Wellington's former office with her three children.

Louis was pictured yawning, trying to

open a window and dancing to the military music.

Garrison Sergeant Major Andrew Stokes who helped plan Trooping praised Kate, saying: "I think it's such a nice thing for the Princess of Wales to come and attend today."

“It's such a nice thing for her to come and attend”

GARRISON SGT MAJOR ANDREW STOKES

He added: "It's the closest thing we get in the United Kingdom to a national day, so all of that makes it incredibly special."

Kate was admitted to hospital on January 16 for major abdominal surgery and post-operative tests confirmed the presence of cancer.

She started chemotherapy in February and is not expected to return to full-time royal duties until she has fully recovered.

SPARK Kate watches the spectacular but yawning Louis seems less impressed at times



INFO

WEATHER

Today
Sunday:
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Outlook
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Dumfries	18	8	showers	Athens	30	86	sunny	
Dundee	16	10	showers	Barbados	31	88	fair	
Edinburgh	17	10	showers	Barcelona	22	72	sunny	
Glasgow	18	10	showers	Belfast	12	54	shwrs	
Hawick	16	9	drizzle	Canaries	25	77	sunny	
Inverness	15	10	rain	Costa Del Sol	30	86	sunny	
Lerwick	13	10	rain	Dublin	13	55	shwrs	
Oban	14	10	drizzle	Lisbon	21	70	sunny	
Perth	18	10	rain	London	15	59	shwrs	
St Andrews	16	10	showers	Los Angeles	21	70	sunny	
Stirling	18	10	rain	Majorca	25	77	sunny	
Stornoway	13	9	showers	New York	29	84	fair	
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ECO VESSELS COST TAXPAYERS £500k

EXCLUSIVE BY JENNIFER HYLAND

TAXPAYERS have shelled out £500,000 in four months to maintain a fleet of eco ferries which already cost £34.4million to build.

The hydro ferries, which run short routes on the west coast, have been hit with fuel and engine issues that led to hundreds of cancelled sailings and battery replacements – costing £2.5million for two of the three vessels.

The Scottish Government-owned operator CalMac spent between £10million and £12.3million on each of the three ferries after being built at the state-owned Ferguson Marine shipyard on the Clyde.

At the time similar vessels cost £4million.

Earlier this year we told how between December 2012 – when the first ship was launched – and May 2023, the cost of maintenance and repairs totalled £6,486,546.

Now in the first four months of 2024, taxpayers were billed an extra £564,732 to repair and maintain the three ferries.

Lib Dem North East Fife MSP Willie Rennie said islanders had been let down by the SNP government.

He added: "From painted-on windows to huge delays and overspends, the SNP's legacy on ferries is farcical and their credibility is gone."

Freedom of information figures show that between January 1 and April 30, total costs for the MV Lochinvar, which operates between Fishnish and Lochaline in Argyll, were £408,790.

The MV Hallaig provides a service between Sconser on Skye to the isle of Raasay. Repairs between January and April cost £134,848.

Costs for maintenance and repairs for the MV Catriona in the same period were £21,094. It does the 90-minute trip between Lochranza on Arran and Tarbert, Loch Fyne.

Latest figures also reveal that 167 sailings on the MV Lochinvar have been

Away with the ferries



CHOPPY WATERS
Mechanical issues on MV Lochinvar's have seen 167 sailings cancelled

“The SNP's legacy on delivering ferries is farcical”
WILLIE RENNIE SCOTS LIB DEM LEADER

Soaring cost of maintaining £34m state-of-the-art hydro vessels plagued by fuel and engine issues



NOT SURPRISED
Willie Rennie

cancelled since launch, as well as 41 on the MV Hallaig, due to mechanical issues and 185 on the MV Catriona.

We told how MV Hallaig was running on diesel only because its electric battery was broken, with a £1.5million refit under way. The MV Catriona is also having a £1million battery replacement and refurbishment, less than 10 years after launch.

Alfred Baird, ex-director of the Maritime Transport Research Group at Napier University, was consulted on

the ferries and claimed a total running cost of 259 per cent more than diesel.

Taxpayers also spent £3.5million on wages for crew on one of Scotland's delayed ferries, the MV Glen Sannox, in 2022 despite it not carrying a passenger.

The ship, along with the Glen Rosa, was due to be handed over in 2018. The cost has grown from £97million to £360million.

CalMac claimed an underspend of £133,726 in the 2023-24 overhaul costs for the MV Hallaig reduced

the bill over the four-month period to £299,979.

Craig Ramsay, CalMac's fleet management director, said: "These are average costs. To put these figures into context, we spent £43million on the maintenance of all vessels within the CalMac fleet in 2023.

"While some of these costs were spent on unplanned repairs, the vast majority was on planned maintenance, both in service and during annual dry dockings."

YOUSAF LAYS INTO SUNAK ON GAZA

FORMER first minister Humza Yousaf has slammed PM Rishi Sunak for a "lack of humanity" over the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

BY CONRAD LANDIN
vention since resigning in May, he called for a ceasefire in the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Yousaf said: "Let me say to Sunak, your lack of humanity is a disgrace to

the office you hold. Where is your humanity when hospitals are bombed?"

"Where is your humanity when incubators have to be turned off and babies die because of the Israeli siege? Where is your

humanity when refugee camps are bombed?"

He also called on Labour leader Keir Starmer to halt all arms sales to Israel if he becomes prime minister next month "if you have an ounce of humanity."



SPEECH Humza Yousaf



TALKS PM and Zelensky
Sunak takes aim at Putin war support

BY DAVID HUGHES

RISHI Sunak has warned Russia's allies they are "on the wrong side of history" during a major international summit on Ukraine.

The Prime Minister, who met Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky at the event in Switzerland, criticised countries who are supplying arms and components for Vladimir Putin's war effort.

Sunak said: "They are placing themselves on the side of the aggressor – and on the wrong side of history. Putin has no interest in a genuine peace."

Dozens of heads of state and governments attended the peace summit at a resort overlooking Lake Lucerne but Russia was not invited and Putin said it is "just another ploy to divert everyone's attention".



BEASTLY Cow is felled
Fury as cops ram runaway cow with car

BY HELEN WILLIAM

THE Home Secretary has asked for a "full, urgent explanation" as to why officers appeared to use a police SUV to ram an escaped cow.

James Cleverly hit out after footage appeared online which showed the cow in a street in Staines, Surrey, being hit twice by a police car.

The cow gets to its feet after the first strike before being mowed down again.

Cleverly tweeted: "I can think of no reasonable need for this action. I've asked for a full, urgent explanation for this."

Conservationist Chris Packham asked: "What sort of monster rams a calf?"

Surrey Police said the cow had been running loose on main roads and it was now being treated for a cut to its leg.

TYCOON'S PRESTWICK 'BUY-OUT' SCANDAL

Turbulence over taxpayers' wage for airport boss in takeover plot

BY JOHN FERGUSON
 Political Editor

THE former chairman of nationalised Prestwick Airport was paid up to £504 a day by the Scottish Government - while also working on his own bid to buy the facility.

Millionaire businessman Forsyth Black is at the centre of conflict of interest claims after it emerged he is fronting a takeover attempt.

First Minister John Swinney is now facing questions over why he was allowed to continue in the role of chairman for a number of weeks after the scandal came to light on January 10.

Graham Simpson, Tory MSP for Central Scotland, said: "If this is true then it's a very serious matter and the Scottish Government would need to explain why it was allowed to happen. There is no way that anyone should be getting paid by the government while also working on a bid to take over a government-owned business."

At a Holyrood committee meeting in December 2023 Black admitted having knowledge of alternative bids that were not passed on to ministers. He said senior management had not been given full information on bids because they could be "very distracting".

When Black was asked how many bids had been received in total, and then passed to the Scottish Government with a recommendation for sale, he added: "During my time as chair, no bids have been passed to the government."

"We have received a small number of bids during my time as chair but none has passed every test that is required."

During the same meeting, Black said a new bid was in the process of being assessed, stating: "We will put the bid through the filter and make a recommendation."

In was only in March this year - a few weeks after Black quit as chairman without explanation - that



CONCERNED Tory Graham Simpson



BACK IN PROFIT Prestwick Airport

Chief paid up to £504 a day as he worked on bid



ROW Black, left, Forbes, right, and Swinney, below



it emerged he had joined with Onex Corporation to bid for the airport himself.

Black's LinkedIn page states that he joined Onex in June 2022, just seven months after being named by economy minister Kate Forbes as chairman at Prestwick.

It is unclear at what point Onex and Black began hatching a plan

to buy the airport themselves, but Scottish Government officials have insisted they knew nothing about it until January 10 this year.

A Scottish Government source said: "The Public Sector Pay Strategy specifies that chairs of public corporations should be paid between £344 and £504 per day."

"Forsyth Black's daily rate fell within this range and was capped at the equivalent of 30 days per annum."

"Scottish Government ministers were made aware of an Expression of Interest to

purchase Prestwick Airport which Forsyth Black was representing on January 10, at which point he stepped back from operational matters before resigning from the board.

"There is no connection with any previous Expression of Interest or bid received in the past."

After years of losses Prestwick returned to profit in recent years and made £2.1million in 2023 thanks to its military work and Ryanair maintenance and repair facility.

Scottish Government will need to explain why this was allowed to happen TORY MSP GRAHAM SIMPSON

EXCLUSIVE DNA BREAKTHROUGH TO Half a century of suspects

A NUMBER of men have been suspects over 55 years. All were cleared.

JOHN EDGAR

In 2005, ex-detective Les Brown revealed two years after Helen Puttock's murder that he lifted a man rowing with a woman he met. John Edgar even offered a DNA test.

HARRY WYLLIE

In 1983 Glasgow central heating contractor Harry

Wyllie told police he believed an old school pal resembled the artist's impression. He was quizzed but ruled out.

POLICE OFFICER

In his book *Dancing with the Devil*, Paul Harrison claimed that Bible John was a police officer.

Jean noticed a man who resembled the killer during a visit to Partick station for identity parades. But the officer had alibis.

PETER TOBIN

The serial killer was cleared following a DNA test.

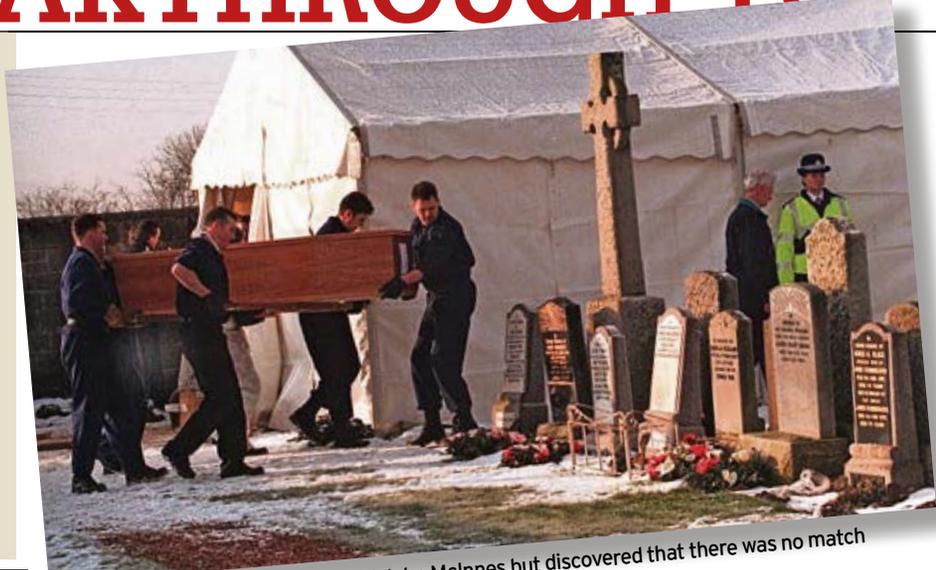
Police found he was on honeymoon in Brighton when Jemima MacDonald was murdered.

JOHN McINNES

He was quizzed 72 hours after Helen's death. The cops exhumed his body in 1996 but the results were inconclusive. He took his own life in 1980.



EXHUMED John McInnes



PROBE Police exhumed the body of John McInnes but discovered that there was no match

A NEW suspect in the Bible John murders has been identified for the first time after being linked to the cold case through DNA.

BY **NORMAN SILVESTER**

Former printer John Templeton has been named as the alleged killer of Helen Puttock, one of three women murdered in Glasgow in the 60s.

Templeton, who died in 2015 aged 70, has been put in the frame after an investigation showed he shared a DNA profile and family connection to a former prime suspect, John Irvine McInnes.

And the author of a book investigating the 55-year-old case has uncovered other evidence that Templeton, quizzed by the original murder squad detectives, could be the killer.

Australian author Jill Bavin-Mizzi said: "I'm 100 per cent convinced John Templeton is Bible John. The circumstantial evidence is so weighty it would be a mathematical impossibility for it not to be Templeton."

It would also mean the killer gave his real name and details to the only witness in the case, Jean Langford, Helen's sister.

Jill traced Templeton after looking at the ancestry of McInnes, identified as a suspect in 1996 after a cold case review.

The former soldier, from Stonehouse, Lanarkshire, who took his own life in 1980, had been interviewed about the murder of Helen, 29, in 1969 then was ruled out as a suspect.

But DNA later obtained from Helen's clothes bore comparisons to samples provided by his siblings Jane and Hector. However, when McInnes' body was exhumed from Stonehouse Cemetery in 1996 there was no conclusive match.

Australian experts confirmed DNA can pass through generations and an examination of the McInnes family tree led Jill to John Templeton, born in 1945.

Jill said: "The name John Templeton exists among the ancestors of Hector and Janet McInnes, siblings whose DNA samples share patterns with the DNA profile from the semen stain on Helen's stockings."

"I was fortunate to find well-

mented genealogical records for the McInnes family. I realised the killer had likely used his real name when he introduced himself to Helen and Jeannie that night in the Barrowland Ballroom.

"Templeton's age, height and hair colouring fits the description of the suspect. He was also definitely a foster child, as police suspected the killer was."

"To me Bible John was not a regular at the Barrowland. He went to murder women. These were not impulse killings."

Helen's body was found on October 31, 1969, at the back of a tenement in Earl Street in Scotstoun, where she lived with her two children and husband. She had been last seen by Jean when the sisters shared a taxi with a man Helen had met in the city's Barrowland.

The body of Jemima MacDonald, 31, had been found in a derelict flat in MacKeith Street, Bridgeton, near where she lived, three months earlier.

Patricia Docker, 25, had been found in a lane near her Langside Place home in Glasgow's south side in February 1968. All three were mums of young children and menstruating at the time. Police would link all three.

Jill, 62, has published the allegations in her book *Bible John A New Suspect* after tracking down his ex-wife. She gave Jill a picture that bears an incredible likeness to the artist's impression created by George Lennox Paterson, from information provided by Jean.

She said: "It is clear Templeton's jawline, the length of his chin, the distance between his mouth and tip of his nose and length of his nose are all comparable to Paterson's portrait of Bible John."

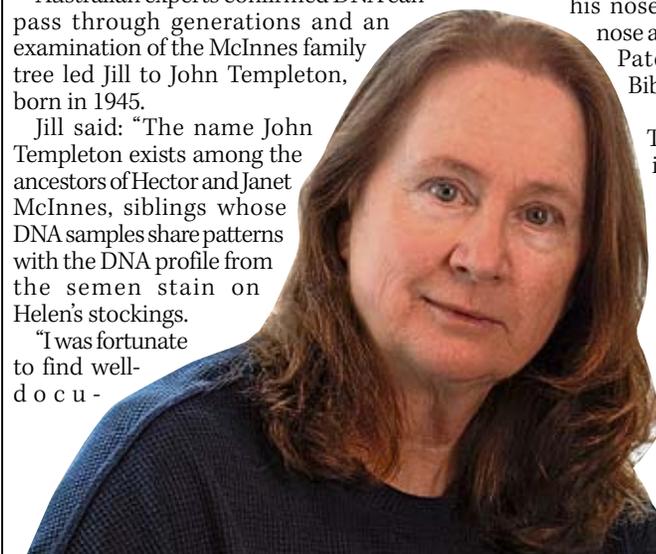
She revealed that Templeton was interviewed by police six months after Helen's murder but never reinterviewed or put in an identity parade.

Jean, who died in 2010, told police the suspect had called himself John and given the surname Templeton or Sempleson. The man told Helen and her sister

Former printer John Templeton has been named as the alleged killer of Helen Puttock, one of three women murdered in Glasgow in the 60s.



VICTIMS Jemima, Patricia and Helen. Below, author Jill



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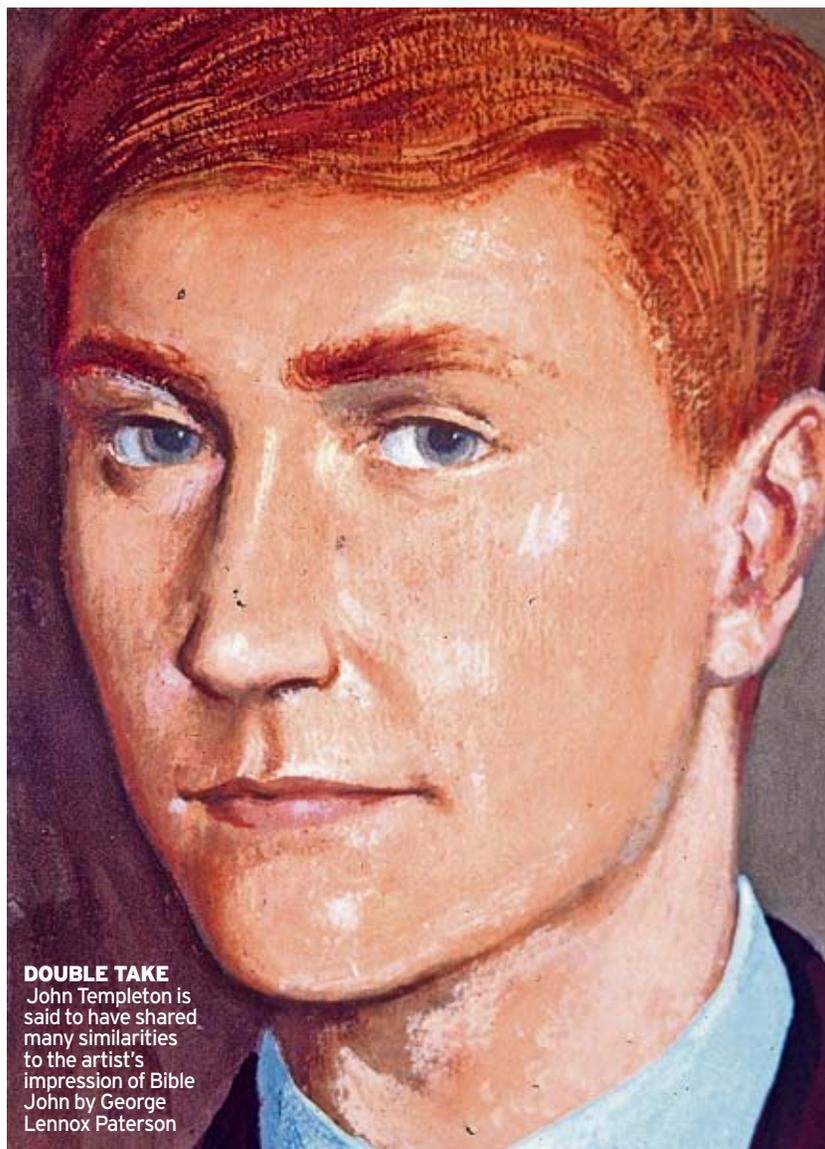
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IDENTITY OF SERIAL KILLER



DOUBLE TAKE
John Templeton is said to have shared many similarities to the artist's impression of Bible John by George Lennox Paterson

The clues that say he's the right man

These are the eight startling similarities that link John Templeton to the man in the taxi described by Helen Puttock's sister Jean, the only witness.

- The alleged killer told Jean his name was John and gave Templeton or Sempleson as his surname.
- Templeton has a genealogical connection to Hector and Janet McInnes, brother and sister of the previous prime suspect John Irvine McInnes. Their DNA bears striking similarities to semen stains found on Helen's clothing which led to the exhumation of McInnes.
- In the taxi, Bible John pointed to an ex-children's home, leading police to believe he may have been fostered. Templeton was a foster child who lived near a former orphanage.
- Templeton fits the description Jean gave of the well-spoken killer with sandy coloured hair

I am 100 per cent certain I've found the real Bible John

Author earmarks lookalike former printer as infamous murderer of the 60s

he worked in a lab. Templeton was a printer who after an apprenticeship became a compositor or typesetter.

Templeton was also tall, with sandy-coloured hair, and matched the age profile given by Jean.

Dental analysis of a photo has led Jill to believe Templeton had the killer's overlapping tooth and another missing. He had been fostered as a child to a family in Dumbarton Road in Yoker, Glasgow.

In the taxi, Bible John had even identified the site of the former children's home.

Helen's sister Jean told police that in

the taxi back to Scotstoun, the killer had used biblical phrases which led to him later being dubbed Bible John.

Jill discovered Templeton had married in August 1969, before the second murder and moved to the north Kelvinside area.

She tracked down his ex-wife and travelled to Scotland to meet her in 2022. The woman gave Jill a photo of her husband from 1967, the year before the murders began. Templeton's ex, now 82, who met him in the city's Majestic Ballroom, was married to him until 1974.

The pair had no children. She confirmed he had been questioned by detectives in

1969 but added: "I had no suspicions whatsoever. I lived with the man for five years, I slept with the man, you know everything about him."

Templeton's death was registered by his ex-partner Margaret Murphy, who lived in Baillieston, Glasgow.

Her 51-year-old engineer son Robert Murphy said he was "very shocked" by the claims.

Jill believes police should investigate Templeton, even though he was cremated, by getting DNA from possessions he left.

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: "The murders of Helen Puttock, Jemima

McDonald and Patricia Docker remain unresolved.

"However, as with all unresolved cases, they are subject to review and any new information about their deaths will be investigated."

Former detective superintendent David Swindle, who carried out two reviews of the inquiry, said: "I don't believe, in my professional opinion and the evidence that is available, that the same person is involved in all three murders."

Bible John A New Suspect by Jill Bavin-Mizzi is published by Europe Books and can be purchased online.



NAMED MAN Death certificate of Templeton

as well as the age and profile.

● A photograph of Templeton taken a year before the killings bears a striking resemblance to the police sketch.

● Templeton is believed to have had slightly overlapping front teeth and another upper tooth missing.

● Templeton was very familiar with the area where Helen was killed.

● Templeton was spoken to by murder squad detectives six months after Helen Puttock's murder.



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'KIT BAN' Carson, Morven, Jessica, Felix and Emie

Pupils told to get rid of team tops, mum claims

BY **NORMAN SILVESTER**

A MUM was left furious after her children were told to cover up the Scotland tops they wore to school ahead of the Euro 24 kick-off.

Sonia Whelan's two children had worn the national team's shirt to school on Friday in support of Scotland who were playing Germany that night.

However the 37-year-old, from Edinburgh, claims her son Felix, 10, was told to remove the top and then had to sit for lessons in a black T-shirt.

The mum of two says her eight-year-old daughter Emie was also told to cover up as was her cousin Carson, also eight, and two classmates. Morven and Jessica.

Sonia, who works in early learning, says she contacted bosses at Clermiston Primary in Edinburgh after being informed by her children when she picked them up.

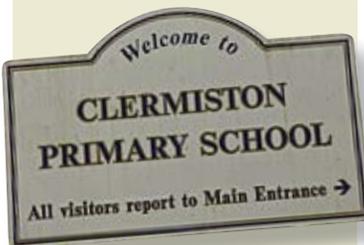
She said: "My son was a bit embarrassed about it. I emailed the headteacher asking why they were not allowed to wear a national top when the team was playing."

"I was genuinely shocked when my son told me that he had been taken out of class and it made me quite angry that he was singled out."

"I am absolutely gobsmacked that we live in Scotland and can't support our national team and my child can't wear the national top."

"I feel it is quite unfair given that we are meant to be inclusive and celebrate other cultural celebrations."

Clermiston Primary was contacted for comment.



VEIL AND ALE Daniela Winter-Jung's hen night takes a novel turn

BY **PAUL DRURY** and **RYAN CARROLL**

THE Tartan Army remained hopeful yesterday ahead of Scotland's match with Switzerland despite a crushing defeat against Germany.

Following the gloom of Friday's opening match of the Euros, when Steve Clarke's team were thumped by the hosts at the Allianz Arena, a hint of optimism began to emerge again among fans in Munich.

Supporters proudly turned out wearing their kilts as they milled around the German city discussing the many things that went wrong in the 5-1 defeat.

Scotland are set to take on Switzerland on Wednesday and later Hungary. Qualification is still possible but they need to avoid defeat to stay in with a chance of progressing through the group.

Yesterday, some fans headed on to Cologne for the second game of the Euro adventure and remained defiant that Scotland would bounce back.

Lynsey Thomson, 35, from Rannich in the Highlands, and her mum, Gail Gibson, 63, from Edinburgh, were waving off Douglas Martin, 62, and his son Jack, 29, as the pair headed off to Cologne.

Lynsey, who works for a camper van company, said: "I think we'll bounce back, though. It's a big learning curve."

"We're heading home after this one but my uncle and cousin are heading to Cologne now. Munich's broken us."

Gail added: "We always knew Germany was going to be the toughest game so we need to get the results against Switzerland and Hungary now."

Munich's largest station was abuzz with the Tartan Army as some Scots prepared to board a train through the rolling hills on to the second stunning German city.

Jamie Paterson, a paramedic from Dingwall, was en route with pals Kevin Campbell, Neil Dingwall and Scott Sutherland.

Jamie, 51, said: "We just didn't get close enough to them on Friday night. We let them play and gave them too much of the ball. The fans showed enough passion but I don't think the players did."

"We were at the match and the atmosphere was amazing before the game but it was a bit flat at the end. The fans weren't happy at all."

"We need four points now so we know exactly what we need to do. We can still get out the group."

After weeks of excitement ahead of

REFLECTION
Going through the emotions in a Munich fanzone
Pictures: Ross Turpie and Paul Drury



MOVING ON Jamie Paterson, Kevin Campbell, Scott Sutherland and Neil Dingwall



BOUNCING BACK Gail Gibson and daughter Lynsey Thomson

Tartan Army on march for clash No2 in Cologne

the Euros kick-off, fans, some of whom, have spent thousands of pounds travelling to the tournament in Munich.

Some took to the streets again to drink in what was on offer at a mini Oktoberfest, not deterred by the devastating result. "Brauertag" is the

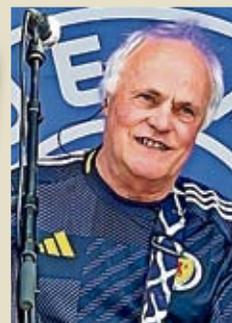
day Bavarians celebrate beer purity laws dating back to 1487.

Munich's main square, which had been party central for Scotland fans on Friday ahead of the match, was transformed into a colourful showcase for the region's most successful export.

Horses and giant carts from breweries such as Paulaner and

Daniela Winter-Jung

SCOTS FANS BOWED BUT NEVER BEATEN



SPIRIT Ted Christopher

Serenade for 20,000 by Ted in biggest gig

MUSICIAN Ted Christopher hailed one of his biggest ever gigs for the Tartan Army before Scotland's Euros opener against Germany on Friday.

Ted, from Stirling, has been entertaining Scotland fans with gigs before international matches home and away since 1990.

He performed for 20,000 supporters in Munich's huge Olympiapark Fan Zone on Friday evening as the Tartan Army got in a party mood ahead of the big match.

While the match itself left some fans deflated, many were still raving about Ted's rousing gig as the highlight of the day.

Ted's set, which ranged from Caledonia, Loch Lomond and Flower of Scotland to You Cannae Shove Your Granny Aff the Bus, even got the Germans dancing.

And Ted insisted entertaining the Tartan Army must be the next best thing to playing for the national team.

He said: "I'm told there were 20,000 in the crowd and the great majority of them were Scots. I've been putting on gigs for the Tartan Army since 1990 but that would be one of the biggest I've done."

"It's incredible up there with everybody singing along. It's probably the next best thing to playing football for Scotland."

"The comments I get are very humbling but at the end of the day I'm just one of the Tartan Army."

Ted will play in Cologne tomorrow and Tuesday before Scotland take on Switzerland in the city on Wednesday.

OPTIMISTIC Robert Thomson and Charlie Graham

ROLL ON THE SWISS

Lowenbrau rolled into the Marienplatz, which was stocked with thousands of bottles of beer for thirsty locals.

Unfortunately for them, the Scots were in town too and by lunchtime, the Marienplatz had been drunk dry.

Brothers-in-law Robert Thomson and Charlie Graham, from Bathgate, enjoyed a refreshment in the aptly named Weinstrasse (Wine Street).

Charlie, 61, vowed: "This is not over yet. No one really expected us to win against Germany so we should not be too down-hearted."

"A win and a draw in the next two games will definitely take us through." Robert,

70, added: "We are going to Cologne and then on to Stuttgart."

"We have every reason to believe that this tournament is still very much alive."

Scotland fans did much for international relations by celebrating with a German bride-to-be in the Marienplatz.

Veil-wearing Daniela Winter-Jung was visiting Munich from her home in Donauwoerth, a picturesque town on the River Danube, with a crowd of her "hens".

The 43-year-old said: "These Scottish guys are so much fun. They are not afraid to sing and dance in public."

She also led a crowd in a rendition of the England Three Lions anthem Football's Coming Home. Openreach engineer Barry McGillivray, from Perth, used a

Nessie-style hat to try to go unnoticed in the city centre.

The 42-year-old said: "I still believe. A German victory was a bit of a given."

"I didn't expect the size of the win, to be honest, but we are ready to go again against Switzerland and Hungary."

Many fans were unhappy with arrangements at several official fanzones in Munich.

The main one in the city centre, Marienplatz, was cancelled over fears the tourist hot spot was becoming dangerously overcrowded.

And at the 25,000-capacity Olympic Park, the ones lucky enough to get in faced queues of more than an hour for a cup of beer.

Responding to complaints about low beer stocks in the home of brewing, Peter Inselkammer, Munich's head of economic development, defended his

city's preparations. He told BBC News: "Yes, there is enough beer. Think of Oktoberfest - that's seven million visitors with nine million litres of beer."

"So we are used to having guests who are very thirsty."

Munich Police yesterday posted on social media: "Special thanks to Scottish fans, who created a special atmosphere over the last few days."

"Good luck at Euro 2024 and happy travelling. Cheers."

The force confirmed there were no serious incidents in the city involving anyone from Scotland.

More than 10million people tuned into watch the kick-off match between Germany and Scotland on ITV on Friday, the highest peak audience of any opening match of a major tournament in a decade.



BEER BOSS Inselkammer

“
We need four points. We know exactly what we need to do to get out of the group
”
FAN JAMIE PATERSON REMAINS POSITIVE

ELECTION 2024

OUT OF



PLANS Sir Keir Starmer

Scots MPs 'will be at heart of government'

IAN Murray has insisted Scottish MPs will be key to an incoming Labour administration.

He said: "Every single Scottish Labour MP elected will sit on the government benches at the heart of the next Labour government and Keir Starmer has said that Scotland will be a key driving force.

"Of course the more Scottish voices that we have in key departments making decisions as ministers is something we all aspire to but let's not forget people need to win first and they are working very hard to do that.

"The big choice for people in this election is - do they want a Scottish MP making decisions around ministerial tables or do they want an SNP MP shouting from the sidelines and not being heard?

"I don't think the formation of a UK Labour government will be based on the geography of where people are, it will be a meritocracy and based on who can do the best job.

"Scotland is not some kind of after-thought or outpost, it will be at the heart of the government."

Power-grab claim blast

THE SNP has accused Labour of a devolution "power-grab" over claims strategic funding could be controlled through the Scotland Office.

Murray said: "Scotland has two governments and regardless of who those governments are they should be working together to improve the lives of everyone in Scotland.

"There will be extra money for Scotland but people talking about power grabs have failed in the first test of putting the people of Scotland first."

BY JOHN FERGUSON
Political Editor

THE MP set to become Scotland's most influential Labour cabinet minister was banging doors on the campaign trail as SNP top brass partied at the Euros.

Shadow Scottish Secretary Ian Murray gave up his ticket to the national side's opening match against Germany on Friday to concentrate on helping his party back into power in its former heartlands on July 4.

His actions were in stark contrast to SNP Westminster leader Stephen Flynn and First Minister John Swinney who were pictured kilted in Munich knocking back pints before the match, while Culture Secretary Angus Robertson donned lederhosen for selfies with the Tartan Army.

The dad of one, who for years served in Edinburgh South as his party's only MP after Labour were annihilated by the SNP in the wake of the 2014 independence referendum, said: "The opportunity and the privilege to work to form a government with Scottish Labour MPs at its heart is my only focus.

"While I am hugely disappointed not to be in Munich with the rest of the 200,000 Tartan Army foot soldiers, the chance to get into government and improve the lives of millions of Scottish people is a much greater goal for me at the moment."

In an exclusive interview with the Sunday Mail Murray accused the SNP of hammering Scottish workers with extra income tax to pay for government incompetence, and vowed Labour would work to cut rates across the UK.

He insisted Labour will raise the money to fund better public services by instead targeting oil and gas giants, private schools and super-rich non-doms.

He said: "The Conservatives have responded to the worst cost of living crisis in a generation by giving people the highest tax burden in 80 years, and the Scottish Government has then stepped in and said, 'Hold my beer' before putting tax up even higher and making the situation even worse.

"Nobody should be paying more tax to shore up an incompetent government but that's what we have seen across the UK - people are paying for getting worse.

"Workers don't mind paying more tax if they are getting more in return but they do mind paying more and getting less - tax is important to people in this election, they feel like they are getting squeezed until the pips squeak while public services are going downhill and that is not good enough."

Scottish Government changes to income tax bands mean Scottish workers earning more than about £28,000 pay more than those in the rest of the UK.

The additional sum rises from £10 extra at the lowest end to

TIME OUT
Swinney
pictured
hitting town
in Munich



“The Tories are lying about Labour's tax plans”

IAN MURRAY SAYS WE NEED STABLE ECONOMY



SERVICE Ian Murray and, right, canvassing in Barrhead, near Glasgow, with Blair McDougall

Labour's Murray concentrates on the



£1542 more for those on £50,000 a year, while those on a £150,000 salary pay £6000 extra.

The SNP has defended the higher rates and insisted it is those with the broadest shoulders paying some more to make sure public services are properly

funded. But Murray said: "You see that in our manifesto there's going to be tax rises but we are clear about where they will be - there will be an increase in the tax on the excessive profits of oil and gas companies, removing tax exemptions from private schools, and ending non-dom status for very wealthy individuals.

"This will be aimed specifically at putting extra money into our public services.

"What the SNP and the Tories have done is to put up tax on ordinary people in order to fill a black hole created by their own incompetence.

"In Scotland the list is endless - from NHS agency spending to botched ferry contracts to aluminium smelters in Fort

MP SLAMS NATS AND TORIES

DEUTSCH



OWN GOAL
Angus Robertson in lederhosen



AWAY GAME
Flynn and Swinney



NO SHOW A march for Scottish independence proved an even bigger flop than the national team on the pitch in Munich yesterday when only 29 people turned up



DETERRENT Gallacher

Top Tory Gallacher blasts Nats over nukes

THE Scottish Conservatives have criticised the SNP's opposition to Trident, the UK's nuclear deterrent.

Deputy leader Meghan Gallacher was yesterday in Helensburgh, near the Faslane naval base - home to the UK's submarine fleet.

Gallacher highlighted a GMB union report outlining jobs that rely on the base - 6500 military and civilian staff and 4000 in the local economy and supply chain.

She said: "The Scottish Conservatives are the only party truly committed to retaining our nuclear deterrent - along with the 11,000 jobs it supports in and around Faslane.

"Global security is as fragile today as it has been in decades, given Russia's appalling invasion of Ukraine and the deepening conflict in the Middle East.

"Now, more than ever, we require the security of a nuclear deterrent and yet the SNP recklessly oppose Trident while many in Scottish Labour and in Keir Starmer's frontbench team, including his deputy Angela Rayner, share their hostility.

"They would happily put our national security at risk and threaten livelihoods in Helensburgh and beyond."

She added: "Constituents in Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber know that only our superb local candidate, Amanda Hampsey, will stand up for those whose jobs depend on Faslane."

SNP defence spokesperson Martin Docherty-Hughes said: "The Tories and Labour both prioritise wasting billions of taxpayers' money on nuclear weapons but claim there is no money to improve our NHS, to help families with the cost of living or to properly invest in our green energy future.

"This money would be much better spent on a raft of other priorities including providing more money for conventional defence."

election campaign as SNP top brass opt to sink pints at Munich match

William. The promises that the SNP made to get themselves across the line in previous elections are now coming home to roost because people are having to pay more tax to fill black holes they created in budgets, when what people want is for their taxes to fill potholes in the roads."

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak claimed Labour's election pledges will cost an average taxpayer £2000 but the figure has been widely panned as inaccurate.

Murray added: "The Tories are lying about Labour's intentions on tax and they continue to lie despite having been proven to have lied.

"Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves has been clear that we need stability in the economy to make sure people are

not paying the price for incompetence. We want to see this tax burden lessened and we will only be able to do that when we have the economy stabilised and growing and the fruits of that should then be seen in investment in our public services, and in the pockets of workers - you can't tax your way to growth."

A significant point of difference between the SNP and Labour is that the nationalists oppose Keir Starmer's plans to increase a windfall tax on the profits of oil and gas giants. The SNP's Stephen Flynn has insisted

this will punish companies supporting thousands of jobs in the North Sea and hasten the decline of the industry.

But Murray said: "People are quite happy to have a different tax system in Scotland but what we should be doing is taxing people at the right levels to generate the money to improve public services and the economy."

"But what I see is an SNP-controlled government that says no to taxing the oil and gas giants more, but says yes to taxing nurses and teachers more - I believe that shows you they have the wrong priorities and are making the wrong choices."

Murray, 47, grew up on a housing estate in Wester

Hailes, Edinburgh, where his dad was a cask maker and mum a shop assistant. He served as a City of Edinburgh councillor from 2003 to 2010 before becoming an MP.

