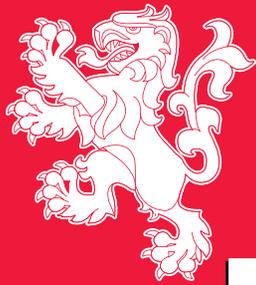


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## POSTAL VOTES SCANDAL

# WHAT A KICK IN THE BALLOTS

BY PAUL DRURY

**HOLIDAYMAKERS** hit out yesterday as they were denied the chance to vote in Thursday's General Election.

We spoke to some of the many heading abroad after postal voting forms failed to turn up on time.

Wendy Smith told us at Glasgow Airport: "I do feel a bit cheated at being left out."

FULL STORY PAGES 4&5



**CHEATED**  
Wendy Smith applied for postal vote in good time



Holidaymakers miss out as their polling papers arrive too late

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**Glasgow & West**  
Dull with light rain or drizzle throughout the day. Breezy. Max 17C (63F). Winds NW at 14-16mph. UV index: 4.

**Edinburgh, Fife & Borders**  
Light showers with largely cloudy skies as well. Breezy. Max 19C (66F). Winds W at 14-16mph. UV index: 3.

**Dundee & Aberdeen**  
Grey with spells of rain, sometimes heavy. Quite breezy. Max 17C (63F). Winds NW at 14-16mph. UV index: 4.

**Forth Valley**  
Rather cloudy with scattered light showers. Breezy. Max 20C (68F).

Winds W at 11-13mph. UV index: 4.

**Inverness & Moray**  
Dull with light rain. Max 16C (61F). Winds W at 10-12mph. UV index: 3.

**Highlands & Islands**  
Outbreaks of drizzle or light rain are expected. Breezy. Max 15C (59F). Winds NW at 13-15mph. UV index: 3.

**SUN, MOON & TIDES**

**Moon sets:** 5.34pm

**Moon rises:** 1.16am

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**Sun rises:** 4.37am

**Lighting-up time:** 10.04pm

**High water:**

Greenock 8.39am, 9.12pm

Aberdeen 9.50am, 10.47pm

Leith 11.09am, 11.52pm

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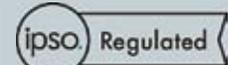
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**French far-right win big**



**FRENCH KISS**  
Macron greets supporter

THE far-right was on course for big gains in France after voters surged to the polls yesterday.

Polling agencies projected a majority for National Rally in the lower house of parliament, with one-third of the vote.

It followed a large turnout for the first-round vote of more than 59 per cent.

President Emmanuel Macron



**GAINS** Marine Le Pen called the vote three weeks ago after a collapse in support for his centrist party in European elections.

The vote could put far-right parties in power for the first time since the Nazi era, after a

sharp rise in support for Marine Le Pen's National Rally.

Her anti-immigration policies have tapped into many voters' discontent with the economy and Macron's leadership, seen as out-of-touch.

Two rounds of voting will determine who will be PM and which party controls France's lower house of parliament.

Macron voted in the seaside resort of Le Touquet while Le Pen cast her ballot in Hennin-Beaumont.

**HOUSING CAMPAIGNERS' PLEA**

**PUT ENERGY INTO SLASHING BILLS**

**New government urged to fix broken market**

**EXCLUSIVE**  
BY DAN VEVERS  
Environment Reporter

THE next UK government must take "decisive" action to reform the broken energy market and bring down soaring bills, housing campaigners have said.

Members of the Existing Homes Alliance (EHA) said the SNP government at Holyrood must also ramp up energy efficiency programmes and schemes to connect households with clean heat.

With wind power four times cheaper than gas, they urged the incoming Westminster government to change the National Grid pricing system which is still tied to gas.

Today marks the 15th anniversary of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 which first committed the Scottish Government to cutting greenhouse gas



**“We need affordable ways to manage bills for all”**

LORI McELROY EXISTING HOMES ALLIANCE

**DEBT SWEAT** Lori McElroy, right, has fears over rising bills

emissions. Domestic heating is Scotland's fourth biggest source of carbon.

Lori McElroy, chair of the EHA, told the Record: "The climate

crisis is real and all of the governments across the UK need to take action to reduce the emissions that are driving global warming.

"However, the focus of many households is managing their

household budgets during the cost-of-living crisis.

"Improving energy efficiency in homes and switching to clean heating will make homes warmer and healthier, and in many cases more affordable to heat.

"But we need to find ways of meeting our climate goals that are affordable to all, both in the short term and the long term."

She added: "That means the UK Government taking action to

tackle the fact that it's cheaper to continue burning climate-harming fossil fuels than it is to use renewable electricity.

"It means the Scottish Government scaling up energy efficiency and fuel poverty programmes."

Dr Matthew Lee, of Citizens Advice Scotland, said: "The incoming UK Government must make rapid progress on electricity price reform, making clean heating more cost-effective.

"Alongside this, the UK and Scottish Governments must work with Ofgem to make sure the right regulatory framework is in place to support growing numbers of households connecting to heat networks."

Gordon Nelson, Scotland director of the Federation of Master Builders, said: "Decisive action from both the UK and Scottish Governments is imperative to provide the necessary certainty for businesses to plan and invest in the transition."

**ADIOS TOURISTS: SPANISH PROTEST PAGE 8**

**THREE KIDS DEAD IN RUSSIAN STRIKE**



**CHARRED** Shop in Vilnius

RUSSIAN missiles killed seven in a Ukraine town and injured dozens more.

Official photos showed bodies, three of them children, under blankets in a park in Vilnius alongside craters and a charred building.

Another 36, including

BY **VASILISA STEPANENKO**

nine children, were hurt. Yesterday was declared a day of mourning in the town, 50 miles from the front line in the region of Zaporizhzhia.

Governor Ivan Fedorov said Saturday evening's strike hit a shop, housing

and unspecified "critical infrastructure".

Moscow has stepped up air strikes in a bid to drain Ukraine's resources, often targeting energy facilities and other infrastructure.

In Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, eight died and 14 were injured as

near-daily shelling continued.

Shelling also killed one civilian and wounded five others in the southern Kherson region.

Ukraine's President Zelensky called for more Western aid for air defence.



**CHANGE CALLS** Longoria  
**Star Eva's desperate for equality**

BY RECORD REPORTER

EVA Longoria says Hollywood needs to change.

The *Desperate Housewives* star, 49, insisted that while seen as progressive, it has a long way to go before there is equality for women and minorities.

In *Grazia* magazine, she said: "People think Hollywood's a liberal, progressive industry but it's not. It would be great to have gender equity, we just don't.

"Women still don't get the same opportunities as our male counterparts. We have fewer female directors and fewer Latinos in front of the camera than a couple of years ago. So we're going in the wrong direction."

However, Eva has faith Hollywood has the power to change the world.

She said: "You can change a lot of things with storytelling."



**KIDNEY STONES** Star Kevin  
**Costner's morphine movie hell**

BY RECORD REPORTER

KEVIN Costner was on a morphine drip while filming *Hidden Figures*.

The 69-year-old actor revealed he was forced to go on morphine due to the pain he suffered from kidney stones during filming of the 2016 movie.

The *Yellowstone* actor said: "I've never worked drunk on a set.

"I've never worked high on a set but I was on morphine the last two weeks I worked on *Hidden Figures*.

About three days of it I was normal then something happened to me.

"I sat in my trailer with a morphine drip in my arm. I worked 10 days under an IV drip.

"I wanted to cry, but there was everybody watching, so I didn't."



# Nic Scherz the Swiss love

NICOLE Scherzinger celebrated turning 46 by posing around the pool and in the mountains during a break in Switzerland. Sharing the stunning snaps, Scherz captioned the Instagram post: "Living that high-altitude life in St Moritz!" She told her 6.6million followers: "Overwhelmed with all the birthday love from y'all. Thank

you God for another year around the sun." The *X Factor* judge and *Sunset Boulevard* star looked as if she hasn't a care in the world, despite expressing fears over running out of time to start a family with fiance Thom Evans. She earlier admitted the "clock is ticking".



**BIRTHDAY GIRL** Star celebrated her 46th on Saturday



**LIVING HIGH LIFE** Nicole in ethereal white dress

# Rollers stage show to hit the West End

## Musical follows founder Alan's life

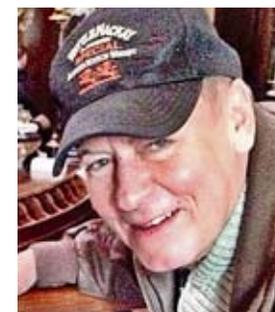
BY JOHN DINGWALL

**A HIT musical about the Bay City Rollers is set for its London West End premiere after a sold out Edinburgh show.**

*I Ran With The Gang*, a moving tribute to the million-selling group's founding member Alan Longmuir, will run at the Stage Door theatre in London's Drury Lane.

It comes after a performance at the Edinburgh Fringe's Prestonfield House venue sold out with a new show added.

Longmuir, who played with the teen idols fronted by Les McKeown, died in 2018 and the play tells how the bassist found fame only



**MOVING TALE** Longmuir to return to his trade as a plumber.

Award-winning playwright Liam Rudden, who collaborated with Longmuir, said: "It is the story of Alan's life, which is the Rollers' story because he was the first Bay City Roller.

"It tells the story of him growing up in Edinburgh,

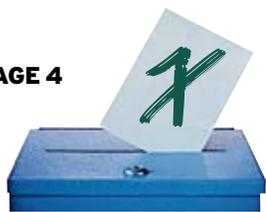
to the Bay City Rollers' height of fame then going back to being a plumber.

"He would tell of getting a call to fix somebody's loo. They'd open the door and say, 'But you're Alan Longmuir' and he'd say, 'I'm your plumber as well'."

It took Alan three years to agree to work on the play. In the end it was his wife who convinced him.

Widow Eileen, 65, said: "Liam had been on at Alan for years. He was hanging about getting under my feet so I told him to just do it.

"He hadn't been on stage in 15 years and was unsure but he loved it, there was no pressure like the early days. It was nice for him to get a second chance."



# ELECTION 2024 FURY AT POSTAL

## CARRY ON CAMPAIGN



### Champion coach

THE SNP's battle bus is a coach that normally ferries the Celtic team around.

The hired coach has been given a yellow and black repaint and is travelling the country to support SNP hopefuls.

John Swinney will no doubt be hoping some of the Scottish champions' success from this season rubs off on his own candidates.



PAINT JOB Battle bus

### Flynn's Army regret



STEPHEN Flynn says his biggest mistake in the election campaign is "not spending more time with the Tartan Army" at the Euros.

The SNP Westminster leader said he wanted to be in Germany "for the full 10 or 11 days" but could only go for one because of the General Election. He must be a glutton for punishment.

MISTAKE Flynn

### Home in on division

ONE house on the campaign trail in Hamilton and Clyde Valley had Labour and SNP posters in their window.

There must have been some strong-worded debates in that house.

"The best marriages learn how to compromise," said one social media user.



**KEIR STARMER**  
Labour is 20 points ahead of the Tories - the same as it was when the campaign began - as we enter election week.



**RISHI SUNAK**  
The Tory PM cut a tired and tetchy figure as he appeared on the Laura Kuenssberg Show yesterday morning.

### Quote of the day

The Tory party won't change. The lessons from Partygate, dodgy Covid contracts and the insider betting scandal won't be learned. Chaos will continue & they'll continue to put their own interests before the country's.

LABOUR'S PAT McFADDEN



DISAPPOINTED  
Cliff and Karen and, right, Wendy didn't get ballots. Neither did Lucy, main. Pic: Robert Perry

## Holidaymakers hit out as papers sent too late for them to have their say

BY PAUL DRURY

**SCOTS have begun flying abroad on holiday furious that the postal vote scandal has robbed them of a chance to have a say in Thursday's General Election.**

Holidaymakers leaving Glasgow Airport at the weekend told how they can't vote after chaos led to postal ballots being sent out late.

PM Rishi Sunak had been slammed for calling an election during the Scottish school summer holiday.

Now delays in getting postal ballots out to those who will be overseas on Thursday means they have been denied the right to vote.

Last night, the Electoral Commission, which oversees the vote, said it would be launching a full investigation into the fiasco.

After checking in for her flight to Australia on Saturday, holidaymaker Lucy Urquhart-Dixon said: "I am raging I didn't get a postal vote."

The teacher with North Ayrshire Council said she had applied for her postal vote on June 14, five days within the deadline for applications.

However, the paperwork had not arrived ahead of her trip to Brisbane

for a three-week break.

Lucy, 54, from the Isle of Arran, said: "I am staying with friends on the July 4 and planned to watch the coverage in Australia.

"But I will be sitting there knowing I had no influence in its outcome. Picking an election date when many Scots are on holiday just shows what they think of us."

Cliff and Karen Woodman were booked on an afternoon flight to Boston, in the United States, knowing that they too were being denied a part in the national vote.

Karen, 61, from Annan in Dumfriesshire, said the couple had applied for their postal votes "around two weeks ago" but they didn't arrive.

Husband Cliff, 60, a company owner said: "I am a bit disappointed that we have been unable to vote.



## SWINNEY'S SHORT BUS JOURNEY

JOHN Swinney has said that having an SNP campaign bus for six weeks would have been "a waste of money".

The SNP launched its General Election campaign bus on Friday - just six days before voters go to the polls. This contrasts with Scottish

BY ANDREW QUINN

Labour, which has been running a battle bus for weeks.

When Nicola Sturgeon was first minister, the party often had buses for longer periods and even used a helicopter in election campaigns.

The First Minister told BBC's The

Sunday Show the decision was not to do with the poor state of the SNP's finances. He also rejected the idea he was running an "austere campaign" and said the party was "deploying our resources at the right time".

The SNP has been struggling for major donors in recent months.



CASH BATTLE Swinney

# POLLING FIASCO

# Cheated out of our votes



**GAMBLE** Alister Jack

## Jack tipped for a Sunak peerage

BY ANDREW QUINN

TOP Tory Alister Jack is in line for a peerage after the election, reports suggest.

The Scottish Secretary has been considered for PM Rishi Sunak's final honours list, according to reports over the weekend.

Jack admitted last week to placing three bets on the election date. He said he had not broken any rules and was not being investigated. He stood down as an MP when the election was called.

He said in April he'd put £20 at odds of 5-1 on the vote being held between July and September, but had no knowledge of the date.

Tory figures told the Observer it would be "problematic" to give Jack a peerage due to this.



**GRILLED** Rishi Sunak

## PM grilled over state of the nation

BY LIZZY BUCHAN

RISHI Sunak was confronted over why nothing works and public services are on their knees as he faced a TV grilling yesterday.

The out-of-touch Prime Minister insisted the UK was a "better place to live than in 2010" as he desperately tried to defend his party's record in Government.

But in a tough grilling on BBC's Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg, he was forced to listen to messages from viewers tearing into the state of the nation. One voter, Sheila, said: "Our worry isn't about tax. It's about having the basics."

Sunak said he was working hard to deliver financial security.



**EMERGENCY MEASURE** Voting booth in Edinburgh

We wanted to play our part. Dumfries-shire is a long-standing Conservative stronghold and it would have been good to have had some kind of say in the outcome."

Wendy Smith was heading for Angola for work on Saturday. The 59-year-old oil industry employee from Aberdeen said: "We got my dad's postal vote through and helped him send it off. But I was disappointed to discover that mine did not come through on time.

"The application was made in good time, so why didn't I get it? Yes, I do feel a bit cheated at being left out."

Some councils have admitted problems over the time it has taken to print postal voting packs.

Royal Mail denied any part in the scandal, saying there were no electoral packs lying around in Scottish sorting offices.

East Renfrewshire Council said teams were

out over the weekend, delivering packs to those in urgent need of a postal vote form.

The Electoral Management Board for Scotland (EMB) said there had been "many difficulties experienced with the delivery of postal votes" across the country.

The Electoral Commission said it was aware of issues caused by the vote coinciding with the holidays.

A spokesperson said: "Following the Election, we will undertake research with voters and electoral administrators to understand their experiences at this poll. The administration of postal voting is one of the areas we will look at."

First Minister John Swinney said there was "nothing that can be done" about postal votes that have not yet arrived for voters who are now overseas.

East Lothian Council

**DELAY** Postal votes were not sent out on time

set up emergency polling booths at the weekend to ensure residents were able to vote, following similar measures in Edinburgh and Fife.

Other councils around the country are issuing website updates.

But Swinney said there had been "significant reports of people who were trying to vote by post who had applied properly for a postal vote before the deadline of June 19".

He said yesterday: "Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done."

"They have to be here to be able to exercise their postal vote, if it's been delivered to the house, or if there is an alternative arrangement in place.

"There are no other proxy arrangements that can be put in place, but I think it's illustrative

**“**  
**Picking an election date when many Scots are on holiday shows what they think of us**  
**”**  
 LUCY UROUHART-DIXON  
 ON MISSING OUT



## FARAGE LOSES TEMPER OVER RACE CLAIM

NIGEL Farage lost his temper on air as he was accused of "fanning the flames of prejudice" to advance his cause.

The Reform UK leader was furious when Sky News host Sir Trevor Phillips claimed that Farage was "willing to turn a blind

BY DAVE BURKE

eye" to people who use racial slurs.

The host said the p-word - used by party activist Andrew Parker to an undercover investigator - on air.

He said: "You have a political

project, which is to destroy Conservatives." When Farage said he was running a "positive project", Phillips said: "No, you've got a project and you're prepared to use any means at all, including fanning the flames of prejudice to advance that project. Which is

why you will turn a blind eye to people who use words like p\*\*\*, people who talk about racial issues in general."

Farage shot back: "That is totally and utterly untrue. You damn well know, having known me for 20 years."



**OUTBURST** Furious Farage

## ELECTION 2024 RIVALS' PLEDGES TO



**POVERTY PLEDGE**  
Gordon Brown

**ON Friday morning, there will be plenty of Scots waking up feeling like it's going to be a struggle to get out of bed and face the world.**

That feeling of being exhausted from a week of working long hours but not earning enough to stop worrying about the rent or mortgage.

That feeling of not knowing whether there's enough food in the fridge or whether you can afford to take the kids out at the weekend.

Or maybe it's the feeling that the world is changing and we're not keeping up.

Now imagine turning on the radio and hearing that the Tory Government that caused this chaos will be in power for five more years.

The same gambling Tories that crashed the economy and left ordinary working Scots paying the price as their shopping bills rose and mortgages soared.

**“ Labour will make work pay, create jobs and protect public services**

The same austerity-backing Tories that cut public services and have taken a wrecking ball to workers' rights, resulting in the scandal that working families are queuing up at food banks just to feed their kids.

The same two-faced Tories that

partied through the pandemic while everyone else stayed at home to keep our communities safe.

The Tories that put party before country without ever having any kind of vision for Scotland's future.

It may sound like a nightmare but that's the reality this Friday if Scots don't vote for change.

In the past six weeks, I've joined our candidates around the country – everywhere from Troon to Glasgow to Stornoway – and while the scenery and conversations may be different, the sense of frustration with the broken status quo is the same.

But I've also been reminded just how much potential this incredible country holds. This election is an opportunity to boot out this rotten Tory government that we cannot afford to miss.

And this is why we need your help.

No matter how you voted in the past, if you agree that our country needs change, then Labour is ready to deliver it. A lot of parties talk about “sending a message” but this is a chance to do more than that – this is a chance to

# Imagine waking up on Friday to four more years of Tories.. only Labour can halt this nightmare

» Sarwar vows to put Scottish MPs at heart of UK government

» Plea for everyone to unite to bring change our country needs

TWITTER: @ANASSARWAR

**ANAS SARWAR**  
LEADER OF THE SCOTTISH LABOUR PARTY

put Scottish MPs at the heart of a UK government.

**A UK government in the service of working people like the ones I've met on the campaign trail – nurses, teachers, technicians, small business owners, veterans, charity workers – and you.**

If you back Scottish Labour with your vote, we will demonstrate exactly how much we can do with it. A UK Labour government will make work pay, bring down energy bills, create jobs and protect public services.

We will set up GB Energy, a publicly

owned clean power company headquartered in Scotland, to boost energy security and cut bills for good.

And while the Tories bury their heads in the sand, Labour is facing up to the challenge of a just transition for the North Sea.

Communities in the north-east are rightly concerned about the future of their jobs, and Labour is clear that oil and gas will be part of the energy mix for decades to come.

The good news is Scotland already has all the natural resources we need to be a clean energy superpower – all

that's missing is the political will. You can change that by backing Scottish Labour this Thursday.

I understand why so many Scots wanted to run a million miles from the Tories and therefore backed independence or the SNP in the past – that's why I have worked so hard to change the Scottish party so that it can deliver the change you so desperately need.

So even if you voted SNP before, back Scottish Labour to get the change Scotland needs.

Everyone knows someone who is in pain waiting on an NHS waiting list for treatment, waiting anxiously for a diagnostic test or has been forced to use their savings and pay thousands for private healthcare.

A Labour government will help cut waiting times by investing in our NHS. We will fund 160,000 additional appointments every year in Scotland, paid for by cracking down on tax

avoidance and non-dom loopholes. And under a Labour government, we will make work pay.

On Friday I listened to Angela Rayner talk about her experience of juggling care work with being a single mum as she set out her New Deal for Working People. This groundbreaking plan will ban exploitative zero-hour contracts, end fire-and-rehire and deliver a genuine living wage.

After 14 years of Tory misrule, there will be voters going to the polls this week who have no memory of what a UK Labour government can do.

But last week on the campaign trail in Kirkcaldy, I met Gordon Brown, who was at the helm of the last Labour government when it lifted 120,000 children out of poverty in Scotland.

As he told the Daily Record this week, a Labour government can turn the tide on child poverty once again.

While the Tories write off young

# VOTERS IN LAST COLUMNS BEFORE POLLS



**CAMPAIGN**  
Sarwar with  
Angela Rayner  
in Hamilton.  
Pic: Jeff J  
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## STEPHEN FLYNN

LEADER OF THE SNP IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

” Sorry Record but you’re wrong.. Keir has little more to offer than Sunak

SINCE the last time I wrote this column, I did happen to notice that this newspaper took the decision to come out and endorse Sir Keir Starmer and his Labour Party in Scotland.

At the risk of being a bit blunt and upsetting my hosts, here’s why I think the Daily Record is wrong.

The front page making that announcement listed what this election is about. Among the issues were poverty, a crashed economy, a cost-of-living crisis, broken public services and a failed Brexit. Hard to disagree with any of them. Chap the doors of any street in Scotland and those are the big issues facing families right now.

So let’s carry out a pretty basic test. Let’s take each of those issues in turn and compare what Starmer is promising in comparison to the SNP.

Take poverty first. We know that the single biggest policy pushing children into poverty is the two-child cap - that’s the Westminster decision that stops support going to families beyond their second child. That poverty-producing policy will impact 670,000 children in the next five years. It’s simple, you can’t claim to fight poverty and at the same time keep the cap. The power of politics comes down to choices we make. The SNP would choose to scrap the two-child cap, Starmer says he’s going to keep it.

Next, take the economy and the cost-of-living crisis. Everyone, bar the Tories, agrees that the green economy



**HARD HITTING** Record front page

offers the biggest and best path to sustained economic growth - protecting jobs, cutting energy bills and reaching net zero. In fairness, Labour once had a credible and creative policy on this - an investment of £28billion a year to grab the opportunity of the green gold rush. That was the Labour policy until Starmer ditched it. All because he was terrified of breaking Tory spending plans. That depressing lack of ambition won’t fix the economy and it definitely won’t win the race to net zero.

The SNP would choose to ditch Tory spending rules and invest the £28billion - growing the economy, protecting jobs and cutting energy bills.

The next thing on this newspaper’s list was broken public services, an issue which has quickly turned into the defining one of this election. After 14 years of Tory austerity, our NHS and public services are crying out for real investment.

It is stating the blinding obvious though that you can’t fix our public services by signing up to more Westminster spending cuts. But that’s exactly what Sir Keir has done. The SNP choose differently, we rejected austerity for the past 14 years and we reject it now. The

final thing that front page mentioned was a failed Brexit.

I think it’s finally time to wake up to the fact there is no such thing as a Brexit that could, can or will ever work. The Scottish people are already wise to that, it’s why we never voted for its madness in the first place. Again, though, Sir Keir has fully signed up to the stupid slogan to “Make Brexit work”.

The SNP choose differently, we choose the path back into the European Union, where we belong.

I obviously like to think that the logic of all those arguments and evidence is convincing, but even so, it’s probably a stretch to expect this newspaper to suddenly reverse its decision and row in behind the SNP. But when the Daily Record did decide to endorse Sir Keir, I don’t think it was asking too much of him to pass the very tests that were set out on its own front page.

We all know that the Tories caused this mess, that’s why they

“ Starmer is sailing into Downing Street by playing it safe

are going to get the democratic drubbing they deserve. We can enjoy the fact that they are finished. But this election campaign has exposed that Starmer isn’t even offering to fix the mess the Tories have made. He is sailing into Downing Street by playing it safe and saying nothing.

The real choice for Scotland is whether we give Starmer a free pass to impose more cuts, more Brexit and more of the same - or elect a strong team of SNP MPs who’ll hold Labour to account and always put Scotland first.

The power of democracy is that you decide what happens next. No party, no politician and no newspaper gets to decide for you. As always, it’s your choice - it’s Scotland’s decision and Scotland’s future is on the ballot. Please come out on Thursday and vote for what you believe in.

people who sacrificed so much during the pandemic, Labour will create jobs and opportunities by improving access to apprenticeships, supporting first-time buyers and creating 69,000 Scottish jobs in the clean energy industries.

This government is in reach, but only if we vote for it. We can change our country so that Scotland is a place where everyone is entitled to dignity, with our country back on a route to prosperity, and where young people once again have hope for the future.

So picture Friday morning - this time imagine you are waking up to news that the Tories have lost the election and the removal vans are arriving at Downing Street. A Friday where, however exhausting the week might have been, you know that tomorrow will be better because the Tories are finally out of power.

The difference between the Friday I described at the start of this column

and this one is your vote. If you back Labour with your vote, you’re helping us make sure we boot out this rotten Tory government.

**You’re joining us on a journey to get a better deal for workers, revive our economy and open the doors of opportunity to the next generation.**

This is about everyone in Scotland coming together to deliver the change our country needs.

There is only one route to change that puts Scotland at the heart of a Labour government - a vote for Scottish Labour.



# RECORD VIEW

## Paying price for Sunak madness

**RISHI Sunak was warned that holding a general election during the Scottish school holidays would be chaotic.**

There is a reason the last UK general election to be held in July was in 1945 – and that was only held then because of the end of the World War II.

The decision to go for a July 4 vote shows absolute contempt for Scotland.

The Record said this at the time, as did SNP First Minister John Swinney. But this tone-deaf Tory Prime Minister refused to listen and ploughed on anyway.

Now delays sending postal ballots to Scots who will be on holiday before July 4 have stripped them of their democratic right.

Postal votes were brought in to allow people to cast their ballot when they are unable to get to a polling station.

Many folk knew they would be away, so prepared properly and put in their application in plenty of time.

But lots of them will not get an opportunity to vote because they haven't received their pack as they go on holiday.

They are right to be furious.

This is one of the most important elections for decades. There is a serious opportunity to boot the Tories out and install a Labour government.

Many contests up and down the country will be extremely tight. So it is crucial everyone gets the chance to vote.

Something must be done to allow those who have not received their postal votes to cast a ballot.

Some councils have set up early polling stations to let people who have yet to receive a postal ballot vote early.

**These need to be set up across Scotland so nobody loses their vital right to vote.**

**CHEATED OUT OF OUR VOTES - PAGES 4&5**

## Stick with Labour

**STEPHEN Flynn is an able politician who has impressed since becoming the SNP's Westminster leader just over 18 months ago.**

We share many of his views on child poverty and fixing the economy.

We have also been impressed by his direct style and ability to hold Rishi Sunak to account during Prime Minister's Questions.

He thinks the Daily Record is wrong to back Labour and says it will do little to sort the problems that our country faces.

We respectfully disagree with him.

Now is the time to back Labour so we can get rid of this vile and corrupt Tory Government.

Come July 5, there are only two men who can be Prime Minister: Rishi Sunak and Keir Starmer.

The Tories have trashed our economy and ruined our public services over the past 14 years. Our country is in a much worse state than when the Conservatives came to office in 2010.

**So it is crucial that readers vote Labour to replace this awful government.**

**KEIR HAS LITTLE MORE TO OFFER - Page 7**

# 15,000 JOIN SPANISH HOLS HOMES DEMO



**HOL LOT OF ANGER** Demo in Malaga

BY NATALIA PENZA

**MORE than 15,000 protesters have taken to the streets of Malaga in the latest demo against mass tourism in Spain.**

Marchers held banners that read "We feel like strangers in our own city" and "Malaga is for the people of Malaga, tourism forces us out".

Other placards said "One more tourist is one less local resident" and "Padlocks out of our neighbourhoods" – a reference to the coded keyholders outside tourist apartment blocks.

Yesterday's rally was organised by the Malaga Tenants Union, with the backing of nearly 50 organisations including Greenpeace and Oxfam, under the slogan "Malaga to live in, not survive in".

A right-wing group tried to hijack the demo soon after it started in city centre square Plaza de la Merced by chanting, "Council housing for nationals" but were met with calls of, "Fascists out of our neighbourhoods" and gave up.

The march through Malaga to Constitution Square ended with the reading of a manifesto where protest organisers said: "We're not going to allow ourselves to be

## Locals say they're strangers in their own city



**“We're not going to let Malaga become a theme park**

**PROTEST ORGANISERS IN THE CITY YESTERDAY**

**SHOW OF STRENGTH** Thousands packed the resort's streets

expelled from our own city. We're staying put.

"We're not going to allow Malaga to become a theme park emptied of local residents.

"We're not going to allow shops to be replaced by franchises, pavements with terraces and rents with eviction letters."

One of the marchers, Santiago Perez, 67, said: "I'm not against tourism but I want it to be regulated so we have quality tourism and not the drunken type the holiday rentals attract."

Earlier this year, stickers were

plastered over the front of tourist apartment blocks in Malaga.

A bar owner who was told he had to leave his home after 10 years so it could be used by tourists was linked to the sticker campaign.

He had organised a social media initiative proposing customers come up with alternatives revolving around the AT signs on the front of holiday flats, short for Apartamento Turistico in Spanish, in a play on words.

Their proposals included "A Tu Puta casa" and "ApesTando a Turista" – English for messages in Spanish saying: "F\*\*\* off from here" and "Stinking of Tourists". These slogans were later used for the apartment protest stickers. The

bar owner – known as Dani Drunko – later admitted things had got a "bit out of hand".

**A second anti-tourism protest is due to go ahead in the Majorcan capital Palma on July 21.**

Organisers claimed the last one there on April 25 – where holiday-makers were insulted as they ate their evening meals – was attended by 25,000 people but government officials put the figure at about 10,000.

Smaller protests have taken place in Ibiza and Menorca.

In the Canary Islands in April, an estimated 130,000 people took to the streets with banners to protest at the effect that mass tourism was having there.



**SCENE** Cramond Beach

## SEX FIENDS TARGET BEACH TEENS

**TWO** teenage girls were sexually assaulted at a Scots beauty spot at the weekend.

The girls, aged 14 and 15, were subjected to the ordeal after being approached by a group of youths on a quad

BY **JOLENE CAMPBELL**

bike. The incident took place at Cramond Beach in Edinburgh.

Cops have launched a hunt for those who carried out the sickening attack, which happened one day

after schools broke up for the summer holidays.

Police Scotland said: "Officers are investigating the sexual assault of two female youths, aged 14 and 15, which happened in the Cramond Beach area of

Edinburgh on Saturday. Inquiries are ongoing."

Cramond Beach is a popular area for families and dog walkers.

It's generally thought to be safe, with low crime rates.



**BOOZER** Jeremy Clarkson  
**Clarkson has pint to prove with pub buy**

BY NADEEM BADSHAH

JEREMY Clarkson has revealed he has bought a pub near his farm.

The Grand Tour presenter said everything at The Windmill will be grown in the UK to support local farmers. So it means coffee and Coca-Cola are off the menu at the boozer in the Cotswolds.

Clarkson, 64, said: "I'm building a pub for people who are visiting, and that will support farmers. That's the essence of it."

The ex-Top Gear host runs Diddly Squat farm, which features in Amazon series Clarkson's Farm and is a 20-minute drive from the boozer.

He revealed he paid less than £1million for the pub near Burford, Oxfordshire.

He said he wants a "fun" pub with bar billiards, darts and a garden.



**LOVED UP** Sophie and baby  
**Star Sophie's second little bundle of joy**

BY LUCY NEEDHAM

PEAKY Blinders star Sophie Rundle has given birth to her second child.

The 36-year-old said yesterday she and her actor boyfriend Matt Stokoe have welcomed a baby boy.

With photos, she wrote: "He's here. I am fully ready and expecting to nosedive off the hormonal cliff edge at any moment but for now I am riding this heavenly wave of perfect love."

"I only want to stay in this bed, tending to my exhausted happy bones, sniffing his delicious head and grandly announcing that he is wearing an archival look from the 2021 collection every time I put him in one of his brother's old baby grows."

"(I am perhaps a tad delirious at this point.) Oh wow, the love the love the love."

**DISABLED TEEN'S PLEA AFTER FOOTIE SNUB**



**KEEN** Aaron has been left heartbroken after team said he couldn't play despite OK from his medical team

**DREAMS** Aaron wants to play football. Pic: Ross Turpie

**A BOY with a life-limiting condition is begging football clubs to give him a chance to play the game he loves.**

Aaron Hunter, 14, from Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, has been trying to find a team to play with for the past year.

But he can't find a disabled squad willing to give him a game due to his severe health issues – despite his own doctors giving him the all-clear to play.

Aaron said: "I just want clubs to give me a chance. If there is anyone out there, please try to help me out. It means a lot to me and I would really like to play in a team. Football is my passion."

The Celtic fan has ROHHAD – a brain condition where messages fail to reach the other organs, so they "forget" to work. He requires one-to-one care, daily injections and medication.

**BACKING** With mum Elisabeth

**Heartbroken Aaron told it's too risky for him to join club**

**EXCLUSIVE**  
 BY VIVIANNE AITKEN  
 Health Editor

Aaron has a tracheostomy in his neck and carries a small oxygen tank on his back.

The youngster's medics have said there are no barriers to him playing football and he already plays at his school, Kilpatrick Secondary in Dalmeir, during PE with no



incident. While his condition would currently prevent him from playing for 90 minutes, the Pride of Scotland Award winner said: "I just want the chance to show folk what I can do."

Aaron has shown his determination before through campaigning to raise awareness of his rare condition. He even persuaded Hollywood star Robert Downey Jr to take part in a Muddy Puddle Challenge to raise money for research.

Aaron's mum Elisabeth French, 43, said: "Aaron just wants to live life to the full, as much as he possibly can."

Two weeks ago he went to join Dumbarton Riverside Football Club's disability team where he was told to watch. At the end of the session he was told he would not be able to join.

Elisabeth said: "All we were told was it would not be safe for Aaron or for the other children, which I cannot understand. Aaron, and others like him, are more capable than people think."

**"We hope by speaking out about his dreams it may open some doors to people who'd be willing to work with him."**

"He was an Army cadet for a year and took part in all activities with the exception of water sports because he would be at risk of drowning with his tracheostomy."

"So it is a huge shock that he can't join a football team."

"I know it is fear which has prompted the decision but his heart is absolutely broken."

A spokeswoman for Dumbarton Riverside said: "The decision to contact Aaron's mum and tell her we could not

accommodate him was one of the hardest decisions we have had to make in all the years the team has been established."

"But after seeking advice from both Dumbarton Riverside committee members and also the Scottish Pan disability football league and contacting the Scottish Youth Football Association it was decided that it would be too dangerous for both the player and other players involved participating."

She said the oxygen cylinder would be a danger to Aaron and other players in a contact sport and had concerns about the ball dislodging the tracheostomy.

The spokeswoman added: "His parents said they would deal with that if it occurred but the mental trauma to the other player involved has to be taken into account."

# Pub firm blasted in 200 jobs axe dispute



**FAMILY PUB** Brewers Fayre restaurant near Glasgow

## Brewers Fayre owner is accused of failing workers

A TRADE union has slammed hospitality giant Whitbread over reports of plans to axe 200 jobs in Scotland.

The Brewers Fayre and Beefeater owner is reportedly set to cut around 1500 jobs across the UK, shutting more than 100 restaurants.

That's despite reporting a significant rise in returns to shareholders.

Unite claims many workers have not been told which sites will close.

The union said Whitbread has failed to properly consult workers - which the firm denies.

Unite also alleges the statutory 45-day consultation with workers, which began in late April, has not been done in a "genuine or meaningful way".

Whitbread, which also owns Premier Inn, said it would try to find alternative jobs for those affected.

The union has written to

BY **JOLENE CAMPBELL**

the firm saying it is considering employment tribunal claims for unfair dismissal for affected workers from restaurants including Brewers Fayre, Table Table and Beefeater.

Unite's Bryan Simpson, said: "The way in which our members have been treated by Whitbread during this redundancy process is morally reprehensible."

"The company now wishes to bulldoze through a consultation process which has been neither genuine nor meaningful with the first terminations happening on July 4."

Whitbread said: "We do not accept these allegations. We have a comprehensive and transparent collective consultation process, and are engaging directly with elected representatives and individuals potentially affected."

## TUBE STRIKE ON

TENNIS fans are being urged to avoid using trams during Wimbledon due to strikes by some staff.

Maintenance workers in the Unite union yesterday began their action, which is due to end next Monday. They'll strike again from July 11-15 in a dispute over pay.



**CHATTY** Ed Sheeran

## Ed: Talk's key to my marriage

BY **MARK JEFFERIES**

POP singer Ed Sheeran has revealed the secret to his happy marriage is "small uncomfortable conversations" that save arguments.

Ed, 33, has been married to Cherry Seaborn since 2019.

On the This Past Weekend podcast, Ed said: "We're with each other all the time so we talk a lot."

"If anything ever comes up we'll just nip it in the bud there and then rather than let resentment build."

"You have to kind of see it as bricks in a backpack."

"You've got loads of bricks in your backpack and if you can take a brick out quickly then you lighten the load."



**GUEST** Tony at palace

## Brave Tony gets his tea with Queen

BY **HOLLIE BONE**

A COURAGEOUS kid enjoyed a private tea party with Queen Camilla after he missed out on a previous trip to Buckingham Palace.

Double amputee Tony Huggell, nine, has raised £1.8million for charity after horrific cruelty at the hands of his birth parents.

He was to attend the King's Garden Party last month when adoptive mum Paula tweeted to say they'd been unable to make it due to a traffic jam.

But Palace officials asked if he fancied coming on another day.

Paula said: "Tony chatted to The Queen as if they were old friends and she was lovely with him."

# WIMBLEDON: THE

## GETTING WIGGY WITH IT



**YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS, MAN** John McEnroe reprised his 1980s look as he filmed an advert on Saturday



**LINE CALL** Fans were queuing for tickets yesterday, camping out in chilly weather to be sure of getting in today



**FOOTY FAULT** Emma Raducanu was wearing an England strip during practice yesterday, ahead of her first game today



**Stefanos TSITSIPAS (Gre)**

**Paula BADOSA (Spa)**



**Gael MONFILS (Fra)**

**Elina SVITOLINA (Ukr)**



**Andre AGASSI (US)**

**Steffi GRAF (Ger)**



**John LLOYD (GB)**

**Chris EVERT (US)**

# MATCHES TO WATCH AT SW19

# Game to love

## It's OUT! The truth about romances on the tennis circuit

**EXCLUSIVE**  
BY NEIL MCLEMAN

**W**IMBLEDON starts today and all the talk is of the hottest tennis matches... on and off the courts at SW19.

According to Annabel Croft, player turned BBC pundit, there are so many romances between players, it's like the 1970s and 80s all over again. She said: "It's fun to watch and people love gossip."

Back in the day, our favourite mixed doubles were Chris Evert and Jimmy Connors – though she later wed John Lloyd – and Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf.

Now it's all about British No1 Katie Boulter, 27, who has been going out with Australia's Alex de Minaur, 25, since 2020.

They actually played in the Wimbledon mixed doubles together last year.

Then there is the new world No1, Italian Jannik Sinner, 22, and his romance with Russian star Anna Kalinskaya, 25.

Or the Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas, 25, who recently got back with Spain's Paola Badosa, 26. Some matches are made to last.

The Canadian Denis Shapovalov, 25, is engaged to Swede Mirjam Bjorklund, also 25, while Frenchman Gael Monfils, 37, and Elina Svitolina, 29, of Ukraine are married with a child.

Former British No1 Annabel, 57, said: "It reminds me of when I was a kid and my parents booked me tickets to the Love Doubles in Battersea Park.

"It was Björn Borg and his fiancée Mariana Simionescu playing a charity match against John Lloyd and Chris Evert.

"It was really fun. Tennis players have a very circus lifestyle. It helps that your partner knows how difficult losses are."

Katie Boulter agrees, and says her relationship with world No9 Alex has helped her game. She said: "I have learned so much from him, how he works and trains."

Asked about Challengers, the box office champion that stars Zendaya as a tennis player in a three-way match, Katie said: "I am a huge fan of Zendaya and it was a pretty cool movie. The relationship stuff? Oh, I don't know, I don't get involved in that. I am set in my ways – one way."

Scottish tennis legend Andy Murray saw the film with wife Kim and gave his verdict: "We had seen brilliant reviews, but I didn't really understand it to be honest."



**SMASH**  
Zendaya in hit tennis movie Challengers



**MEMORIES** BBC pundit Annabel



**Alex DE MINAUR (Aus)**  
**Katie BOULTER (GB)**

**Mirjam BJORKLUND (Swe)**  
**DENIS SHAPOVALOV (Can)**



## Plastic fume alert after waste blaze

PEOPLE living near a fire-hit waste plant have been told to shut windows to avoid plastic fumes.

On Saturday people across central Scotland complained of a "strange chemical smell" from the blaze in Caldercruix, Lanarkshire. Crews were still at the scene yesterday.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service said: "Residents nearby and in the East of Scotland are advised to keep windows and doors shut."

# PERV SAID HE THOUGHT VICTIM WAS WIFE

## Sex blunder liar is caged



**VILE** Roddy Kerr molested woman after New Year celebrations. Pic: Spindrift

## Attacker molested woman in spare room after house party

**A HUSBAND has been jailed for a Hogmanay attack on a woman he claimed he thought was his wife of 13 years.**

BY CONNOR GORDON

Roddy Kerr struck at his house in Hamilton shortly after the bells on January 1, 2020.

The 47-year-old told jurors he had gone into bed in a spare room and "nuzzled" beside a woman he believed was his wife.

Other people had been at his home that night for the New Year celebrations but he reckoned everyone had left by that time.

He went on to intimately touch the person in the bed. Kerr insisted she was awake and "engaging" in what was happening.

It emerged it was not his wife but another woman who had been molested.

Jurors at the High Court in Glasgow heard Kerr later sent a text to the victim apologising.

Asked at the trial what he was saying sorry for, he said: "The incident that happened - because I got into bed thinking it was with my wife."

Kerr said he met the woman a week later to "try and clear the air" and "put it behind us".

He recalled: "It was awkward, did not really say much. Silence, but a few words exchanged. Not a lot said." It was months

later that the matter was reported to the police.

In cross-examination, prosecutor Alex Sutherland put to Kerr: "You had mistaken your wife of 13 years for this woman? I suggest that is preposterous. It is not true."

Kerr replied: "No." He also said he "did not think" he had volunteered to go to the police after what happened.

The first offender was found guilty of sexual assault. Jurors deleted the allegation of attempted rape.

Sentencing had been deferred for background reports.

As Kerr returned to the dock, his lawyer Donna Armstrong said: "He remains married to his wife. She supports him and has done since the commission of the offence."

**Judge Kevin McCallum KC said Kerr "took advantage" of a woman at his home that night.**

He stated: "Your actions have had a significant impact on your victim."

The judge said there was no alternative to a prison sentence and locked Kerr up for 14 months.

He was also put on the sex offenders list and received a non-harassment order banning him from approaching the woman for the next 10 years.

**“I got into bed thinking it was with my wife”**

RODDY KERR AT THE HIGH COURT IN GLASGOW

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## JOBCENTRE GUARDS STRIKE

JOBCENTRE security staff begin a week-long strike today in a pay dispute.

The GMB said 1500 of its members employed by G4S will walk out.

The union said 90 per cent of guards are paid the minimum wage. Its national

BY ALAN JONES

officer Eamon O'Hearn said: "G4S has been handed millions by the Government, yet our members can barely afford to feed their families."

G4S said its pay offer was for a 6.5 per cent rise

from April 2023 and an average 9.3 per cent increase from December last year to this April.

It added: "We urge the GMB to present our offer to our employees, which is both above minimum wage and inflation."

# TARTAN ARMY BUS REFURB GOAL



MILESTONE Russell

## Charity king Russell's £2m donor tribute

BY GABRIELLE WILLIAMSON

A CHARITY set up by a double organ recipient to pay tribute to his donor has helped fund £2million worth of good causes across Scotland.

Before his life-saving kidney and pancreas transplant, Russell MacMillan felt scared but vowed to make the most of his future.

After surgery Russell, from Newton Mearns, set up East Renfrewshire Good Causes in 2007 and aimed to raise £100,000.

On the incredible £2million milestone, he said: "Sheer determination got us here."

The charity carries out acts of kindness in memory of his unknown donor.

Russell said: "I am alive today because of the organs that were donated to me."

"The strength I have is from them, not me."



HEALTHY CHOICE Olive oil

## Olives may boost fight on obesity

BY STEPHEN BEECH

OLIVES could help beat obesity and keep diabetes at bay, researchers say.

Their findings suggest elenolic acid – a compound found in mature olives and extra virgin olive oil – can lower blood sugar levels and promote weight loss.

