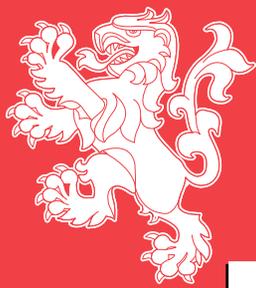
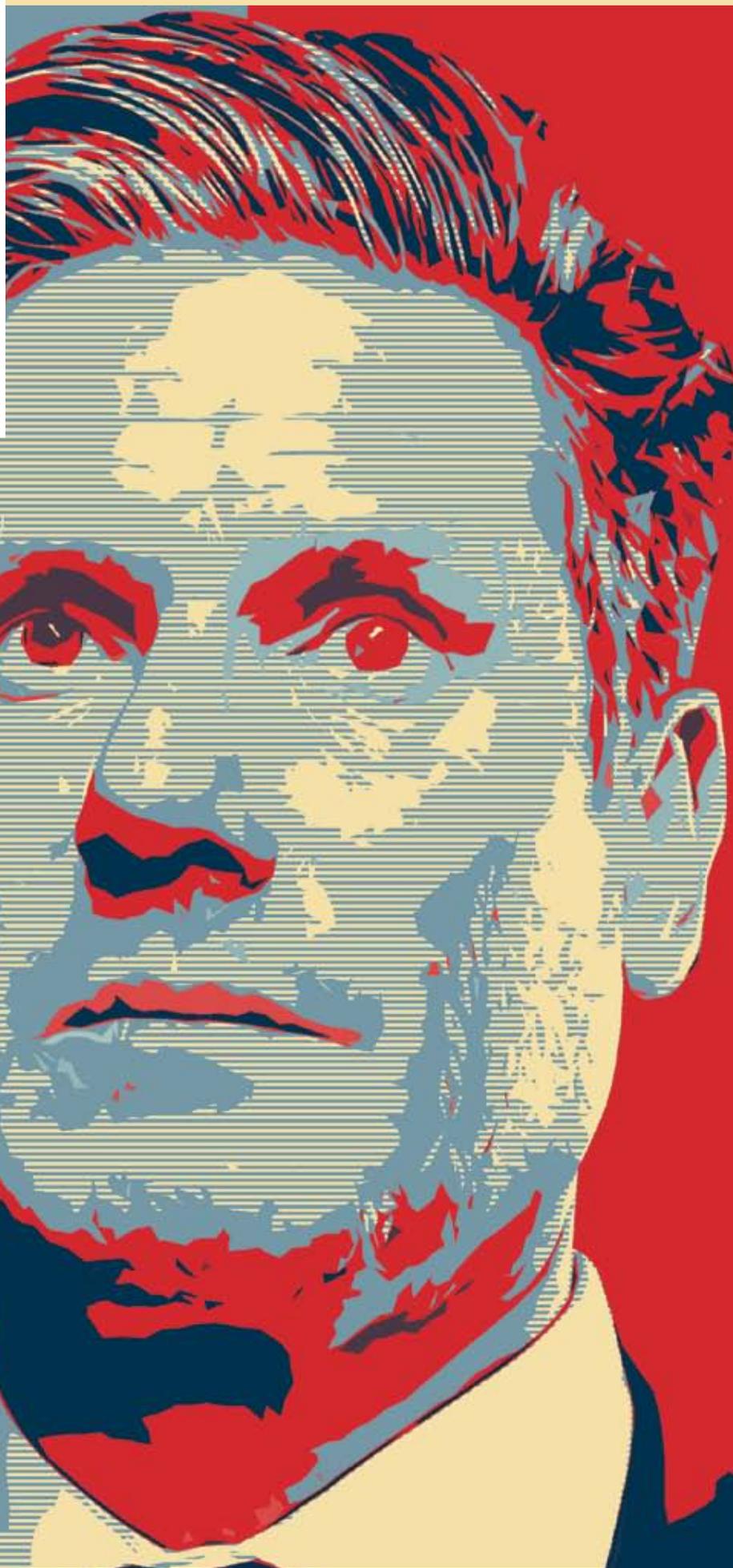


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A rather cloudy day with scattered light showers. Breezy. Max 14C (57F). Winds W at 16-18mph. UV index: 4.

Edinburgh, Fife & Borders

A mixture of sunshine and showers are expected. Windy. Max 15C (59F). Winds W at 20-22mph. UV index: 5.

Dundee & Aberdeen

Scattered showers are expected with a lot of cloud. Breezy. Max 15C (59F). Winds W at 14-16mph. UV index: 5.

Forth Valley

Cloudy skies and scattered light showers too. Windy. Max 16C (61F). Winds W at

18-20mph. UV index: 5.

Inverness & Moray
A lot of cloud and showers. Max 14C (57F). Winds SW at 13-15mph. UV index: 3.

Highlands & Islands

It will be mainly cloudy with heavy showers likely. Max 13C (55F). Winds W at 16-18mph. UV index: 4.

SUN, MOON & TIDES

Moon sets: 9.53pm

Moon rises: 2.16am

Sun sets: 10.03pm

Sun rises: 4.40am

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DESTROYED Blazing car in Oroville

DESPERATE Air crew try to contain California inferno

Wildfires force 13,000 to flee from homes

A HOME is engulfed in flames as wildfires sweep through a city, forcing 13,000 residents to flee.

In other images, goats are surrounded by smoke near blazing farm buildings and an aeroplane crew desperately try to stop the inferno spreading further. Firefighters yesterday lined roads and battled to keep the flames from reaching more

houses as helicopters dropped water on the flames. A huge plume of smoke rose above Oroville in California after the fire broke out on Tuesday lunchtime and continued to rage yesterday.