His huge local popularity meant he was Labour's only Westminster representative to survive from 2015 to 2017 and again from 2019 up to last year.

Murray added: "I grew up in the Thatcher years in a family where I was expected to be patriotic Scot, Hearts fan and defender of all things Labour.

"If I am privileged enough to work in the Scotland Office I will dedicate myself to giving people hope for the future by fighting for investment in jobs and communities."



TAX PLEDGE
Rachel Reeves

ELECTION 2024

Streeting 'nightmare' warning



WARNING Streeting

WES Streeting has warned of a "nightmare in Downing Street" if the Conservatives are re-elected.

The shadow health secretary dodged a question about whether he had a "pet policy" from the 2019 manifesto which he wanted in the 2024 document.

He said: "Look, I'm really proud of the manifesto that Labour's put forward, because not only is it fully

costed and fully funded, every promise in there is a promise we can keep and the country can afford.

"So, being able to knock on doors, look voters in the eye and credibly say, 'If you choose change with Labour, we will deliver it, we will put more police officers on the streets, we will put more teachers in our classrooms, we will cut NHS waiting lists with more appointments',

this is real change, practical change, affordable change."

Speaking at Bassetlaw Hospital, Nottinghamshire, he added: "The only question now is on Thursday July 4, are people going to choose change with Labour or wake up to the nightmare on Downing Street of an unprecedented fifth Conservative term with more chaos, division and incompetence."



ROSS



PRESSURE Douglas Ross

DOUGLAS Ross has been accused of abusing taxpayer funds after the MP asked his office manager to sit outside his rented flat for five hours waiting for a plumber.

The outgoing Tory leader, whose boiler had broken, asked the female employee to wait at the property in Edinburgh to give the tradesman access as other staff struggled to get to grips with questions over his "dodgy" travel claims.

As the Sunday Mail put detailed questions to him over his expenses amid the MP's undeclared referee wages row, Ross asked the staffer to head to his flat.

A senior party figure said: "It was ridiculous as the team around Douglas were trying to understand his expenses and whether he had put any claims in while he was travelling for refereeing. "They needed to see the original documents that had been submitted but the only person who was able



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FRESH QUESTIONS FOR MP



SWING VOTES Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar with UK Deputy Leader Angela Rayner on the trail at the Broxburn Family and Community Development Centre. Right, watching Euros opener on TV with Ian Murray. Pics: Wattie Cheung



ON THE BALL Rayner has a kick about in Broxburn. Right, Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes at DFDS Logistics in Larkhall

IN HOT WATER

Outgoing Tory leader accused of sending staffer to let plumber into his flat

EXCLUSIVE
BY HANNAH RODGER
Chief Reporter

to give them that detail was sitting outside this rented flat to let a plumber in.

“They were angry they were trying to help Douglas and save his reputation while he’s got his office manager doing an errand that has nothing to do with their job, during the working day.”

Messages between staff support the claim the employee was diverted from work to wait for the plumber.

The SNP, which has made the Aberdeenshire North and Moray East seat a “tier one” target after Ross announced he was standing down as the Scottish party’s leader, said: “Perhaps if Douglas Ross didn’t have three jobs, he’d

have time to deal with tasks that ordinary people have to do themselves – and not be completely out of touch with the people he is meant to represent.”

Asked what Ross’s boiler problems had to do with his political job, his spokesman said: “Douglas and his office manager are friends. She volunteered to help him in

“It was ridiculous... they were angry”
SOURCE ON ANGER THAT ROSS SENT MANAGER TO FLAT

her own time to assist with a boiler issue.” Last week we revealed messages showed senior aides had tried to cover up expense claims they themselves had branded

“dodgy”. In messages from November 26 2021, they said they were going to “bluff” questions from journalists in the hope they would not report on the claims.

They had identified 28 claims by Ross they feared were problematic – including trips taken around the time he was working at football matches and for parking.

Some of their concerns were that Ross had told expenses handlers he was travelling between London and his Moray constituency when he had travelled to Glasgow or Edinburgh.

Ross denied making any expense claims for travel associated with refereeing but quit as Scottish Tory leader the day after our story was published. After a review, the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority said it was “satisfied

the claims were within its rules. First Minister John Swinney will head to the Aberdeenshire constituency tomorrow, and has made winning there a top priority.

Ross has said he will step down as party leader after the July 4 poll and if he wins a Westminster seat he will also leave Holyrood. His decision to stand for Westminster angered senior Tories as David Duguid, former Tory MP for Banff and Buchan, had been planning to run for the seat only to be dropped while sick in hospital.

The SNP said: “It’s clear only the SNP is focused on delivering for the north-east.” Ross made about £10,000 extra last year as a referee.



ROW Ross faced quiz over claims, left, and ousting of Duguid



Eight Israeli troops die in Gaza blast

EIGHT Israeli soldiers were killed in an explosion in southern Gaza yesterday.

The deaths will likely fuel calls for a ceasefire and heighten Israeli public anger over ultra-Orthodox exemptions from the army.

A 16-year-old Palestinian was also shot dead by Israeli forces near the northern city of Nablus.

Israel's offensives in Gaza have killed more than 37,000 Palestinians, according to Palestinian health officials.

LEGAL EAGLE ROAD RAP



PENALTY Mark Muller

A TOP human rights lawyer has been fined after he was caught driving into the path of oncoming cars on an off-duty police officer's dash-cam.

Mark Muller KC, who specialises in public international law, advising on humanitarian issues and conflict resolution, was convicted of careless driving after the overtaking manoeuvre on the A703 near Peebles.

Sergeant David Waddell, 38, told a trial at Selkirk Sheriff Court

Senior advocate fined £400 for careless overtaking

BY ROBERT FAIRBURN

last week that he had just left Peebles on March 3 last year when he was confronted by Muller's Range Rover overtaking a vehicle and on his side of the road.

The officer said he had to veer to the left and bring his car to a halt. Asked by prosecutor Peter Finnan what would have

happened if he had not slowed down, Sergeant Waddell replied: "I would have been involved in a head-on collision with the oncoming vehicle."

Muller was charged with dangerous driving which carries an automatic disqualification.

It was alleged he had overtaken other road users when it was unsafe and drove into the path of

oncoming vehicles causing them to take evasive action.

But after viewing the dash-cam footage and hearing evidence, Sheriff Robert Vaughan convicted him instead of careless driving.

Muller, of Innerleithen, Peeblesshire, was fined £400 with a £20 victim surcharge and received four penalty points on his licence.

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'LEGAL FEES' MYSTERY CLOUDS COMPO STRUGGLE

BY **HANNAH RODGER**
Chief Reporter

THREE women owed thousands of pounds in equal pay are taking Scotland's largest council to tribunal after being abandoned by their lawyers and unions.

Lorraine Donnachie, Audrey Masson and Helen Mitchell are among thousands of female workers to whom Glasgow city council agreed to pay £548million in compensation following a long-running dispute.

But they claim the council, unions and lawyers have not been transparent over how the settlements were calculated and have refused to explain why a portion of every claim was handed to a law firm, even when it hadn't represented them.

Many women accepted their settlement offers after unions and claims firm Action4Equality recommended they do so. It later emerged almost 7 per cent of every claim was taken in legal fees, despite union members being entitled to free representation.

Lorraine, 61, has rejected settlement offers for £5000 and even £40,000 because the council, lawyers

“Toll on me and family for over 20 years has been huge

LORRAINE DONNACHIE
EQUAL PAY CLAIMANT

and her union GMB will not explain how the payouts are calculated.

The mum-of-two, an assistant home care manager, is now taking her case to tribunal in a bid to gain answers.

Lorraine, from Balornock, Glasgow, said: "I've asked reasonable questions about how my offer was calculated but nobody can explain it."

"The toll this has taken on me and my family for more than 20 years has been huge but I'm not giving up until we get justice."

The council worker first questioned the calculation system after learning of colleagues' offers, which, in some cases, were much higher or lower than hers despite similar work patterns.

Lorraine, who began work at the authority in 1997, said: "The first offer in 2006 came three weeks before Christmas. The union took everyone into community centres and said 'sign this'. It was more money than we'd ever had as we're all in low paid work. Most women signed."

"In 2018 I was offered £40,000 for 12 years' worth of equal pay. Last year they offered me £20,000 for 23 years of equal pay claims. It doesn't make sense."

To fund the payouts the council has had to sell off or remortgage some of the city's assets and lease them back.

Audrey and Helen each accepted offers through their unions, GMB and Unite, in 2018. But later they learned legal fees had been deducted from their settlements. In



DETERMINED
Lorraine Donnachie, Helen Mitchell and Audrey Masson

Ditched by unions and lawyers... we'll never give up fight for justice

Women in last-ditch tribunal bid to resolve equal pay claims



'PROUD'
Susan Aitken, leader of Glasgow City Council

2019 details emerged of a secret deal between the unions and claims firm Action4Equality, run by Stefan Cross. It saw 6.9 per cent of every claim deducted for fees with a proportion being given to Action4Equality, regardless of whether the firm represented them.

It represented most women but not all. Lawyer Cross is believed to have made millions of pounds from his involvement.

Home carer Audrey, 59, said: "We just want what we are owed. Why should I be paying legal fees

to someone who never represented me? Nobody has been able to explain that."

More offers were made last year in a third wave of ongoing claims but both Helen and Audrey rejected theirs as they refused to pay legal fees when they should have been entitled to free representation as union members.

The women have also had complaints upheld against their union-backed lawyers, with watchdogs finding they "failed to act" in their best interests.

All three women said their unions have refused to represent them in any future cases as they rejected their previous claims and are now taking

employment tribunals themselves to try to recover the money.

Helen, 60, of Blairdardie, said: "I just wonder if Susan Aitken, the council leader, is aware of our cases and the issues here as she is holding up the equal pay dispute as something she is proud of."

Glasgow City Council said: "Questions about how representatives negotiated on behalf of their members can only be addressed by them."

GMB Scotland said it was unable to comment on individual cases but senior organiser Keir Greenaway added: "Our two members chose not to accept our advice and that was their decision to take."

Action4Equality was contacted for comment.



FEES Stefan Cross

Sunday Mail

OPINION

MP Murray's path is the one to follow

ALMOST a decade ago Labour was all but wiped out in Scotland after losing 40 seats to be left with just one MP.

Across the country, many voters had lost faith in a party they felt was taking them for granted and they made their feelings clear in the 2015 general election.

There was a feeling that Labour had lost touch with the concerns of ordinary families who were being battered by Tory austerity.

At that time, the SNP had delivered popular policies at Holyrood and it ushered in a crop of new MPs who seemed to view their new jobs as an honour not a birthright.

Whether you supported independence or not there was a perception that this was a party that understood the lives and struggles of real people and would fight to make things better.

Today as we approach the General Election, the tables have turned again.

It is the SNP that now looks out of touch, with its obsessive focus on gender politics, a catalogue of scandals and lacking basic competence in government.

Question marks remain for Labour over how it will deliver the much change the country desperately needs.

Constantly repeating the word change will not make it happen and Keir Starmer will not be forgiven if he fails to match promises with a policy agenda that takes steps to redistribute wealth in an increasingly unequal society and rebuild public services.

What cannot be denied is there is an air of determination and hope among candidates and activists who joined Labour not to secure a comfortable career but because they believe in its founding principles.

In the 2015 general election, the one MP Labour retained in Scotland was Ian Murray in Edinburgh South, with an increased majority of 2637.

He bucked the trend by doing the simple things right - talking to his constituents, understanding their problems and working to make their lives better.

It is telling that this weekend he gave up his tickets to watch Scotland play at the Euros to hit the campaign trail with Anas Sarwar and Angela Rayner.

While the SNP seemed more concerned with knocking back beers in Germany, Murray was knocking doors and talking to voters in Barrhead.

If Keir Starmer wants his tenure to be a long one, he should take a leaf out of Murray's book.

Fans will lead the fightback

THE Tartan Army are on the march to Cologne for a showdown with Switzerland after heartbreak in Munich.

Germany were always going to be a tough challenge and Stevie Clark's team have everything to play for if they can muster the spirit of their thousands of travelling fans.

THE SUNDAY LIST SIBLING SUCCESSES



THE PROCLAIMERS
Identical twin brothers Craig and Charlie Reid are best known for hits I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) and Sunshine on Leith. They remain one of the country's most successful duos.



HUE AND CRY
This band was set up by Coatbridge brothers Pat and Greg Kane in 1983. The duo are best known for their 1987 single Labour of Love and still continue to tour.



MALCOLM AND ANGUS YOUNG
The guitarist brothers, born in Glasgow's Cranhill, were founding members of hard rock group AC/DC. Malcolm died in 2017.

WE ARE FAME-ILY

Brothers and sisters who have made it big



NET RESULT
Jamie and Andy

TENNIS superstars Andy Murray and his brother Jamie grew up competing against each other.

BY HEATHER GREENAWAY

Wimbledon for doubles in what could be the last tournament before Andy retires.

Grand Slam titles and Andy has three Grand Slam titles and two gold medals at the Olympics.

They are just one of a number of famous Scottish brothers and sisters.

The siblings are now teaming up for the first time at

Jamie is Britain's best-ever doubles player with seven



TOM AND LUKE STOLTMAN

The world's strongest brothers come from the Highlands. Tom is the younger brother of two-time Europe's Strongest Man and five-time Scotland's Strongest Man Luke. They qualified for the World's Strongest Man finals five times over.



JAMES AND JOY McAVOY

The pair, from Drumchapel, Glasgow, were brought up by their grandparents. He has starred in The X Men, while Joy is a comedy regular on TV's Two Doors Down.

JIMMY LOGAN AND ANNIE ROSS

Jimmy was an entertainer, with screen and theatre credits while his sister Annie was a singer and actress, who was part of jazz trio Lambert, Hendricks and Ross.



FRAN AND ANNA

The sisters from Coatbridge came from the showbusiness Watt family. In the 70s, they were known for their tartan miniskirts, red cheeks and fishnet stockings. Fran died in 2003 and Anna six years later.



ANNABELLE AND FERGUS EWING

The pair are the children of the late politician Winnie Ewing. Fergus, 66, is a Holyrood MSP for Moray. Annabelle is Deputy Presiding Officer, whose constituency is Cowdenbeath.



THE ALEXANDER BROTHERS

Jack and Tom, from Cambusnethan, Lanarkshire, founded the easy-listening folk-music duo in the 50s. They received MBEs in 2005. Jack died in 2013 and Tom in 2020.

GAVIN AND SCOTT HASTINGS

Scottish Rugby's Edinburgh-born Grand Slam-winning brothers, Gavin won 61 caps for Scotland, 20 of them as captain, and Scott has 65.



Jean Johansson



It might be the last waltz for Giovanni but we shouldn't be too quick to judge

THINGS are not looking too good for Giovanni Pernice. The Sicilian Strictly Come Dancing pro has officially been left out of the line-up for this year's show as he's under investigation by the BBC following a series of complaints from a group of unnamed women.

I believe in innocent until proven guilty and the internal investigation will draw its own conclusions but for the BBC to drop one of their most popular professionals this doesn't look good.

Actress Amanda Abbington, who withdrew from last year's series initially blaming "medical and personal reasons", later claimed she'd suffered mild PTSD as a result of training sessions and was seeking legal advice.

While TV presenter Laura Whitmore, who was partnered with him back in 2016, said of her experience: "I was extremely uncomfortable with him. In the end, I felt broken."

And Good Morning Britain's Ranvir Singh, who was matched with him in 2020, said: "Don't be fooled by his angelic face. He's a fiery Italian, super strict. I'm a bit scared of him."

It should be said that Giovanni refutes all the allegations, is said to be fully co-operating and looks forward to "clearing his name".

But another issue for me is the BBC not taking action quickly enough.

Amanda has said that she reported the behaviour pretty early on in



TARGET Pernice

filming the series to the point where she had to ask for rehearsals to be taped as evidence.

That's the point where the producer steps in and makes changes.

It's sad to see the whole scandal play out and put a damper on what is the biggest family-orientated Saturday night entertainment show.

I watch with my family and my son

and get invested in the contestants every year. I also badger my agent to try to get me on it.

From a talent perspective it can be career changing.

It has a massive audience and winning opens up lucrative and high-profile doors.

Strictly is supposed to be fun and I can imagine how exciting it can be to get a spot on the programme.

Everyone from ex-footballers, actors, TV presenters, even politicians wants to foxtrot on to the nation's telly on a Saturday night.

So for their dream to turn into a nightmare is a real shame.

I'm close to people who've worked and starred on it so I know some of what's gone on behind the scenes.

But this industry can encourage Chinese whispers so unless I witness something with my own eyes I try not to add to the gossip.

There are two sides to every story and while some contestants can be pushed to their limits and challenged every week, there are some who need patience and nurturing.

By Gio's own admission he's a hard taskmaster who demands perfection and perhaps that manifested itself in the wrong way towards some of his dance partners.

“ This industry can encourage Chinese whispers so unless I see it I won't add to the gossip ”

The People's Doctor

I MUST pay tribute to Dr Michael Mosley who tragically died last week after going out for a walk while on holiday in Greece. By all accounts he was one of TV's good guys and I, and millions of others, were fans of his warm, friendly style of presenting. He made complex medical issues accessible and easy to understand. It's the most devastating news for his family and we'll miss seeing him on TV.

JUDE AD MAKES IT BETTER



Jude Bellingham: Since the Euros is on I probably should be talking about Jude's footballing skills.

But I've been slightly distracted by his new underwear campaign.

The Real Madrid and England star is the new face of Kim Kardashian's clothing and shape wear brand SKIMS.

Fans have gone wild over his toned physique in

the campaign photos but since I'm old enough to be his mum I'm just happy to see the 20-year-old becoming a global brand.

He also stole my heart by bringing his mum on the pitch after Real won the Champions League.

He's going to be as huge as David Beckham. And a shrewd move from businesswoman Kim.



GAFFE THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Rishi Sunak's PR team: I'm honestly starting to believe that's there's a saboteur on the inside of the Tory party.

From making an early exit from the 80th anniversary of the D-day ceremony to his disastrous interview with ITV, it seems the soon-to-be former Prime Minister just can't help making gaffes.

His PR people should be planning his every move meticulously to ensure he

makes no more missteps in the run-up to the July 4 election.

It was a huge mistake in allowing him to leave Normandy to record an interview in which he stated, that he knew what it meant to do without as a child by erm, not having Sky TV.

He has no clue and the more he speaks, the more he reveals - more good work from Team Rishi.



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ACTRESS'S CHARITY MISSION

STAR QUALITY
Actress Adjoa on
the red carpet



From Regency romance.. to horror of war

Bridgerton star tells of her quest to help others

BY JANINE YAQOOB

AS BRIDGERTON'S Lady Danbury, she is one of the most powerful and privileged women in London.

But in real life, actress Adjoa Andoh is determined to use her fame to help those less fortunate.

She recently visited Poland with the International Rescue Committee to meet Ukrainian women displaced by the war with Russia – and Adjoa, who is an ambassador for the IRC, was left in tears by their devastating stories.

She said: “We sat and cried together. The sort of mad schizophrenia of doing the Bridgerton junket in Warsaw and everybody being zhuzhed up and fabulous to then, a day later, sitting with women who have run away with a suitcase and a bag of nappies is a stark contrast.

“I will be going away thinking about them and praying for them.”

In a touching moment, gran Adjoa, 61, was presented with a T-shirt made by the refugee

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children with all their handprints on it.

She said: “It could be my little grandson and those mothers could be my daughters – and it could have been me, if I had the accident of being born somewhere different.”

Adjoa is not the only Bridgerton star to use their status to help others.

Nicola Coughlan, who plays Penelope Featherington in the show, has raised almost £1.5million for Gaza's aid efforts in the past seven months.

Speaking ahead of World Refugee Day on Thursday, Adjoa said: “Nicola has been amazing. I think many members of the cast are conscious of the great privileges we enjoy.”

Regency romance Bridgerton was first screened in 2020.

And this week, fans of Shonda Rhimes' opulent drama tuned in to find out the latest twist in the love story between Penelope and Colin Bridgerton (Luke Newton).

Adjoa is as invested in their relationship as the rest of us. She said: “A lot of the audience will be rooting for them because they've invested in them for so long, but also because love goes where love goes – and we all need a bit of that right now.”

ADVERTISING FEATURE

‘I found the dad who I never even knew existed’

A DNA test helped Luke Oliveira-Davies uncover an extraordinary family secret, setting him on an emotional journey to discover his true identity



FAMILY TIES
Luke as a young boy with mum Liz



DAD'S THE WORD
Carlos and Luke have built a good relationship

This year's Father's Day will be very special for Luke Oliveira-Davies. Luke, 32, will be marking it not only with the man he has called “Dad” all his life, but also the biological father he never knew about until just four years ago.

Curious about his family history, in November 2019 Luke, from Rochdale, took an AncestryDNA test.

The results came as a shock: they showed he was 32.5% Iberian, 22.5% West African, and just 23% English. And when he showed them to his mum, Liz, he was in for an even bigger shock.

“I knew Mum had something important to say,” Luke says. “She immediately stopped looking at me.”

Liz revealed that her husband, Gary – the man Luke knew as “Dad” – was not actually his father. Luke had been conceived during a holiday romance with a bartender in Portugal, shortly before she began dating Gary.

Unsure which of the two men was the father, Liz went ahead with the pregnancy, only learning the truth when Luke was born. Fearing what it might mean for her burgeoning relationship with Gary, she chose to keep it a secret.

“I needed to make sense of it all,” says Luke. “I wanted to find my father, but all I had was his name, Carlos, and that he'd worked in a bar in Albufeira.”

Luke travelled to Portugal and found the bar, where the owner told him Carlos was now living in London.

With the help of genealogists, Carlos was located and agreed to a DNA test. The result proved that they were father and son.

The pair enjoyed an emotional meeting, and have stayed in contact. They plan to have dinner together to celebrate this year's Father's Day.

Luke was also matched with a cousin, Renato; they shared a grandfather, João, who was in Guinea-Bissau when Carlos was conceived.

“Knowing about all this has changed how I feel about myself,” Luke explains. “Building a relationship with Carlos and learning about my grandparents has given me power in my own identity. I'm proud to talk about being mixed race.

“But Gary will always be my dad, and this has brought us closer as a family – they have been a part of my journey. I've been able to explore this new dynamic with Carlos, but my parents are always the ones I go home to.”

“Knowing this has given me power in my own identity”

LUKE OLIVEIRA-DAVIES



BLOOD BROTHERS
Luke with (from left) half-brothers Ben and Hugo, and dad Carlos



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Thrill riders left dangling 100ft in air

FIREFIGHTERS rescued 28 people dangling 100ft upside down on a ride at an amusement park.

One person with a pre-existing medical condition was taken to hospital as a precaution after the AtmosFEAR ride stopped yesterday, Oaks Amusement Park, in Portland, Oregon said in a statement posted on social media.

However, it added that no one was injured in the incident.

GOOD SIGNS FOR ROSE



FILM Rose Ayling-Ellis

STRICTLY Come Dancing winner Rose Ayling-Ellis is to host a new TV show promoting British Sign Language and raising awareness of the challenges of being deaf.

It comes after the star's campaign for free BSL for families with deaf children was highlighted in her BBC documentary Signs for Change last year.

Now, BBC bosses are keen to follow up on the programme's

Star's TV show highlights challenges of deafness

BY LAURA ARMSTRONG

success, which has led to it being nominated for the National Television Awards this September. It is hoped the new one-off show will give a boost to the star's crusade.

A source said: "The programme will be a unique experience for Rose and it will make for really

interesting television." The documentary is being made by Rogan Productions, which was behind Signs for Change.

A source at the company said: "Rose is so passionate about raising awareness and it is wonderful for us to be a part of programmes like this. It is an opportunity to really do some

good." Rose has been deaf since birth. The 29-year-old shot to fame as EastEnders' Frankie Lewis in 2020 and became a household name when she won Strictly in 2021.

After one of her appearances, the BSL website revealed that sign-ups for its free trial had rocketed by almost 3000 per cent.



Sultry in scarlet..

VICTORIA Silvstedt looks red hot as she steps out at the opening bash of Monaco's annual TV festival.

The model and former Miss World Sweden, 49, who lives nearby, was stunning in a lace dress.

She said: "Monaco is a great melting pot."

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The comedy-drama, based on a true story by writer Alan Bennett, also starred Alex Jennings.

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PROTEST The disgraced surgeon's victims gather outside the Scottish Parliament

Campaigner wants Labour to support surgeon's victims in quest for justice

PATIENTS butchered by rogue brain surgeon Sam Eljamel have urged Keir Starmer to help their fight for justice.

BY HANNAH RODGER
Chief Reporter

Former patient, Jules Rose, who leads the campaign on behalf of dozens of the Tayside surgeon's other victims, has written to the Labour Party ahead of the General Election.

The 55-year-old wants the party to help extradite Eljamel, who fled to Libya, if they win.

She said: "If there is a Labour government we would be seeking a meeting at the earliest opportunity with the new secretary of state and foreign secretary to seek the extradition of butcher Eljamel. Given Sir Keir Starmer's background as a former chief prosecutor, we hope he'd be supportive in our quest for justice."

Jules, who had a tear duct removed by Eljamel instead of a tumour, also called on Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar and his deputy Jackie Baillie to help them get answers.

It comes after Sarwar said his party's Scottish manifesto, out this week, would include Milly's Law - named after cancer patient Milly Main, 10, who died at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow after contracting an infection.

The law would help bereaved relatives by setting up an independent public advocate with the authority to probe incidents rather than families having to fight for years. Jules said in a letter to the

Labour leaders: "I am delighted to hear about Labour's manifesto pledge with Milly's Law and I do hope it will bring some comfort to her family naming this law after Milly. I understand it shall create an independent public advocate with the authority to investigate incidents to establish the truth.

"Can I ask as patients' representative of nearly 200 badly harmed patients that you expand this manifesto pledge to include harmed patients such as Eljamel's?"

She wants to know why he was allowed to continue working in Tayside and why he was never held to account.

Jules said after the Government's "appalling track record" at inquiries, where politicians had been "less than candid... we cannot run the risk of this happening" at an Eljamel inquiry.

Scottish Labour Health spokeswoman Jackie Baillie said: "It is nothing short of disgraceful that Sam Eljamel's victims are still waiting for answers and Scottish Labour stands fully behind these patients in their fight for justice. In the recent Patient Safety Bill, Scottish Labour attempted to introduce Milly's Law to reset the balance of power and strengthen protections for patients and whistleblowers - it is shameful that the SNP voted against these plans."



LETTER Labour's Starmer and Sarwar



Can I ask that you expand the manifesto pledge

JULES ROSE IN HER LETTER TO LABOUR CHIEFS

Diss is what you came for.. Swift swipe at Scots ex

BY VICTORIA JOHNS

TAYLOR Swift's gig dig at her Scots superstar ex Calvin Harris has divided her many fans.

As she has done at every gig on her Eras tour, Swift played two surprise songs during her concert at Liverpool FC's Anfield stadium on Friday.

This time it was a mash-up of Gold Rush from her 2020 album Evermore and Harris's smash hit This Is What You Came For.

Swift co-wrote the hit while she was dating the DJ from Dumfries – real name Adam Wiles – in 2016, but Rihanna sang on it.

Swift isn't credited on the song, with the singer using the pseudonym Nils



OLD LOVE Swift and Harris

Sjoberg instead, which was later confirmed by Harris.

It led to a stand-off between them, with Harris complaining on Twitter that Swift's team were "trying to tear" him down.

Before singing the song at Anfield, the 34-year-old star said: "Every single time I have an acoustic set, I'm always trying to think of

things you might want to hear – maybe things that might be a bit unexpected."

Harris, 40, is a Liverpool FC fan and DJed on their end-of-season open-top bus tour in 2022. He married Radio 1 DJ Vick Hope, 34, last September.

On X, formerly Twitter, one fan said: "The best surprise songs of the tour last night in my opinion."

Another said: "Ironically she performs Rihanna & Calvin Harris's song. Why so brokenhearted all the time?"

Swift's three sold-out shows at Murrayfield stadium in Edinburgh last weekend are estimated to have injected £77million into the local economy.

EXCLUSIVE STAR PAYS

My hero dad's still game but it's hard to watch damage this awful disease is doing to him

BY HEATHER GREENAWAY

HE WAS Sanjeev Kohli's comedy inspiration for the cantankerous but hilariously funny Navid in *Still Game*.

The actor, who nicked his dad's most famous phrases to bring the shopkeeper to life, says he remains his hero but now for different reasons.

As Sanjeev reveals today in a heartbreaking interview, his father, retired teacher Parduman, is battling Alzheimer's disease.

The comedy star said: "For someone who could never sit still and loved travelling it's hard to see him like this.

"I know he is 90 years old and has done a lot and seen a lot, but he is my dad and I don't ever want to lose him.

"There are advantages to losing someone slowly, as you have time to mentally prepare yourself. Despite knowing there will be relief when their suffering is over, you are never ready to let them go."

The comedian said seeing his 6ft 2in proud dad get weaker is distressing but said the family are determined to remain positive and want to honour him for Father's Day today.

He said: "Dad still recognises family but his mobility has gone so he is more or less house-bound. We've had to move his bed downstairs and he has four wonderful NHS carers coming in every day to help my incredible mum look after him.

"Dad is still very much in there and that twinkle and his sarcasm are still very much alive."

That wicked sense of humour and hilarious catchphrases are exactly what Sanjeev would use when playing Navid in the much-loved BBC comedy.

Sanjeev, 53 said: "I didn't write Navid but I channel my dad's spirit when I play him – if he wore a turban he would be my dad. He could be quite bad-tempered with us when we were kids. We found out later it was because he had taken on a lot of overtime to get more money for our education.

"My brothers and I would be playing football in our bedroom

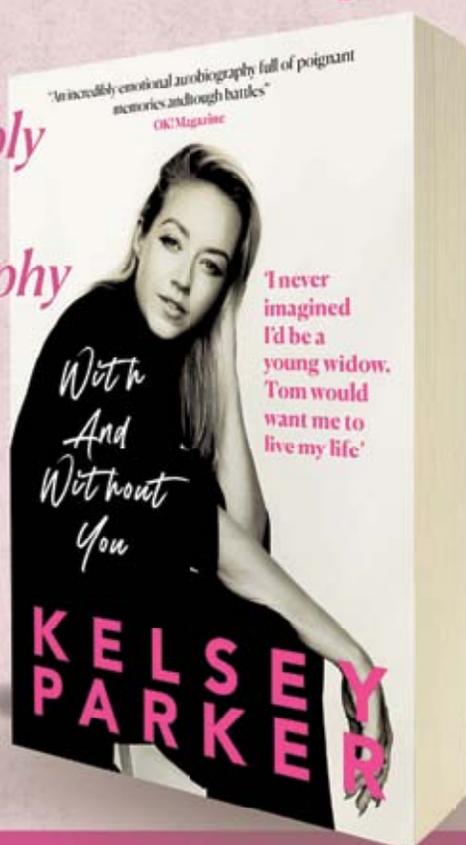
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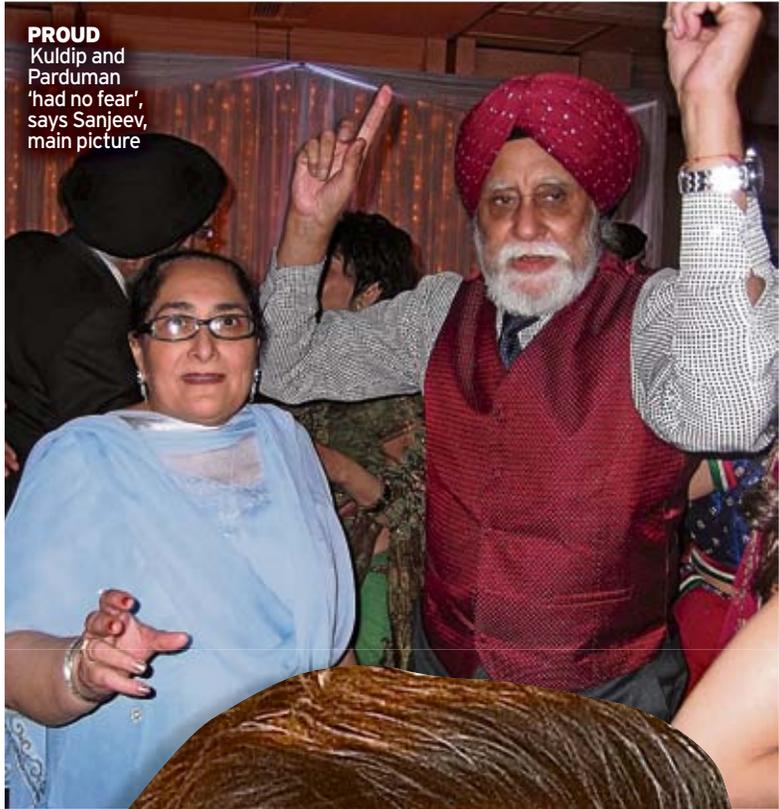
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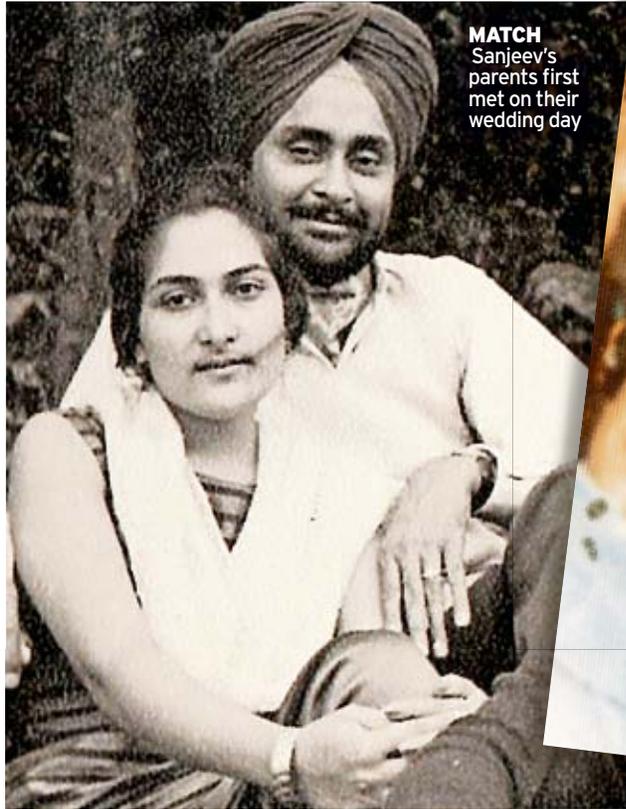
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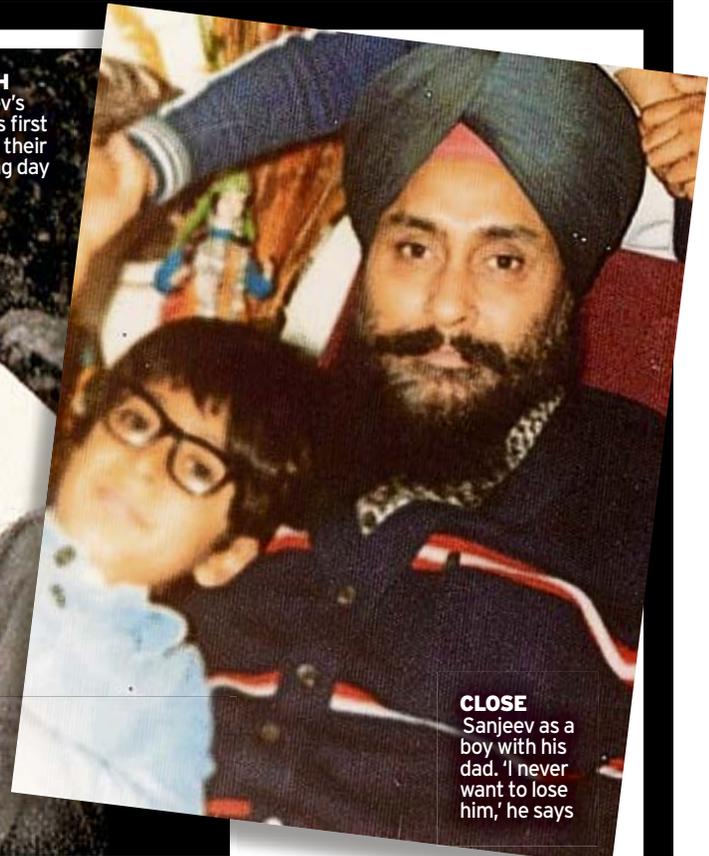
TRIBUTE TO MAN WHO INSPIRED NAVID



PROUD
Kuldip and Parduman 'had no fear', says Sanjeev, main picture



MATCH
Sanjeev's parents first met on their wedding day



CLOSE
Sanjeev as a boy with his dad. 'I never want to lose him,' he says



and he would come through. He never raised his hand, all he had to do was say you 'bloody b*****s' and we knew that the game was up.

"When Navid says 'b*****s' - I am totally channelling my dad."

"I once took him along to a Still Game screening and I got him to stand up to take the applause.

"My dad is and always will be my hero. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's a few years ago and has been going slowly downhill ever since.

"He had a stroke eight years ago on the plane going to India and tests showed he had already had a series of mini-strokes. Looking back he had been getting forgetful.

"The stroke really aged him. When he was in his 70s he could pass for someone in their 50s. He suddenly looked his age. He got progressively more forgetful and had to stop driving. Since then it has been a steady decline."

Sanjeev, who has two older brothers - Raj, 58, and Hardeep, 55 - told how Parduman and their mum, Kuldip, 81, came to London from India in 1966.

The River City star, who has a maths PhD from Glasgow

University, said: "Dad was from Firozpur in the Punjab in north India and my mum grew up in Kenya. They had an arranged marriage. They saw photos of each other and met for the first time on their wedding day.

"They made a great team although physically they were very different - dad is 6ft 2in and mum is 5ft 3in. I speculated it was because he picked her from a picture with nothing else in it for scale. Now if she had have been holding a Mars bar things might have been very different.

"They are both very funny and all three brothers get their comic timing from them. Back in the day Dad would reel off joke after joke. It was always great fun round the dinner table."

The Kohli family moved to Scotland after Parduman, who had started a law degree in India, retrained as a teacher and got a job in St Mary's in Bishopbriggs, where the family settled.