Scientists say the study could pave the way for cheap and safe natural products for managing obesity and type 2 diabetes.

US researchers found that, after just one week, obese mice with diabetes that were given elenolic acid weighed "significantly" less and showed better blood sugar regulation than before treatment.

Team leader Professor Dongmin Liu, of Virginia Tech, said: "Overall, the study showed that elenolic acid from olives has promising effects."

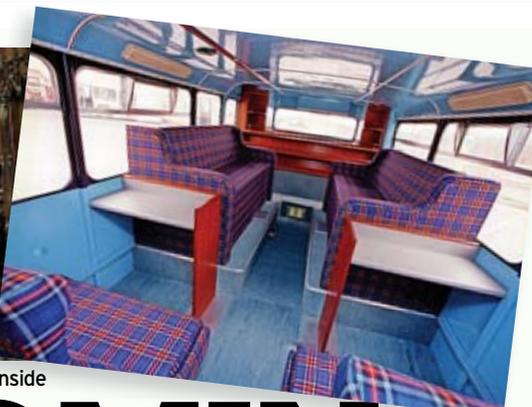


PICTURE: WILLIAM THORNTON

NO ROOM ON TOP Scotland fans on the bus in Bordeaux in '98



SEND-OFF Scots MPs back the Record's bus. Right, inside



# WHEEL BE COMING DOWN THE ROAD

Daily Record's World Cup mobile HQ snapped up by museum for fan trips



ONE-OFF The Tartan Army bus



JUST THE TICKET Fans in Glasgow. Right, the late boss Craig Brown on bus in 1998

### THE historic Daily Record Tartan Army bus from the 1998 World Cup in France is set to return to the road.

The famous vehicle, decked out in tartan paint and sponsored by the Daily Record, served as a headquarters for Scotland fans as it followed the national team to Paris, Bordeaux and Saint-Etienne.

In scenes repeated this year in Germany, tens of thousands of Scottish fans

### BY JOHN-PAUL CLARK

descended on France to support Craig Brown's team.

Pictures showed a mass of fans congregating around the bus in France, as they headed to the Morocco game.

The specially fitted Stagecoach bus has spent the past 26 years in storage, until volunteers at the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum asked about taking ownership of it with a view to returning it to the road.

The museum at Lathalmond, near Dunfermline, has a collection of 160 buses and offers customers the chance

to go along for rides on some of its vehicles.

Stagecoach was more than happy to agree and has now transferred ownership to the museum and work will soon start on its return to service.

The bus will keep its

Army bus will be a fantastic addition to our collection. Everyone loves an open-top bus so we're busy planning to get it back on the road for our visitors to enjoy.

"We are very grateful for Stagecoach's assistance."

**“ We're busy planning to get it back on the road**

MUSEUM CHAIRMAN DAVID HEATHCOTE

Stagecoach East Scotland MD Douglas Robertson added: "It is great for us to

famous tartan paintwork and will become a common sight on the roads around west Fife and beyond.

Scottish Vintage Bus Museum chairman David Heathcote said: "The Tartan

support the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum and their activities to commemorate the last century of Scotland's buses.

"We can't wait to see it back on the road again."



**TARGET** Cyber-predators  
**Online child sex abuse on the rise**

BY RYAN McDOUGALL

REPORTS of online child sexual abuse and exploitation in Scotland rose by 21 per cent in a year, Police Scotland said.

According to data obtained by the force, from April 1 2023 to March 31 this year, 2055 cyber-enabled sex crimes against kids were recorded – up 364 on the previous 12 months.

Most perpetrators are male (90 per cent) and most victims are female (54 per cent).

Police Scotland will today launch their latest Get Help or Get Caught campaign to prevent individuals from offending.

Detective Chief Superintendent Sam Faulds, head of public protection, said: “We want to prevent children becoming victims of online predators.”



**BLACKLIST** Ken Bruce

**Radio star Ken's Swift record ban**

BY AARON TINNEY

KEN Bruce is refusing to play Taylor Swift songs because he doesn't like her focus on her failed romances.

Many of the star's tunes are thought to be about former boyfriends.

Greatest Hits Radio DJ Ken said: “I'll play her when she writes something that isn't about her ex-boyfriends.

“Great radio songs have three beats and then they're straight into the song, not these long intros that she does.”

The 73-year-old Scot went to war with the singer, 34, as she continues the UK leg of her Eras Tour.

She has been performing tunes which are thought to be about her exes including Harry Styles, 30, and British actor Joe Alwyn, 33.

Ken added: “All her songs are the same.”



**Am so proud of my girl Lexi**

AMANDA Holden was every inch the proud mum as daughter Lexi, 18, finished her A-levels.

The 53-year-old posted an

emotional message to her eldest daughter.

The Britain's Got Talent judge told her: “Go and live the biggest possible life.”

**Man on Maxine death charge**



**GRIM DISCOVERY** Maxine Clark was found injured

**Suspect, 32, to appear in court over tragedy**

**A MAN has been charged in connection with the death of a woman who was found seriously injured.**

BY RYAN CARROLL

Maxine Clark, 36, was discovered in a property on Tummel Street, in Riddrie, Glasgow, at about 7.40pm last Thursday.

Ambulance crews attended but Maxine was pronounced dead at the scene.

Her family have been informed.

Police confirmed yesterday a 32-year-old man has been charged in connection with the death.

He is due to appear at Glasgow Sheriff Court today. A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

Images from the scene in Tummel Street showed

police officers standing outside the door of the property.

A police spokesman said: “A 32-year-old man has been charged in connection with the death of Maxine Clark in Riddrie, Glasgow.

“Around 7.40pm on Thursday, 27 June, police received a report of a woman found seriously injured within a property on Tummel Street.

“Emergency services attended. However, Maxine, 36, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her family are aware.

“The 32-year-old man is due to appear at Glasgow Sheriff Court. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.”

**HERO MEDAL SALE**

THE medals of an SAS hero who spent 22 days wreaking havoc behind enemy lines around D-Day are up for sale.

Corporal Kenneth Bateman, from Salford,

Manchester, was part of a crack team parachuted into France hours before the June 6, 1944, landings.

His six service medals are expected to fetch up to £1200 at auction in July.

# BACK TO FUTURE STAR ROCKS PYRAMID STAGE

# FOX YOU!



## SOLD-OUT Pink's shows Five arrests at Pink's double gig

BY RYAN CARROLL

FIVE arrests were made at Pink's concerts at Hampden Park in Glasgow at the weekend.

The star played to tens of thousands of fans on Friday and Saturday's Summer Carnival shows.

Two arrests were made on Friday. A man, 54, was charged in connection with a breach of the peace and assault. A woman, aged 28, was charged in connection with assault.

On Saturday, a man, 43, was charged in connection with a breach of the peace and assault.

And a man, 48, was charged in connection with a breach of the peace and a woman, 34, faces an assault rap.



## SHOCK Script at Clutha Band go off Script for Clutha set

BY NICOLA CROAL

THE Script made a surprise bar appearance hours after performing at Hampden as the opening act for Pink on her Summer Carnival world tour.

The Irish rock band arrived at the Clutha bar in Glasgow in the late hours of Saturday and treated staff and customers to an acoustic gig.

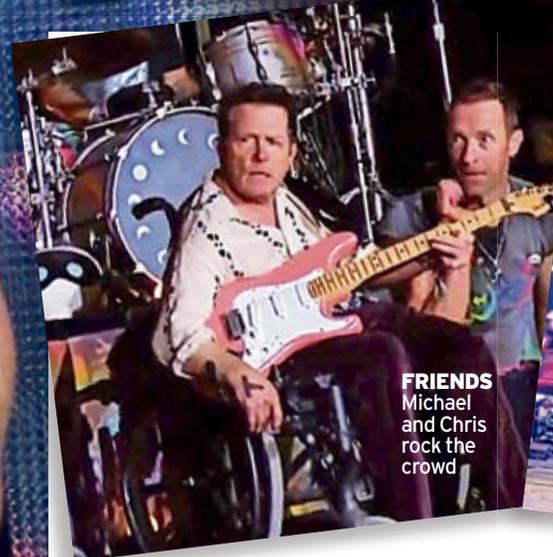
Frontman Danny O'Donoghue and Glen Power, who is usually a drummer, took the stage with guitars.

The Script have since taken to their Instagram stories to upload the footage.

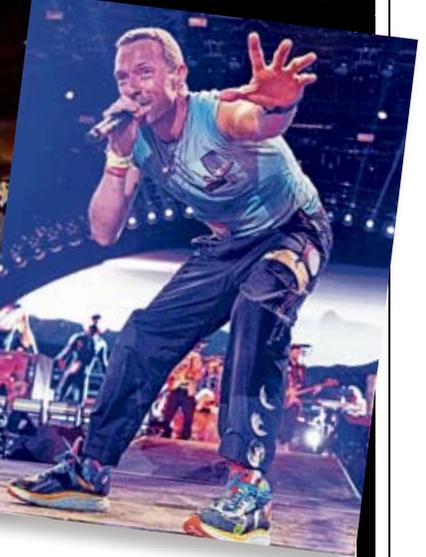
One punter said: "Such cool guys, giving everyone plenty of time for pics."



**IMPRESSED** Shania Twain said it was a privilege to play Glasto



**FRIENDS** Michael and Chris rock the crowd



## Michael plays hit with Coldplay pals

BY DOUGLAS BARRIE

**GLASTONBURY** headliners Coldplay went *Back to the Future* for their fifth Pyramid Stage appearance on Saturday night as Michael J Fox joined them onstage.

The 63-year-old actor and campaigner played guitar for the song Fix You.

Fox was diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's disease a year after *Back to the Future Part III* was released in 1990.

His appearance was the biggest talking point this year and provided an emotional climax to Coldplay's show.

Michael and Chris Martin have been close friends since the Spin City star joined the pop band on stage in 2016.

During Saturday night's show, Chris said: "The main reason we are a band is watching *Back to the Future*... thank you to our hero forever Michael J Fox."

Earlier, Martin referenced the Chuck Berry classic Johnny B Goode, which Fox's character, Marty McFly, performs in the first film, released in 1985.

Canadian Fox retired from on-screen work in 2020 but last year starred in an Apple+ documentary exploring how Parkinson's impacted his life.

The 120,000-strong crowd cheered as Coldplay were also joined on stage by Little Simz,



**SINGLE MUM PRAISE** Paloma Faith Palestinian-Chilean singer-songwriter Elyanna and Nigerian music legend Femi Kuti.

Canadian singer Shania Twain opened the coveted Legends slot yesterday afternoon with her 1998 hit song *That Don't Impress Me Much*.

The 58-year-old wore a black cowboy hat and pink ruffled outfit as she sang to thousands of festival-goers.

"This really is a city, it's a community," the country star said. "I do feel the privilege of being here. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, I really will treasure this forever."

Paloma Faith also appeared yesterday with her setlist "dedicated to all the single mothers out there", calling on parents to stop perpetrating the "patriarchy" after she performed the track *Bad Woman*.

“Thank you to our hero forever Michael J Fox”

CHRIS MARTIN PAYS TRIBUTE TO STAR



## Teacher's Glasto blast o' the past

A SCOTS teacher who once starred at Glastonbury has recreated her festival days in a school project.

Karen Garcia, left, took to the stage to sing with her pupils at Kilmartin Does Glastonbury, 500 miles away from the main event.

Now headteacher of Kilmartin Primary School in Argyll, Karen, 54, was in her 20s when she

played with the Mediaeval Baebs on Glastonbury's main stage.

And the former professional singer, then known as Karen Lupton, took to the stage again after teaching her pupils a medieval song for the end-of-term finale.

Karen said: "The whole day was brilliant, the kids loved it and it was really well attended. Everyone had a

great time, with some family coming from England for the festival."

Thanking the army of people who helped to organise the festival, which had a specially made pyramid stage just like Glastonbury, she added: "We are now hoping to be able to build on this and to get funding and a festival committee together for next year."



**HIT** Karen with band

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# BALMORAL CASTLE OPENS TO PUBLIC



REMEMBERED Zara Aleena

## Families join together for Zara march

BY MATTHEW YOUNG

FAMILIES of murdered women yesterday joined the aunt of tragic Zara Aleena in a powerful march as they called for change.

Farah Naz spoke bravely to crowds about her niece, 35, who was killed by Jordan McSweeney as she walked home from a night out in Ilford, east London, early on June 26, 2022.

She was joined by the parents of Sarah Everard and family representatives of Sabina Nessa and Jan Mustafa – all women who were killed by violence.

Farah told the crowd: "Let's walk with all murdered women in our hearts."

She then led a silent vigil before stopping at the very point Zara, a law graduate, had been killed by McSweeney, nine days after he was freed from jail.



MULTIPLIED Wild hippos

## Drug baron's hippos pose huge danger

BY AARON TINNEY

CONSERVATIONISTS have demanded action over escaped hippos taken to Colombia by drug baron Pablo Escobar.

The country now has the largest number of the animals outside Africa. Experts say they are a major public safety threat.

After Escobar's death in 1993, his hippos were left to run wild at the cocaine baron's estate.

By 2009, the four original hippos had multiplied to about 27. Left unchecked, it's feared the population could soar to 1400.

The environment ministry is considering a sterilisation programme.

Carlos Valderrama, head of the WebConserva foundation, said: "From an ecological point of view, the responsible thing to do is to eradicate these animals."



HERITAGE Statue of 11th-century King Malcolm III



HISTORY Art on display



BOOKED UP Tickets sold fast for tour which includes library, main and with Queen and Prince Philip, above



MAGNIFICENT Balmoral

# BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT



PLAN King Charles

**BALMORAL Castle is being opened up to the public for the first time in its history today.**

The opportunity to see King Charles's Highland retreat proved popular, with tickets for the guided tours, priced at £100, or £150 with afternoon tea, sold out within 24 hours.

Forty people will visit each day until August 4.

The tour includes a number of rooms in the Aberdeenshire castle, which has been a royal retreat since Queen Victoria's reign. James

## King's holiday home ready for tours.. but you had to be quick to book a slot at £100-150

BY JOLENE CAMPBELL

Hamilton Goddard, visitor enterprise manager for the Balmoral Estate, has been working to open up the entrance hall, red corridor, main and family dining rooms, page's lobby, library and drawing room to the public.

He said: "It's a magnificent place. I think the King wants people to see (it)." Charles is the

latest in a long line of royals who have added their stamp to Balmoral since Victoria and Prince Albert fell in love with the area and had the castle built in the 1850s.

**The King has changed the drawing room carpets back to Hunting Stewart tartan, which was the original style Victoria had fitted.**

Balmoral's walls are adorned with paintings by Victorian

artist Sir Edwin Henry Landseer selected by Charles, who has inherited his great-great-great-grandmother Victoria's passion for the painter and sculptor.

The castle's library was once her breakfast room.

Hamilton Goddard added: "The public actually seeing the library, which is now used as His Majesty's study, is just possibly one of the most beautiful rooms of the entire residence."



RELEASE BID Daniel Lynch

## Katie Piper's acid attack ex to go before Parole Board

BY ADAM ASPINALL

THE rapist ex-boyfriend who ordered the acid attack on TV presenter Katie Piper is up for parole.

Daniel Lynch was convicted 15 years ago of arranging for Stefan Sylvestre to throw the liquid at the former model in March 2008.

It left her blind in one eye and needing more than 400 operations to try to repair the damage.

Lynch was jailed for life with a minimum of 16 years in May 2009 for raping Katie and setting up the acid attack on her.

The Parole Board confirmed yesterday there will be a private hearing for him on July 23 and 24.

Katie, 40, told last June how she was haunted by the prospect of Lynch's release.

She said: "I'm 40 this year. Am I going to die in the next 10 years? I don't actually know."

"The people that attacked me will be released."

"Are they going to kill me? I'm not sure."

Sylvestre was released on licence after serving nine years but was recalled to prison in 2022 for breaching his conditions.

## Warder due in court over jail sex video

A WOMAN will appear in court today after a video was posted on social media allegedly showing a prison officer having sex with an inmate in a cell.

Former jail guard Linda De Sousa Abreu, 30, has been charged with misconduct in public office, the Metropolitan Police said.

De Sousa Abreu, of Fulham, South West London, is in custody and will appear at Uxbridge magistrates court today.

A police investigation was launched on Friday after officers were made aware of a video, said to have been filmed inside HMP Wandsworth.

De Sousa Abreu was arrested the same day.



STRUM THING SPECIAL  
TikTok star  
Kirsteen Harvey  
and her dad Scott

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and, above,  
Miles Reed

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## Long riff guitar heroes

A MUSIC photographer has captured the stories of Scots guitarists ahead of the 20th anniversary of a guitar retailer.

Aaron Parsons, who has photographed the Arctic Monkeys and Taylor Swift, snapped 20 customers of Guitarguitar, which was founded in Edinburgh.

Parsons said: "When they pick up their guitar, the room, or stage, lights up. My job is to try and capture that unique energy in just a single image."

Guitarguitar's Adam Speck said the firm wants to "inspire future generations to pick up a guitar and create their own special story with one".

# I FACE THREATS FOR EXPOSING LUKE LIES

## Ex-supporter put Mitchell trial details online

BY RORY CASSIDY

woman said she called police after her efforts to share original trial details went "down like a lead balloon" with his campaign.

She said: "Over recent months a significant number of key witness trial testimonies have been purchased and placed online, with appropriate permission, for anyone to see and form their own judgment."

She said the documents

"resulted in a heinous backlash from Mitchell campaigners because, I believe, the transcripts highlight the differences between what has been said by Luke's supporters and what was really said during the trial."

**The woman said she has been called a "child abuser" and has had threatening phone calls.**

She added: "I work with kids and they're trying to damage my reputation."

The woman, who was heavily

involved in Mitchell's campaign, noticed "those who asked questions" were "shut down".

She added: "I subsequently left the team and was quickly branded a traitor."

Police told her there isn't enough evidence to charge anyone for the abuse. She added: "I'll keep putting up transcripts as they become available. People have paid a lot of money into the campaign and they should have all the information."



MURDER Mitchell killed Jodi Jones

**A FORMER supporter of convicted killer Luke Mitchell has told how she has suffered a torrent of abuse after exposing lies by his backers.**

The young woman said the threats are a result of her putting trial information online.

Mitchell, 35, was 16 when he was jailed for life for murdering his girlfriend Jodi Jones near her home in Easthouses, Midlothian, in June 2003. His bid for parole was rejected in April.

Since 2021 his supporters have called for a case review, claiming a miscarriage of justice. The

BY CHRIS HUGHES

It took a year for Iraqi and Kurdish infantry to drive Islamic State out of Mosul, after starting their attack from 10 miles outside the city.

From the Battle of Bashiqa, IS's lunatics fought to the very end in Iraq's second city.

We witnessed the opening shots heralding the beginning of the end of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's brutal Caliphate back in 2016.

This month marks a decade since the most feared terror kingdom launched its bloody and depraved reign in Mosul.

For several years IS was entrenched in Syria and Iraq, plotting wider attacks far beyond Iraq's borders.

Kidnapping women and using them as sex slaves, extorting banks and businesses, and launching a black market of stolen booty built up a war chest of several billion dollars.

They even stole oil to sell at cut prices in Turkey, making the group a fortune to feed its endless thirst for warfare on the rest of the world.

Even now, Iraqi Special Forces are fighting IS in their caves and secret hideouts as they plot terror attacks, their militant tentacles stretching all the way to the UK.

Only last year the head of Special Forces there, Abdel Wahab al-Saadi, told me in Baghdad: "We know IS have been talking to UK-based terrorists and we know what they are planning. It is a big attack."

Thankfully, that plot to attack a major gathering in the UK was thwarted by MI5 and police, after Baghdad officials tipped them off.

A few hundred IS junior commanders and their fighters are believed to be hiding in the desert, with sleeper cells also in Syria.

But it may be years before their threat is wiped out, having spread all the way to Pakistan, Afghanistan, Africa and into Europe.

Islamic State was an offshoot of al-Qaeda, made up of jihadists thrown out of Osama bin Laden's group as they were too violent.

Spawned amid the chaos of post-war Iraq, their leader and beheader-in-chief was Jordanian thug Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

He was killed by US forces in 2006 after running a brutal campaign against Iraqi Shia, Christians and western forces.

Then the group was known as al-Qaeda in Iraq, former drug dealer al-Zarqawi having met bin Laden during a stint as a jihadist in Afghanistan.

Iraqi-born hate cleric al-Baghdadi took over and in 2010 was announced as the group's "emir," spearheading one of the bloodiest-ever waves of killings in Iraq.

In 2013, al-Baghdadi changed the Al-Qaeda in Iraq name to Islamic State in al-Sham, a reference to his desire to make a land-held caliphate across the Middle East.

Thousands of Iraqi police were



**FORCE OF EVIL**  
An Islamic State jihadi holding flag in 2015

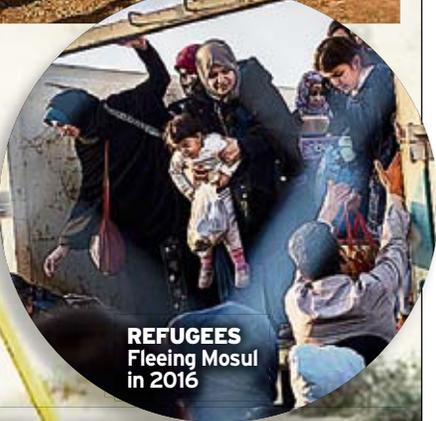
**BIG BLAST**  
Front line in the Battle of Bashiqa in 2016

Pictures: ROWAN GRIFFITHS

**FIREPOWER** Rocket launch near Mosul, 2016



**FEARSOME** Iraqi special forces troops in training last year



**REFUGEES** Fleeing Mosul in 2016



**DECLARATION** Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in Mosul in 2014



**FIGHTING** Iraqi tank near Mosul in 2016

# TEN YEARS OF TERROR

## Islamic State militants remain a danger to UK

slaughtered as IS rampaged across Iraq's Sunni triangle. IS then streamed north to Mosul, where al-Baghdadi had his big moment.

In June 2014, he stood in Mosul's al-Nuri mosque and announced himself the Caliph of Islamic State, which governed the city and its Syrian HQ Raqqa. Anyone associated with the Shia sect was slaughtered. Scores of terror plots were hatched

in the Middle East, including knife and car-ramming attacks in Westminster and London Bridge.

A year after we covered the Battle of Bashiqa, 10 miles outside Mosul, Iraqi and Kurdish troops, backed by western special forces, reached the city's outskirts.

Photographer Rowan **WARNING** Chief Al-Saadi

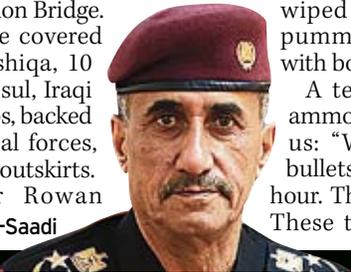
Griffiths and I entered Mosul old town as the remnants of IS were wiped out and RAF jets pummelled the jihadists with bombs.

A teenage boy carrying ammo to the front line told us: "We're taking 10,000 bullets to the troops every hour. This is the final battle. These terrorists won't die."

The IS sleeper cells that remain in the region are trying to gain a new foothold.

An Iraqi counter-terror source said: "They still dream of launching an attack against western targets and, yes, they will try to do something in the UK."

"Any attack in the West serves as a recruiting tool for IS, so they have to be stopped."



### Cows' wind of change thanks to seaweed

TOXIC cow farts are to be made greener by feeding them seaweed.

The methane from the animals' burping and farting is so thick clouds of it are visible from space.

Mince, burgers and steaks in Morrisons will be sourced from cows given seaweed-based feed.

Sam Elsom, boss of Australian supplier Sea Forest, said: "Our trials have demonstrated excellent results."

# I was tall and skinny at school.. the kids called me Olive Oyl

**SPECS APPEAL**  
Naomi hosts V&A tribute launch night this month



## Naomi says dance helped her embrace supermodel figure

BY MARK JEFFERIES

**NAOMI Campbell has told how she was picked on at school because she was tall and skinny.**

The supermodel revealed children called her Olive Oyl after the wiry Popeye cartoon character.

But she said she eventually managed to embrace her 5ft 10in figure by learning to dance.

Naomi, 54, said: "I wasn't at ease with myself because I was very skinny and quite tall for my age."

"And they used to call me Olive Oyl. And, you know, kids call each other names."

"My neck's quite long, so I used to try to shrug my neck down so it wouldn't be so long. I felt awkward."

Naomi, who grew up in South London, recalled how dance helped her shine in front for fashion photographers.

She told the Cambon podcast: "I would pose

the movements and the poses I did for dance, and that got me through.

"And creativity too. It's something that I loved and yeah, that will never change with me."

"My mother gave me a few pointers in the hallway of our home when I was a teenager and I remember even the music we were walking to was Lionel Richie and to listen to the rhythm."

Naomi is celebrating 40 years in the industry with an exhibition about her career at the V&A in London, which runs until next April.

Looking back, she admitted she was never shy to tackle discrimination.

**Naomi added: "I had a voice and I would speak out if there was something that was unfair."**

"Especially if I was working the same hours, doing the same job, but not being paid the same."

**“My neck's quite long, so I used to shrug [it] down so it wouldn't be so long**

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**HEARTBREAK** Mum Debbie with Jay

BY **PATRICK HILL** in Tenerife

**JAY Slater's distraught family have vowed to keep hunting for the missing teenager until he is found after Spanish police called off the search yesterday.**

And they have been urged to bring in a separate team of experts to try to locate the apprentice bricklayer, who disappeared a fortnight ago.

The family are said to be "devastated" and "heartbroken" by the decision to stop the search.

Rachel Hargreaves is a close friend of 19-year-old Jay's mum Debbie Duncan, 55, and dad Warren Slater, 58, and is on Tenerife to help.

Her son Brad, 19, who was on holiday with Jay and another pal Lucy Law, 18, said on Friday he saw his friend slip on some rocks during a video call as Jay walked home from a night out on the morning June 7, the day he vanished.

Rachel, who runs the Facebook page set up to gather information on the missing lad, said: "Nothing has changed. We're still going to go out and search. No one is leaving until we find Jay. We stay, we do what we need to."

**Spanish police on Friday appealed for volunteers to help search the area where Jay was last known to be.**

But they found nothing and called off the hunt, while insisting the case "remains open". Former British police officer and TV sleuth Mark Williams-Thomas, 54, who is working with Jay's family, last night said he has told the family to use cash from a GoFundMe appeal to pay for experts to launch a fresh search.

He said: "The police have put considerable resources into searching for Jay and, of course, it is very disappointing for the family that the search by the police has now ended."

"I have advised the family to use the GoFundMe money to bring in a large team of experts to flood the area from where we know Jay last was."

The page was set up by Lucy and had last night reached nearly £44,000.

TikTok star and amateur mountaineer Paul Arnott, 29, has also been helping and yesterday pledged to carry on.

He said: "I think I'm going to move the search to a new area tomorrow, Monday,

**"I have advised the family to bring in a large team of experts to flood the area"**

**MARK WILLIAMS-THOMAS**  
FORMER COP AND TV SLEUTH



**DETERMINED** Paul said he will carry on island hunt

or this evening." Paul, of Bedfordshire – who was due to take part in a fund-raising walk for Scottish Mountain Rescue before he heard the search plea – also raised the idea of bringing in experts from Britain.

He added: "I wish we could start a GoFundMe and send search and rescue guys from Scotland.

"Maybe Monday I can contact Scottish Mountain Rescue and see if we can have a chat about things, but at the moment this

**HELPING HAND** TV sleuth Mark Williams-Thomas



# We stay.. we do what we need to

Jay family's search pledge after Spain cops end hunt



**REMOTE** The search area on Tenerife was deserted yesterday



**HOPING** Dad Warren, second from right, with son Zak, centre, and police in Tenerife on Saturday

drove him 20 miles to their holiday rental in Masca, before he was seen leaving on foot the next morning.

Police said the pair had "no relevance" to his case. Brad, from

Accrington, Lancashire, told of the video call with his pal as he tried to get home when he slid on rocks.

He added: "I knew he went off the road because I could hear like when you walk on gravel."

But he said they were "both laughing" as Jay was not concerned.

A source close to Spain's Civil Guard said after the search was called off: "If any information comes in that merits a new search though it will be acted upon."

**"Maybe I can contact Scottish Mountain Rescue and have a chat, but this is ridiculous"**

**PAUL ARNOTT ALSO URGES FAMILY GET EXTRA HELP WITH HUNT**

is ridiculous. This is mad." And Paul blasted Saturday's police search, in which just six volunteers joined around 30 rescuers. He branded it "a massive PR thing".

School finance officer Debbie is said to have been told of the police's decision to stop before they confirmed it at 10am yesterday. Jay, from Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, had been at a festival the night before he vanished. Two older British men

# Baby-led weaning given thumbs up by scientists



**GROWTH** From finger food

BABY-led weaning – where infants are encouraged to feed themselves whole pieces of food – provides ample nutrients, early research suggests.

Babies who self-feed with finger foods were found to roughly have the same energy intake as infants who are spoon-fed on purees.

The scientists said baby-led weaning may also

BY NILIMA MARSHALL

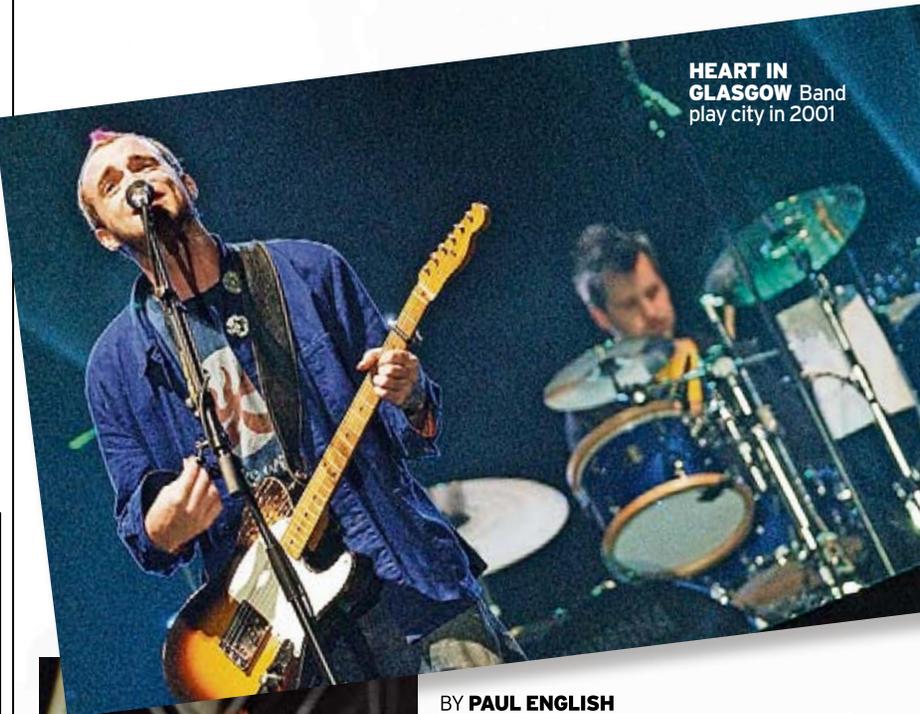
potentially promote better growth compared with conventional weaning but added more research is needed.

The team said their findings, presented at the American Society for Nutrition conference in Chicago, should provide reassurance to parents who want to trial baby-led weaning. Babies are usually

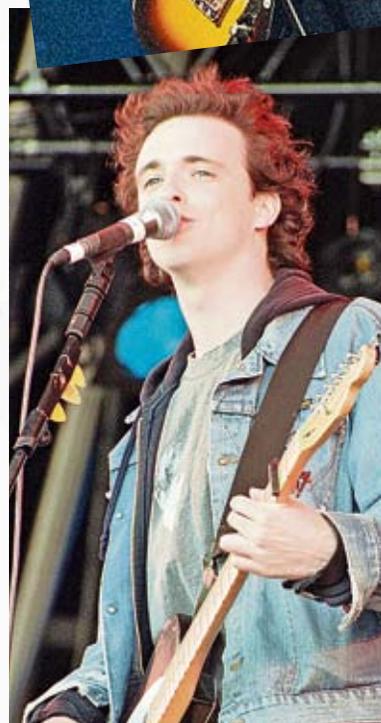
ready to start eating solids from about six months old, when they can be offered soft foods alongside breastmilk or infant formula, according to NHS guidance.

Dr Kinzie Matzeller, a dietitian at the University of Colorado in the United States, said: "It is reassuring to know that baby-led weaning provides adequate calories for growth."

# TRAVIS SINGER'S



**HEART IN GLASGOW** Band play city in 2001



BY PAUL ENGLISH

TRAVIS singer Fran Healy has revealed how the harmful impact of social media on teenagers compelled him to write a song for his band's new album.

The frontman of the Glasgow rockers, who has a teenage son, has penned the new tune for upcoming album, *LA Times*, released later this month.

I Hope That You Spontaneously Combust includes the lyrics "such a shame that your brain is the size of a grain, I hope that you spontaneously combust and give us all some peace at last".

Los Angeles-based Fran, originally from Possilpark in Glasgow, wrote it in response to the negative effects of social media and influencers on tech-addicted society.

He said: "It's a song about influencers. Some people say social media is the modern town square, but I think that is absolute nonsense.

"In what town square would you go up to someone and be horrible right to their face? That's what happens on these apps.

"The internet gives the idea that it's social, but it's actually the opposite. It's causing a lot of weird fractures in everyday life, and some really bad behaviour.

"It's enough to make it feel like a toxic environment. You can call me old fashioned if you like but I think that bad behaviour is spilling over into the street."

Fran, whose hits include *Why Does It Always Rain on Me*, *Driftwood* and *Writing to Reach You*, pointed to recent comments by America's leading public health official, who has called for cigarette-style warnings on social media apps like X, formerly Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

Surgeon General Vivek Murthy suggested last week that social media increases the risk of anxiety and depression among kids. Murthy now wants users to be shown a message stating that sites are "associated with significant mental health harms for adolescents".

Fran said: "It's all having a terrible effect on the mental health of our kids. They're considering banning phones in schools in LA and now the surgeon general is calling for warnings on apps.

"They're realising these innocent little apps created by your Mark Zuckers and the rest are damaging the mental health of our kids. So the song is a response to all those people out there being nasty." And the singer took a thinly

**CHEEKY** Band at T in The Park in 1998



**HITS** Early albums were a success



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# SOCIAL MEDIA WARNING TO TEENS

# WRITING TO TEACH YOU



**Frontman Fran says seeing impact of toxic sites led him to set his sights on influencers for his latest track and reckons its time for teenagers to take a break from phones for the good of their health**



**MOVING WITH TIMES**  
Travis and new album



veiled swipe at one of America's most prominent social media users, saying: "It's especially aimed at a certain person, who is the ringleader in America, a man who I won't name."

Ahead of the new album's launch, Fran and his bandmates Neil Primrose, Andy Dunlop and Dougie Payne returned to Glasgow last week on their tour with The Killers, playing three nights with the Las Vegas rockers at Glasgow's Hydro.

Killers frontman Brandon Flowers joined Fran for an emotional cover version of Aztec Camera hit Somewhere In My Heart on Thursday.

Fran said: "I saw a quote from Antony Bourdain recently about Glasgow being the antidote to the rest of the world and I thought that nailed it. I miss the place. LA has none of its craic. If LA was a person you met at a party, they'd bore the face off you."

"There's a bit of that Glasgow cheek on some of the songs on this album. A song like Gaslight (their recent single) is that side of my personality that people who know me off stage will recognise. I'm dead cheeky, but in a Glaswegian way." It's 27 years since the release

of the band's first album Good Feeling, and 25 since the success of LP The Man Who, which will be celebrated by a BBC Radio Scotland documentary.

Fran and the band will launch the new album with a gig in Fat Sam's in Dundee on July 14, before they return to Glasgow for a Christmas gig in December, as a part of their Raze The Bar world tour, supported by Edinburgh singer-songwriter Hamish Hawke.

Fran said: "We are in great shape as a band and are playing better than ever."

Speaking about his new bright red hairdo, Fran said it's about attracting attention to the new album.

"I've never had so much attention in my life. And it's about making people smile. We shouldn't take things too seriously. We might not be here tomorrow."

● Travis's new album LA Times is out on July 12. The documentary Travis: The Man Who at 20 is on BBC Radio Scotland on July 16.

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FRAN HEALY ON HIS SOCIAL MEDIA CONCERNS

## Two motors torched in same street

TWO cars have been deliberately set on fire, sparking a police probe.

Emergency crews were alerted to the blazes which happened in Melville Close, Glenrothes, in Fife, on Saturday at about 4.45am.

Images from the scene shows two vehicles that have been badly burnt, with the windows on each blown out.

A police spokesperson said: "The incident is being treated as wilful and inquiries are ongoing."

# 'STINGY' KING OF CASTLE DIES LIVING IN FLAT

## £22M LOTTERY WINNER PAUL'S LONELY DEATH



**CELEBRATION** Window salesman Paul, left, shared the £22m jackpot with friend Mark £3.8m fortune left to sister-in-law

BY PAUL DRURY

### ONE of Britain's biggest lottery winners was living alone in a modest flat when he died last year.

Former double-glazing salesman Paul Maddison shared a £22million jackpot with a friend within months of the National Lottery's 1994 launch.

But it has emerged the millionaire, who bought a Scottish castle with his winnings, was living in a flat in Perthshire worth £165,000 when he died aged 73.

And he ended up giving a huge slice of his fortune to the taxman after his death.

Paul and pal Mark Gardiner hit the headlines in 1995 when they scooped a £22.6million jackpot.

Following the win, Paul moved more than 500 miles from Hastings in Sussex to Scotland, where he became increasingly reclusive.

Papers related to his will show Paul – who married four times – left his £3.8million fortune to Thelma Todd. She is the sister of his fourth wife, Evelyn, who died early last year. Todd lives near Paul's Perthshire flat.

However, a huge inheritance tax bill of £1.4million means the total value of the estate was just over £2.45million.

Legal documents, lodged at Perth Sheriff Court, show Paul owned four properties in the area worth £865,000 and had five bank accounts holding about £3million. He also left assets



**BIG PROFIT** Robgill Tower

valued at £4685 by an auctioneer. It seems he hung on to properties as he downsized after once buying 16th-century castle Robgill Tower, near Dumfries, for £650,000. It was sold for a significant profit of £1.25million three years ago.

Legal sources who examined the will said Paul's daughters, Sasha and Stacey, who both live in Sussex – can each legally claim 25 per cent of any of the cash or possessions their father left.

### There is no mention of Paul's son or previous wives in the bequest signed on February 10 last year.

At the time of his death, neighbours spoke of Paul's frugal lifestyle. One said: "There was certainly no expensive car parked outside or any sign of wealth."

Another said: "Paul was famously stingy. He was never first to the bar buying a round of drinks. If that happened, he'd be gone."

**“ He was never first to the bar buying a round**

**NEIGHBOUR CLAIMS MADDISON WAS STINGY**

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# STORMS RAVAGE EUROPE AND CARIBBEAN



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Chippis in southern Switzerland

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# FLOODS KILL FOUR

## Tragedy as heavy rains wreak havoc in Switzerland and Italy

**AT LEAST four people have been killed as storms lashed Switzerland and northern Italy causing extensive flooding and landslides.**

BY RECORD REPORTER

had reported him missing was found at a hotel in the Alpine resort of Saas-Grund early yesterday. They said he is believed to have been caught by surprise by floodwater.

Another man has been missing since Saturday evening in the Binn area, in the upper Rhone valley near the Italian border, police said.

The bodies of three people were recovered following a landslide in the Fontana area of the Maggia valley in the Italian-speaking Ticino Swiss canton on the southern side of the Alps.

Storms and heavy rain pounded southern and western Switzerland on Saturday and overnight.

Camping sites along the Maggia River were evacuated and part of the small Visletto road bridge collapsed.

One person was missing in the nearby Lavizzara valley.

Further north, the Rhone river burst its banks in several areas of Valais canton, flooding a road and a railway line.

Police said side valleys south of the Rhone had been hit by particularly heavy rain, and the body of a man whose partner

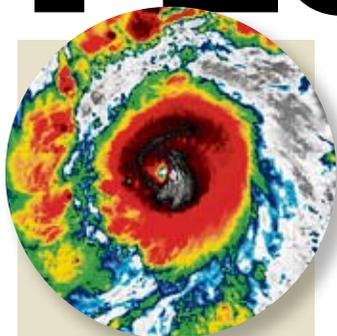
**SCOTLAND** is set to be battered by storms. There's rain in the forecast for the next two weeks, just as families are hoping to enjoy trips across the country with the start of the school holidays. And voters heading to the polling stations on Thursday would be well advised to take not just photo ID but an umbrella as well. Scotland can expect rain or showers and 40mph winds on election day.

Floods, landslides and thunderstorms also struck various regions in northern Italy.

Firefighters said they carried out about 80 rescue operations and evacuated dozens of people in the northern Piedmont region.

**Between Montanaro and San Benigno Canavese, two adults and a three-month-old girl were rescued after the rising waters of the Orco torrent left them stuck in their car, firefighters said.**

Several villages were isolated due to overflowing streams, storms and landslides in the Valle D'Aosta region.



## Hurricane Beryl fears

HURRICANE Beryl has strengthened into what experts called an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm as it approaches the Caribbean.

The region began shutting down yesterday amid urgent pleas from government officials for people to take shelter.

Hurricane warnings were in effect for Barbados, St Lucia, Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

"This is a very serious situation developing for the Windward Islands," warned the National Hurricane Centre in Miami, which said Beryl was "forecast to bring life-threatening winds and storm surge".

Expert Michael Lowry said: "Beryl is an extremely dangerous and rare hurricane."



**COLLAPSE**  
The Visletto road bridge between Visletto and Cevio, above



# LIFE live it well

## LEGALEYE

**WHAT happens if a director or shareholder loses capacity (without a business POA)?**

WE have looked before in this column at the importance of powers of attorney (POA) - not just for aged parents or people with disability/incapacity to deal with their personal affairs, but also in a business or corporate context.

Companies and firms need to trade consistently.

If a director/partner is on holiday or travelling remotely on business, having a power of attorney in place to authorise a senior member of staff to step in for urgent decisions may be crucial.

Either the director may not be contactable, or perhaps is just having some well-deserved "me-time" and, for a precious few days, does not want to be bothered having to make decisions for the office.

As many businesses have not twigged to this important procedure, we need to look at what would happen if there is no POA.

As with many legal questions, the answer depends on the circumstances. If the company has multiple directors, and there is a practice that one or more are always at work, then there is no immediate issue.

But if the directors are married, or domestic as well as business partners, and therefore may be on holiday together, the problem is clear.

It is not enough to give one of the managers internal permission, either verbally or even in writing.

The POA is what third parties - customers, HMRC, suppliers, regulators and other important bodies - will rely on. They need a formal patent documented authority to be confident of making the company bound by a contract, a finding, or an order.

Personal familiarity and regular informal interaction may not stand up in court if there is a dispute, and the company's defence may be that it is not liable for the money or obligation, because no one



**Lawyer Austin Lafferty tells you where you stand in his new weekly column**

with full contractual authority signed off on the deal or action.

The other party can see this, so refuses to do business without the relevant sign-off.

A company may miss out on a deal or a job if there is no one in the workplace to accept a booking, or the hirer wants to know if the directors have accepted and signed the spec or the price.

All of this and more illustrates why having a commercial power of attorney can be an important tool.

Not one to use every day perhaps, but on the very day the business needs a sign-off from a responsible senior staff member, that's when not having it will cost.

The final point to make is that it is not expensive or complicated to have a power of attorney prepared and signed up.

One document can appoint several alternative people, giving each (trusted and competent) manager or executive the plenipotentiary powers jointly and severally.

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● Everyone's circumstances are individual. Always seek professional legal advice if you are uncertain about your own situation.

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**W**ITH more than 20 years of experience in science education and as a cosmetic chemist, Dr Michelle Wong has amassed a huge following as the voice of reason in the beauty industry.

Her insightful videos for her 550,000 Instagram and 560,000 YouTube followers (@LabMuffinBeautyScience) debunk myths about everything from exfoliants to eyeshadow.

Now the Australian-born expert has written *The Science of Beauty*, an eye-opening book in which she sorts fact from fiction to reveal the truth behind marketing claims, TikTok trends and treatments such as Botox.

She deploys evidence to explain which ingredients do what they say on the tin, and the ones to avoid so you don't waste your cash. Here, she busts some of the biggest beauty myths...

**MYTH: You get what you pay for**  
Good news - effective skincare products needn't break the bank.

"The most evidence-based ingredients in skincare aren't that expensive," she says. "Retinol, niacinamide, and vitamin C, which are very effective, are reasonably cheap."

"Brands including Neutrogena, L'Oreal, and Olay invest a ton of money into research but, because of economy of scale, they can sell them a lot more cheaply than the really expensive skincare brands."

**MYTH: You should never sleep in make-up**

We don't need to follow a 10-step Korean cleansing routine just to avoid breakouts.

"The pigments in make-up generally aren't particularly irritating so sleeping in it isn't that bad," she says.

"But if you had your make-up on all day, it probably collected a lot of pollutants so wiping it off is a good idea. In fact, sleeping in make-up isn't that different to sleeping in a moisturiser that has collected those pollutants."

**MYTH: Natural products are safer**

There's no beauty industry consensus on what "natural" means, Dr Wong explains: "Lots of things in nature aren't good for us, from allergens to toxins, and a lot of ingredients that people are allergic to are natural ingredients found in essential oils and fragrances."



**MYTH: Drink water for clear skin**  
Chugging eight glasses of water isn't the secret to a perfect complexion.

"If you don't have liver or kidney disease then your body is going to clear out toxins naturally," she says. "Drinking water just dilutes your urine. But it's still good to drink it or you'll get headaches."