The city of around 20,000 people has declared a state of emergency.

Several homes have been destroyed by the wildfires, which came amid 37.8C temperatures across the state.



FRESH HOPE FOR DEMENTIA DRUG

Disease-modifying treatment approved in US



BIG STEP
Fiona Carragher

A NEW Alzheimer's drug has been approved in the US amid growing calls for the NHS to improve early diagnosis so Brits can benefit from the treatment.

UK regulators are still reviewing Donanemab, the world's first disease-modifying treatments for dementia, approved by the US Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday. Fiona Carragher, Alzheimer's Society

BY **MARTIN BAGOT**

director, said: "This drug is only suitable for people in the early stages of Alzheimer's, and until we fix dementia diagnosis in the UK, only small numbers will get the early, accurate diagnosis needed to access treatment if approved here."

Donanemab has antibodies that bind to a protein which builds up in the brain in Alzheimer's early stages.

Unlike current treatments, which only relieve symptoms, it appears to

tackle the underlying disease. Early trial data showed it slowed mental decline by 36 per cent but four deaths - three on donanemab and one in the placebo group - were considered "treatment-related".

One in 62 had serious side effects such as brain bleeding. It costs almost £10,000 for six months, £25,000 for 12 and £38,000 for 18.

UK agencies are reviewing the drug's safety data and evaluating its cost-effectiveness for the NHS.



CONTROVERSIAL Gervais
Ricky's risky gags make crowd gasp

BY EDWARD GLEAVE

RICKY Gervais is planning his most shocking gags yet.

In the Mortality tour, which kicks off later this year, the toxic-tongued comic, 63, will tackle multiple controversial topics including slavery, paedophiles, cancer, rape, school shootings and suicide, plus characters including Harold Shipman, Jeffrey Epstein and Jimmy Savile.

He took the lid off his new gags at an exclusive gig in London – and they went down a storm.

An audience member told the Daily Star: "Ricky joked about some very controversial topics... nothing was off limits. There were gasps because a lot of it was so near-the-knuckle. But the crowd absolutely loved it. Everyone was laughing."



POLITICAL SPATS Carol
Vorderman's fired up for festival talk

BY CASEY COOPER-FISKE

CAROL Vorderman has warned of fireworks when she gives a key talk at the Edinburgh Film Festival.

The TV and radio presenter will deliver the Alternative MacTaggart speech at the 2024 event.

The former Countdown presenter, 63, will speak about her television career, which began on Countdown, and also her recent social media spats with Tory MPs during her political campaigning.

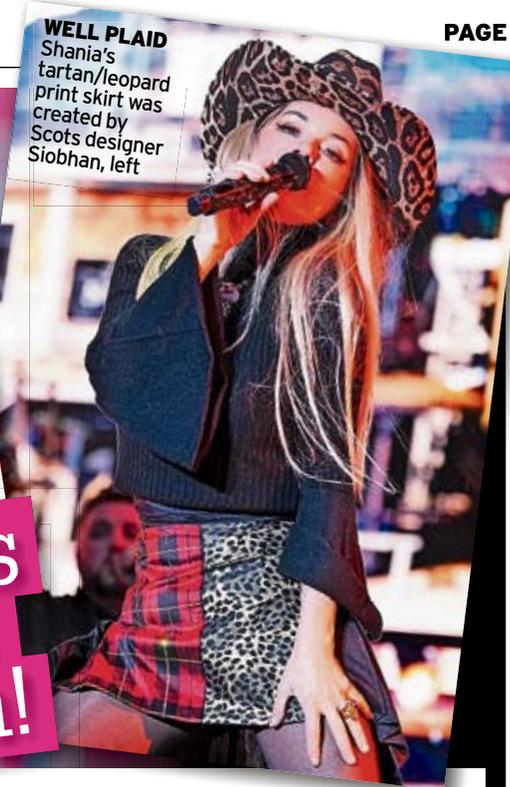
The Alternative MacTaggart is light hearted and aims to promote debate in the TV industry from an alternative viewpoint.

Vorderman said: "There is much to discuss, 42 years on the box.

"Beware the post-menopausal woman who doesn't give a damn. I'll see you in Edinburgh."



That does impress me much!



WELL PLAID Shania's tartan/leopard print skirt was created by Scots designer Siobhan, left

SHANIA Twain showed her love for Scots in a tartan skirt by a Scottish designer.
The country star, 58, wore the tartan/leopard print mini for Stirling's Summer Sessions on Tuesday. She later praised the "talented" designer on Instagram: "Playing in front of

BY NICOLA CROAL
Stirling Castle felt very magical – an iconic kilt for an iconic setting!! Made by the talented @siobhan_mackenzie."
Posting pics of Shania, Siobhan, 31, wrote: "The new Queen of Scotland. Thank you for wearing my brand."

SALT & SAUCY

Edinburgh accent top in country

BY ALEXANDER SMAIL

THE Edinburgh accent has been named the "most desirable" in the country.

Online language platform Preply investigated more than 50 accents across Britain, evaluating them on comprehensibility and likability using public surveys and AI technology.

Topping the list for Scotland, and coming in at No3 overall, was the Edinburgh accent.

Famous Scots who shared the distinctive accent all over the world include the late Sir Sean Connery and Garbage singer Shirley Manson.

The study highlighted features people find attractive, such as its softly pronounced 'r' and distinct 'ch' sounds that create a soothing rhythmic quality. The accent was also well-liked for its tendency to be "clear" and "educated-sounding".

However, the study also found that



DISTINCTIVE VOICE Shirley Manson some people consider the accent to sound "too formal".