Sanjeev said: "Dad taught maths and modern studies in St Mary's, which used to be a school for challenging boys, but they all really respected him. They loved his sarcasm.

"He had to go through two locked doors to get into his class. For every make of car there was a boy who could tell him how to break into it. They were hard work but my dad loved them and was good at his job.

"Mum worked as a

social worker in Glasgow in the mid-70s but then bought a newsagents in Battlefield. She took over the running of that and because it was near our school we would help out after lessons.

"Our parents had no fear. If they decided to do something they just did it. At one point my dad decided to open a whole foods shop just around the corner from the newsagents just because he wanted to.

"I may have inherited their work ethic and their humour, but unlike them I am like a gate in the wind. I don't plan, I fear change and I overthink things and find reasons not to do something.

"I only ever left Glasgow once for four months to go Interrailing, whereas they went right across the world to start this new life knowing no one.

"My dad was always like that. He loved travelling and was driving until two years ago. He loved cruises and going to Peru and Kashmir.

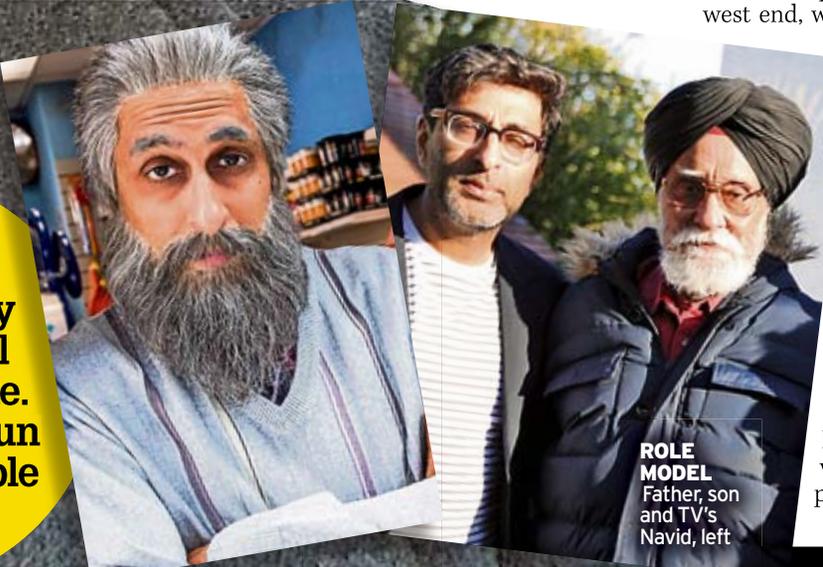
"His ambition was to do the trans-Siberian railway but we never got round to it and he isn't fit to travel now."

Parduman is one of 90,000 people in Scotland who have dementia, with well over half looked after at home by carers and family.

Sanjeev, who lives across the road from his parents in Glasgow's west end, will be heading there for a Father's Day celebration today.

He said: "We normally go out but Dad loves fish and chips but this year I think we will just order in. Mum can be persuaded to eat take-out on a special occasion. It will be lovely to spend the day together as a family.

"Dad is my hero and mum is my rock. I am so lucky to have grown up with such wonderful parents."



ROLE MODEL
Father, son and TV's Navid, left

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SANJIV ON HOW COMEDY
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Taylor tickets may cost a fortune but watching my kids? That's just priceless

THERE is a universal truth when it comes to parents attending gigs with their children - which is that you rarely look at the stage or the performer.

Great as she might be (and I'll more than touch on this) you didn't buy tickets to watch Taylor Swift.

Your parted with your cash for that unmatched feeling you get in seeing their faces when THEY see Taylor Swift - and you're unlikely to find anything that will ever feel like such value for money.

I shared a night with my twins (and Charlie Spence who couldn't have been less bothered if he tried, almost as if trolling every Swiftie in Scotland by playing Fifa on his daddy's phone while surrounded by sheer hysteria) that we'll remember for the rest of our lives.

They've never been to a concert, bar the bankrupting experience that was Disney On Ice in 2016 (damn you, merchandise sellers) and not even the photo here will do it justice - truly, my favourite picture of all time.

By the time you read this, Taylor Swift will have played to nearly a million more people with dates at Wembley, Anfield and Cardiff's biggest stadium all sold out. And I want to talk about the sheer force for good she truly is.

I've played Taylor Swift on the radio ever since she broke through as the



UNMATCHABLE JOY Garry's twins

first artist who truly took country into the mainstream.

Sure, Shania was doing the business decades previously but not on this scale and not with the younger market.

This is a fan base she has not only taken with her but added to via the children of those original fans.

What she does on the stage has been well covered, with five-star reviews all round.

There's nothing new I can add to the praise here except to say she had the sort of stage presence I haven't seen since the footage of Michael Jackson in his record-breaking stadium heyday. For me, the power of Taylor Swift begins long before the concert. We arrived at Croy railway

station for a transfer and a girl much older than my girls offered them some friendship bracelets - something which happened on the next train and then the tram journey to Murrayfield stadium.

I can't describe how perfectly natural this felt - almost as if Taylor had pulled together the very best of society into one single world at the same time.

All around the stadium you could see friendships formed and it just feels like one big festival of goodwill.

Let me say as well, I'm a very cynical guy and am called out for my sarcasm and overly dry put-downs on a weekly basis - so if a mere concert trip had this impact on me you can believe it truly was the real deal.

More bracelet-swapping and friendship forming continued in the stadium and, despite the bottlenecks of people heading home, there was a good-natured atmosphere that was simply too strong not to notice.

As evidence of this I can say that ScotRail were quite simply an advert for our nation last weekend.

Each and every member of staff went above and beyond and never stopped laughing, joking and even dancing with punters until the early hours.

They say Scotland has the best audiences in the world. Well, I bore witness to a different winner here - Taylor Swift really brings out the good in this world.

I love her almost as much as my girls do and probably all the more BECAUSE they do. Much, much respect to her...

“It's as if Taylor had pulled together the very best of society at the same time”
GARRY ON SWIFT'S UNIQUE FOLLOWING

Highland Cathedral is one for our most Thrilling occasions

THERE'S a widespread frustration shared among DJs all over Scotland - and the world, no doubt - that Thriller by Michael Jackson is a record that doesn't really sound right if played in any month other than October.

Perhaps that's what has kept it such a treat and worthy of its place alongside most other widely-regarded masterpieces. Less is more and all that (The Office, Fawlty Towers, Scotland being level with Brazil at a World Cup).

Anyway, you can take this

sentiment and multiply it by at least a thousand when it comes to Highland Cathedral.

The last time I played it was on the day Scotland's men's football team reached their first major tournament in more than two decades. We took calls from men and women all over the country who told us they'd pulled over in floods of tears.

Well, the same thing happened on Friday there, and I hope to play it more than twice again over the next two weeks. C'mon Scotland!

I JUST DON'T CARE WHO THIS RILES UP

LAST week brought the news that Buffer Zones are being passed into law, meaning anti-abortion protesters must stay at least 200 metres from clinics - and I can't think of anything I've ever supported more.

I'm not an aggressive person so I'm not proud of this but I was passing a clinic a few years ago and could not believe my eyes as I looked over at a group of women - WOMEN - standing

with placards, at which point I pulled my window down and screamed "the absolute state of you people" towards them.

Just sheer fury at the ignorance and lack of compassion for people going through what must be emotional turmoil.

There are some areas you tend to stay away from

if you know it's going to rile people and bring more hassle than is worth it but on this one I really don't care.

If you disagree that these people shouldn't be prevented from such cruel acts upon vulnerable women we were probably never going to friends anyway...



CROSS OFF

Hidden in the grid is a well-known phrase. To reveal the phrase, cross off the letters in the grid that correspond to today's numbers. Keep today's puzzle, and buy tomorrow's paper for more numbers to help you find the solution. If you cross off all this week's numbers, the answer will be revealed on Friday.

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Last week's winner: Alex Scott, from Fife

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Laura Boyd



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CHEER FOR THE BIER With the Tartan Army in Munich

AS I write this, I am on a train to London on the first leg of a journey to Munich for the Euros, Yes Sir, I Can Boogie blasting out of my headphones.

Now, don't worry, STV's Raman and Ronnie's jobs are most definitely safe but the This Morning team asked me if I would go and be live on the show with the Tartan Army. How could I say no?! Or nein.

What a magical opportunity! OK, Friday's result was a downer but what a buzz there is in the air for this tournament, the team and Scotland as a whole with people around the world getting behind the underdogs and cheering us on.

I love how invested we as a nation get in championing our lads and giving it our all in terms of support.

The stories of how people got to Munich were incredible: planes, tranes, automobiles, camper vans and even on foot! That's dedication. And cause for a lot of compedes.

The heart and pride in our team is unrivalled and it makes me so happy

to see a sea of tartan and Saltires taking over the streets of Germany right now.

What an honour it is for me to be the tiniest part in that, showcasing the best fans in the world live on TV.

It's also a little daunting but I know that Alison Hammond and Dermot O'Leary will love hearing from the Scots... after all, no Scotland, no party.

It's a pinch-me moment getting to be on This Morning – a show that feels like it's always been part of our lives, and something I'm so honoured to be a part of.

Are you caught up in Euros fever? Have you, like me, bought the Saltire bunting and paper plates with the optimism of someone who thinks we might be able to progress and if so, have a party to celebrate?

Regardless of how we do, I think the cause for celebration is simply the passion and love we have for our team. And if Andy Robertson and the team can score a few goals along the way, all the better. Viel Glück boys!

“Have you, like me, bought the Saltire bunting and paper plates for a party to celebrate?”

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SCAN ME TO WATCH THE SHOW



BLUEY'S A REAL SPORT

DO you have a little Bluey fan in your house?

If so, you might want to check out the live show adaptation of the hit TV series which is running at Edinburgh's Festival Theatre from Thursday to Sunday this week.

Bluey's Big Play features puppet versions of Bluey, Bingo, Mum, Dad and more – all the Australian dogs we have fallen in love with from the programme. And it promises to be a

heartwarming watch. If you've never seen the series, which is available on iPlayer and Disney+, it's one children's programme I can definitely get on board with.

The dry Aussie humour and wit of the dad dog in particular is something I'm

sure all parents can relate to.

And the storytelling is the perfect balance of morals and life lessons with just the right blend of sarcasm and heart.

It's brilliant and I can't wait to watch Penelope's eyes light up as her favourite pups appear before her.



EXPLOSIVE CLAIMS OF MARRIAGE CRISIS

War of the Beckhams



UNITED FRONT
Victoria and David Beckham

DAVID and Victoria Beckham lived separate lives as their marriage hit crisis point, an explosive new book claims.

The animosity between the couple was so bad eight years ago that each of their publicists "fed negative stories" about the other, author Tom Bower says.

But the pair ultimately stayed together, just as they had after Rebecca Loos' earlier allegations of an affair with the footballer.

"Although the Beckhams could not hide their separate lives, they stuck together to support the brand," Bower writes.

Bower's book *The House of Beckham* claims serious cracks in the marriage began opening up in

Book tells of fierce rows and separate lives and how public image kept golden couple together

BY TOM BRYANT

2016 with the couple spending increasingly larger amounts of time apart, with David in Miami and Victoria in London.

Bower writes: "During London Fashion Week that year, she asked Beckham to return to London for a dinner in her Dover Street shop. By the end of the celebration she must have wished he had stayed in America.

"Morosely, he sat staring at her guests. Some whispered that the two had been embroiled earlier in a foul-mouthed row."

Later Beckham was seen at Heathrow taking a flight to New York.

Two years later, it's claimed the situation hadn't improved. One low point came when David told an Australian broadcaster their marriage was "hard work". "Victoria watched

Beckham's clip...on her mobile with disbelief. 'It was like a nuclear bomb had gone off,'" the book claims.

Another flashpoint was their appearance at Glastonbury in 2017.

After partying there until 5am with best pal Dave Gardner, Victoria arrived the next day.

She was furious he had failed to reply to her calls and sent out a search party. "Eventually, David appeared. Within seconds, they were embroiled in a ferocious argument."

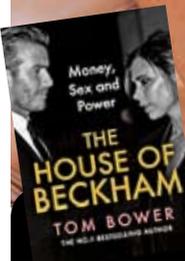
The decision to stay together was, in part, Bower says, because both appreciated the importance of being a united front to their brand.

"[David's] status and survival would have been washed away without Victoria's determination to maintain the illusion of a happy family," Bower writes. "In return he continued to finance her vanity business.

"Her tiny fashion house is unlikely ever to be genuinely profitable."



'RIFTS' Posh, London, 2016, and Becks, Glastonbury, 2017



THE HOUSE OF BECKHAM: MONEY, SEX AND POWER

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Quiz of the week

1. Which US singing star played three sell-out concerts in Edinburgh?
2. Which book by George Orwell is celebrating its 75th anniversary?
3. Which streaming service is being sued for \$170million over their Baby Reindeer drama?
4. Which Scotland goalkeeper won his 75th cap against Finland?
5. Which TV presenter was found dead on a Greek Island after going missing?
6. Which supermarket chain recalled two types of chocolate bar over safety concerns?
7. Which Grand Slam tennis title did Carlos Alcaraz win last week?
8. Which shamed 1970s rock star must pay £508,000 to a sex abuse victim?
9. Which legendary Liverpool band is the subject of a new biopic?
10. The president of which European country has announced a snap election?
11. Name the notorious paedophile TV presenter whose Highland cottage is to be demolished.
12. Name the Scottish party leader who plans to resign after the election.
13. Which dancer has been dropped from the new series of Strictly over bullying claims?
14. Which Edinburgh band have re-released their 1974 hit Shang-A-Lang?
15. Which Radio 2 DJ is now housebound and needs round the clock care?
16. Name the two Hollywood stars reuniting for a sequel to their 1998 hit Practical Magic.
17. Which ex-Scottish Greens leader has joined the Labour Party?
18. Which former Liverpool and Scotland star was admitted to hospital?
19. Which American politician's son has been found guilty of gun charges?
20. Which Northern Ireland golfer has dropped a divorce action against wife Erica?

1. Taylor Swift 2. 1984 3. Nettix 4. Craig Gordon 5. Michael Moseley 6. Tesco 7. French Open 8. Gary Clitter 9. Beates 10. Françoise 11. Jimmy Saville 12. Douglas Ross 13. Giovanni Ferrice 14. Bay City Rollers 15. Johnny Walker 16. Nicole Kidman and Sandra Bullock 17. Robin Green 8. Alan Hansen 19. President Joe Biden 20. Rory McIlroy

Who'll take the lead?

OWNERS hoped their pet would be top dog at the Border Union Championship in Kelso yesterday.

Ella Murray's Chihuahuas Cooper and Tam were entered along with Julie Ashton's pug Thunder, Gemma Mackenzie's German Spitz Matel Rave and Hannah Roulson's poodle Tom.



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£277k battle for Braveheart book

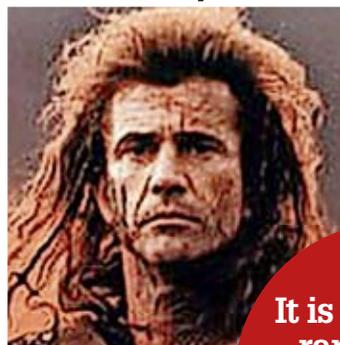
Incredibly rare volume bought by mystery bidder

BY GEORGE MAIR

A 500-YEAR-OLD book that revealed the exact date of Sir William Wallace's uprising against the English for the first time has fetched over £277,000 at auction.

The Lindsiana Chronicles of Scotland contain two handwritten texts in Latin thought to have been made in Edinburgh between 1511 and 1526.

The book, kept in a private collection in Norway since 1990, was studied by historian Professor Dauvit Broun who found previously unknown details



SCOTS HERO Wallace as played by Mel Gibson about the First War of Scottish Independence and Wallace's uprising.

The book went under the hammer at Christie's in London and was snapped up by a mystery buyer earlier this month for £277,200 after a bidding battle.

Broun, chair of Scottish history at Glasgow University discovered previously unknown information including the exact date – May 3, 1297 – when Wallace killed English sheriff of Lanark William Heselrig.

The book also revealed that Wallace had an accomplice named Richard of Lundie, who would later switch sides and fight against the Scots at the Battle of Stirling Bridge.

Christie's auctioneer Eugenio Donadoni said: "The Lindsiana Chronicles of Scotland is without

doubt one of the most significant Scottish manuscripts that has ever come to market.

"Manuscript codices produced in Scotland with Scottish bindings from this period just don't come up. When you add the textual significance, it is incredibly rare. I don't remember anything like it."

The texts were originally owned by Sir Robert Robertoun, chaplain of Edinburgh, who had them bound into a unique 223 leafbook some time before 1550.

Among its later owners was John Lindsay of Balcarres, the late 16th-century secretary of state for Scotland in whose family library it remained until it was bought by Norwegian bibliophile Martin Schoyen 34 years ago for £41,800.



GOING BACK IN TIME
Book is 500 years old



“It is incredibly rare. I don't remember anything like it”
EUGENIO DONADONI CHRISTIE'S OF LONDON AUCTIONEER ON THE LINDSIANA CHRONICLES OF SCOTLAND

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Climber, 70 rescued in cliff drama

A ROCK climber was airlifted to hospital after a dramatic rescue from a cliff face in Outer Hebrides.

The woman, 70, fell 30ft and ended up suspended on a rope after being hit by a rock while scaling the cliff on Vatersay.

The lifeboat from nearby Barra was launched before 6pm on Friday.

A Coastguard helicopter winched her from the cliff to nearby Barra during the two-and-a-half-hour rescue and she was then taken to hospital in Glasgow. Her condition is unknown.

Meanwhile, a 60-year-old man was taken by the Oban lifeboat to hospital after collapsing on the west coast island of Kerrera.



BOASTFUL Trump

Trump's cash call

DONALD Trump celebrated his 78th birthday by telling fans at a rally: "We don't need your vote, we've got so many."

But 5000 "Club 47" supporters had to fork out \$60 each to hear the speech near his Florida home.

Trump used Friday's event to accuse Joe Biden of "providing support for terrorism".

Beatles MBE autographs to cost £15k

A SET of Beatles signatures obtained during their MBE investiture at Buckingham Palace will go under the hammer today for £15,000.

Surveyor William Davies received a gong on the same day as the Fab Four in October 1965.

The band were in front of him in the queue to be honoured by the Queen and he pulled out the envelope which contained his invite for them to sign.

The Beatles later sparked controversy when John Lennon said they smoked cannabis in the toilets at Buckingham Palace.

The envelope is being sold at Chiswick Auctions.

SONS HOPE FOR GREEK JUSTICE 15 YEARS ON



ON THE CASE Jean's eldest son Michael and lawyer Apostolos Xiritakis

BY JENNIFER HYLAND

AN INVESTIGATION into the death of a mum on a Greek island 15 years ago is to be reopened after a new murder suspect was identified.

Jean Hanlon, 53, from Dumfries, went missing on Crete and was found dead in Heraklion harbour in March 2009.

Her three sons have always believed their mum, who moved to the island, was murdered and since her death have fought for justice.

In January, the family hired private investigator Haris Fluskounis who re-examined evidence before identifying the man he believes is responsible. A 29-page dossier has been handed to prosecutors in Greece.

Family lawyer Apostolos Xiritakis said: "We expect the case to be reopened so as to start inquiries about the person we indicate as the suspect."

Jean's eldest son Michael, 39, said: "The person identified was someone who was known to Mum. It's no one who has been accused before. The person was in clear sight, was spoken to at the time by police."

"Haris has produced a 4900-word report. The report clearly looks at motive, evidence, after evidence and



IDYLIC Heraklion, where Jean was found dead in 2009



Dossier of evidence handed to police

background. Now the case will be solved. We have identified the person that killed our mum and the puzzle is nearly complete.

"The authorities have no choice but to reopen the case. We then have to wait for a warrant to be issued for arrest."

"The evidence has always been there. It should have been done at the time. If it had, I don't believe we'd be here today."

"The family 100 per cent believe this person is responsible. After reviewing

the evidence in the report, it's hard to see how it could be anyone else."

Jean had moved to the village of Kato Gouves four years before her death to start a new life after a divorce. She had made new friends and had a job in the travel industry and did some bar work.

She went missing on March 9, 2009, after a night out. In the hours before her death, she'd spoken to friends on the phone after meeting a man at a bar and later sent a final text message to a pal

saying "help". Four days later, her body was pulled from the harbour. The Greek authorities at first said she'd drowned. But after pressure from her family, a second post-mortem revealed she had suffered a broken neck, shattered ribs, a punctured lung and facial injuries consistent with a struggle.

It was concluded she died before going into the water. It emerged Jean had arranged to meet two rival male friends in a bar hours before she vanished.

The family's campaign forced the Greeks to open a murder inquiry and two men, a Greek and a Belgian, were questioned. Both were released without charge. Court officials ruled in 2012 there wasn't enough evidence.

Police decided to re-examine the case in 2019 when a documentary in Greece highlighted her sons' search for justice. But that investigation was wound down after no new evidence was found.

In March 2021, police launched their third probe. The case was passed to the Department of Organised Crime. Neither the Greek police nor Ministry of Justice replied to requests for comment.

"The authorities have no choice but to reopen the case. We have to wait for a warrant." JEAN'S SON MICHAEL

COMEDY WRITER BEN ELTON REVEALS C

The famous works of a genius

BEN Elton has written dozens of TV shows, 17 novels and several musicals. Here are six of his best-loved comedy series.



THE YOUNG ONES

The show, which starred Adrian Edmondson, Rik Mayall, Nigel Planer and Alexei Sayle, focused on the lives of four anarchic students.



BLACKADDER

The wickedly funny period sitcom followed antihero Edmund Blackadder (Rowan Atkinson) and dogsbody Baldrick (Tony Robinson).



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

The comedy sketch show made stars of Ben Elton and Harry Enfield, and featured appearances from Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie.



UPSTART CROW

The sitcom was based on William Shakespeare and premiered in 2016 as part of the commemorations of the 400th anniversary of his death.



THE THIN BLUE LINE

The sitcom was set in the fictional English town of Gasforth and is a parody of the police force. Again, Rowan Atkinson starred.



ALFRESCO

The sketch series starred Robbie Coltrane, Ben Elton, Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Siobhan Redmond and Emma Thompson.



ALLSTARS With Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Robbie, Siobhan Redmond and Emma Thompson. Left, Robbie in Blackadder

WHEN Ben Elton returns to Scotland to perform stand-up there is always one man on his mind.

The genius that created Blackadder and The Young Ones became close pals with the late Robbie Coltrane, as part of a group of actors that would go on to dominate the comedy scene in the 80s.

And Ben, who walked miles across Scotland's hills with the much-loved Harry Potter star before his death two years ago, said Robbie taught him how to enjoy every moment in life.

He said: "His death was a great sadness but not a great shock. The shock was how long he bloody lived."

"I remember Robbie saying to me in the early 90s, 'If I carry on the way I'm going, I only have 10 years left'. He had a glass of whisky in one hand and an untipped cigarette in the other and added, 'But what a 10 years!'"

"He lived for another 30 years but he definitely enjoyed life. We were good friends and had great experiences walking together. This one time I was lent a kilt and I went commando and walked above the snow line for several hours."

"It was surprisingly warm yet liberating and my balls didn't chafe. I also remember swimming in Loch Lomond and Robbie standing on the shore laughing at me."

Ben and Robbie, who first met at the Edinburgh Festival, worked together on the TV series Alfresco and were part of a clutch of comedy and acting legends including Hugh Lawrie, Stephen Fry and Emma Thompson who all found fame at the same time.

But Ben, who is coming to Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen with his new show, said Robbie retreated from public life towards the end. He said: "Sadly, I

Blackadder creator, who is heading to Scotland for latest stand-up tour, tells of sadness over loss of larger-than-life pal who emerged alongside him and other stars in the 80s

BY HEATHER GREENAWAY

didn't see him in the final years of his life as he had retired into himself but my wife and I remain friends with his ex-wife Rhona and will see her when I play Glasgow."

The comic, who in the 80s took Margaret Thatcher to task, said he plans to try to keep away from politics in his stand-up show Authentic Stupidity but it's clearly going to be tricky.

With convicted felon Donald Trump looking to become president again and both the Scottish and British governments in turmoil, he reckons the world has gone "stark raving mad".

He said: "The verdict's in. Humanity is thick. We need signs to tell us to step off escalators, we elect gibbering fools to lead us and now we've invented Artificial Intelligence which is actually going to replace us."

"I've spent 45 years in comedy exploring the outer limits of human idiocy and my mission has never been more timely as the world and its

people have gone stark raving mad. You just have to look at what is happening here in Britain and in the States never mind the rest of the planet."

"The American election is terrifying on an existential level as Trump's attitude to the environment is so cosmically wicked that there is a possibility that it might spell the end of the world as well as the end of American democracy."

"It's so bad I don't even want to talk about it but maybe we will have to from caves with the water rising and the bombs falling. These are more dangerous and terrifying times than anything we have ever lived in before."

"The Cold War era was scary but there were sort of grown-ups in charge. If it was Putin and Trump dealing with the Cuban Missile Crisis instead of Khrushchev and Kennedy, I dread to think what the outcome would have been."

Ben, who co-wrote cult hit The Young Ones with Manchester University pals Rik Mayall and Ade

Edmondson, admitted the only thing more terrifying than Trump back in the White House and another Tory government is AI.

He said: "Scientists and technologists should f*****g well read Pandora's Box and take a good look at themselves. It is not good enough to say it was there so I invented it."

"AI cannot do us any good. It's going to find a cure for cancer, they say. If it has killed democracy and rendered the human race redundant I would rather not be alive anyway."

"If Apple and Google and this f*****g AI bloke Sam Altman were terrorists saying we have invented a machine we believe has potential to put humanity out of work and render humans redundant we would send in James Bond."

"If Putin said he was releasing something on to the internet which would allow everybody to pretend to be everyone else, could steal intellectual



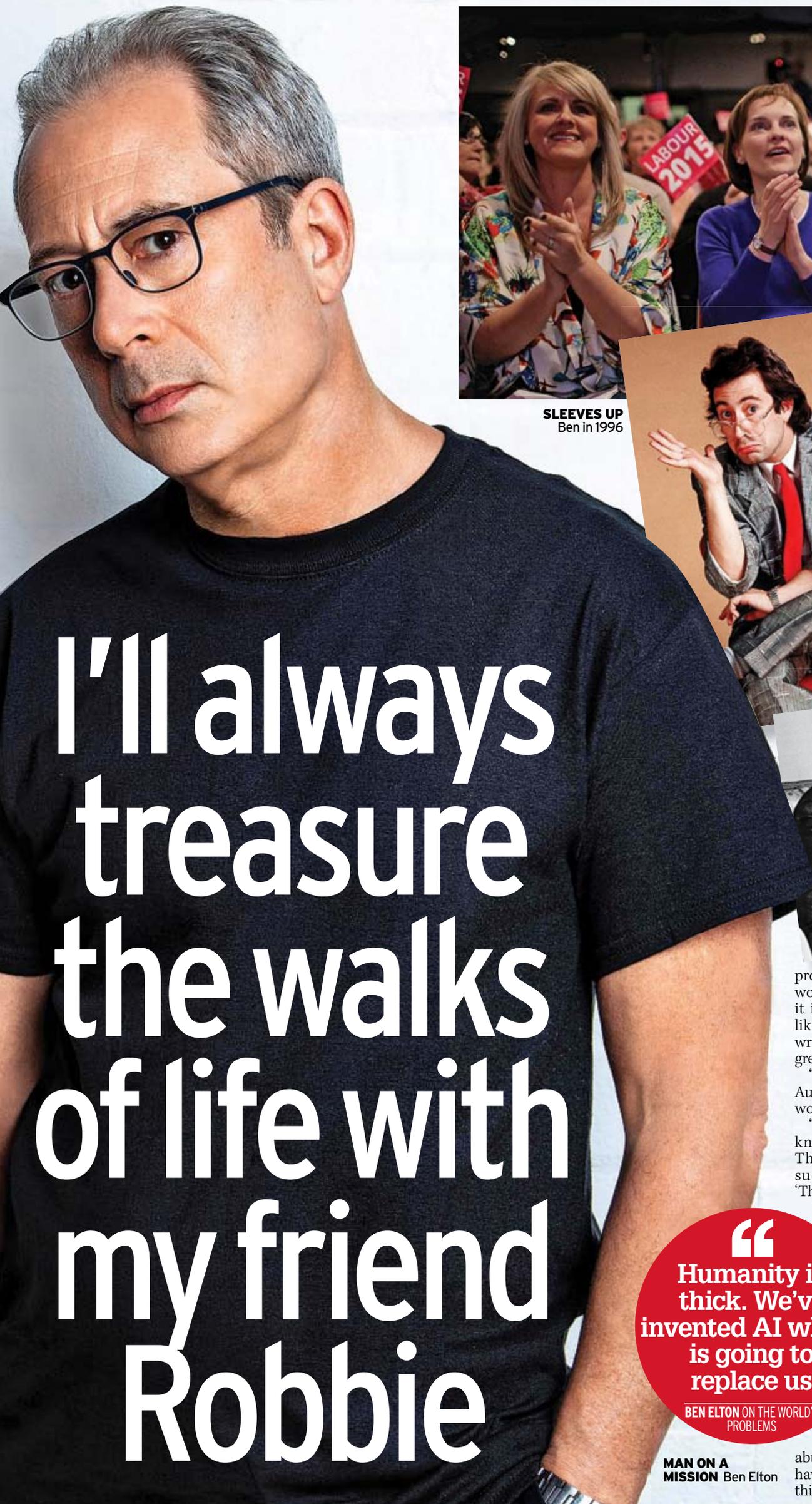
COMIC LEGENDS Ben alongside June Whitfield and Robbie in 2000. Right, his latest show

ROCK ON Ready for his own musical We Will Rock You

BEN ELTON AUTHENTIC STUPIDITY

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I'll always treasure the walks of life with my friend Robbie



LABOUR OF LOVE Supporting party with Eddie Izzard in 2015

SLEEVES UP Ben in 1996



RECIPE FOR DISASTER Elton contrasts Putin and Trump, above, to Khrushchev and Kennedy, pictured left



“Humanity is thick. We've invented AI which is going to replace us”

BEN ELTON ON THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS

MAN ON A MISSION Ben Elton

property and subvert elections we would go deal with him but because it is some tech billionaire we are like, 'Well it's going to be able to write a new Beatles song isn't that great?' - F***.

"Forget AI! It's AS - our own Authentic Stupidity we need to be worrying about."

"In the 80s, I did two hours of knob gags and gave Margaret Thatcher a few mentions and suddenly I was known as this 'Thatch'-bashing comedian.

"The only good thing I can say about Rishi Sunak, who I don't loathe as much as Boris Johnson but who I do hold in pretty deep contempt, is that he chose to hold the election early.

"This means when my 65-date tour kicks off in August it will all be over and there will be no need to harp on about it.

"And when I come to Scotland I am not going to spend the whole night talking about the travails of the SNP. I might have to mention it as it's mad that this iconic figure has fallen so swiftly

and the monolithic powerhouse that was the SNP at Holyrood now appears to be a house of cards but quite frankly I have more interesting things to talk about."

Ben, married to Australian saxophone player Sophie Gare, admitted his relationship with Scotland goes right back to the late 70s.

He said: "My first memory of loving the Highlands was going on holiday with Scottish friends to Rhum.

"Then there were the two seasons I had at the Edinburgh Fringe as a student playwright in 1979 and 1980.

"These were the biggest events of my life until things started to kick off professionally. I loved it."

And then there is the bizarre matter of having a hernia fixed at a hospital in Fort William.

He said: "It was during the great days of Thatcher's efforts to disguise the speedy diminution of the NHS when they got patients to go elsewhere for procedures.

"I was writing Filthy Rich and Catflap, and I remember talking to Rik Mayall on the phone about jokes from this tiny hospital. My hernia op was very well done and it hasn't given me a hint of trouble since."

Hang with Heather

Val's capital venture is dead brilliant

VAL McDermid's seventh novel in the Karen Pirie series, *Past Lying*, is an absolute triumph, capturing the essence of Edinburgh and weaving a compelling narrative that keeps readers on the edge of their seats.

Set against the backdrop of the early days of covid, McDermid blends real challenges with a fictional mystery that feels both current and timeless.

Edinburgh, a city steeped in literary history and the spectres of past writers, serves as the ideal setting for DCI Pirie's cold case investigations.

When a manuscript by a dead author appears to mirror the details of an unsolved case involving a missing Edinburgh University student, Lara Hardie, Karen finds herself drawn into a labyrinthine plot of deception and revenge.

The manuscript, tantalisingly incomplete, holds the key to solving the mystery but its clues are as elusive as they are intriguing.

McDermid's narrative brilliance shines as Karen delves deeper into the manuscript's connections to the real-life case.

The parallels between the fiction and the reality she uncovers are chilling and the investigation takes on a life of its own, revealing layers of betrayal and unexpected twists that keep readers guessing until the very end.

The novel's meta-fictional elements—an author's manuscript seemingly dictating

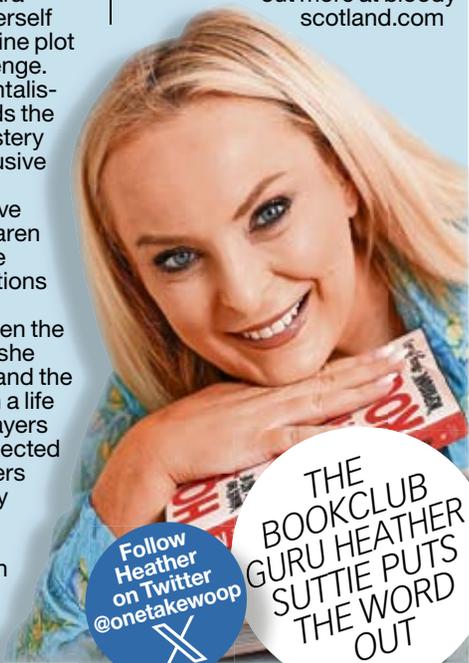
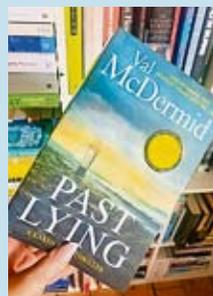
real events—add a unique twist that feels fresh and innovative.

For newcomers to the Karen Pirie series, *Past Lying* is an engaging entry point while longtime fans will appreciate the continuity and development of recurring characters.

McDermid's playful nods to her fellow writers and the crime fiction genre add humour and charm.

Val McDermid will be part of the Bloody Scotland programme official launch in Stirling on June 20 from midday at the Golden Lion

Hotel. The names of over 100 authors taking part over the festival weekend will be announced for events running from September 13-15. Find out more at bloodyscotland.com



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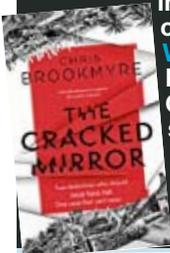
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Who is the author? Chris's career spans 30 years and his first novel, *Quite Ugly One Morning*, won the First Blood Award.



Julie Scrumptious



Father's Day fruit cake squares

INGREDIENTS

- Three Earl Grey or Lady Grey tea bags
- 350g dried fruit
- 100g mixed peel
- Grated rind and juice of an orange
- Grated rind of a lemon
- 50g butter
- 150g soft light brown sugar
- 225g self-raising flour
- Pinch of salt
- One egg, lightly beaten

METHOD

- 1 Make a pot of tea with the bags and after 5 minutes, pour about 300ml into a large bowl.
- 2 Add in the fruit, peel and citrus and leave, covered, for at least four hours. Drain off any excess liquid.
- 3 Grease and line an 8in square tin and preheat the oven to 150C, gas 3.
- 4 Melt the butter and allow to cool slightly.
- 5 Add the sugar, flour and salt to the fruit bowl and then the butter.
- 6 Add the egg and mix everything together. Scrape into the tin and bake for 50-60 minutes.
- 7 Cut into squares.

Cut and dried for Dad's treat

THE Euros kicked off on Friday and families across Scotland are holding their breath to see if our boys can make the next round despite the Germany result.

Many dads will today have woken up to new socks or maybe a couple of bottles of craft beer for Father's Day.

Despite the many advances we have made in the modern world when it comes to equality, we still seem to assume that mums want prosecco and chocolates on Mother's Day.

But Father's Day adverts see bountiful plates of manly steaks or golf polo tops.

In fact, as I write this, a Waitrose email advert has just arrived saying 'Fire up the barbecue for Father's Day'.

When it comes to hobbies, my Dad and I are much the same. Gardening, good food and books. The one area

where we are less similar is in the world of baking as he's always loved anything with dried fruit.

This could be anything from a hot cross bun to the well-filled fruit slices which I used to get him from my local bakery.

Although I've come round a bit to the idea of dried fruit as a treat, when it comes to cake I'm still looking for a light and lovely sponge with some fruit and cream.

Mr Scrumptious is very fond of a fruit cake but I've yet to perfect a good gluten free one that doesn't fall to bits.

This week's recipe is perfect to make for any fruit cake lover.

It's made with fruit steeped in tea but you could swap that for one of those craft ales.

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UK car plant going strong

ONE of the UK's remaining vehicle manufacturing plants is celebrating 60 years of being in the business.

Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port opened in 1964 and the first vehicle off the production line on June 1 was a Vauxhall Viva.

The Cheshire factory is now totally dedicated to making electric vehicles. It is the UK's first EV-only plant and manufactures the Vauxhall Combo Electric, Citroën ë-Berlingo, Fiat e-Doblò and Peugeot E-Partner.

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CLASSY The 1938 SS Jaguar 100

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Driving still a vital life skill

DRIVING is still considered a vital life skill according to new research by Young Driver, the pre-17 driving experts.

The news follows Jeremy Clarkson revealing that he had to turn down a substantial number of job applications for his Diddy Squat Farm because they could not drive.

It came second only to cooking and was equal to swimming in a survey of 1000 members of the general public

Driving came above first aid and the ability to use a computer and interestingly more women than men put driving as a priority.

BY MAGGIE BARRY

IT'S backbreaking work being a grandparent - especially when you are getting those little delinquents in and out of their rear car seat.