**MYTH: Dirty hair cleans itself**

Hair doesn't magically shed its own dirt and grease, despite what you may have

# Biggest beauty myths busted

It's time to rethink everything you thought you knew about hair, skin and make-up, says expert Dr Michelle Wong. Here, she sorts fact from fiction...



heard. "Your hair and scalp can't sense how much oil is there," she says. "When people say they don't need to shampoo as often, that could be because they got used to that level of oil."

**MYTH: You can't get rid of wrinkles**

"Retinol reduces wrinkles by increasing collagen deep beneath the skin," says Dr Wong. "And hydroxy acids, which are chemical exfoliants, smooth out upper layers of your skin. Moisturiser will reduce the appearance of wrinkles too."

Prevention is always better than cure. She says: "The biggest preventable cause of wrinkles is sun exposure, so wearing a daily sunscreen is a good idea. It's a lot cheaper and a lot more effective to prevent wrinkles than to try to undo them later."

**MYTH: Silicones and sulfates damage hair**

In fact, silicones and sulfates, chemicals found in shampoo and conditioner, can

be beneficial. "These cleaning ingredients are considered to be very harsh, stripping away too much oil," Dr Wong explains.

"But they're not that bad. Silicones are plastics and coat hair, rather than nourishing it. But hair is dead, you can't feed it anything. Putting a layer of plastic on your hair would be a protective shield."

**MYTH: Acne is caused by poor diet**

If you thought your sweet tooth was causing spots, think again. She says: "Studies on diet and acne haven't found many consistent results."

"High-glycaemic index foods that are very sugary or have very easily absorbed carbohydrates, such as ultra processed food, can increase acne."

"Dairy might also worsen acne. But it depends how your body interacts with

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If you suspect a particular ingredient might be triggering your acne, try taking a break and see what happens."

**H: Facial oils make less greasy**

It is this theory that facial oils on your skin can help to your skin to produce less oil, says Dr Wong. "It doesn't sense that you have more oil on your skin. If you use a product that has more oil on it, your skin won't have less oil on it. It just has different oils. Some people find them helpful, especially if they have dry skin."

**Clinically tested more effective**

It's a clinical term, but "clinically tested" usually means the product has been tested but it doesn't

tell you how." So you need to do a deep dive online to find out more.

Dr Wong says: "Make sure it was tested on a skin type similar to yours. Usually they'll tell you the age of the people, their skin tone and how long it was tested for. Sometimes they've just tested on three people."

**MYTH: You can treat cellulite**

It's time to make your peace with orange-peel skin. "Cellulite happens deep in your skin as bands of connective tissue pull your skin down towards the muscle," says Dr Wong. "That's what causes the dimples in cellulite."

Any benefits of cellulite treatment are unlikely to last more than a couple of hours. She says: "It's a temporary effect from spreading out fluid collecting under your skin."

**MYTH: Steaming clears pores**

Placing your face over a bowl of boiling water is an age-old beauty treatment.

But Dr Wong says: "Pores on our face don't open and close with different amounts of heat. Steaming can be helpful as getting your face wet lubricates pores and makes it easier to get out dirt. But steam is also hot so it can irritate skin."

**MYTH: Buy hypoallergenic products for sensitive skin**

Not every potential allergen is tested in products marketed as hypoallergenic. She says: "When a brand says a product is hypoallergenic, they mean they avoided using common allergens. And brands don't always test their products on people with sensitive skin."

**MYTH: Sunscreen causes vitamin D deficiency**

Though sunscreen blocks some of the UVB rays that help skin to produce vitamin D, there's no scientific evidence linking sunscreen and a deficiency. "Most likely, because you aren't wearing sunscreen all over your skin,

there are gaps where sun can get through and produce enough vitamin D. Usually vitamin D deficiency is associated with not going outside or wearing protective clothing all the time," she says.

**MYTH: Make-up with SPF does the same job as sunscreen**

"The SPF on any product is the protection you get if you apply about a quarter teaspoon to your face. But foundation isn't designed to be worn that thickly and you can't apply that much without looking very strange," says Dr Wong. "With SPF in moisturisers, if you can apply a quarter teaspoon to your face then you're covered."

**MYTH: Cruelty-free products are ethical**

"Most cosmetic products aren't tested on animals," says Dr Wong. "But there are other ethical issues with cosmetics that 'cruelty free' doesn't capture."

"Animal testing is designed to ensure the safety of workers handling bulk ingredients, so avoiding animal testing is possibly unethical."

"Some ingredients use child labour and slave labour and that's not covered by 'cruelty free' either."

**MYTH: Hair dryers damage hair**

Using a hair dryer can be less damaging than allowing hair to dry naturally.

"Wet hair is more fragile. Air drying your hair means your hair is wet for longer," she says. "In general, air drying



and using a blow dryer on a low heat are probably equally damaging, and not very damaging at all."

**MYTH: You only need sunscreen outdoors**

"There are two types of UV radiation. UVB causes more burning but UVA is linked to ageing skin, darker pigment and some forms of skin cancer," she says. "UVA can penetrate glass so if you're sitting close to a window and the sun is shining on your skin, then you probably need sunscreen."

**MYTH: Gel nails are damaging**

Gel nails aren't a problem, it's the removal process that can cause harm. "If you start peeling off your gel nails, that can peel off the top layers of your nail," she says.

"For safe removal, get cotton wool, dip it in acetone, wrap it around the nail and soak it for 15 minutes. Then you should be able to push the gel off with no force."

In fact, gel nails are beneficial if your nails are weak. She says: "They can reinforce the nail and prevent chipping and breakage."

■ **The Science of Beauty by Dr Michelle Wong, £16.99, is published by DK**

INTERVIEW BY CHARLOTTE HEATHCOTE

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Fiancee's friends say our wedding will be too lavish



Dear Coleen

I'm a 40-year-old man and I'm getting married to the love of my life at the end of August. This is a second marriage for both of us and our dating history is very similar.

We both married in our 20s and got divorced in our 30s, and neither of us has kids with our exes. We met each other via a dating app, sparks immediately flew and it's been great ever since.

My problem is, there seems to be quite a lot of negativity around our wedding from friends of hers and even her sister, who said the celebrations sounded "over the top for a second wedding".

I have gone to town a bit because I want to make my fiancée happy - a big marquee at a country house, bands, DJs, fireworks, the full nine yards. But why not?

Neither of us had a big wedding first time round because we were young and our families couldn't afford it, but I've got a good job and so does my fiancée, so why not make it a day to remember?

I can tell she's upset by what she's heard and the general lack of enthusiasm from people who are supposed to care about her.

One of her friends, who's also a bridesmaid, is being difficult about arrangements for getting to the venue - she's behaving like the whole thing is an inconvenience. Please advise.

Coleen says

HOW great that you found each other - and congratulations. Look, if I had a penny for every letter I've had from stressed-out brides and grooms over the years, I'd be a rich woman.

If you have a big wedding and invite a lot of people, inevitably some of the guests are going to be a pain. But who cares? You're going to a lot of effort and spending a lot of money to celebrate each other and give your guests a fabulous day.

Ignore the negativity, stay focused on your plans, do it your way and anyone who complains doesn't have to come to the wedding. That includes the whiny

bridesmaid - it's not her special day!

It sounds like jealousy and gossipy nonsense to me, which I agree is a shame, but you mustn't let it spoil the vibe.

Trust me, when you see your fiancée walking down the aisle towards you and you're dancing at the reception later and hearing all the lovely things people have to say about you both, all this other stuff will fade into insignificance.

Just keep being positive with your fiancée - tell her it's going to be a great day and you can't wait to be married to her.

You don't have to justify your choices to anyone. You both deserve to have the best day of your lives.

I've booked a country house, bands, DJs, the full nine yards

WORDS OF WISDOM
If you have something important coming up like an exam or a job interview, it's important to go into it with a positive attitude. Prepare as well as you can, but also start visualising how good it will feel to do well and achieve your goal.

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### FAMILY Paddy and wife Laura



### POWER Molly in action

PADDY "The Baddy" Pimblett and Molly "Meatball" McCann are Liverpool legends and two of the biggest names in Ultimate Fighting Championships. Proud Scousers and best mates, the charismatic MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) fighters are making a massive impact in UFC, which is hailed as one of the fastest growing sports in the world.

This frank and funny series follows the pair as they enter the next phase of their professional and personal lives, all while juggling relationships with friends and family.

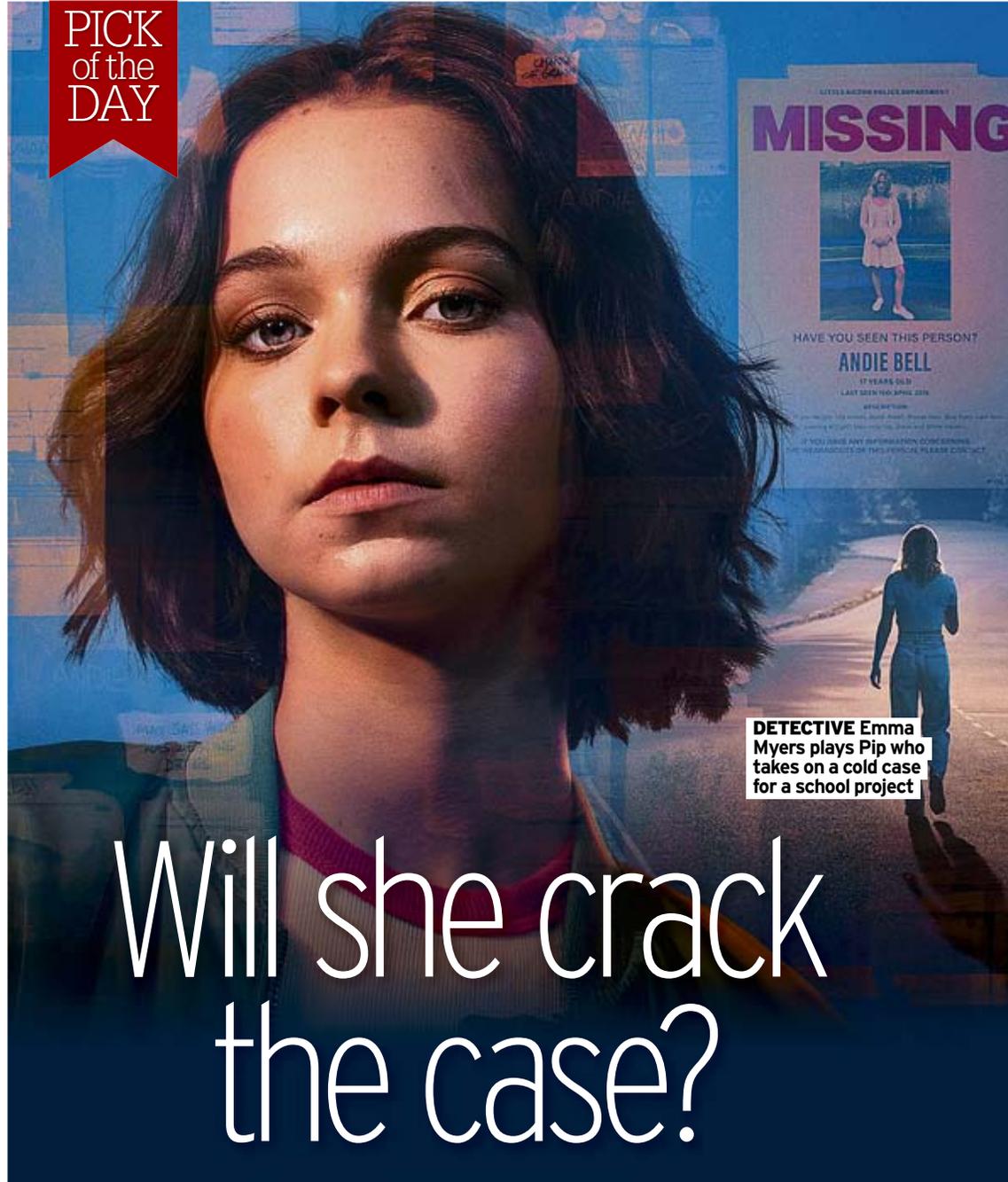
Paddy is married to Laura, who is pregnant with twins, while Molly is engaged to Ellis.

Can the fighters find space for quality family time alongside their careers?

It starts in Vegas, with the most important fight of Paddy's career as he faces Tony Ferguson in the Octagon.

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**BASED on Holly Jackson's hit young adult novel, this is a twisty whodunit about a murdered schoolgirl.**

Five years ago, Andie Bell was killed by her boyfriend Sal Singh. He sent a text confessing to the murder before being found dead, seemingly having taken his own life.

Andie's body was never found. Case closed, right?

Not according to Pip Fitz-Amobi, played by American Emma Myers, who decides to crack open the cold case for her school research project.

It's the summer holidays, so she has plenty of time to make a nuisance of herself in Little Kilton, stirring up old rivalries and new mysteries.

Pip declares: "I'm going to solve the Andie Bell case. The whole world thinks Sal Singh's guilty but he never had a trial and they never even found Andie's body."

"Sal was a good guy. Good guys don't kill people. Whoever it was might still be out there."

Cut to the blank bedroom wall you just know will soon be a crime board covered with posters and Post-its.

Watch out for Anna Maxwell Martin as Pip's mum, Gary Beadle as Pip's stepdad, Zain Iqbal as Ravi Singh, Sal's younger brother, Asha Banks as Cara, Pip's best friend and Mathew Baynton as Elliot Ward, Pip's English teacher and Cara's dad.

Emma says: "This show is different from a lot of other crime shows, namely because the detective is a teenage girl."

Author Holly, who executive-produced the show, adds: "The book is cinematic, so it lends itself really well to a TV show."

### SKINT: THE TRUTH ABOUT BRITAIN'S BROKEN ECONOMY WITH TIM HARFORD

Channel 4, 9pm

BRITAIN feels underfunded and falling apart. Potholes remain unfilled, sewage is overflowing, hospital waiting times are lengthening.

Politicians are arguing over the reasons, but do any of them have a realistic plan to fix Britain's broken economy?

On the eve of the general election, Tim Harford, "Undercover Economist" at the Financial Times, and presenter of Radio 4's More or Less, cuts

through the half-truths by looking at what the numbers really tell us about the state we're in.

More than any other, he reckons there is one economic factor that has got us into this situation - growth. Or rather, the lack of it.

Tim helps understand why things have gone so badly off the rails, why it's so difficult to fix, and suggests how Britain might climb out of the hole we've got ourselves into.

Featuring powerful real-life stories and testimony from expert witnesses, Tim provides a fresh analysis that's notably missing from the election coverage.



BIG HITTERS  
Qasa, Clare, Isa  
and, inset, Carlos

### WIMBLEDON 2024

BBC1/BBC2, from 10.30am

WE live in a country where for a fortnight every year it's perfectly acceptable - even expected - to sit around watching daytime TV while eating strawberries and cream, and drinking Pimm's.

It's Wimbledon, which means summer has officially arrived as the world's greatest players take to the pristine lawns of the All England Club.

Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz opens the action on Centre Court on day one of the championships. However, there have

been question marks over the participation of former champion Novak Djokovic who has been fighting to recover from an injury - he's been made the No 2 seed.

For a British contender, all eyes will be on Emma Raducanu, as well Jack Draper.

And, of course, there are celebrities and royals to spot.

Isa Guha, Qasa Alom and Clare Balding host live coverage all day, along with highlights in the Today At Wimbledon programme at 9pm tonight on BBC2.

There'll be action from the biggest matches, along with analysis and discussion of the main talking points.

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OPINION  
FT's Tim Harford

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- ★★★★★ Brilliant
- ★★★★ Very Good
- ★★★ Good
- ★★ Average
- ★
- Bad

(R) Repeat

**BBC ONE**

**6.00am Breakfast** News headlines.  
**9.30 Morning Live** Magazine.  
**10.45 Scam Interceptors** The Interceptors go online dating.  
**11.15 Homes Under the Hammer** The progress of properties in London and Kent. (R)  
**12.15pm LIVE Wimbledon 2024** Coverage of play on the outside courts on day one of the Grand Slam tournament from the All England Club, featuring men's and ladies' singles first-round matches.  
**1.00 BBC News at One; Weather**  
**2.00 LIVE Wimbledon 2024** Isa Guha and Clare Balding present further coverage of day one from the All England Club, as the first round continues in the men's and ladies' singles. Wild card Elina Svitolina impressed on Centre Court at this stage last year, claiming a 6-4, 6-3 victory over five-time champion Venus Williams. Over on the No 1 Court, top seed Iga Swiatek prevailed over Zhu Lin 6-1, 6-3.  
**6.00 BBC News** Headlines.  
**6.30 Reporting Scotland**

**BBC TWO**

**6.30am Garden Rescue: Top of the Plots** (R)  
**7.15 Bargain Hunt** (R)  
**8.00 Sign Zone: The Repair Shop** Experts restore the garden gate of what used to be Roald Dahl's mother's house. (R)  
**9.00 BBC News** Headlines.  
**10.30 LIVE Wimbledon 2024** Isa Guha presents coverage of the opening day of the tournament from the All England Club, featuring men's and ladies' first-round matches.  
**12.15pm Politics Live** Updates.  
**1.00 LIVE Wimbledon 2024** Isa Guha and Clare Balding present further coverage of day one of the Grand Slam tournament from the All England Club, featuring men's and ladies' first-round matches. Carlos Alcaraz will get proceedings under way on Centre Court, as is tradition for the reigning men's champion, having ended Novak Djokovic's streak of winning the title in each of the past four stagings of the tournament by defeating him in the final.

**STV**

**6.00am Good Morning Britain** A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.  
**9.00 Lorraine** Entertainment and the latest fashion news.  
**10.00 This Morning** Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.  
**12.30pm Loose Women** Celebrity interviews and topical debate.  
**1.30 ITV News; Weather**  
**1.55 STV News; Weather**  
**2.00 Cooking with the Stars** With Johnny Vegas, Shirley Ballas and Naughty Boy. (R)  
**3.00 Catchphrase** Gameshow, with Stephen Mulhern. (R)  
**3.45 LIVE UEFA Euro 2024** France v Belgium (kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the last-16 match from Dusseldorf Arena, between two nations who have underperformed so far in the tournament. France finished second in Group D, following up a 1-0 victory against Austria with draws against the Netherlands and Poland.

**CHANNEL 4**

**6.25am Cheers** Double bill. (R)  
**7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond** Four episodes. (R)  
**9.05 Frasier** Four episodes. (R)  
**11.05 Great Canal Journeys** (R)  
**12.05pm Channel 4 News Summary** Headlines.  
**12.10 Help! We Bought a Village** A couple from Norwich find shoes in their bread oven. (R)  
**1.10 Car S.O.S** Tim and Fuzz get help from James Nesbitt. (R)  
**2.10 Countdown** Ranvir Singh is in Dictionary Corner.  
**3.00 A Place in the Sun** Searching in Marbella. (R)  
**4.00 Renovation Nation** Tracey and Rob try to restore a chapel in a Scottish castle.  
**5.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now?** Zak and Tony face up to the realities of managing a busy B&B at their chateau. (R)  
**6.00 Four in a Bed** The first destination of the week is the Golden Grove Retreat in Carmarthenshire. (R)  
**6.30 The Simpsons** Homer gets trapped in a cave. (R)

**CHANNEL 5**

**6.00am Milkshake!** Children's TV.  
**9.15 Jeremy Vine** Discussion.  
**11.15 Storm Huntley** Debate on the day's talking points.  
**12.45pm Friends** Double bill. The pals gather for Phoebe's birthday; Ross disagrees with Rachel's choice of nanny. (R)  
**1.40 5 News at Lunchtime**  
**1.45 Home and Away** Harper comes clean to Tane. (R)  
**2.15 FILM Twisted House Sitter** (2021, 12) A woman crosses paths with a beautiful, affluent, entrepreneur, and decides to take over her life. Thriller, with Crystal-Lee Naomi. ★★  
**4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** A woman who runs a rescue horse retreat. (R)  
**5.00 5 News at 5** Headlines.  
**6.00 Party Election Broadcast** By the Conservative Party.  
**6.05 Police Interceptors** An ill wind blows through Worksop when a Ford Focus seemingly fails to stop for Lewis and Rich, and police dog Quantum follows his nose to an outdoor toilet (R); 5 News Update



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**7.00 The Bidding Room** Items brought in by the public include an unusual piece of Japanese design.  
**7.30 LIVE MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Portugal v Slovenia (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the last-16 match from Frankfurt Arena, where the sides meet for the first time in a competitive fixture. The Portuguese have built another talented squad after being crowned champions at Euro 2016, and secured top spot in Group F with a game to spare following victories over Czechia and Turkiye. They did slip up in the last fixture against Georgia, but will still start as favourites here. Their opponents managed to draw all three of their group matches, including a goalless draw against England.

**7.00 LIVE Wimbledon 2024** Further coverage of day one of the Grand Slam tournament, as the first round continues in the men's and ladies' singles. Coco Gauff has been a popular player at SW19 since her debut in 2019, but she had a tournament to forget here last year, falling at the first hurdle to compatriot Sofia Kenin. However, she has since won her maiden Grand Slam at the 2023 US Open and also reached the semi-finals of both the Australian and French Opens this year.  
**9.00 Today at Wimbledon** Qasa Alom presents highlights of the opening day's play, where the first round got under way in the men's and ladies' singles. Carlos Alcaraz was scheduled on Centre Court to begin the defence of the title he won.

**7.30 STV News at Six; Weather**  
**7.45 ITV Evening News** A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's sports stories and weather reports.

**7.00 Channel 4 News** A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's sports stories and weather reports.  
**7.55 Party Election Broadcast**

**7.00 Traffic Cops** A woman is suspected of drink-driving at 10am, while Andy Swift goes on the trail of a driver who has allegedly failed to stop. Plus, PC Boniface is almost hit by a car while he is clearing away debris (R); 5 News Update

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**8.00 Emmerdale** Cain and Moira reconcile, and Belle panics.  
**8.30 Bradley & Barney Walsh: Breaking Dad** The duo embark on the final leg of their European road trip as they explore more of Italy, engaging in gladiatorial combat. (R)

**10.00 The Royle Family** Denise is a bag of nerves as her wedding day arrives, while Antony is being teased. Alone in the house after the others have left, Jim is tender in soothing Denise's nerves. (R)  
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**8.00 Bake Off: The Professionals** Liam Charles and Ellie Taylor welcome back the best three teams from each set of heats as they come together in a chocolate-fuelled pursuit. The first challenge is to create two batches of chocolate bars.  
**9.00 Skint: The Truth About Britain's Broken Economy with Tim Harford** The writer and radio presenter provides a fresh analysis of Britain's broken economy ahead of the General Election and presents his ideas on how to fix it.

**8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders** PC Martain Anderson hunts for a van linked to drug dealing and organised crime, while PC Will Hunter spots a van and is sure the driver is trying not to get noticed by the police.  
**9.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts** A lorry has tipped over on its side in a country lane and the driver is taken to the hospital, plus an 82-year-old is rushed in after they were found collapsed at home.

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**10.10 BBC News at Ten**  
**10.40 Reporting Scotland**  
**10.50 Peacock** Double bill. Liz has disappeared leaving an empty space at the gym that Andy and Jay compete to fill but with his body positivity classes struggling and his relationship drifting, Andy can't afford to lose; Andy starts his new job at a different gym but is soon spooked by high-energy fitness influencer Kara's talk of high standards. (R)

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**10.30 Newsnight** Headlines.

**10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather**  
**10.30 STV News; Weather**  
**10.45 UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights** Mark Pougatch presents action from the fifth and sixth last-16 matches in Germany, featuring France v Belgium and Portugal v Slovenia.

**10.00 24 Hours in A&E** Seventy-nine-year-old Carole is rushed to A&E with signs of a stroke. Plus, Aiden, 10, comes to paediatrics with his mum after hurting his foot, and wrestlers Kieran and James come in after Kieran injures his knee.  
**11.05 The Killer Nanny: Did She Do It?** Documentary re-examining the trial of Louise Woodward 25 years on. Featuring contributions from jury members, who discuss the factors that influenced their decision.

**10.00 Trauma Room One** James, 63, is losing feeling and function in his hands and fingers, so surgeons at Liverpool's Walton Centre must act fast to remove disc and bone from his neck. Last in series. (R)  
**11.05 Police: Suspect No 1** A man is found in the early hours badly beaten at the side of the road with significant facial injuries and little recollection of what happened. DS Marriner and DC Weir start hunting for images from that night. (R)

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**11.50 FILM My Week with Marilyn** (2011, 15) A film student gets a job on a movie starring Marilyn Monroe and becomes a confidant of the troubled star. Drama, with Michelle Williams and Eddie Redmayne. ★★★★★  
**1.20am MOTD Top Ten - Defenders**  
**1.50 Euro 2024 Match Replay**  
**3.40 Weather**  
**3.45-6.00am BBC News**

**11.05 FILM The Peanut Butter Falcon** (2019, 12) A young man with Down's syndrome runs away from his care home to pursue his dream of becoming a wrestler. Light-hearted adventure, starring Shia LaBeouf. ★★★★★  
**12.35am Sign Zone: The Panorama** Interviews with Nick Robinson. Nick Robinson probes the policies of the Liberal Democrats in an interview with the party leader Ed Davey. (R) **1.05 Sign Zone: Countryfile** (R) **2.00 Sign Zone: Springwatch** (R) **3.00-6.30am This Is BBC Two**

**11.45 Boris Becker: The Rise and Fall** The story of the bankruptcy trial of three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker and how he ended up being sentenced to two and a half years in prison for hiding assets and loans. (R)  
**12.40am Shop on TV**  
**3.00 Tour de France Highlights.** Gary Imlach presents action from stage three, featuring a route from Plaisance to Turin in Italy. With commentary from Ned Boulting and David Millar.  
**3.50 Night Vision**  
**5.05-6.00am Ainsley's World Cup Flavours** (R)

**12.05am The Killer Nanny: Did She Do It?: double bill**  
**1.55 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back.** A Korean-inspired restaurant in Arkansas. (R) **2.40 The Simpsons** (R) **3.05 Car S.O.S** (R) **3.55 Grand Designs** (R) **4.50 Escape to the Chateau** (R) **4.55 Frasier:** double bill (R) **5.45-6.25am Countdown** (R)

**12.05am Traffic Cops** (R) **1.00 PlayJO Live Casino Show**  
**3.00 Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up** (R) **3.50 Incredible Reunions: Pets & Their Owners** (R) **4.40 Wildlife SOS** (R) **5.05 House Doctor** (R) **5.30 Entertainment News on 5**  
**5.35 Milkshake!** Monkey (R) **5.45-6.00am Paw Patrol** (R)

12 midnight

**ITV2** Freeview 6

**6.00am** CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Supermarket Sweep **3.00** Charmed **4.00** Dawson's Creek. Pacey and Joey return. **5.00** Dress to Impress

**6.00** **Celebrity Catchphrase** With Tom Allen, Fleur East and Simon Gregson.

**7.00** **Deal or No Deal** Gameshow, hosted by Stephen Mulhern.

**8.00** **The Masked Singer US** This special episode recaps the ninth series so far.

**9.00** **Love Island** Week five in paradise and the pressure is rising for the islanders.

**10.05** **Olivia Attwood: The Price of Perfection** Olivia meets brave women willing to discuss their vaginas.

**11.05** **Family Guy** Double bill.

**12.05am** **American Dad!** **1.05** **Celebrity Karaoke Club** **2.05** **Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **2.40** **Unwind with ITV** **3.00-6.00am** **Teleshopping**

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**6.00am** **Unwind with ITV** **6.30** **Teleshopping** **7.00** **Unwind with ITV** **7.05** **Sugar Showdown** **7.35** **The Real Housewives of Cheshire** **8.35** **Masters of Flip** **9.35** **Buying and Selling** **10.35** **The Real Housewives of Cheshire** **11.35** **The Real Housewives of Atlanta** **12.30pm** **The Real Housewives of New Jersey** **1.20** **The Only Way Is Essex** **2.05** **Dinner Date** **3.05** **Million Dollar Listing: LA** **4.05** **The Real Housewives of Atlanta** **5.00** **The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City**

**6.00** **Masters of Flip** Kortney and Dave turn a craftsman house into a luxury retreat.

**7.00** **Million Dollar Listing: LA** James and David struggle to get a word in edgeways.

**8.00** **Dinner Date** Shakir from Liverpool.

**9.00** **Emergency Nurses: A&E Stories**

**10.00** **The Real Housewives of Miami** Lisa and Larsa confront Lenny.

**11.00** **The Only Way Is Essex**

**11.45** **Singleton** Meg and Nat arrive.

**12.45-1.00am** **Unwind with ITV**

**BBC3** Freeview 23

**7.00pm** **Voting for the First Time?: Election 2024** Need-to-know information ahead of polling day.

**7.30** **Eating with My Ex** Too Hot to Handle's Chloe Veitch is desperate to know why she was ditched.

**8.00** **Top Gear** Richard Hammond tries out a £340,000 Lexus.

**9.00** **NEW Paddy & Molly: Show No Mersey** Double bill. The lives and careers of two MMA fighters from Liverpool; Molly is in training for her own fight in Vegas.

**10.00** **Eddie Hall: The Beast v the Mountain** Behind-the-scenes access to Hall's preparations for a bout with Hafthor Bjornsson.

**11.00** **Him & Her** Double bill.

**12.00m't** **Paddy & Molly: Show No Mersey** **1.00** **Eddie Hall: The Beast v the Mountain** **2.00** **The Plymouth Shootings** **2.45** **Him & Her** **3.45-3.55am** **Press X to Continue**

**BBC4** Freeview 24

**7.00pm** **Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean** Part one of two. Michael Scott traces the history of Sicily, from the first arrival of ancient Greek settlers 3,000 years ago to the arrival of the Byzantine Empire.

**8.00** **Digging for Britain** The discovery of an 8,000-year-old Neolithic underwater settlement.

**9.00** **Archaeology: A Secret History** Discovering more about the ancient common man. Last in series.

**10.00** **Stonehenge: The Lost Circle Revealed** A hidden secret of the bluestones of Stonehenge.

**11.00** **Art on the BBC: The Story of the Nude** How TV has influenced understanding of the arts.

**12.00m't** **Treasures of the Indus** **1.00** **Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean** **2.00** **Archaeology: A Secret History**. Last in series. **2.55-3.55am** **Digging for Britain**

**5 USA** Freeview 21

**9.00am** **NCIS** **10.55** **Entertainment News on 5** **11.00** **NCIS** **12.00noon** **Law & Order** **2.55** **Entertainment News on 5** **3.00** **Law & Order**

**6.00** **NCIS** Triple bill. The agents investigate the suicide of a professor; Parker discovers he's a victim of identity theft. Gary Cole stars; an old pal of Torres' disappears.

**9.00** **NCIS: Hawai'i** An experimental Naval aircraft crashes on Oahu, and Jane Tennant and her team must find who is behind it before classified state secrets are exposed.

**10.00** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Double bill. The unit is brought into conflict with the Pentagon; a woman is left beaten and raped with no memory of what happened.

**12.00m't** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill** **1.55** **L.A.'s Finest** **3.50** **Entertainment News on 5** **4.00-6.00am** **Teleshopping**

**DAVE** Freeview 19

**7.10am** **Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA** **8.00** **Special Ops: Crime Squad UK** **9.00** **Top Gear** **12.00noon** **Storage Hunters UK: four episodes** **2.00** **Extreme Fishing with Robson Green** **3.00** **Top Gear** **5.00** **Hairy Bikers Everyday Gourmets**

**6.00** **Rick Stein's Long Weekends**

**7.00** **Would I Lie to You?** With Ben Miller, Henning Wehn and Doon Mackichan.

**7.40** **Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits** Previously unseen material.

**8.20** **Richard Osman's House of Games** With Kae Kurd, Zoe Lyons, Andrew Hunter Murray and Kate Robbins.

**9.00** **QI XL** With guests Robert Webb, Phill Jupitus and Ronni Ancona.

**10.00** **Have I Got a Bit More News for You**

**11.00** **Taskmaster** With Jo Brand.

**12.00m't** **Mock the Week** **12.40** **Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled** **1.40** **Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish** **2.45** **Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA** **3.35-4.00am** **Travel Man: 48 Hours in Berlin**

**DRAMA** Freeview 20

**6.00am** **Teleshopping** **7.10** **London's Burning** **8.00** **Doctors** **9.20** **Classic Holby City** **10.40** **Classic Casualty** **11.40** **The Bill** **12.40pm** **Classic EastEnders** **2.00** **London's Burning** **3.00** **Lovejoy** **4.10** **Tenko** **5.15** **Birds of a Feather**

**6.00** **Waiting for God** Tom and Diana take on a scheming estate agent.

**6.40** **Are You Being Served?** The staff enter a dancing competition.

**7.20** **Last of the Summer Wine** Compo's funeral day dawns.

**8.00** **The Brokenwood Mysteries** Mike and his team investigate the murder of the Brokenwood Savings Bank manager.

**10.00** **New Tricks** The team investigates the unsolved murder of a pornographer.

**11.00** **Soldier, Soldier** A worrying event back home forces Michael Stubbs to contemplate his priorities.

**12.10am** **Footballers' Wives** **1.15** **Call the Midwife** **2.15** **Classic Holby City** **4.00-6.00am** **Teleshopping**

**E4** Freeview 13

**6.00am** **Hollyoaks** **7.00** **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **9.00** **The Goldbergs** **10.00** **Young Sheldon** **11.00** **Modern Family** **12.00noon** **The Big Bang Theory: four episodes** **2.00** **The Goldbergs** **3.00** **Modern Family** **4.00** **Young Sheldon** **5.00** **The Big Bang Theory: four episodes**

**7.00** **Hollyoaks** A shooting in the village throws suspicion on Freddie.

**7.30** **Come Dine with Me** The first in a week of dinner parties from Hull.

**8.00** **Dance Moms** Cathy seeks revenge.

**9.00** **Gogglebox** The Eurovision Song Contest is among the shows appraised.

**10.00** **Naked Attraction** A model and a veterinary student choose dates.

**11.05** **First Dates** A reiki healer is set up on a date with a children's entertainer.

**12.10am** **The Big Bang Theory** **1.05** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **2.05** **Modern Family** **2.55** **Dance Moms** **3.45** **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **4.35** **The Neighborhood** **5.25-6.00am** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine**

**MORE4** Freeview 18

**8.55am** **A Place in the Sun** **10.25** **A New Life in the Sun** **11.25** **Find It, Fix It, Flog It** **12.30pm** **Come Dine with Me: five episodes** **3.10** **Four in a Bed: five episodes** **5.50** **Chateau DIY**

**6.55** **Car S.O.S** The boys head to Somerset to restore a Jeep Grand Cherokee.

**7.55** **Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud meets retired racehorse breeder John.

**9.00** **PopMaster TV** Ken Bruce presents the last episode before the grand final, challenging contestants to recall facts and stats about their favourite chart toppers.

**10.00** **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** With David Mitchell, Katherine Ryan and the Brett Domino Trio joining the panel.

**11.05** **24 Hours in A&E** A 40-year-old woman arrives having been knocked over while crossing a road.

**12.10am** **999: On the Front Line.** A man who has had a seizure. **1.15** **Emergency Helicopter Medics** **2.20** **24 Hours in A&E** **3.25-3.55am** **A Place in the Sun**

**VARIATIONS**

**BBC SCOTLAND** **2.00pm** Sign Zone: Beechgrove Garden **2.30** Sign Zone: Landward **3.00-4.00** Sign Zone: This Farming Life **7.00** The Seven **7.30** The Hairy Bikers Go Local. Dave Myers and Si King bring together local restaurants and food suppliers. **8.30** Designing the Hebrides. Banjo Beale tackles the dated bar of the Isle of Mull Rugby Club. **9.00** Facelift. Construction is under way at the hospital. **10.00** River City **10.30** The Scotts **11.00** The Scotts **11.30pm-12.00m't** Roaming in the Wild

**BBC ALBA** **6.00am** Alba Today **5.00pm** Treubh an Tuathanais (Big Barn Farm) **5.15** Na Clangairean **5.30** AH-AH/No-No **5.40** Su Pic (Peek Zoo) **5.45** Daolag-bhreach is Seillean **5.50** Meaban is Mòc **5.55** Stoiridh **6.00** Belle agus Sebastian **6.15** Bogaisean is Gumbalan/ Bottersnikes and Gumbles **6.25** An Sgoil **6.40** Proiseact Ploigh **7.00** Turas a' Bhradain (The Salmon's Journey). Series exploring Scotland's fishing rivers. **7.30** SpeakGaelic. Joy Dunlop guides viewers through the first steps of speaking Gaelic. **8.00** An La (News). Local, national and international news. **8.30** Slighe Chladach Fìobha **9.00** Trusadh - Clann a' Mhansa An La An-Diugh. Broadcaster Cathy

Macdonald talks to sons and daughters of the manse. **10.00** An Clo Mor **10.30** Eorpa **11.00** An t-Ionnasachadh Boidheach (One Magical Year) **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

**ENGLAND** As **BBC1** except: **1.35-1.45pm** Regional News; Weather **6.30-7.00** Regional News **10.40-10.50pm** Regional News; Weather

**NORTHERN IRELAND** As **BBC1** except: **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Newsline; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.40-10.50pm** BBC Newsline; Weather

**NORTHERN IRELAND** As **BBC2** except: **10.00-10.30pm** Peata! Tessa Fleming returns to welcome more pets and their owners to the pop-up clinic, with vet Ellen meeting a cat who may need to shed a few pounds.

**BORDER** As **STV** except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Border **7.30-7.45** ITV News Lookaround **10.30-10.45** ITV News Border **12.40-3.00am** Shop on TV **3.50-5.05am** Unwind with ITV

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## Sport

## SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am** SSN Euro Report **7.00** Good Morning Euros **10.00** SSN Euro Matchday **10.00pm** SSN Euro Report **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00pm-6.00am** SSN Euro Report

## SKY SPORTS CRICKET

**6.00am** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **8.00** Jimmy Anderson's Greatest Spells **8.15** Best of ICC WT20 **9.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **1.10pm** Best of ICC WT20 **1.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **5.40** Best of ICC WT20 **6.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup, South Africa v India. Another chance to see this year's final from Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados. **10.40** Best of ICC WT20 **11.00** Women's International One-Day Cricket **1.00am** Best of ICC WT20 **2.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **5.00-6.00am** Best of ICC WT20

## SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

**6.00am** EFL Cup Highlights **8.45** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Season Review **11.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.30** EFL **6.30pm** Bundesliga Highlights Show. Action from the opening round of fixtures from the 2023-2024 Bundesliga season. **7.30** Women's Championship Show. News and highlights from the second division of women's football in England. **8.00** Women's Championship Show **8.30** Old Firm Derby Best Goals. A look at some of the very best goals scored in Old Firm derby clashes between Celtic and Rangers over the years. **9.00** EFL. Crystal Palace v Watford in the 2012/13 Championship play-off final. **10.00** EFL. Brentford v Yeovil Town in the 2012/13 League One play-off final. **11.00** EFL. Bradford City v Northampton Town in the 2012/13 League Two play-off final. **12.00m't** Retro League One **2.00** EFL Cup Highlights **2.30** EFL Greatest Games **4.00** EFL Cup Highlights **5.00-6.00am** EFL

## TNT SPORTS 1

**1.00pm** Training Day **1.30** Gallagher Premiership Rugby Union **2.00** UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine **4.00** ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights **5.00** ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights. The Portland E-Prix second race. Action from the 14th round of the season at Portland International Raceway. **6.00** WRC Review **7.00** MLB Highlights **8.00** **LIVE** MLB Toronto Blue Jays v Houston Astros (Start time 8.07pm). Coverage of the American League match from Rogers Centre. **11.15** MLB Plays of the Week. A look at the most exciting plays from the past week's matches. **11.45** What I Wore. Liverpool star Thiago Alcantara describes his passion for football via the shirts which have defined his life. **12.00m't** WWE SmackDown Highlights **1.00** **LIVE** WWE Monday Night Raw Watch CM Punk, Drew McIntyre, Seth Rollins, Rhea Ripley, Becky Lynch and more of your favourite WWE Superstars face-off inside the ring. **4.15** Ariel Helwani Meets. An interview with former WWE star The Undertaker. **5.15-6.00am** What I Wore. Michael Owen describes his passion for football via the shirts which have defined his life.

## TNT SPORTS 2

**6.00am** MotoGP **9.30** MotoGP Chequered Flag **10.15** Badminton Weekly **10.30** Hockey **6.30pm** **LIVE** Ultimate Pool Coverage of Group 3 of the Ultimate Pool Pairs Cup, which takes place at the Players Pool & Snooker Lounge. **9.30** Fight Week. A look back at UFC 303. **10.00** UFC. Alex Pereira v Jiri Prochazka. **1.00am** UFC Reloaded **5.15** Crouchy and Cole **5.45-6.00am** Badminton Weekly

## EUROSPORT 1

**6.00am** Tour de France - The Breakaway **6.30** Climbing World Cup **7.30** Golden Trail World Series **8.30** Cycling: Tour de France **9.30** Tour de France - The Breakaway. A round-up of the action and all the news following stage two. **10.00** **LIVE** Cycling: Tour de France Coverage of stage three, featuring a route of 230.5km from Plaisance to Turin in Italy. This stage is a longer third stage than the one that took place last year, when the competitors rode from Amorebieta-Etxano in Spain to Bayonne, a total of 193.5km. That stage was won by Jasper Philipsen, one of four stages that the Belgian managed to win across the course of the event in 2023. **4.45pm** Cycling: Tour of Flanders. Action from the men's one-day race. **5.00** Climbing World Cup. The men's and women's lead finals. **6.00** Archery World Cup. Action from the compound competitions in Antalya, Turkey. **7.00** Climbing Show **7.30** Marathon. Action from the Transvulcania Marathon. **8.00** Cycling: Tour de France **9.00** Tour de France - The Breakaway **9.30** Climbing Show. All the latest news from the world of competitive climbing. **10.00** Speedway Grand Prix. Action from round six in Gorzow, Poland. **11.00** Cycling: Tour de France. Stage three from Plaisance to Turin. **12.00m't** Tour de France - The Breakaway. News and comment following stage three. **12.30** Tennis: Wimbledon. Action from day one. **2.00** Cycling: Tour de France **3.00** Tour de France - The Breakaway **3.30** Tennis: Wimbledon **5.00-6.00am** Cycling: Tour de France

## Entertainment &amp; Factual

## ITV3 Freeview 10

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.30** The Royal **11.40** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **6.00** Heartbeat **8.00** McDonald & Dodds. The duo are sucked into the world of Formula 1. **10.00** Wire in the Blood **11.50** The Royal **12.40am** Upstairs, Downstairs **2.25-2.30am** Unwind with ITV

## ITV4 Freeview 26

**6.00am** Minder **6.55** The Sweeney **7.55** Dempsey and Makepeace **9.55** Magnum, PI **10.55** Kojak **12.00noon** BattleBots **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** **LIVE** Tour de France Live **4.45** Hot Shots **4.55** The Sweeney **6.00** BattleBots **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** MotoGP Highlights **9.00** River Monsters **10.05** **FILM** The Expendables 3 (2014/15) Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Mel Gibson. **12.30am** Motorsport UK **1.30** Auto Mundial **1.55** Motorsport Mundial **2.25-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

## 5STAR Freeview 32

**8.00am** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **9.00** When Holidays Go Horribly Wrong & Other Travel Nightmares. Stories of disastrous vacations. **10.35** Accused: Murdered My Tenant or Self Defence? **11.30** Serial Killer Wives **12.30am** Accused: Killer Mom or Innocent Parent? **1.25** Skin A&E **2.20** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **3.10-4.00am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors

## REALLY Freeview 17

**6.00am** Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip **5.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Travelling Auctioneers **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00** Teleshopping **4.00-6.00am** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet

## 5ACTION Freeview 33

**9.00am** Car Pound Cops **9.30** Outback Truckers **10.30** Traffic Cops **11.30** Police Interceptors **12.35pm** **FILM** Day of the Evil Gun (1968/PG) **2.25** **FILM** Drums Across the River (1954/PG) **3.45** **4.00** Outback Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** Quantum Leap **10.55** **FILM** Executive Decision (1996/15) **1.40am** Fights, Camera, Action! **2.40** Trucking Hell **3.35-4.00am** Car Pound Cops

## SKY ARTS Freeview 36

**6.00am** Andre Rieu: Welcome to My World **7.00** Musical Masterpieces **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Glenn Close **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected

## BBC RADIO 1

**97.6-99.8MHz** **6.57am** Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Sam and Danni **11.00** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt and Mollie **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders. Music and chat. **8.00** Radio 1's Future Artists with Sian Eleri **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Rock Show with Daniel P Carter **1.00am** BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 1 with Alyx Holcombe **2.00** Radio 1's Future Alternative **3.00** Radio 1 Relax in Love **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00-6.57am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Dean McCullough

## BBC RADIO 2

**88-91MHz** **6.30am** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** OJ Borg **6.30** OJ Borg's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whaley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whaley **9.00** The Blues Show with Cerys Matthews **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Magnificent 7. Uplifting tunes and essential throwbacks. **10.30** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00m't** Phil Williams **3.00** Pick of the Pops **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

## BBC RADIO 3

**90.2-92.4MHz** **6.30am** Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Richard Strauss **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape



## The Cleaning Lady

**Sky Witness, 9pm**  
We're past the halfway point in the second season, and Detective Flores (Diane Villegas, left) looks into Marco's death. Plus, Thony, Arman and Garrett team up to bring down Kamdar.