Glaswegian was the second most desirable accent in Scotland, and 12th overall. Its uniqueness was the top trait. But the Hebridean accent was least attractive in Scotland, and No41 overall. Experts say this is because many people find it "difficult to understand".

TOP 15 MOST DESIRABLE ACCENTS IN BRITISH ISLES

1. Southern Irish	5. Mancunian	11. Northern Irish
2. Queen's English / Received Pronunciation	6. Yorkshire	12. Glaswegian
3. Edinburgh	7. Cockney	13. Lancashire
4. Geordie	8. Essex	14. Sheffield
	9. Scouse	15. Estuary English
	10. Cardiff	

ELECTION 2024 POLL TO PLAY FOR

TV GUIDE

BY EMMELINE SAUNDERS

HOW are you spending election night? Sitting on the edge of your sofa, tittle of choice at the ready, a cushion on hand to

hide behind in those fateful few seconds before the exit poll is released? Us too. Here's your guide to the main channels' coverage ...

BBC

AN overnight Scottish election special, starting at 9.55pm on BBC1 Scotland and the BBC Scotland channel, will be presented by Martin Geissler from corporation HQ at Pacific Quay in Glasgow. It will run until 9.30am on Friday.

Martin will be joined by Newsnight presenter Kirsty Wark, who will be interviewing a host of politicians and commentators, alongside her other main job of the night - telling the story of

Scotland's election on the UK-wide results show.

Laura Kuenssberg and Clive Myrie will be co-hosting the BBC's UK election night coverage through the night.

This programme will be on the BBC News channel for audiences in Scotland, BBC1 in England and BBC2 in Wales and Northern Ireland.

Scot Laura and Clive will be joined by the BBC's political editor Chris Mason.

TOM Bradby will anchor ITV's live coverage. The 57-year-old News at 10 presenter will be joined by ex-SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon, right, in the studio, along with George Osborne and Ed Balls - hosts of the Political Currency podcast.

Starting at 9.50pm, the show will be available on STV and ITV player.

Robert Peston, Anushka Asthana and Paul Brand will be popping up with their insight, joined by psephologists Professor Jane Green and Professor Colin Rallings. And ITV

ITV

news-readers around the nation reporting from their patches.

Live coverage will roll on to tomorrow, when at 6am Good Morning Britain star Susanna Reid will join colleague Ed for a special edition, along with Kevin Maguire - of our sister paper the Mirror - journalist Andrew Pierce and Labour's Gordon Brown and Harriet Harman.



CHANNEL 4

KRISHNAN Guru-Murthy and former Newsnight host Emily Maitlis will present Channel 4's election offering.

The pair will be joined by The Rest Is Politics podcasters Alastair Campbell and Rory Stewart, and we've been promised "some familiar faces from Gogglebox" to give their take on the results.

Cathy Newman will be broadcasting live from inside both Labour and

Conservative HQs - which no doubt will have very different vibes - while C4 News political editor Gary Gibbon will be giving analysis.

The broadcaster has had to change its election plans after losing Clare Balding to the BBC for its Wimbledon coverage.

Louisa Compton, head of news and current affairs at Channel 4, joked: "Even superwoman Clare Balding can't be in two places at once."

SKY NEWS

STALWART Kay Burley will host Sky News' Election Night Live, joined by political editor Beth Rigby, who moderated the bruising audience Q&A with Keir Starmer and Rishi Sunak.

They'll be live in the studio and Kay, right, will be presenting her 12th general election. Expect graphics galore as Sky pulls out all the stops in its "360-degree immersive studio".

Former Scottish



Conservative leader Ruth Davidson and Manchester mayor Andy Burnham will also be on hand for their insights into the rolling coverage.

Joining them will be Sunday show presenter Sir Trevor Phillips and Sky's data and economics editor Ed Conway showing the latest predictions via the medium of - you guessed it - 3D graphics.

It'll be all tight on the night

» Starmer urges SNP voters to help his party oust Tories

» Labour 'wants to deliver for Scots from day one' in power

KEIR Starmer said the election is a "straight choice" between Labour and the Tories at his final campaign event north of the Border.

The Labour leader said the election in Scotland is "very tight" and appealed to SNP voters to help his party boot the Tories out of office.

Polls show Starmer is heading for a landslide victory over the Tories after a bruising six-week campaign for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

He could be in line to meet the King and deliver a speech outside Downing Street as early as tomorrow.

Labour is on the verge of winning dozens of seats from the SNP, but the battle in Scotland has tightened in recent days and could go either way.

In a speech at the Caledonian Gladiators stadium in the marginal East Kilbride and Strathaven seat, Starmer said the choice for Scots is clear.

"It's really important to be laser-focused on what today is about. Today is a straight choice between more of the Tories or a Labour government.

"There are only two people who are going to be Prime Minister on Friday - Rishi Sunak or me. So across Scotland that is what has to be uppermost in people's minds." Coming first in

BY PAUL HUTCHEON

Scotland would be a huge moment for Labour after over a decade of SNP dominance.

But party insiders believe the result will come down to a handful of central belt seats.

Starmer said the contest in Scotland is "very tight" in a number of constituencies and will turn on a few hundred votes.

He said: "A vote for any other party is a vote to continue with the Tories."

In an impassioned speech to 200 party activists, Starmer said the Tory Government had "let down" Scots in each of the past 14 years.

He said: "It's such an important choice for Scotland because Scotland needs change."

He also mocked John Swinney's campaign line of sending a "message" to Westminster by voting SNP, saying: "I want a Labour government to have Scotland at its heart. The route to a Labour government runs through Scotland, has always run through Scotland.