So I was delighted when the lovely lady from Nuna suggested that I try out the new KIA EV9, a car that has won many awards including UK Car of the Year, Family Car of the Year and Women's Worldwide Car of the Year, which I thought was just the right kind of accolade.

I thought that I would wait to try it out on the new KIA EV9, a car that has won many awards including UK Car of the Year, Family Car of the Year and Women's Worldwide Car of the Year, which I thought was just the right kind of accolade.

Trust me - in these things women always know best.

The seat fits easily in the rear of this big, roomy SUV with Isofix fittings in row two, both behind the driver and behind the passenger.

At a pinch, I thought that I could possibly even fit in the middle between two baby seats but in this car, you don't have to - there is a roomy third row of seats. I'd actually



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put them down to begin with because we had been lugging a big parcel.

When I said to my husband they'd need to be lowered, he looked at me dubiously but this is a KIA and they always put more than a little thought into making things easier for the driver.

I'd a look in the rear and sure enough found two sets of buttons - one for the second row and one for the third row. I pressed the third and the seats slowly and

efficiently flattened themselves to allow for a huge 2318 litres of space. My goodness, you could get a washing machine in there.

To be sure - once my model Rose was in the car seat - I pressed the buttons and the seats raised themselves without so much as nudging her car seat.

The KIA EV9 comes in three trim levels with this, the GT-Line, the middle one.

It is large, a plush family SUV with a grey and ivory

interior, heated and ventilated seats in the front and second row and fitted manual window blinds in the second too.

Handy when you are transporting two little ones.

There are six USB-C charge ports so loads of charging for all the family as well as a wireless pad at the front.

It comes with a 12.3inch central touchscreen and a 12.3inch driver display with video on the panel when you activate the indicators to keep you even safer.

There are piles of other safety features too and over-the-air updates.

KIA's EV9 is recognised as something of a trailblazer in electric vehicles for its range - 313 miles. And for its practicality, ease of operating and comprehensive kit onboard.

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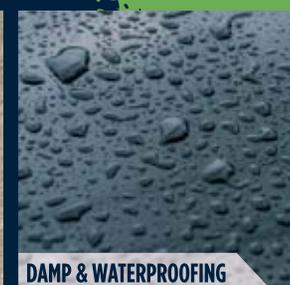
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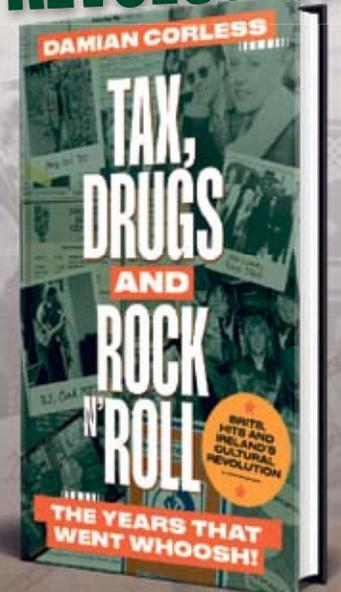
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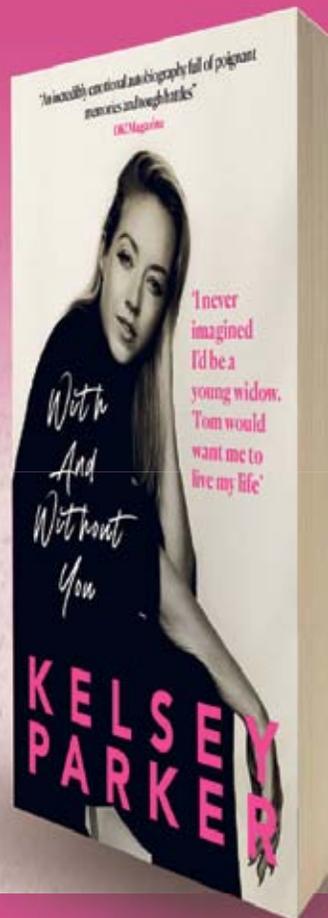
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Soft Play. There are also many food outlets to enjoy, from snacks to restaurant meals, including the award winning American themed diner Monterey Jack's.

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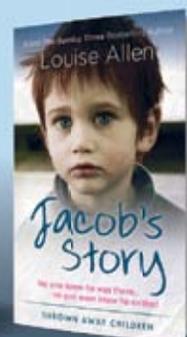
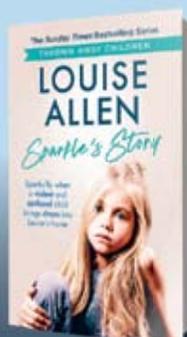
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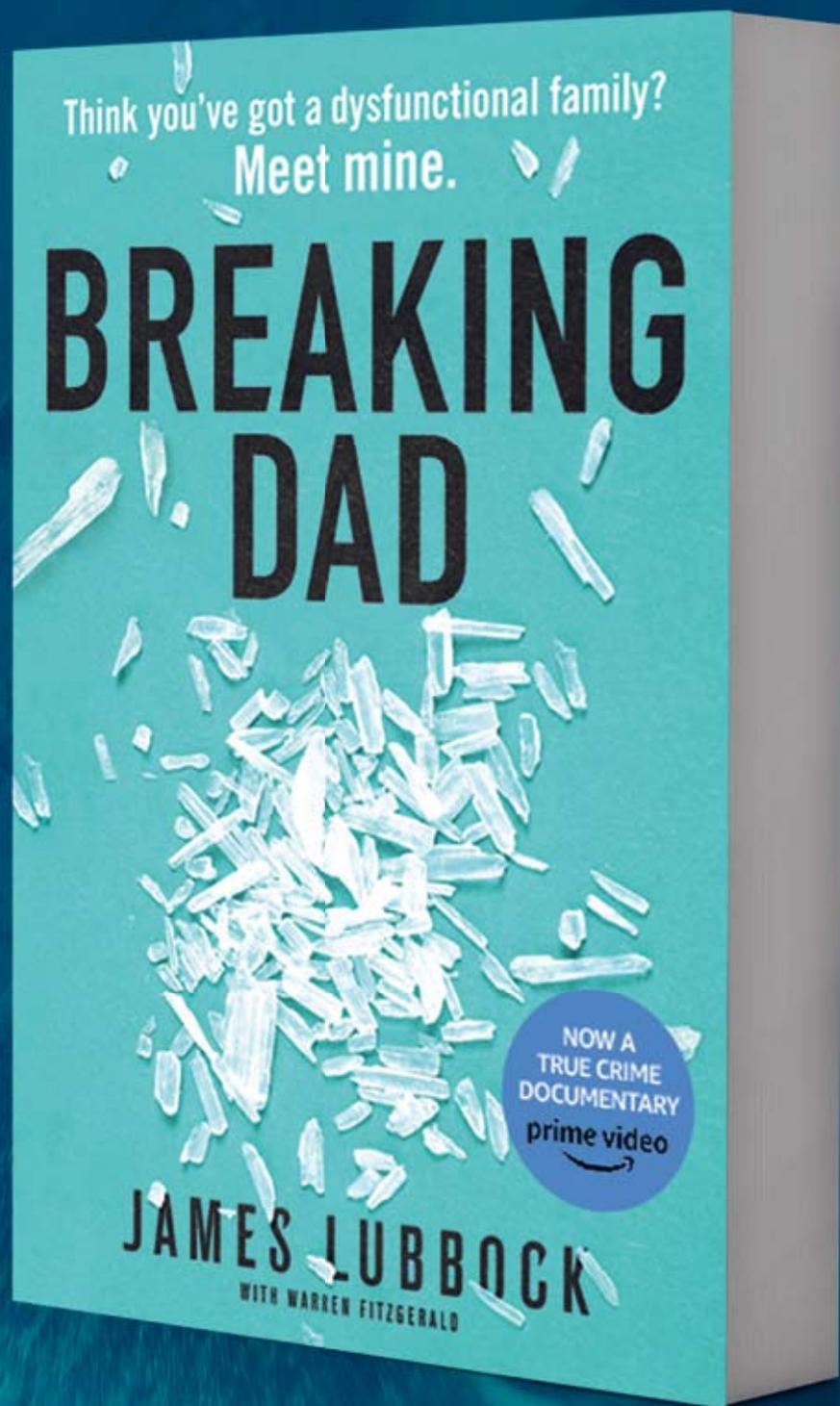


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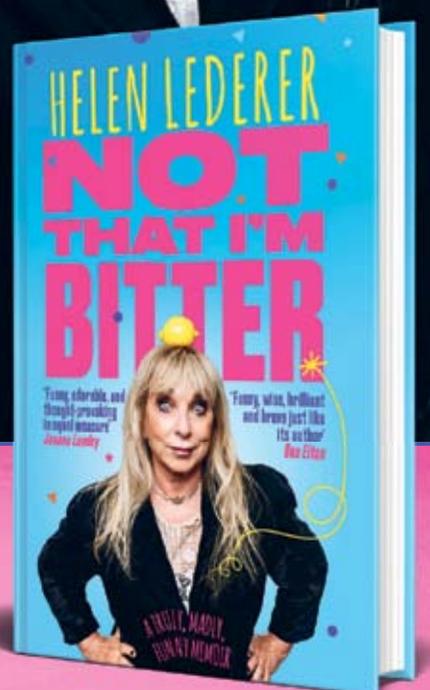
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RUGBY URC SEMI-FINALS

MUN DONE Cancelliere hailed for second try as, inset, Fagerson and O'Mahony enjoy a scrap



WARRIORS DO A MUNSTER MASH

AN INSPIRED display against the champions gave Glasgow a superb win in this URC semi-final - and put them through to their first showpiece since 2019.

Warriors will now travel to South Africa for Saturday's final, when they will meet the Bulls in Pretoria.

The Bulls beat Leinster 25-20 in yesterday's first semi-final.

Franco Smith's team lost 40-34 away to the Bulls just last month in the regular season but if they play as well as they did at Limerick's Thomond Park yesterday they will give themselves every chance.

Player of the match Sione Tuipulotu said: "Full credit to our

Bully for Glasgow as they seal Springbok final

» MUNSTER.....10
» GLASGOW.....17
BY STUART BATHGATE

coaches, we came out and executed the play.

"We had an awesome week in preparation, these are the games you want to be a part of, I think we are just building after the Stormers last week.

"Since the Glasgow summer hasn't arrived yet, I'm looking forward to getting back to South Africa and some sunshine."

The Warriors' early discipline was poor and after giving away

a string of penalties Italian referee Andrea Piardi sent Richie Gray to the sin bin for their sixth offence.

Jack Crowley kicked it for 3-0 but, just as Gray was due to come back on, Warriors hit back as Kyle Steyn ran in from halfway. George Horne converted to put his team into a 7-3 lead.

Just as the clock went past the 40-minute mark Matt Fagerson saw yellow for going in high on Peter O'Mahony.

But the 14-man Scots extended their lead early in the second period as Sebastian

Cancelliere touched down after good work from Huw Jones.

Horne added the extras to put the visitors 14-3 up only for Antoine Frisch squeezed in at the left corner.

Crowley converted to narrow the gap to 14-10.

But Glasgow controlled the game superbly after that as the clock ticked down.

And when Munster centre Alex Nankivell was sent off with six minutes to go for head contact on Horne, the scrum-half put over the penalty to seal a well-deserved victory.

» JOE PUNTER



SIDE EFFECT progressive filly has the edge for Barron

Diva should hit the high notes in Thirsk clash

MERESIDE DIVA (4.45) can strut her stuff in the Sunday Series at Thirsk.

Mezzo Soprano, who has an unbeaten record, will be all the rage for the seven-furlong fillies Handicap and definitely has strong claims.

But, at the forecast odds, Mereside Diva is worthy of a bet.

The four-year-old relished a step-up to this trip when winning at Haydock in May and, having been raised three pounds for that success, didn't do a lot wrong when second at York three weeks ago.

Challengers **Fiver Friday** and **Catherine Chroi** are well known to Scottish punters with recent wins for both up here during good spells of form.

But Mereside Diva can be the one this evening for the David Barron outfit with Callum Rodriguez on board.

ALICE FAIRFAX (3.45) has an excellent pedigree and has claims of winning the opener.

Kevin Ryan's filly was fourth of 12 on debut in a Doncaster maiden a fortnight ago and natural progression from that run can see her go close.

Sir Michael Stoute wouldn't have a bundle of runners at Thirsk so **FOX LEGACY (5.15)** is an interesting contender.

The **Lope De Vega** colt showed promise when second recently in a Leicester novice and goes up in trip for his handicap debut.

David Allan, who is a master of these Yorkshire tracks, has been booked

for the ride and all the pieces are in place for a bold effort.

Doncaster are also in action today and **CABELLOROSO (3.10)** sets a pretty impressive standard in the juvenile contest having come second in a Chester novice on debut.

Hugo Palmer's charge had no chance of beating a good winner that day on the Roozee and looks open to progress.

PROFITEER (4.40) is going up in trip for Tim Easterby and he can make his presence felt after a decent last showing at Carlisle.

There are seven races at Salisbury and **BEACH POINT (3.25)** looks a solid challenger for the William Knight team.

The three-year-old opened his account at Doncaster then was a good second under a penalty at Lingfield five days later.

James Doyle has been booked for the ride and that is a big positive.

Chances are taken later in the meeting with **PHOTON (5.00)** for Roger Teal.

He was fourth at Chelmsford City last time out and has been running consistently well in defeat recently.

Teal has gone for the first-time cheekpieces and this might be the time to finally strike under Rossa Ryan.

PUTURHANDS-TOGETHER (4.21) can have Joseph O'Brien clapping a win at Gowran.

CANDALA (3.05) can burn bright for Francis Graffard in the French Oaks at Chantilly.

Toony refuses to be drawn on role with the Lions

GREGOR TOWNSEND has refused to rule out a coaching role with the British and Irish Lions next summer.

The Scotland head coach left out senior figures including Finn Russell, Zander Fagerson and Ben White from next

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months tour to North and South America.

Townsend said that was to give them a rest due to their possible involvement in the Lions tour to Australia next year.

But asked if he might join them as one of Andy

Farrell's assistants, Townsend - whose side will face Uruguay, Canada, Chile and USA - said: "It's not a question I want to answer. It's hypothetical.

"This is about the players. It is really challenging for a player to have 12 months of rugby,

go on a summer tour, have a shortened pre-season, then 10 to 11 months of rugby for your club, your country and potentially a Lions tour at the end of it.

"We've got to make sure the demands on our players mean they still get to play at the highest level."



HYPOTHETICAL Townsend

PANEL BEATERS



WE ANSWER THREE KEY Qs

JOE REILLY, DAVIE MACDONALD, JOE PUNTER

Q1 What's your biggest fancy at Thirsk?

Fair Wind (5.45) can stay on the rise for shrewd Owen Burrows in the sprint. The consistent Looking For Lynda is drawn well and must be in the mix in the 5.45. Mereside Diva (4.45) can upset red-hot favourite Mezzo Soprano for David Barron.

Q2 Give us your Nap at Doncaster today.

Al Muqdad (2.10) did it nicely at Ayr so can defy a 3lb hike for David O'Meara. Recent Ayr winner Al Muqdad (2.10) can land the opener. Cabelleroso (3.10) can build on his superb debut second at Chester.

Q3 Can you pick us a winner at Salisbury?

Orbital (2.45) should excel on Turf after scoring in excellent style at Chelmsford. I'm taking Vin Rouge (5.10) to upset the likely favourite Taritino. Beach Point (3.25) can hit the mark for William Knight and James Doyle.



ADAAAY OF JOY Millman's raider clung on at Sandown

DEVON IS THE CREAM OF THE SCURRY CROP

ADAAAY IN DEVON BY ROCKAVON dug deep to claim the BetMGM Scurry Stakes at Sandown. Rod Millman's filly was an 11-8 jolly for the Listed event having made rapid progress in the early part of the campaign. The sprinter broke well under Silvestre De Sousa and was quickly battling it out for the lead with Nighteyes (5/1). The three-year-old saw off that rival a furlong out only to face a dangerous late challenge from Flora Of Bermuda (5/1). The leader would not be denied and she kept on gamely to defeat her foe by a head with Nighteyes third. De Sousa said: "She's very genuine and she gets further than five, even a stiff five. The problem was we were probably on the worst part of the ground on the inside, that's not the place you want to be when it's raining like that, it's better to be three off. "With the way the race has panned out, with the draw I had, I had to go that way. But she's just so genuine and very tough, so I'm pleased she's got her head in front nicely. "She gives me 100 per cent every time I ride her and she produces great form so I couldn't be more pleased." Two Tempting (12/1) turned on the style for Jonathan Portman in the valuable talkSPORT Handicap. The gelding overcame a tricky passage through the one-mile contest to pip Classic (16/1) by a neck under David Egan.

RACING

THIRSK ITV4: 3.45-6.45. RACING TV. Premier Raceday

Table with columns ROCKAVON and PA. Races include Final Angel, Paborus, Mezzo Soprano, Fox Legacy, Fair Wind (NAP), Letsbefrank, Secret Command.

3.45 CURE LEUKAEMIA FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4) (2-Y-0) 6f. Races include Alice Fairfax, Auroras Doublesex, Baileys Honeymoon, Beronia, Eleonora Gonzaga, Final Angel, Ghost Run, Go On Rosie, Highfield Sunshine, Merma Dee, Miss Hathaway, Prada on Parole, Ripple Effect, Rosy Hope, Shiny Pearl.

4.15 SKY BET BUILD A BET HANDICAP (3) (3-Y-0) 7f. Races include Telemark, Paborus, Piz Nair, True Promise, Topanga, Venture Capital, Burdett, Diligent Resdev, Our Havana, Federal Envoy.

4.45 SKY BET FOR THE FANS FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) 7f. Races include Fiver Friday, Mezzo Soprano, Mereside Diva, Zapphire, Catherine Chroi, Rock Melody.

5.15 SKY BET EXTRA PLACES EVERY DAY HANDICAP (3) (3-Y-0) Winner £15,462 (12 run) 1m 4f 8yds. Races include Victory Shout, Align The Stars, Dunstan, African Spirit, Castle in the Sand, Too Bossy For Us, Hampden, Fair Wind (NAP), Letsbefrank, Secret Command.

5.45 SKY BET REQUEST A BET HANDICAP (2) 5f. Races include Vintage Clarets, Tees Spirit, Changeofmind, Fair Wind, Intrinsic Bond, Baldomero.

13.09 280715 BURNING CASH (15) (P) P Midgley 6-9-0 (CD) 85. Races include Burning Cash, Ventura Express, American Affair, Telemark, Paborus, Piz Nair, True Promise, Topanga, Venture Capital, Burdett, Diligent Resdev, Our Havana, Federal Envoy, Fiver Friday, Mezzo Soprano, Mereside Diva, Zapphire, Catherine Chroi, Rock Melody.

GOING: Good-Good to Soft in places. COURSE: Left-handed oval track of 1m 2f, undulating with tight turns, straight 6f course. DRAW: High numbers have a slight advantage on the straight course.

VENTURA EXPRESS 5-2fav (9-8, D Nolan) Chased leaders, went 2nd inside 2f out, led over 1f, hard pressed towards finish, held on, won at Pontefract 5f hcp 0-85. BURNING CASH 172 (9-4, D Nolan) Tracked leaders, pushed along well over 1f out, stayed on one pace, 5th of 12, 2 1/4 behind Hya Maite (9-8) at Doncaster 5f hcp 0-90 (3) gd 57.70s. LETHAL NYMPH 9-1 (7-11, Aiden Brookes) Chased leaders, ridden and unable to quicken over 1f out, no extra inside final furlong, 8th of 14, 6f behind Dream Composer (8-0) at Epsom Downs 5f hcp (2) gs 55.50s. AMERICAN AFFAIR 10-3fav (8-12, David Egan) Not much room start, held up towards rear, headed when not much room over 2f out, went 2nd inside final furlong, no chance with winner 2nd of 15, 4 1/2 behind Desperate Hero (9-9) at Hamilton 5f hcp 0-105 (2) gd 57.63s. MATTICE 12-1 (9-8, Connor Murtagh) Prominent in centre, ridden and every chance over 1f out, stayed on one pace, 4th of 21, 2 1/2 behind Triac (9-7) at York 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 12.20s. MANDOMMEJ 33-1 (9-7, Cam Hardie) Dwelt, mid-division, ridden and beaten 2f out, 17th of 21, 14f behind Triac (9-7) at York 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 12.20s.

6.15 SKY BET CLUB HANDICAP (4) 1m 6f. Races include Hope You Can Run, Geremia, Dark Moon Rising, Rathgar, Artisan Dancer, Banderas, Dark Jedi, Churcella, Billy no Mates, Fleur de Mer, Kitsune Power, Valley of Flowers.

6.45 SKY BET ACCA FREEZE HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-0) 5f. Races include Willolarupi, Lochaber, Secret Command, Cuban Storm, Macarone, It's Showtime, Alfa Moonstone, Zaphea, Glory Hyde, South Parade, Pinpoint, Lettuce Leaf, Barnaby, Sergeant Mayer, Isheworth Agamble, Dandy Fitz, Mandy Rainbow, Northern Prince.

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YORK Going: Good to Soft (Good in places) 1.50: LORD MELBOURNE (M Serena Brotherton 9-2f) 1; Whimsy (7-1) 2; Galside (17-2) 3 18 ran, 2/4, 1/4. (R M Beckett). Tote: £5.50, £1.90, £2.20, £2.30, £5.70. Tote Exacta: £36.90. Csf: £33.06. Tricast: £268.41. Tote Trifecta: £296.40. 2.25: TOLSTOY (B Robinson 10-3f) 1; Quest For Fun (14-1) 2; New Image (11-2) 3 17 ran, 1/2, 1/2. (B Ellison). Tote: £4.34, £1.70, £3.30, £1.60, £6.30. Tote Exacta: £62.90. Csf: £49.73. Tricast: £273.42. NRs: Bear Force One, Diamondthehill, Mudamer. Tote Trifecta: £385.20. 3.30: KLONDIKE (R L Moore 3-Cof) 1; Salt Bay (10-3) 2; Relentless Voyager (3-Cof) 3; Real Dream 3-1-Cof. 5 ran, shd, 2/4. (W J Haggas). Tote: £4.00, £1.70, £2.00. Tote Exacta: £13.10. Csf: £12.59. NR: Chesspiece. Tote Trifecta: £36.60. 4.30: JAMES'S DELIGHT (R L Moore 6-1) 1; Almarada Prince (16-1) 2; Elmonjed (4-1) 3; Ziggy's Concor 4-1Jft. 17 ran, 2/4, 1. (C G Cox). Tote: £7.00, £1.90, £3.10, £1.90, Tote Exacta: £96.70. Csf: £91.55. Tricast: £352.43. NRs: Pocklington, Woodhay Wonder. Tote Trifecta: £531.20. 4.45: PISANELLO (M Winn 18-1) 1; Boy Douglas (9-2) 2; Mostawwa (10-1) 3; Theme Park 9-2Jft. 14 ran, 1, nk. (D O'Meara). Tote: £22.00, £5.30, £2.00, £3.90. Tote Exacta: £140.10. Csf: £94.14. Tricast: £307.37. NRs: Dingle, Hale End, Utillis. Tote Trifecta: £1,793.50. 5.20: HOLKHAM BAY (B Wilkie 11-2) 1; Dark Side Thunder (8-1) 2; Triac (10-3) 3 20 ran, 1, nk. (W J Knight). Tote: £6.80, £2.00, £2.10, £1.80, £6.50. Tote Exacta: £57.40. Csf: £47.44. Tricast: £180.17. NRs: Abate, Rock Opera. Tote Trifecta: £177.50. 5.35: PRINCE ERIC (W Buck 9-1) 1; Mr Monaco (18-5) 2; Into Battle (2-1) 3 7 ran, 1, shd. (J Ferguson). Tote: £10.00, £4.00, £2.30. Tote Exacta: £38.60. Csf: £40.73. Tricast: £90.72. NRs: Jayshay, Von Baer. Tote Trifecta: £130.70. 6.30: TWO TEMPTING (D Egan 12-1) 1; Classic (16-1) 2; Dual Identity (9-2) 3 15 ran, nk, hd. (J G Portman). Tote: £14.20, £3.80, £5.20, £2.80. Tote Exacta: £248.50. Csf: £187.89. Tricast: £1,030.88. NR: Hiromichi. Tote Trifecta: £2,270.90. 7.40: ADAAAY IN DEVON (S De Sousa 11-8f) 1; Flora Of Bermuda (5-1) 2; Nighteyes (6-1) 3 7 ran, hd, 1. (B R Millman). Tote: £2.36, £1.30, £2.70. Tote Exacta: £38.40. Csf: £76.96. NR: Spanish Thunder. Tote Trifecta: £31.70. 8.15: GRANUSH BLAZE (K Shoemaker 9-1) 1; Quatre Bras (18-1) 2; Mount Teide (6-5) 3 9 ran, 1, 1. (M P Tregonno). Tote: £10.40, £2.80, £4.90, £1.10. Tote Exacta: £197.60. Csf: £156.02. Tricast: £333.79. NRs: Robbo, Swinton. Tote Trifecta: £570.10. 9.30: PRAGUE (J Gilligan 40-1) 1; Mutaewid (12-1) 2; Chorus (6-4) 3 13 ran, 4, 1/2. (Dylan Cunha). Tote: £41.00, £7.60, £2.70, £1.20. Tote Exacta: £705.70. Csf: £449.03.

NRS: Desperate Dan, Kingdom Of Stars. Tote Trifecta: £3,031.00. 4.25: ASTEVERDI (T Marquand 6-1) 1; Ziggy's Phoenix (17-2) 2; Imperial Express (9-1) 3; Hot Fashion 5-2f, 7 ran, 3/4, 3/4. (Alice Haynes). Tote: £7.00, £3.30, £3.60. Tote Exacta: £50.30. Csf: £53.06. Tricast: £453.13. NR: Get The Music On. Tote Trifecta: £304.70. 5.00: COCO ROYALE (T Marquand 2-1) 1; Saligo Bay (11-1) 2; Duke Of Verona (6-2) 3 8 ran, 5/8, nk. (W J Haggas). Tote: £3.00, £2.20, £1.40. Tote Exacta: £22.70. Csf: £25.39. Tricast: £57.03. NRs: Blindedbytheights, Dancing In Paris, Rhythmic Intent. Tote Trifecta: £65.40. Quadpot: £63.80. Placepot: £656.80.

CHESTER Going: Good 1.35: ASKTHEBOSS (H Doyle 10-3) 1; The Flying Seagull (4-1) 2; Thecoffeeoddotco (4-1) 3 10 ran, 1/4, shd. (A Keatley). Tote: £4.34, £1.40, £1.60, £1.60. Tote Exacta: £15.70. Csf: £15.80. NRs: Stapleford Park, Tactical Plan. Tote Trifecta: £32.60. 2.10: COPPER KNIGHT (S Kirrane 4-1) 1; Dickiebur (15-2) 2; Curious Rover (6-1) 3 11 ran, 1/4, 1/4. (D D Easterby). Tote: £5.00, £1.70, £2.50, £2.40. Tote Exacta: £34.10. Csf: £34.64. Tricast: £184.14. Tote Trifecta: £237.60. 2.45: LOYAL TOUCH (J Fanning 10-1) 1; Box To Box (9-2) 2; Hosanna Power (6-4) 3 8 ran, 1, 3. (C Johnston). Tote: £11.00, £2.50, £1.40, £1.20. Tote Exacta: £61.10. Csf: £56.10. Tricast: £107.23. NRs: City Streak, Desert Emperor, United Front. Tote Trifecta: £173.80. 3.20: LOVE BILLY BOY (F Norton 13-2) 1; Pitney (16-1) 2; Blue Prince (6-1) 3; Monrif 9-2f, 13 ran, nk, 1/4. (R Hamron). Tote: £8.30, £2.10, £5.40, £2.40. Tote Exacta: £127.90. Csf: £34.98. Tricast: £978.44. NR: Burdett. Tote Trifecta: £874.10. 3.55: RICH BELIEF (R C Colgan 7-2) 1; Wind Your Neck In (6-1) 2; Percy Jones (15-2) 3 7 ran, nk, 6/8. (K Thornton). Tote: £4.50, £1.60, £2.30, £2.20. Tote Exacta: £18.90. Csf: £24.40. Tricast: £148.54. NRs: Byzantine Empire, Havayunmissed. Tote Trifecta: £162.50. 4.30: HYPERFOCUS (S Kirrane 3-1) 1; Mythical Phoenix (5-2) 2; Evocative Spark (7-1) 3 10 ran, nk, 1. (T D Easterby). Tote: £34.80, £8.80, £1.50, £2.40. Tote Exacta: £133.20. Csf: £113.93. Tricast: £680.18. NRs: Indian Creek, Princess Shabnam. Tote Trifecta: £1,174.90. 6.00: DREAMS ADOZEN (J Fanning 5-2) 1; Grey Fable (13-2) 2; Time Tells All (10-3) 3 9 ran, 1, 1/4. (C Johnston). Tote: £3.50, £4.40, £2.10, £1.20. Tote Exacta: £16.90. Csf: £18.88. Tricast: £53.77. NR: Richard P Smith. Tote Trifecta: £69.20. 5.35: EYETRAP (J Peate 9-2) 1; Gordon Grey (10-3) 2; Orman (4-1) 3; Sax Appeal 3-1f, 7 ran, 1/4, 7. (Jane Chapple-Hyam). Tote: £5.50, £2.30, £1.90. Tote Exacta: £19.80. Csf: £18.91. Tricast: £82.55. NRs: Polar Princess, She's A Novelly, Tote Trifecta: £64.40. Quadpot: £25.60. Placepot: £92.90.

BATH Going: Good to Soft 1.45: AL SAYAH (C Hutchinson 5-4) 1; Thabab Ifraj (40-1) 2; Uther Pendragon (20-1) 3 8 ran, 1/4, 3/4. (N P Mulholland). Tote: £2.25, £1.20, £7.50, £3.30. Tote Exacta: £52.30. Csf: £67.03. Tricast: £996.39. Tote Trifecta: £584.20. 2.20: VIOLET LOVE (P Cosgrave 4-5) 1; Miss Show Down (10-1) 2; Havana Dance (7-2) 3 8 ran, 1, 1. (G Boughey). Tote: £1.80, £1.10, £2.30, £1.10. Tote Exacta: £10.10. Csf: £11.00. NRs: Blue Point Express, Kalahari Blue, Lift Luff, Skellig Isle. Tote Trifecta: £28.90. 2.55: ACCURAL (P Cosgrave 33-1) 1; Balmoral Lady (5-4) 2; Felicity (9-4) 3 5 ran, shd, 1/2. (D C Kubler). Tote: £35.40, £8.80, £1.30. Tote Exacta: £39.20. Csf: £75.86. NRs: Capo Vaticano, Caribbean Wind. Tote Trifecta: £245.45. 3.30: FRANK THE SPARK (K T O'Neill 11-4Jft) 1; Media Guest (11-4Jft) 2; Havechatma (12-1) 3 9 ran, 3/4, nk. (P T Midgley). Tote: £3.62, £1.20, £1.40, £3.30. Tote Exacta: £10.00. Csf: £8.45. Tricast: £61.70. NRs: Battle Point, Katar. Tote Trifecta: £32.30. Liberty Bay (10-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets. Deduct 50 in £. 4.05: OREGON (P Cosgrave Events) 1; Alvesta (5-2) 2; Tidal Storm (7-1) 3 7 ran, 4/4, 1/2. (G Boughey). Tote: £2.00, £1.30, £1.60. Tote Exacta: £3.50. Csf: £3.55. Tricast: £9.62. NRs: Niloufar, Precision Storm. Tote Trifecta: £10.80. 4.40: LENNON (P Cosgrave 15-8) 1; Bramble Jelly (18-1) 2; Meet Me In Meraki (6-1) 3 11 ran, 3/4, nk. (G Boughey). Tote: £2.88, £1.40, £3.90, £1.90. Tote Exacta: £37.50. Csf: £36.26. Tricast: £180.96. Tote Trifecta: £187.40. 5.15: LOCAL BAY (J Doughty 16-5) 1; Andromedas Kingdom (3-1) 2; Ower Starlight (20-1) 3 10 ran, 3/4, 1/4. (A W Carroll). Tote: £4.20, £1.50, £1.80, £5.80. Tote Exacta: £13.40. Csf: £13.12. Tricast: £164.94. NRs: Ceilidh, Rival. Tote Trifecta: £251.70. Quadpot: £24.10. Placepot: £8.60. HEXHAM Going: Good to Soft in places 4.17: FOXWOOD (1-1) 3 10 ran, hd, 1. (M Walford). Tote: £2.88, £1.30, £2.70, £3.30. Tote Exacta: £20.10. Csf: £19.14. Tricast: £147.72. NRs: Monty Nevett, Tossan Genius. Tote Trifecta: £175.90. 4.52: GOING MOBILE (J England 5-1) 1; Dream Jet (9-1) 2; Kicksafters (12-1) 3; Jet Patrol 10-3f, 10 ran, 5, 2/4. (S England). Tote: £6.00, £1.80, £2.80, £3.50. Tote Exacta: £50.00. Csf: £46.71. Tricast: £512.18. Tote Trifecta: £409.20. 5.27: BREAKDANCE KID (S Coltherd 25-1) 1; So Be It (2-1) 2; Muroor (60-1) 3; Ribeye 16-5f, 13 ran, 14, shd. (W Carroll). Tote: £21.20, £3.40, £3.80, £1.10. Tote Exacta: £362.00. Csf: £439.73. Tricast: £35,178.70. NR: Goodchild. 6.00: STYLISH RECRUIT (R Mania 20-1) 1; Famous Liss (16-1) 2; If You Let Me (4-6) 3 14 ran, nk, 2. (A M Thomson). Tote: £21.20, £3.40, £3.80, £1.10. Tote Exacta: £356.70. Csf: £289.95. Tote Trifecta: £1,088.20. 6.30: KINGSTON BRIDGE (C Nichol 5-1) 1; Imperial Data (7-2) 2; Accidental Rebel (50-1) 3; Hartur D'oudaries 7-4f, 9 ran, nk, 1/6. (Ewan Whillans). Tote: £6.40, £1.90, £2.60, £1.10. Tote Exacta: £27.30. Csf: £23.28. Tricast: £784.46. Tote Trifecta: £942.40. 7.00: DINONS (C Nichol 16-1) 1; Shantou Moon (9-1) 2; Minniemug (4-1) 3; Swallows Song 5-2f, 10 ran, 10, 3/4. (B Ellison). Tote: £17.00, £4.00, £2.40, £1.10. Tote Exacta: £175.80. Csf: £144.81. Tricast: £689.99. NR: Cooper's Cross. Tote Trifecta: £659.50. Quadpot: £1,446.10. Placepot: £5,276.70.

LEICESTER Going: Good to Soft (Good in places) 5.17: CELEBRON (B Loughnane 5-4) 1; Metro Dubai (8-1) 2; Bayiando (33-1) 3 10 ran, 1/2, 1/2. (G Boughey). Tote: £2.27, £1.10, £2.40, £6.00. Tote Exacta: £13.20. Csf: £11.91. Tote Trifecta: £221.30. 5.48: FEARLESS FREDDY (L Edmunds 4-6) 1; Timefall (2-1) 2; Jack Andorra (33-1) 3 8 ran, 2/4, 4. (W Muir & C Grassick). Tote: £1.67, £1.10, £1.20, £2.70. Tote Exacta: £2.40. Csf: £2.12. NR: Corriano. Tote Trifecta: £24.30. 6.18: SIEMPRE ARTURO (D Toger 7-2) 1; Giesles Defence (2-1) 2; Royal Ruler (8-1) 3 8 ran, 3/4, 1/2. (D & C Kubler). Tote: £4.50, £1.60, £1.30, £2.00. Tote Exacta: £12.00. Csf: £10.95. Tricast: £50.45. NR: Tiger Beetle. Tote Trifecta: £74.60. 6.53: THREE DONS (M Gunn 13-2) 1; Chicago Gal (10-1) 2; Dubai Immo (4-1) 3; Bassilette 3-1Jft. Cagaco 22.20, £3.00, £1.30. Tote Exacta: £63.80. Csf: £70.11. Tricast: £297.51. NR: Ship To Shore. Tote Trifecta: £336.90. 7.25: MUTAMANNI (Billy Loughnane 2-1) 1; Winged Messenger (7-2) 2; Stash The Cash (5-2) 3 5 ran, nk, 2/4. (George Boughey). Tote: £3.00, £1.50, £1.90. Tote Exacta: £8.30. Csf: £8.78. NR: Master Of My Fate. Tote Trifecta: £16.70. 8.00: SUB THIRTEEN (William Cannon 11-2) 1; Carlton And Co (9-1) 2; Gentle Ellen (6-1) 3; Shark Two One 3-1f. 11 ran, 1/2, nk. (Tony Carroll). Tote: £6.50, £2.10, £2.50, £2.10. Tote Exacta: £49.40. Csf: £54.33. Tricast: £251.77. NRs: B Montenegro, Rushen Bay, The Cola Kid. Tote Trifecta: £309.70. Quadpot: £20.00. Placepot: £31.50. UTTOXETER Going: Good (Good to Soft in places) 5.07: BASKERVILLE (T Bellamy 9-2) 1; Don Rafael (7-2) 2; Near Dark (10-1) 3; Jafimogo 4-9f 3 ran, 2/4, shd. (A King). Tote: £6.20, £1.60, £1.30, £1.50. Tote Exacta: £23.30. Csf: £22.03. NRs: Hard As Nails, Reach For The Moon. Tote Trifecta: £122.80. 5.40: VALSAD (P O'Brien 4-1) 1; Country Park (12-1) 2; Fashionelle (11-2) 3 10 ran, 6/8, 1/4. (Harry Dermott). Tote: £13.07, £1.10, £2.20, £1.30. Tote Exacta: £67.70. Csf: £6.94. Tote Trifecta: £220.10. 6.10: JUST CHASING MAY (B Jones 9-2) 1; State Of Honor (22-1) 2; Renegade Arrow (14-1) 3; We Gotta Getaway 14-8f, 13 ran, 5, 6. (B Pauling). Tote: £5.50, £1.70, £5.10, £2.40. Tote Exacta: £104.70. Csf: £103.77. Tricast: £1,507.11. NR: Miliari Echo, Tote Trifecta: £1,642.30. 6.40: BARRAKHOV (K Woods 9-1) 1; Jean Genie (18-1) 2; Our Zabo (5-1) 3 9 ran, 1/4, 4/4. (D Killahena & G McPheron). Tote: £3.25, £1.40, £3.50, £2.40. Tote Exacta: £36.60. Csf: £39.97. Tricast: £189.26. NRs: Gamalou D'Alene, Methiodtherapeutic, Unwanted Attention. Tote Trifecta: £276.60. 7.10: GIULIETTA (H Skelton 8-1) 1; Faha Belle (15-2) 2; Turkey And Ham (10-1) 3 11 ran, 6, 2/4. (D Skelton). Tote: £1.54, £1.10, £1.60, £2.80. Tote Exacta: £5.50. Csf: £5.48. Tricast: £24.73. NRs: Caughnastings, Milanese Rose, Of Course You Can, Shibuya Song, Stargazer Belle. Tote Trifecta: £39.30. 7.45: OVER MILK WOOD (Jack Hogan 6-4) 1; Rajamastar (3-8) 2; Roll With It (11-2) 3 4 ran, 1/4, 6. (Gary Hamner). Tote: £2.50. Tote Exacta: £3.90. Csf: £4.43. NRs: Duke Of Luckley, LimeTREE Bay, Tote Trifecta: £6.90.