**2.00** The Sky Arts Book Club Summer Reads Special **3.00** Harold Lloyd: Hollywood's Timeless Comedy Genius **4.00** Discovering: Tim Robbins **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Andre Rieu: Love in Venice **11.20** Darbar Festival 2023 **12.20am** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **2.20** Nina Simone: The Lost Album **3.45** National Trust: National Treasures **5.00-6.00am** The Art of Architecture

## GOLD

**7.20am** The Fosters **8.20** Last of the Summer Wine **9.00** The Green Green Grass **9.40** My Hero **10.20** Are You Being Served? **11.00** Still Open All Hours **11.40** Last of the Summer Wine **1.00pm** The Green Green Grass **1.40** My Hero **2.20** Still Open All Hours **3.00** Dad's Army **3.40** Are You Being Served? **4.20** Last of the Summer Wine **5.35** Still Open All Hours **6.15** The Green Green Grass **6.50** Dad's Army **8.00** The Black Adder **8.50** Only Fools and Horses **9.25** The Young Ones **10.15** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **10.55** The Black Adder **11.40** The Lenny Henry Show **1.00am** Only Fools and Horses **1.40** The Young Ones **2.25** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **3.00-4.00am** The Lenny Henry Show

## YESTERDAY Freeview 27

**6.10am** Train Truckers **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **9.00** American History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00-3.00am** Train Truckers

## ALIBI

**7.15am** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary. Joan searches for a missing woman. **8.00** Father Brown **10.00** Death in Paradise. A chef is stabbed to death. **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.20** Murdoch Mysteries **3.10-4.00am** Why Women Kill

## Radio

## CHOICE

## The Essay: Forever Songs

**Radio 3, 9.45pm**  
Folk singer Karine Polwart tells the story of how she crafted an elegy in song for Al Beck, a local legend of rural East Lothian, just weeks before his death from cancer in 2020. In this first essay, Karine describes making the offer of the private gig and being overwhelmed by Al's positive response.

**7.30** Radio 3 in Concert. The BBCSO performs Berio, Nono, Maderna and Dallapiccola. **9.45** The Essay: Forever Songs **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

## BBC RADIO 4

**FM 92.4-94.6MHz** **6.00am** Today **9.00** Start the Week **9.45** Oliver Burkeman's Inconvenient Truth **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Behind the Crime **11.45** Obsessed with the Quest **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Buried: The Last Witness **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Fags, Mags and Bags **2.45** Gambits **3.00** A Good Read **3.30** The Failure of the Future **4.00** The Deadly Business of Democracy **4.30** Rewinder **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** Mark Steel's in Town **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Briefing Room **8.30** BBC Inside Science **9.00** Start the Week **9.45** Assume Nothing: The Shankill Gold Rush

## SKY MAX

**6.00am** NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** SEAL Team **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** SEAL Team **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** Rob & Romesh vs Ballet **9.00** The Walking Dead **10.00** Flintoff: Lord of the Fries **11.00** The Force: North East **1.00am** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00-5.00am** S.W.A.T

## SKY ATLANTIC

**6.00am** Fish Town **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.05** Gomorrah **12.15pm** Game of Thrones **1.20** The Sopranos **3.30** Six Feet Under **5.45** Gomorrah **7.55** Game of Thrones **9.00** House of the Dragon **10.20** The Sympathizer **11.25** House of the Dragon **12.45am** Succession **1.55** The Deuce **3.05** Game of Thrones **4.05-6.00am** Fish Town

## SKY WITNESS

**6.00am** Sun, Sea and A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Highway Patrol **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** Private Eyes **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Cleaning Lady **10.00** Coroner **11.00** Chicago Fire **12.00m't** Departure **2.00** The Equalizer **3.00** The Force: North East **4.00-5.00am** Paramedics Australia

## SKY COMEDY

**8.00am** Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **9.30** American Auto **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Ballers **12.50pm** Eastbound & Down **2.10** Veep **3.20** Ballers **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** American Auto **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Silicon Valley **10.20** Real Time with Bill Maher **11.30** Sex and the City **12.50am** Nikki Glaser: Good Clean Filth **2.05** Sort Of **2.35** 2 Dope Queens **3.50-5.00am** Eastbound & Down

## DISCOVERY

**6.00am** How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers: Reloaded **10.00** Texas Metal **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Railroad Alaska **3.00** America's Backyard Gold **4.00** Flying Wild Alaska **5.00** Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch **6.00** Texas Metal **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Garage Squad **9.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour **10.00** Roadworthy Rescues **11.00** Outback Truckers **12.00m't** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour **2.00** Roadworthy Rescues **3.00-4.00am** Gold Rush

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

**8.00am** Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** WW2: Hell Under the Sea **11.00** Erased: WWII Heroes of Colour **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** To Catch a Smuggler **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Construction Fails **9.00** To Catch a Smuggler **10.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Banged Up Abroad **1.00** Airport Security: Peru **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Money Meltdown **4.10-5.00am** When Sharks Attack

## BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

**693/909kHz** **6.00am** 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Naga Munchetty **1.00pm** Tennis **4.00** 5 Live News **4.30** 5 Live Sport **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** Gordon Smart **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

## BBC RADIO SCOTLAND

**FM: 92-95MHz, MW: 810kHz** **6.00am** Good Morning Scotland **9.00** Mornings **12.00noon** Luncheon Live **1.32** The Afternoon Show **4.00** Drivetime **6.00** Get It On with Bryan Burnett **8.00** Vic Galloway. New releases and classic album cuts. **10.00** Iain Anderson **12.00m't-6.00am** As BBC Radio 5 Live

## TALKSPORT

**1053/1089kHz** **6.00am** talkSPORT Breakfast with Jeff Stelling **10.00** Euro GameDay Warm Up **1.00pm** Euro GameDay Live **4.00** Euro GameDay Live. France v Belgium (Kick-off 5.00pm). **7.00** Euro GameDay Live. Portugal v Portugal v Slovenia (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** Euro Sports Bar **1.00am** Extra Time **5.00-6.00am** Early Breakfast

## Movies

## FILM4

**11.00am** El Dorado (1966/PG) Western, with John Wayne and Robert Mitchum. **★★★★★**  
**1.35pm** Father Brown (1954/U) Comedy drama, starring Alec Guinness. **★★★**  
**3.20** Storm Over the Nile (1955/U) Period adventure, starring Laurence Harvey. **★★**  
**5.30** 7th Cavalry (1956/U) Western, with Randolph Scott and Jay C Flippen. **★★★**  
**7.05** Clueless (1995/12) Comedy, starring Alicia Silverstone and Stacey Dash. **★★★★**  
**9.00** Colombiana (2011/15) Action thriller, starring Zoe Saldana and Cliff Curtis. **★★**  
**11.10** Office Christmas Party (2016/15) Festive comedy, with Jason Bateman. **★★★★**  
**1.20-3.40am** Another Round (2020/12) Comedy drama, starring Mads Mikkelsen and Thomas Bo Larsen. **★★★★**

## SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

**6.00am** Sometimes I Think About Dying (2023/12) Comedy drama, starring Daisy Ridley and Dave Merheje. **★★★★**  
**7.40** Drift (2023/15) See 4.25pm for details. **★★★**  
**9.20** Am I OK? (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson. **★★★**  
**10.55** A Sacrifice (2024) See 6.00pm for details. **★★★**  
**12.50pm** The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, starring Michael Caine. **★★★★**  
**2.30** LaRoy, Texas (2023/15) See 10.00pm for details. **★★★**  
**4.25** Drift (2023/15) Drama, starring Cynthia Erivo and Alia Shawkat. **★★★**  
**6.00** A Sacrifice (2024) Drama, starring Eric Bana and Sylvia Hoeks. **★★★**  
**8.00** Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. **★★★**  
**10.00** LaRoy, Texas (2023/15) Comedy crime caper, starring Steve Zahn. **★★★**  
**11.55** Five Nights at Freddy's (2023/15) Horror thriller, with Josh Hutcherson. **★★★**  
**1.50am** The Royal Hotel (2023/18) Thriller, with Julia Garner and Jessica Henwick. **★★★★**  
**3.25** American Star (2024/15) Thriller, starring Ian McShane and Nora Arnezeder. **★★★**  
**5.15-7.05am** A Sacrifice (2024) See 6.00pm for details. **★★★**

## SKY CINEMA DRAMA

**5.30pm** Catch Me If You Can (2002/12) Drama, with Leonardo DiCaprio. **★★★★★**  
**8.00** Steve Jobs (2015/15) Biopic, with Michael Fassbender and Kate Winslet. **★★★★★**  
**10.05** Born on the Fourth of July (1989/18) Drama, starring Tom Cruise. **★★★★★**  
**12.35am** Whiplash (2014/15) Drama, starring Miles Teller and JK Simmons. **★★★★★**  
**2.30** Hardball (2001/12) Drama, starring Keanu Reeves and Diane Lane. **★★★★**  
**4.20-6.25am** Mrs Harris Goes To Paris (2022/PG) Comedy, starring Lesley Manville. **★★★★★**

## SKY CINEMA FAMILY

**4.00pm** Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004/PG) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. **★★**  
**5.45** Finding Neverland (2004/PG) Fact-based period drama, starring Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet. **★★★★★**  
**7.35** Small Soldiers (1998/PG) Children's adventure, with Kirsten Dunst. **★★★**  
**9.40** Bicentennial Man (1999/PG) Sci-fi drama, starring Robin Williams and Sam Neill. **★★**  
**12.00m't** The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3-D (2005/U) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Taylor Lautner. **★★**  
**1.40am** Robo-Dog (2015/PG) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Campion. **★★★**  
**3.25** Robo-Dog: Airborne (2017/U) Adventure sequel, starring Michael Campion. **★★★**  
**5.10-7.00am** Mee-Shee: The Water Giant (2005/PG) Children's fantasy, starring Daniel Magder and Bruce Greenwood. **★★**

## TALKING PICTURES TV

**4.05pm** An Inspector Calls (1954/PG) Drama, with Alastair Sim and Arthur Young. **★★★★**  
**5.45** Sherlock Holmes: Terror By Night (1

# RECORD READERS Your letters

**X WORD**  
The winner on Saturday, June 22, was Joseph Williams of Midlothian



**RECOVERY** Alan Hansen

## Delighted for Alan

IT'S wonderful news that Alan Hansen is out of danger, discharged from hospital and is now recovering at home.

Alan might have spent most of his career in England, and didn't get as many Scotland caps as he should, but he was a world-class defender.

I remember well him stepping out of defence with the ball and playing it forward to begin another sweeping attack by the Liverpool team he graced and later captained.

He also seemed to be in the right place at the right time as a defender.

He was also the best football pundit in his many years on Match of the Day.

By all accounts he seems to be a very likeable man and I hope he gets stronger and back to normal very soon.

*Observer*

## Football blinkered

THE reason I think investment in schools football is paramount is that no matter what playground you enter in Scotland, the kids are playing football.

In my son's school, there's been instructors for golf, basketball, hurling, tennis, softball, even archery.

Honest sportspeople trying to earn a living, trying to encourage youngsters to participate in other sports. That is to be commended but there seems to be no end product.

Not in the sense that there's no competition in these sports but that the majority of kids see these sports as a novelty, a wee change, then revert back to football. It would be a travesty if politicians continued to ignore this.

*GJ, Glasgow*

# The Tartan Army are the real winners of the Euros

ANOTHER disappointment at a major competition. Scotland didn't perform at our best but one thing is for sure what we did win was the hearts and love of everybody in Germany.

Not a single arrest. Parties, songs, laughs and most of all new good friends – and awards from German authorities for Tartan Army.

There was an especially nice photo of two Scotland fans helping an elderly gentleman across the street in heavy rain.

That more or less sums us up. The team may have let us down but the Tartan Army surely didn't.

*William Hutchison, Torry, Aberdeen*

★★★

ANOTHER Euros campaign ends in humiliation and if this team were an army, they would be done for desertion.

Steve Clarke and the backroom staff and also this bunch of overrated players should all resign.

It's a mask they should get instead of a cap.

*Stephen Johnstone, Ardentiny, Argyll*

★★★

AS A 10-year-old in 1960 I was fortunate

## Letter of the week

£50

Every Saturday we will pick the best letter received during the week and award a £50 prize. Please include your full name, address and phone number in order to be eligible.

● This week's winner is Maaïke Cook of Strathmiglo, Fife

enough to attend the Scotland v England match at Hampden Park resulting in a 1-1 draw.

I subsequently attended the fixture until the mid-70s during which time I was privileged to watch the likes of Denis Law, Jim Baxter, Jimmy Johnstone, Willie Henderson and others mesmerise opposition and win games.

Fast forward we have robots who can pass the ball a few yards, gain no ground and cannot score goals.

If you cannot attack and score goals, you will never win. I feel ashamed and embarrassed for the loyal Tartan Army to watch that rubbish!

*F Donald, Isle of Bute*

## Sticky situation

JOHN Swinney might well come unstuck over the row about the SNP's use in this election of postage stamps. Mr Swinney was trying to stamp his



**CONTRAST** But Starmer could match Tony Blair and become a Labour prime minister

## Give Labour time to fix country

KEIR Starmer is no Tony Blair. The Labour leader does not have the same charisma as his predecessor.

He does not have his debating skills or easy touch when it comes to public speaking.

But Starmer is a decent man and no career politician, indeed it strikes

me that he doesn't like politicians that much.

He believes in public service and in that way will be a major change from the last few Tory PMs and I think we should give him and his colleagues a chance to prove themselves.

If he becomes Labour's next prime minister on

Thursday, the government under Starmer will take time to rebuild public services after the destruction of 14 years of Tory mismanagement.

We should let the Labour Party get on with it and give them time to turn things around.

It will not be easy.  
*H McDonald, Glasgow*

authority over the party but is it now a question of return to sender?

*Gerald Edwards, Glasgow*

## Rock the boat, Rishi

RISHI Sunak states that if Labour wins the election, migrants will be queuing up at Calais.

What are they doing now? Under his watch they are not only queuing up but arriving in their thousands.

Do something about it, Mr Sunak, sink the boats in France before people board them.

*William McLellan, Stevenston, Ayrshire*

## Who'll stand up for us?

WHY are settled status holders left without a voice in the coming election?

We are allowed to vote in local elections, but when it comes to big nationwide elections, we are silenced.

We have to bow and accept all the decisions made, without being asked if we, the settled status holders, want them!

We serve our communities, we work, we volunteer, we pay tax.

Settled status holders from, for instance, European countries, did not vote for Brexit but we encounter

problems because of it. One of the problems is to get access to private pension schemes, saved together for years.

Banks refusing to pay out as we are "no longer in the EEC" (European Economic Community).

Who from all those loud shouting political persons raises a voice for us, the settled status holders, that

contribute so much to the UK but are left voiceless?

*Maaïke Cook, Strathmiglo, Fife*

## Vote for Farmfoods

I GOT a load of election leaflets in the post today.

I've decided to vote for Farmfoods. They seem to have the clearest policies and it all seems to be fully costed.

That's much better

than the others.

*David Laing, Lauder, Berwickshire*

## Farage is toxic

THE latest comments from Nigel Farage show a degree of sympathy for Putin over Ukraine. Throw in his support for Trump and it would seem he has some pretty unsavoury political friends. As he more or less is the Reform party, is it not time that all other parties went after this man?

*William Ballantine*

## Potholes are no joke

WHAT'S that old joke? There's a hole in the road and the council are looking into it.

After seven emails and over 18 months... they still are!

I hit a pothole in January 2023 and even with photographs of my car and receipts for repairs and reasons why I could not avoid this hole, Glasgow City Council have not given me any compensation for this incident.

When I contact them, all I receive now are automatic email replies.

They say the council do not have the money, well neither do members of the public.

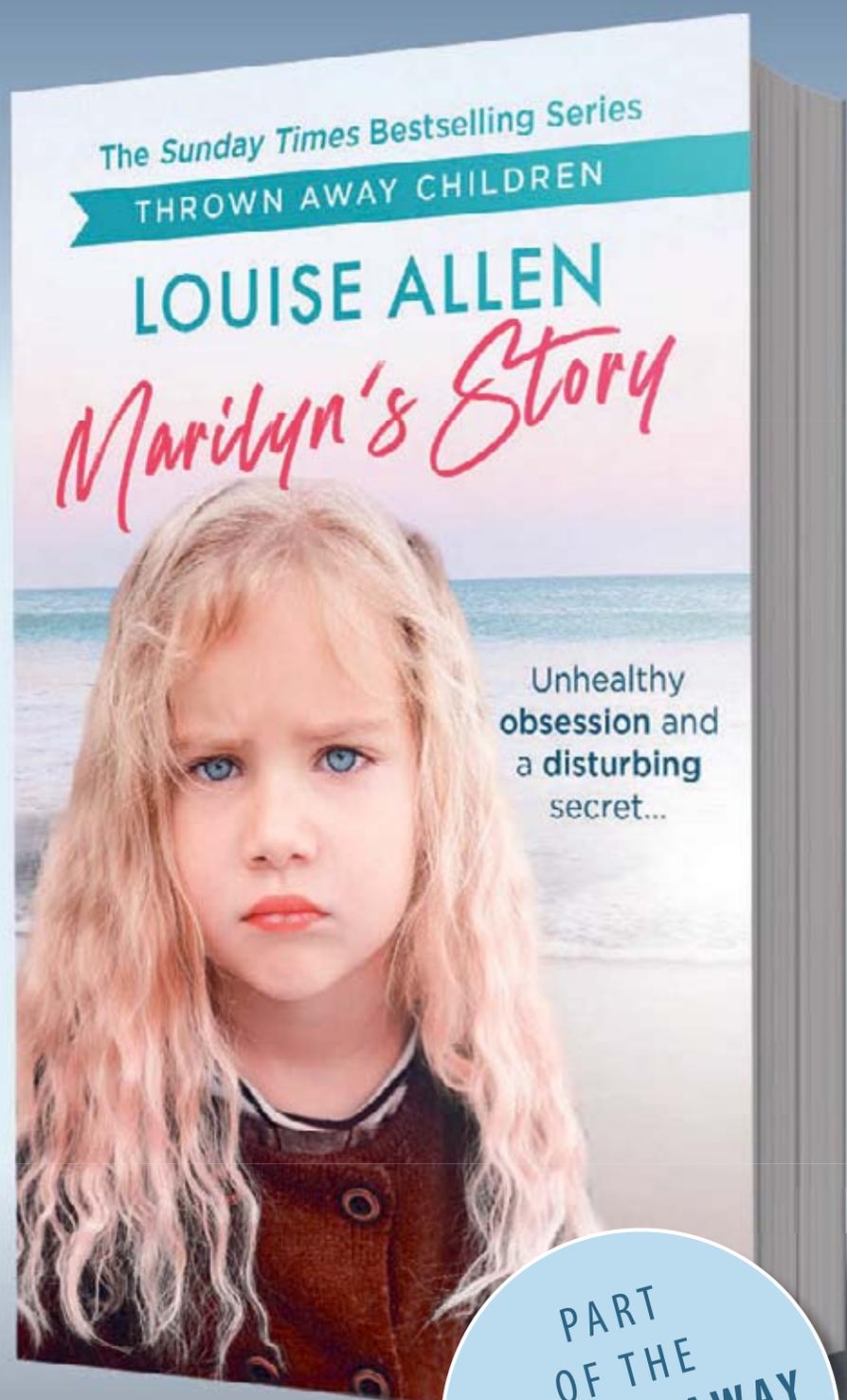
Why should I have to find the money for situations like this out of my pension? Something really needs to change.

*Margaret A Cumming, Glasgow*

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# SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

## EASY SU-DOKU

8	1	4	6	9	2	7	5	3
6	3	9	7	1	5	2	4	8
5	7	2	3	4	8	9	1	6
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7	9	3	1	6	4	5	8	2
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## SU-DOKU TOUGHIE

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8	3	4	6	1	2	5	7	9
9	7	8	2	6	3	1	5	4
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## KILLER SU-DOKU

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8	5	6	2	7	1	4	9	3
3	8	1	9	6	2	5	7	4
5	9	2	7	8	4	6	3	1
6	4	7	1	5	3	9	2	8

## GOGEN 1

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J	U	E	A	L
Q	K	G	S	T
M	R	O	I	H
B	W	N	C	D

## GOGEN 2

P	B	X	Q	S
F	A	U	C	J
D	L	R	W	O
Y	I	G	E	V
T	H	N	K	M

## CELLS

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3				3	2

## WORDSEARCH

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## FILL IN

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## FUTOSHIKI

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1	<	4	5	2	<	3	
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3	2	1	<	4	5		
4	5	>	3	>	1	<	2

## JIGSAW SU-DOKU

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1	4	6	9	7	5	3	8	2
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9	8	5	4	6	2	7	3	1

## KAKURO

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4	2			8	3	1

## LOOP

3	3	4	3	3
3	4	3	3	4
1	3	3	3	4
1	1	5	3	2
2	0	1	2	1

## BATTLESHIPS


## DOUBLE JIGWORD

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C	I	L	E	S	T	O	N	
L	I	M	E	S	T	O	N	
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## COLOSSAL CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:** 12 Copper beech, 13 Mutter, 14 Hailed, 16 Once, 17 Collected, 18 Claim, 19 Turn, 20 Hands down, 22 Swore, 23 Makes good, 27 Special, 30 Saddle, 31 Tony, 32 Testy, 35 Were, 36 Come now, 38 Darn, 39 Confirm, 42 Castor, 45 Carve, 46 Present, 47 Rave, 48 Fair, 50 Freight, 52 Pater, 54 Rattle, 56 Chinese, 57 Tall, 59 Retreat, 61 Cuff, 64 Spray, 66 Snip, 67 Supine, 69 In a spot, 72 Picking up, 73 Knock, 74 Hammering, 79 Stop, 81 Get at, 82 Filling in, 83 Vice, 85 France, 86 Office, 87 Blood orange.

## DOWN:

1 Moan, 2 Spread, 3 Traced, 4 Bellows, 5 Ached, 6 Dunderhead, 7 Stock, 8 Great-aunt, 9 Shammed, 10 List, 11 Bears out, 15 Stowed, 21 Apple, 24 Goes for, 25 Manner, 26 Starve, 28 Cheat, 29 Arc, 33 Smacked, 34 Potter, 37 Wrest, 40 Revel, 41 Hearten, 43 Abash, 44 Refuse, 46 Piper, 49 Ransack, 51 Grasps, 53 Toting, 55 Tacks, 58 Losing face, 60 Ten, 62 Frown, 63 Intuition, 65 Pointers, 68 Pickle, 70 Snigger, 71 Hangs on, 75 Mentor, 76 Reveal, 77 Staff, 78 Pills, 80 Punt, 84 Cage.

**PATHFINDER**  
Ben Cohen, Mike Tindall, Jason Robinson, Martin

## ANAGRAM CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:** 1 Arcade, 4 Ufos, 8 Energy, 9 Styrmie, 11 Tiara, 12 Yearned, 13 Chromas, 19 Thereby, 21 Drive, 22 Beings, 23 Itself, 24 Lyre, 25 Crater.

**DOWN:** 2 Coeval, 3 Digraph, 5 Fatwa, 6 Simony, 7 Plead, 8 Eats, 10 Synonym, 14 Auditor, 15 Stable, 16 Serial, 17 Silent, 18 Leaf, 20 Eager.

**BRICKWORK**  
Leg, Glen, Angle, Wangle, Glean, Lane, Ale.

**WORD SPIRAL**  
1 Loaf; 2 Frau; 3 Ulna; 4 Aims; 5 Soft; 6 Test; 7 Trip; 8 Poor; 9 Raft; 10 Taxi; 11 Iron; 12 Near; 13 Reef; 14 Fang;

## 30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

Beginner 69; Intermediate 12; Advanced 339.

**HONEYCOMB**  
1 Parked, 2 Railed, 3 Deacon, 4 Occult, 5 Lament, 6 Empire, 7 Ermine, 8 Niggle, 9 Elands, 10 Napped, 11 Prince, 12 Denied.

## 15 Gnat; 16 Tutu.

**Keyword:** Petunia

**CIRCLEGRAM**  
The letter represented by the question mark is A. Madonna, Garbage, Sinatra, all artists who have sung James Bond title songs.

**CLOCKWORD**  
1 Person, 2 Assign, 3 Dampen, 4 Deacon, 5 Yeoman, 6 Action, 7 Strain, 8 Harden, 9 Damson, 10 Obtain, 11 Worsen, 12 Napkin.

**Hidden name:** Paddy Ashdown

**QUIZWORD**  
**ACROSS:** 1 Jo's Boys, 7 Pasha, 8 Barrera, 9 Rokey, 11 Flint, 13 Lead, 14 Ndereba, 15 Rhee, 16 Gules, 17 Snatch, 21 Running, 22 Venus, 23 On

## Empty.

**DOWN:** 2 O'Callaghan, 3 Borgnine, 4 York, 5 Taro, 6 Shue, 9 Ryder, 10 Bladdernut, 12 Teeth, 13 Laburnum, 18 Ares, 19 Club, 20 Dunn.

**CROSSWORD**  
**ACROSS:** 1 Paddock, 7 Allow, 8 Assumes, 9 Gazebo, 11 Plate, 13 Sand, 14 Unravel, 15 Feel, 16 Speak, 17 Cygnet, 21 Chianti, 22 Flail, 23 Orchard.

**DOWN:** 2 Absolutely, 3 Doubtful, 4 Clef, 5 Plea, 6 Sore, 9 Grave, 10 Benefactor, 12 Print, 13 Slapdash, 18 Gale, 19 Evil, 20 Char.

**TWO-SPEED COFFEEBREAK**  
**ACROSS:** 1 Plant, 5 Strip, 9 Rag, 10 Ratio, 11 Evade, 12 Eel, 13 Cat, 14 Ace, 16 Lot,

## 18 Endure, 21 So-so,

23 Gold, 26 Tremor, 29 Leo, 31 Ado, 32 Den, 34 Nit, 36 There, 37 Credo, 38 Air, 39 Trees, 40 Roles.

**DOWN:** 1 Precip, 2 Lava, 3 Agates, 4 Tread, 5 Steer, 6 Tie, 7 Roll, 8 Pact, 15 Cured, 17 Owl, 19 Not, 20 Ego, 22 Owe, 24 Ordeal, 25 Diners, 27 Rates, 28 Motor, 29 Last, 30 Once, 33 Erie, 35 Ire.

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ**  
1 London, 2 Constantine, 3 Parliament, 4 The Iron Age, 5 1939, 6 Peru, 7 Young, 8 Michael, 9 Trombone, 10 ABBA, 11 Christina Aguilera, 12 Joan Crawford, 13 South America, 14 Yellow, 15 Cat's eye, 16 Internet,

## 17 Symbiosis, 18 Mars, 19 Iran,

20 The Black Forest, 21 Staffa, 22 Ireland, 23 Ottawa, 24 Belgium, 25 1970s, 26 Tennis, 27 New Zealand, 28 Hibs, 29 Eighteen, 30 15.

**NAME GAME**  
**MYLES SMITH**  
1M, 2I, 3Y, 4M, 5L, 6H, 7S, 8S, 9E, 10T.

**WORD WHEEL**  
HAMBURGER

**JUST A BIT OF FUN**  
2 Hook-shaped

**MIRRORGRAM**  
CONNECTION

**SUMTHING**  
1+9=10, 5x2=10, 5+7=12.

**SPEEDBREAKER**  
1=D, 2=N, 3=B, 4=U, 5=I, 6=Q, 7=Y, 8=P, 9=X, 10=G, 11=J, 12=S, 13=C, 14=M, 15=A, 16=V, 17=L, 18=F, 19=E, 20=K, 21=T, 22=R, 23=W, 24=Z, 25=O, 26=H.

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# RECORD RACING

Big winners tipped this week at [www.dailyrecord.co.uk/racing](http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/racing)

# JOLIE'S BOX OFFICE

**JOLIE BAIE (4.30) can make it a sad day for the bookies in the handicap hurdle at Worcester.**

Jo Davis' mare relished three miles when decisively beating Luna Run at Ffos Las in May. The five-year-old remains nicely unexposed as a stayer so can shrug off a 6lb penalty with Nick Scholfield as pilot. **JAC JUMPER (2.25)** should hit the heights for Deborah Cole in the handicap chase. The gelding left his timber

BY GARRY OWEN

form behind when pipped by Calvic on his fencing bow here last month. The five-year-old learned plenty so ought to hurt his rival at these weights.

**ALMAZHAR GARDE (2.55)** can stand tall in the planet-sportbet Handicap Chase.

Charlie Longsdon's bay built on fine efforts when routing Getaway Glory at Bangor last month. That race is working out well so the nine-year-old

stands to cash in on an inviting mark. **LENNON (2.10)** should top the charts once again for George Boughey at Pontefract.

The gelding showed class and guts to narrowly deny Naval Academy over a mile here eight days ago so ought to extend his trainer's excellent run upped in trip.

**HAVAGOMECCA (2.40)** is well worth punting in the Napoleons Casino Handicap.

Michael Dods' mare bounced back with a superb second to

Protest Rally at Musselburgh last month and should deliver off an attractive mark.

Ralph Beckett's **ARDEUR (3.15)** can stay upwardly mobile in the Spindrift Stakes.

**AVIEMORE (3.45)** stands to rise to the challenge in the bettingsites.co.uk Handicap.

Charlie Johnston's gelding finished second at Carlisle a fortnight ago and is a surefire improver in this sphere.

**DAYTONA LADY (4.15)** will be revved up in the IVECO

Vehicle Handicap. Ruth Carr's filly recorded a career best when outbattling **Canaria Queen** at Wetherby last month. The four-year-old is open to plenty more progress on turf so can defy a 5lb hike.

**TRUE NATION (4.45)** should keep Richard Fahey's bandwagon rolling in the last.

The filly ran a stormer when second to the well-treated **Shahnaz** at Hamilton last month and looks primed for compensation in a weaker race.



READY TO NICK IT Scholfield

## WORCESTER SKY SPORTS RACING

GARRY OWEN	PA
2.25 JAC JUMPER	GONE IN SIXTY
2.55 ALMAZHAR GARDE	HIDDEN DEPTHS
3.30 HOLA HERMOSA	EMERALD QUEST
4.00 MOONSCAPE GIRL	SPITFIRE BRIDGE
4.30 JOLIE BAIE (NAP)	JOLIE BAIE
5.00 THE SAD SHEPHERD	ELECTRIC EDDY
5.30 MAYS HILL	MAYS HILL

GARRY'S DOUBLE: JOLIE BAIE (NAP, 4.30 Worcester) & Daytona Lady (4.15 Pontefract).

### 2.25 FBC MANBY BOWDLER HANDICAP CHASE (5) Winner £3,248 (14 run) 2m 4f

1 PP6-P2 **JAC JUMPER** (18) (T) Deborah Cole 5 12-0 (CD) ..... C Ward (3) 100  
 2 316-21 **CALVIC** (18) (P) S Edmunds 8 12-0 (CD) ..... C Hammond 100  
 3 P738-3 **SOMEKINDOFSTAR** (29) M Crawley 11 11-8 (D) ..... J Quinlan 94  
 4 /125-4 **BEST MATE DAVE** (30) D J Jeffreys 7 11-5 (CD) ..... S Twiston-Davies 91  
 5 026-61 **TRIBESMANS GLORY** (32) C Down 10 10-12 (D) ..... J Davies 84  
 6 257-53 **GONE IN SIXTY** (30) A Hales 7 10-8 ..... K Woods 80  
 7 675-0P **WILLWEKEPHIM** (27) J Coulson 6 10-4 ..... T Worsley (3) 76  
 8 0-7P96 **ALWAYS FORCE IT** (19) (H,P) H Brown 5 10-3 ..... B Godfrey 74  
 9 2P3-U5 **SEVENOFUS** (26) C J Gray 8 10-2 ..... Elizabeth Gale (7) 74  
 10 /0PP-8 **LEGOSTAR** (58) (V) J Coulson 9 10-2 ..... William Maggs (5) 73  
 11 5P55P- **SHE HAS NOTIONS** (150) (P) M Keighley 7 10-2 ..... S Bowen 73  
 12 44-5P7 **SILVER ATOM** (10) A Watson 6 10-2 ..... B Poste 71  
 13 4863-2 **TESTFLIGHT** (17) Mrs S Gardner 7 10-2 ..... J Best 70  
 14 P7/P0- **DRUMLEES PET** (67) (P) G Harris 9 10-2 ..... C Ring 69  
**BETTING:** 3 Calvic, 4 Jac Jumper, 9-2 Tribesmans Glory, 6 Best Mate Dave, 8 Gone In Sixty, 10 Sevenofus, Somekindofstar, Testflight, 20 Others.

2023: MOLE COURT 6 12 0, Luca Morgan 15-9 Fav (B Pauling), 12 ran.  
**JAC JUMPER** 22-1 (11-11, Chris Ward) Held up towards rear, headway after 9th, led 3 out, driven flat, headed close home, 2nd of 9, sbd behind Calvic (11-13) at Worcester 2m 4f hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 5m 13.90s.

**CALVIC** 7-2 (11-13, Charlie Hammond) Mid-division, closed after 9th, handy 4 out, switched left flat, stayed on, led close home, won at Worcester 2m 4f nov hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun beating Jac Jumper (11-11) by shd, 9 ran 5m 13.90s.

**SOMEKINDOFSTAR** 7-1 (11-12, B S Hughes) Midfield, ridden before 2 out, kept on into modest 3rd before last, kept on one pace run-in, 3rd of 8, 11l behind Omaha Wish (12-0) at Fakenham 2m hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 4m 08.01s.

**BEST MATE DAVE** 9-2 (10-10, Kielan Woods) Towards rear, ridden and headway 2 out, kept on flat, 4th of 9, 7l behind Mr Tambourine Man (11-6) at Worcester 2m 7f hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gd in Jun 6m 04.39s.

**TRIBESMANS GLORY** 16-1 (10-8, James Davies) Raced wide in touch, headway 12th, ridden to join leader 2 out, led next, ran on, won at Warwick 2m 4f hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in May beating Harlem Soul (11-4) by hd, 10 ran 5m 04.14s.

**GONE IN SIXTY** 8-1 (10-12, Kielan Woods) Raced wide, towards rear, headway 3 out, ridden and stayed on one pace flat, 3rd of 14, 6l behind What A Steal (11-3) at Worcester 2m 4f hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 5m 17.77s.

**WILLWEKEPHIM**, did not finish, 50-1 (10-7, Tabitha Worringley) Raced in third, weakened quickly when outpaced before 3 out, won straggling, pulled up well before 2 out, in a race won by Malago Rose (11-5) at Southwell 3m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gs in Jun, 12 ran 6m 36.09s.

**ALWAYS FORCE IT** 100-1 (10-2, James Best) Went to post early and unruly start, held up in last pair, headway on heels of leaders 4 out, weakened quickly before next, tailed off, last of 6, 41l behind Village Master (12-0) at Fontwell 3m 2f hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd in Jun 6m 40.56s.

**SEVENOFUS** 40-1 (9-9, Elizabeth Gale) Chased leaders, went 2nd before 4 out, led next, pushed and headed before 2 out, chased leader until weakened before the last, 5th of 10, 9l behind Saint Bibiana (11-10) at Newton Abbot 3m 2f mrs hcp hdl (0-105) (5) gd in Jun 6m 33.30s.

**LEGOSTAR** 200-1 (11-1, William Shanahan) Towards rear, lost touch 3 out, 8th of 10, 40l behind Valgrind (11-6) at Uttoxeter 2m N H mdn hdl (4) sft in May 4m 04.19s.

**SHE HAS NOTIONS**, did not finish, 10-1 (9-8, Harry Atkins) Always towards rear, well beaten 4 out, pulled up before 3 out, in a race won by Star Flyer (11-12) at Southwell 2m 4f hcp chs 0-100 (5) gs in Feb, 12 ran 5m 34.60s.

**SILVER ATOM** 28-1 (10-8, Nick Scholfield) Held up in rear, straggling after 4 out, tailed off, 7th of 12, 40l behind A Dublin Job (12-0) at Market Rasen 2m 3f hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 4m 53.34s.

**TESTFLIGHT** 4-1 (11-4) 2nd of 3, 5l behind Im Digby (11-4) at Les Landes (JERF) 2m mdn hdl hcp in Jun, Lucy Gardner 3m 5700s.

**DRUMLEES PET** 150-1 (10-3, Conor Ring) Tracked leaders, close up 12th, blundered 4 out, soon weakened, 11th of 15, 50l behind Village Master (10-9) at Warwick 3m nov hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Apr 6m 05.90s.

### 2.55 GET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT PLANETSPORTBET HANDICAP CHASE (4) Winner £4,700 (7 run) 2m 7f

1 2PP-P2 **AJP KINGDOM** (18) F O'Brien 7 12-0 (CD) ..... C Brace 119  
 2 1433-4 **GOOSE MAN** (29) J Snowden 12 11-13 ..... G Sheehan 118  
 3 4241-4 **HIDDEN DEPTHS** (P,T) N Mulholland 9 11-13 ..... J Bowen 118  
 4 33-331 **BBOLD** (13) (B) Daisy Hitchins 10 11-10 (D) ..... H Reed 115  
 5 6222-1 **ALMAZHAR GARDE** (23) (P,T) C Longsdon 9 11-10 (D) ..... Paul O'Brien 115

6 P448-4 **YES INDEED** (25) (T,V) J & A O'Neill 7 11-9 ..... Jonjo O'Neill Jr 116  
 7 611-32 **URBAN GRIT** (40) (T) Mrs L Hill 7 10-5 ..... H Cobden 94

**BETTING:** 3 AJP Kingdom, 7-2 Bbold, 4 Almazhar Garde, 7 Goose Man, Hidden Depths, 8 Yes Indeed, Urban Grit.  
 2023: No corresponding race.

### AJP KINGDOM 13-2 (11-1, C Brace) Jumped right in rear, closed from 12th, close 3rd 3 out, led 2 out, ridden flat, headed towards finish, 2nd of 8, 1l behind Tiger Orchid (11-7) at Worcester 2m 7f hcp chs 0-130 (3) gd in Jun 6m 02.90s.

**GOOSE MAN** 9-1 (11-9, G Sheehan) Held up in rear, ridden and detached before 3 out, stayed on into modest 4th near finish, nearest finish, 4th of 8, 10l behind Riskinthe-ground (11-5) at Fakenham 2m 5f hcp chs 0-125 (3) gd in Jun 5m 21.59s.

**HIDDEN DEPTHS** 4-1 (12-5, L P Keniry) Held up in rear, not fluent 4 out, went 4th towards finish, never dangerous, 4th of 7, 8l behind Whodini (11-12) at Huntingdon 2m 4f hcp chs 0-115 (4) gd in Oct 3m 02.18s.

**BBOLD** 3-1fav (11-3, Harry Reed) Rear mid-division, went 4th 4 out, headway home turn, shaken up and disputed lead last, pushed out and forged away run-in, always doing enough, won at Stratford 2m 7f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Jun beating Do No Wrong (11-4) by 2 1/4l, 8 ran 5m 41.23s.

**ALMAZHAR GARDE** 12-1 (11-12, Paul O'Brien) Chased leaders, led going well 3 out, well clear last, ridden out, won at Bangor-on-Dee 3m hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd in Jun beating Getaway Glory (11-4) by 4l, 10 ran 6m 01.90s.

**YES INDEED** 9-1 (11-9, K Brogan) Raced in 2nd, pressed leader from 10th, hit 4 out and pushed along, ridden and every chance before last, faded run-in, 4th of 5, 3 1/2l behind Get Up Mush (11-4) at Uttoxeter 2m 5f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Jun 5m 12.97s.

**URBAN GRIT** 7-4 (12-0, Miss L Marshall) (tt) went 2nd 13; outpud app 2 out, no ex final 100yds, 2nd of 3, 3l behind Lakota Warrior (12-5) at Spooners & West Dartmoor 3m pip gs in May 6m 21.00s.

### 3.30 MARES' OPEN NH FLAT RACE (GBB RACE) (5) Winner £2,451 (12 run) 2m

1 P2- **BACK IN THE BAY** (72) (T) D Pipe 5 11-2 ..... J Tudor 100  
 2 0-3 **HOLA HERMOSA** (43) F O'Brien 5 11-2 ..... J J Burke 100  
 3 F6 **LIZZIE'S STAR** (31) J Tickle 5 11-2 ..... Mr C Pritchard (7) 100  
 4 5- **SHAKIYRA** (350) F O'Brien 5 11-2 (BF) ..... J Hogan (3) 76  
 5 3 **ALL INN HAND** (16) P & M Bowen 4 10-12 ..... S Bowen 76  
 6 **COUNTRY ROYAL** B Case 4 10-12 ..... H Bannister 76  
 7 **EMERALD QUEST** N Mulholland 4 10-12 ..... J Bowen 76  
 8 46 **GRANNY SMITH** (16) D Pipe 4 10-12 ..... D Noonan 76  
 9 6 **KALIZE** (86) (T) A Honeyball 4 10-12 ..... S Twiston-Davies 76  
 10 **PUT A LID ON IT** F O'Brien 4 10-12 ..... M Kendrick 76  
 11 **QUEEN OF THE VALE** J Snowden 4 10-12 ..... G Sheehan 76  
 12 **TRALEE BAY** S Hodgson 4 10-12 ..... N Scholfield 76

**BETTING:** 10-3 All Inn Hand, 4 HOLA Hermosa, 6 Shakiyra, 13-2 Back In The Bay, 8 Put A Lid On It, Queen Of The Vale, 14 Granny Smith, Emerald Quest, Kalize, 20 Others.  
 2023: DAYTONA BEACH 4 10 12, Brian Hughes Evens Fav (R Guest), 6 ran.

### 4.00 PJ NICHOLLS KGM KOREA GENUINELY MADE NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) Winner £4,193 (12 run) 2m

1 365-12 **CAPTAIN ATTRIDGE** (38) H Oliver 6 11-8 (BF,D) ..... L Edwards 105  
 2 P25-21 **VOCITO** (18) (T) O Murphy 6 11-8 (CD) ..... S Bowen 106  
 3 P7-P75 **SELECTIVELISTENING** (5) T Ellis 5 11-1 ..... F Gillard 106  
 4 F- **SIXFIVESEVEN** (225) R G Hawker 4 10-11 ..... H Reed 106  
 5 567-5 **SPITFIRE BRIDGE** (MIS) S West 4 10-11 (BF) ..... M Goldstein 106  
 6 7-P **JAZZMINA QUEEN** (30) D Skelton 5 10-8 ..... H Skelton 106  
 7 **VERTICAL** (H) S Humphrey 6 10-8 ..... J Best 106  
 8 08-P **BRIEF ENCOUNTER** (17) (H) N Hawke 4 10-4 ..... L Murtugh 106  
 9 7U **DAWN PARADE** (17) D Skelton 4 10-4 ..... T Durrell (3) 106  
 10 0 **JO'S RAINBOW** (38) D Skelton 4 10-4 ..... L Harrison 106  
 11 P **MOLLY MISCHIEF** (40) J Candlish 4 10-4 ..... Sean Quinlan 106  
 12 57-1 **MOONSCAPE GIRL** (55) O Murphy 4 10-4 (D) ..... K Brogan 106

**BETTING:** 11-8 Vocito, 4 Captain Attridge, 9-2 Mooncape Girl, 10 Jo's Rainbow, 14 Molly Mischief, 16 Sixfiveseven, 20 Vertical, Jazzmina Queen, Spitfire Bridge, 25 Others.  
 2023: MYRISTICA 5 11 7, Jack Tudor 8-13 Fav (D Pipe), 11 ran.

**CAPTAIN ATTRIDGE** 11-4fav (12-0, L Ed Edwards) Keen tracked leaders, ridden to chase winner soon after 2 out, driven and stayed on to press winner towards finish, 2nd of 10, hd behind Symbolic Spirit (11-4) at Hereford 2m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in May 3m 56.23s.

**VOCITO** 8-1fav (11-4, S Bowen) Made all, ridden flat, stayed on, won at Worcester 2m mdn hdl (4) gd in Jun beating Jacobs Acre (11-4) by 4 1/2l, 10 ran 4m 01.70s.

**SELECTIVELISTENING** 200-1 (11-4, Fergus Gillard) Off the pace in last trio, left remote 5th at the last, never involved, 5th of 10, 28l behind Jumeirah King (10-13) at Worcester 2m mdn hdl (4) gd in Jun 3m 50.60s.

**SIXFIVESEVEN**, did not finish, 5-2 (11-0, Harry Reed) In rear, in touch, pushed along after 3 out and tailed off, fell last, in a race won by Steven Seagull (10-7) at Fontwell 2m 2f hcp hdl (4) hvy in Nov, 4 ran 4m 50.32s.

**SPITFIRE BRIDGE** 16-5fav (10-12, Rose Dawes) Prominent, slightly impeded 2nd, chased leaders after 3 out, outpaced when not fluent 2 out, weakened run-in, 5th of 10, 14l behind Ikgai Star (10-12) at Huntingdon 2m mdn hdl (4) gd in May 2m 04.93s.

**JAZZMINA QUEEN**, did not finish, 66-1 (10-8, C J Todd) In touch, not fluent 6th, ridden before 3 out where not fluent, soon beaten, pulled up before last, in a race won by Six And Out (11-1) at Stratford 2m 3f nh nov hdl (4) gd in Jun, 10 ran 4m 29.12s.

**VERTICAL** 22-1 (8-9, Christian Howarth) Soon led, ridden and headed when edged right over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 6th of 12, 5l behind Sun Festival (9-10) at Chelmsford City 1m 2f hcp (6) pol in Sep (flat) 2m 04.86s.

**BRIEF ENCOUNTER**, did not finish, 250-1 (10-9, Lorcan Murtagh) Held up in rear, bad mistake 1st where jockey lost irons, soon pulled up, in a race won by Dame Sarra (10-9) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f mrs nov hdl (4) gd in Jun, 12 ran 4m 01.66s.

**DAWN PARADE**, did not finish, 80-1 (10-6, Tristan Durrell) Held up in rear, not fluent and unseated rider 1st, in a race won by Dame Sarra (10-9) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f mrs nov hdl (4) gd in Jun, 12 ran 4m 01.66s.