"The SNP say [in] the most important election for I don't know how long, and they say what? Send a message.

"Send someone, an SNP MP, to sit on the opposition benches for this important period of history, and say a few things across the aisle. I don't want Scotland to

send a message - I want Scotland to send a government."

He said he wanted "brilliant" Scottish Labour MPs elected to deliver policies such as the publicly owned GB Energy.

Starmer has vowed Scottish Labour MPs will be central to his government but declined to comment on possible positions.

He said: "I'm not going to predict what the cabinet is going to look like. But I will tell you this - those Scottish Labour MPs will be a powerful voice for Scotland, but so will I.

"The whole Labour government will want to deliver for Scotland and that starts with me. That's why I've spent so much time in Scotland, why we've worked so closely together for Scotland. It starts at the top. It starts with me.

"I want to start delivering for Scotland from day one in government if we get elected."

Starmer said of winning in Scotland: "It matters to me. Over and above the pure numbers, it matters to me because I want to be a prime minister for the whole of the United Kingdom.

"I want to be a prime minister for Scotland, serving Scotland, delivering for Scotland, and we can start that work on Friday morning if we're elected."

He also said of the importance of Labour forming the

government: "I've been in opposition for nine years. You don't bring about change from opposition. I can tell you that. It's scarred across my mind. You only do it from government."

Starmer flew to Scotland from Wales as part of a whirlwind tour of mainland Britain. Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar introduced him at the stadium.

He said Scotland faces a choice between five more years of Sunak or change with Starmer.

The Glasgow MSP said today can be the "last day of a Tory Government" and the beginning of a new "journey" with Labour.

He added: "Scotland has a chance to make history."

Joani Reid, Labour's candidate for East Kilbride and Strathaven, also spoke at the rally. She said: "Let's get out there and deliver the change Scotland needs."

She is against SNP candidate Grant Costello in what is widely regarded as a two-horse race.

The general election campaign has been marked by Conservative chaos - and Sunak's party has all but conceded defeat.

The final YouGov poll found Labour in line to win a majority of 212 - the biggest of any party since 1832.

The survey put Labour on 431 seats and the SNP slumping to 18, making Starmer's party the biggest in Scotland.

IN FINAL COUNTDOWN



MAKING HEADLINES
Starmer and Sarwar show off our front page yesterday

PICTURE: ROSS TURPIE

Elton leads stars rooting for Labour

BY ZOE DELANEY

THIS election has sparked a whole host of notable names revealing they are supporting Labour today.

From Sir Elton John to Love Island stars backing the party, Sir Keir Starmer has won the celebrity vote.

The Rocketman threw his weight behind Labour in the run-up to the poll, leading a host of stars to back it too.

At a Labour gathering before today's vote, he said: "It's heartbreaking to see the hopes of Britain's next generation of creative talent downtrodden and destroyed by bureaucracy and red tape."

Concluding with a rallying cry, Sir Elton urged: "There is only one choice. Let's help artists cut through the red tape that prevents them from thriving and contributing to this country's future success."

"Let's show the world what a creative, prosperous and forward-thinking nation Britain is."

Reality TV stars also looked to couple up with a Labour government, with Love Island stars voicing their support for Starmer.

Amy Hart has been busy sharing snaps of herself campaigning for Becca Cooper, Labour candidate in Worthing West, while Georgia Harrison said in a video message last week she hopes the election will be a time "to make a difference to violence against women and girls and hopefully combat the misogyny that we're currently dealing with as a society".

Comedian Jason Manford stressed the importance of backing the creative industries as he too endorsed Labour.

Soul singer and actress Beverley Knight, Game Of Thrones star Kit Harington, comedian Bill Bailey and Dragons' Den's Deborah Meaden have all urged the public to vote Labour.



RALLYING CRY Elton John



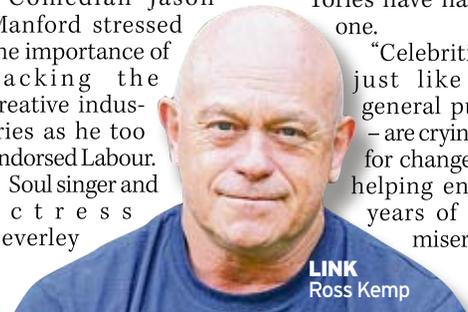
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KEIR STARMER IN EAST KILBRIDE YESTERDAY

ELECTION 2024 PARTIES ARE NECK



ILLNESS David Duguid

Duguid: Poll furore has taken its toll

BY NEIL POORAN

A FORMER Scottish Tory MP has said recent events have "taken their toll" on him and his family.

David Duguid was blocked by the Scottish Tories from standing on health grounds because of an illness affecting his spine.

Scottish Tory leader Douglas Ross replaced him as a candidate in Aberdeenshire North and Moray East.

Thanking supporters, Duguid posted online: "I'd be lying if I said the events of the last few weeks haven't taken their toll on myself and my family."

The Scots Tories said: "We send David our very best wishes as he continues his recovery."



DELUGE Wet elections

Take a brolly or raincoat to ballot box

BY PAUL DRURY

SHOWERS will dominate General Election day, so bring a coat or an umbrella to your polling station.

In a continuation of a miserable season so far, all of Scotland can expect a soaking, with temperatures below the seasonal norm.

The weather traditionally has a bearing on turnout, with many people choosing to stay at home rather than battle the elements.

The BBC Weather Service is predicting day-long downpours in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Dundee.

The mercury is not expected to pass 13C in the west and 15C in the east. The average July temperature here is 17C to 20C.