LUCKY REILLY'S LUCKY 15 Paburus 9/2 (4.15 Thir), Fox Legacy 13/2 (5.15 Thir), Fair Wind 13/2 (5.45 Thir), Letsbefrank 10/1 (6.15 Thir).

DONCASTER SKY SPORTS RACING.

SALISBURY ITV4: 4.00-5.30. RACING TV.

Table with columns ROCKAVON and PA, listing race numbers and names like AL MUQDAD, COLD STARE, CABELLEROSO, etc.

GOING: Good. COURSE: Left-handed, galloping pear-shaped track. Almost 2m round with a 1/2f run-in. Round and straight miles. DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course.

2.10 SPEEDY GONZALES SAM HAY HANDICAP (DIV 1) (5) Winner £4,397 (10 run) 7f 6yds. 1 (4) 490-52 PRISCILLA'S WISH (25) P McBride 6-9-11 (D²)... A Farragher 75...

2.40 SPEEDY GONZALES SAM HAY HANDICAP (DIV 2) (5) Winner £4,397 (10 run) 7f 6yds. 1 (9) 776172 COLD STARE (18) (PT) D O'Meara 9-9-10 (D²)... D Nolan 76...

3.10 ICE CREAM DIRECT EBF MAIDEN STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £3,672 (10 run) 7f 6yds. 1 (4) 2 CABELLEROSO (22) H Palmer 9-7... David Egan 77...

3.40 SUMMER SATURDAY SERIES 'CONFINED' NOVICE STAKES (5) Winner £4,320 (12 run) 1m 3f 197yds. 1 (11) 5 ZBELT (607) J & T Gosden 4-10-4... T Heard (3) 77...

4.10 FIVE RIVERS FOSTERING HANDICAP (RND) (4) Winner £5,832 (16 run) 7f 213yds. 1 (6) 8-5127 ON THE RIVER (36) H Bethell 5-9-11 (BF,D²)... C Hardie 82...

BETTING: 5 Ardbraccan, 11-2 Society Lion, 8 Great Max, Abruzzo Mia, 10 On The River, Archduke Ferdinand, 12 Lady Of Arabia, City Of York, 14 Others.

JAMES'S NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD

JAMES'S DELIGHT shrugged off a welter-burden in terrific style in the Churchill Tyres Macmillan Sprint Handicap at York. Clive Cox's gelding looked to be anchored by his big weight as he was pushed along at the halfway stage by Ryan Moore.

BY JOE REILLY how James's Delight has done it. The way he changed gear there today fills me full of excitement. "He does appreciate softer going, as although he won on good ground at Newmarket he prefers this end of the scale.



MOORE Delighted at York



HAGGAS A Grand day out

Kempton 1m hcap (4) pol in May 1m 3782s. ABRUZZO MIA 20-1 (9-1, Hollie Doyle) Held up in rear, headway between horses inside final furlong, went 3rd final 100 yards, no chance with leading duo, 3rd of 11, 2-3/4 behind Twirling (9-1) at Doncaster 1m hcp 0-85 (4) gs in May 1m 38.05s.

4.40 GRAZE AND DOTTY HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,768 (12 run) 7f 6yds. 1 (10) 07-7 LUMENBOURG (20) (P) J Camacho 9-9-9... Ryan Sexton 54...

5.10 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,768 (12 run) 6f 2yds. 1 (9) 38-4 STARS AWAY (78) (T) Fionn McSharry 9-11... P Mathers 67...

5.40 GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,768 (13 run) 5f 3yds. 1 (4) 590- WARRENDALE WAGYU (172) J & S Quinn 9-11... G Sanna (5) 60...

2.25 AL BASTI EQUIWORLD, DUBAI APPRENTICE HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,926 (9 run) 6f 213yds. 1 (1) 529-45 OTTOMAN FORCE (23) Darryll Holland 9-10... R Kavanagh (5) 66...

2.55 GEORGE JEFFERY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,580 (9 run) 6f 213yds. 1 (1) 135-57 PUMALIN PARK (16) (T) Sir M Stoute 4-9-11... S Osborne 77...

3.25 LAFINS BARBERS 'CONFINED' HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £4,580 (8 run) 1m. 1 (8) 6-4063 MAGNA VEGA (22) (P) Mrs N Evans 9-7... J Bryan 65...

4.00 BYERLEY STED PETER & VIRGINIA WALWYN BRITISH EBF NOVICE STAKES (3) (2-Y-O) Winner £7,560 (8 run) 6f. 1 (8) AN OUTLAW'S GRACE R Hannan 9-7... S M Levey 77...

4.30 DARLEY EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (2) Winner £20,616 (9 run) 1m 1f 201yds. 1 (7) 1-2 EJAABIYAH (29) R Varian 3-9-9 (BF)... James Doyle 101...

Table with columns ROCKAVON and PA, listing race numbers and names like ORBITAL, SNUGGLE, NEVER DREAM, etc.

GOING: Good to Firm. COURSE: Right-handed galloping track of 1m 2f, the uphill finish makes for a stiff test. DRAW: Low numbers best up to 1m, except on soft ground when high numbers best.

4 (5) 7 FIGHT FOR YOU (27) J & T Gosden 3-9-2... R Havlin 77. 5 (2) 92 GALAXY PRINCESS (31) R Beckett 3-9-2... Doubtful 77...

5.00 H S LESTER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,580 (9 run) 1m 1f 201yds. 1 (3) 257-55 CROESO CYMRAEG (27) H Evans 10-9-11 (C²)... J Leavy (5) 77...

BETTING: 72 Expert Witness, 4 Photon, Chips And Rice, 9-2 On The Cards, 15-2 Croeso Cymraeg, 10 God Of Fire, 14 Just An Hour, 16 Pride Of Nepal, Meleri.

PHOTON 4-1 (9-11, Cieren Fallon) Towards rear, pushed along 2f out, ridden and ran on inside final furlong, nearest finish, 4th of 9, 3/4 behind Royal Dream (9-10) at Chelmsford City 1m 2f hcp 0-75 (5) pol in May 2m 05.41s.

5.30 MOLSON COORS HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,580 (8 run) 1m 4f 5yds. 1 (4) 0-8211 TARTINO (9) (H) J Tickle 4-9-12 (D)... Taylor Fisher (3) 73...

BETTING: 10-11 Tartino, 5 Fiddlers Green, 11-2 Vin Rouge, 10 Fair Dinkum, 12 Rebel Angel, 14 Wilderness, 20 Masqool, 25 Feyha.

GOLF US OPEN

OPEN AND SHUT
Woods revealed The Open at Troon will be his last outing of the year after missing the cut at US Open

ONE LAST NIGHT ON THE TROON



TIGER WOODS has confirmed next month's Open at Royal Troon will be his last competitive appearance in 2024.

The 15-time Major champion missed the cut at the US Open on Friday night as he continues to struggle after a series of serious injuries.

Heading into the second round at four-over, Woods failed to get any breaks around the unforgiving Pinehurst No. 2.

The American carded a 73 to add to his 74 and finish on seven over to miss the cut for a second successive Major.

Despite his struggles, Scottish fans will still get to see legend Woods in action when he heads to Royal Troon next month.

But even if Tiger upsets the odds and gets his hands on the Claret Jug for a fourth time, he plans to put the clubs away for the year as a pro.

He said: "I've only got one more

Tiger admits Open will be his final outing of 2024 after Pinehurst KO

ANDREW GAMBLE AT PINEHURST

tournament this season, so I'm not going to – I don't think, even if I win the British Open, I don't think I'll be in the [FedEx Cup] Play-offs.

"Just one more event and then I'll come back whenever I come back."

Earlier this week, Woods warned that facing the infamous Pinehurst greens would be a "war of attrition".

While he landed the first blow with a birdie to open his round on Thursday, any hopes of challenging faded.

One of the sport's most revered figures, Woods battled to the end but couldn't deliver on a sweltering Friday in North Carolina. "Well, it was

probably the highest score I could have possibly shot today," he admitted. "I hit a lot of good shots that just didn't quite go my way, or I hit good putts.

"I thought I played well enough to be up there in contention. It just didn't work out."

Woods has missed the cut four times in his past five US Open starts after only missing it once in his first 16. But he showed fight, hitting 21 of 28 fairways and averaging 314.2 yards off the tee.

After navigating through 14 holes in two-over, Woods eyed a birdie on 15 to claw back to the projected cut line. Instead, his putt agonisingly lipped out. "Yeah, 15 hurt," Woods admitted.

"That was a sweet little 7-iron in there

and a good putt, high-side lip. If I make that putt, it flips the momentum, and I'm looking pretty good on the last three holes.

"Instead I'm on the wrong side of the cut line and having to do something good on the last three holes."

While Woods missed out, Ryder Cup hero Francesco Molinari struck a sublime hole-in-one at his last hole to make the cut.

The 41-year-old Italian laced a 7-iron at the ninth and the crowd erupted when it dropped, leaving Molinari in sheer disbelief.

He said: "It looked on a great line the whole way, but what are the chances? I don't even know what to say. It was just incredible."

Until he tees it up for the last time, Woods' future will always be a topic of conversation.

He remained vague as he said: "As far as my last Open or US Open, I don't know. It may or may not be."



NADAL Retirement doubts

Rafa's love affair with game may carry on

TENNIS

RAFA NADAL is hinting he could put his retirement on hold and play next year.

The Spanish legend says he has rediscovered the joy of tennis once more.

And that could persuade him to bin plans to call time on his glittering career after the 2024 season.

The 22-time Grand Slam champ decided to skip Wimbledon next month to focus on representing Spain at the Paris Olympics.

He said: "I have never made a hasty decision.

"My feelings over the last few weeks have made me want to explore more, to see what can happen.

"I feel like I'm finding the pleasure of playing again, of having fun. I want to give myself a chance to see if my physique stays at this level or if this is just a passing moment.

"I'll see how I feel after the Olympics then we'll see what happens, what decisions I make."

"When I have to make a decision, in the end, I will make it without problem.

"I always said I thought this would be my last year, but I can't be sure – you don't know what's going to happen in the future."

The 38-year-old has been plagued with injuries this season and was knocked out in the first round of the French Open.

He plays in the ATP clay court event in Sweden next month before heading to the Olympics where he will compete in both the singles and the doubles.

Gladiator Steve fights for league

STEVE TIMONEY is leading the fight to save basketball in Britain.

The British Basketball League was shutdown as a result of financial issues.

Caledonian Gladiators owner Timoney, though, is active in seeking new backers for the league.

He said: "Our belief in British basketball remains steadfast and we are continuing to get ready for next season."

Fever struggle is leaving Evans in a sweat for Paris

CYCLING star Neah Evans is in a race against the clock to be at her peak for the Paris Olympics after being hit by glandular fever.

The Scot, 33, is expected to be named next week in the British team for the Games and hunt an upgrade from her silver in Tokyo in 2021. But the double world champion has been playing catch up on her rivals ever since she was

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laid low ahead of April's Nations Cup in Canada.

Evans said: "I knew leading into it something was up. I was going down and down and thinking, 'Oops, this is not good.' I went to do bloods with the doc and it was glandular fever."

Evans is still targeting an

Olympic golden double in the omnium and madison. But she fears her spot in the team pursuit line-up alongside fellow Scot Katie Archibald is in doubt with injuries and illnesses giving others a chance to stake a claim.

FORMULA ONE: Mercedes are ready to take the fight to Red Bull at the Spanish Grand Prix next week. The Silver Arrows will debut a new floor

as they look to build on the success of their upgrade at the Canadian Grand Prix.

Team boss Toto Wolff said: "We seem to be adding performance every weekend and we have new parts coming in Barcelona that should help us."

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton said: "It is becoming a car we can fight with."



FEVER FIGHT Neah Evans

MIND GAMES

Mental strain had me ready to retire

...I owe them for saving career

Jags keeper Mitch opens up on Back Onside's support

BY ALAN ROBERTSON

DAVID MITCHELL has grafted to get here.

Whether it was slogging away in Sports Direct, working for a mate's firm who make car mats, or being reduced to tears bending his leg in rehab after a knee injury in 2017.

Yet, back in full-time football, one stellar Partick Thistle season from the top flight, here he was breaking down in front of dad Jim, wanting to retire.

At 32 is when most keepers are hitting their prime but the strain had become too much – not on his body, rather his mind.

He'd hope to remain invisible for 90 minutes, fret over iffy clearances long after they'd left his boot and spend match days worrying what those watching were thinking.

Talk of retiring prompted friend Jon Connolly – now goalie coach at Queen of the South – to urge Mitchell to pick up the phone to mental health charity Back Onside, a plea that at first went by the wayside.

His response was "But I'm not depressed". A partner he adores in Lynnette, two kids in Shaw, 8, and Laila, 13, who worship him, Mitchell wasn't in a moment of crisis.

But, having climbed Goatfell in Arran yesterday with friends to raise much-needed funds for Back Onside, he knows staying strong mentally is as important as doing so physically.

"I was worrying, 'Was I good enough?'" said Mitchell, who scaled two leagues to Hibs before Firhill beckoned in 2022. "I had a wee bit of imposter syndrome to begin with.

"Going from Clyde to Hibs, I had that. That's a big jump – League One to one of the biggest clubs in Scotland.

"As soon as I was there I was made to feel wanted, appreciated and good enough to be at that club.

"Going to Thistle was starting all over again. I remember during games I was worrying about stuff that hadn't even happened, what people in the crowd would be thinking.

"If I had a bad kick out the park, it would be in my head, I would be worried and I'd still be thinking about it after it's gone.

"I was going through games where if I had nothing to do I was quite happy – and that is just wrong.

"I was nervous going into these games and during – that hasn't changed because nerves aren't a bad thing, it's to be expected.

"You're playing a high-risk sport in front of thousands who are paying their hard-earned money, there are people's jobs on the line, so you're going to be nervous, there's going to be a bit of fear.

"But Back Onside turned that around into being, 'That's OK, here's how you deal with it.'

"Jane, who I spoke to, worked out I wasn't present, I wasn't there in the moment. That is asking for trouble.

"Now leading into and during games I focus on my breathing, just remind myself to stay present... and it has definitely worked.

"When younger, you're just playing without fear. More as you get older and start thinking, 'I'm playing for a contract, to keep a roof over my family's head', it's all this pressure. Then

you start thinking about the people you're playing in front of, the fans, playing for a big club it's just even more pressure.

"It's just everything on top of you that was hard to deal with. That's something Back Onside really did help me with massively."

Mitchell has just signed a contract extension at Thistle for another year and, now 34, has his heart set on playing at least until he's 40.

Rewind to November 2022 though, and a 3-2 defeat in which Dundee came from two goals behind, his career was heading the other way.

He said: "I was ready to retire. I knew I had that struggle with the mental side of the game.

"Back Onside have saved my career, along with JC. It is massive what they've done, not just for me.

"I'd just had enough. I was seeing things online about me, I was this, I was that. There was a game where somebody shouted something at me and my wee boy was standing right next to him.

"I thought, 'This just isn't worth it.'

The match I made a bad mistake and cost us the game, the feeling I had after that I wouldn't wish on anybody.

"I'd had enough, there was no other way to put it. Again that's down to me, I didn't know how to deal with that.

"Whereas before it was, 'I've made a mistake, I'll just go through this pain and eventually be all right.' At that point it was never-ending.

"You know when you're not playing well, you know when you're struggling a bit. I was at a point of, 'This isn't worth my health.'

"My dad's always been encouraging. When I was younger I'd come into the car after a game and he'd be super positive – 'Dad, we got scudded 5-0' but he's like, 'Aye but your kicking was really good.'

"He'd always find a way. I was going into the house to hear what he had to say and I broke down straight away.

"I was quite shocked with what he said: 'Look, if you want to retire then retire, you've had a great career, you've done us proud, you've done yourself proud, your happiness isn't worth it.'

"I let JC and another friend Ally

know my plans and JC said, 'You need to talk to Back Onside because this isn't right, you're far too young to be retiring because of the mental side'.

"Physically I felt great, still feel great, always looked after myself, so there was something there telling me, 'Is that the right thing to do?'

"I didn't use the number he gave me because I was like, 'I'm not depressed.' I wasn't depressed, it's not like that – I just wasn't sure how to deal with that side of the game.

"Libby Emmerson [founder] ended up getting in touch then I'd speak to Jane once a week for the rest of that 2022-23 season – it might not even be about football.

"Just having her there to show me this can be dealt with, this wasn't going to be forever, it was just a point in my career where mentally I didn't know how to deal with that side of the game.

"I can't thank them enough."

Don't think it's wrong to ask for help.. you can do it

BY ALAN ROBERTSON

DAVID MITCHELL has urged others in the game not to fall into the trap of thinking they must suffer in silence, telling them: "There is nothing wrong with you."

The Partick Thistle keeper raised money for Back Onside by climbing Goatfell in Arran with friends yesterday.

The charity helped him find ways to cope with the mental side of football and he said: "If you don't know what you're doing there are people out there who can help, Back Onside being one.

"There are sports psychologists, there are psychologists, speak to them.

"You might think, 'I'm fine, I'm not depressed' – it is not about that.

"Players go to the gym to look after their bodies, it's repetition after repetition. It is the exact same thing with the mental side of the game – it is just constant repetition to make you stronger.

"Don't fall into the trap of, 'I can't say that in front of boys because they'll not trust me or they'll think I'm s***e or that something's wrong with me.' There is nothing wrong with you."

The 34-year-old is urging clubs to do more to ensure others get support like he did.

In April, the charity announced they would have to shut a 24/7 crisis line for folk in all walks of life due to lack of funds.

Hibs and Elgin City partnered with them towards the end of 2022 and Mitchell said: "They need the help from clubs.

"I don't think clubs understand just how many players they're helping at their club.

"You can't just keep taking and taking and taking and not give anything, there needs to be something.

"I've spoken to people at Thistle to try to move forward with helping them.

"They're more than happy to do what they can so I'm going to keep pushing that side of things."

● Visit justgiving.com/page/davidmitchell-1713876302949 to donate to David's challenge.



LOOKING AFTER
No.1 Partick Thistle keeper David Mitchell got some useful help



THE BIG INTERVIEW

Penrice bit of business can lead to a Scots call

BY GORDON PARKS

STEVEN NAISMITH is convinced new Hearts recruit James Penrice can become a star for Scotland in the future.

The Tynecastle boss has added the former Livingston left-back to his squad on a pre-contract deal, signed back in March, and he's adamant the sky's the limit for the 25-year-old.

Penrice's arrival in Gorgie comes after a career that began at Partick before a loan spell at East Fife.

But Naismith is adamant the defender can join a batch of unlikely recruits who have had the call from national boss Steve Clarke for international duty.

He said: "I've told James that I don't think it's unrealistic over his time at Hearts to get himself around the Scotland squad.

"I believe I can help make him a better player and if he shows the same mentality as he has so far then his name can be quoted to be in and around a Scotland call-up in my opinion.

"I'm not saying, 'I'll get James into the Scotland



PENRICE Scotland material squad.' But look at the likes of Craig Halkett, Stephen Kingsley and Barrie McKay who have managed to get themselves into that conversation in recent times, to get a call from Scotland when they may have thought there was no chance of that happening.

"I firmly believe James can get to that point - he's under-rated and he'll be a good asset for us.

"If you look at his career so far, James has had to graft for everything that he has got. The conversation I had with him had nothing to do with his ability as I think he's a terrific player and a great athlete.

"He's a fighter and has that old mentality of being able to put in real graft. His career so far has shown me that and those qualities were a banker for me."



LEADER Manager with Shankland

BY GORDON PARKS

THERE'S a refreshing sense of perspective about Steven Naismith as he takes time out from a family break in Portugal to talk about last season.

The Hearts boss had already squeezed in an early-morning gym session before breakfast with wife Moya and their two daughters - and he has also fielded a few work calls before resuming his holiday.

A new campaign sits on the horizon and the 37-year-old insists he's never consumed by the 'what ifs?' in life.

He said: "Football isn't everything in life, there is always a switch-off point.

"There's barely been a day since the season ended that I haven't had a conversation with a staff member, spoken to a player or watched something Hearts-related online.

"I also know that if the worst happens, and I get sacked, then I still have two amazing kids and an amazing wife who I love spending time with.

"I still have all of the same mates that I grew up with.

"These are more important to me and that's why, when things aren't going well, I have a clear understanding of the bigger picture.

"Football can be the wild west, I've always known that."

The wagons were circling around Tynecastle last summer after a Europa Conference League exit and a difficult domestic league start.

But Naismith just isn't the type to hit the panic button as he prefers to back the process, with the Jambos climbing to a third-place league finish while reaching two cup semi-finals.

He said: "As a manager I have a clear picture of how I want things to work and what it should look like on the training pitch or in a game.

"What I won't get carried away with is the raw emotion that exists in football.

"We could win a game but have played poorly and the players may have done nothing they were asked to do.

"But everyone would be buzzing with the win.

"Then, on the flip side, we could lose a game where we do everything perfectly apart from one mistake or a bit of bad luck that costs you the match.

"So I don't see football

If the worst happens & I'm sacked I'll still have my amazing family who I love spending time with.. football is like the wild west but I now have a much clearer understanding of the most important things

through that lens anymore. The way football is measured is by raw emotion and heated anger or joy - it's what makes it such an unbelievable sport.

"But when you are on the inside and making the big decisions, you need to have a clear plan about how and why you are going about trying to be successful.

"That's why I don't get dragged into all of that raw emotion.

"If you take our start to last season, when we won only two from 11 games, or whatever the

stat was, I only saw loads of things to be optimistic about.

"We weren't creating as many chances as I'd have liked and we'd maybe win a game by the odd goal or draw one.

"But what I was seeing every day on the training pitch and aspects of the game gave me real confidence.

"That's why I had genuine belief and inner calmness.

"It would have been different if the players weren't buying into what we were doing.

"If you don't have that buy-in from the players then you are

fighting a losing battle. That's the biggest lesson I learned as a player.

"Robbie Neilson had lost his job six months earlier but I knew we weren't a bad club or had a bad squad.

"It's just those fine lines in football - everyone in coaching has an understanding of that."

Lessons learned from a stunning career with Scotland, Rangers and Everton have been leaned on by Naismith as he preaches a message to Hearts based on personal experience.

He said: "I told the players

what I expected from them in terms of their mentality and willingness to work.

"I also gave the players an understanding of how we would measure things.

"I remember drawing games as a player and the manager would come in and say it was a brilliant point - but footballers are intelligent and they know it wasn't.

"What we did last season was break down parts of the game where we didn't get any rewards or what areas cost us and the players bought into



NAISY SEES THE BIG PICTURE



FAMILY GUY Naismith on the Tynecastle pitch with his two daughters and wife Moya, below

“
I didn't get dragged into the raw emotion .. I had genuine belief and inner calmness
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STEVEN NAISMITH HAD FAITH DESPITE TOUGH START AT JAMBOS

it. The biggest credit from my first season as a manager goes to my experienced players.

“They ran the dressing room and accepted loads of new players coming in.

“They also had to accept younger players coming in for last pre-season. It may have been a brilliant opportunity for them but it can also be frustrating for the older guys.

“I made it clear at the start that we were all young players at one point and to remember how you felt at that moment.”

Naismith will work towards

completing his UEFA Pro Licence in the months ahead.

And he's spinning plates before Hearts return for pre-season later this month.

He revealed it was his own time as a Jambos player that gave him faith in the club's ability to play a waiting game.

He said: “Back in 2017 I was on loan at Hearts from Norwich. The club asked me to tell them, after six months, what in my experience was good and not good at the club.

“They asked me despite not knowing if I was coming back

or not as a player. It showed me that the people running things at Tynecastle wanted to progress and get better.

“That gave me confidence at the start of last season when things were difficult and it could have been a case of ‘Get him out the door’.

“I was convinced that wasn't going to happen.

“I told the board nothing was going to happen overnight, we weren't going to be pulling up trees right away, but it worked out how we'd hoped it would.”



FOUR FORTY FIVE

WEEK'S FIXTURES

TODAY

Euro 2024 Group C Slovenia v Denmark (5-0), Serbia v England (8-0) Group D Poland v Netherlands (2-0)

TOMORROW

Euro 2024 Group D Austria v France (8-0), Group E Romania v Ukraine (2-0), Belgium v Slovakia (5-0)

TUESDAY

Euro 2024 Group F Turkey v Georgia (5-0), Portugal v Czech Republic (8-0)

WEDNESDAY

Euro 2024 Group A Germany v Hungary (5-0), Scotland v Switzerland (8-0) Group B Croatia v Albania (2-0)

THURSDAY

Euro 2024 Group B Spain v Italy (8-0), Group C Slovenia v Serbia (2-0), Denmark v England (5-0)

FRIDAY

Euro 2024 Group D Poland v Austria (5-0), Netherlands v France (8-0) Group E Slovakia v Ukraine (2-0)

Copa America Group A

Argentina v Canada (1am)

SATURDAY

Euro 2024 Group E Belgium v Romania (8-0) Group F Georgia v Czech Republic (2-0), Turkey v Portugal (5-0)

Copa America Group A Peru v Chile (1am), Group B Ecuador v Venezuela (11pm)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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- Hungary1 Switzerland.....3
 - Spain.....3 Croatia.....0
 - Italy.....L Albania.....L

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES

- Argentina.....4 Guatemala.....1
 - El Salvador.....0 Israel.....1

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

- New York City2 Columbus Crew.....3
 - Gambia.....5 Seychelles1

J LEAGUE

- Yokohama.....1 Machida Zelvia3
 - S Hiroshima.....4 Tokyo Verde.....1
 - Cerezo Osaka2 Urawa R Diamonds..1
 - Kyoto Sanga.....2 Consadole Saporro..0

CHINESE SUPER LEAGUE

- Zhejiang3 Changchun Yatai.....1
 - Henan S.....2 Beijing Guoan.....1

SWEDISH SUPERETTAN

- Gefle.....1 Landskrona Bois2
 - Skoevde AIK.....0 Degerfors2
 - Utsiktens.....0 Varbergs Bois1

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PARTY TIME
But McGlynn's plotting new glories

STAR PAIR TO LIGHT BAIRNS' CHAMPAIGN

JOHN MCGLYNN insists Falkirk will use Airdrie and Dunfermline as their inspiration to launch a fearless return to the Championship.

The Bairns boss is convinced both the Diamonds and Pars proved newly-promoted clubs can thrive in the second tier.

Now he's looking for his League One title winners to re-establish themselves as a club befitting their history and stature.

After ending a five-year absence from the Championship with an emphatic Invincibles campaign, McGlynn is adamant thoughts of any inferiority complex have already been banished.

He said: "We have a group of players who believe within themselves that we can deliver.

"On the first day back for pre-season last summer I told the players we had a squad of Championship quality and they needed to go out and prove that. They did and now it's about carrying that on and proving it again.

"We have managed to sign nearly all of the squad for this campaign and added a couple so we are ready to give it a go in the Championship.

"I don't have a crystal ball so we don't know how it will go but there are examples of how the likes of Airdrie and Dunfermline have fared after being promoted from League One and that is a source of inspiration.

"They finished fourth and fifth respectively last season and we finished second in League One two seasons ago when they both went up. But I feel we

BY GORDON PARKS

have a far better side now. It gives us encouragement that we can do well.

"When I was at Raith Rovers we finished third in the league behind Hearts and Dundee in the Championship so I have been at clubs who won promotion and produced in a higher league but there are no guarantees.

"The spirit in our camp has been awesome and we will need to rely on that again next season."

The 62-year-old was named PFA Scotland manager of the year at an awards night last month – despite competition from Kilmarnock's Derek McInnes and Dundee's Tony Docherty. It came after his side went unbeaten over 36 matches and he believes the plaudits have to go to his players.

He said: "When we took the challenge on we knew it was going to be a massive one as the club was heading in the wrong direction.

"There were only 14 players under contract and things were in a bad way. So it was difficult as we could only bring so many players in as there was so little of the budget left.

"So to give it a go in our first year and then do what he have this year is a huge achievement.

"Everyone knows Falkirk as a club should never be in League One. It's taken us five years to get out of it and as a lot of managers have discovered, this is not the easiest league to get out of.

"A huge amount of the credit has to go to the players. They are the ones who crossed the line and who have produced."



RANGERS

READY ..AIM HIRE

Clement won't have chance to chill on the beach when his Gers squad has more holes than Rab C's semmit

JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY Clement needs to reshape squad with stars like Jette, right



IT might be holiday season but Philippe Clement won't need the factor 50 on one side of his face while his mobile phone is glued there.

Mind you, it's unlikely the Gers gaffer is getting much time to catch some rays when he has an in-tray back at Ibrox that makes Mount Wank at Scotland's Euros HQ at look like a molehill.

Clement and recruitment chief Nils Koppen are furiously wheeling and dealing but it might be an idea for some of the current Gers squad to keep their phones handy when they are on the beach as well.

There is every chance they won't be sticking the suitcases back in the loft when they get back to Glasgow. There's a lot being

» MICHAEL GANNON



made of the big rebuild in Govan. Mohamed Diamonde and Oscar Cortes are already sorted, Jette and Clinton Nsiala have arrived early ahead of a hefty queue at the Ibrox check-in desk in the coming weeks.

Connor Barron could be the next one and the out-of-contract Aberdeen midfielder would be a nifty capture.

The wee man is a handy player who will only get better and it's little wonder Gers face a bit of

competition to get him. Barron would be a solid long-term capture and the fact he's Scottish definitely helps in terms of the European squad lists.

But would he go straight into the side?

Right now he probably would as there are not many others left in that role, with Ryan Jack and John Lundstram offski.

In the short-to-medium term though, you would think gaffer Clement will be looking to further

beef up his engine room in the coming weeks.

Arrivals will be busy – but the departure lounge could be just as packed.

The exits haven't finished with the retention list, that's for sure.

Clement has had several months to assess the squad now and, while he was never going to slaughter anyone in public, you got the sense he wasn't all that impressed with everything that he has seen.

The big Belgian could be tempted into a total clear out – where no one is safe.

You would imagine he wouldn't mind keeping the likes of James Tavernier and Connor Goldson around to give him at least some continuity going into a massive

» NAISY'S FOUND HIS OFF SWITCH

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QUALITY COUNTS

Mbappe wants title to complete the set

CANT COUNT ON STAYING
Clement does not appear to be a fan of Cantwell and might not stand in way of Tavernier and Goldson, below, from moving on



KYLIAN MBAPPE admits his only aim is to lead France to the Euros.

At 25, the man widely considered to be the best player on the planet is comfortable in his role as national captain, his long-protracted move from Paris St-Germain to Real Madrid finally secured.

The superstar striker said: "I want to win the Euros. I won the World Cup. I won the Nations League. This is the only one that missed me."

After long-time France skipper Hugo Lloris retired in the wake of the 2022 World Cup, boss Didier Deschamps ignored the likes of Antoine Griezmann

to hand Mbappe the armband.

What is asked of the talisman in return is that, in the big moments, he steps up.

Just like he did in the World Cup Final in Qatar when he became only the second man – after Geoff Hurst – to score a hat-trick in football's biggest game.

Mbappe doesn't look back on that day with any particular fondness – Deschamps' side having been denied successive triumphs by Lionel Messi and Argentina.

"Of course we were hurt, to see that you're close to something," said Mbappe. "Everybody loved the game except for us."

All roads lead to Rom ... for good guidance

BELGIUM'S Golden Generation have lit up the club game over the past decade. But NOT at international level.

And as Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku line up for their sixth and maybe final international tournament when they face Slovakia, they might be missing old pals.

After his playing career Vincent Kompany has been relegated with Burnley but promoted to Bayern Munich. Eden Hazard got his dream move to Real Madrid but barely played.

Thibaut Courtois is not in Germany, having been deemed not fit enough to play by Belgium boss

Domenico Tedesco. These players were there when Belgium froze in defeat to Wales in the quarter-finals at Euro 2016, flattered to deceive against France in the semis of the 2018 World Cup and barely laid a glove on Italy at Wembley in the final eight of the last Euros. You can throw in a dismal group stage exit at the Qatar World Cup too.

But while Belgium have been relying on Lukaku's goals, boss Tedesco says he has another part to play.

"On the pitch, his goals speak for themselves but there's more to him. His importance off the pitch is undoubted because he knows lots of young players he can mentor."

Ukraine heroes give us extra motivation

UKRAINE ace Oleksandr Zinchenko knows many of his countryfolk won't get a chance to watch their clash with Romania – as they will be fighting on the frontlines against Russia.

But that's only adds to Ukraine's motivation to do well at Euro 2024.

The Arsenal left-back is a leader in a squad that continues to defy the odds by staying competitive at the highest level.

They kick off Group E in Munich tomorrow against Romania, with Zinchenko vowing they're ready to go.

He said: "We don't need extra motivation because we all understand this is the most challenging time for our country. "We have fans not only

watching us on TV or in the stadium but also those risking their lives to defend our freedom.

"Every time we wear the jersey with the Ukrainian emblem it is triple the motivation for us."

Zinchenko says they must stay focused in a group that includes Slovakia and Belgium.

He said: "We must deliver our best performance, individually and as a team.

"Everyone knows how crucial the first game is – it gives a psychological and physical boost.

"You cannot afford to make too many mistakes or you'll be punished.

"So we must be focused, do our best and use every opportunity to score goals."

READY

BARRON DOOR
Aberdeen ace Connor Barron would do a vital job in midfield if Clement can get him in at Ibrox

transitional period. But would he barricade the doors at Auchenhowie if clubs came in for the pair? Doubtful.

The Saudi talk around the pair just won't go away and if some decent dosh is on the table then it would make sense for all parties to bundle it up and wish everyone all the best.

Dujon Sterling might have been one of the bright spots of last term, in about seven different positions, but at some point he's going to need a decent run in his proper role at right-back.

There's yet to be anything concrete for the duo yet so it wouldn't be a total surprise to see them in the starting line up for the big kick-off in August.

At this stage it would be a major

shock if Todd Cantwell is alongside them.

The writing isn't just on the wall for the playmaker – it's on billboards and plastered all over social media.

At least he'll see it on the latter. Cantwell is a player – but he just doesn't look a Clement player.

He was left out at Celtic Park at the end of last season and while he started in the Scottish Cup Final, there was always a feeling it was under duress for the manager.

Cantwell's days look numbered and it's hard to see much of a future for Tom Lawrence and Kieran Dowell either.

They have looked the part at times but never really built up a head of steam due to injuries. Sam

Lammers is also heading for the exit and while Jose Cifuentes is on a 12-month loan in Brazil, you wouldn't bet on seeing him in these parts again.

Gers fans won't be crying in their pints at the prospect of losing most of that lot, but every departure leaves a hole needing filling in the squad.

And right now Clement's squad has more holes than Rab C Nesbit's vest.

It's no wonder those same punters are feeling a tad nervous right now. It's the fear of the unknown.

We're only in June so there's no

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Every departure is a hole to fill .. the work required is ominous with not much margin for error

need for sleepless nights just yet but the work required by the gaffer and Koppen is pretty ominous.

There's not much margin for error either.

Rangers will be right at the coalface come August with Champions League qualifiers and crucial Premiership games.

Clement can't afford to be playing catch up early on after those damaging derby defeats towards the end of last term.

The Belgian needs time but he knows he won't get much of it – which is why life is far from a beach for the Gers boss right now.



CELTIC

Beattie reckons Rodgers will have won a watch if he secures Idah to team up with Japan sensation

Adam's had a huge impact but Kyogo is still the man who Tics all the boxes

ADAM IDAH ticks just about every box required for a Celtic striker, according to Craig Beattie.

But when it comes to being the man the 'tic want in the box he reckons Kyogo Furuhashi is still No.1.

Beattie was blown away by the instant impact of Norwich loanee Idah when he arrived in a deadline day loan from Carrow Road in January.

Two huge goals on his first start against Hibs fired the gun on a five-month run that saw him score crucial goals against Motherwell, Rangers and at Kilmarnock on the night the title

BY FRASER WILSON

was secured before notching a last-minute winner in the Scottish Cup Final victory over their Old Firm rivals.

Pace, power and precision in front of goal made him a favourite with the Hoops support despite a less than enthusiastic reception when the 23-year-old first arrived.

Brendan Rodgers has made no secret of his desire to land the Ireland international on a permanent contract.

But he'll have to wait with new Norwich boss Johannes Hoff Thorup keen to cast an eye over Idah before making a decision

on a player who is understood to be rated around £5million by the Canaries.

However long that process takes, Beattie reckons there should be no major sweat.

Not while Kyogo is still at Parkhead.

The Japan international's lightning movement in front of goal makes him one of the best the 40-year-old has ever witnessed.

And Beattie, who broke through at Parkhead in 2003 before going on to win titles in 2004, 2006 and 2007, reckons a Kyogo-Idah double act next season would be great news for

everyone. He said: "Yeah, competition is always healthy.

"I think that Kyogo is a top player regardless.

"You know when you play at that level, there's always going to be competition.