**JO'S RAINBOW** 4-1 (10-5, Harry Skelton) Handy, outpaced after 2 out, ridden rounding home, soon faded, 10th of 14, 22l behind Time Interval (11-4) at Hereford 2m mdn hdl (4) gd in May 3m 56.55s.

**MOLLY MISCHIEF**, did not finish, 9-2 (10-10, Sean Quinlan) In rear, not fluent 4th, struggling 5th, behind when pulled up 2 out, in a race won by Parkin Fine (11-2) at Southwell 2m mdn hdl (4) sft in May, 6 ran 4m 25.17s.

**MOONSCAPE GIRL** 80-1 (10-10, G Sheehan) Midfield, ridden and headway between rivals over 1f out where chased leader, stayed on well inside final furlong, led close home, won going away near finish, won at Southwell 2m mdn NHF (5) gd in May beating Damzn (11-2) by 1 1/2l, 13 ran 3m 56.78s.

### 4.30 EVENTMASTERS.CO.UK HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £3,248 (14 run) 2m 7f

1 /85P0- **ROCCO ROYALE** (73) Jonjo & A O'Neill 6 12-0 ..... Jonjo O'Neill Jr 100  
 2 471-32 **GETAWAY GLORY** (23) (P,T) O Greenall & J Guerrero 5 11-12 ..... Toby Wynne (3) 98  
 3 /255-2 **FINE BY ME** (27) N Twiston-Davies 7 11-8 (D) ..... J Brace (7) 94  
 4 4421-1 **JOLIE BAIE** (32) (H) Miss J Davis 5 11-8 (C) ..... N Scholfield 94  
 5 /308P- **PRIVATE PIKE** (166) N Twiston-Davies 6 11-6 ..... J Turner (7) 92  
 6 9458-6 **BORDERLINE** (30) (H,T) J Scott 6 11-6 ..... L Williams 92  
 7 F43P-P **CATUABA** (30) (B) C Longsdon 6 11-5 ..... J Best 91  
 8 P42-P1 **HUGUENEAU** (41) (T) D Skelton 7 11-3 ..... Mr B Sutton (7) 89  
 9 P76-02 **CASPERS COURT** (33) (P) K Woolcott 10 11-2 ..... Mr C Pritchard (7) 88

10 0869-2 **PERFECT ARCH** (24) (P) S G West 7 11-1 ..... B Lynn (3) 87  
 11 88435- **FORTUITOUS FAVOUR** (105) (B,T) A Honeyball 6 11-1 ..... B Godfrey 87

12 536-56 **ROYAL SAM** (30) (P) M Blake 7 10-13 (BF) ..... H Cobden 85  
 13 FUS-P5 **INDIAN SUNBIRD** (24) Sara Ender 7 10-12 ..... H Bannister 84  
 14 P87-25 **STRIPE OF HONOUR** (27) (T,V) A Day 11 10-8 (CD) ..... Charlie Price (3) 80

**BETTING:** 7-2 Getaway Glory, 9-2 Jolie Baie, Hugueneau, 5 Fine By Me, 15-2 Perfect Arch, 8 Caspers Court, 16 Catuaba, Royal Sam, Fortuitous Favour, 25 Others.  
 2023: RUBYS REWARD 7 10 2, Harry Cobden 9-1 (D Hamer), 12 ran.

**ROCCO ROYALE** 25-1 (11-12, R P McLarnon) Tracked leaders, not fluent 3rd, weakened quickly after 3 out, 11th of 15, well behind Solar System (11-4) at Fontwell 2m 2f hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd in Apr 4m 18.80s.

**GETAWAY GLORY** 7-2 (11-4, Henry Brooke) Rear of mid-division, headway under pressure to go 2nd 2 out, kept on without threatening, 2nd of 10, 4l behind Almazhar Garde (11-12) at Bangor-on-Dee 3m hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd in Jun 6m 01.90s.

**FINE BY ME** 17-2 (11-0, Jamie Brace) Raced in second, led on far rail before home turn, pushed along before pressed for lead 2 out, ridden when headed before last, rallied and still every chance run-in, weakened near finish, game, 2nd of 12, 1 1/4l behind Malago Rose (11-5) at Southwell 3m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gs in Jun 6m 36.09s.

**JOLIE BAIE** 25-1 (11-7, Nick Scholfield) Towards rear, headway before 3 out, went 4th after 3 out and pushed along, ridden and led narrowly bypassed 2 out, not fluent last, stayed on gamely run-in, found extra towards finish, won at Ffos Las 3m (5) gd in May beating Luna Run (10-1) by 3/4l, 12 ran 5m 51.68s.

**PRIVATE PIKE**, did not finish, 10-1 (11-4, James Turner) Mid-division, pushed along going out on last circuit, soon lost place, tailed off and pulled up before 3 out, in a race won by Catch Him Derry (11-13) at Southwell 3m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gs in Jan, 12 ran 6m 44.63s.

**BORDERLINE** 11-1 (11-5, Lorcan Williams) In rear, headway 3 out, ridden and no impression from the next, 6th of 11, 37l behind Thankyourluckystar (11-11) at Worcester 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd in Jun 5m 11.87s.

**CATUABA**, did not finish, 9-1 (11-7, James Best) Close up, ridden and weakened 5 out, pulled up 2 out, in a race won by Kennack Bay (12-0) at Worcester 2m 4f hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun, 14 ran 6m 03.04s.

**HUGUENEAU** 6-1 (10-10, Harry Skelton) In rear, slow 6th, headway 2 out, ridden and every chance next, bumped flat, rallied to join leader final strides, won at Huntingdon 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gs in May beating Aloski (10-7) by , 9 ran 5m 01.29s.

**CASPERS COURT** 11-4 (10-4, Ben Godfrey) Tracked winner until ridden 2 out, rallied to go 2nd again next, stayed on towards finish, 2nd of 5, 1 1/4l behind Trump Lady (10-12) at Newton Abbot 2m 8f hcp hdl 0-115 (4) sft in May 5m 41.10s.

**PERFECT ARCH** 22-1 (10-13, Bruce Lynn) Raced wide chasing leaders, went 2nd at the last, driven and strong challenge run-in, found no extra inside final 110 yards, 2nd of 9, 3/4l behind Kosasiempre (12-0) at Market Rasen 2m 5f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 5m 20.00s.

**FORTUITOUS FAVOUR** 16-5 (11-1, Ben Godfrey) Bit keen, led, awkward 5th, went right 7th, headed out and lost 2nd before 2 out, weakened into 4th between last two and dropped to 5th run-in, last of 5, 24l behind Twp Stori (10-6) at Fontwell 3m 2f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) hvy in Mar 7m 20.10s.

**ROYAL SAM** 9-2fav (11-13, Nick Scholfield) Tracked leaders, outpaced 3 out, ridden and rallied flat, 6th of 14, 23l behind What A Steal (11-4) at Worcester 2m 4f hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 5m 17.77s.

**INDIAN SUNBIRD** 80-1 (11-5, Harry Bannister) Off the pace in last trio, slightly hampered by faller 3rd, weakened home turn, 5th of 9, 16l behind Kosasiempre (12-0) at Market Rasen 2m 5f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 5m 20.00s.

**STRIPE OF HONOUR** 16-1 (10-5, Hamlet Tucker) Towards rear,

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2.10 22ND WILFRED UNDERWOOD MEMORIAL AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,477 (8 run) 1m 2f 5yds

- 1 (4) 247-82 UNPLUGGED (24) M & D Easterly 8 114 (CD) ...Miss S Brotherton 72
2 (8) 885805 VISIBILITY (8) S Dixon 7 11-1 (CD) ...Mr F Teit 69
3 (3) 361114 LIFE ON THE ROCKS (17) (V) R Fahey 6 11-0 (D) ...Mr E Cagney 68

3.45 BETTINGSITES.CO.UK BETTING SITES HANDICAP (4) Winner £5,234 (9 run) 1m 6yds

- 1 (6) 200-07 BENNETOT (32) D O'Meara 5 10-4 ...D Tudhope 87
2 (2) -51279 ON THE RIVER (15) H Bethell 5 9-12 (CD) ...J Fanning 81
3 (3) 24615- TELE RED (237) K R Burke 7 9-10 (C,D) ...S Feilden (7) 79

6.00 RACEDAY-READY.COM NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) Winner £3,942 (5 run) 5f 21yds

- 1 (4) 71 ACCRUAL (16) D & C Kubler 3 9-11 (D) ...S Osborne 74
2 (3) 0 ROBESPIERRE (30) D Shaw 4 9-9 ...C Hardie 74
3 (5) 13 CAPO VATICANO (57) A Balding 3 9-6 (D) ...D Probert 79

6.30 DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP HANDICAP (4) Winner £4,972 (8 run) 5f 21yds

- 1 (2) 8-0663 READY FREDDIE GO (9) (B) O Pears 6 10-2 (CD) ...H Russell 82
2 (8) 221540 NIGHT ON EARTH (30) (T) I Williams 6 10-1 (CD) ...C J Todd 81
2 (8) 26-205 TSUNAMI SPIRIT (25) K P De Foy 3 9-9 ...B Sayette 80

4.15 NORTHERN COMMERCIALS ORDER YOUR NEW IVECO VEHICLE HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,664 (9 run) 6f

- 1 (5) -01362 LATE ARRIVAL (24) M & D Easterly 7 10-3 (CD) ...Joanna Mason 68
2 (6) 584221 DAYTONA LADY (20) (P) R Carr 4 10-2 (D) ...JP Sullivan 67
3 (4) -12463 DICKO THE LEGEND (19) L Bailey 4 10-2 (D) ...B Garrity 67

4.45 WAYNE CONWAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,140 (13 run) 1m 6yds

- 1 (8) 69-012 TRUE NATION (19) (P) R Fahey 4 9-10 (D) ...E Tindall (7) 53
2 (5) 400428 TONAL (35) (T) I Williams 4 9-9 (BF) ...P Mulrennan 52
3 (6) 6-0882 INDICATION ROCKET (8) (T) R Menzies 4 9-7 (D) ...C Lee 50

7.00 TIPS FOR EVERY RACE AT RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,716 (11 run) 1m 4f 51yds

- 1 (3) -11124 OPTICIAN (94) (T) S Lyckett 4 9-11 (BF,CD) ...L Morris 74
2 (2) 7634-2 BOLDLY (7) (T) G Boughey 4 9-11 ...Grace McEntee (3) 74
3 (6) 622283 ELEANOR CROSS (19) A Balding 4 9-10 ...D Probert 73

7.30 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6) Winner £2,983 (10 run) 6f 20yds

- 1 (3) 422497 REVOLUCION (77) (P) G Harris 4 9-12 (CD) ...S D Bowen (5) 59
2 (8) 183-21 MAGIC GEM (39) M Herrington 6 9-10 (C) ...Dylan Hogan 57
3 (4) 100341 DUE DATE (27) (V) C Wallis 4 9-9 (CD) ...M Ghiani 56

8.00 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6) Winner £2,983 (9 run) 6f 20yds

- 1 (6) 486531 SAVANNAH SMILES (14) (P) G Harris 4 9-11 (CD) ...C Hutchinson (3) 58
2 (1) 162914 ARLECCHINO'S GIFT (9) M Usher 5 9-11 (CD) ...G Rooke 58
3 (7) 44925 MATCH ANTHEM (20) (P) P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck 3 9-9 ...L Morris 62

8.30 GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP (6) Winner £2,983 (11 run) 1m 5f 21yds

- 1 (1) 353657 SMOKEY MALONE (23) (B) J Feilden 6 9-10 (D) ...Dylan Hogan 59
2 (7) 76-098 UNIFICATION (18) P McEntee 4 9-9 ...Grace McEntee (3) 58
3 (3) -01233 DUBAI IMMO (16) (P) W Stone 5 9-8 ...J Mitchell 57

9.00 DOWNLOAD THE RACECOURSE APP RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (6) Winner £2,983 (12 run) 7f 36yds

- 1 (8) 203229 CANDY WARHOL (6) (T) S Dixon 5 9-9 ...Mikkel Mortensen (7) 62
2 (4) 625776 BRUNEL CHARM (60) (V) C Wallis 7 9-9 (BF,D) ...C Hardie 62
3 (11) 1101-9 THOMAS EQUINAS (53) D Ivory 5 9-9 (D) ...R Havlin 62

3.15 TATTERSALLS 40,000 EBF SPINDRIFTER FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (2) 2-Y-O Winner £20,616 (6 run) 6f

- 1 (4) 41 ARDEUR (21) R Beckett 9-7 (CD) ...Rossa Ryan 72
2 (2) GUNS FIRING R Fahey 9-2 ...B Garrity 72
3 (3) INDY'S ANGEL P Kirby 9-2 ...C Beasley 72

4.20 1, DR SANDERSON (R McLernon) 6-5 Fav; 2, Leromos Legend 9-2; 3, Thank You Blue 10-1. 9 ran. 15f. 7/2l. (B Haslam). Tote: Win £2.20; Pl £1.20, £1.60, £2.80. Exacta: £7.10. Tricast: £37.13. Trifecta: £40.20. CSF: £7.73. NR: Cuzco Du Mathan.

4.55 1, ROLL WITH IT (S Bowen) 4-1; 2, Cash Again 11-1; 3, Calahill 16-1. Also: 7-2 Fav Lights Are Green. 10 ran. 7/2l. (P & M Bowen). Tote: Win £5.10; Pl £1.90, £2.90, £4.50. Exacta: £46.00. Tricast: £633.99. Trifecta: £563.70. CSF: £46.02.

5.05 1, SAINT BIBIANA (S Bowen) 5-2 Fav; 2, Jimli's Cave 66-1; 3, Balkotic 10-1. 9 ran. nk. (G Nicholls). Tote: Win £3.50; Pl £1.40, £1.10, £2.30. Exacta: £112.00. Tricast: £1413.56. Trifecta: £1787.70. CSF: £106.93. NR: Starlyte.

5.15 1, FIVEONEFIVE (J Gainford) 5-1; 2, King Otis 12-1; 3, Book of Secrets 20-1. Also: 9-2 Fav Je Tai Porte. 12 ran. 23/4l. (C Collins (IRE)). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £2.10, £3.20, £5.10. Exacta: £74.40. Tricast: £1103.80. CSF: £930.90. CSF: £58.38.

5.30 1, CHARLIE UBERALLES (D McMenamin) 3-1 Fav; 2, Bella Bliss 4-1; 3, Fracky Du Berlais 11-2. 10 ran. 2l. 41/4l. (D Sayer). Tote: Win £4.00; Pl £1.60, £2.10, £1.90. Exacta: £13.40. Tricast: £62.00. Trifecta: £70.40. CSF: £15.82.

5.45 1, DR SANDERSON (R McLernon) 6-5 Fav; 2, Leromos Legend 9-2; 3, Thank You Blue 10-1. 9 ran. 15f. 7/2l. (B Haslam). Tote: Win £2.20; Pl £1.20, £1.60, £2.80. Exacta: £7.10. Tricast: £37.13. Trifecta: £40.20. CSF: £7.73. NR: Cuzco Du Mathan.

6.00 1, ROLL WITH IT (S Bowen) 4-1; 2, Cash Again 11-1; 3, Calahill 16-1. Also: 7-2 Fav Lights Are Green. 10 ran. 7/2l. (P & M Bowen). Tote: Win £5.10; Pl £1.90, £2.90, £4.50. Exacta: £46.00. Tricast: £633.99. Trifecta: £563.70. CSF: £46.02.

6.15 1, HENRI MATISSE (W M Lordan) 8-1; 2, The Strikin Viking 7-2; 3, Arizona Blaze 6-1. Also: 11-8 Fav Turbridge Wells. 5 ran. 1/2l. 3/4l. (A P O'Brien). Tote: Win £9.15; Pl £1.85, £1.35, £1.70. Exacta: £39.90. Trifecta: £125.60. CSF: £34.49. NR: Red Evolution, The Parthenon.

6.30 1, MY MATE ALFIE (C T Keane) 10-3; 2, Ano Syra 11-2; 3, Tango Flare 7-1. Also: 5-4 Fav Commanche Falls. 7 ran. 1/2l. hd. (G M Lyons). Tote: Win £5.35; Pl £1.50, £1.90, £1.90. Exacta: £32.20. Trifecta: £105.50. CSF: £21.32. NR: Dandyville.

6.45 1, AMAZON LADY (W J Lee) 22-1; 2, Greek Flower 22-1; 3, Lethal Nymph 5-1; 4, Jim Jangle 9-1. Also: 3-1 Fav Sturlasson. 16 ran. 11/4l, 1/2l, shd. (W McCreery). Tote: Win £35.00; Pl £8.40, £7.75, £2.05. Exacta: £767.10. Tricast: £2925.31. Trifecta: £6458.70. CSF: £431.24. NR: So Majestic.

6.55 1, LORD MASSUSUS (G F Carroll) 10-1; 2, Atlantic Coast 8-1; 3, Azada evens Fav. 8 ran. 21/4l, 11/2l. (Joseph G Murphy). Tote: Win £11.00; Pl £2.25, £2.05, £1.20. Exacta: £62.30. Trifecta: £1475.00. CSF: £84.08. NR: Romina Power.

7.05 1, LOS ANGELES (R L Moore) 13-8; 2, Sunway 16-1; 3, Ambiente Friendly 6-4 Fav. 8 ran. 3/4l, 1/2l. (A P O'Brien). Tote: Win £2.75; Pl £1.35, £3.45, £1.05. Exacta: £32.50. Tricast: £40.58. Trifecta: £65.40. CSF: £22.75.

7.15 1, BOOYEA (G M Ryan) 12-1; 2, No More Porter 16-1; 3, Verhoyen 28-1. Also: 9-4 Fav State Actor. 15 ran. 3/4l, 2l. (T Gibney). Tote: Win £16.60; Pl £4.40, £5.10, £8.25. Exacta: £258.90. Tricast: £5317.28. Trifecta: £5430.00. CSF: £181.80.

7.25 1, INFUGO FIVE (W Joyce) 11-1; 2, Plume Noire 12-1; 3, Profit Redused 25-1; 4, Dagoda 9-1. Also: 10-3 Fav Kayhana. 16 ran. hd, 11/4l, 3/4l. (J Feane). Tote: Win £16.00; Pl £5.55, £4.65, £8.50. Exacta: £212.10. Tricast: £3379.18. Trifecta: £4826.10. CSF: £142.40.

7.35 1, STAR HARBOUR (Adam Caffrey) 9-1; 2, Safe-cracker 11-1; 3, Lot of Joy 6-1. Also: 5-2 Fav Saturn. 10 ran. nk. (A McGuinness). Tote: Win £10.45; Pl £2.55, £3.55, £2.30. Exacta: £150.70. Tricast: £646.89. Trifecta: £751.30. CSF: £102.45. NR: Zoffman, Cealchall.

7.45 1, GALE MAHLER (H Brooke) 11-8 Fav; 2, Flying Fortune 2-1; 3, Paddy De Pole 10-3. 8 ran. 21/4l, 9l. (A Keatley). Tote: Win £2.40; Pl £1.10, £1.30, £1.30. Exacta: £47.70. Trifecta: £10.60. CSF: £4.64.

7.55 1, RISKINTHEGROUND (H Skelton) 11-5 Fav; 2, Dripsy Moon 5-1; 3, Will Carver 9-2. 5 ran. nk, 7l. (D Skelton). Tote: Win £3.20; Pl £1.50, £2.40. Exacta: £13.20. Trifecta: £49.70. CSF: £12.59.

8.05 1, COASTGUARD STATION (D Noonan) 8-1; 2, Fringill Mike 7-2; 3, Breizh River 10-3 Fav. 13 ran. 2l, nk. (Henry Oliver). Tote: Win £10.20; Pl £2.90, £1.80, £1.90. Exacta: £50.70. Tricast: £116.31. Trifecta: £190.90. CSF: £36.97.

8.15 1, HANG IN THERE (J A Anderson) 17-2; 2, Percussion 16-1; 3, Monte Igueldo 125-1. Also: 9-2 Fav Go On Chez. 14 ran. 3l, 3/4l. (E Lavelle). Tote: Win £10.50; Pl £3.00, £5.70, £21.30. Exacta: £211.60. Tricast: £14867.34. Trifecta: £5383.30. CSF: £135.13.

8.25 1, PYFFO (K Brogan) 11-2; 2, Porter In The Park 7-1; 3, Halifax 14-1. Also: 5-1 Fav Juan Bernudez. 13 ran. 1/2l, 21/4l. (A Hales). Tote: Win £31.00; Pl £7.70, £3.90, £2.30. Exacta: £425.40. Tricast: £2789.16. Trifecta: £2666.00. CSF: £315.87. NR: Six And Out, The Turtle Said.

8.35 1, BREAKING WAVES (K Woods) 28-1; 2, Police Academy 12-1; 3, Muskoka 15-2. Also: 5-2 Fav Clararose. 13 ran. 8l, 3/4l. (A Hales). Tote: Win £31.00; Pl £7.70, £3.90, £2.30. Exacta: £425.40. Tricast: £2789.16. Trifecta: £2666.00. CSF: £315.87. NR: Six And Out, The Turtle Said.

8.45 1, MAXCEL (C Deutsch) 11-2; 2, Mostly Sunny 6-4 Fav; 3, Right Now 14-1. 9 ran. nk, 81/2l. (Mrs M Rowley). Tote: Win £6.60; Pl £1.80, £1.10, £3.30. Exacta: £19.30. Tricast: £108.15. Trifecta: £135.90. CSF: £14.27.

8.55 1, FIDELIUS (R Dawson) 8-11 Fav; 2, Smooth Silesie 25-1; 3, Diligent Henry 40-1. 6 ran. 21/4l, 2l. (R Cowell). Tote: Win £1.63; Pl £1.10, £5.50. Exacta: £10.60. Tricast: £192.36. Trifecta: £94.90. CSF: £14.97. NR: Musical Diva, Persian Blue. Persian Blue Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 15p in the pound.

9.05 1, ROGUE KING (D Bowen) 4-1; 2, All Green To Me 9-4 Fav; 3, Implaceable 7-2. 6 ran. 11/4l, 11/4l. (James Owen). Tote: Win £5.00; Pl £2.30, £1.60. Exacta: £13.50. Trifecta: £47.50. CSF: £13.02.

9.15 1, UMBRIA (C Hutchinson) 9-1; 2, Star Time 33-1; 3, Who's Glen 1-2 Fav. 13 ran. 11/4l, hd. (E Walker). Tote: Win £10.80; Pl £2.40, £6.50, £1.10. Exacta: £424.40. Trifecta: £719.50. CSF: £263.89.

9.25 1, BAKERSBOY (C Howarth) 15-2; 2, Warrior Square 25-1; 3, City Escape 18-1. Also: 9-4 Fav Prince Hector. 13 ran. 1/2l, nk. (Alice Haynes). Tote: Win £8.50; Pl £2.50, £8.10, £4.10. Exacta: £291.40. Tricast: £3245.29. Trifecta: £3687.44. CSF: £191.00.

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### GARRY OWEN PA

5.45	BIG TIME RASCAL	BIG TIME RASCAL
6.15	INVINCIBLE CROWN	DUBAI MAGIC
6.45	SEEK AND DESTROY	SEEK AND DESTROY
7.15	KATEY KONTEK	HAYMAKER (NB)
7.45	AEROSPACE	AEROSPACE
8.15	WESTON COURT	WAHKAN
8.45	LIPSINK	LIPSINK

**GOING:** Good to Firm.  
**COURSE:** Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f, straight final 5f, 6f races start on an extension to the straight.  
**DRAW:** Low best up to a mile.  
**TOP TRAINERS:** Richard Hannon 36-262 (13.7%), Andrew Balding 32-166 (19.3%), Ralph Beckett 27-139 (19.4%).  
**TOP JOCKEYS:** Tom Marquand 57-311 (18.3%), Oisín Murphy 49-250 (19.6%), William Buick 34-120 (28.3%).  
**1ST TIME BLINKERS:** 6.45 Bursinel.  
**CHEEKPIECES:** 6.45 The King's General\*, 7.45 Aerospace\*, Spirit Of The Bay, 8.15 Adace, Got No Dollars, Mujid, Rival, Wahkan\*, Weston Court, 8.45 Airshow, Prince Of Bel Lir.

### 7.15 FITZDARES SPRINT SERIES HANDICAP (2) Winner £15,462 (8 run) 6f 12yds

1	(3)	10-545 ROHAAN (58) P Evans 6 10-2 (D <sup>9</sup> )	N Callan 102
2	(4)	32-282 ARAMIS GREY (23) R Guest 7 9-10 (CD)	C Shepherd 96
3	(6)	21-00 WALLOP (58) R Hannon 4 9-6 (D)	S M Levey 92
4	(1)	51-157 UNDER THE TWILIGHT (18) M Blake 6 9-3 (CD)	H Davies 89
5	(7)	05-211 HAYMAKER (22) H Morrison 5 9-2 (CD)	R Homby 88
6	(5)	432-14 KATEY KONTEK (17) C Cox 4 9-2 (CD)	R Kingscote 88
7	(2)	65-235 SHAGRAAN (10) M Appleby 3 9-2 (CD)	T Marquand 84
8	(8)	1-7713 AMAZONIAN DREAM (14) B Millman 5 8-12 (CD <sup>9</sup> )	O Murphy 84

**BETTING:** 10-3 Shagraan, 4 Haymaker, 9-2 Katey Kontek, 5 Rohaan, 6 Amazonian Dream, 10 Aramis Grey, 12 Wallop, Under The Twilight.  
**2023:** TANMAWVY 5 10 2, William Buick 13-8 Fav (C Hills), drawn (6), 8 ran.  
**ROHAAN** 14-1 (9-7, N Callan) Slowly into stride, held up off the pace towards rear, headway far side of group chasing leaders over 1f out, stayed on inside final furlong, never going pace to get involved, 5th of 15, 3 1/2 behind Desert Cop (8-12) at Newmarket 6f Heritage Handicap (4yo+) (2) gd in May 1m 11.48s.  
**ARAMIS GREY** 22-1 (9-9, Callum Shepherd) Held up in mid-division, headway and switched left over 1f out, every chance well inside final furlong, held towards finish, 2nd of 14, 3/4 behind Buccabay (8-12) at Haydock 6f hcp 0-95 (3) gd in Jun 1m 12.50s.  
**WALLOP** 18-1 (8-13, Alec Volkhansky) Mid-division near side of group, ridden and some headway over 1f out, weakened final furlong, 10th of 15, 6 behind Desert Cop (8-12) at Newmarket 6f Heritage Handicap (4yo+) (2) gd in May 1m 09.88s.  
**UNDER THE TWILIGHT** 9-1 (9-9, Tom Marquand) Chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, weakened final furlong, 7th of 11, 4 1/2 behind Sterling Knight (9-6) at Newbury 7f hcp 0-90 (3) gd in Jun 1m 25.34s.  
**HAYMAKER** 4-1 (9-9, Rob Hornby) Awkward and went left start, tracked leaders, switched left over 2f out, led just over 1f out, held on well, won at Goodwood 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Jun beating Eminency (9-7) by ns, 8 ran 1m 10.87s.  
**KATEY KONTEK** 11-2 (9-10, C Lee) Mid-division, driven and effort over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, not pace to challenge, 4th of 11, 2 3/4 behind Alla Kellenic (7-13) at York 6f hcp (2) gs in Jun 1m 14.31s.  
**SHAGRAAN** 6-1 (9-3, Billy Loughnane) Raced centre, chased leader, ridden and every chance 1f out, weakened towards finish, 5th of 28, 2 1/4 behind Pilgrim (9-1) at Royal Ascot 5f hcp 0-105 (2) gd in Jun 59.60s.  
**AMAZONIAN DREAM** 13-2 (9-3, Jack Gilligan) Chased leaders on rail, pushed along over 2f out, driven along over 1f out, stayed on inside final furlong, not pace to challenge, 3rd of 14, 1 3/4 behind Get It (9-7) at Windsor 6f hcp 0-90 (3) gd in Jun 1m 09.56s.

### 7.45 DOWNLOAD THE FITZDARES APP NOW HANDICAP (3) Winner £9,631 (7 run) 1m 2f

1	(5)	167521 COMPOSITE (4) (B) G Boughey 4 10-4	W Buick 89
2	(3)	3/1162 AEROSPACE (28) (P) A Watson 5 9-13 (D)	H Doyle 89
3	(4)	513395 ANDALEEP (16) (T) D & C Kubler 8 9-12 (CD)	T Marquand 88
4	(6)	85-247 WISPER (17) M Tegonog 6 9-8 (CD)	D Costello 84
5	(7)	136-38 CRYSTAL MARINER (17) Sir M Stoute 4 9-6 (D)	R Kingscote 82

**BETTING:** 6-4 Composite, 7-2 Aerospace, 6 Andaleep, Crystal Mariner, 8 Wisper, Woodstock City, 50 Spirit Of The Bay.  
**2023:** No corresponding race.  
**COMPOSITE** 9-2 (10-0, P Cosgrave) Raced towards far side, made all, ridden clear over 1f out, ran on well, unchallenged, won at Newmarket 1m hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jun beating Jayash (9-2) by 2 1/4, 6 ran 1m 37.02s.  
**AEROSPACE** 4-1 (9-11, Hollie Doyle) Went left start, soon tracking leaders, went 2nd 8f out, ridden to challenge inside final furlong, no extra towards finish, 2nd of 7, 3/4 behind Bodorgan (9-3) at Windsor 1m 2f hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jun 2m 07.83s.  
**ANDALEEP** 14-1 (10-9, Miss Brodie Hampson) Held up, headway over 2f out, ridden and no impression final furlong, 5th of 18, 1 1/2 behind Lord Melbourne (9-13) at York 1m 4f hcp 0-90 (3) gs in Jun 2m 37.18s.  
**WISPER** 9-1 (8-13, Kaya Fraser) Held up towards rear on inside, never on terms, 7th of 10, 10l behind Chasing Aphrodite (9-9) at Sandown 1m 2f hcp 0-90 (3) gf in Jun 2m 08.37s.  
**CRYSTAL MARINER** 5-1 (9-3, R Kingscote) Raced keenly, tracked leaders out wide, pushed along over 2f out, hung right and weakened inside final 2f, 8th of 10, 1 1/2 behind Chasing Aphrodite (9-9) at Sandown 1m 2f hcp 0-90 (3) gf in Jun 2m 08.37s.  
**SPIRIT OF THE BAY** 66-1 (9-6, William Cox) Slowly into stride, in rear, pushed along on outer well over 2f out, no response, 7th of 8, 17l behind Law Supreme (8-9) at Bath 1m hcp 0-85 (4) sft in Apr 1m 44.57s.  
**WOODSTOCK CITY** 10-1 (8-9, Cieren Fallon) Mid-division, ridden along 3f out, made no impression and weakened over 1f out, 5th of 8, 6l behind Loyal Touch (9-2) at Chester 1m 2f hcp 0-95 (3) sft in Jun 2m 19.25s.

### 8.15 DOWNLOAD THE RACING APP 43 NOW HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,768 (12 run) 1m 31yds

1	(2)	584-61 MUJID (28) (P) J Tickle 9 10-0 (CD)	Taylor Fisher (3) 57
2	(6)	-02572 ADACE (13) (P) D Ivory 6 9-13 (BFC D)	Jimmy Quinn 56
3	(9)	90-836 RIVAL (38) (P) J & R Flint 6 9-13 (D)	C Shepherd 56
4	(10)	2675-P REVOLUTIONARY MAN (23) A Wintle 9 9-12	T Whelan 55
5	(12)	4-1295 GOT NO DOLLARS (33) (P) T S C Williams 6 9-10 (D)	L Catton (3) 53
6	(8)	806-94 KEEPER'S CHOICE (26) A Wintle 10 9-9 (D <sup>9</sup> )	Taryn Langley (7) 52
7	(11)	635-0 VILLEURBANNE (299) A Irvine 6 9-9	A Keeley (3) 52
8	(5)	1028-0 MONTECRISTO GOLD (18) (B) Tom Clover 3 9-5 (D)	R King 51

**BETTING:** 3-10 Mujid, 4-10 Adace, 5-10 Mujid, 7-10 Got No Dollars, Wahkan, 15-2 Rival, 12 Keeper's Choice, 16 Montecristo Gold, 20 Others.  
**2023:** MUJID 8 10 0, Mr Taylor Fisher (5) 10-3 Fav (J Tickle), drawn (4), 8 ran.

### 8.45 MAGNET FORENSICS EUROPE HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,397 (12 run) 6f 12yds

1	(6)	412667 AIRSHOW (48) (H,P) B Millman 9 10-3 (D <sup>9</sup> )	O Searle (5) 69
2	(4)	5568-5 HELLO ZABEEL (37) M Blake 6 10-3 (D <sup>9</sup> )	O Murphy 69
3	(5)	048-12 LIPSINK (6) M Appleby 7 10-2 (BFC, D)	A Rawlinson 68
4	(10)	14-076 PRINCE OF BEL LIR (30) (P) J Parr 6 10-1 (D <sup>9</sup> )	Alice Bond (7) 67
5	(9)	-91128 DIAMOND DREAMER (34) (B) P Chamings 4 9-11 (D <sup>9</sup> )	H Davies 63
6	(12)	5909 NEVERNAY (26) R Hannon 3 9-11	S M Levey 69
7	(1)	49259 WHOOP WHOOP (226) T Ward 3 9-9	T Marquand 67
8	(3)	865417 ALL IN THE HIPS (39) P Evans 4 9-9 (C,D)	R Kingscote 61
9	(11)	5-8087 GREATEST TIME (11) P Evans 4 9-8	G Downing 60
10	(7)	04-742 LAHINA BAY (9) R Cook & J Bridger 4 9-6 (C,D)	R Clutterbuck 58
11	(2)	585757 KAPPARIS KID (12) A Carroll 3 9-1 (D)	W Carson 58
12	(8)	2928-0 MEIMUN JOHNNY (34) (B) C Benton 7 9-0 (D)	C Bennett 52

**BETTING:** 7-4 Lipsink, 6 Lahina Bay, 15-2 Hello Zabeel, 8 Whoop Whoop, 10 Airshow, Diamond Dreamer, 12 Nevernay, 16 Kapparis Kid, All In The Hips, Prince Of Bel Lir, Greatest Time, 50 Meimun Johnny.  
**2023:** No corresponding race.



## Scottish duo are outside Luke-ing in

### DARTS

SCOTLAND had their dreams of World Cup glory crushed by eventual champions England.

Peter Wright and Gary Anderson were unable to repeat their triumph of 2019 after being floored in the semi-finals.

Luke Humphries and Michael Smith, the last two world champions, were too hot for the Scots as they surged to an 8-4 win.

The English duo then stepped forward to complete the job and dismantle Austrian pair Mensur Suljovic and Rowby-John Rodriguez to win the trophy in Frankfurt.

Humphries and Smith had too many guns for their rivals in the showpiece as they sauntered to a 10-6 success, sealing England's first success in eight years.

# ATHLETICS



## Gourley rescues the day for Scots stars in Manchester as Kerr comes crashing down

# RISE

### NEIL GOURLEY was finally celebrating becoming an Olympian last night - three months after he couldn't even run.

The Glaswegian took gold in the 1500 metres to rescue the day for Scotland's track stars as Laura Muir, Gemma Reekie, Josh Kerr and Nicole Yergin all fell short in the UK Championships.

On a dramatic afternoon at the Manchester Regional Arena there was agony for Kerr when he crashed to the deck in an 800m home-straight shocker after tangling with Elliot Giles.

The 1500m world champion - who dropped down from his strongest event having already secured his spot at Paris in the longer distance - insists he was innocent after tangling with the Englishman having eyed an opening out of the final bend.

Kerr dragged himself off the deck to finish seventh. But ironically the incident could now open the door for fellow Scot Jake Wightman to make Paris if he can shrug off a calf injury that saw him pull out of the weekend's action.

Giles was needing a top-two finish to clinch the second spot in the 800m in France. But that is in the balance after the collision with Kerr leaving the Englishman and Wightman hanging on to discover if they have been granted a discretionary place when the teams are named next week.

He'll need it if he's to star in the Stade de France as Gourley's success in the 1500m with a time of 3:37.67 ensured there won't be a spot in his preferred event.

It marked a sensational return to form for Giffnock North star Gourley who was



## Victory has O'Brien in LaLa land

### IRISH DERBY

LOS ANGELES settled an old score for Aidan O'Brien at the Curragh.

The Epsom Derby third was a 13-8 chance to turn the tables on old foe and Epsom runner-up Ambiente Friendly (6-4 Fav).

The three-year-old was always well to the fore under Ryan Moore.

Sunway (16-1) came with a determined late challenge but the winner brushed him aside by a length.

O'Brien, enjoying his 16th Irish Derby win, said: "We think he'll get better. Ryan was very impressed with him and I think he was a bit surprised with the class he showed."

Los Angeles is now the general 3-1 favourite for the St Leger at Doncaster in September.

### 5.45 COLENKO FAST TRACK HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-0) Winner £4,397 (6 run) 5f 21yds

1	(3)	68-127 CLOUD KING (37) (H) R Cowell 9-10 (BFD)	O Murphy 74
2	(5)	3-2445 MAKE IT EASY (9) N Tinkler 9-8 (D)	R Scott 76
3	(4)	01-210 LAW OF AVERAGE (30) C Banham 9-7 (D <sup>9</sup> )	J Haynes 73
4	(2)	589-20 BIG TIME RASCAL (28) P & O Cole 9-6	W Buick 72
5	(6)	945- PORT HEDLAND (271) (T) H Candy 9-0	T Whelan 66
6	(1)	243-45 PERSIAN BLUE (12) (H,T) W Haggas 8-13	T Marquand 65

**BETTING:** 11-4 Big Time Rascal, 10-3 Cloud King, 7-2 Law Of Average, 11-2 Make It Easy, 13-2 Port Hedland, 15-2 Persian Blue.  
**2023:** ESTATE 9 10, William Buick 7-4 Fav (A Balding), drawn (8), 8 ran.  
**CLOUD KING** 7-4fav (9-6, Tom Marquand) Held up behind leaders, effort over 1f out, no impression, weakened inside final furlong, last of 7, 7l behind Grandlad (9-6) at Goodwood 5f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) gd in May 57.25s.  
**MAKE IT EASY** 6-1 (9-1, Rowan Scott) Held up towards rear of mid-division, effort over 2f out, no impression, well beaten from over 1f out, 5th of 8, 6l behind We Never Stop (9-6) at Redcar 5f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Jun 56.13s.  
**LAW OF AVERAGE** 33-1 (8-2, Joey Haynes) Held up in touch, switched right over 3f out, effort and hung left over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 10th of 14, 9l behind Dream Composer (8-0) at Epsom Downs 5f hcp (2) gs in Jun 55.50s.  
**BIG TIME RASCAL** 22-1 (9-7, Benoit D. Sayette) Took keen hold, prominent, driven over 1f out, held by winner inside final furlong, kept on, 2nd of 6, 1l behind Mutamanni (9-7) at Brighton 5f mdn stks (5) gf in Jun 1m 01.48s.  
**PORT HEDLAND** 125-1 (9-7, T E Whelan) Rear of mid-division, pushed along and outpaced 2f out, late headway for 5th, 5th of 12, 5l behind Jarraal (9-7) at Kempton 6f nov stks (4) pol in Oct 1m 11.93s.  
**PERSIAN BLUE** 10-3 (9-7, A J Farragher) Mid-division, ridden and outpaced 2f out, plugged on final furlong, 5th of 7, 5l behind Dark Dreamer (9-9) at Nottingham 6f 3yo hcp 0-70 (5) gs in Jun 1m 13.01s.

### 6.15 BRITISH EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2-Y-0) Winner £5,373 (15 run) 5f 21yds

1	(1)	84 BALZARINI (20) S C Williams 9-7	S M Levey
2	(3)	7 EIGHTENCARAT GOLD (7) E J-Houghton 9-7	C Bishop
3	(12)	I FOLLOW RIVERS R Spencer 9-7	R Hornby
4	(11)	JR CLIMBS P Evans 9-7	G Downing
5	(8)	27 MISTER MCGREGOR (24) A Balding 9-7	O Murphy
6	(13)	MONTBELIARDE G Boughey 9-7	W Buick
7	(15)	THE LAST TIME R Spencer 9-7	G Wood
8	(2)	33 INVINCIBLE CROWN (14) R Hughes 9-5 (BF)	R Kingscote
9	(9)	DUBAI MAGIC J Tate 9-2	N Callan
10	(5)	7 GLAMOROUS JEWEL (23) C Mason 9-2	W Cox
11	(14)	25 WOODHAY WHISPER (49) T Ward 9-2	T Marquand
12	(6)	00 ANGEL AT MIDNIGHT (14) M Murphy & M Keady 9-0	Sorcha Woods (7)

**BETTING:** 7-2 Invincible Crown, 9-2 Woodhay Whisper, 5 Montbeliarde, 13-2 Mister Mcgregor, 8 Dubai Magic, 12 Eightencaratgold, Balzarini, 14 Follow Rivers, 16 Others.  
**2023:** BAND OF JOY 9 0, William Buick 11-2 (G Boughey), drawn (3), 12 ran.  
**BALZARINI** 25-1 (9-7, S De Sousa) Mid-division, smooth headway to challenge 2f out, soon led narrowly, headed final furlong, weakened thereafter, 4th of 10, 4l behind Yes I'm Mali (9-7) at Wetherby 5f 2yo mdn (4) gd in Jun 1m 08.16s.  
**EIGHTENCARAT GOLD** 22-1 (9-7, Charles Bishop) Chased leaders on outside, pushed along over 2f out, lost place over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 8, 6l behind Priapos (9-7) at Windsor 6f 2yo mdn (5) gf in Jun 1m 13.46s.  
**I FOLLOW RIVERS** Rajasinghe colt out of Rebel Surge.  
**JR CLIMBS** Inns Of Court colt out of Hello Brigitte.  
**MISTER MCGREGOR** 9-2 (9-7, David Probert) Prominent, driven 2f out, weakened 1f out, 7th of 15, 7l behind Lady With The Lamp (9-0) at Bath 6f 2yo mdn (3) gf in Jun 1m 11.29s.  
**MONTBELIARDE** Oasis Dream gelding out of Miss Marina Bay.  
**THE LAST TIME** Rajasinghe colt out of Instructress.  
**INVINCIBLE CROWN** 7-4fav (9-7, Finley Marsh) Good speed from wide draw to soon press leader, ridden and every chance inside final furlong, soon edged left, no extra in 3rd inside final 100 yards, 2nd of 12, 1 1/2 behind John's Dragon (9-2) at Windsor 5f 2yo mdn (5) gf in Jun 59.44s.  
**DUBAI MAGIC** Showcasing filly out of Evolvia.  
**GLAMOROUS JEWEL** 33-1 (8-13, Tyler Heard) Always in rear, 7th of 9, 17l behind Violet Love (9-2) at Chepstow 5f 2yo fll mdn (5) gf in Jun 58.63s.  
**WOODHAY WHISPER** 7-2 (9-2, S M Levey) Smartly away and soon led, joined before 2f out, soon headed, ridden when hung right 1f out, weakened to fifth inside final 110 yards, 5th of 8, 2 1/4l behind Storm Call (9-2) at Windsor 5f mdn fll stks (5) gf in May 59.91s.  
**ANGEL AT MIDNIGHT** 250-1 (9-2, Paddy Bradley) Outpaced and always towards rear, 10th of 12, 12l behind John's Dragon (9-2) at Windsor 5f 2yo mdn (5) gf in Jun 59.44s.  
**NANNA WESTERN** Soldier's Call filly out of Western Tune.  
**PURE LIBERTY** Advertiser filly out of Barroche.  
**RUBY RASCAL** 50-1 (9-0, Charlie Bennett) Never closer than mid-division on inside, 6th of 8, 8l behind Miss Collada (9-2) at Wolverhampton 5f 2yo mdn fll (5) in May 1m 02.29s.