Scotland on a knife edge

» Swinney hopes voters will come out to back his party | » Labour urges those who want Tories out to support them

SCOTLAND'S political future is on a "knife-edge" today as Labour and the SNP battle it out in seats across the country.

First Minister John Swinney said results in key Labour/SNP contests were too close to call after a poll by Survation suggested his party had inched ahead of Labour in terms of voting intentions – after other polls put his party five points behind.

But insiders from both parties believe the races in many seats in the central belt are too close to call and won't be decided until polling stations close at 10pm.

Labour is set to win a clear majority across the UK but the race in Scotland is expected to be tighter.

The SNP won 48 Scottish constituencies at the last general election but is braced for heavy losses once votes are counted if Labour's UK comeback is matched here.

Labour won just a single seat in 2019 north of the Border – Ian Murray in Edinburgh South – but is expected to make significant gains tonight, and Labour insiders are hoping the party will emerge as the biggest in Scotland once more.

Speaking at an event in the SNP/Labour marginal seat of Leith, Swinney said: "We all know that the result of the General Election in England is a foregone conclusion. Labour will win and Keir Starmer will be prime minister.

"The only story left in this election is here in Scotland, where seats across the country are on a knife-edge.

"The election in Scotland is the only place where there are genuine competing visions of the future at stake – a real contest of ideas and values.

"Labour are offering Scotland more of the same and picking up where the

PRIORITIES Jackie Baillie says Labour will deliver change while Johnson made jokes
BY CHRIS MCCALL

Tories left off – more cuts, opening the door to privatisation of the NHS, Brexit and capping child benefits but not bankers' bonuses.

"The SNP is offering Scotland a different vision.

"Ending austerity, supporting our NHS, rejoining the EU, tackling the cost-of-living crisis and a future made in Scotland, for Scotland, with independence."

A survey by Savanta out yesterday suggested 31 per cent of Scots could vote Labour today, three points down on the last poll, while support for the SNP is unchanged at 34 per cent.

According to analysis by Professor John Curtice that could mean Labour is on course for 22 Scottish MPs and the SNP 24.

Chris Hopkins, political research director at Savanta, said: "Our final Scottish voting intention before July 4 suggests the SNP is ahead of Labour, showing a



modest improvement and potentially blunting their losses on election night.

"If our results were reflected on polling day, John Swinney's election as SNP leader looks like it will have come just in the nick of time.

"That being said, Labour's efficient vote, in particular around the central belt, will still mean it's likely going to be a very good evening for Anas Sarwar and Keir Starmer.

"Their majority is no longer dependent on Scotland but they'll want to squeeze the SNP as much as they can."

Swinney had earlier hit out at sneering Tory comments about Keir Starmer's desire to spend time with his family if he becomes PM.

The Labour leader said this week he would aim to ensure he is free of official business on Friday evenings so he can be with his loved ones.

But Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said being in Number 10 "entails

sacrifice", while former PM Boris Johnson joked at an event that it was "way past Keir Starmer's bedtime".

Starmer dismissed the attacks as "laughably ridiculous".

He was defended by Swinney, who said: "I think the Tory attack is just disgusting, to be honest.

"Politics is a 24/7 business, if you're a political leader you've got to be available to deal with decisions, and I'm pretty certain that Keir Starmer, if he is prime minister, will be available to take decisions."

Swinney – whose son joined him on the campaign trail in Lanarkshire yesterday – added: "A politician should not be criticised for wanting to spend time with their loved ones and make sure they've got a good, strong, family relationship.

"That is precious to every one of us, no matter our politics, and for the Conservatives to make an issue of that tells us all we need to know about the Conservatives."

The SNP has said it will seek negotiations for another referendum on independence if it wins a majority of seats in Scotland but the First Minister has repeatedly ducked questions on what would happen if the party fails in its goal.

"We're going to campaign to win," he said. "We'll look at all the issues that are thrown up by the election after the election."

Scottish Labour deputy leader Jackie Baillie said: "Scottish Labour is working hard to earn voters' trust so that we can deliver the change that Scotland needs.

"There is only one poll that really matters, and that is polling day.

"Every vote for Scottish Labour is a vote to make sure we get rid of the Tories, put Scotland at the heart of a Labour government and deliver the change our country needs."

“Scotland is the only place where there are competing visions of the future”

JOHN SWINNEY ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

AND NECK NORTH OF THE BORDER



FINAL PUSH
Swinney campaigns at the Scottish Power Training Centre in Cumbernauld.
Pic: James Chapelard

SNP had it easy for years but those days are over

ANALYSIS
CHRIS McCALL



WE'VE all been used to an electoral one-horse race in Scotland with the SNP cantering home across the finish line in an easy first place.

But in this election we've been treated to a remarkable neck-and-neck contest with SNP and Labour desperately trying to snatch victory.

And with July 4 finally here who will come out on top is too close to call.

Many seats, particularly those in and around the big cities, could swing either way.

That's why John Swinney and Anas Sarwar have been endlessly repeating their pleas to voters to get out and cast their ballot.

Both parties know that a low turnout in a particular constituency could hand victory to the other side.

Polls have for months pointed to Labour making significant gains in Scotland at the expense of the SNP.

The question is now who will emerge as the biggest party in terms of Scottish seats.

A few hundred voters could make the difference in the most marginal of constituencies.

If the SNP could just hold off Labour - as one poll yesterday suggested - they would view it as a significant success, given the disastrous last 18 months the party has endured.

But that should not detract from what is set to be a remarkable comeback for Anas

Sarwar's party. Ian Murray was Scottish Labour's sole MP until their Rutherglen by-election win last October.