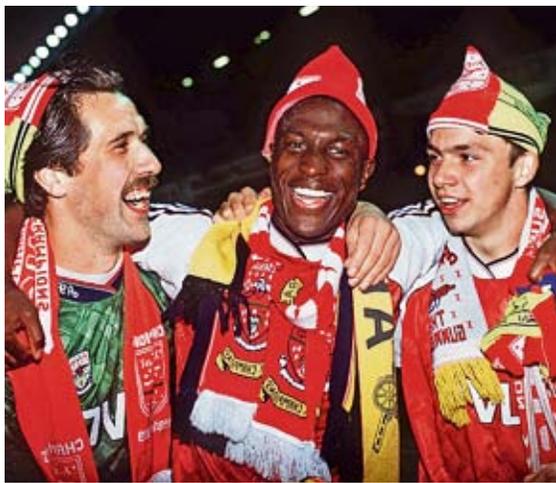
"From the outset, I think Idah had everything going for him. He's a great size.

"He's quick, lean. He can hold it up and he ticks a lot of boxes.

"You saw the goal in the Scottish Cup Final, he got the scrappy one and tapped it in.

"As a centre-forward they're the best ones. The scrappy ones when you're in the right place.

"Guys like Kevin Phillips



CHAMPIONS Kevin Campbell, centre, celebrates Arsenal's 1991 title win with team-mates David Seaman and David Hillier

'SUPER KEV' REALLY WAS A SUPER MAN

BY CHRIS MCKENNA

It was a few years ago that Kevin Campbell was reminiscing about his famous winner at Anfield for Everton.

"I remember seeing the Blues in the Kop end celebrating the goal," said the former Toffees striker. "I will take that memory to my grave."

It is with great sadness that day has come all too soon for 'Super Kev' but it is one of the great memories that will also stay with Everton fans forever too.

He has left a lot with them and every club he played for will remember him with great fondness.

The news that the ex-Arsenal and Everton frontman has passed away at the age of just 54 stunned football.

It had emerged recently that the Englishman was seriously ill but it still hit hard when his death was confirmed by the clubs he had starred for.

It was a career which began at Arsenal.

The Lambeth-born goalscorer had made his name at youth level with the Gunners due to his strike rate.

He would make his first-team debut in 1988 and scored eight goals in Arsenal's run to the league title in the 1990-91 season under George Graham,

before claiming a League Cup, FA Cup and Cup Winners' Cup for the Gunners.

When he left north London in 1995, he had amassed 55 goals in 210 appearances.

Campbell moved to Nottingham Forest before heading to Turkish side Trabzonspor in 1998.

There followed an initial loan to Everton in March 1999, where he helped them move away from a relegation battle under Walter Smith, and his move was made permanent that summer.

Then came that moment in September 1999 when he scored an early goal in a heated derby which gave Everton a rare Anfield victory.

He went on to become Everton's first black captain. They will never forget him on the blue half of Merseyside as he left with 51 goals after six years of dedicated service.

Campbell also had spells at West Bromwich Albion, and Cardiff City where he retired in 2007.

Described by many as effervescent, he was also known for being warm and humble which came across in his TV punditry.

'Super Kev' really was a super man as well as being a fine footballer.

Keeper Sarkic dead at 26

FORMER Livingston keeper Matija Sarkic has died at the age of 26.

The Millwall No.1 was on international duty with Montenegro when he took ill and passed away yesterday morning.

English Championship outfit Millwall said in a statement: "The club is

completely devastated by this news.

"Everyone at the club sends their love and condolences to Matija's family and friends at this immensely sad time."

Grimsby-born Sarkic played 14 times for Livi in the 2019-20 season while on loan from Aston Villa.

THE DYNAMIC DUO



LENNON Bucharest manager

Lenny will have Rapid impact in Romania

BY LEWIS BIRRELL

MIHAI POPESCU reckons Neil Lennon's Celtic history will go down a storm in Romania.

The former Hoops boss was unveiled as Rapid Bucharest's new manager last month as they look to build on their sixth-place finish and make a return to Europe.

Popescu started his career with Rapid's fierce city rivals Dinamo and played against Lenny's Celtic while at St Mirren back in 2019.

And he believes the Northern Irish gaffer will take to Romanian football like a duck to water.

Popescu said: "I think Romanian fans and players knew all about Lennon's time in Scotland but they'll have learned more since he signed.

"The fans will be keen to learn about him and how he'll play.

"To be honest, the Romanian and Scottish leagues are kind of similar. There's more aggression in Scottish football but I always liked it that way.

"Rapid's objective will be to get back into Europe by the end of next season."

Popescu now plays for top-flight Romanian outfit Farul Constanta and will do everything in his power to crush the former Celtic and Hibs manager's ambitions when they clash this season.

The defender, who also turned out for Hearts and Hamilton, thinks Lennon's experience in guiding Celtic to the last 16 of the Champions League will be a trump card.

Popescu said: "Rapid look strong and Lennon has experience. Like all opponents I wish him good luck - but I hope to beat him when we meet.

"If Rapid get back into Europe I hope they do well as a Romanian team.

"I'm sure Lennon and the players will be ready for that challenge."

scored a couple of hundred of them in their career - and that's not a criticism in any way.

"Once you're scoring them, the ones from the edge of the box are a bonus.

"When you're scoring those tap-ins regularly, you just feel unstoppable.

"Kyogo is still a fantastic player. His movement is like nothing I've ever seen before.

"I remember being struck by just how good his movement was when he first arrived.

"When you've got quality players around about you like Matt O'Riley, you're going to get good numbers. Adam came in

and made an impact. He has been fantastic.

"But there's 100 per cent still a role for Kyogo.

"It's a good problem for Brendan to have if he has to work with both Kyogo and Idah."

It wasn't just Idah's arrival that sparked Celtic's charge to a third title in succession.

James Forrest's late burst back on to the scene produced five goals in the final 10 games.

It proved there's plenty of life left in the one-club winger who is preparing for a 16th season in the Hoops top team.

His form thrust Forrest back into Scotland's Euros squad. And

just a month ahead of his 33rd birthday, Beattie reckons Forrest is still the benchmark for any new wide men coming into Celtic Park such as Nicolas Kuhn and Yang Hyun-jun.

He said: "Jamesy is a great lad, first and foremost. His attitude is second to none.

"I think Brendan in his first spell at Celtic really brought him on.

"His pressing and other areas of his game improved and he gets really important goals and assists for Celtic.

"He's a super player, whether starting or off the bench.

"He's Mr Reliable. He never

"Idah has everything going for him - but Kyogo is fantastic .. it's a good problem for Brendan

CRAIG BEATTIE RELISHES ADAM JOINING CELTIC FOLD

lets you down and his accolades are stacking up.

"He's second in the all-time list of winners at Celtic and he's a phenomenal story.

"Especially at Celtic, when they've got money and making a lot of signings, James is still the one.

"It's not out of sentiment. That's not because of his past success, it's because he has earned it and deserved it.

"They've spent a lot of money on wingers and that's the challenge for people coming into Celtic. James is still one of their key men and it's hard to get him out of the team."

THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

NO MALICE TO ENGLAND

ENGLAND'S misfortune in any major tournament is historically regarded as full compensation for any failure Scotland might have suffered.

It is the antidote to anti-climax for those who need help to cope with stress and strain.

But I belong to a school that says if we can't do something for ourselves then somebody else's progress, or lack of

it, is of no consequence.

So I won't be glued to the television tonight, fervently hoping that Gareth Southgate's side suffer a cataclysm when they play Serbia in their opening Euros match.

And it's nothing to do with the fact two of my grandkids were born in London and talk funny.

The one time I met Southgate he was as helpful as he was

pleasant. What has he ever done to me?

Steve Clarke's priority in Germany is to advance from the group stage of an international event for the first time in Scotland's history.

Southgate needs to win Euro 2024 outright. Or else – and he knows it.

The FA already have a succession plan in place. I'll watch tonight out of interest and free of malice.



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A WORD FROM THE WISE



I TAKE it Negative Norman's apology is in the post, signed by Steve Clarke.

The derisory term used by the Scotland manager to describe anyone who is not fawning in their praise of the national team came up for serious review in Munich on Friday night.

There was negativity everywhere you looked on a night without one redeeming feature for Clarke's team.

Every excuse under the sun has been used to explain away an ignominious night against hosts Germany in the inaugural match of Euro 2024 – starting with the occasion itself.

Don't play the occasion, play the game. That was Clarke's advice before Scotland got to the Allianz Arena.

How about reflecting on what happened and being truthful?

Play the game, take the blame when it all goes horribly wrong.

We've lost the urge to be too analytical with Scotland, being more inclined towards a form of national brain-washing the higher the stakes become.

We overdose on optimism and end up mocking ourselves as an own goal to reduce the margin of defeat is celebrated like a winner – only to discover it's the trigger for Germany to score a fifth and give Clarke his worst defeat as Scotland boss.

Not that Friday was the worst night he has ever suffered, of course, without the manager specifying in the course of his post-match press conference when or where that visit to the bottom of the barrel might have occurred.

It looked to me and Negative Norman if objective criticism is still allowed it would take the form of what locals describe as 'manner gegen Jungen'.

Nothing lost in translation, that means men against boys.

Clarke is entitled to claim nothing has been lost in terms of the big goal, which is qualifying for the never-before-experienced knockout phase of an international tournament.

UEFA have constructed a system that almost makes it harder to NOT get there due to the four best third-placed teams at the group stage making the cut.

So we dare not fail to amass the number of points required to progress, starting with Wednesday night's game against Switzerland in Cologne.

If we can't rise to the occasion, and with Hungary looming as a make-or-break game next Sunday in Stuttgart, we may need to change the words of

the fans anthem. No Scotland. No wonder.

We set a low bar, historically speaking, for a side surrounded by so much intensity and a volume of support.

Friday was Scotland's 33rd competitive match in the finals of the World Cup or the Euros.

We've won six of them. That's a success rate of under 20 per cent.

The current squad have won one of their last 10 games – against the might of Gibraltar in a friendly in Portugal.

When you drill through the numbers you don't strike much in the way of gold.

Our qualification process for Germany was outstanding.

What happened thereafter in terms of injury to big players was undeniably unkind to Clarke. But we've got to cope with the hand we've been dealt.

Our keeper Angus Gunn is unconvincing – and this has nothing to do with Craig Gordon of Hearts having been left behind.

Ryan Porteous paid the price for the recklessness that has characterised his career at Hibs and Watford when he was red-carded in Munich.

He looks out of his depth at this level of the game.

Grant Hanley has the look of a man who hasn't, through injury, been able to play much football this season.

And Scott McKenna was behind both in the queue to get on to the park against Germany.

The game-changers we possess – Callum McGregor, John McGinn and Scott McTominay – were anonymous in the middle of the park.

And at one stage we went the whole Craig Levein and played with no one up front after removing Che Adams.

But now we're playing against people of our own size.

We have to illustrate that this is the case against Switzerland and Hungary or else we really are in bother and at the crossroads regarding the future.

The gaffer chewed out set-piece coach Austin MacPhee in an uncharacteristic display of temper and cut a more animated figure than ever before during the mauling in Munich.

He will now need all his powers of man-management, amateur psychology and tactical wisdom in the coming days.

If the Germany game was thought of as a free-hit then there are no free passes attached to what has to come now.

Mulraney's musings may be open



VIEWS Mulraney

I'M thinking about dedicating a section of this column each week to updating the thoughts of SFA president Mike Mulraney.

First of all, let me commend him for being high profile and never afraid to speak his mind.

Too many of his predecessors regarded communication with the public as being professionally unsafe in case the paying

customers were alerted to their unsuitability for high office.

Mulraney was, in a previous life, a soldier and that has prepared him for the combative arena of Scottish football.

Not content with calling politicians who question the SFA "intellectually challenged," Mike followed that up by saying Hampden was a "bloody

MUNICH POST-MORTEM

Germany debacle was a free hit for us but Clarke has no free passes left

Boss must summon all his talents to avoid further slip-ups



ROUND OF APPALLED
Captain Andy Robertson claps fans at end of Munich mauling

to question ... but at least he has the guts to speak up

brilliant" national stadium. An assessment open to question – but he was right about one thing. If it takes an estimated £250m to modernise the place, then it will remain the way it is forever. **But now Mulraney has stated VAR has been a big success here and is certain to stay.** This is the system that brought down head of referees

Crawford Allan after clubs had no confidence in the way he was overseeing its implementation. Rangers officially asked for Willie Collum to be excluded from their games after a VAR row in a game lost to Celtic. Collum, arguably the most divisive match official in the country, was subsequently appointed Allan's successor. This

followed what Mulraney described as an "international trawl" to find the right man – only to discover he lived along the road in North Lanarkshire. Meanwhile, consultation is ongoing among Premiership clubs to canvass opinion on how VAR could be made better. The man in charge of the SFA's competitions working group is

Aberdeen's director of football Steven Gunn. The Dons had earlier in the season stated VAR was "not fit for purpose". **But the SFA's squaddie in residence is sticking to his guns and, whether you agree with him or not, you have to like his self-assured style.** There will, I'm sure, be more to follow.

CORTES FITS A RISKY PATTERN

THERE looks to be a pattern emerging at Ibrox to fit this transfer window.

It might alternatively be known as Rangers manager Philippe Clement playing a dangerous game.

All of the signings made so far fall readily into the category of being moderately priced and able to be termed projects rather than automatic first-team picks.

In other words, it's what looks suspiciously like the Celtic model of recent times where you buy low and look to sell big at some point in the future.

Except that Celtic are now in the process of having to offload a series of development signings who were found seriously wanting almost at the point of arrival in Glasgow.

The only exception to the rule at Ibrox is Oscar Cortes, who's on his own in terms of risk strategy.

Whether he comes good or goes horribly wrong, Rangers have to pay his parent club, Lens, a fee of £4.5million at the end of the season to come.

The words of the former Rangers striker Marco Negri, relating to the purchase of Clinton Nsiala from AC Milan last week, were informative and startling at the same time.

Negri said: "In a couple of years' time, if he continues to improve the way he has, it could turn out to be a great signing."

A couple of years? Rangers need everybody to be oven-ready in a couple of months.

I'm hearing Celtic have a few transfer deals done, but as yet unannounced, and good money has been set aside for more experienced additions to a Double-winning squad.

Brendan Rodgers' judgment in the transfer market over two spells in charge of Celtic could not be accurately described as flawless, of course.

At least he's working from a position of financial strength, as well as having a league and cup Double platform to prop him up.

Clement has lost a nucleus of veterans such as



GAMBLE £4.5m man Cortes

John Lundstram, Borna Barisic, Ryan Jack and Kemar Roofe.

And the belief is they'd take money for Ben Davies, Todd Cantwell and Tom Lawrence to bolster their summer transfer kitty.

Meanwhile, there's talk of a tribunal to settle a fee for Connor Barron if he elects to go to Ibrox when his Aberdeen contract expires at the end of the month.

And a fee of £800,000 could close the deal for Bayern Munich winger Yusuf Kabadayi, adhering to the trend begun by bringing in the Brazilian, Jefte, from Cyprus.

Clement needs to handle the pressure that comes with being project manager of the Rangers rebuild over the summer months.

And he needs to be more self-assured than when three words from Rodgers tipped him over the edge towards the end of last season.

His rival saying Celtic would have a "bit of fun" in the final Old Firm league derby of the championship saw Clement explode and then implode.

It's his judgment of a player that now requires a cool head as there can be no margin for error.

Last transfer window, Philippe was told by fans the signing of Hearts' Lawrence Shankland could be the game-changer in a tight title race.

The manager rejected the idea along with the league's top goal-scorer.

We'll never know what Shankland might have done because the transfer never happened.

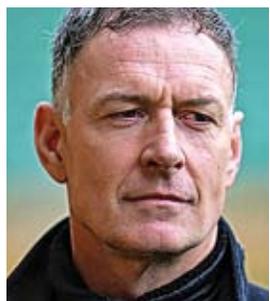
What does seem obvious is Rangers' need for more case-hardened signings now than have been made since the close season began.

DYNAMIC DUO CAN SHINE FOR HOOPS

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HITTING OUT Pundit Sutton

Sutton: You lot weren't Bravehearts in opener

BY MICHAEL BAILLIE

CHRIS SUTTON reckons Scotland had an inferiority complex against Germany.

And he insists Steve Clarke's side weren't brave enough in the Euros opener.

Scotland were thrashed 5-1 by the hosts and former Celtic striker Sutton admits their performance was a far cry from the qualifying campaign when they defeated European heavyweights Spain 2-0.

And he reckons none of Clarke's players earned pass marks in Munich.

Sutton said: "In a game really where the Scotland players had to play above expectations and be near perfect, I've got to say I was really disappointed.

"The first goal Angus Gunn should have done better, that was a bit of a gift. But Scotland weren't brave enough.

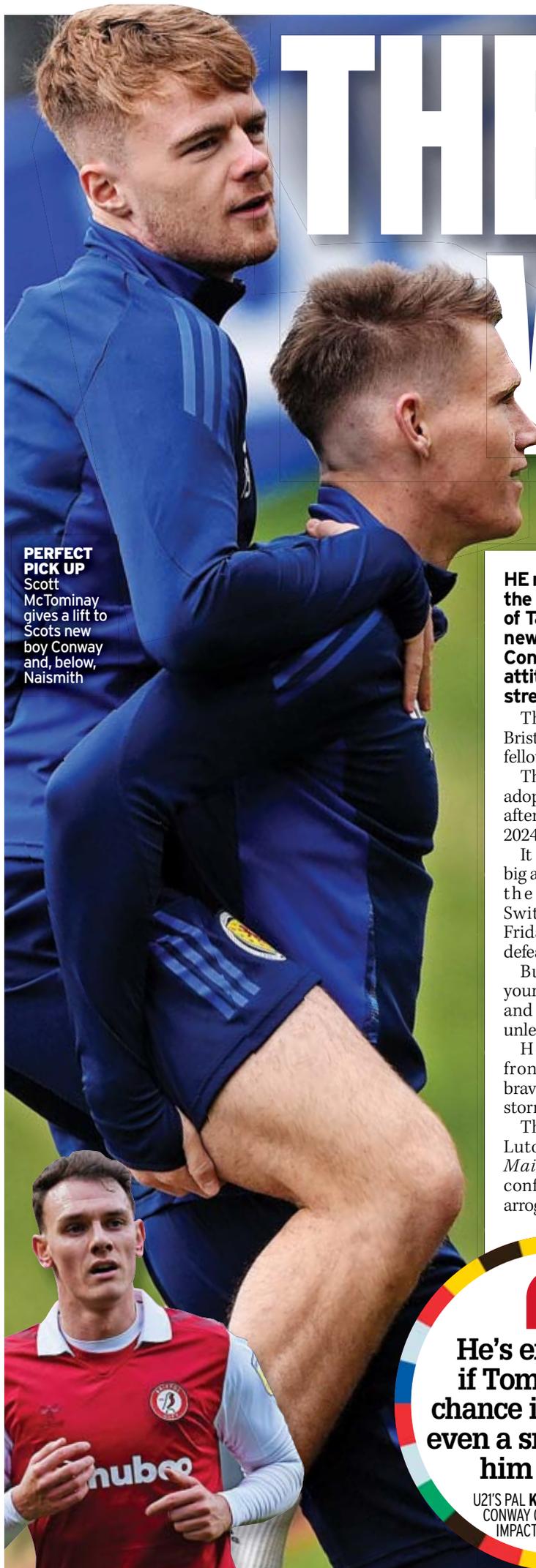
"We saw in qualifying against Spain that they can play, they can be brave, but it was like they had an inferiority complex. There wasn't one Scottish player who would get pass marks.

"They were all below par and that is the worry because they need to recover. But can they recover? It looked like Germany knocked the stuffing out of Scotland and that's the worry.

"We know Germany have better players but Scotland still have some good players.

"It wouldn't have been a total shock had Scotland got a result, I'm not saying a win, but had drawn. But they were so far off it.

"I really don't find any positives. It's how they dust themselves down and pick themselves up."



PERFECT PICK UP
Scott McTominay gives a lift to Scots new boy Conway and, below, Naismith

THE GALLUS WOW BOY

Conway has perfect attitude for Scotland

HE might have grown up in the small Somerset town of Taunton but Scotland's newest striker Tommy Conway has the gallus attitude you'd find on the streets of Glasgow.

That's the verdict of his Bristol City team-mate – and fellow Scot – Kal Naismith.

The 21-year-old has been adopted by the Tartan Army after his late-call up for Euro 2024 by gaffer Steve Clarke.

It remains to be seen how big a part Conway will play in the tournament, with Switzerland next up after Friday night's punishing 5-1 defeat to Germany in Munich.

But Naismith rates the youngster highly as a player and is desperate to see him unleashed at the finals.

He's convinced the frontman has the kind of bravado that will go down a storm in Clarke's squad.

The former Rangers and Luton Town defender told *MailSport*: "Tommy is a confident boy, he's got that arrogance you need to be a top player. His first

year

BY SCOTT McDERMOTT

training with the first team was my first season at Bristol City.

"Right away, I thought: 'Who is this wee guy?' It was as if he'd been with us for years.

"He just had that arrogance that said: 'I'm the best.'

"That's the way Tommy has been ever since.

"Straight away he was telling senior boys that he wanted to be on penalties and free-kicks.

"He saw himself as the main man. And if you're going to make it you need that attitude and belief in your own ability.

"He wasn't born in Scotland but has that gallusness about him. He's sure of himself and has all the banter.

"He'll have fitted straight in with the Scottish lads, that's just the way he is."

Conway is a regular in Liam Manning's team at City and scored 12 goals in the Championship last season – including an FA Cup strike against West Ham when his display earned rave reviews.

He's a pest of a centre-forward, never giving defenders a minute's peace, and he's also willing to run the channels.

But Naismith insists his biggest qualities are in front of goal – because the Robins ace rarely misses.

That's why he's desperate to see him getting thrown in at the Euros, with the Swiss and Hungary still to come.

He said: "As a player, Tommy has loads of potential. But for such a young lad he plays with

an experienced head on his shoulders.

"He's clever in his link-up play but his biggest attribute is his finishing. He's deadly.

"Left or right foot, he's explosive. And he's good in the air too. If he gets a chance in Germany, even just a sniff, I would back him to score.

"Getting thrown off the bench at the Euros won't faze Tommy. He'll be nervous – anyone would on that stage – but he will relish it as well.

"He'll fancy himself to score in every game because he has that arrogance."

Conway wasn't included in Clarke's original pool for Euro 2024 and instead went to play for the Under-21s in a friendly double-header.

Before that, Naismith joined him on a post-season trip to Portugal – but revealed he could barely get Conway off the training pitch as he prayed for a call from the manager.

Even when it didn't come at first, Naismith told him to keep the faith – and Conway's patience paid off.

The Bristol City centre-back said: "I went for dinner with Tommy in Portugal when he was on standby for Scotland.

"But all he did was work. He eats and sleeps football. He was at the campus training every day because he still had hopes of making the squad.

"He was gutted he didn't make the original squad."

"But I told him: 'You never know, anything can happen.'

"Fast forward a week and he'd got the call. I was buzzing for him and really proud."

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He's explosive .. if Tommy gets a chance in Germany, even a sniff, I'd back him to score

U21'S PAL KAI NAISMITH SAYS CONWAY CAN MAKE DEADLY IMPACT FOR SCOTLAND



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TIME TO BOUNCE BACK

AT a BBQ in Majorca, James Morrison's life and career changed forever.

And he wasn't even there. Thanks to his auntie Maggie chinning Alex McLeish in Spain, he got the opportunity to play for Scotland.

To this day, he's grateful. To Maggie and every national team gaffer who helped him to 46 caps and three goals for his adopted country – including a strike against England at Wembley.

But there's one thing missing, of course. An appearance at a Euros or World Cup.

That's why, here at Scotland's Garmisch-Partenkirchen base camp, Morrison is savouring every second.

And given his experience of failing to reach a finals, he has told Steve Clarke's players to do the savour every moment.

Despite being born in Darlington, the former West Brom star says being picked by McLeish for Scotland 16 years ago was one of the best things that ever happened to him.

From Germany, ahead of the Scots' second Group A game against the Swiss in Cologne, Morrison said: "It's a nice story how I ended up playing for Scotland.

"McLeish was the manager and he was on holiday in Majorca. He happened to be at a barbecue where my auntie Maggie was too.

"She said to him: 'James would play for Scotland.'

"So within a couple of days, he rang up and put it to me and I was delighted to say yes.

"It was one of the best decisions I ever made. Maggie must have had a few wines!

"I had one cap with Alex then George Burley came in.

"As a player you wanted to get to tournaments like these and, three or four times, we were in and around it without ever getting over the line.

"There were a couple of big disappointments.

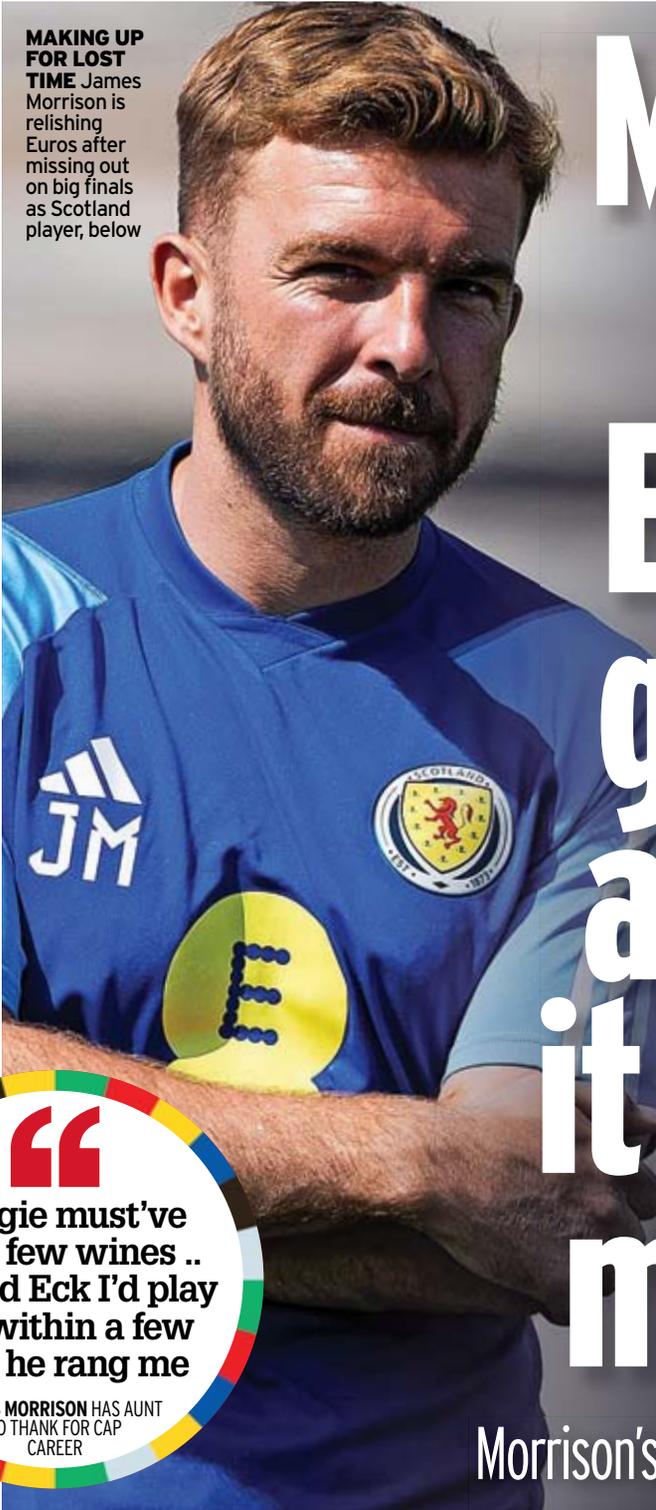
"One that really sticks in my head is when we got a late winner against Slovakia at Hampden in the qualifiers for the 2018 World Cup.

"Then we went to Slovenia a few days later with the chance of making the play-offs.

"I was injured, we drew 2-2 and it wasn't quite enough.

"There was also the Norway game under George when big Chris Iwelumo missed the chance – and a few when

MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME James Morrison is relishing Euros after missing out on big finals as Scotland player, below



My auntie gave Big Eck a real grilling at a BBQ and it changed my career

Morrison's grateful for sliding doors moment

“ Maggie must've had a few wines .. she told Eck I'd play and within a few days he rang me

JAMES MORRISON HAS AUNT TO THANK FOR CAP CAREER

SCOTT McDERMOTT IN MUNICH

Gordon Strachan was manager. It's one of my regrets from my playing career. So now, to do it from the coaching side and to see lads getting to do what I didn't, is amazing.

"My message to them is that they've done the hard part by getting here.

"This is the enjoyable bit. So let's get everything we can out of it. When you're done and look back, these are the moments you want to cherish."

At the age of just 38, Morrison admits he still feels and thinks like a player.

And that allows him to carry out a crucial role on Clarke's coaching staff – between the manager and his squad.

He understands their needs and wants to help individuals throughout the tournament.

Morrison said: "I'm the youngest on the coaching staff

here so I'm probably still thinking like a player.

"But I've got many roles and we cover everything. We always have an input.

"That's the role of the coach, to challenge the manager's thinking.

"I can still have a relationship with the players because I think like them sometimes.

"Even though I'm slowing down a bit when I have to join in training games!

"But I can relate to the lads. I know how they're feeling going into matches and hopefully can give them what they need in terms of analysis."

If his auntie Maggie promoting

him to McLeish years ago felt like a sliding doors moment for him as a Scotland player, James had another as a coach when he got the call from Clarke.

After first working alongside Clarke at West Brom, he's still learning off him now.

Even if Morrison admits he could be five YEARS away from being a manager himself.

The Baggies Under-23s coach said: "I first met Steve at West Brom when I was still playing and coaching wasn't even really on my mind.

"I fell into it once I retired.

"When Steve came to West

Brom, he'd been a No.2 at Chelsea, Newcastle and Liverpool. It was his first manager's job and the time was right for him.

"He took us to new levels, finishing eighth in the Premier League. And he took my game to a new level too.

"Now as a coach, in terms of how to structure sessions, I've learned a lot from Steve.

"But at this moment in time I don't want to be a manager. "Maybe in five or six years, yes. But my feeling at the moment is that I want to be ready. I don't feel ready to be a manager yet.

"I've now seen the other side and how stressful it is.

"This experience at the Euros will definitely help me if I want to become a manager. "Football can change like that. Tomorrow there could be a job for me and I'd have a decision to make.

"But at this moment in time, no, it's not for me."

Coisty: The lads know they were a disgrace

BY SIMON MULLOCK

ALLY McCOIST last night claimed Scotland's players committed the worst sin in football against Germany – they disgraced themselves.

But the former striker, who suffered his own share of heartbreak playing in front of the Tartan Army, reckons Steve Clarke's men still have a shot at Euro redemption.

He said: "I couldn't believe what I saw against the Germans.

"But I don't agree with the suggestion that Scotland's players let the country down, let the manager down and let the fans down.

"It was actually more serious than that. They let themselves down – and I can tell you that is the worst thing any player can do.

"No one expected Scotland to win. But what you do expect from any team representing their country is a bit of fight. They lost without laying a glove on anyone.

"Scotland were so poor on the night that I don't actually know whether



POOR SHOW Ally McCoist

Germany are good or bad. They only had to turn up to win."

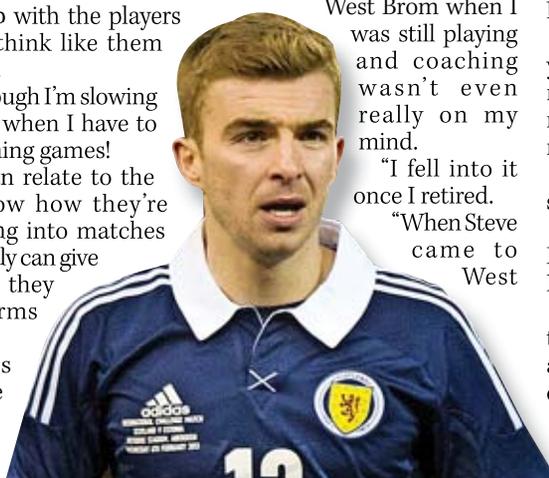
Clarke and Co travel to Cologne on Wednesday night to face a Switzerland team that beat Hungary 3-1.

McCoist has bittersweet memories of scoring the goal that beat the Swiss at Villa Park at Euro 96 – only to miss out on the quarter-finals on goal difference.

He said: "Glorious failure seems to be a part of Scotland's DNA. One minute I had scored the goal that had sent us through, the next we were out.

"But that's the beauty of tournament football. It can turn in a split-second. That's why we love it.

"You will see a reaction from this Scotland team – I'm certain of that."





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BRUISING TO BE BATTERED

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Hungary in the remaining two matches. And the 31-year-old is itching to make up for one of the most humiliating nights of his glittering career.

He said: "The word 'embarrassment' is what I was thinking after the game. I didn't say it to anyone because it was too raw at the moment.

"But that is the word I had in my head on my way off the pitch.

"You work so hard to get to this level and then we don't do ourselves justice.

"That is what hurts the most. You can go and you can play well and still lose to Germany. Let's make no bones about it, they are a top team and they will be there or thereabouts to win this tournament.

"But when you come off there is a sense that we did not do ourselves justice and that you will probably have to live with that forever.

"People will remember that forever. You are a professional and you understand what has happened.

"Now it's about trying to rectify that. You will never be able to rectify the result because what has happened, has happened.

"But if you can get yourself out of the group then it diminishes. Then, in 10 or 15 years' time, people will say, 'Yeah but they got out of the group and they achieved something great!'

"That is where the mindset has to be from here on because it was disappointing last night."

Asked if there was also an element of anger over



GREY WHISTLE TEST

Yakin the abject standard of Scotland's performance McGregor nodded: "There is, ay."

And he admits Murat Yakin's Switzerland – who are up next – and Hungary will now see Scotland as a potential soft touch in the group.

McGregor said: "This is where we have to be strong. Everybody will come at us and quite rightly after a poor performance.

"But we can't let it derail us – we can't let it pull us apart and have people start going into their little groups.

McGregor said: "This is where we have to be strong. Everybody will come at us and quite rightly after a poor performance.

"We had a poor performance and a poor result and people see that and start to smell blood.

"The two teams that we're going to play next will smell blood.

"So it's now about what you've got inside.

"You want to rectify that and put it right. So for sure the next 48 hours will be really important."

FROM KEITH JACKSON IN MUNICH

NEXT Sunday, all might be forgiven.

By then Steve Clarke and his crestfallen players might have made history after all, by taking four points from two remaining Group A games – and doing just enough to become the most successful Scotland side in history.

But even if they salvage redemption here in Germany, Callum McGregor will not allow himself to forget the pain and the suffering inflicted on Friday night's visit to the torture chamber of the Allianz Arena.

Yesterday afternoon, after Celtic's skipper had made it back to the squad's Bavarian basecamp here in Garmisch-Partenkirchen following that 5-1 routing by hosts Germany, those wounds were still red and raw.

So much so that McGregor's fears this thrashing will still be remembered and held against them for decades, regardless of what might follow against Switzerland and Hungary.

And even when it was suggested that it could all be consigned to the dustbin of the nation's memory banks in as little as seven days' time, depending on the next two results, McGregor couldn't quite bring himself to believe it.

He said: "None of the disappointments I have had ever really goes away. You get one opportunity in life and when it comes you want to try and grab it as much as you can.

"And when you have a disappointing day in your professional life or your personal life or whatever it is, it does stick with you.

"It is important that in 14 days' time no one is talking about it – if we are through to the knockout stages and everyone is instead talking about the history we have created.

"But these things live with you. We are the guys who must live with that disappointment."

It's a mark of McGregor's professionalism that he feels such a weight of responsibility.

He knows he can't take this one back and it's still eating him up inside.

It has been that way from the moment he was subbed off in the second half. And the same thoughts were haunting him all 90km back to the foot of the Alps in the early hours of Saturday morning. In almost complete silence.

McGregor said: "It was a long bus journey, for sure. Everybody was thinking the same thing. We came here to show we are a good side. That's why it's so sore.

"We are now the only people who can fix it. It's about strength of character now.

"You don't go into your shell, you don't back away from the challenge.

"It is a big stage and it is difficult – let's make no bones about it. But you can't back away from that. You have to show that you belong in tournaments like this."

McGregor wasn't just humiliated on the pitch by the likes of Ilkay Gundogan and Toni Kroos – he was also nailed in the TV studio by former Scotland great Graeme Souness who lambasted the standard of the 31-year-old's performance.

And that stuff stings too. Asked if he might



use that criticism as a motivation heading into Wednesday night's showdown with the Swiss, McGregor nodded: "Yes, you do. If anyone has a pop at you then you take it personally and you try to prove them wrong. So, yeah."

But he won't be the only one. Truth is, there was not a player in a dark blue shirt who came close to earning pass marks on Friday night.

Scotland froze under the floodlights and forgot how to play the possession-based football that underpinned their journey to these finals.

And that's also something that has burrowed deep under McGregor's skin.

Scotland's midfield was heavily outnumbered and completely outclassed. All of it will have to change dramatically if this salvage mission is to be successfully accomplished.

McGregor said: "When you come to this level you must have an element of control of the ball otherwise you just spend the whole night defending.

"You are playing top players who can create moments of magic and that is why the Germans are world class.

"You have to give yourselves a chance and, when you get the ball, you have to keep it and make them chase it for a while.

"That is part of football as well – the more time you spend with the ball the less time you will have to defend.

"We have become pretty good, to be honest, at controlling bits of the game that give you a breather and let you get up the pitch.

"I don't think we can shy away from the fact it was a poor night and that we did not do ourselves justice.

"We have to reset and go into the next two games, do what we are good at and what has got us to this stage.

"And we want to come to the end of the next two games and everyone is looking at us and going: 'You know what, Scotland are decent – they can play a wee bit!'

"We might get through, we might not get through. But we want to feel that we've given a good account of ourselves and only we can do that now.

"We have two games to get out of the group – two cup finals – that's what the mentality has to be. We attack Wednesday now. It is a cup final and we have to win."

Khaka stunned by Scots as Swiss get off to flyer

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part of Bayer Leverkusen's record-breaking side, said: "We watched the Germany game.