### 6.45 SAFETY NET STRENGTH IN STRIDES MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) Winner £4,320 (10 run) 1m 2f

1	(5)	7 COTSWOLD COTTAGE (21) H Knight 4 9-11	C Bishop
2	(4)	09 AMIGO VAQUERA (10) R Cook & J Bridger 3 9-6	M Gunn (7)
3	(1)	634 BURSINEL (140) (B) W Haggas 3 9-6	T Marquand 78
4	(6)	TAJER J & T Gosden 3 9-6	T Heard (3)
5	(10)	6-44 THE KING'S GENERAL (15) (P) J & T Gosden 3 9-6	K Shoemark 82
6	(2)	7-4 BESET (77) H Candy 3 9-1	T Whelan
7	(3)	4 INA MINA (18) W Haggas 3 9-1	C Fallon
8	(7)	64 LAKE TEO (44) C Hills 3 9-1	W Buick
9	(9)	0-2 SEEK AND DESTROY (31) R Beckett 3 9-1	H Crook
10	(8)	8 UPTON (25) A Balding 3 9-1	O Murphy

**BETTING:** 11-4 Tajer, 7-2 Seek And Destroy, 4 Beset, 11-2 The King's General, 15-2 Bursinel, 10 Ina Mina, 12 Lake TEO, 20 Upton, 33 Others.  
**2023:** DECORATION 3 9 1, David Egan 13-2 (R Varian), drawn (12), 12 ran.  
**COTSWOLD COTTAGE** 200-1 (9-11, Nicola Currie) Dwelt, towards rear, pushed along 3f out, never nearer, 7th of 15, 20l behind Approval (9-3) at Windsor 1m 2f nov mdn stks (5) gf in Jun 2m 04.28s.  
**AMIGO VAQUERA** 150-1 (8-7, Molly Gunn) Tracked leaders, pushed along and weakened 3f out, last of 9, well behind Tactician (8-11) at Goodwood 1m 6f mdn stks (4) gd in Jun 3m 04.28s.  
**BURSINEL** 9-2 (9-7, Tom Marquand) Broke well enough, soon in last pair, switched right over 2f out, 4th and no impression from over 1f out, 4th of 5, 9l behind Endless Victory (9-7) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f nov stks (4) in Feb 2m 01.24s.  
**TAJER** No Nay Never gelding out of Instant Sparkle.  
**THE KING'S GENERAL** 6-1 (9-2, K Shoemark) Chased leaders, effort and headway 3f out, pushed along and led 2f out, soon edged left and ridden, headed over 110 yards out, faded, 4th of 12, 7l behind Oxford Comma (9-4) at Doncaster 1m 4f nov mdn stks (5) gs in Jun 2m 37.66s.  
**BESET** 125-1 (8-13, T E Whelan) Close up, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace, 4th of 13, 3l behind Harper's Ferry (9-4) at Windsor 1m 2f nov stks (5) gd in Apr 2m 09.23s.  
**INA MINA** 18-1 (9-0, A J Farragher) Mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, kept on final furlong, not pace to challenge, 4th of 10, 3l behind Indemnity (10-2) at Nottingham 1m mdn stks (5) gd in Jun 1m 45.42s.  
**LAKE TEO** 8-1 (9-2, Hollie Doyle) Raced keenly tracking winner, pushed along and hung right from over 2f out, lost 2nd over 1f out, ridden and losing place when hampered 1f out, 4th of 6, 9l behind Precious Jewel (9-2) at Newmarket 1m 4f nov stk (2) gd in May 2m 36.61s.  
**SEEK AND DESTROY** 11-2 (8-11, Rob Hornby) Led, join after 1f, headed 7f out, ridden to led again 2f out, ridden and joined over 1f out, headed narrowly inside final furlong, ran on, 2nd of 6, ns behind Trouville (9-2) at Chepstow 1m 2f mdn stks (5) gs in May 2m 12.22s.  
**UPTON** 15-2 (9-0, Oisín Murphy) Led, ridden and headed 2f out, weakened final furlong, 8th of 12, 11l behind Candle Of Dubai (9-0) at Chelmsford City 1m 2f (4) pol in Jun 2m 04.52s.

# UK CHAMPIONSHIPS



JITTERS Laura Muir

## Paris silver lining for nervy Muir

BY FRASER WILSON

LAURA MUIR admitted she was hit by big race jitters before cementing her Olympic 1500 metres spot by claiming silver in yesterday's UK Championship final.

The Scot, who also took silver in Tokyo three years ago, is gunning for gold this time around in Paris.

But she was made to work for her top-two spot in Manchester as she came home in 4.11.59 – just ahead of Reeve Walcott-Nolan and behind Georgia Bell.

Muir said: "I'd watched the US trials and I was so nervous about falling. I didn't want to injure myself. "I don't think I've been that nervous for a race in a long time."

Meanwhile, Jemma Reekie was blown away by 17-year-old sensation Phoebe Gill in the 800m final but still booked her Paris spot by finishing second.

Nicole Yergin saw her medal hopes in the 400m dashed as she came in fourth.

## Paris or bust for McColgan

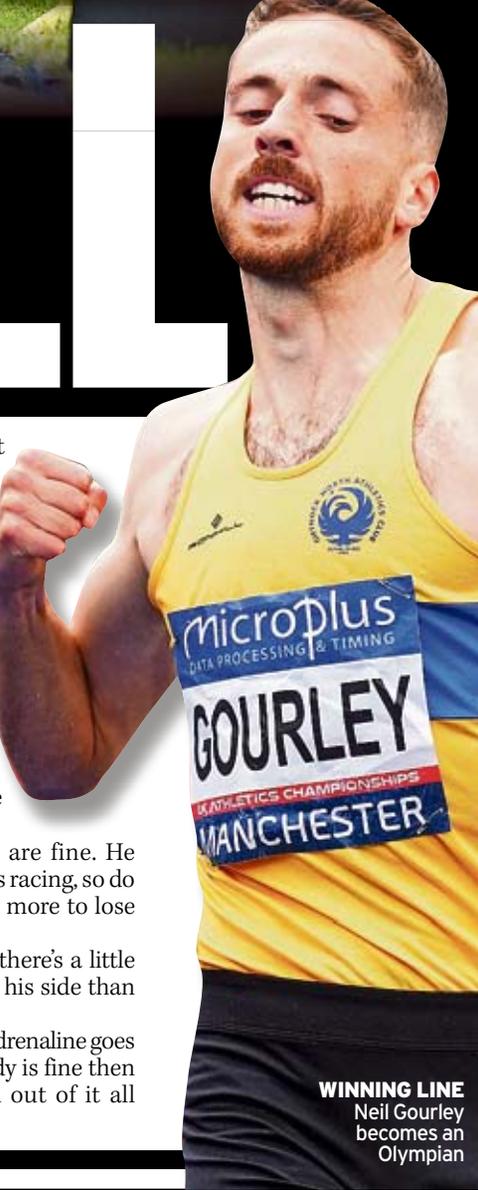
EILISH MCCOLGAN has issued a plea to UK Athletics bosses to take her to Paris after claiming her first victory in 18 months.

The Dundonian hit back from dropping out of last month's European 10,000 metres final to win a road 10km in the Netherlands.

With selectors meeting today to finalise the Olympic squad, she is eligible to join fellow Scot Megan Keith in the 10,000m – courtesy of the UK record of 30 minutes and 0.86 seconds she set in March 2023 in California.

And McColgan, 33, said: "I know with a full six weeks until the Olympic Games, I can get back down to my best. I just need a chance."

CRASH LANDING Josh Kerr and Elliot Giles hit the deck in the 800 metres



WINNING LINE Neil Gourley becomes an Olympian

# AND FALL

wiped out after suffering a sacral stress problem in his lower back earlier this year.

The 29-year-old romped clear of second-placed George Mills in the final 200m to secure his spot on Team GB.

And he said: "It feels really good. A far cry from about three months ago when I wasn't able to run never mind run quickly.

**"It's a relief, a weight off the shoulders but also just pride that I can come and be British champion again."**

"I was nervous when I got up. It's rare I am nervous through the day because I've done this often enough. But today felt like a lot of pressure.

"I tend to get the most out myself when the pressure is on. I was thriving on it if anything.

"If I was to draw up a race in my head beforehand and how I wanted it to pan out then it was

that. I was totally comfortable with where I was all the way through. There wasn't a moment I didn't think I was going to win it.

"I knew I had another gear that last 150m. I used it and there was more left at the end which is encouraging going forward."

"What I was most worried about was any ripping, pushing and shoving – people can go down with that kind of thing.

So as long as I avoided fighting contact I knew I was going to be OK. If I was on shoulder with 150m to go I was confident of having a bigger gear."

Gourley, European indoor silver medallist last year, revealed he had allow himself a night off from his alcohol-free training regime to celebrate.

He said: "I've behaved myself through the Euros when it's been tempting to meet up with my pals. I might have a couple of

glasses of red wine tonight. I stay off it generally through the season.

"But I've never become an Olympian before so maybe I'm due a wine or two.

**"My whole family is here, my aunt and uncle as well. We will go for a curry, it's become tradition to do that whenever it goes well down here."**

"Maybe I will get a beer – that will go down well with a nice Indian."

Meanwhile, Kerr insists he won't allow the painful collision that wrecked his 800m bid in Manchester to knock his Paris dream off track.

He said: "I felt there was a gap, we were all fighting a little bit, that's the result sometimes.

"We're talking about point zero of a second in these races and when a gap like that opens up – I didn't feel like I had

to slip through it, it was full body forward.

"When the gap is on with 100m to go in a British final and you have a little gas left then you go for it.

"It's what I did. I'm not looking to trip anyone up. I hope everyone is OK.

"Me and Elliot are fine. He understands that's racing, so do I but he had a lot more to lose today.

"I can imagine there's a little more emotion on his side than mine. It sucks.

"As long as my adrenaline goes down and the body is fine then all good. I rolled out of it all right."



# WIMBLEDON

## ORDER OF PLAY

### CENTRE COURT

1.30pm: (3) Carlos Alcaraz (Spa) v Mark Lajal (Est), (22) Ekaterina Alexandrova (Rus) v **Emma Raducanu** (Gbr), Caroline Dolehide (USA) v (2) Coco Gauff (USA)

### COURT 1

1pm: Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) v (5) Daniil Medvedev (Rus), Emina Bektas (USA) v (3) Aryna Sabalenka (Blr), (1) Jannik Sinner (Ita) v Yannick Hanfmann (Ger)

### COURT 2

11am: (10) Grigor Dimitrov (Bul) v Dusan Lajovic (Ser), Stan Wawrinka (Swi) v **Charles Broom** (Gbr), Naomi Osaka (Jpn) v Diane Parry (Fra), (16) Victoria Azarenka (Blr) v Sloane Stephens (USA)

### COURT 3

11am: Alex Bolt (Aus) v (8) Casper Ruud (Nor), (7) Jasmine Paolini (Ita) v Sara Sorribes Tormo (Spa), Martina Trevisan (Ita) v (12) Madison Keys (USA), (12) Tommy Paul (USA) v Pedro Martinez (Spa)

### COURT 4

11am: (28) Dayana Yastremska (Ukr) v Nadia Podoroska (Arg), (18) Marta Kostyuk (Ukr) v Rebecca Sramkova (Svk), Zizou Bergs (Bel) v Arthur Cazaux (Fra), Sara Errani (Ita) v (26) Linda Noskova (Cze)

### COURT 5

11am: Lesia Tsurenko (Ukr) v Varvara Gracheva (Fra), (32) Zhizhen Zhang (Chn) v Maxime Janvier (Fra), Anna Karolina Schmiedlova (Svk) v Yafan Wang (Chn), (31) Mariano Navone (Arg) v Lorenzo Sonego (Ita)

### COURT 6

11am: Christian Garin (Chi) v Junheng Shang (Chn), Alexandr Muller (Fra) v Hugo Gaston (Fra), Donna Vekic (Cro) v Xiyu Wang (Chn)

### COURT 7

11am: Borna Coric (Cro) v Felipe Meligeni (Bra), Arantxa Rus (Ned) v Yue Yuan (Chn), Aleksandar Vukic (Aus) v Sebastian Ofner (Aut)

### COURT 8

11am: Jan-Lennard Struff (Ger) v Fabian Marozsan (Hun), Nao Hibino (Jpn) v Elise Mertens (Bel), Eva Lys (Ger) v Clara Burel (Fra), Roberto Bautista Agut (Spa) v Maximilian Marterer (Ger)

### COURT 9

11am: Irina-Camelia Begu (Rom) v Lin Zhu (Chn), Lloyd Harris (Rsa) v Alex Michelsen (USA), Otto Virtanen (Fin) v Max Purcell (Aus)

### COURT 10

11am: Pavel Kotov (Rus) v Jordan Thompson (Aus), Daria Saville (Aus) v Peyton Stearns (USA), Alison Van Uytvanck (Bel) v Yuliia Starodubtseva (Ukr), Sumit Nagal (Ind) v Miomir Kecmanovic (Ser)

### COURT 12

11am: McCartney Kessler (USA) v (9) Maria Sakkari (Gre), Matteo Berrettini (Ita) v Marton Fucsovics (Hun), Botic Van de Zandschulp (Ned) v **Liam Broady** (Gbr), Brenda Fruhvirtova (Cze) v (24) Mirra Andreeva (Rus)

### COURT 14

11am: (19) Nicolas Jarry (Chi) v Denis Shapovalov (Can), (14) Daria Kasatkina (Rus) v Shuai Zhang (Chn), Karolina Pliskova (Cze) v Diana Shnaider (Rus), Pablo Carreno-Busta (Spa) v (27) Tallon Griekspoor (Ned)

### COURT 15

11am: Matteo Arnaldi (Ita) v (29) Frances Tiafoe (USA), Alexander Shevchenko (Kaz) v (16) Ugo Humbert (Fra), (29) Sorana Cirstea (Rom) v **Sonay Kartal** (Gbr), Bianca Andreescu (Can) v Jaqueline Cristian (Rom)

### COURT 16

11am: **Dominik Koepfer** (Ger) v Fabio Fognini (Ita), Daniel Altmaier (Ger) v **Arthur Fery** (Gbr), Tamara Korpatsch (Ger) v **Yuriko Miyazaki** (Gbr), Qiang Wang (Chn) v (29) Emma Navarro (USA)

### COURT 17

11am: Taylor Townsend (USA) v (25) Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Rus), (18) Sebastian Baez (Arg) v Brandon Nakashima (USA), Jakub Mensik (Cze) v (23) Alexander Bublik (Kaz), Paula Badosa Gibert (Spa) v Karolina Muchova (Cze)

### COURT 18

11am: Greet Minnen (Bel) v **Heather Watson** (Gbr), Gael Monfils (Fra) v (22) Adrian Mannarino (Fra), (8) Qinwen Zheng (Chn) v Lulu Sun (Nzl), Mattia Bellucci (Ita) v (14) Ben Shelton (USA)

**ANDY MURRAY** wants to feel "the buzz" of Wimbledon one final time - and get "a bit of closure" - as he takes his fitness battle to play his farewell singles match to the last minute.

The Scot, 37, said he will wait until after training today to decide if he is fit enough to play Tomas Machac in the opening round. But he is ready to delay the huge call until tomorrow to increase his chances of walking out on Centre Court.

The double Wimbledon champion only underwent spinal surgery to remove a cyst last Saturday and still has stitches in his back.

There is a risk the wound from keyhole surgery will reopen but Murray said: "I'm OK with a few stitches coming loose or whatever."

Asked what he is hoping to gain by going through all this pain, Murray fought back tears to declare: "The opportunity to play here again for the last time, that's kind of it."

**"This is a place that's obviously been really good to me over the years."**

"I guess the last few years you've had Serena finished playing, Roger finished playing, and Rafa obviously has spoken a lot recently about the struggles he's gone through."

"Everyone has their idea of how they want to finish their career, how they would want it to go. My idea would have seen that happening probably at Wimbledon."

"Obviously I have the Olympics coming up. But I would love the opportunity to play here one more time."

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That's what I'm looking to get out of it.

"I'm hoping for, when it comes to the end, maybe a bit of closure."

"I just want the opportunity to play one more time out there hopefully on Centre Court and feel that buzz."

"Whether afterwards I feel it was the right thing to do or not, I don't know. But right now I feel like I want that opportunity."

**Murray's uncertain state of mind was reflected by changing the time of his pre-tournament press conference four times yesterday.**

Even by his standards, it has been a crazily unpredictable few days since he limped out of Queen's Club on June 19.

He reported he no longer suffers back pain but added: "It's like if you sleep on your arm funny, you wake up and you've got a dead arm. I've been practising for the last few days. I played a set today. It went pretty well, but I still don't have 100 per cent sort of feeling and sensation in my leg yet."

"I have just been trying to do everything that I can to try and get ready to start the tournament here. I don't know if that's going to be enough."

"I don't want to be in a situation like at Queen's. I don't want to go on the court and it be awkward or not be able to at least be competitive."

Playing doubles with his brother Jamie could yet be his goodbye here but he said: "It's getting better every single day. I'm hopeful that that continues and it's going to be enough to be on the court on Tuesday."

"I'm going to play another set again tomorrow. I'm doing some physical testing in the morning to see sort of how far off I am from a physical perspective. Then I will probably make a decision tomorrow evening after that."

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"I don't know what the right thing is," Murray said. "I know obviously what happened in Australia a few years ago was a bit awkward. Yeah, it's

different this time." Murray's fellow Brit Liam Broady has revealed he suffered dizziness and slurred speech after suffering a freak concussion injury hitting his head on his car boot.

The British No.6 reached the Wimbledon third round last year when he shocked world No.4 Casper Ruud in five sets.

But the Stockport star admitted he feared he would miss a return to SW19 after his latest injury setback.

"I was in a NCP car park and as I opened the boot, a load of tennis balls fell out, and as I stood back up after picking them up, I knocked my head," the wildcard recalled. "It hurt so much."

"The next day I practised and after 45 minutes, I got a migraine, my eyes went a bit funny. I couldn't really see."

"I checked my phone and it was like I had dyslexia, I couldn't read words. I was slurring my speech. I felt nauseous. Really strange emotions. A bizarre experience."

"I had some pretty intense symptoms. I was out for 13 or 14 days. I had a bit of an egg on my head."

Broady, who faces Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp today, missed the Australian Open with an ankle injury which became a stress fracture in March.

He added: "It has been the most frustrating six months of my life. I was worried I would miss Wimbledon."

"The last few weeks I have just felt old with so many aches and pains."

"It has been a chaotic few weeks for sure. It has been like bailing water out of a sinking ship, trying to get fit and sorting out my head injury. I am glad I have made it in one piece."

**LAST ACTION**  
Andy Murray is nearing the end of his dramatic story at SW19



**“It's been getting better every day. I'm hopeful it will be enough to be on court tomorrow”**  
ANDY MURRAY ON RECOVERY FROM MINOR BACK OP



**PAIN-FREE**  
Scots star's cyst was removed

## HEATHER INTENDS TO GET MOTORING

HEATHER WATSON has been driven crazy by her insurance company before bidding to jump-start a run of British singles wins at Wimbledon.

The world No.199 had her Range Rover stolen from her home in Chelsea Harbour before last year's tournament. And the

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Channel Islander said: "I did get my car back - one year later! It was found three days after it was stolen. A few miles away."

"I got it a few days ago, it was finally ready to be picked up by the garage. My advice is - don't get a car. The amount of things

that go with having a car has been a nightmare."

"That was purely insurance incompetence - I will leave that there. I have used Lime bikes but I will use the courtesy cars to get into Wimbledon - save my legs."

Watson will be the first of 19 British singles competitors in

action when she plays her doubles partner Greet Minnen of Belgium in the first match on Court 18 at 11am today.

"The plan is to get us all off to a winning start," said Watson, 32, before her 14th Wimbledon. "I am happy I am first on - I am sick of training. I'm ready to play."



**CAR WOES** Heather Watson

# MURRAY FITNESS FIGHT

Andy hoping for 'closure' as he takes call down to the wire

# I want the buzz of Centre Court action a final time before saying cut



**OLD PALS' ACT** Murray talks to Novak Djokovic, who is also returning after surgery



## EMMA EYES NORMALDON GLORY



**ALL SMILES** Emma Raducanu

EMMA RADUCANU is ready for a normal Wimbledon with less "less stress or chaos" but wants to play her part in a great fortnight in British sport. After missing last year following

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surgeries, she is back for only her seventh match at the All England Club against Russian No.22 seed Ekaterina Alexandrova. She has insisted she is in a "good place" as she is physically fit, working with

her childhood coach and without the frenzied expectation immediately after her shock US Open success in 2021.

"I feel a lot more comfortable this year," the 21-year-old said. "There's a lot less going on. There's a

lot less stress or chaos. I'm more just coming here, doing my practice, playing the match.

"I think it's just an amazing summer of sport. It's football, it's F1, it's tennis, the races. There are so many things going on."



**TYRE PRESSURE** Puncture ends the race for Norris in Brazil

## GEORGE JOY AS HE IS SHUNTED TO FIRST PLACE

**F1**  
BY **DANIEL MOXON**

GEORGE RUSSELL just laughed as he watched back the bonkers incident which gift-wrapped his second career F1 win.

The Mercedes driver secured just his second career victory at the Red Bull Ring and the team's first since his maiden win in Brazil in 2022.

He couldn't believe his luck after Lando Norris and Max Verstappen collided while fighting for the lead with seven laps to go.

After several laps of fighting, with Norris' McLaren all over the back of the Red Bull, they touched and both cars picked up punctures forcing both into the pit lane.

Russell, trundling around in third, was suddenly haring towards the chequered flag.

Shown a replay as he waited for the podium ceremony, he shared a giggle with Oscar Piastri and Carlos Sainz. The Briton said: "I saw on the TV that Max and

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- 15 A Albon (Tha)..... at 1 lap

### DRIVERS' STANDINGS

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- 2 Norris McLaren..... 156
- 3 Leclerc Ferrari..... 150
- 4 Sainz Jr. Ferrari..... 135
- 5 Perez Red Bull..... 118
- 6 Piastri McLaren..... 112
- 7 Russell Mercedes..... 111
- 8 Hamilton Mercedes..... 85
- 9 Alonso Aston Martin..... 41
- 10 Tsunoda RB..... 19

Lando were going pretty hard and I knew Lando would want to get that win.

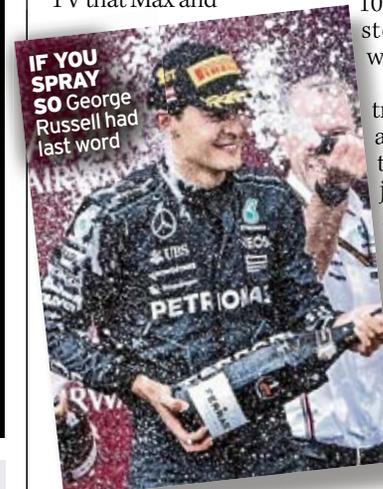
"The team has done an amazing job to get us in this fight. You've got to be there to pick up the pieces and we were.

"I knew it was a possibility, you're always dreaming. I'm just so proud to be back on the top step."

Verstappen copped a 10-second penalty, the stewards deciding he was the one at fault.

He got back out on track to finish fifth after a change of tyres, while the furious Norris jumped out of his McLaren and didn't make it to the end then said: "He ruined his own race just as he ruined mine."

Lewis Hamilton was fourth ahead of Verstappen, while Nico Hulkenberg rose to sixth.



**IF YOU SPRAY SO** George Russell had last word

## Siem seals his Italian job

GERMANY'S Marcel Siem beat Northern Ireland's Tom McKibbin in a play-off to win a dramatic Italian Open.

Siem birdied the 18th to force a play-off and then repeated the feat on the first extra hole to net a sixth

**GOLF**

DP World Tour title at Adriatic Golf Club Cervia.

McKibbin hit a 65 before Siem's 71 for 10 under par. Siem said: "Holding that putt on 18 was cool but to do it in play-off was fantastic."

# GOODY WANTS A WHOLE NEW UNITED TEAM

JIM GOODWIN has already made six signings and admits he wants a complete new starting XI for Dundee United's Premiership return.

The United boss has brought in Jack Walton, Dave Richards, Will Ferry, Vicko Sevelj, Ryan Strain and Kristijan Trapanovski over the summer.

He is in talks with four other targets and wants to bring in four or five more.

Goodwin said: "We've made some good signings. The capture of Ryan Strain is a real coup.

"Vicko has looked brilliant in the couple of weeks he's been training. He is exactly what we thought we were going to get.

"I'm delighted to bring Jack Walton back and Will Ferry was one we did reasonably early.

"We're in good shape but there's still a lot of work to do. We need to add four or possibly five new faces."

Goodwin isn't just looking to make up numbers. He wants to add more quality right across his squad.

He added: "We need to strengthen the middle of the park. We have Craig Sibbald and Ross Docherty in there, who would be regular senior players.

"We also need to strengthen the top end with more options. Tony Watt and Louis Moulart are experienced, Rory MacLeod has had a good pre-season and Owen Stirton is doing well but we do need to add a bit more experience in that area.

"We are looking at least another three attacking options. Once we get two more midfielders that might leave a bit of scope for another defensive option."

The United boss knows who he wants but has had to show a degree of



QUALITY SEARCH Goodwin

patience. The United boss said: "We are talking to another four players at the moment, in different positions. These things are ongoing. Some deals are quicker in happening than others.

"We've done a lot of business and other clubs have been relatively quiet. There hasn't been a lot of movement across the league. Given our predicament and the players we lost last season there was a big turnover. We had to make sure we were proactive and we've shown that."

United have played Brechin and Annan and Goodwin now takes his team to Mottram Hall in Manchester for a training camp this week.

They are likely to have another game down south, as Goodwin fine tunes his squad to get them ready for the group stages of the Premier Sports Cup where they will take on Falkirk, Stenhousemuir, Ayr and Buckie.

Goodwin knows this next week is important and said: "It's always important to break the pre-season up. It's important to get away and to spend quality time with each other, as a staff, players and a group.

"You get a bit more team bonding that way.

"We have managed to organise a good game down south and it will be beneficial to everybody."

## Selling Douglas to Juve has saved Villa from sanctions

DOUGLAS LUIZ has completed a £50million move to Juventus.

Aston Villa's midfielder has been transferred to the Turin giants following weeks of negotiations.

The Brazil international, 26, has been sold to comply with Villa's battle to fit within Premier League profit and sustainability rules. But the good news

for Villa is his exit – five years after joining from Manchester City – means they will not now fall foul of any sanctions.

So Villa manager Unai Emery can now fix his sights on bolstering their own resources and that will start with the captures of winger Samuel Iling-Junior and midfielder Enzo Barrenechea.



# ABERDEEN



TOP SCORER Bojan Miovski

## Bojan not offski until the price is right for us

BY SCOTT BURNS

ALAN BURROWS has revealed Aberdeen have had no offers for Bojan Miovski – but insists the Dons will demand full value before considering any bids.

Pittodrie top scorer Miovski has been linked with several clubs, including Bologna and Feyenoord.

The North Macedonian international, who netted 26 goals last season, is expected to return to Aberdeen for pre-season in Portugal this week.

Aberdeen chief executive Burrows said of the transfer speculation: "No offers. We've had nothing."

The Dons opened talks with the 25-year-old over a contract extension but a new deal has so far failed to materialise. Burrows admitted Aberdeen could sell when the time is right.

He said: "We have already said that Bojan has done really well and will court a lot of interest.

"We would love Bojan to stay here for as long as he can because he is a fantastic striker.

"We also understand there is a lot of interest in him. That might make it difficult to try and keep him for an extended period of time, given that he still has two years left.

"Market forces and our model means more attractive offers might come in the fullness of time.

"We have to make sure whether it is Duk, Bojan or Connor Barron

we are trying to maximise our values for Aberdeen football club.

"That is what we will be looking to do in this and future windows."

STEFAN GARTENMANN pretty much witnessed it all at Aberdeen – from the Warnock wobble to Hampden, Europe and the rattling of Rangers.

The defender, who was on loan from Midtjylland, had an eventful season at Pittodrie, with the high of scoring in a famous 3-1 win at Ibrox, playing in the group stages of the Europa Conference League and the Viaplay Cup Final.

There was also the alarming low when Aberdeen's season came off the rails.

The club brought in veteran manager Neil Warnock but he failed to win a Premiership game and exited prematurely with the team perilously close to the relegation trapdoor.

Warnock did get the Dons into the Scottish Cup semi-final but in the league his team sank like a stone and he left after 34 days.

First-team coach Peter Leven had to come in and salvage the Dons' season.

**Gartenmann saw the confidence drain under Warnock and admitted the Englishman's playing style was too direct and didn't fit the players he had at Pittodrie.**

The Dane said: "I'm not going to put it all on Neil Warnock but the way we were playing at the time just didn't work. With the players we had, it didn't work.

"He wanted to play a lot simpler and you could see that. He took the centre-halves in and he would kill us if we tried to dribble or pass it. He just wanted to put it forward. That was a big part of the reason why we struggled at that time."

Aberdeen struggled to cope with the demands of European group stage football and their domestic commitments.

Barry Robson lost his job and Gartenmann knows that spell at the start of the year, where Warnock came in and quickly departed, felt like the deepest, darkest winter.

Scotland was being hit by storms and the Dons team was also being battered.

Gartenmann added: "January until the end of March wasn't the greatest period. The teams we were playing and the pitches we were playing on weren't the best.

"A lot of our games were cancelled because of the storms

## EXCLUSIVE

BY SCOTT BURNS

and there was a lot of uncertainty off the pitch as well.

"Neil Warnock came in and that whole time was a bit of a mess. "That showed in the way we performed at that time."

Rock bottom was the defeat at Dundee. Warnock had left and the Aberdeen fans chanted at the Dons players, 'You're not fit to wear the shirt'.

Gartenmann was put in front of the press that night and had to admit the Red Army were right!

He said: "That wasn't the greatest of nights. It was a tough time. We were worried as well. We were in a really bad place and everything looked really dark at that point.

"I am so happy we turned it around the way we did because we weren't feeling great at that time."

Leven held clear-the-air talks with his squad. They were in agreement they needed to get the ball down and play more football.

They got three points at Motherwell and went on a winning run in the league.

But it was a defeat – the penalty shoot-out semi-final loss to Celtic – that probably gave the Dons the biggest shot in the arm.

They twice came behind to level and push the Hoops all the way.

Former Dons defender Gartenmann said: "It could have been the semi-final against Celtic because that was the first time for months where there were no talks of terrible pitches, wind, rain, of the pressure or the relegation zone.

**"It was the first game in three or four months where it was all about what happened on the pitch and that football. That showed at Hampden."**

"We went out and played freely and although we lost on penalties, that game was a wake-up call. "We knew after that there was

so much more in the team and we had a bit more of a game plan after that.

"You could see that if we played in that actual way it worked – and against good teams as well. We took it into the bottom six and we started to win games.

**"The confidence had been so low and our performance at Hampden, despite the result, gave us a boost. We took so much from that game."**

Gartenmann will always remember his goal at Ibrox in the 3-1 win over Rangers and the European nights, against Eintracht Frankfurt and PAOK, will be big ones for him.

He added: "The first game at Ibrox was a big one. It was the first game for me where I witnessed the Aberdeen v Rangers rivalry and it was my first

game at Ibrox.

"The performance that day helped. At the time it felt we were ready to take off from there but we all know quite the opposite happened.

"That night it felt like something big was coming. The game away to Frankfurt was another big one. PAOK at home was also an eventful game. That was the best atmosphere I experienced at Pittodrie when we scored to make it 2-0 it was unbelievable.

**"I don't think I have experienced anything like that as a home team. Pittodrie is special on a European night."**

The other big moment for Gartenmann was at Hampden when Aberdeen beat Hibs in the Viaplay Cup semi-final thanks to Bojan Miovski's goal, although the disappointment was losing the showpiece to Rangers.

The Danish centre-back said: "A few of the cup games stand out as well – like the Hibs semi-final. I have seen Bojan's goal back about 25 to 30 times. There is something magical about it.

"The Cup Final and semi-final with Celtic were big too. Those were the games that stand out and games I will never forget.

"The Aberdeen fans are special and the fan culture in Scotland is also amazing."

**"We were in a really bad place and everything looked really dark at that point"**

STEFAN GARTENMANN ON DONS' WARNOCK ERA



IBROX SPARK Gartenmann, left, savours beating Rangers

## JIMMY DOESN'T WANT ME

STEFAN GARTENMANN wants a new challenge but would never close the door on an Aberdeen return in the future.

The central defender had a successful loan at Pittodrie but has returned to his parent club Midtjylland.

Gartenmann hasn't spoken to new Aberdeen boss Jimmy Shelin but doesn't expect to be heading back to the Dons next season.

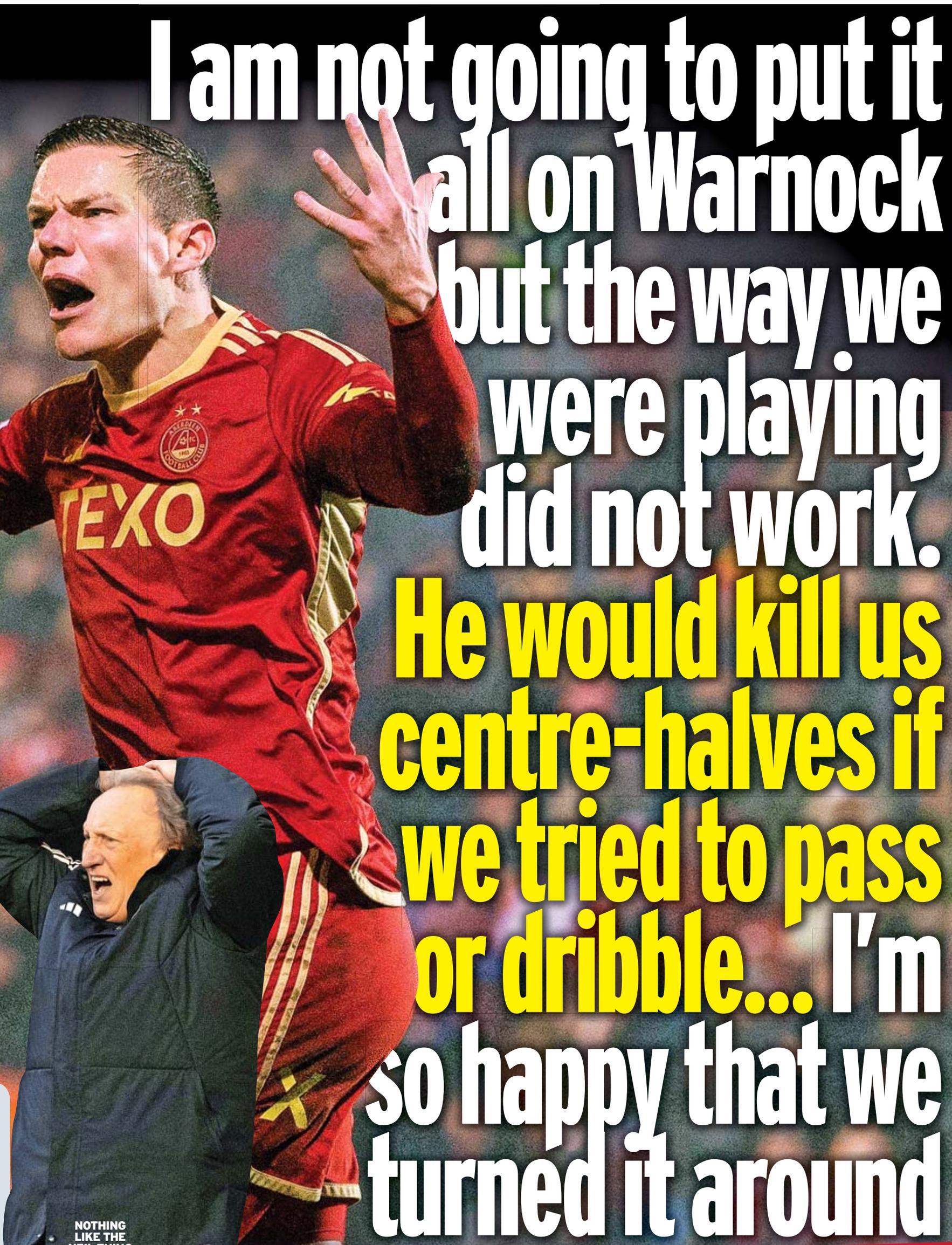
He said: "I haven't spoken to the new manager. At this point he will know what type of players he will want in his

team. He has a very specific way he wants to play and I'm not sure I fit into that.

"If he was keen to have a player like me then I might have heard something. I just think for Aberdeen and myself it is best to go our separate ways now. Maybe, in the future we could talk again and it could be the right time and fit."

Gartenmann is keen to try another country. He said: "My stay in Scotland made me realise how I like experiencing new cultures. I really want to try something new in one of the European leagues."

TAKE IT AS RED



**I am not going to put it all on Warnock but the way we were playing did not work. He would kill us centre-halves if we tried to pass or dribble... I'm so happy that we turned it around**

**SAYS STEFAN GARTENMANN****TOP FACILITIES** Docherty

**Doc's Dee to be Ron the ball for campaign**

BY **SCOTT BURNS**

TONY DOCHERTY hopes following in the footsteps of Cristiano Ronaldo and Co will help get Dundee ready for another big Premiership push.

The Dark Blues head out to Poznan this week for a pre-season training camp.

Portugal used the facility before Euro 2012 and Docherty hopes it will help his new-look squad bond.

He said: "It's important to have your squad together. We are going to fantastic facilities, the Portuguese national team has used the facility ahead of previous Euros. So if you look at what we're going to, it's top drawer.

"Last week was about fitness work, this week is about rewarding the players for all their efforts by staying in good facilities.

"We have two good games but the most important thing is the bonding between the players. We are away for a week and they'll be living in each other's pockets and that is where you get that real camaraderie."

Dundee will take on Lech Poznan and Bank Ostrava and Docherty said: "They'll be really challenging so that's good. You want to see where we are.

"Players' minutes will increase as we go and it is a process to make sure we are ready for Bonnyrigg on July 13."

Docherty feels his squad are in a much better position than last season when he had just come in and had to rebuild and knows the importance of pre-season training camps.

He added: "It helped massively. It helped the players bond.

"Last year we took a lot of kids because the recruitment was still an ongoing process. Now I am in a much healthier state. We have a strong squad."

**NOTHING LIKE THE NEIL THING**  
Gartenmann not a fan of Dons under Warnock, above

**ANDY'S BATTLE TO PLAY**

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# DEL'S SQUAD GETS BRUCED UP WITH TRIP

BY CRAIG SWAN

DEREK McINNES reckons Kilmarnock's Spain trip was big for Bruce Anderson.

And with Marley Watkins offering another striking lift by confirming he'll join the new boy for the season ahead, the boss says the squad are in strong shape returning to work.

McInnes and his squad are back from Marbella after an intense seven-day camp. Summer-signing Anderson was the only fresh face in the group and his manager feels it was a valuable week for the attacker.

He said: "Obviously we don't have too many new signings but I think it has been good for Bruce to get integrated with the lads and get to know him and that's what these trips are all about.

"The trip came a wee bit early in the pre-season but we did that deliberately because we wanted to get a decent base-fitness and then get back to doing the football work effectively when we get home and look forward to the first game proper.

"Temperatures have been a factor, but we have worked extremely hard. We've just been back now 10 days or so and, when you look back and tick-off the work we have done, the players deserve a lot of credit.

"The facilities have been top class and it's good just to get around it. There's still more work ahead of us, of course. We're still working hard to bring in a couple more, but the players have been terrific."

Watkins will rejoin the squad this week with his deal announced hours after the weekend friendly encounter with Club Cerro



GOOD TRIP Derek McInnes

Porteno. The striker, who was top scorer last term with 13 goals, has penned a new two-year deal.

McInnes said: "Being able to bring him back to the squad is a huge lift.

"I think in his season with us last year he showed much of his best qualities, he was a pivotal figure in a successful campaign.

"Hopefully, he can be as important for us this season, I have no doubts that'll be the case."

Killie lost 2-0 to the Paraguayans in Marbella, but McInnes said: "It was probably a bit early in the build-up for us to be playing a team of that level.

"But I think it's important where you are doing as many sessions and working as hard that the players have that carrot of a game at the end of the week.

"I'm really pleased that we have managed to come through the week without any injuries and I think the game was a real good test.

"I thought we were fine in the game, just had a five-minute spell where we lost a couple of cheap goals. We don't stop a cross and there's a consequence to that and we can do better to stop the second goal.

"No one is going to be perfect at this stage of a season and there are so many positives to take from the week and game."

## Zach Well up to make a big impression on Stu

NEW boy Zach Robinson hit an 11-minute hat-trick as Motherwell ended their tour of the Netherlands with an 8-0 demolition job on DSVD Deurningen.

Striker Moses Ebiye continued his hot streak with a first-half double.

Summer signing Filip Stuparevic buried a spot-kick before Sam Nicholson delivered a double.

The Steelmen had drawn 2-2 with Twente last Friday and boss Stuart Kettlewell

said: "A clean sheet and the goals boost the players' confidence too.

"We managed to get eight academy graduates game time, a large part of what this club is all about.

"It's been a tremendously productive week. It's a great facility and the main objective is to come away with as many match-fit players as we can. We have one or two niggles but I'm delighted with the work we've put into the week."

# I just want to be given a chance...

# if you do nothing for 2 years, people forget about you but I was harshly treated. I'll prove I can play

## SAYS HARRY MCKIRDY



# BACK ON THE BALL

BY CRAIG SWAN

**HARRY McKIRDY is determined to stay out of trouble and prove he's no Hibs write-off.**

Given he marked the one-year anniversary of his frightening heart diagnosis with a wonder goal, it's fuelled belief it can be done.

McKirdy is back in Leith determined to finally make a mark after two terms which have been tortured for differing reasons.

The 27-year-old's first campaign was a disaster. No goals and a public dressing down from Lee Johnson for two wayward sets of comments made on social media.

McKirdy started year two aiming to be better, only for devastating news on the health front after routine pre-season tests uncovered the heart issue.

He underwent surgery and a prolonged stay in hospital which ruled him out for six months before he headed back to former club Swindon on loan.

With just five Hibs starts in two years, McKirdy accepts most punters have given up on him.

But, with new boss David Gray wiping the slate clean, the manager has offered another chance and praised McKirdy's quality after his fabulous strike in the 5-0 weekend win over Edinburgh City.

McKirdy is desperate to grasp the opportunity and said: "I need to get myself fit and need to stay out of trouble with certain things.

"I just want a fresh start and be given a chance. I know I'm good enough to play here, although I've probably not shown it yet.

**"I'm a football fan and, if someone does nothing in two years, you'll probably forget about them and lose patience and hope. I get that.**

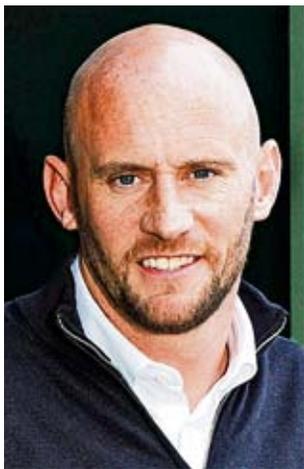
"But I know I'm good enough to play and have a successful year at Hibs. I need it and the club needs it as well so hopefully we can help each other.

"I will always say I've played four games since I've been here, I've never had a fresh start. I don't think many signings come in and have as little chances as I've had, although I probably didn't take the few I had.

"I felt really harshly treated in the first year, everyone has a story but I'm feeling good now and putting weight on again.

"I know I'm a good footballer. I know not a lot of people in Scotland will have seen that but I know what I'm capable of and, hopefully, I will get the chance to prove it."

McKirdy's sense of timing



**SUPPORTIVE** David Gray

was impressive. It was just prior to the pre-season game with the League Two side a year ago at the same Meadowbank Stadium when the heart problem came to light.

McKirdy knew the relevance after this year's scoring show and said: "It was a year ago today when we played and I had a scan in the morning. It's been tough, you live the life you've been given at the time.

"The first year was frustrating. I didn't score goals and then the second year was just about being fit and healthy.

"Walking becomes more important than not scoring a goal in a while.

"It's tougher for your family and friends, when it's yourself you just have to get on with it. It's nice to be back out playing football.

"It has probably taken a year to get relatively fit, but I'm getting there now and I've got a lot to prove. It's been a difficult few years for Hibs. I look at myself and I'm frustrated, I've not really played.

"It's not been good for Hibs, I've got a lot to prove and I think everyone involved with Hibs has a lot to prove. I think I've got enough to help us push on but we'll see what happens."

Gray is supportive and McKirdy added: "He's been good. I left Swindon early last year, it was probably too early for me to be playing football.

"I could have had a long summer, but I came in and trained and it was the gaffer I was working with most days.

"I've got a good relationship with him and, at the end of the day, it's down to me."

McKirdy and Hibs are off to Holland today to step up their preparations for



**CRITICAL** Lee Johnson

the competitive opener on Saturday week against Elgin City in the Premier Sports Cup.

Gray's men will face MVS Duisburg and PAOK on their trip and got a splendid send-off in Meadowbank.

**McKirdy's wonderful strike capped an opening half-hour when the visitors raced into a three-goal lead with Chris Cadden and Dylan Levitt also netting.**

Subs Reuben McAllister and Josh Campbell, who took the captain's armband

from Joe Newell at the interval, completed the scoring after the boss changed an entire team at the break.

McKirdy said: "Pre-season's been tough, but it's just nice to be able to do full sessions and, hopefully, keep up with the boys."

On the goal he said: "It was nice, I've got it in me and it was no surprise, I just need to show it and build some confidence."

**It's been tough, you live the life you've been given at the time**

**HARRY McKIRDY IS DESPERATE TO GET A RUN IN THE TEAM AND FINALLY PROVE HIS WORTH AT EASTER ROAD**



**TOUGHER TIMES** Harry McKirdy

## THE MONDAY JURY



**CRAIG SWAN**



**GRAEME YOUNG**



**FRASER WILSON**



**SCOTT BURNS**

**1 THE dust has settled on Scotland's Euro disappointment. Steve Clarke had come in for criticism. Is he the man to take the country forward?**

Yes, but there has to be an acknowledgement that mistakes were made in Germany and those errors rectified.

I'll say no because even if Euro 2024 wasn't such a flop, five years and two shots at a major tournament feels like a good innings for any boss. I understand the clamour for David Moyes but I would love someone to come in with a daring approach.

The jury's certainly out after that torrid 10 days in Germany. Clarke has enough credit in the bank to allow him to try to take us to the World Cup. But he needs to show he can shake this team up and produce alternative gameplan.

I still believe he can take the country forward but he has to learn from the mistakes. He needs to start rebuilding for the future and long term. If he continues as he has then we have to look change because we will start to regress.

**2 CELTIC'S main priority is a goalkeeper after Joe Hart's retiral. Who would you sign to be their No.1?**

It's hard just to pluck a name from across Europe. Of the ones mentioned so far, Newcastle's Martin Dubravka seems a solid option.

Caoimhin Kelleher in a dream world but Martin Dubravka ticks a lot of boxes. Jack Butland has shown not featuring for Man United is no barometer of ability and the 35-year-old feels like a solid option in a post-Joe Hart world.

They could go for a Martin Dubravka type signing. But I'd love to see Angus Gunn make the step up to the Premiership and Champions League football. He's a good age, can still get better and would potentially have a sell-on value too.

I would go for Danny Ward. He is tried and trusted in the league and is a man that Brendan Rodgers knows well from Leicester City.