The party should soon be able to field a couple of 11-a-side football teams - perhaps with some subs to spare - from their Westminster parliamentarians.

The 2017 general election saw several Scottish seats return majorities in double figures.

It wouldn't be a surprise to see similar results this time around.

But that's where the similarities between the 2024 General Election and previous polls end.

Never before have we seen such a close-run race between the SNP and Labour at Westminster level.

In 2010, the Nationalists were flying high thanks to their breakthrough Holyrood victory three years before. But they still got trampled by Gordon Brown's Labour when it came to a general election.

In 2015, 2017 and 2019 the Nationalists delivered a series of thumping victories in which dozens of constituencies turned from red to yellow.

The scale of those defeats pushed Labour to the brink of extinction.

Some feared they could never recover.

But Labour are now on the verge of a historic comeback.

It could be a photo finish when polls close at 10pm.



HOPEFUL Anas Sarwar

Sarwar: Let's go a new way together

BY CRAIG PATON

SCOTLAND is at a "pivotal moment", Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar has said ahead of polls opening.

As voters cast their ballots in the General Election until 10pm, he claimed the opportunity to vote out the Conservatives is one "we cannot afford to miss".

Sarwar said: "This is a pivotal moment for Scotland. Our country is crying out for change and today we have a chance to deliver that change.

"For 14 years the Tories have heaped misery on the most vulnerable people in Scotland, torched standards of decency in public life and forced working people to pay the price for political failure - but that can end today.

"Today Scotland can make history by voting for change with Labour - this is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss.

"Every vote for Scottish Labour is a vote for a government on the side of working people with Scottish MPs at its heart - a government that will make work pay, bring down energy bills, create jobs and protect our public services."

Scottish Lib Dem leader Alex Cole-Hamilton said: "In huge swathes the choice is between the Nationalists and a Liberal Democrat local champion.

"I have met former SNP voters disillusioned with the scandals and mishandling of public services.

"I have met voters who are backing the Liberal Democrats because they recognise that a handful of votes in key seats could make the difference."

Scottish Tory chairman Craig Hoy said: "In key seats, this election is a fight between the Scottish Conservatives and the SNP.

"If voters unite behind us in these battles, we can end the SNP's independence obsession for good."

ELECTION 2024 VOTERS' CHANCE

CARRY ON CAMPAIGN



No place to Stride

A TOP ally of Rishi Sunak, Tory minister Mel Stride, has been thrown in the towel already.

In astonishing remarks, he said it was "highly likely" Labour was about to



get a bigger majority than 1997. Sunak was later forced to make clear that he was still "fighting for every vote". In between packing his suitcases.

Hol over bar shouting



JOHN Swinney told reporters yesterday he had to cancel a holiday with his family because of the general election.

The First Minister was supposed to be heading off to Tìree for the start of the school holidays.

Given the rubbish weather, maybe the campaign trail was preferable after all.

PLANS Swinney

Trussed the Tories

KEIR Starmer was unfazed by Boris Johnson's 11th-hour intervention in the campaign.

The Labour leader said the ex-PM's efforts to save his frenemy Rishi Sunak didn't worry him in the slightest.

Starmer quipped: "I'm only assuming that sometime today there'll be a joint press conference with Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak on economic stability."



JIBE Starmer



GOOD DAY

JOHN SWINNEY

A poll on the eve of the election suggested the SNP have moved three points ahead of Labour in Scotland.



BAD DAY

MICHAEL GOVE

Gove cringe-inducingly called BoJo and Sunak the "Bellingham and Kane" of the election. Surely curtains for England.

Quote of the day

“People still support independence and what route is there for them in a democracy to express their views, not least after all the change of the last 10 years since the last referendum? That will be the question for any democrat, including Anas Sarwar and Keir Starmer.



DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER KATE FORBES

Cross your fingers, cross your toes and put a cross in the box that says Labour



RECORD VIEW

LIKE all great election campaign slogans, Labour's has managed to sum up the overwhelming mood of the nation in four small words... it's time for change.

Heaven help us if it's not delivered in today's General Election.

We're crossing all our fingers, toes and everything else in between that Labour win today and Keir Starmer becomes the next prime minister tomorrow.

Rarely in British politics has a government deserved to be turfed out of power more than this appalling Tory rabble.

The Conservatives have become a byword for corruption and sleaze, and have shattered trust in our public servants.

But Rishi Sunak's ejection from Downing Street will only happen if Scots vote. A Labour win here

will be a big step to consigning the Tory government to history and putting the country on a new path.

The last 14 years of Tory rule have driven a wedge between Scots and Westminster.

It was David Cameron who imposed austerity, taking money out of people's pockets and slashing public services.

Social security cuts undermined the safety net many rely on and ushered in an era of cruelty.

Not content with that, the Tories then forced Brexit on Scotland.

Boris Johnson, Liz Truss and Sunak have made the cost of living crisis worse through their despicable economic policies.

Westminster has been a hotbed of incompetence, recklessness and deceit, so it is no surprise many have turned to independence. But the reason we are backing Labour

for the first time since 2010 is Keir Starmer has an agenda that will reconnect Westminster to ordinary Scots.

His plan for GB Energy, headquartered in Scotland, will create tens of thousands of jobs and motor the UK's transition to clean energy.

A genuine living wage will give a pay boost to 200,000 Scots at a time when Tory-inspired inflation and interest rate rises have hammered our wallets.

Starmer's plan to boost workers' rights is also something the Record supports.

Holyrood, which has been badly undermined by successive Tory governments, will receive extra cash if Starmer wins.