"We were surprised by the performance of Scotland. We have achieved our first target of three points and now we need to prepare for Wednesday.

"We know the quality that Scotland have. Big players who play for big teams.

"But we know the first match is always special, especially for Germany in Munich.

"I hope we'll see a good game on Wednesday.

"We deserved our three points today. I'm very proud that we won – we had a very good first half.

"It's always good to start with confidence against a good opponent but we are not finished yet. Recovery now – and on to the next one on Wednesday."

SWISS MATCH REPORT: SEE WINNER P2&3



ON THE SCORESHEET Kai Havertz

GERMANY'S KAI-SCORING WIN

KAI HAVERTZ says Germany were only just getting started at Euro 2024 by wiping the floor with Scotland.

The Arsenal forward played a huge part in the 5-1 victory in Munich on Friday which got their tournament off to a flyer.

Steve Clarke's side were left humiliated at the Allianz Arena as goals from Havertz, Florian Wirtz, Jamal Musiala, Niclas Fullkrug

BY SCOTT MCDERMOTT

and Emre Can put the Scots to the sword.

And the Gunners star is sure there will be more big results from Julian Nagelsmann's side as the Euros progress.

He said: "Was that the best of Germany? No, I hope there is more to come from us.

"Obviously when you win 5-1 it's a statement but it's just the

start for us. Because you can see how much quality there is in this team and how many good players we have.

"Scotland are a very good team, with a great coach. But we know the opponents are going to get even tougher.

"It was actually a difficult match for us. But as you go further into a tournament, the matches get much harder. So

AFTER THE STORM CalMac looks thoughtful after thrashing by Germany and, top, leading training session yesterday

TIME TO BOUNCE BACK



These losses live with you. We have one chance and you must take it. We are the guys who have to live with that disappointment

McGregor vows to banish German blues and give fans chance to celebrate a bit of history

MAKES THE HOSTS HUNGRY FOR MORE

we'll keep going, train well, have good sleeps - and continue to play with confidence."

Germany's rhythm was dictated by Toni Kroos who ran the game from the middle of the park. Scotland couldn't get near the 34-year-old who is retiring at the end of Euro 2024.

Havertz said: "Toni has always been one of my idols and it's an honour to play with him. He

makes the game so much easier for us when he plays like that."

Incredibly, the Germans arrived at the tournament trying to shield themselves from criticism from fans and media over their recent performances.

They've failed to get out of the group stage at their last two major tournaments but with the emergence of young duo Musiala and Wirtz, there's now a feeling

they could go on and win it. After the victory over Scotland, veteran attacker Thomas Muller called for calm and cautious optimism.

The Bayern Munich legend said: "At the moment the energy is good after such a great win.

"But that can leave you very quickly if you have a bad result in the quarter-finals or something like that.

"We have to see what happens

in the next few weeks but the squad is very good, we have talented players who have a connection with each other.

"It's easy to talk positively after such a win. But we can't be too happy or celebrate too much.

"We must stay focused. It's not good enough just to have some good feelings.

"We just need to concentrate on winning."

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LAST 16'S STILL WITHIN REACH

BY RYAN TAYLOR

JAMES McFADDEN believes Scotland can bounce back from their 5-1 Munich mauling to reach the knockout stages of the Euro Championships.

Steve Clarke's side were embarrassed by rampant hosts Germany on a horror Friday night.

But Tartan Army icon Faddy is backing them to show their quality and get the results needed against Switzerland and Hungary to reach the last 16.

The former Scotland and Everton star said: "They now need to go and show the best version of themselves.

"Because of the players that we have in the squad, an early exit would be a real disappointment.

"The players and manager would be really disappointed if we don't make it through.

"I think because of how well the team has done in recent times - certainly in qualifying - they have to find a way of getting through the group."

McFadden believes the experience of players such as skipper Andy Robertson, John McGinn, Scott McTominay and Kieran Tierney will now prove key if Scotland are to turn things round.

He said: "I'd also throw Callum McGregor into the mix too, he's the captain of Celtic, an outstanding player who has won trophy after trophy.

"The players are still all together, they look to the key guys for leadership and guidance but it's a team and squad full of leaders and that's vital.

"Hopefully the players



QUALITY James McFadden

use that to perform better than they did at the last Euros - even if the Germany result is such a huge setback."

McFadden also believes 32-goal Hearts striker and Premiership Player of the Year Lawrence Shankland could be a secret weapon for gaffer Clarke.

Lone striker Che Adams was hooked at half-time in Munich following Ryan Porteous' horror red card.

And McFadden added: "Shankland has come in off the back of an amazing season at Hearts.

"Around September time it was 'can he force his way into the squad?' and now it's down to who starts. He's done magnificently well.

"Adams is still the No.1 striker but Shankland is a finisher and goalscorer. "Whenever Shankland has played he's done really well, his hold-up play and link-up play has been great.

"If you give him chances you know he will score goals. I also think Tommy Conway could be a wildcard option that surprises a few people as well, if he gets minutes. We still have very decent options."

I There is live coverage of Euro 24 across BBC TV, BBC iPlayer, BBC Radio, BBC Sounds and Online.

WHETHER it has been with St Mirren, Aston Villa or Scotland, it doesn't matter.

John McGinn doesn't take kindly to losing football matches.

He is a jovial character in the dressing room. The life and soul of a squad.

His Bavarian dance as the Scottish team were welcomed to their Euro 2024 base camp in Garmisch-Partenkirchen is already one of the tournament's iconic moments.

But out on the pitch? McGinn is a serious competitor.

That's why he has achieved what he has in the game and is a top Premier League performer.

It's also why he's still hurting so much after what happened in Munich on Friday night.

For McGinn, it wasn't just about losing to Germany on the opening night of the Euros. It was the manner of the defeat.

That feeling of letting himself - and an entire nation - down when it mattered most.

Even now he struggles to find the words to explain just how that 5-1 mauling in the Allianz Arena transpired.

He knows one thing. Just how sore a loss that is to take. Because he's felt the same pain every time he suffered a result like that, even from his early days in Paisley.

As the midfielder, so often Steve Clarke's talisman, tried to unravel their disastrous Euros start, he said: "It's tough to speak about it but we have no choice.

"The objective on Friday night was to try to get at least a point.

"So it hurts. It still hurts now. It hurts the way it did when I lost a game like that at St Mirren.

"Your pride is dented. "We had a couple of setbacks at Villa last season as well. At Newcastle on the opening day and at Liverpool away.

"It happens in football. Sometimes you need to hold your hands up and you've been beaten by a better team.

"But amongst all that, there are things we have to improve on. The goals we conceded on Friday night weren't great at all.

"Wednesday against the Swiss is another opportunity. We'll

PAISLEY

McGinn in turmoil after Germany rout - and it's a feeling he's hated since his Saints days



SCOTT McDERMOTT

IN MUNICH



analyse the Germany game but the next one will be different.

"The Swiss are a top team as well but we need to raise our game now massively.

"The balance of making sure we know what we did wrong on Friday and improving for another tough game on Wednesday is what we need to find now.

"We're all fully aware of that." Inside the Allianz on Friday, it

felt like Scotland suffered a serious bout of stage fright.

Their lack of pressing against the Germans was a sign that they froze. Clarke's players looked like they had lead in their boots.

McGinn disagrees. He says Scotland were relaxed going into the biggest game of their lives.

But he concedes that the time and space they gifted Julian Nagelsmann's side was an act of

folly. He said: "I don't think the occasion got to us. I felt we were calm going into the game.

"I can't speak for the other boys but we prepared well, it had nothing to do with that.

"It's about when you cross that white line. You have to make sure your opponents are in a game and we didn't do that.

"Personally and collectively we have to look at that.

"We have enough experience of big games to know that's not the way to play against Germany.

"We handled the occasion fine



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SORE LOSER
John McGinn after Friday's heavy defeat

“
The Swiss are a top team... we as players need to raise our game massively
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JOHN MCGINN ON WEDNESDAY'S CLASH

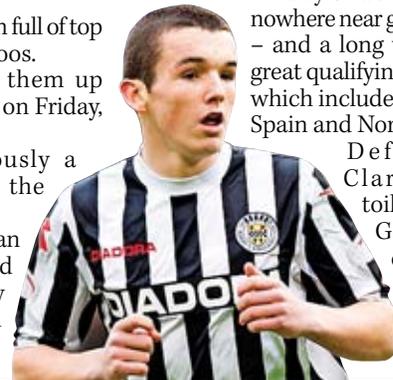
but conceding an early goal is what you try to avoid.
“Did we have our competitive edge back after the friendly games?
“Probably not enough. There needs to be more.
“We gave everything we could but did we allow them to be too comfortable in the game? Probably.
“So we need to up it on Wednesday, our levels have to go up.
“We need to analyse, criticise and look at what needs to

improve. But we can talk all we like. It's about getting back to what we know we can do on the pitch.
“If you allow yourself to dwell on this for too long, it can affect the other two games in the group.”
On any other night, McGinn might have enjoyed watching a Toni Kroos midfield masterclass for the Germans.
But not when he was up against him.
The veteran Real Madrid

playmaker – who will retire at the end of the tournament – ran the show for Nagelsmann's men.
McGinn knows how good he is – and now hopes he puts in similar performances against Group A rivals Switzerland and Hungary.
McGinn said: “He's a world-class player and he was very good on Friday.
“That's something we'll obviously look at but we can't change it now. We stuck to our

game plan but Ryan Porteous' red card meant that was flung out the window.
“They have a team full of top players, not just Kroos.
“We got to see them up close and personal on Friday, they're very good.
“They're obviously a massive threat in the group.
“Hopefully they can play like they did against Hungary and Switzerland as well.”

EARLY DAYS
McGinn at St Mirren



RIDDY OR NOT... HERE WE COME

FROM BACK PAGE

2004, the Aston Villa midfielder STILL thinks Steve Clarke's men can recover to reach the knockout stage.

The Scots suffered an embarrassing 5-1 opening night defeat at the Allianz Arena on Friday night.

Clarke's boys must now compose themselves before facing Switzerland in Cologne on Wednesday where defeat is unthinkable.

McGinn knows the wave of optimism across the nation pre-tournament has been squashed by a poor display.

But he's convinced they can turn it around against the Swiss.

He said: “You see the massive support, the optimism around the whole country – and we feel like we've burst that bubble a bit.

“But we still have an opportunity to get through this group and we'll do everything we can to achieve it.

“We know we need to find our levels again over the next couple of days.

“But we can talk about it – ultimately there's a lot of us in here who need to up it. We know that.”

McGinn is well aware Friday's debacle was nowhere near good enough – and a long way from a great qualifying campaign which included wins over Spain and Norway.

Defensively, Clarke's side toiled and the Germans could well have scored more than five. Ryan



BANNED Sent-off Porteous

Porteous will sit out the second game after his red card topped off a miserable night for the manager.

While his backline will face criticism, McGinn held his hands up and admitted Scotland's forward players must start scoring again.

He said: “It's easy to talk about the goals we're losing but myself and others are now in a massive goal drought.

“So it works both ways. Collectively, you cannot point fingers at just one or two players.

“As a group we need to improve. We need to concede less and create more chances.

“I don't think we had a shot on Friday night which is worrying.

“But we know we can compete with these teams. We've gone toe-to-toe with Spain and Holland recently.

“For a long time Scotland wasn't on the end of those types of scorelines so we need to get back to what we were doing.

“We have had bumps along the road so it's up to us now.

“The older ones in the group have to keep us going and get ready for Wednesday's game.”



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NO SWISS STROLL

SWITZERLAND star Granit Xhaka was stunned by Scotland's opening night shocker against Germany. But the skipper won't be expecting a similar stroll when he squares up to Steve Clarke's men on Wednesday night. The Swiss got off to a flier in Group A yesterday by seeing

off a second-half fightback by Hungary to secure a 3-1 win. Murat Yakin's men now have one foot in the knockout stages - while Scotland will need at least a point to keep any hopes alive of getting out of the group. Ex-Arsenal ace Xhaka, who is now

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McGinn: We let nation down but we can bounce back against the Swiss

RIDDY OR NOT

...HERE WE COME



McGregor: I'll live with horror show all my years

BRUISED Callum McGregor has admitted to feeling "embarrassed" and "angered" by Scotland's feeble showing during the mauling in Munich on opening night at the Euros. McGregor was still hurting yesterday back at the Scots tournament HQ here in Garmisch-Partenkirchen as Steve Clarke and his players licked their wounds following that 5-1 thrashing at the Allianz. The Celtic skipper remains adamant that the national team can recover from this horror show of a start to Group A by taking out their frustrations on both Switzerland and

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BY SCOTT McDERMOTT
JOHN MCGINN admits Scotland's red-faced players feel like they've let the country down. But after the mauling by Germany at Euro

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DOWN BUT NOT ROUT
 McGregor and McGinn, left, troop off after crushing loss in Munich

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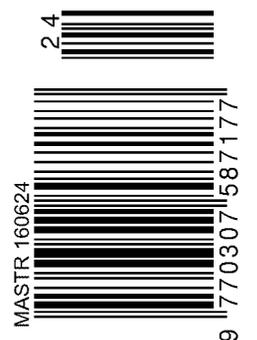
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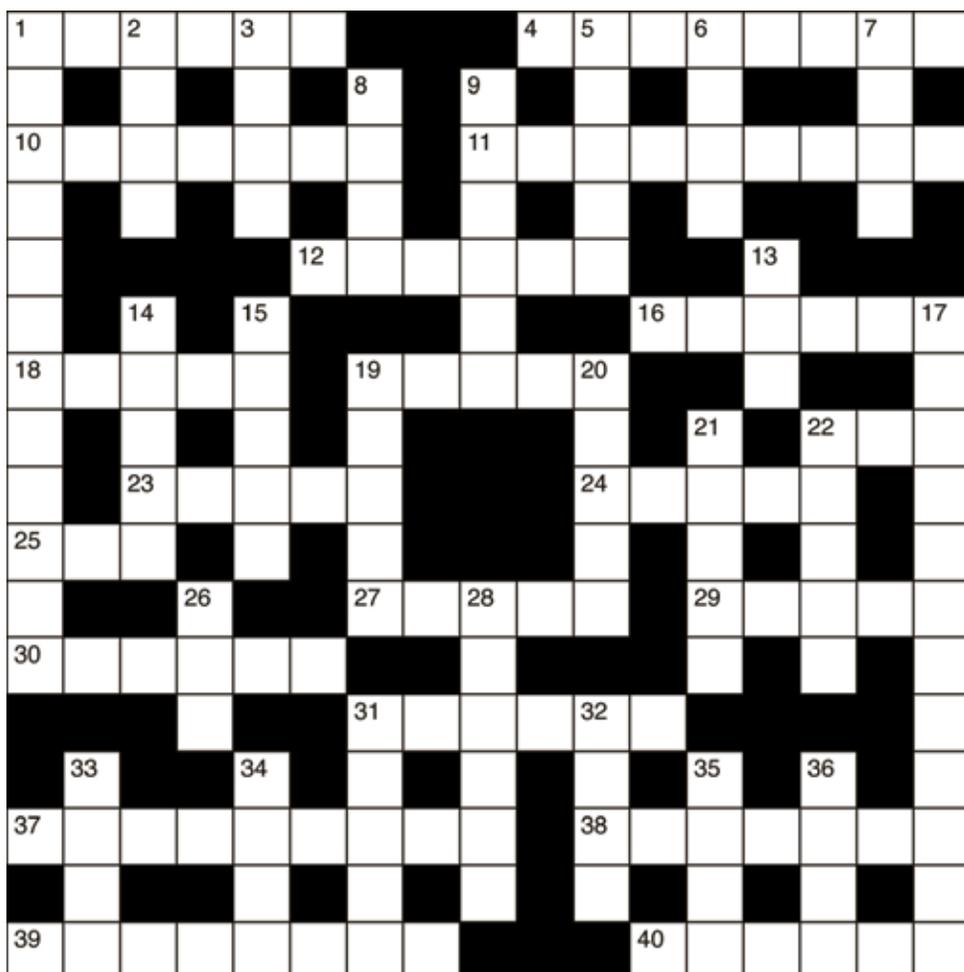
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2

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6	2	15	17	8		25			8		1		
	15			8		18	17	12	21	21	25	6	
15	11	12	7	14		18			23		8		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

EASY SUDOKU 2

	3		6		9		1	
8		5				4		6
	6		2		8		7	
6		3		9		2		7
			7		3			
9		4		6		8		1
	5		3		6		8	
3		8				7		5
	4		8		5		9	

FUTOSHIKI 1

Insert the numbers one to five in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) signs.

	3			
			1	5

FUTOSHIKI 2

	3			
5	1			

HARD SUDOKU 2

8	7				3			
5			3		7		6	
				8				1
	5				6		1	
		6				4		
	4		9				7	
6				3				
	8		7		1			9
		9					2	5

KILLER SUDOKU 1

Each row and column hold the numbers 1 to 9 and the numbers in the cages must add to the given total. No number can be repeated in a cage.

13	14	10	8			10		16
			6			16	12	
6		8				7	12	
10		25		10			13	
20					12	15	14	
5	10		3					
		9		15	11		17	
16		11				16		7
9		8		11				

KILLER SUDOKU 2

20			10	3		22		5
5	15			11				
	13			19			12	
15	19	9		13	16	14		18
						4		
	3		9		19		13	
11	22	7	12					16
				12	12		12	
		14						

ALPHADOKU 2

A 9 x 9 sudoku with the letters R to Z.

	V					X	W	
W		U						
			Y		S			Z
	T			U		S		
							U	
X				R				T
Y				X	V		T	S
	R		T				Z	U

KAKURO 1

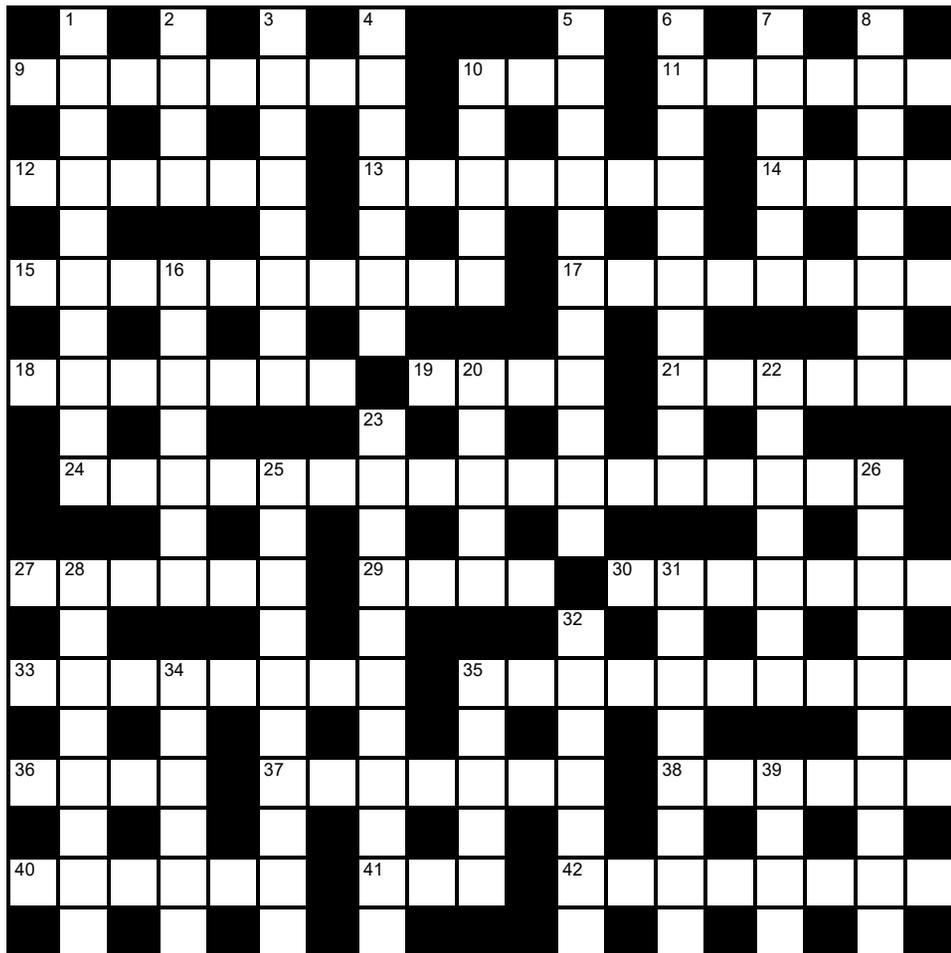
Fill in each series of blank squares using the numbers 1 to 9. Each series – across and down – must add up to the number in the shaded box at the beginning or top of the series. A number may be repeated in each line but not in a series.

			3	10			9	23	
		7				17			
		14				24			
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	14					14			
12					13			10	
	7				6			16	
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8						16		15	8
	14				5			12	
	13				12			6	
			3					11	
		11				9			
						15			

KAKURO 2

			7	8			9	27	
		10					4		
		12					15		
		9				18			
	15					12			15
10					7			12	
11					8			13	
			20	20				6	
		13					18		
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		26							
		22							
	12								
	11						15		21
									8
23					7			12	
9					9				11
			10					10	
		7					13		
	12						14		

BIG CROSSWORD 1



ACROSS

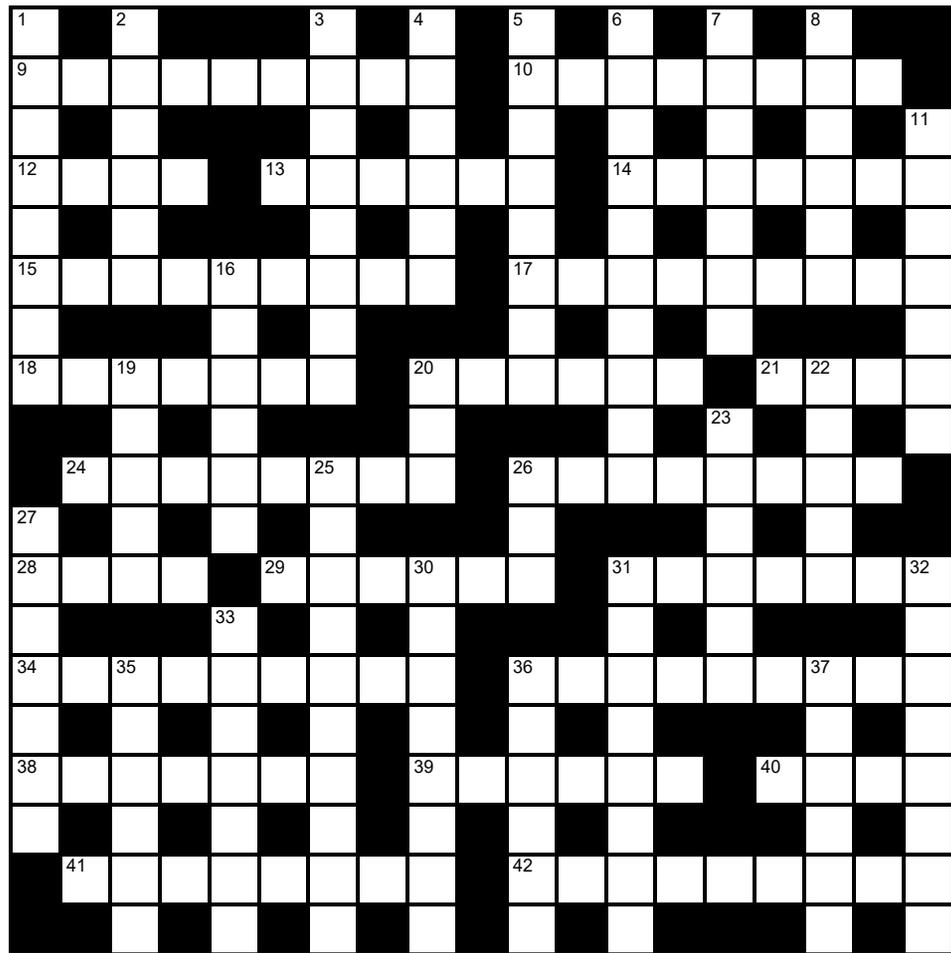
- 9 Tyrannise (8)
- 10 Bath (3)
- 11 Gives an opinion (6)
- 12 Diagonally (6)
- 13 Object (7)
- 14 Always (4)
- 15 Irregular soldiers (10)
- 17 Fickle (8)
- 18 Restricted (7)
- 19 Give out (4)
- 21 In fact (6)
- 24 Items in a journal (9,8)
- 27 Message to God (6)
- 29 Stink (4)
- 30 Fights (7)
- 33 Engaged (8)
- 35 Of great dignity (10)
- 36 Flightless bird (4)

DOWN

- 1 End (10)
- 2 Ballpoint pen (4)
- 3 Sweat (8)
- 4 Wrestle (7)
- 5 Astronomer's building (11)
- 6 Pasta dish (10)
- 7 Straight (6)
- 8 Military morning call (8)
- 10 Implements (5)
- 16 Track (7)
- 20 Code (5)
- 22 Crosses out (7)

- 23 Love potion (11)
- 25 Relevance (10)
- 26 Conjectured (10)
- 28 Telephone part (8)
- 31 Fish tank (8)
- 32 Executioner (7)
- 34 Harmony (6)
- 35 Upset (5)
- 39 Tidy (4)

BIG CROSSWORD 2



ACROSS

- 9 Candid (9)
- 10 Vindictive (8)
- 12 Retain possession of (4)
- 13 Turkish capital (6)
- 14 Examine critically (7)
- 15 Honesty (9)
- 17 Pleasing (9)
- 18 Sheltered port (7)
- 20 Electronic apparatus (6)
- 21 Dull pain (4)
- 24 Gives a hint of (8)
- 26 Possessing discretion (8)
- 28 Flat (4)
- 29 Concealed rifleman (6)
- 31 Root vegetable (7)
- 34 Unembarrassed (9)
- 36 Of greater duration (9)
- 38 Bird's call (7)

DOWN

- 1 Marine creature (8)
- 2 Witness (6)
- 3 Thinner (8)
- 4 Furtive (6)
- 5 Wild adventure (8)
- 6 Desolate tract (10)
- 7 Contagious disease (7)
- 8 Excellent (6)
- 11 Guided (7)
- 16 Dazed (6)
- 19 Regular journey (5)
- 20 Large vehicle (3)
- 22 Container for milk (5)

- 23 Kept hidden (6)
- 25 Small crustacean (4,6)
- 26 High hill (3)
- 27 Mediterranean boat (7)
- 30 Chubbiest (8)
- 31 Glandular organ (8)
- 32 Idiom (8)
- 33 Piece of jewellery (7)
- 35 Land (6)
- 36 Gloss (6)
- 37 Inborn (6)

TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid

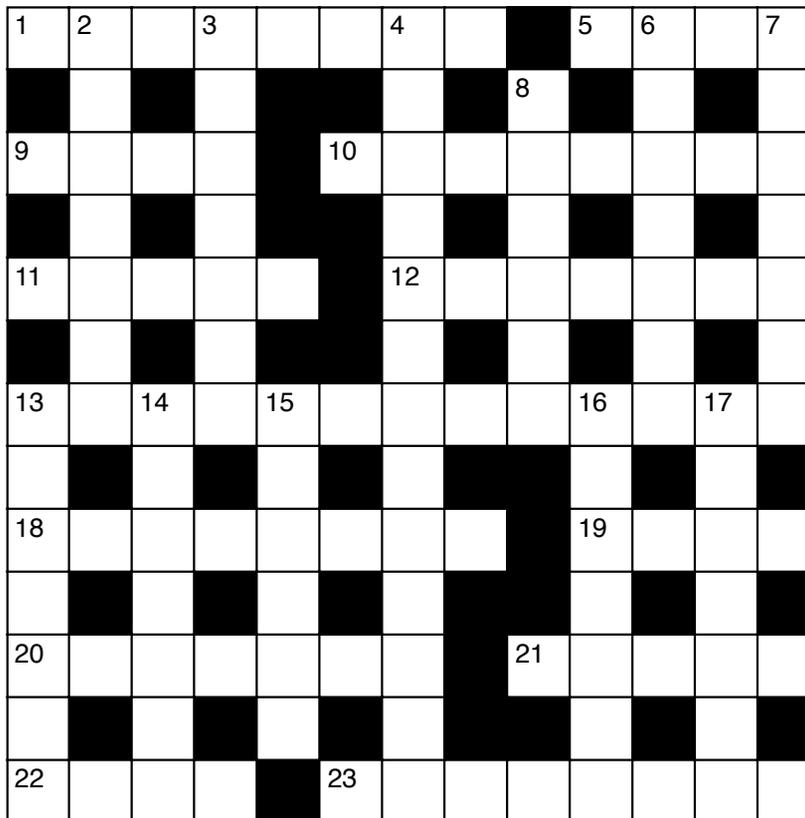
CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1. Victory comes to many taking part in search for it (8)
- 5. Security the batsman hopes won't be disturbed (4)
- 9. Because one goes to a continent... (4)
- 10. ...make a song about a chill and get a telling-off (8)
- 11. Jar holds the fire (5)
- 12. Field with many gates (7)
- 13. This group intends giving nothing away (6,7)
- 18. A printer provides a tortoise (8)
- 19. Runs an E-type, but isn't mad in it (4)
- 20. Leave an orchestra playing (7)
- 21. A profit repeated (5)
- 22. Sort of benevolent (4)
- 23. Contrite writer takes a single portable shelter (8)

DOWN

- 2. See the old boy start to play tennis! (7)
- 3. Only part of a district (7)
- 4. No study for recluses in the laboratory? (6,7)
- 6. So I aped Fatty? (7)
- 7. Treating illumination appropriately? Not really! (7)
- 8. You'll find him in the circle richly attired (6)
- 13. A reverse position by the defender (7)
- 14. It marks the end of play (7)
- 15. Animals coming from Eastern countries (6)
- 16. Visibly intelligent grasp? (7)
- 17. Number is up: gets no backing but all the strain (7)



QUICK CLUES

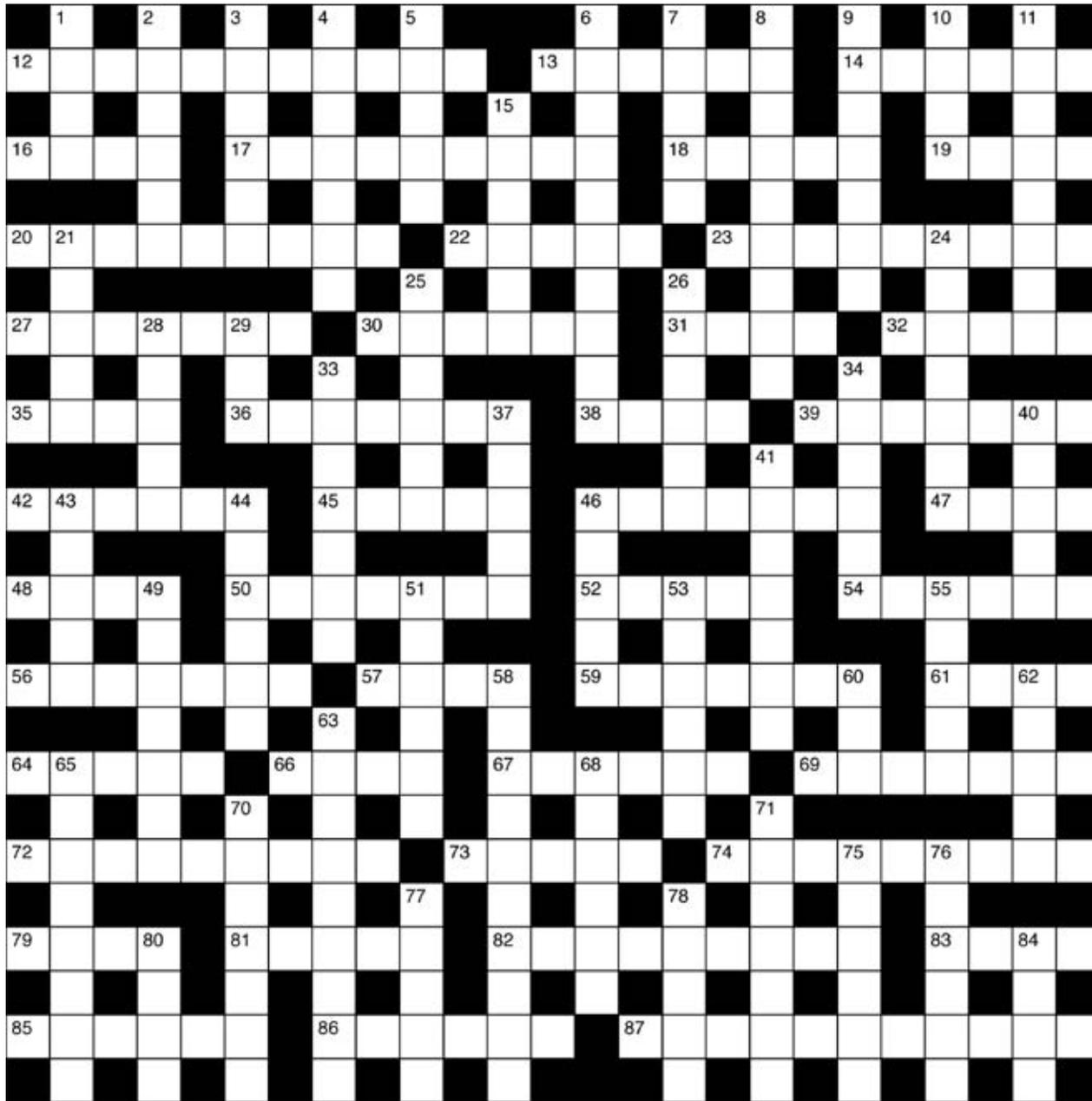
ACROSS

- 1. Victory (8)
- 5. Surety (4)
- 9. Continent (4)
- 10. Chiding (8)
- 11. Shred (5)
- 12. Flight terminal (7)
- 13. Clandestine club (6,7)
- 18. Reptile (8)
- 19. Logical (4)
- 20. Desert (7)
- 21. Once more (5)
- 22. Type (4)
- 23. Repentant (8)

DOWN

- 2. Watch (7)
- 3. One fourth (7)
- 4. Anthropology, e.g. (6,7)
- 6. Fatty (7)
- 7. Gently (7)
- 8. Church minister (6)
- 13. Hindrance (7)
- 14. Drapery (7)
- 15. Antelopes (6)
- 16. Penetration (7)
- 17. Stress (7)

JUMBO CROSSWORD



DOWN

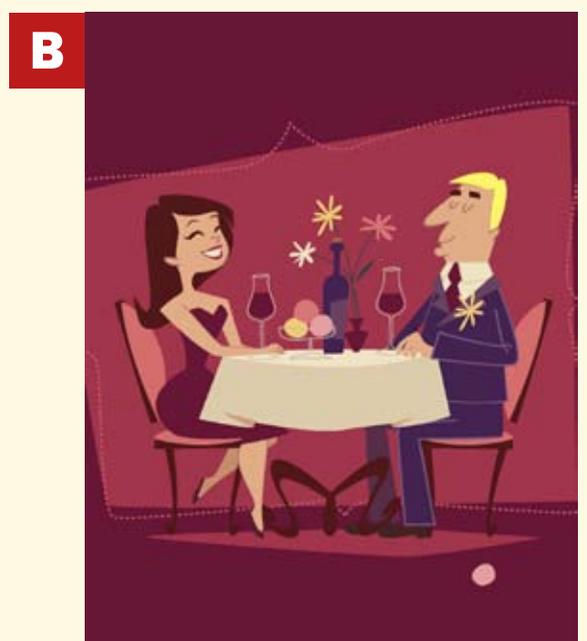
- 1. Idiot (4)
- 2. Record (6)
- 3. Cured (6)
- 4. Bent (7)
- 5. Slides (5)
- 6. Happens (5,5)
- 7. Stop (5)
- 8. In prison (5,4)
- 9. Island (7)
- 10. Pack (4)
- 11. Go on (8)
- 15. Squanders (6)
- 21. Long (5)
- 24. Puts to shame (5,2)
- 25. Free (6)
- 26. Well (6)
- 28. Stories (5)
- 29. Joke (3)
- 33. Failure (7)
- 34. Intelligent (6)
- 37. Attire (5)
- 40. Regarding (5)
- 41. Subsisted (5,2)
- 43. Greeting (5)
- 44. Child (6)
- 46. Paste (5)
- 49. Particular (7)
- 51. Cupboard (6)
- 53. Gorge (6)
- 55. Upright (5)
- 58. Fastness (10)
- 60. Male cat (3)
- 62. Grim (5)
- 63. Utmost (5,4)
- 65. Augurs (8)
- 68. Customer (6)
- 70. Bird (7)
- 71. Pondered (7)
- 75. Wrong (6)
- 76. Amuse (6)
- 77. Opened (5)
- 78. Board (3,2)
- 80. Skin (4)
- 84. Bag (4)

ACROSS

- 12. Very soon (2,4,2,3)
- 13. Ravel work (6)
- 14. Deed (6)
- 16. Stopper (4)
- 17. Happened (4,5)
- 18. Feel (5)
- 19. Comics (4)
- 20. Gradually (2,7)
- 22. Purloin (5)
- 23. Now (2,7)
- 27. Extract (7)
- 30. Quickly (6)
- 31. Plimsoll (4)
- 32. Courted (5)
- 35. Catch (4)
- 36. Admitted (7)
- 38. Pare (4)
- 39. Glass (7)
- 42. Selected (6)
- 45. Speed (5)
- 46. Delving (7)
- 47. Plan (4)
- 48. Extra (4)
- 50. Jumps (7)
- 52. Relation (5)
- 54. Score (6)
- 56. Cringed (7)
- 57. Pawns (4)
- 59. Live (4,3)
- 61. Simple (4)
- 64. European country (5)
- 66. Had been (4)
- 67. Calculate (6)
- 69. Struck (7)
- 72. Drunk (4-5)
- 73. Mollusc (5)
- 74. Large dog (5,4)
- 79. Hit (4)
- 81. List (5)
- 82. Distributed (6,3)
- 83. Deputy (4)
- 85. Offer (6)
- 86. Steady (6)
- 87. Finds (5,6)

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the six differences between these two pictures?