**3 THERE has been a lot of talk over James Tavernier's future. Do you think he still has a big part to play under Philippe Clement?**

Tavernier is often the first criticised and he has his deficiencies, but he also provides a remarkable amount of goals and assists. He could still play a part.

If he stays, he will play, But James Tavernier potentially earning a shot at Saudi mega-millions could prove irresistible. There's tangible evidence Rangers are rebuilding and that would be reinforced if the skipper heads out.

Tavernier's numbers would be so difficult to replace for Rangers which makes me think yes. It's a difficult one for the manager because defensively he could get better.

We are probably at a stage where it would be in Tavernier's best interests to move on. He gets some amount of stick but if he is to remain then his goals and assists would continue to be big for Rangers.

**4 WHAT do you think is the best bit of business done in this transfer window, so far?**

Kilmarnock getting Stuart Findlay back is a brilliant deal. The centre-back was outstanding last season.

Dimitar Mitov, hands, or gloves, down. Aberdeen are jubilant over the capture as he looked every inch the top keeper at St Johnstone who appears he can go up a level in the Granite City.

Dimitar Mitov is a fantastic signing for Aberdeen while Hearts have been shrewd in dealing in Blair Spittal and Yan Dhanda - two of the best performers at rivals sides last season. Everything else is a wait and see job.

Motherwell and Dundee United have both been busy. Aberdeen have done well to land Mitov but I think that Hearts' signing of Blair Spittal could be a big one.



# RANGERS

## JOSH IS BACK ON TRACK AT PERTH SAINTS

BY FRASER MACKIE

JOSH MCPAKE admits losing his way as his career stalled but hopes to repay Craig Levein for helping him back on track.

The former Rangers player was without a club for the first six months of last season after his Ibrox deal was mutually terminated.

McPake then dropped into League One to sign for Stirling Albion and kept fit training with St Johnstone.

Levein liked what he saw and handed him a two-year Perth deal this month.

McPake debuted over the weekend, impressing in a 6-1 defeat of Nairn and 2-0 win over Huntly.

The 22-year-old hopes that's the signal for his career to soar again.

McPake thought he was on the rise when a fine loan spell at Harrogate earned him a Scotland Under-21 call and FA Trophy winners' medal at Wembley.

Other loans from Rangers were far less successful but now he feels he can settle and star at Saints.

McPake said: "I need to get back to that way it felt at Harrogate, a period where my career was going upwards.

**"I lost my way a little bit. I'm not sure why exactly. It happens to some footballers during their career.**

"A few things weren't going right for me, I kind of lost a lot of confidence through a couple of loans.

"I didn't do as well as I thought I should've done. That put my confidence levels down.

"But the gaffer here has put a lot of trust in me. I feel like I'm back on that track to fly high again."

Once highly-rated by the Steven Gerrard regime, McPake featured as substitute in a 6-0 Euro qualifying win over St Josephs of Gibraltar in 2019.

He had stints at Dundee, Morton, Harrogate, Morecambe, Tranmere and Queen's Park but hasn't played in the Scottish top flight.

Now the winger wants the chance in Perth to prove he's got Premiership class. McPake said: "I think



IMPRESSED Josh McPake

this a massive point in my career. If I do well now, I feel like I've got the confidence and ability to push on further.

"From the chats I've had with the gaffer, the plan is to get me back to the level I SHOULD be at – rather than where I WAS at.

"I'm really enjoying it. Don't get me wrong, it's been hard. Every pre-season is hard, isn't it?"

"But I'm going to work really hard to get myself – fitness-wise and physically – up to the task of playing in the Scottish Premiership.

"I feel my ability and hard work can come together now. I'm looking forward to trying to prove what I can do at this level.

"I'm happy to get 90 minutes in the legs over the two days so far and get the season underway.

"I knew the boys from being in training last year so it was a bit easier coming into the changing room."

McPake scored four goals in 14 outings for Stirling from late February onwards. He had no issues playing third-tier football because he didn't want to become a forgotten man.

He added: "I felt I needed to do it. Because the minute you're out of football and not playing for a while, everyone forgets about you.

"The main thing was getting back, playing games, getting minutes and goals and getting eyes on me again.

"I felt I did that. I trained with St Johnstone during the week then played for Stirling at the weekend.

"It worked out perfect. I thank the Stirling gaffer for that because he allowed it.

"And obviously Craig Levein has been brilliant with me. I can't thank him enough."

# I'M A GAZ

### IBROX LEGEND

Barron is a huge fan of Gazza, main, and improved under former Ranger Kevin Thomson while on loan from Aberdeen, below and centre, and bottom, Gazza celebrates with another former Don, David Robertson



» I JUST WANT TO BE GIVEN A CHANCE

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## LOOK BACK IN ADMIRATION

## GUZZLER

**CONNOR BARRON** was five years away from making his entrance in this world when Paul Gascoigne was last serving up his midfield magic for Rangers.

But the Ibrox new boy was still brought up on a regular diet of Gazza masterclasses – by his Aberdeen-daft dad.

Barron senior might have spent his weekend's supporting his home city Dons but, while the majority of his like-minded folk were cursing the Geordie playmaker, he was quietly admiring the England legend's skills and thrills.

Gazza's mastery of the ball and ability to cut through opposition lines like a knife through butter were huge reasons why Rangers romped to eight and nine in a row in 1996 and 1997.

And Barron, who left Pittodrie to sign a four-year deal at Ibrox last week, admits he is hungry to get a taste of that kind of success himself.

The 21-year-old might only have seen it on YouTube clips but when it comes to boyhood idols outside of Aberdeen he is clear in who left a lasting impression.

Barron said: "Gazza. I looked up to him a lot. My dad was a big Gazza fan, and he kind of introduced me to him when I was a young boy.

"I've watched his clips and I loved the way he played, and I know how successful he was at this club. He was one that I looked up to a lot."

If Gazza had a retrospective impact on Barron's career then another ex-Ibrox midfielder had a far more direct influence in the Scots Under-21 ace establishing himself as a professional.

Six months on loan at Kelty Hearts three years ago gave the youngster a first taste of the hustle and bustle of Scottish football under the guidance of Kevin Thomson.

Whether it was his similar physique or tenacious style that impressed Thomson, the then Kelty boss took Barron under his wing and made him a central part of his side that went on to

**BLUE IS THE COLOUR NOW** Connor Barron is determined to star at Rangers after quitting home city club Aberdeen



## New blue Barron says he loved watching videos of Gers legend Gascoigne after Dons-daft dad introduced him to midfield ace

BY FRASER WILSON

win League Two. It's a spell which Rangers' new signing admits was crucial to his development into one of the Premiership's hottest prospects.

Thomson won two titles, a Scottish Cup and two League Cups as well as reaching the UEFA Cup Final in four years with Rangers. And Barron revealed he was one of the first points of call when he reached out for advice on his Ibrox move.

He said: "Earlier in my career I was on loan at Kelty Hearts and had a successful spell under him.

"The things he taught me were brilliant and the way he wanted to play suited me to a tee and helped my development a lot. It really felt like I came on as a player under him.

"Having that chat, he told me things

about the past and what it was like when he was here as a player and now as a coach. He only had good things to say.

"He's always there and said to me he's just a text message away if I need anything which is nice to hear from someone like him and the stature he has at the club."

Barron made 42 appearances for the Dons last season including six in the Europa Conference League group stage where he came up against Eintracht Frankfurt and PAOK.

His displays domestically and on the continent ensured he was a man in demand in recent months with clubs in Italy and the English Championship vying with Rangers for his signature.

But he chose to move to his old club's biggest rivals and is now focused on

breaking into a Rangers midfield that has lost fellow ex-Don Ryan Jack and John Lundstram.

Barron is confident he can make his mark. And he admits the lure of the Champions League was a big factor in his decision to stay in Scotland.

He said: "Definitely. I think it is for any player. I had a spell on the European football stage last season and relished it, I loved it.

"So I can't wait to get going here. The ambition and expectation is high at Rangers but it's a game of football at the end of the day and you go out and give your all and if you wins games then everyone is happy.

"So here's hoping it's a successful time ahead for the club. I had a good chat with the gaffer and the team and straight away I knew I wanted to be here.

**"It suits me down to a tee the way we want to play. I just can't wait to get out there.**

"Ever since I was a young boy I never wanted to pigeon-hole myself. I feel I can play any of the three midfield roles depending on formations.

I'm adaptable, the manager knows that, and I will play anywhere for this football club. The expectations are clear, individually and as a team.

"We know what we need to do, and we will keep working on things on the training pitch to make sure we are 100 per cent equipped going into the start of the season."

**“He's always there and said to me he's just a text message away if I need anything”**

CONNOR BARRON CAN CALL ON KEVIN THOMSON ANY TIME FOR ADVICE

# Hotline

» CRAIG SWAN ANSWERS YOUR CALLS

## RANGERS' issues with Ibrox remain a hot topic on the Hotline.

Philippe Clement's men must play their opening home fixtures away from Govan due to delayed work at their stadium.

Divided opinion has filled the air on the situation as **Eddie Easson, Ballingry**, said: "Get ready for the fire sale at the Govan Scrapyard.

"Connor Goldson, James Tavernier and Jack Butland to start with. The season-ticket money will be well spent fixing the stands."

But **George Wilson, Sussex**, countered: "It's comical James Fitzpatrick is getting upset about the Ibrox issues. Any excuse to have a go at Rangers.

"It's obviously a disappointment to lose full home advantage for a month, but a full house at Hampden or Murrayfield will do just fine."

**George McEwan, Paisley**, stated: "Once again Neil Doncaster is an embarrassment to Scottish football. He goes slithering to Rangers and chairman John Bennett. Obviously he has a short memory of how Rangers put the boot in on the cinch league agreement and put pressure on Dundee, People in glass houses."

To matters on the park, **Alan Flett** said: "It doesn't matter how many millions Celtic have, it doesn't matter what their transfer budget is! They will do their business on the cheap because that is what they do.

"Rangers have been garbage for the last 10 years, but we still won a league title and got to a European final. In that same period, Celtic haven't done anything that wasn't expected of them."

**Robert Livingstone, Palm Beach**, said: "After he returns from the Euros, if there's no offers for Ianis

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Steve Clarke has had his try at this team, with all his negativity and boring football. It's time to bring in David Moyes'

Hagi, Clement should play him. He's a quality player, good on the ball and going OK in Germany. His injury was horrific, out a year, but with single-mindedness, fought back to fitness.

"Hagi has made some contradictory views about his future, but the bottom line is to get the best players you have available into the side to win the title.

"He more than fits that bill. Quality attacking midfielder and a class above the likes of Connor Barron."

However, **Cameron Hall, Edinburgh**, said: "I won't pretend to have watched any of Romania's games, but according to the official UEFA site, Hagi has so far played 116 minutes at the 2024 Euros, has scored no goals, contributed no assists, has a passing accuracy of 67 per cent and has had one shot. Which was off target."

Talking of the Euros, Scotland's disappointment has not gone away. **Henry McCoy** said: "I think Steve Clarke has had his try at this team, with all his negativity and boring football.

"It's time to bring in David Moyes or someone of that calibre who can get these boys playing in correct positions and attacking the game."

**Scott Gowers, Edinburgh**, isn't happy with the bigwigs as he said: "UEFA are being very incompetent trying to defend their officials in the Scotland Hungary match.

"My suspicion was that VAR wasn't working and, if not, why not. And, if not, the match should have been abandoned and replayed.

"For UEFA to come up with an excuse that a John McGinn tug should have resulted in a penalty to Hungary just prior to Scotland's genuine claim states that UEFA were as incompetent as the officials during the match."

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CELTIC

# SAINTS' £20M O'RILEY MOVE

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set to make the huge bid, with future add-ons included that would potentially take the deal past Celtic's record sales in the region of £25m for Kieran Tierney and Jota.

The Parkhead outfit would stand to get the further payments if Saints were to remain in the top flight and depending on future successes for the club and O'Riley.

St Mary's boss Russell Martin is a big fan of the 23-year-old, having worked with the midfielder at MK Dons.

Since then, O'Riley has moved north where he has blossomed into one of Celtic's key players.

Southampton will not pay over the odds because of financial fair play constraints as former Scotland defender Martin looks to build a squad that will make them competitive in the top tier.

Denmark international O'Riley was a stand-out for the Hoops as they clinched the Double last season.

**He signed a new deal last September, which runs until 2027, and has already attracted some major interest.**

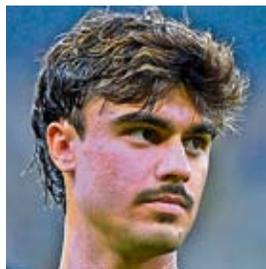
Spanish giants Atletico Madrid made a move in January but the loan-to-buy deal was turned down.

Italian side Inter Milan have also been long-term admirers and there are a number of other clubs who are watching his situation closely.

O'Riley was disappointed to miss out on the Danish squad for Euro 2024, which they exited at the weekend after losing 2-0 to hosts Germany. Meanwhile,



FAN Saints boss Martin



RECORD FEE Winger Jota

Belgium club side Genk are in talks to sign South Korean Oh Hyeon-gyu, with fellow Hoops fringe player Sead Haksabanovic having already gone to Swedish champs Malmo.

Celtic are working on a number of fronts to try to strengthen Brendan Rodgers' squad.

A keeper to succeed Joe Hart remains a priority with Sparta Prague's Peter Vindahl Jensen among the names being considered.

But youngster Rocco Vata hasn't returned to pre-season with Celtic.

The Republic of Ireland Under-21 winger is now out of contract and did not report back with his team-mates last week.

Vata remains in Scotland but is waiting to sort out his future. Watford are among several clubs who are interested.

Celtic made a long-term offer but Vata has turned it down and it remains to be seen if the club will reconsider the terms.

# Spurs edge ahead of Bees in Gray battle

TOTTENHAM are in pole position to sign Archie Gray from Leeds after the club rejected Brentford's offer.

Leeds accepted the Bees bid on Saturday and gave Gray permission to travel to London for his medical.

But Leeds pulled the plug yesterday and it's understood they were unhappy with the payment structure, even though the deal may have been worth a potential £40million.

Brentford's failure to land the teen has opened the door to their London rivals Tottenham and Chelsea.

Spurs have forged ahead in the race and a deal for

Gray could be imminent with the 18-year-old keen on the move.

Gray is part of football royalty at Leeds and his dad Andy and grandfather Frank played for the Whites, while his great uncle Eddie is a club legend.

He made 52 appearances last season, mainly at right-back, and has been capped by England Under-21s.

It was expected Leeds would have to cash in on Gray to comply with the EFL's financial guidelines when they failed to win promotion back to the top flight and now Spurs are favourites to win that race.



It's no coincidence Celtic's one title loss in last 13 years came on back of a bad goalie buy.. that's why Hoops must land another top-class keeper in same mould as Boruc, Forster, Gordon or Hart

# DON'T BARKAS UP THE WRONG TREE BHOYS



# No.1 PRIORITY



## BOOTROOM

### DAILY POLL

SHOULD Celtic accept the £20million Southampton offer for star man Matt O'Riley?

## QUICK QUIZ ?

- 1 Aside from Venus and Serena Williams, who was the last US woman to win the Wimbledon singles title?
- 2 The 2024 Tour de France will finish in which city?
- 3 Name Liverpool's new manager?
- 4 Which Scots cyclist is out of Paris Olympics after a double leg break?
- 5 Who did Glasgow beat to win the United Rugby Championship trophy?
- 6 Which two India players retired from T20 cricket after World Cup final win?
- 7 What nationality is new Dundee United signing Kristijan Trapanovski?
- 8 When was the last time the Wimbledon men's singles final did not feature a European player?
- 9 How many red balls are on the table at the start of a frame of snooker?
- 10 Roberto De Zerbi has become the new boss of which European club?

### ON THIS DAY



**2018:** Two-time champion Andy Murray withdrew from Wimbledon as he continued his recovery from hip surgery.

## TV SPORT

- FOOTBALL:** Euro 2024 - France v Belgium (STV/ITV1, 4pm), Portugal v Slovenia (BBC One, 7.30pm).
- TENNIS:** Wimbledon (BBC Two 10.30am & 1pm; BBC One, 12.15pm & 2pm).
- CYCLING:** Tour de France - Stage three (Eurosport 1, 10am; ITV4, 2pm).
- BASEBALL:** MLB - Toronto Blue Jays v Houston Astros (TNT Sports 1, 8pm).
- SPEEDWAY:** SGB Premiership - Oxford Spires v Sheffield Tigers (Eurosport 2, 7.30pm).
- POOL:** Group 3 Ultimate Pool Pairs Cup (TNT Sports 2, 6.30pm).
- HORSE RACING:** Worcester, Windsor and Wolverhampton (Sky Sports Racing, 2pm).

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### ARTUR BORUC set the Champions League gold standard and Fraser Forster upped the ante when dubbed The Great Wall.

Craig Gordon broke the heart of every team in Scotland as an Invincible and Joe Hart melted the heart of every fan with his emotional and successful farwell.

Celtic's hit rate with goalkeepers in the past two decades has been absolutely vital in their sustained period of success.

And as Brendan Rodgers works to strengthen his squad for the next stage of his second Parkhead term, the No.1 priority and the No.1 task is to get the No.1 right.

For all the terrific signings, attacking showstoppers, striking heroes, midfield class acts and defensive stalwarts, trophy wins have been built on a top-class keeper.

It's no coincidence that in the one season over the past 13 when Celtic didn't win the title and flopped to win nothing, it was the one time they got it wrong.

Vasilis Barkas was an error - or perhaps the wrong man in the wrong movie.

The Greek wasn't the only one responsible for that miserable Covid term but it's not an accident the one flop season was connected to that flop signing.

**The old adage says a good keeper is worth 10 points a season and, in Forster's case, can get you Champions League wins into bargain.**

It was the Spanish media who gave him the nickname La Gran Muralla after his performance against Lionel Messi's Barcelona which led to the famous 2-1 win.

Forster's task when he first arrived was unenviable, in the fact he had to take over from Boruc. Colourful, controversial, no doubt the reason for several Gordon Strachan grey hairs, but brilliant and just the type of character needed for the job.

He'd set the precedent for Forster in terms of Europe's top table. His penalty-kick save from Louis Saha ensured Shunsuke Nakamura's 2006 free-kick would be the matchwinner as Celtic defeated Manchester United in the group stages of the Champions League to reach the last 16.

Forster took on the mantle and lifted the levels. When Jonny Hayes flashed a shot beyond him for Aberdeen, it was the first goal the Englishman had lost in 14 games and 1256 minutes as he set records and cemented his place as a Celtic hero.

Gordon came in after him and, despite the doubts given his injury record prior to signing, the Scotland star delivered spectacularly. Ironically, his one short spell out

BY CRAIG SWAN

of the team came when Rodgers himself moved to sign Dorus de Vries.

The Dutchman played in the 5-1 win over Rangers which marked the manager's first Old Firm game and win during his first spell.

However, his future was as a back-up with Gordon soon back to play his full part in the campaign which ended with three trophies and not a single domestic defeat.

Scott Bain signed after a Gordon injury, but Forster quickly returned and performed as if he'd never been away.

Miracle displays against Lazio in the Europa League and Rangers in a Betfred Cup Final were unforgettable.

**Barkas had tough acts to follow and quite simply never looked up to it, which left Ange Postecoglou with another problem on his giant to-do list entering the building.**

The Aussie needed a No.1 and Hart was snared. No question, there were doubters at the time amongst the Celtic support, with questions raised as to why a veteran whose best days appeared behind him was being handed a three-year contract and given the gloves.

Hart spent the next three years showing everyone why Postecoglou made that move and by the time he left, fans were displaying huge banners and doing displays in his honour.

Now Celtic are back in that same place of three years ago, yet the track record over almost 20 years is there and it needs to be upheld.

Rodgers is the man, but Stevie Woods, the trusted goalie coach who has drawn praise from Gordon, Forster and Hart, will no doubt play a role.

Ex-Celtic defender Charlie Mulgrew had the privilege of playing in front of Forster and Gordon and said: "You need to know how to cope with that pressure."

"Joe Hart has just left and with the legacy he has left at Celtic, the next goalkeeper is going to be under pressure."

"Being No.1 goalkeeper with that pressure on your shoulders constantly, you have got to get the right one in and I'd imagine Woodsy and the rest of them will be working away at that."

**"It's not easy to get a good goalkeeper in. You need to do your homework and once you find the one there are probably two or three others that will be looking for him."**

"Hopefully he chooses Celtic but it's not an easy thing to do I'd imagine."

Rodgers has plenty of areas to strengthen. He will likely be looking for a top-class centre-back to boost the backline and a left-back to take some weight off Greg Taylor.

He's going to need to find some quality for the middle of the park, especially if the in-demand playmaker Matt O'Riley leaves the building.

And the Parkhead boss is going to need striking provisions with, as it stands, Kyogo Furuhashi the only hitman of note at the club until he gets Adam Idah in the door on a full-time basis.

But, above all else, the keeper is the key. If Celtic want to stay as the No.1 club in the country, they again have to get No.1 pick spot on.

**With pressure on your shoulders constantly, you have to get the right goalkeeper in**

CHARLIE MULGREW ON THE NO.1 ISSUE

**PLAYING FOR KEEPS** Forster and Hart, below, were a success but Barkas, far left, struggled



STAYING STRONG Johnston

## AJ pride at Copa glory for Canada

BY MARK WALKER

ALISTAIR JOHNSTON is bursting with pride after Canada made history in the Copa America.

The North American nation have reached the quarter-finals and qualified from their group following a goalless draw with two-time champions Chile, who were eliminated.

And Celtic full-back Johnston said: "It's the reward we deserve."

"We haven't had a single pro-Canada crowd or a pro-Canada ref. Everyone was out to get us."

"Everything has been against us and yet we've come out on top. It's a testament to our character that we stayed strong."

"The nation has to get behind us. We need some support. It's a tenacious group who are young and hungry and we want to make history."

"It's everything we've worked for. You come to a tournament like this and it's as big as you get - it's the next best thing after the World Cup."

"It's been a hard month and we've all run our asses off if I'm being honest. So to get a reward like this and get through is special."

"Not a lot of people gave us a chance in this group. We had to qualify through a play-off and there were three tough, tough games in our group."

"It didn't matter what type of football they wanted to play, we showed we could get out of the group."

"It's a special group of players here. We are young and will only get better and the effort that every single player has put in from the strikers to the keepers has been incredible."

**CONNOR IS A GAZ GUZZLER**

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# EURO2024

## Pundits put in another shocker

**TV WATCH**  
BY JOHN NICHOLSON

YOU had to feel sorry for Gareth Southgate in his pre-match interview with ITV's Gabriel Clarke, after all, he's not been the one who's been playing poorly.

But people hate him. As much, I suspect, for how he is, as a reasonable man.

This is no environment for a decent fella.

The ITV team of Roy, Gary and Wrighty spend over an hour with Mark Pougatch saying things we've all heard before in a predictable way, pretending England can be good.

Laura Woods, who's having a good tournament, is pitchside with Karen Carney with the midges, but it doesn't add much, though the word 'Slovakia' said in a Brummie accent by Carney is impressive.

Lee Dixon is with Sam Matterface to the astonishment of everyone who prefers the inexplicably sidelined Clive and Coisty.

Inevitably England start terribly. Slovakia are the better side and score. Now the "they're a good side" talk as once again England struggled. So predictable.

Half-time. Gary says it's got Iceland vibes, it was that bad. Second half was more aimless thrashing by England until Bellingham scored with 90 seconds left.

England scored again but remained poor in extra time and looked like conceding again but won.

Matterface went full Partridge, talking about the darkest hour just before dawn. "Woeful" said Neville, about England but he could have been talking about the pundits' performance.

### THE STATS

63	POSSESSION (%)	37
2	SHOTS ON	3
14	SHOTS OFF	4
9	CORNERS	1
12	FOULS	19
3	YELLOW CARDS	6
0	RED CARDS	0



# They think it's all.. OVERHEAD KICK

Bellingham stunner saves country's hopes and Southgate's job



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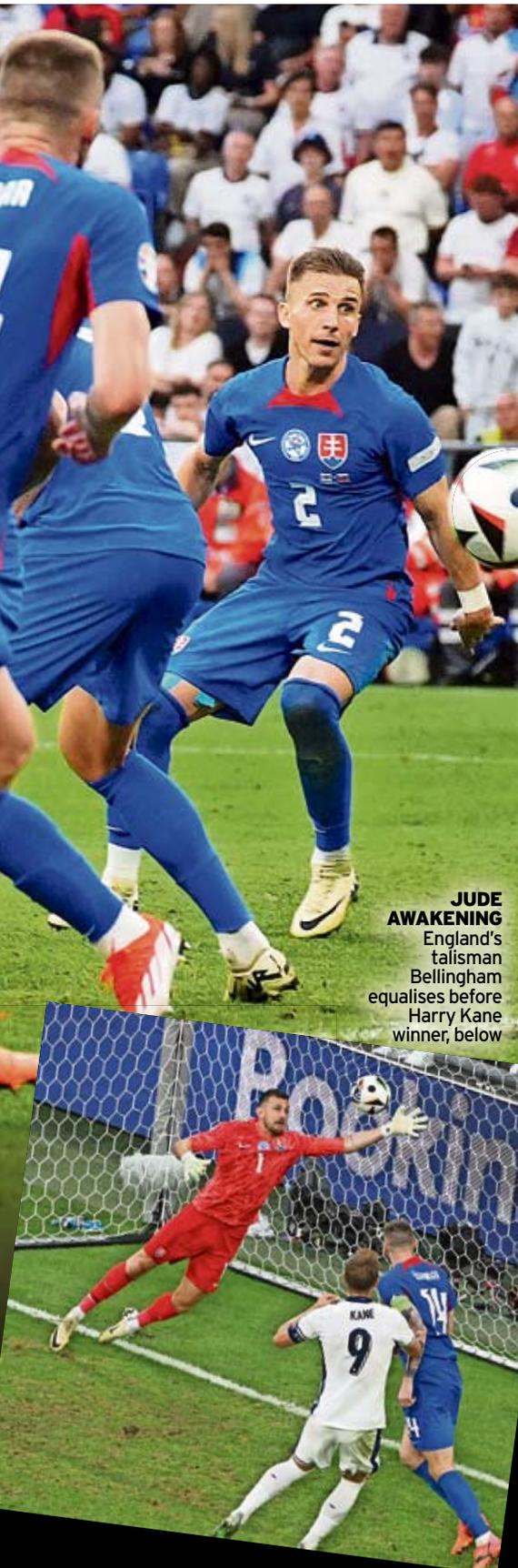
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# ENGLAND BACK FROM THE BRINK



**JUDE AWAKENING**  
England's talisman Bellingham equalises before Harry Kane winner, below

**JUDE BELLINGHAM** has spent most of Euro 2024 waving his hands in the air through frustration.

But, when he decided to point his right peg to the sky to finally produce a spectacular moment of magic, the complaining stopped.

Bellingham celebrated his 21st birthday prior to the game. He gave Gareth Southgate the gift of saving his job.

With Harry Kane then bagging a winner 52 seconds into extra-time, his under-fire manager was offered a shot at vindication just when he looked to be heading for his jotters.

Southgate managed to duck thrown beer cups at the end of a dismal group stage. Had the Real Madrid ace and his captain not salvaged the situation, he would not have dodged the can.

After his under-performing England players dropped their bottle for over 90 minutes against Slovakia, he wasn't going to survive.

In his 99th game as boss, it looked like 100 wasn't coming.

Southgate got his job because England were humiliated at the last 16 stage by Iceland in 2016 and Roy Hodgson fried in the volcanic fall-out.

He was going the same way as, for the most part in the Arena AufSchalke, England were just Awful. Not a shot on target against the team ranked 45th in the world until injury-time, Southgate's army of critics would not have been short of ammo.

**Too rigid. Too loyal to top stars who didn't deliver. Too late to swap them and make subs. Just one in 80-odd minutes with Cole Palmer on.**

Sticking with Bellingham and Kane, who had done little in the contest, was going to be his downfall. By the finale, incredibly, the pair were his salvation. Bellingham hit the sensational leveller with an overhead kick and Kane headed the winner.

Two goals each now for the tournament and a last-eight tie

## ENGLAND...2 SLOVAKIA...1

AFTER EXTRA TIME: FT:1-1

BY CRAIG SWAN

against Switzerland. It was agony for Slovakia and their Italian manager Francesco Calzona, who was seconds from a remarkable triumph.

Instead of savouring the biggest result in their footballing history this morning, they are heading home.

**It was cruel. They led through Ivan Schranz's first-half effort and held firm until almost the last breath.**

But, rather than being on his way to the Job Centre, Southgate is now on his way to Dusseldorf to take on the Swiss.

England fans are asking if he'll change. Can he change?

Palmer was key to the run of play that brought the Bellingham leveller. Fellow subs Eberechi Eze and Ivan Toney, who looked as if they'd been called too late, were involved in Kane's winner.

It was a remarkable finale, an unlikely ending on an evening which, for the majority, felt like being Southgate's last stand.

His reputation for a lack of daring hasn't altered. With fans and pundits screaming for changes ahead of the last group game against Slovenia, he made just one.

Same again here. He stuck mainly to his guns. Kobbie Mainoo started, but the manager again put his faith in the tried-and-trusted stars who had previously disappointed.

For 90-plus minutes, it was a case of, if you keep doing the same things, the same things will

happen. England were poor throughout. Kieran Trippier's loose ball that brought a booking for Marc Geuhi inside three minutes and put him out of the Swiss tie set the tone, and the Slovak opener which came just after the midway mark of the first period was fully deserved.

When Juraj Kucka won a header, Southgate's backline parted. David Strelec had time to take a touch and roll a pass into Schranz who confidently planted past Jordan Pickford.

It was a moment of magic for their fans and by half-time, Southgate retreated to the dressing room needing to make the speech that would keep his team in the tournament and his backside in the hotseat.

Four minutes after the restart, England showed signs of life and finally had the ball in the net but Phil Foden had strayed offside.

Strelec lobbed wide from the halfway line as Slovakia threatened again but England improved when Palmer came on. With the clock ticking down, Bellingham's belter after Guehi had flicked on a long throw saved his boss.

Slovak hearts and legs had barely recovered when, at the start of extra-time, Eze's choked shot into the deck was headflicked into

danger by Toney and Kane finished.

Lucky or not, Southgate was

rewarded for his decisions and repaid for his loyalty.

It might cost him in the end, but not yet.

## It's better to be lucky than Jude

FROM BACK PAGE

major trophy but they could easily be crowned the luckiest team in Europe after a fourth woeful performance in succession. They now face Switzerland on Saturday for a place in the last four.

Ivan Schranz had given Slovakia the lead 25 minutes then Phil Foden had a goal chalked off before England's fightback, inspired by the introduction of Cole Palmer.

Bellingham then described the boos and criticism from fans who had been subjected to four abject displays by England as "rubbish".

But he said of his goal: "This was a feeling like no other. It's the worst feeling when you're no more than 30 seconds from going home and having to listen to all the rubbish."

**"You feel like you've let a nation of people down and, 30 seconds later, with one kick of the ball, everything can change."**

Bellingham also hinted that fans expect too much from a side who reached the final of this tournament three years ago. He said: "Playing for England should be one of the proudest moments of a footballer's career but at times it's quite difficult."

"There's a really intense pressure. The fans expect a lot from us. People talk a lot and you do take it personally a bit. Sometimes it feels like there's a bit of a pile-on. It's not nice to hear but it's always nice to throw something back to some people."

"There's also a lot of pressure because you hear people talk a lot of rubbish. Scoring goals and celebrating is my release and it was maybe a message to a few people."

Southgate claims he refused to accept elimination. He said: "We want to be better, I'm not going to hide from that. But the spirit was there for all to see and we're still in there fighting."

Southgate also revealed sub Ivan Toney, who assisted the winner, was furious with him over his lack of playing time. He added: "I knew Ivan had the hump for not putting him on but I said to him, 'This could be your moment'."



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BY SCOTT BURNS  
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The English Premier League new boys are  
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## ENGLAND..2 SLOVAKIA..1

AFTER EXTRA-TIME; 90 MINS 1-1

# IT'S BETTER TO BE LUCKY THAN JUDE

BY ALAN MARSHALL

THEY say it's better to be lucky than good - and awful England proved it last night as Jude Bellingham's 95th-minute overhead kick spared the Three Lions from an embarrassing early Euros exit.

Gareth Southgate's men snatched a dramatic victory from the jaws of defeat against Slovakia to reach the quarter-finals as Harry Kane's header at the start of extra-time clinched it.

Southgate remains on track to end England's 58-year wait for a

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LION'S ROAR  
Bellingham celebrates salvage job

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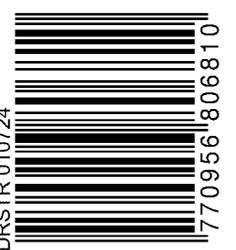
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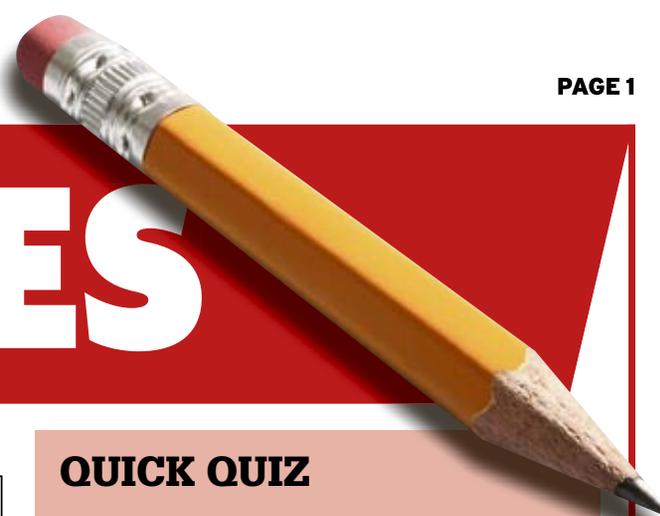
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# EXTRA PUZZLES



## GK CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				8		
9			10			
11			12			
13	14	15			16	17
18					19	
20				21		
22			23			

**ACROSS**

- Dish made from oatmeal (8)
- Ancient Egyptian fertility goddess, wife and sister of Osiris (4)
- Coniferous tree of New Zealand also called a red pine (4)
- 'The —', 1972 novel by Eric Ambler (8)
- River which forms most of the boundary between Devon and Cornwall, England (5)
- Galley with three banks of oars on each side (7)
- White table wine from the Rhine vineyards (13)
- 'The —', 1950 film by Basil Dearden starring Jack Warner (4,4)
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese (4)
- Poem of 13 or 10 lines whose opening words are used as an unrhymed refrain (7)
- Mervyn, author of Mr. Pye (5)
- Orange Pippin is a variety of apple (4)
- 'The Prince and the —', 1957 film starring Marilyn Monroe (8)

**DOWN**

- Japanese art of paper folding (7)
- Plant with red acid-tasting edible leafstalks (7)
- Port and holiday resort in Norfolk, England (5,8)
- Dame Edith, English poet who died in 1964 (7)
- The — owl, Otus asio, has a grey or reddish-brown plumage (7)
- Soft silvery-white metallic element whose symbol is Ba (6)
- City in the Czech Republic, a centre of the German Sudeten movement in 1938 (7)
- Either of the two occasions when day and night are of equal length (7)
- Strip of boneless meat, especially the undercut of a sirloin of beef (6)
- Lettuce with crisp pale leaves (7)
- Thin crisp biscuit (7)

## QUICKSTART

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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10						
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		16			17	
18		19			20	
	21		22			
	23			24		
25						
					26	
27						

**ACROSS**

- Broadcast (9)
- Circle (4)
- Sad (9)
- Threefold (6)
- Rung (5)
- Split (5)
- Way out (4)
- Object (5)
- Responsibility (4)
- Centre (5)
- Kingly (5)
- Red-brown (6)
- Lampooning (9)
- Carry (4)
- Courier (9)

**DOWN**

- Touchstone (9)
- Try (9)
- Part (4)
- Sparkle (5)
- Functioning (6)
- Impel (4)
- Set (5)
- Motionless (5)
- Spent (9)
- By law (9)
- Corpse demon (5)
- Succession (6)
- Foreign (5)
- Labyrinth (4)
- Unusual (4)

## NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 64243 gives a waterway  
 98354 gives a river mouth  
 341267 gives a motor boat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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## QUICK QUIZ

- On which river does Leeds stand?
- Of which North American mountain system is Mount Elbert the highest peak?
- Which island group was officially known as Zetland until 1974?
- What was the stage name of actress Harlean Carpenter, the original Blonde Bombshell?
- What name is given to a Welsh assembly in which bards and minstrels compete for prizes?
- Which unorthodox American chess player beat Boris Spassky in Reykjavik in 1972 to become world champion?
- What was the nickname of American president Dwight D Eisenhower?
- Shia and Sunni are sects of which religion?
- Of which mineral is alabaster a form?
- What name is given to procedures that can be carried out immediately after injury?
- Who was the last Anglo-Saxon king of England?
- What fruit did actress and royal mistress Nell Gwyn sell in Drury Lane?
- Which American Beat novelist wrote On the Road and Big Sur?
- On which island off the coast of Kent is the port of Sheerness?
- Which stock character of the commedia dell'arte and lover of Columbine was known as Arlecchino in Renaissance Italy?
- In what year did Margaret Thatcher succeed Edward Heath as leader of the Conservative Party?
- What was the name of the dog carried into space by Sputnik 2?
- Which navigational instrument has an arc of a sixth of a circle?
- What is the fastest swimming stroke?
- In which European country is the port of Ostend?

## SUDOKU

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

### Easy

9		7					1	2
			2	8	7			4
6		2		4	9			
	7				8	5	2	
	3	9				6	8	
	2	6	3				4	
			7	6		4		8
7			8	2	1			
3	6					2		1

### Medium

		3		1			4	
		6		9	4			2
8	9	4				1		
			4	5		9		
2	8						3	4
	4		1	3				
		2				8	1	7
1			7	3		4		
	7			5		9		

### Hard

8	3		1					
					8		7	
1		4		5				
			3		5		1	
7		1				5		3
	4		1		7			
					9		4	1
	6		5					
				7		2		5

# EXTRA PUZZLES

## FILL IN

When you've completed the puzzle, rearrange the shaded squares to spell out a gemstone. We've given you one word to start you off.

	V								
	I								
	L								
	L								
	A								
	I								
	N								

### 3 LETTERS

- ALP
- DOE
- LAW
- LOG
- SUN
- TAB
- TAN
- TEN
- THE
- ZOO

### HEAD

- IBIS
- MOLE
- OVAL
- PERT
- POOL
- SHED
- TAPE
- TOME
- WARM
- WIPE

### 4 LETTERS

- AJAR
- ANON
- ATOP
- BEAM
- BIRO
- BLOB
- BOLE
- BRAE
- FEAT

### 5 LETTERS

- ENNUI
- GLADE
- KOALA
- TWEET

### 7 LETTERS

- PARASOL
- VILLAIN

## WORDSEARCH

Find the listed words and phrases in the grid below. Words can run forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

O	X	D	A	N	K	W	O	R	T	H	E	D	L	S
P	H	S	V	B	A	X	C	D	R	I	N	P	A	U
T	R	E	P	L	A	Z	S	H	J	M	A	Q	E	G
K	X	C	L	U	V	I	D	T	A	R	R	D	P	N
H	W	E	Y	X	M	V	L	Z	K	R	T	S	J	I
P	R	V	L	O	F	A	A	E	R	E	L	L	I	M
V	H	S	N	U	I	N	R	L	G	R	O	E	R	G
K	O	E	I	N	S	S	E	M	A	J	C	G	S	N
S	L	Z	E	V	W	T	G	P	S	X	N	B	N	O
K	I	I	T	A	A	N	Z	U	V	O	R	H	A	R
L	D	D	B	C	T	D	T	C	D	U	E	N	M	T
M	A	F	Z	E	X	K	I	A	B	I	G	S	D	S
I	Y	O	I	X	Y	F	E	S	G	M	F	O	M	
S	I	N	A	T	R	A	C	A	M	C	O	E	O	R
U	Z	T	B	N	L	K	B	S	T	C	H	D	G	A

### JAZZ MUSICIANS

- ALPERT
- ARMSTRONG
- BASIE
- BILK
- BRUBECK
- CHARLES
- COLTRANE
- DANKWORTH
- DAVIS
- FITZGERALD
- GOODMAN
- HOLIDAY
- JAMES
- LAINÉ
- MILLER
- MINGUS
- PARKER
- SINATRA
- WALLER

## 30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's Challenge. Genius players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

<b>BEGINNER</b>	19	x3	+18	2/5 of this	+24	÷6	+53	÷2	-11	+1/4 of this	ANSWER
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	29	-17	+1/6 of this	+58	+1/3 of this	-10	÷2	+17	45% of this	+107	ANSWER
<b>ADVANCED</b>	39	x7	+107	55% of this	-27	÷2	-72	x12	+105	7/9 of this	ANSWER

## CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

**1**

12	1	21	2		22	5	26	23	7	22	17	5
22		15			21		5		12		15	
3		22	26	24	21	17	20	13		21		3
11	9	18			26			18	22	25	15	
9		1		7	15	26	24		10		18	
	6	15	26	9		15		8	1	15	6	15
				19		6		21				
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8	17	10	15			23			1	8	15	
7		10		4	22	13	8	17	6	15		21
9		15		22			1			22		17
24	15	5	9	16	17	6	15		20	21	22	16

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  
A B

**2**

15	2	19	4		9	12	9	16	8	22	24	19
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14		9			24	16	8	22		6		16
2	26	20	12			8				2	1	13
6		8		2	1	6	13	14	5	7		5
16		8		1			10			20		1
23	8	21	21	8	20	24	5		20	8	5	9

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  
A B R

### KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9. Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it. No number may be used more than once in any one block.

Kakuro grid with numbers in shaded squares: 11, 39, 3, 6, 10, 8, 3, 28, 5, 7, 15, 11, 28, 3, 19, 6, 3, 20, 4, 10, 23, 4, 4, 5, 8, 15, 15, 7, 14.

### KILLER

Normal Sudoku rules apply, plus, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dots) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

Killer Sudoku grid with numbers in top corners of inner shapes: 10, 11, 10, 7, 14, 12, 9, 14, 11, 11, 6, 14, 14, 18, 24, 11, 6, 12, 10, 11, 10, 9, 15, 12, 18, 11, 8, 12, 8, 13, 15, 4.

### ARROWWORD

The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.

Arrowword grid with clues and arrows. Clues include: Discharge Redman, Poked stake, Quicker, Rowing blade, Plead Drinks venue, Brown, Pencil rubber, Public road, Moved at pace, Treacle, Orchard fruit, Discover, Ale, Land measure Favourites, Risky under-taking, Female sheep, Drawn match, Will Ferrell film, Scheme, Restore to zero, Fabric, Lowest even number, Rapt surprise, Resound, Enemy Try out, High explosive (1,1), Apartment, Lounge bar, Poses a question, Car window Lubricates, Direction or order, Always sober Slope, Snow runner, Bears the weight of, Employ, Wan, Out of practice, Toddler Gives off light, Water when frozen, Male offspring, Venomous snakes, Allows, Pragmatic, Fix up, Concentrated, Strikes, Inert gas Flower, Sort, Brave person, Plant ovule, Indication, Mimic, Religious sister, Fire remains, East-north-east (1,1), Formerly, Household fuel, Self-indulgent session, Cathedral city, Peculiar.



### SOLUTIONS

#### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Porridge; 5 Isis; 9 Rimu; 10 Levanter; 11 Tamar; 12 Tirime; 13 Liebfraumilch; 18 Blue Lamp; 19 Edam; 20 Rondeau; 21 Peake; 22 Cox's; 23 Showgirl. Down: 2 Origami; 3 Rhubarb; 4 Great Yarmouth; 6 Sitwell; 7 Screech; 8 Barium; 13 Librec; 14 Equinox; 15 Fillet; 16 Iceberg; 17 Cracker.

#### QUICKSTART CROSSWORD

Across: 3 Programme; 8 Ring; 9 Plaintive; 10 Treble; 11 Stave; 14 Riven; 15 Exit; 16 Thing; 18 Onus; 20 Heart; 21 Regal; 24 Russet; 25 Satirical; 26 Bear; 27 Messenger. Down: 1 Criterion; 2 Endeavour; 4 Role; 5 Glint; 6 Active; 7 Move; 9 Plant; 11 Still; 12 Exhausted; 13 Statutory; 17 Ghoul; 19 Series; 22 Alien; 23 Maze; 24 Rare.

#### QUIZ

1 River Aire; 2 The Rockies; 3 Shetland Islands; 4 Jean Harlow; 5 Eisteddfod; 6 Bobby Fischer; 7 Ike; 8 Islam; 9 Gypsum; 10 First aid; 11 Harold II; 12 Oranges; 13 Jack Kerouac; 14 Isle of Sheppey; 15 Harlequin; 16 1975; 17 Laika; 18 Sextant; 19 Front crawl; 20 Belgium.