His plan to end the ludicrous non-dom status, from which Sunak's wife benefited, and slap VAT on private school fees will

deliver a boost for the NHS and schools. But these improvements should be the bare minimum if Labour wants to secure the long-term trust of Scots.

When the economy grows, so too must Starmer's ambition.

He has said cutting child poverty will be a priority for his government and his cabinet needs to back up their words with action.

The proceeds of economic growth must be used to dismantle hateful Tory welfare policies.

That means an end to the bedroom tax and the vile two-child benefit cap. He should also take seriously Gordon Brown's plan for a £1 billion fund to change the lives of the poorest children.

Starmer has impressed us with his decency and his transformation of Labour, but the Record

TO KICK OUT TORY RABBLE



“Starmer has impressed us with his decency and his transformation of Labour, but the Record is not giving him a blank cheque. There is no guarantee we will support Labour at the 2026 Holyrood election and he has two years to prove he can have a positive impact on the lives of Scots

is not giving him a blank cheque. There is no guarantee we will support Labour at the 2026 Holyrood election and Starmer has two years to prove he can have a positive impact on the lives of Scots.

The election will be over at 10pm and the time to deliver starts tomorrow morning.

Scots should be confident a vote for Labour will result in the economy and public services becoming significantly better.

So much of what we value in society has come about through previous Labour governments. Clement Attlee gave us an NHS and social security system based on need.

Tony Blair delivered a national minimum wage, a multi-billion-pound tax credit

system, devolution and the expansion of higher education. Gordon Brown helped save the UK economy during the global financial crash.

Progress does not happen by accident and requires intervention by centre-left governments acting in the public interest.

It is also a fact that Scottish Labour MPs had a big influence on the progress made by the Attlee and Blair governments.

Labour winning in Scotland will ensure Starmer keeps his promise of our country being the “beating heart” of his government.

The election has also thrown a spotlight on the record of the SNP government. They’ve had the wrong priorities of late and are likely to lose seats to Labour.

However, we have also called

on Scots to vote SNP in Tory seats and hope John Swinney’s party helps ensure Scotland is free of Conservative MPs.

But this election is about kicking out the Tories and replacing them with a progressive and credible administration.

Only Labour can form an alternative government and turn the corner on an ugly chapter of UK history.

Starmer needs a thumping majority to give him the power to implement a bold and radical agenda.

He needs a big win to send a signal that what the Tories have done over the last 14 dismal years is unacceptable.

We urge Scots to vote Labour and seize a brighter future with both hands.



BLAST PM Rishi Sunak

Sunak rant at rival's 'night off'

BY HELEN CORBETT

RISHI Sunak yesterday hit out at Labour rival Keir Starmer – for watching telly with his family on a Friday night.

The Prime Minister was asked on TV’s This Morning about Starmer’s comments that he tries to “not do a work-related thing” on Friday nights.

Sunak said: “Doing this job means I’m not as good a dad, I’m not as good a husband, as I would love to be, and that comes with the territory of being in public service, and having the responsibility to be Prime Minister.”

Starmer called the discussion “ridiculous”, adding “of course” he’d worked Fridays before and would in future.



BLUNDERS Nigel Farage

Farage says sorry over 'bad people'

BY ANDREW QUINN

NIGEL Farage has expressed “regret” at Reform UK “letting some bad people” stand as candidates at the General Election.

His admission comes after a string of Reform candidates defected from the party as allegations of racism among activists emerged.

Speaking in Clacton where he is hoping to be elected as an MP, Farage said: “As I understand it, I didn’t know it at the time, but quite a lot of the Reform candidates – about an eighth of them – were literally just ‘please would someone please come and stand for us’ so we’ve got some people we shouldn’t have.”



BLAST Colin and Hannah Captain Tom daughter & husband's charity ban

BY ADAM ASPINALL

CAPTAIN Sir Tom Moore's daughter and her husband have been disqualified as charity trustees.

Hannah and Colin Ingram-Moore said they will not appeal the Charity Commission ruling.

The Captain Tom Foundation was set up in 2020 after £39million was raised for the NHS during Covid. He walked laps of his home in Marston Mortaine, Bedfordshire.

Sir Tom, 100, died in 2021 and the watchdog opened an inquiry in 2022 amid concerns about the foundation's management and independence from the war veteran's family.

Ingram-Moore's ban is for 10 years and her husband's is for eight years.

The ruling said there has been "misconduct and/or mismanagement, the individuals are not fit to be a trustee or hold senior management functions".

The May 14 orders came into effect on June 25.

The family said they "fundamentally disagree" with the ruling and described the ongoing inquiry as a "harrowing and debilitating ordeal".

£30m Tesco share boost for workers

MORE than 20,000 Tesco workers are set to share a £30million windfall from maturing share schemes.

The company revealed the employees will benefit from "strong performance" by its Save as You Earn colleague share schemes.

It said mainly workers in shops and distribution centres will get the boost.

The FTSE 100 group's share price currently sits above 303p after a 20 per cent rise over the past year.

Those who invested the maximum £500 a month into the five-year scheme will get £20,000 profit.

Tesco's Emma Taylor said: "This is just one of the many benefits available to our colleagues."

I'm back.. after killing Dirty Den

Tracy-Ann's delight at Enders return as arch-villain Chrissie

BY ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD

CHRISSIE Watts will make a sensational return to EastEnders almost 20 years after she murdered Dirty Den.

Actress Tracy-Ann Oberman has already started filming and will be seen back on screen in the autumn, as her character is apparently released from prison following her conviction for killing her cheating husband.