NUMBERCRUNCH

Follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end of the row

BEGINNER											ANSWER
43	x2	-51	40% of this	+51	÷5	-7	Squared	+41	6/11 of this		
INTERMEDIATE											ANSWER
45	x3	-31	7/8 of this	-74	x7	-41	5/6 of this	+82	4/7 of this		
ADVANCED											ANSWER
444	÷6	-52	x13	-278	Squared	+231	60% of this	-134	x6		

MEDIUM SUDOKU 2

4			1		8			9
	1		9		2			
		2		3		8		6
		6	2		5	3		
5	8							7
		3	4		7	6		
		5		4		7		
			8		6		4	
2			5		9			3

PATHFINDER 1

From the top corner, make a path of words linked to the theme. The trail goes through each letter once but never diagonally.

National parks of the world

B	C	O	C	O	O	V	R	K	S	R	E	I	T	E
R	E	N	S	R	C	A	O	Y	H	I	D	M	E	S
A	E	B	M	R	O	D	N	E	L	L	A	S	Y	O
C	O	N	G	O	D	A	O	E	Y	U	L	E	A	V
S	N	R	X	E	R	T	L	L	K	A	N	T	E	
C	A	I	M	O	O	T	S	W	O	O	J	A	I	N
A	R	G	R	O	O	M	O	N	I	S	T	P	L	E
N	D	A	N	R	T	H	D	W	A	N	O	R	R	D
A	C	R	E	O	N	Y	O	O	S	W	O	D	E	S
N	M	A	W	F	T	S	R	N	O	U	T	H	T	C
Y	I	A	S	O	R	E	K	S	I	T	N	E	S	I
O	N	M	A	D	E	K	M	O	O	E	G	R	E	R
A	K	T	C	I	S	A	L	R	R	S	C	E	S	T
K	U	K	I	R	T	K	R	E	L	P	I	P	I	D
A	D	O	M	O	D	O	U	G	I	T	V	E	A	K

Manchester United players

R	I	G	Z	L	A	T	H	A	P	L	N	E	M	W
Y	G	G	S	E	E	A	A	S	H	I	I	V	A	A
A	N	A	C	R	I	N	I	S	I	L	L	K	H	Y
O	T	N	C	I	S	R	B	O	U	E	D	C	E	N
N	A	R	C	E	R	A	H	L	C	I	A	E	R	O
A	M	S	U	P	V	N	I	M	O	V	V	B	N	O
M	N	R	A	N	A	I	R	K	B	L	I	D	E	Y
A	A	H	S	O	M	B	O	C	E	E	W	Y	N	R
T	U	F	O	D	I	C	E	L	S	H	D	A	N	O
A	J	D	R	L	A	H	A	C	O	E	A	E	K	Y
P	A	A	A	N	N	O	R	A	N	H	O	A	R	U
L	U	B	H	T	M	A	O	R	R	K	J	N	E	U
P	O	G	O	N	Y	R	N	A	I	C	T	S	I	D
N	I	Y	E	D	L	T	T	I	C	Y	E	L	N	V
D	L	B	L	A	A	I	S	I	R	O	O	R	N	A

VERY HARD SUDOKU 2

3		7	5	4				1
		1						
8					6			9
1				2				
		6	8		7	5		
				6				8
	3		9					7
						8		
5				7	4	3		2

WORDSEARCH 1

Find 12 words in the left and 13 words in the right grid.

Mammals

S	B	U	F	F	A	L	O	D	Y
J	H	E	L	E	P	H	A	N	T
A	O	E	A	X	U	L	K	R	A
G	F	L	E	V	Y	Y	E	D	N
U	W	L	L	P	E	T	C	O	T
A	W	E	C	K	S	R	A	L	E
R	L	H	N	M	T	G	M	P	L
Y	X	O	A	Q	A	O	E	H	O
G	M	H	P	L	A	A	L	I	P
A	D	V	B	X	E	T	J	N	E

Roman gods

R	N	N	D	X	S	S	Q	R	R
A	Y	R	U	C	R	E	M	L	V
V	Z	V	M	S	Y	D	R	M	U
R	P	D	I	P	U	C	L	E	L
E	L	D	D	V	E	N	U	S	C
N	U	S	U	H	C	C	A	B	A
I	T	F	M	H	R	T	B	J	N
M	O	B	W	A	U	J	U	N	O
W	V	I	J	R	R	O	E	D	J
D	I	A	N	A	X	S	G	W	R

IMPOSSUDOKU 2

6	8	7			4			
			3		9		7	
9					8			
		5		3		1	6	7
4				7	1			
		3						8
			2		7			3
								5
				9		8		4

ARROWWORD 1

Slaughter	▼	A large amount Snow runner	▼	Short farewell	▼	Raises Supply with weapons	▼
Fire's remains	▶			Dog's short bark Little	▶		
Pierces Away from oneself	▶						
	▶			Clutch, grasp		Shortly	
Resonate		Lower limb	▶			Higher education (abbr.)	▼
	▶			Sprint, dash	▶		
Honey wine		Type of bodily protein	▶				
	▶			Clothing fastener	▶		

ARROWWORD 2

Forceful Young horse	▼	Collection of songs	▼	Fruit conserve	▼	Formerly	▼
	▶			Large vase	▶		
Asian language		Metal rod Water barrier	▶			Cucumber and yogurt dish	▼
	▶			Dr., US rapper Proper	▶		
Site for tents Burton, director	▶			Dined		Put on (clothes)	▼
	▶			Violent attack	▶		
Precious stone		Same as the above	▶				
	▶			Girls, 2004 film	▶		

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MUR TO COME v SCOTLAND

BY MICHAEL GANNON

SWISS boss Murat Yakin last night sent out an ominous warning to Scotland by admitting his side will be better when they square up to Steve Clarke's men on Wednesday.

Switzerland cruised to a comfortable 3-1 victory over Hungary but Yakin reckons there's more to come from his side.

They were two up and coasting at half-time yesterday but the Magyars caused a scare by pulling one back before sub Brel Embolo settled it in stoppage time.

Boss Yakin was thrilled to make a winning start - but warned his men they will need to improve against a Scots side reeling from their 5-1 loss to the hosts.

He said: "It's not easy to play against Germany. Wednesday is a completely different game.

"It's important we won our first game but I wasn't so happy with our second half so we have to play better next week against Scotland. I liken



PAT ON YAK Boss Murat with Michel football to chess, and today we got our tactics right. We used this formation for a particular reason.

"We focused on making the most of our strengths and we made our opponents' lives very hard in the first half. We did come under pressure, but we had fresh forwards to come on and hold the ball."

Bologna midfielder Michel Aebischer stood out in an unfamiliar wingback role and admitted he was flying with a stunning goal after teeing up the opener. He said: "We

knew it wouldn't be easy and we wanted to get off to a fast start. On a personal level, getting a goal and an assist is a great feeling.

"I'm going to sleep very well tonight. I'm very happy, we had a good match even if the end was a little more complicated.

"We've given up on the idea of playing a bit, that's something we need to fix. If you have the ball, the opponent can't score.

"I don't normally play in that position, on the left of a back five. But I had the freedom to find space for myself, which is how I like to play. That's why I just wanted to play freely and enjoy it, which I think I managed to do pretty well."

Hungary boss Marco Rossi fumed: "The first half was very bad, apart from the first seven or eight minutes.

"We were too passive. Against these teams at this level, it becomes very difficult. I am not looking to point fingers. I am the coach, so I take responsibility."

DUAH GOOD
Swiss striker Kwadwo, centre, celebrates the opening goal



DUAH

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FONDUE better than goulash, said the banner in the Switzerland end.

It was hard to argue after their side swept Hungary aside to join Germany at the top of Group A.

The haggis got battered by the Germans in Munich on Friday but can we deal with the fondue? After about an hour here the Tartan Army might have been fearing another sticky night.

The wobble in the final 30 minutes has given hope but it's obvious Scotland will require Edam good performance.

Hungary had a go when they were two down but it was too little, too late as they got picked off - and now they are in big bother with Germany up next.

Despite a few nervy moments late on, the Swiss were pretty tasty. No one

HUNGARY..1 SWITZERLAND..3

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should be surprised. They always do the business in these big events and have made it out of the group stage for five tournaments on the spin.

The Swiss only won four games to make the Euros but bored their way over the border on the back of five draws.

Perhaps they were just keeping their good stuff for the real thing. Scoring was a problem in the qualifiers but they found a cutting edge against Hungary.

They've also apparently found a striker in Kwadwo Duah. The 27-year-old has a decent scoring record across the Swiss, Belgian and now Bulgarian leagues but has never quite cracked

it at the top level. He was handed a start after playing just 45 minutes going in but quickly repaid his gaffer's faith.

Hungary were tipped to be dark horses by plenty of folk but clearly the Swiss were not paying attention.

They didn't give the Magyars a minute's peace right from the off. It wasn't just high pressing, it was pressing all over the pitch.

Hungary have players neat and tidy on the ball, guys like Liverpool's Dominik Szoboszlai who has the captain's armband at just 23.

But the playmaker could barely get a sniff until sparking into life in the second period. Instead it

Kwadwo and Swiss save their best for the big Euros stage

THE ONES TO WATCH

SWITZERLAND

GRANIT XHAKA



THE big man could have gone back to his own bed last night given this clash was just down the road from his home at Bayer Leverkusen.

He looked comfortable yesterday as well as he completely bossed it against Hungary. He had a bit of a rollercoaster of it during his seven years at Arsenal but there was never any doubt about his quality.

When Xhaka is on his game he's tough to contend with and everything flowed through him. He was heavily involved in both goals and when Switzerland were two up, it was like he was playing in his slippers.

When the heat came on, he was the man attempting to cool things down. In the past he would have lost the head but the older, more mature Xhaka is one Scotland will need to try to nullify.

MICHEL AEBISCHER



HAD a brilliant season in midfield at Bologna with his big pal Lewis Ferguson and impressed again in a new role as a wing-back on the left.

His strike for the Swiss second was sensational but he was a constant nuisance for the Hungary backline as they didn't quite know where he was going to go next.

Aebischer has the ability to hang out on the flank to give his side width, which allows the likes of Xhaka the space to operate.

But he can also cut inside and give his side an extra man in midfield and that's where he popped up to tee up the opening goal. It's a flexible role that will be a proper pain to plan for.

On the plus side, the defender did look suspect for Hungary's goal, when he allowed his man to get wrong side to pull one back.

KWADWO DUAH



THE frontman would have been one to Google never mind one to watch before the tournament as few will have even heard of him.

At 27, he was a late arrival to the international set-up after a fairly ordinary career that took him from Switzerland to Belgium and Germany before really finding his feet in Bulgaria with Ludogorets.

Swiss fans were slightly surprised he was handed a debut up top but he silenced any doubts with a clinically-taken early opener.

Duah was a real handful throughout, using his strength to bump around defenders and hanging on the shoulder to make the most of his pace - like he did for his goal.

The flag initially went up for offside but it was soon clear he was on and the Swiss were up and running.

Duah might not be a household name but he could cause Scotland problems.

LEAPER

was veteran campaigner Granit Xhaka on the other side pulling the strings.

The former Arsenal man has just enjoyed an incredible season with Bundesliga champs Bayer Leverkusen and he looked like a man with a spring in his step as the Swiss took the game by the scruff of the neck early on.

They had the lead inside 14 minutes. Duah was a gamble up top but the punt paid off when he managed to hang on the shoulder to burst through on goal and bury into the back of the net.

Hungary's defending was fairly woeful as they got caught with a half-hearted offside trap and even though the assistant ref initially was fooled, nothing was getting past VAR.

The Hungarians were

kicking themselves, especially as they did have a sniff just moments before the opener when Roland Sallai snatched at his effort.

They got punished sharply and Switzerland completely bossed the first half. If anything, Hungary were lucky not to be further behind by the interval than just two.

Ruben Vargas raced clear after Hungary got in some mess at the back but he blasted it off the keeper and there were a few more chances before Michel Aebischer did the business just before the break.

The Bologna wing-back was invited to cut inside on to his favoured right peg and didn't hang about as he curled in a cracker from outside the box.

Switzerland came out the traps after the restart

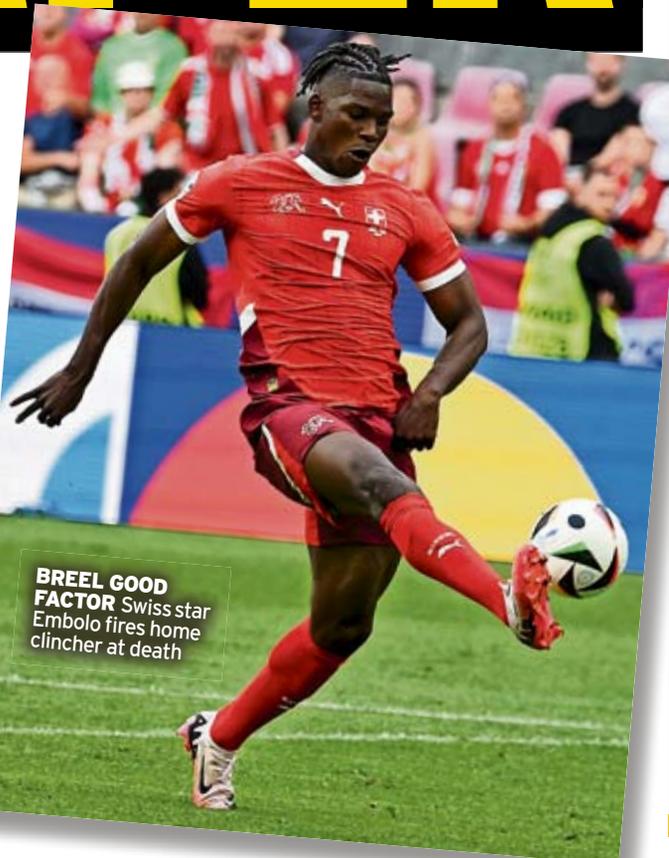
as Duah and Vargas again threatened. Hungary managed to survive and it gave them some hope.

Barnabas Varga should have given them a quicker route back when the ball landed right on his head in front of goal. It should've been bulletted in the back of the net but instead it flew wide.

The Ferencvaros man didn't miss moments later though when he got in at the back post to meet a brilliant whipped ball from Szoboszlai with his head.

Hungary had a go but shot themselves in the foot in stoppage time when substitute Breel Embolo was gifted a third.

Forget about the debate over national delicacies, Scotland will need to be cooking against the Swiss or it'll be tea's out.



BREEL GOOD FACTOR Swiss star Embolo fires home clincher at death



SPANISH TIK-ING ALONG NICELY



TARGET Former star Danny Rose playing for England in 2019

Old dogs are now showing off new tricks in easy win

CARNA-VAJAL TIME
Dani Carvajal roars with delight as he celebrates scoring third with Yamal

TIKI-TAKA is dead. Long live Tiki-taka.

Rodri told his Spain teammates ahead of their Euro 2024 opener that style no longer mattered and winning was all that was important – and they duly battered Croatia in Berlin with the kind of physical and direct display rarely seen from them in the past 15 years.

This the fourth successive Euros in which these two have met, but this is not the Spain that Luka Modric and Co remember.

In recent tournaments they've looked like a team clinging on to past glories, still trying to play the same way that brought such great success when Xavi, Andres Iniesta and Sergio Busquets were at their peak.

Too often, it has sent them home far earlier than expected, having failed to go past the last 16 in four of the last five finals.

Luis de la Fuente wants his side to be less predictable, more direct and decisive when key moments present themselves.

To aid that approach he's promoted the unpredictable and thrilling wingers Nico Williams and 16-year-old Lamine Yamal and Pedri, given licence to roam in midfield.

And the old dogs and their new tricks put Croatia down by half-time. Firstly, Rodri bullied his way

SPAIN.....3 CROATIA.....0

ALEX RICHARDS AT THE OLYMPIASTADION

into possession, fed Fabian Ruiz who took one touch and slipped a cutting pass through the heart of the Croatian defence to send Alvaro Morata racing clear.

The skipper, now 31, raced clear and coolly slotted past Dominik Livakovic.

For a player who has so often looked an ill-fit during his 10-year international career, it was his 37th goal in 75 caps.

Two minutes later, their lead had been doubled.

Ruiz sent a superb first-time diagonal ball out to Yamal and when it was eventually worked back to him on the edge of the box, he showed wonderful foot work to engineer half a yard before firing low into the corner.

Croatia almost responded

immediately, but Unai Simon made an excellent one-handed stop to deny Marcelo Brozovic.

Josko Gvardiol fizzed an effort just wide too, as this new-look Spain showed that their new-found unpredictability extends to their game management too.

However, on the stroke of half-time, Dani Carvajal – fresh from scoring in the Champions League Final – showed his new-found poacher's instincts, meeting Yamal's inswinging cross and turning the ball into the net.

Rodri controversially escaped a late red card when referee Michael Oliver gave a penalty but only booked the Manchester Cityman, despite him appearing to deny a goalscoring opportunity without any intention of playing the ball.

Even then, Croatia couldn't take advantage as Simon saved Bruno Petkovic's penalty.

Petkovic tapped in when Ivan Perisic crossed from the rebound, but it was disallowed as due to the ex-Spurs man's encroachment.

Certainly this Spain don't and perhaps can't dominate like previous incarnations.

On this evidence, that may be a good thing.

THE STATS

47	POSSESSION	53
5	SHOTS ON	5
6	SHOTS OFF	11
5	CORNERS	0
14	FOULS	13
1	YELLOW CARDS	0
0	RED CARDS	0

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STARS FEAR RACIST ABUSE IF THEY FAIL

FORMER Three Lions left-back Danny Rose says England's black stars know they will face racist abuse if they make a mistake at the Euros.

The former Tottenham star foresaw the torrent of abuse suffered by Bukayo Saka, Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho after missing spot-kicks in the shoot-out loss to Italy in the Euro 2024 showpiece.

Rose has seen it first hand, having been abused by Serbian fans while playing for England Under-21s in 2012.

Speaking on Reach's new Euro Thrash podcast – available on YouTube, Apple and Spotify – Rose said: "I have group chats with my friends and if something happens, and if it's a black player, the first message will be: 'I bet he gets racially abused in his DMs on Instagram.'

"That is the mentality these days – that it is the norm and it is to be expected.

"You want the players just to be focused on winning the trophy for their country, not having to worry, 'If I make a mistake,

what's waiting for me when I go back to the changing room and go on my phone?'

"We all have to work together and find a solution on how to eradicate that."

Rose was one of those targeted by racist chants during a Euro 2020 qualifier in Montenegro.

Seven years earlier, a trip to today's opponents Serbia saw their fans throw stones and make monkey gestures at him.

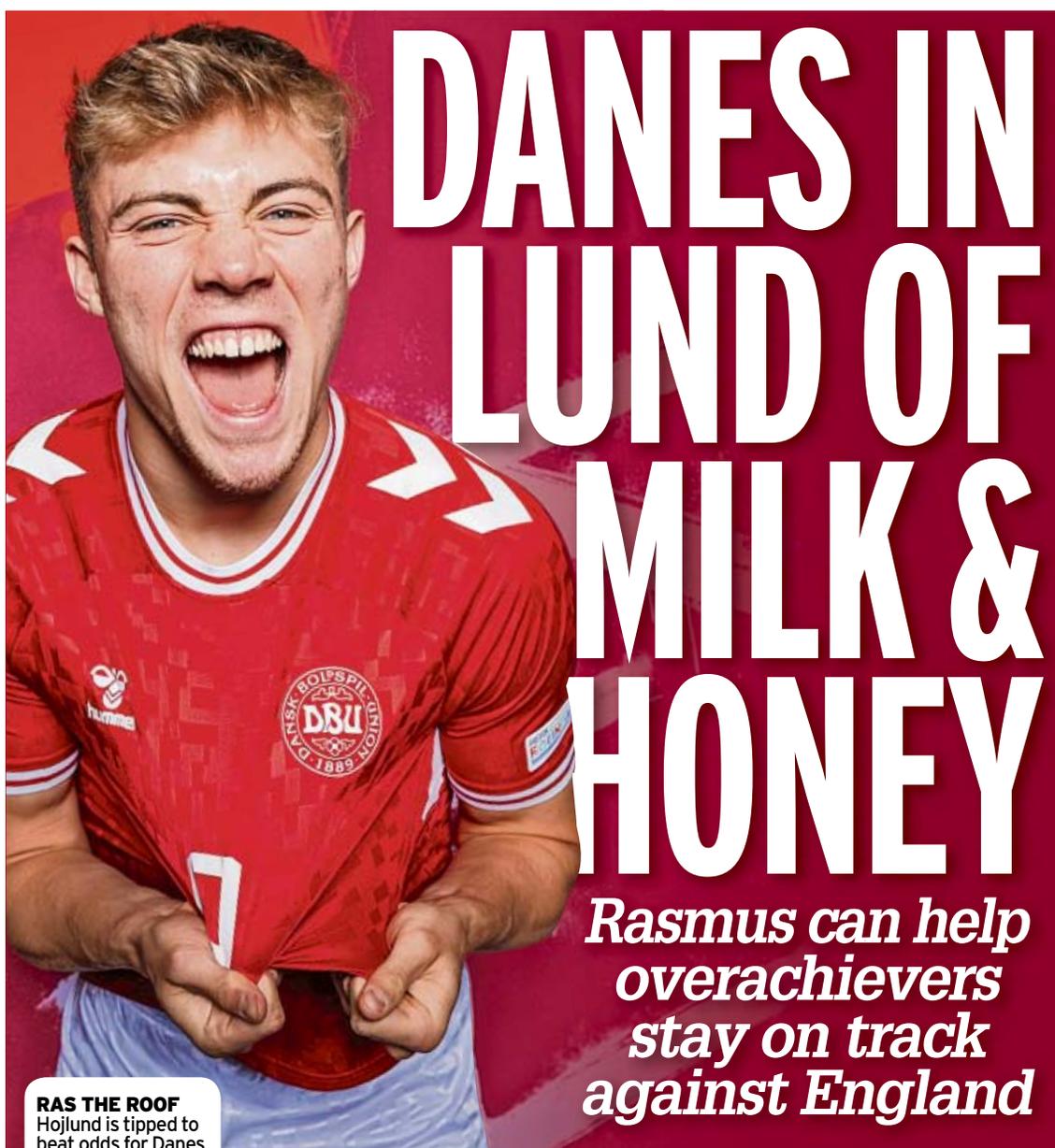
Rose recalled: "It was tough and hostile, one of the harshest atmospheres I have played in."

"It was probably the first time I had experienced anything like that.

"I remember that if there was a 50/50 challenge, I'd try to be a little bit naughty, let my frustration out.

"I didn't ask to come off or complain to the manager at the time, though it was evident what was happening.

"In terms of wanting three points, it didn't affect me that way but it made me a bit frustrated."



DANES IN LUND OF MILK & HONEY

Rasmus can help overachievers stay on track against England

RAS THE ROOF
Hojlund is tipped to beat odds for Danes

RASMUS HOJLUND can help the Danes continue their Euros love affair in Frankfurt – and remind Manchester United fans just how far he has come this season.

That's the message from former Old Trafford favourite Jesper Olsen, as Gareth Southgate's side prepare to take on Denmark in a Group C clash that could decide the Euros fate of both countries.

But first up for the Danes is a clash with Slovenia today and Olsen said: "Hojlund will be looking forward to getting away with Denmark after an interesting first season at United.

"It hasn't been the easiest team for him to be part of but the FA Cup will have given him a lift, as it has everyone at the club.

"We don't have the depth of the bigger countries. We need everyone pulling in one direction and you need your big players, like Hojlund, to be at their best.

"He's still so young and at a huge club like United, you often have more experienced players helping you fit in."

"He hasn't really had that this season. He has had to hit the ground running straight away.

"That's never easy but he's a good player. A goalscorer.

"Hopefully he can show that against England too."

Olsen was part of the Denmark side that reached the last four of the tournament 40 years ago.

And after reaching the semis last time out – drawing inspiration from their talisman Christian Eriksen, who collapsed in their tournament



SLOVENIA v DENMARK

TOMORROW, 5PM, FRANKFURT, STV

opener against Finland – Olsen has warned England the 1992 winners should not be taken lightly.

They are favourites to get up and running with a win over Slovenia yet Olsen said: "Expectations are fairly low at the moment but this is the Euros – anything can happen, we've shown that time and again.

"England is as big a game as it comes. It's one of the biggest games any Dane can play in.

"Football can be a funny game. Denmark are not favourites – but that's not a bad thing.

"Look at the last Euros. To reach the last four after everything that

had happened in the first match with Eriksen was incredible."

But regardless of the score in their Group C showdown, Olsen reckons it will be England, not Denmark, battling to be crowned Euro Kings in Germany.

"You look at the players the English have and they have a real chance," he added.

"There are so many good young players in that side ... the likes of Bukayo Saka, Phil Foden and Jude Bellingham. There aren't too many countries in the world that can match that."

Richard Edwards



GREAT DANES Man United's Hojlund, right, with midfielder Pierre Emile Højbjerg

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(5pm, STV)
Serbia v England
(8pm, BBC One)



GAME OF THE DAY

SERBIA v ENGLAND (8PM, BBC)

THE Three Lions face a tough test when they kick-off their bid to go one better than Euro 2020 tonight. Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham, above left, will be a key player for Gareth Southgate's side who will be keen to show why they are the favourites to lift the trophy. But Serbia are no mugs, having qualified for the last two World Cups, and will look to pull off a shock.

ONE TO WATCH

ALEKSANDAR MITROVIC

THE prolific former Newcastle and Fulham striker is the man England will have to stop. Move to Saudi Pro League hasn't blunted him, with 28 goals in as many games for Al Hilal, and will be looking to add to his record 58 goals for his country in 91 appearances. Won Under-19 Euros with Serbia and his nation will look to the 30-year-old to fire them to glory.



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IT'S TRENT

England boss Gareth will ignore icon Rooney

GARETH SOUTHGATE is set to defy Wayne Rooney and unleash Trent Alexander-Arnold in midfield for England's Euro 2024 opener against Serbia.

The Three Lions boss was warned by the former England striker that Alexander-Arnold's defensive flaws will make him a liability against the best teams in the tournament.

But Southgate has hit back and will stick by the Liverpool right-back.

The England manager said: "Everybody is more than entitled to opinion. That's our world and we have to accept it – but then we have to go and show what we can do.

"I'm happy. I spoke to Trent about playing in this midfield role over a year ago. It's something he has been really keen to do.

"He has been receptive to feedback and every bit of information. We know he can be a really special player.

"Equally we know it's not something he has been doing for the last five years. There is an element of the unknown to it.

"But I think it's an opportunity that's worth grasping because he could be incredibly special."

Alexander-Arnold is likely to start next to midfield anchor Declan Rice after being used as an inverted full-back by Jurgen Klopp last season.

The 25-year-old's passing accuracy and excellence in dead-ball situations appears to have convinced Southgate his inclusion is a risk worth taking.

That means Phil Foden will start wide on the left despite impressing for Manchester City in a more central role, with Jude Bellingham operating behind skipper Harry Kane.

Captain Kane can't wait for Alexander-Arnold to demonstrate his eye for a pass.

He said: "Trent has shown his abilities over many seasons now.

"That's from right-back or dropping into that midfield role.

"He's got amazing delivery from wide areas, amazing vision with his passes. As a striker you love it if someone is looking for you making those runs.

"You might not always get the ball but it's always important that the midfielders and the strikers have that connection where you are willing to make the runs because they have the ability to put the ball in behind."

Southgate believes he has the balance right and that both Bellingham and Foden will have a stage to shine on this afternoon.

He said: "It's less about where they start or where they defend.

"It's about where they end up with the ball, about them having the freedom to go where they want with



GET IT ROONEY, WAYNE
Alexander-Arnold and Bellingham share a joke in training

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the ball – in the areas where they can do the most damage and be at their most productive.

"That has always been the messaging from us to the team. They've always had the freedom to be where they like to operate.

"We've got some exciting players

but we can't get them all on the pitch so we are trying to find the best balance for the team."

Bayern Munich star Kane will lead his country in their opening group game against the Serbs.

And he sees no reason why he can't be crowned the tournament's top

scorer if England can reach the final stages in Germany.

The former Spurs hitman said: "I know what I am capable of.

"I know what I have done year after year. There is no reason why I cannot be the top scorer at this tournament.

"If we do well I expect myself to be up there. To be scoring goals means I will be helping the team. That confidence is still there.

"I'm at my peak. Not just my physical peak. It's also my mental

WARFARE

and hand Alexander-Arnold midfield role



KANE: I'VE GOT RESPECT NOW

FROM SIMON MULLOCK IN GELSENKIRCHEN



KANE Trophy hunt

HARRY KANE feels he is finally being recognised as one of the best strikers in the world - but now he wants to be known as a winner.

Kane's move to Bayern Munich last year may not have realised the glut of trophies everyone expected when he decided to quit Tottenham.

But the England captain still scored 44 goals to claim Europe's Golden Shoe.

Kane knows the cynics have revelled in his failure to lift a cup in Bavaria - so he's desperate to confound his snipers by clinching the Euro 2024 trophy on German soil.

He said: "I'm probably now respected more as one of the top strikers in the world.

"Maybe I now have a different kind of aura. Nothing has really changed in how I prepare - my confidence is still the same.

"When you play for a club like Bayern you get looked at in a different light. It's good for me, it raises my profile and helps me to really compete to be one of the best players in the world. I feel like I'm at a real peak in my career."

Kane has a record 63 goals for his country and if he can bang them in for England in Germany he can reclaim the Golden Boot that he won in Russia six years ago for being the top scorer at the World Cup.

DRAGAN'S FIRED UP TO FACE JUDE

FROM SIMON MULLOCK IN GELSENKIRCHEN



WARNING Stojkovic

SERBIA boss Dragan Stojkovic is running scared of Jude Bellingham after tipping the England midfielder as a future Ballon d'Or winner.

Stojkovic warned his team that they will have to keep a watchful eye on Bellingham when they open their Euro campaign against the Three Lions in the Arena AufSchalke.

He said: "Bellingham is a great boy. He's a future golden ball winner, definitely.

"It's very impressive what he has already shown in a Real Madrid jersey. He's young but so powerful. We have to be careful not to give him space.

"Bellingham is already a very important player for England. It's better he doesn't play!

"Defensively we have to be very careful with him and we will have to show what we have done in training to stop him.

"It's very impressive how he plays. He is young but he has shown some unbelievable performances.

"It is good for England and bad for us. But we will do our best to control this kind of situation. We are going to fight until the end and give our maximum."

peak, in terms of understanding the game, the tactics and the space to run into.

"I am in a really comfortable place in terms of what I am capable of but as always in these tournaments I will be judged on goals. So hopefully I will get a few.

"We're all at that stage now where we want to have a great tournament, want to make everyone proud, but we want to win.

"We've definitely had talented

squads throughout my time as an England player.

"But what separates this one is how good everyone is playing leading up to this tournament.

"Phil was player of the year in the Premier League, Jude in La Liga, I had a decent season in the Bundesliga with Bayern.

"I'm excited with this squad and to be leading them is a pleasure for me. We all just want to get out there and get started now."



POLAND v NETHERLANDS

TODAY, 2PM, HAMBURG, BBC ONE



FIRECRACKER
Ex-Celt Jeremie has sparked at Leverkusen

Frimpong will explode onto Euros scene

BY SIMON MULLOCK

JEREMIE FRIMPONG is the flying Dutchman with a Mancunian accent.

His family feel so at home in north west England they have never returned to the Bijlmer district of Amsterdam, where Frimpong and three of his six siblings were born.

But you can still be sure that the 23-year-old Bayer Leverkusen winger, who learned his trade in a decade spent at Manchester City's highly-rated academy before impressing at Celtic, is still pure Oranje.

After playing a key role in Leverkusen's spectacular Bundesliga and German Cup double this season, Frimpong is ready to explode at the Euros when Holland face Poland in Hamburg in their opening group game today.

He said: "You could call my life turbulent. I have moved a lot - but it has just made my life richer. My mother is like every mother. She was always cautious and worrying about us. I have three brothers and three sisters and I am the middle child.

"Some were born in the Netherlands, others in Ghana.

"My youngest sister plays basketball and my brother Wesley plays in the youth team at Bolton Wanderers. My

father was a sprinter in Ghana who now loves tennis - and every single one of us can run fast."

Frimpong was aged eight when his family decided life would be better in the city famous for football, music and Coronation Street rather than the high tower blocks of Bijlmer.

Then he started to play the game seriously in local parks before being snapped up by Pep Guardiola's men.

Frimpong needed some convincing to move north of the border when the Boys came calling in 2019.

It was only when his agent brother Jeffrey Lemmert told him going to Parkhead would be good for business in the long term that he made the £300,000 switch.

He soon won the league and Young Player of the Year awards before Leverkusen secured his signature for £10million. Frimpong said: "Glasgow seemed so far for a young player like me but I still went. When we moved to England, I soon settled in.

"The same for Scotland and now Germany. I am a strong believer in God and I am grateful for the talent I have been given."

POLES DREAM BIG

POLAND boss Michal Probiez believes his side still have what it takes to go all the way.

The 51-year-old has told his players anything is possible ahead of their clash with Holland, which they will go into without star striker Robert Lewandowski, who has reportedly torn a leg muscle in the build-up to the finals.

Probiez said: "When you coach a team, anything is possible in football, so this is not just a statement. We will do everything we can to play well."

EURO 2024 RESULTS ZONE

GROUP A

GERMANY HUNGARY SCOTLAND SWITZERLAND

GERMANY..... (5)	HUNGARY..... (1)	
SCOTLAND..... (1)	SWITZERLAND..... (3)	
Allianz Arena FRIDAY, JUNE 14	Cologne Stadium SATURDAY, JUNE 15	
GERMANY..... (0)	SCOTLAND..... (0)	
HUNGARY..... (0)	SWITZERLAND..... (0)	
Stuttgart Arena WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	Cologne Stadium WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	
SWITZERLAND..... (0)	SCOTLAND..... (0)	
GERMANY..... (0)	HUNGARY..... (0)	
Frankfurt Arena SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	Stuttgart Arena SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	

GROUP B

SPAIN ITALY CROATIA ALBANIA

SPAIN..... (3)	ITALY..... (L)	
CROATIA..... (0)	ALBANIA..... (L)	
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY, JUNE 15	BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY, JUNE 15	
CROATIA..... (0)	SPAIN..... (0)	
ALBANIA..... (0)	ITALY..... (0)	
Volksparkstadion Hamburg WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)	Arena AufSchalke THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	
CROATIA..... (0)	ALBANIA..... (0)	
ITALY..... (0)	SPAIN..... (0)	
Leipzig Stadium MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	

GROUP C

SLOVENIA DENMARK SERBIA ENGLAND

SLOVENIA..... (0)	SERBIA..... (0)	
DENMARK..... (0)	ENGLAND..... (0)	
Stuttgart Arena SUNDAY JUNE 16, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)	Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 16, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	
SLOVENIA..... (0)	DENMARK..... (0)	
SERBIA..... (0)	ENGLAND..... (0)	
Munich Football Arena THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)	Frankfurt Arena THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	
ENGLAND..... (0)	DENMARK..... (0)	
SLOVENIA..... (0)	SERBIA..... (0)	
Cologne Stadium TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	Allianz Arena TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	

GROUP D

POLAND AUSTRIA HOLLAND FRANCE

POLAND..... (0)	AUSTRIA..... (0)	
HOLLAND..... (0)	FRANCE..... (0)	
Volksparkstadion Hamburg SUNDAY JUNE 16, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	
POLAND..... (0)	HOLLAND..... (0)	
AUSTRIA..... (0)	FRANCE..... (0)	
Olympiastadion Berlin FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)	Leipzig Stadium FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	
HOLLAND..... (0)	FRANCE..... (0)	
AUSTRIA..... (0)	POLAND..... (0)	
Olympiastadion Berlin TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	BVB Stadion Dortmund TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	

GROUP E

BELGIUM ROMANIA SLOVAKIA UKRAINE

ROMANIA..... (0)	BELGIUM..... (0)	
UKRAINE..... (0)	SLOVAKIA..... (0)	
Allianz Arena MONDAY JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)	
SLOVAKIA..... (0)	BELGIUM..... (0)	
UKRAINE..... (0)	ROMANIA..... (0)	
Düsseldorf Arena FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	Cologne Stadium SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	
SLOVAKIA..... (0)	UKRAINE..... (0)	
ROMANIA..... (0)	BELGIUM..... (0)	
Frankfurt Arena WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	Stuttgart Arena WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	

GROUP F

TURKEY GEORGIA PORTUGAL CZECH REP

TURKEY..... (0)	GEORGIA..... (0)	
PORTUGAL..... (0)	CZECH REP..... (0)	
BVB Stadion Dortmund TUESDAY JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	
GEORGIA..... (0)	TURKEY..... (0)	
CZECH REP..... (0)	PORTUGAL..... (0)	
Volksparkstadion Hamburg SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)	
CZECH REP..... (0)	GEORGIA..... (0)	
TURKEY..... (0)	PORTUGAL..... (0)	
Volksparkstadion Hamburg WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	Arena AufSchalke WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	

ROUND OF 16

GAME 37	1A	V	2C	GAME 38	2A	V	2B
BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)				Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5PM (Berlin)			
GAME 39	1B	V	3A/D/E/F	GAME 40	1C	V	3D/E/F
Cologne Stadium SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8PM (Cologne)				Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5PM (Gelsenkirchen)			
GAME 41	1F	V	3A/B/C	GAME 42	2D	V	2E
Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM (Frankfurt)				Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM (Dusseldorf)			
GAME 43	1E	V	3A/B/C/D	GAME 44	1D	V	2F
Allianz Arena TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM (Munich)				Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM (Leipzig)			

QUARTER-FINALS

GAME 45	W39	V	W37	GAME 46	W41	V	W42
Stuttgart Arena FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)				Volksparkstadion Hamburg FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)			
GAME 47	W43	V	W44	GAME 48	W40	V	W38
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)				Düsseldorf Arena SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM (Düsseldorf)			

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Hungary	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Scotland	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

SEMI-FINALS

GAME 49	W45	V	W46
Allianz Arena TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM (Munich)			
GAME 50	W47	V	W48
BVB Stadion Dortmund WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)			

FINAL

GAME 51	WINNER 49	V	WINNER 50
Olympiastadion Berlin SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)			

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