#### CODEWORD

1=U, 2=K, 3=N, 4=W, 5=R, 6=D, 7=H, 8=S, 9=O, 10=Z, 11=J, 12=B, 13=Y, 14=Q, 15=E, 16=X, 17=I, 18=G, 19=V, 20=F, 21=L, 22=A, 23=C, 24=P, 25=T, 26=M, 27=G, 28=A, 29=H, 30=K, 31=N, 32=R, 33=D, 34=E, 35=S, 36=W, 37=X, 38=Y, 39=O, 40=U, 41=J, 42=T, 43=F, 44=Q, 45=C, 46=L, 47=P, 48=M, 49=Z, 50=I, 51=V, 52=B

#### NINER UNLATCHED

30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER 25, 134, 259

Sudoku grid 1: 9 4 7 5 3 6 8 1 2, 1 5 3 2 8 7 9 6 4, 6 8 2 1 4 9 7 3 5, 4 7 1 6 9 8 5 2 3, 5 3 9 4 1 2 6 8 7, 8 2 6 3 7 5 1 4 9, 2 1 5 7 6 3 4 9 8, 7 9 4 8 2 1 3 5 6, 3 6 8 9 5 4 2 7 1

Sudoku grid 2: 5 2 3 8 1 6 7 4 9, 7 1 6 5 9 4 3 8 2, 8 9 4 3 7 2 1 5 6, 6 3 7 4 8 5 2 9 1, 2 8 1 9 6 7 5 3 4, 9 4 5 1 2 3 6 7 8, 3 5 2 6 4 9 8 1 7, 1 6 9 7 3 8 4 2 5, 4 7 8 2 5 1 9 6 3

Sudoku grid 3: 8 7 3 2 1 4 6 5 9, 2 5 6 9 3 8 1 7 4, 1 9 4 7 5 6 3 2 8, 6 8 9 3 4 5 7 1 2, 7 2 1 8 6 9 5 4 3, 3 4 5 1 2 7 8 9 6, 5 3 7 6 9 2 4 8 1, 4 6 2 5 8 1 9 3 7, 9 1 8 4 7 3 2 6 5

Killer Sudoku grid: 9 7 2 4 3 6 8 5 1, 1 4 8 5 7 2 3 9 6, 3 6 5 9 8 1 2 7 4, 5 1 4 2 6 8 9 3 7, 7 2 9 3 5 4 1 6 8, 8 3 6 1 9 7 5 4 2, 2 8 3 6 4 5 7 1 9, 6 5 1 7 2 9 4 8 3, 4 9 7 8 1 3 6 2 5

Kakuro grid: 3 7 2 1, 1 6 2 1 5 3 4, 5 9 8 6, 2 3 1 2 1, 8 2 9 6 8, 3 1 1 8 4 2, 1 5 4 2 3 7 1, 1 6 5 9

Fill in grid: BEAM K LIBIS, L J ZOO R H, OVAL A TAPE, BTRO L HEA, L GLADE R, ALP A O TAN, A TWEET S, WIPE N ATOP, ANON N BOLE, R O SUN M R, MOLE I FEAT

Wordsearch grid with letters: O X @ A N K W O R T H, P H S V B A X C D R I, K X C L G V J D T A X, H W E A X M L G R D E, P X L O F A N G L E R, V Y Q S U L I N B L G R D E, X X X X X X X X X X, L L X S Y Z A B C D E F, M A F Z E C T O T C D U, U O I X Y Y F E S G M F, S I N A T R A C A M C O E, U Z T B N L K E S T C H O

Arrowword grid with words: E A F O A D, A M A N D A A P P L E, I T S Y R U P R, S T R E E T B E E R, A E L F A R E, V E N T U R E P L A N, W I A W E S F F, R E S E T R T E E T O T A L, I W I N D S C R E E N A, S A L O O N I H S T O T, S K I S U P P O R T S P, K L E T S A U H I T S, A S P S R E A L I S T I C O, U R E N T N E O N, S C A R T Y P E P, T A P E A S H E S, S I G N N U N E N E, O G A S S P R E E, O N C E E L Y O D D

COFFEE BREAK CORNER

**NINER**

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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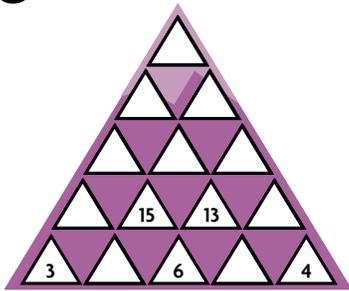
17678945 gives a politician

12925789 gives a driver

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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**SUMMIT UP**

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



**WORD SQUARE**

F	E	O
L	G	D
T	O	A

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one nine-letter word.

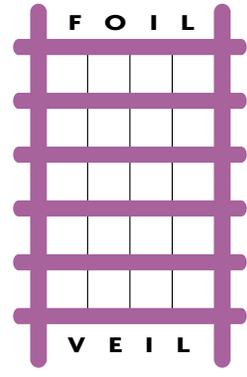
Target:  
20 – good;  
25 – very good;  
30 or more – excellent

**EVENS**

Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column. Only even numbers may be placed in grey squares.

**WORD LADDER**

Change one letter at a time (but not the position of any letter) to make a new word – and move from the word at the top of the box to the word at the bottom using the exact number of rungs.



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				14
				30
				24
29	12	18	20	

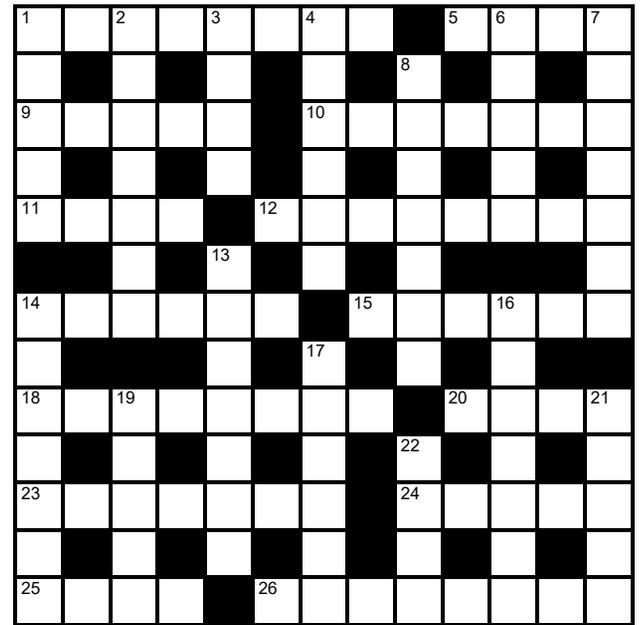
**WEE THINKER**

**Across**

- 1 A hostile measure (3,5)
- 5 Runs away to sea! (4)
- 9 Get drunk fast (5)
- 10 Alternatively gone off with a herb (7)
- 11 Shout at the old students (4)
- 12 Fake diamond found with Irish emblem (8)
- 14 Young partner sent Toby old coordinate (3,3)
- 15 Stopped from being condemned, say (6)
- 18 It could go to one's head in more ways than one (8)
- 20 Lazy-sounding superstar (4)
- 23 Order is inane and stupid (7)
- 24 Spilt cider and got upset (5)
- 25 Bird has two parties (4)
- 26 Mean ruse, changing computing alias (8)

**Down**

- 1 Intelligence to find empty toy funny (5)
- 2 Chap finds friend in a majestic way (7)
- 3 Singer works a lot (4)
- 4 Idiot that man has to cover (6)
- 6 Comic knees-up (5)



- 7 Startled to find school pawned (7)
- 8 Sully bees and ram, somehow (7)
- 13 I cannot work and carry (7)
- 14 Vessel or military vehicle on a road (7)
- 16 Mother on a ride around island (7)
- 17 Repast improved by candles (6)
- 19 Dull work for old king in Germany (5)
- 21 Stay in cabin (5)
- 22 Race round maple (4)

**ANSWERS**

NINER MODERNIST SUMMIT UP 107 WORD SQUARE FLOODGATE EVENS 5123, 7241, 8679, 9357  
WORD LADDER One possible solution is: FOIL, FAIL, RAIL, RAIN, VAIN, VEIL.

**SUDOKU**

**EASY**

7				9	6			
9	3	1	6			7	5	
	6			7	1			
		4				1		
	9	5	2		4	7		
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		7		8				1

**MEDIUM**

1			5			2		
		8	1					9
7		2	6		9		8	
			4			2		7
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**ANSWERS**

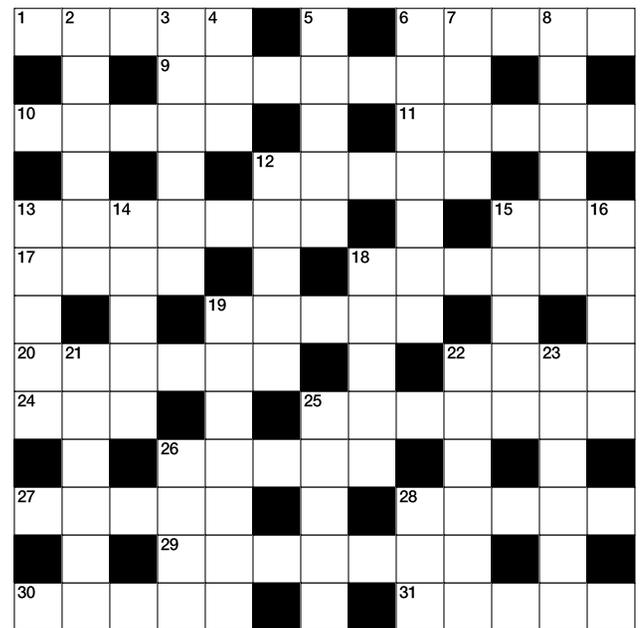
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6	L	9	E	9	8	F	L	Z	
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**EASY**

2	9	8	1	L	8	6	S	F
L	L	8	F	6	S	E	Z	9
F	S	6	E	9	Z	L	I	8
8	L	9	9	Z	6	L	V	E
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6	F	Z	E	L	8	9	S	
E	Z	9	8	L	F	V	6	L

**MEDIUM**

**QUICKIE**



**Across**

- 1. Relating to bees (5)
- 6. Come about (5)
- 9. Illegal drug (7)
- 10. A tree (5)
- 11. Provide food (5)
- 12. Grave danger (5)
- 13. Jealous (7)
- 15. Sister, informally (3)
- 17. A continent (4)
- 18. Seize quickly and deftly (6)
- 19. Bathroom fitting (5)
- 20. View or glance (6)
- 22. Fibber (4)
- 24. Male offspring (3)
- 25. Spire (7)
- 26. Misses out (5)
- 27. Confuse (5)
- 28. Nun's costume (5)
- 29. Fundamental (7)
- 30. Uses a pencil (5)
- 31. Kinds (5)

**Down**

- 2. Cleans feathers (6)
- 3. Shrub or small tree (6)
- 4. And not (3)
- 5. Stories (5)
- 6. Very old (7)
- 7. Genuine (4)
- 8. Picturesque (6)
- 12. Student (5)
- 13. Edges of a roof (5)
- 14. Female fox (5)
- 15. Undress (5)
- 16. Possess in common with others (5)
- 18. Cults (5)
- 19. Golf hazards (7)
- 21. Over there (6)
- 22. Thing handed down by a predecessor (6)
- 23. Of high mountains (6)

- 25. Say (5)
- 26. Opposite of fast (4)
- 28. Strike (3)

**CARTOONS**

**THE PERISHERS**



**SHUGGIE AND DUGGIE**



**FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

WEE THINKER ACROSS: 7 Eyesore, 9 Craft, 10 Putty, 11 Extreme, 12 Cover-up, 14 Tips, 17 Prop, 18 Exclude, 20 Diverse, 22 Judge, 23 Orate, 24 Tenants.

DOWN: 1 Respect, 2 Leftover, 3 Holy, 4 Ecstatic, 5 Hale, 6 Utter, 8 Ever-present, 13 Repartee, 15 Pounding, 16 Release, 19 Adios, 21 Veal, 22 Jane.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 3 Peace; 8 Rural; 10 Rends; 11 Rub; 12 Radar; 13 Negates; 15 Digit; 18 Rid; 19 Sleuth; 21 Genuine; 22 Tart; 23 Asti; 24 Help out; 26 Flares; 29 Pad; 31 Fatal; 32 Derides; 34 Smear; 35 Bob; 36 Elope; 37 Fleet; 38 Stops.

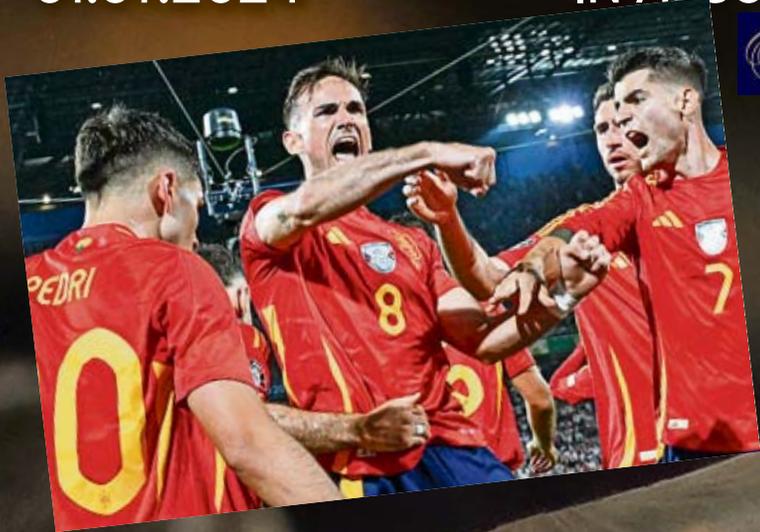
DOWN: 1 Cures; 2 Cabaret; 4 Eras; 5 Cradle; 6 Eerie; 7 Admit; 9 Rug; 12 Reduces; 14 Tin; 16 Guest; 17 Their; 19 Snapper; 20 Stiff; 21 Great; 23 Audible; 24 Helmet; 25 Oar; 27 Ladle; 28 Rasps; 30 Rebel; 32 Damp; 33 Doe.

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*Nico belts home in comeback to get a crack at hosts*

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TV GUIDE

TODAY  
LAST 16

France v Belgium (5pm, STV/ITV 1)  
Portugal v Slovenia (8pm, BBC One)



**GAME OF THE DAY**

**FRANCE v BELGIUM**

DIDIER DESCHAMPS' side unexpectedly faltered at the end of the group stages to drop to second in the standings and set up this mouth-watering clash.

Antoine Griezmann, above right, and Co are yet to ignite, but the tournament starts here for Les Blues. Belgium have also misfired and were booed from the pitch by their own fans following the goalless draw with Ukraine. Two title contenders with massive points to prove.

**ONE TO WATCH**

**PEPE**

Portugal v Slovenia

The evergreen Portuguese defender has been smooth and strong through the group stages as he has belied his years.

Cristiano Ronaldo has taken the highlights for his work at 39 but the centre-back, above, has been even more impressive at 41.

Roberto Martinez has an array of attacking talent. However, Pepe marshalling the backline is key to Portugal's chances of winning the trophy again.



# JUST IN THE

*Williams and Spanish pals dazzle after dunt as Georgia fairy tale meets its end*



**NICE ONE NICO**  
Spain's Williams looks on as his effort beats Mamedashvili to stretch the lead after Ruiz makes it 2-1, inset left



**ACROBATICS** and extra-time were not needed as a slick Spain recovered from the shock of going behind to set up a mouthwatering quarter-final with Germany.

Having conceded to Georgia's first attack, Spain roared back thanks to a timely equaliser from Rodri.

Then a second-half burst saw off Willy Sagnol's spirited Georgians in Cologne.

Luis de la Fuente's side dominated possession throughout the contest and proved just why they are beginning to be taken seriously as potential winners.

Georgia bow out of their first major tournament after showing plenty of heart but ultimately lacked defensive

**SPAIN.....4 GEORGIA.....1**

BY MARK JONES

stability. They will always have their opener, though.

**It had been one-way traffic but then the diversion arrived in the 18th minute.**

For the first time in the game, Georgia got players forward and right wing-back Otar Kakabadze sent a bouncing cross into the area.

Robin le Normand, aware of the presence of a looming Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, tried his best to deal with it but could only help it into his own net.

Georgia were stunned and where their attacking had been so slick,

there was a sudden air of panic about their efforts.

Fabian Ruiz, Pedri and Aymeric Laporte all tried from distance, the latter hopelessly.

Marc Cucurella and Nico Williams were the next to have a go but brilliant Georgia keeper Giorgi

**DANNY JOY** Olmo laps up goal as La Roja find a way to fight back for progress

Mamedashvili saved well. Then, just as frustration began to take hold, came Rodri – always the man for such an occasion.

Packed penalty area, hovering around the D... perfect shot.

**It was classic Rodri, albeit with his left foot, as the Manchester City midfielder dragged his side level when they needed it most.**

Georgia's star man Kvaratskhelia opened the second half with an outrageous effort from his own half that had Spanish keeper Unai Simon breaking out



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# NICO TIME



THE STATS		
75	POSSESSION (%)	25
13	SHOTS ON	0
22	SHOTS OFF	4
13	CORNERS	3
11	FOULS	5
1	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0

**ROBIN GOOD**  
Kvaratskhelia  
revels in Le  
Normand's own  
goal opener



## EUR HISTORY

Classic matches from past



**CROATIA.....3**  
**SPAIN.....5**  
after extra-time; 90 mins 3-3

*Euro 2020 last 16: Parken Stadium, Copenhagen, Monday, June 28, 2021*  
AS 47-yard own goals go, it was one of the less spectacular ones but it rang the bell for a thrilling encounter in Denmark.

Teenage wonder Pedri will for ever see his name credited with a bizarre strike from near the halfway line in 20 minutes that opened the scoring in this last-16 tie.

In reality however, the blame lay with Spain keeper, Unai Simon. He was already looking upfield before lifting his right foot to control Pedri's tame pass when it sailed past him and he watched in despair as it nestled inside the left upright.

Sergio Busquets leaped to the defence of his keeper. "Unai knows he's got our total confidence. The goal was bad luck."

Indeed he did have their confidence, most notably in extra time from Andrej Kramaric, with the game level at 3-3, when the Croat had the goal at his mercy from seven yards only for Simon to deny him.

Luis Enrique's side recovered from the early blow to be level by half-time as Pablo Sarabia's thunderous left foot ended a game of goalmouth ping-pong.

And after Cesar Azpilicueta headed home from a corner and Ferran Torres produced a cool, low finish, they appeared to be home and dry with 13 minutes left.

Croatia had something to say about that. Goalline technology confirmed Mislav Orsic had scrambled the ball over five minutes from time and then Mario Pasalic timed a run into the box beautifully to rise majestically to glance home a header two minutes into stoppage time.

Simon's save from Kramaric fired Spain into action and Alvaro Morata put them ahead with a wonderful right-foot touch before crashing a left-foot volley into the roof of the net from a tight angle 10 minutes into extra time.

Three minutes later, it was all over when Mikel Oyarzabal slotted home, with no late Croatian heroics this time.

Azpilicueta said: "Boy, we had to suffer. It's been a few tournaments since we went through a knockout match. But we broke the ice against the World Cup runners-up.

"It wasn't great to be scored against twice late in normal time but we were the better team in extra time."

That team spirit saw them through the quarter-final against Switzerland on penalties but another shoot-out in the semi-finals against Italy was a step too far.

into a cold sweat before it drifted wide of the target.

Spain were steely-eyed now, however, and within moments they were ahead with a helping hand from 16-year-old Barcelona star Lamine Yamal.

Seconds after having a free-kick saved by Mamardashvili, the teenager planted a perfect cross on to the head of Ruiz, who could not miss.

There was a sense Spain would simply accelerate away from here in the last-16 tie, particularly as Yamal was beginning to come to the fore.

**However, there is a reason why Georgia have won many friends during these European Championships in Germany.**

They admirably stuck to their task

and substitute Giorgi Tsitaishvili could have done better when blazing wide of the Spanish goal from an angle.

**They looked shattered now and only just survived conceding a Giorgi Gvelesiani own goal due to Yamal being narrowly offside.**

But Williams then brilliantly raced clear down the left from a Ruiz pass, rode a challenge and settled the contest with a belter into the roof of the net.

Another of de la Fuente's substitutes, RB Leipzig's Dani Olmo, got in on the act as he took a fine first touch and finished low for the fourth.

There we had it... a night that began chaotically for Spain but ended comfortably.



# Let's laser in on success.. TOGETHER

Dom preaches message of unity to Red Devils family

LET'S GET IT LIGHT  
Tedesco and De Bruyne ready for French test

**DOMENICO TEDESCO is urging Belgium's players and fans to get back singing from the same hymn sheet against France after anger and boos greeted their group stage qualification.**

The Red Devils boss hit out at German authorities after his side were delayed arriving in Stuttgart for the goalless draw with Ukraine, with his players unable to complete a full warm-up.

During the match laser pens were shone in the eyes of star man Kevin De Bruyne, who was then booed by his own fans.

**Belgium scraped into the last 16 in second place in a Group E which ended with all four teams on four points.**

But Tedesco says that is all water under the bridge ahead of his side's meeting with a similarly stuttering France in Dusseldorf.

The Belgium boss said: "Anyone who knows me knows I don't like to complain, so when I do it shows how much there was to it."

"The authorities and tournament organisers know that I was

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unhappy but it's over now. We qualified. In terms of the fans it is done and dusted now.

"Everybody has the right to act as they see fit. For us it was disappointing to see as it wasn't an easy game.

"The fans are allowed to express what they feel. They are paying a lot of money for a ticket so it's OK but it's also OK for the team to be disappointed because we were qualified.

"The moments after the game when you've qualified are important so of course we were a little bit broken.

"But what happened is not a topic any more."

What has been a topic in the Belgian camp in the 2018 World Cup semi-final, a match that many saw as the perfect chance for the Belgian 'golden generation' to finally make their mark on international football.

France beat them 1-0 in Saint

Petersburg and Tedesco – who has only been Belgium boss since February last year – admits it is on many players' minds.

He added: "It is something that is inside our players' heads of course, I've asked them.

"I've never faced France and we have a lot of things that can motivate us in this game but yes, that result is inside their heads."

Belgium midfielder Orel Mangala spent the second half of last season on loan from Nottingham Forest at Lyon and he is hoping his experience of facing several French players will stand him in good stead.

**He said: "They're all great players obviously. A lot play for PSG and I think the strongest of all of them is Kylian Mbappe even though he has now left.**

"Any game against France is one that gets me going. I can't wait, it is the type of game I've dreamed of playing and here I am."

## BLEUS CAN CLICK IN FRONT OF GOAL

BY IAN ORR

DIDIER DESCHAMPS admits France's lack of firepower is not something he can solve with a click of his fingers.

The French progressed to the last 16 as runners-up in Group D, having scored just two goals in three games. They won just once, a 1-0 victory in the opening match against Austria, going on to draw 0-0 with Netherlands and 1-1 against Poland.

And Les Bleus boss Deschamps said: "We created a lot of chance.

"Even if Belgium scored as many goals as we did, it's just about being having that cutting edge in front of the goal.

"And you can say the same for any high-level game. If you want to win the



**PUT MY FINGER ON IT** Deschamps game, you have to score the goals. It happens to the best of us. Everyone has been there. It can be a month, it can be four, five, six games.

"OK, fine, but it's not in a click of my fingers that this is going to change.

"My players, just as they were at the

beginning, they are concentrated. The past is the past, now it's behind us. We know exactly why we're here and they know what the objective is now."

Deschamps believes this is a new start for his team and has impressed upon them to take their chances.

He added: "We're in a new phase of the competition – a competition within a competition. There are no second chances now.

"The teams that have qualified are better than the ones that went home.

"It's all about having that cutting edge in front of goal. If you want to win you have to score – and that's not been what we've been doing.

"That happens to the best of us and the best goalscorers."

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## Germans urged to be like Scots fans

A GERMAN professor and fans expert has urged the country's football fans to be more like the Tartan Army when it comes to supporting their team.

Scotland's fans were widely praised for their behaviour – in contrast to the dismal performances of the team. And now Professor Harald Lange, who leads the 'Fan and Football Research' project in Germany, has said: "Scotland, and in particular their fans, have made a lasting impression at the 2024 Euro Championship.

"So much so that a petition is now circulating calling for regular friendly matches against Scotland.

"This is further proof of the fascination that comes from the passionate support of the Bravehearts.

"More than 200,000 Scots

BY ALAN MARSHALL

visited our country knowing full well that their team's chances would be limited.

"They can rely on fans who stand by them unconditionally and show this with confidence and loudness.

"Germans love them because of their fan culture which we don't have. German fans were spoiled by success until 2014. After that they were milked.

"The German FA built an exclusive fan club with an audience willing to pay – well-behaved, well-adjusted and willing to applaud moderately.

"But Scotland fans have shown how far fan cultures in neighbouring countries have got ahead of us in supporting their national teams. We have to follow the example of the Scots."

# BEWARE FRIENDLY IRE



**Bruno warns Slovenia bounce game beating is fuel for Portugal**



**BRUNO FERNANDES** has warned Euros upstarts Slovenia that they may have inadvertently provided Portugal with the perfect preparation for their last-16 meeting.

The minnows reached the knockout stages of a major tournament for the first time thanks to their goalless draw against England, and they are currently enjoying a nine-game unbeaten run.

One of those matches was a 2-0 win over Portugal in the first meeting between the countries in a friendly in Ljubljana in March.

And Manchester United captain Fernandes says that result means he and his side will know what to expect. He said: "This team has very high quality players, and we respect them.

**"We had this friendly where they beat us and this has to put us on our toes.**

"We have an idea of what we can do. I didn't play in the friendly but I have watched the game and we have spoken about the game in recent days.

"It's good for us to have the

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images from that game. They had a great game but we have had a chance to see what we can do differently to hurt them."

Marathon man Fernandes was left out of Portugal's final game of the group stages, the 2-0 defeat to surprise packages Georgia.

But the 29-year-old will return in Frankfurt to play his 61st match for club and country since the beginning of the last Premier League season.

However, the playmaker has dismissed fears of burnout and instead says that actually enjoys playing in so many matches as it keeps him in rhythm.

Explaining his secrets behind playing so regularly, Fernandes said: "Maybe resting, a lot of power naps, that helps!

"I enjoy the constant competition. Sometimes I'll ask the technical staff how to find the right balance and be at my best.

"But I like to compete and if I play a competitive game every

three days I feel I am more prepared mentally and physically for the hardships of every game.

"Also my love for this beautiful game helps me always be ready to play for my national team or club."

**Fernandes scored Portugal's third goal on his most recent appearance in the group stage win over Turkey, when he was set up by Cristiano Ronaldo.**

That assist from the Portugal captain has, like a lot of things Ronaldo does, become one of the most fervent talking points from the tournament on social media.

But Fernandes says he wasn't surprised by it and the Manchester United man said: "There are many images of Cristiano assisting team-mates.

"Cristiano isn't just focused on shooting or scoring. After the game I said if he'd shot we'd have had the same result, it's just that he'd have scored.

"The most important thing is that we win."

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FAIRYTALE GOES ON Cerin

SLOVENIA want to keep their fairytale going – and are confident going into their clash with Cristiano Ronaldo and Portugal.

In March Slovenia beat them 2-0 in a friendly in Ljubljana as goals from Adam Cerin and Timi Elsnik secured a famous win.

But their players know that result might not count

BY RICHARD LEWIS

for anything. Midfielder Cerin said: "We are very well aware that this will be something else. But every team can be beaten.

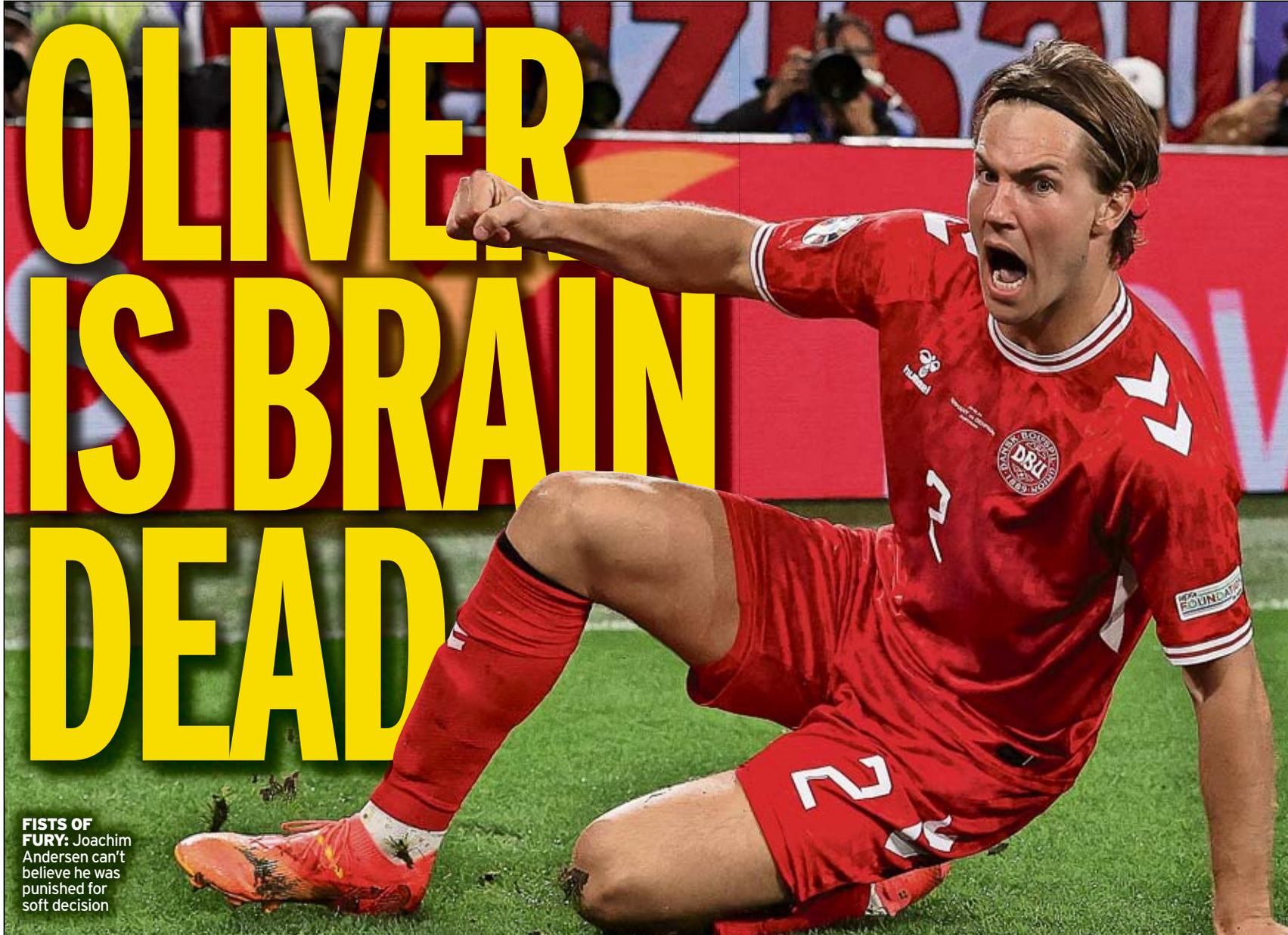
"They have a plethora of excellent players. They have a great team and are in form. But we have our plan and we believe in it.

"If we execute it well we

can be successful. We are preparing in our usual rhythm. We are ready.

"We might have surprised some but it isn't a surprise for us. We have believed in this team for some time now.

"We know we have quality and we are capable of prolonging this fairytale here in Germany."



**FISTS OF FURY:** Joachim Andersen can't believe he was punished for soft decision

**ANGRY Joachim Andersen has blasted England's top referee Michael Oliver for being "brain dead".**

Denmark crashed out of Euro 2024 to Germany after Andersen had a goal ruled out by semi-automated offside tech.

The Crystal Palace defender then conceded a controversial penalty for handball after VAR Stuart Attwell sent Oliver to his monitor.

Andersen raged: "It's one of the worst refereeing performances I've seen in my career."

"Offside is offside, but giving a handball in a situation like this is absolutely crazy."

"Two years ago we had a referee meeting before the season in the Premier League, where we talked about the fact that something like that can never be judged."

**"He is half a metre from me and kicks the ball up onto my hand. I had it in a natural position, so no penalty can ever be awarded."**

"They told us that in black and white. That he then goes out and judges it handball – an English referee even – is brain dead."

The ball lightly brushed Andersen's outstretched arm from a cross by David Raum, who was in close proximity.

But Oliver's decision to award the penalty was widely criticised by TV pundits like Alan Shearer and Gary Lineker.

And Andersen was even more frustrated that he didn't get the



**HEAVEN TO HELL** Joachim Andersen thought he'd opened scoring, left, and, right, gives away penalty moments later

**Andersen feels Dane over after English ref Michael gives Germans dodgy pen**

**GERMANY.....2 DENMARK.....0**  
FROM PAUL BROWN IN DORTMUND

chance to speak to the official after his side's 2-0 defeat.

He said: "We must not talk to him. We get fines and red cards. Just say one little thing and it's: 'Boom, yellow card.'"

"It is utterly ridiculous. "He can make all the mistakes he wants and we must not say anything."

"Of course you react when the referee makes a wrong decision. And I don't know how many of them he made in this match."

Veteran Danish keeper Kasper Schmeichel added that he doesn't even understand the handball rule any more after so

many tweaks by football's fussy lawmakers. He said: "I've played the game for over 20 years. I don't know the handball rules anymore. It depends on who the ref or VAR is, it makes it difficult to know what is what."

**"I'm not sure what he is supposed to do with his arm in that situation when you are running and it is hit at you from a yard or so."**

"I'd say it is a natural position when you are running but they thought different."

Meanwhile Germany centre-back Nico Schlotterbeck claims Germany have a trump card up

their sleeve – the support of a united nation.

The Borussia Dortmund star, who had a fourth-minute header ruled out in the fortuitous 2-0 triumph over Denmark, is confident Julian Nagelsmann's men can go the distance at Euro 2024.

"We have triggered something in the country," said Schlotterbeck, admitting his team-mates are feeding off the energy of the home crowd.

"When something comes from outside, you're really happy that you can use it as a catalyst in the game."

"We play with euphoria, we play with fun

– that's the best thing about football."

Now Waiblingen native Schlotterbeck is relishing a return to hometown Stuttgart for the quarter-finals.

He added: "I grew up five kilometres from there."

**"All my boys will be in the stadium, my whole family. I'm really looking forward to the occasion."**

"We had crazy fans behind us against Denmark – the stadium was shaking."

"I'm used to that from playing for Dortmund, not so much from the national team."



**BIG CALL** Michael Oliver

» EURO **Mr Fixit**

**France and Belgium in face-off**

IT'S the first clash of the titans in the knockout stages as France get ready to rumble with Belgium.

The French will be cursing themselves for finishing second in Group D behind Austria as it has left them in the tough half of the draw.

Belgium won't be a pushover despite Kevin De Bruyne and Co failing to impress in an easy group.

After losing to Slovakia, the Belgians scraped through thanks to a win over Romania and a draw with Ukraine.

But they still have players who can cause France problems so both teams to score looks good at 21/20 with McBookie.

Having Kylian Mbappe back after his broken nose was pretty much the only positive for France from their 1-1 draw with Poland.

The superstar looks good value at 33/20 (Unibet) for anytime scorer and he's 11/10 (Paddy Power) for over 1.5 shots on target.

France haven't been blowing teams away, so it could pay to back a one-goal winning margin for either side at 7/5 (McBookie).

The other last-16 tie today doesn't offer the same kind of glamour as Slovenia look to upset Portugal.

The Portuguese were poor as they crashed 2-0 to Georgia but Roberto Martinez rested some big hitters with a last-16 slot already in the bag.

They're at full strength and McBookie make Portugal 4/11 hot favourites to win in 90 minutes.

Bruno Fernandes has yet to hit top form but his vision will be key to unlocking Slovenia's defence.

The Manchester United star is 3/1 at Unibet for an assist and that looks decent.

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# UEFA EURO 2024 RESULTS



### GROUP A

<b>GERMANY</b> Wirtz 20, Musiala 19, Havertz 45+1 pen, Fullkrug 68, Can 90+3	<b>5</b>	<b>HUNGARY</b> Varga 66	<b>1</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b> Rudiger 87 og	<b>1</b>	<b>SWITZERLAND</b> Duhaj 12, Aebischer 45, Embolo 90+3	<b>3</b>
<b>GERMANY</b> Musiala 22, Gundogan 67	<b>2</b>	<b>SCOTLAND</b> McTominay 13	<b>1</b>
<b>HUNGARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>SWITZERLAND</b> Shaqiri 26	<b>1</b>
<b>SWITZERLAND</b> Ndoye 28	<b>1</b>	<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GERMANY</b> Fullkrug 90+2	<b>1</b>	<b>HUNGARY</b> Csoboth 90+10	<b>1</b>

### GROUP B

<b>SPAIN</b> Morata 29, Ruiz 32, Carvajal 45+2	<b>3</b>	<b>ITALY</b> Bastoni 11, Barella 16	<b>2</b>
<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ALBANIA</b> Bajrami 1	<b>1</b>
<b>CROATIA</b> Kramaric 74, Gjasula 76 og	<b>2</b>	<b>SPAIN</b> Calafiori 55 og	<b>1</b>
<b>ALBANIA</b> Laci 11, Gjasula 90+5	<b>2</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CROATIA</b> Modric 55	<b>1</b>	<b>ALBANIA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ITALY</b> Zaccagni 90+8	<b>1</b>	<b>SPAIN</b> Torres 13	<b>1</b>

### GROUP C

<b>SLOVENIA</b> Janza 77	<b>1</b>	<b>SERBIA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DENMARK</b> Eriksen 17	<b>1</b>	<b>ENGLAND</b> Bellingham 13	<b>1</b>
<b>SLOVENIA</b> Karnicnik 69	<b>1</b>	<b>DENMARK</b> Hjulmand 34	<b>1</b>
<b>SERBIA</b> Jovic 90+5	<b>1</b>	<b>ENGLAND</b> Kane 18	<b>1</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SLOVENIA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>SERBIA</b>	<b>0</b>

### GROUP D

<b>POLAND</b> Buksa 16	<b>1</b>	<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HOLLAND</b> Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83	<b>2</b>	<b>FRANCE</b> Wober 38 og	<b>1</b>
<b>POLAND</b> Piatek 30	<b>1</b>	<b>HOLLAND</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>AUSTRIA</b> Trauner 9, Baumgartner 66, Arnautovic 78 (pen)	<b>3</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HOLLAND</b> Gakpo 47, Depay 75	<b>2</b>	<b>FRANCE</b> Mbappe 56 pen	<b>1</b>
<b>AUSTRIA</b> Malen 6 og, Schmid 59, Sabitzer 80	<b>3</b>	<b>POLAND</b> Lewandowski 79 pen	<b>1</b>

### GROUP E

<b>ROMANIA</b> Stanciu 29, Marin 53, Dragus 57	<b>3</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>UKRAINE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>SLOVAKIA</b> Schranz 7	<b>1</b>
<b>SLOVAKIA</b> Schranz 17	<b>1</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b> Tielemans 2, De Bruyne 80	<b>2</b>
<b>UKRAINE</b> Shaparenko 54, Yaremchuk 80	<b>2</b>	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SLOVAKIA</b> Duda 24	<b>1</b>	<b>UKRAINE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ROMANIA</b> Marin 37 pen	<b>1</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>0</b>

### GROUP F

<b>TURKEY</b> Muldur 25, Guler 65, Akturkoglu 90+7	<b>3</b>	<b>PORTUGAL</b> Hranac 69 og, Conceicao 90+2	<b>2</b>
<b>GEORGIA</b> Mikautadze 32	<b>1</b>	<b>CZECH REP</b> Provd 62	<b>1</b>
<b>GEORGIA</b> Mikautadze 45 (pen)	<b>1</b>	<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CZECH REP</b> Schick 59	<b>1</b>	<b>PORTUGAL</b> Bernardo Silva 21, Akaydin 28 (og), Bruno Fernandes 56	<b>3</b>
<b>CZECH REP</b> Soucek 66	<b>1</b>	<b>GEORGIA</b> Kvaratskhelia 2, Mikautadze 57 pen	<b>2</b>
<b>TURKEY</b> Calhanoglu 51, Tosun 90+4	<b>2</b>	<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<b>0</b>

#### GROUP A TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	3	2	1	0	8	2	7
Switzerland	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Hungary	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Scotland	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

#### GROUP B TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
Italy	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Croatia	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Albania	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

#### GROUP C TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Denmark	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Slovenia	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Serbia	3	0	2	1	1	2	2

#### GROUP D TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
France	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Holland	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Poland	3	0	1	2	3	6	1

#### GROUP E TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Belgium	3	1	1	1	2	1	4
Slovakia	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Ukraine	3	1	1	1	2	4	4

#### GROUP F TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Turkey	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Georgia	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Czech Rep	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

## ROUND OF 16

<b>GAME 37</b>	<b>GERMANY</b> <b>2-0</b>	<b>DENMARK</b>
Havertz 53 pen, Musiala 68		
<b>GAME 39</b>	<b>SPAIN</b> <b>4-1</b>	<b>GEORGIA</b>
Rodri 39, Ruiz 51, Williams 75, Olmo 83 Le Normand 18 og		
<b>GAME 41</b>	<b>PORTUGAL</b> <b>V</b>	<b>SLOVENIA</b>
Frankfurt Arena <b>TONIGHT, JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (BBC)		
<b>GAME 43</b>	<b>ROMANIA</b> <b>V</b>	<b>HOLLAND</b>
Munich Football Arena <b>TOMORROW, JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM</b> (BBC)		

<b>GAME 38</b>	<b>SWITZERLAND</b> <b>2-0</b>	<b>ITALY</b>
Freuler 37, Vargas 46		
<b>GAME 40</b>	<b>ENGLAND</b> <b>2-1 (aet)</b>	<b>SLOVAKIA</b>
Bellingham 90+5, Kane 91 ET Schranz 25		
<b>GAME 42</b>	<b>FRANCE</b> <b>V</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>
Düsseldorf Arena <b>TONIGHT, JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM</b> (ITV)		
<b>GAME 44</b>	<b>AUSTRIA</b> <b>V</b>	<b>TURKEY</b>
Leipzig Stadium <b>TOMORROW, JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (ITV)		

## SEMI-FINALS

<b>GAME 49</b>	<b>W45</b> <b>V</b> <b>W46</b>
Munich Football Arena <b>TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Munich)	
<b>GAME 50</b>	<b>W47</b> <b>V</b> <b>W48</b>
BVB Stadion Dortmund <b>WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Dortmund)	
<b>GAME 51</b>	<b>WINNER 49</b> <b>V</b> <b>WINNER 50</b>
Olympiastadion Berlin <b>SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Berlin)	

## QUARTER-FINALS

<b>GAME 45</b>	<b>SPAIN</b> <b>V</b> <b>GERMANY</b>
Stuttgart Arena <b>FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM</b> (Stuttgart)	
<b>GAME 47</b>	<b>W43</b> <b>V</b> <b>W44</b>
Olympiastadion Berlin <b>SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Berlin)	
<b>GAME 46</b>	<b>W41</b> <b>V</b> <b>W42</b>
Volksparkstadion Hamburg <b>FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Hamburg)	
<b>GAME 48</b>	<b>ENGLAND</b> <b>V</b> <b>SWITZERLAND</b>
Düsseldorf Arena <b>SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM</b> (Düsseldorf)	



# Yakin's backing Swiss to go deep

BY CHARLIE GORDON

MURAT YAKIN took great delight in his Swiss stars making a statement to Euro 2024's big guns by beating Italy 2-0.

Switzerland didn't just defeat the Azzurri for the first time in 31 years, they took apart Luciano Spalletti's men to book their spot in the quarter-finals.

"Once again, we sent out an important message," said Switzerland boss Yakin. "We didn't only clump together as a unit and sit back, we showed that we can attack and dominate."

"We could even have made the most of some other chances - that shows



**BIG CHEESES** Yakin's Swiss

the players are all on top form."

Switzerland are into the quarters for only the second time in their history. Along with Austria, they're widely considered to be the tournament's dark horses.

An unbeaten group stage campaign, including draws with Scotland and Germany - the latter of which came within seconds of a win - had already shown what the Swiss are made of.

Yakin added: "We've earned this position but we're not done yet. I hope this is not the end of the road for us and that we can continue to write history."



Italy boss dubbed Fiat in land of Ferrari but Spalletti told...



**AUTO PILOT** Above, Luciano Spalletti's men were stuck in first gear. Right, Gianluca Scamacca

# NO WAY YOU'LL BE DRIVEN OUT

**CRITICISE** our football all you like but don't you dare drag our cars into this.

That was the message from Italy manager Luciano Spalletti, who took exception to a smug Swiss journalist comparing Switzerland to a Ferrari and the Azzurri to a Fiat Panda after a memorable night at Euro 2024.

Remo Freuler and Ruben Vargas scored in a 2-0 victory as Switzerland advanced to the quarter-finals and dismissed the reigning champions.

The car comparison kicked Spalletti while he was down, and the former Napoli boss said: "We have to accept everything, even allusions in bad taste like yours. I understand that you are a person of great irony and quality."

But he did remain gracious in defeat, adding: "You're right, you were better than us, you deservedly won. We'll try to do better next time, since we didn't manage to make life difficult for Switzerland."

Spalletti's future was

**SWITZERLAND.....2 ITALY.....0**

FROM CHARLIE GORDON IN BERLIN

immediately called into question after a dismal performance in Germany's capital, where Italy managed only one shot on target.

The nation's FA moved quickly to make things clear as they called an emergency press conference yesterday afternoon.

"Spalletti has our full trust and we will move forward with him," confirmed Gabriele Gravina, president of the Italian Football Federation. "We couldn't think of winning the European Championship with guys who have zero caps."

"It is unthinkable to solve problems by abandoning a multi-year project after only eight or nine months of activity. We will rise together with work and the strength of our ideas."

Italy made a hasty retreat from their Euro 2024 base in Iserlohn to fly

back home less than 24 hours after being humbled by the Swiss.

They won just one of their four matches at the tournament - a comeback victory over underdogs Albania in the group stage.

The Italians' dismal run came in sharp contrast to their exploits at the last European Championship, where they beat England in the final three years ago.

Former England boss Fabio Capello was scathing in his assessment of his home nation's performance.

"There was no movement or technique to win the ball back," he said. "They just went to compress spaces and that's it."

"There is no quality. The team made too many tactical errors."



**NO QUALITY** Capello

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