The dramatic storyline had Chrissie, Sam Mitchell (Kim Medcalf) and Zoe Slater (Michelle Ryan) bury Den under the floor of the Queen Vic barrel store, before Chrissie tried to frame Sam for the crime after she dug up Den's body.

Chrissie was eventually convicted after Sam's brothers Phil and Grant Mitchell (Steve McFadden and Ross Kemp) returned to the Square in a bid to free their sister, and Chrissie has been imprisoned ever since.

She also had a bitterly frosty relationship with Den's daughter Sharon, played by Letitia Dean.

Tracy-Ann, 57, says: "Chrissie Watts was such a great character to play – a

victim or a villain.

She is a real fan favourite so, when Chris Clenshaw asked me to come back and see what has happened in the last 19 years, I jumped at the chance. The scripts are fantastic and I hope the viewers enjoy her as much as I am enjoying playing her again."

Chrissie first arrived in Walford in April 2004 in search of her husband Den, played by Leslie Grantham, after meeting him in Spain – in which time he had been presumed dead by viewers, after he was shot in 1989. Chrissie eventually killed him in February 2005, as part of the soap's 20th anniversary special, and will return shortly before the soap turns 40.

Executive producer Chris Clenshaw said: "I'm delighted to welcome the immensely talented Tracy-Ann back to the iconic role of Chrissie Watts.

"I'm keeping tight-lipped on the exact circumstances, but it's never quiet when Chrissie is around."

It was revealed yesterday that Chris had teased an impending return.



QUEEN There were many rows in the pub



RIVAL Chrissie tormented Zoe Slater



FROSTY Being smacked by Sharon



“The scripts are great, I am loving playing her once again

TRACY-ANN OBERMAN ON EASTENDERS RETURN

OUT Watts back after leaving jail cell, right

SHOCKING After grisly murder of Den in 2005



VANDALISED The cottage

Sickening Savile video is slammed

BY MIKE MERRITT

A VIDEO of a man impersonating Jimmy Savile at the paedophile's former home has sparked fury.

The clip shows a man exploring abandoned Alltna-Reigh cottage in Glen Coe. Inside he screams "Jimmy", and a second man dressed in a shiny tracksuit, tinted glasses and blonde wig and pretending to smoke a cigar jumps out.

Posted on Instagram on June 26 by hillwalking influencer arcticscrambler, it has had 56,000 likes and more than 1200 comments.

Highland councillor Angus MacDonald said: "This is disgusting. A poor taste stunt from one of Glen Coe's darkest periods. I hope it is taken off."

It is believed sex fiend Savile abused up to 20 victims at the house, which is set to be demolished.



OLD PALS ACT Xi and Putin

Pair bolster their alliance against West

BY EMMA BURROWS

VLADIMIR Putin and Xi Jinping met yesterday for the second time in as many months to further strengthen their anti-West alliance.

The dictators of Russia and China got together in May when the Kremlin leader visited Beijing to underscore their disdain for the democratic order.

This time they held meetings during the annual session of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation in Astana, Kazakhstan.

The group was established in 2001 by China and Russia to discuss security concerns in central Asia and the wider region.

The other members are Iran, India, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan with Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt observing.

EX-CAPTAIN ADMITS BREACHING ORDER

HOGG IN COURT AFTER SENDING HIS WIFE 'ABUSIVE' MESSAGES

Scotland rugby star is warned over texts



FORMER Scotland rugby captain Stuart Hogg has admitted breaching a court order not to have any contact with his estranged wife by sending her "unpleasant" text messages.

BY ROBERT FAIRBURN

contact, invited or otherwise." He told Hogg if there was any repetition of his behaviour it was "highly unlikely" he would be granted bail in the future.

Mr Patrick said the contact between the pair on June 26 was initiated by the mother of his four kids contacting him to discuss financial issues.

He added: "What thereafter happens is that she has posted a video on social media which has struck a chord with Mr Hogg and, after consuming alcohol and feeling emotional, he has texted her."

Mr Patrick said there was nothing threatening in the messages but accepted they were inappropriate.

He added: "I have spoken to him and explained the serious position he has put himself in. He has had a night in the cells - he has never had that experience before."

India McLean, prosecuting, said: "The messages are not threatening but they are not pleasant. One can describe them as abusive. There are a lot of them."

The case was continued until July 15, when Hogg has an intermediate trial diet at Jedburgh Sheriff Court.

He was granted bail to his brother's home address in Hawick.

He has previously pled not guilty to stalking and an offence under section one of the Domestic Abuse Scotland Act relating to his behaviour towards Gillian.

A trial date was fixed for July 30 and he was released on bail with special conditions not to contact her and to stay away from her address near Hawick, Roxburghshire.

The 32-year-old appeared at Jedburgh Sheriff Court after spending a night in police cells.

He pled guilty to repeatedly contacting Gillian Hogg when a court order was in place prohibiting him from doing so.

Sentence was deferred on Scotland's leading all-time try scorer until the outcome of his domestic abuse trial this month. This includes a charge of stalking and controlling behaviour towards his wife over seven years.

Mat Patrick, defending, urged Sheriff Kevin McCarron not to remand Hogg in custody, pointing out his client was due to go to France later this month after securing a two-year playing contract with Montpellier.

Mr Patrick also said Hogg is due to be the best man at his older brother Graham's wedding this weekend.

Sheriff McCarron said that, due to Hogg's lack of previous convictions, he was persuaded to release him on bail.

But he added: "Let there be no doubt - no contact means no



He has had a night in the cells - he has never had that experience before

DEFENCE LAWYER MAT PATRICK IN COURT

BAILED Stuart Hogg outside court yesterday. Pic: Callum Moffat



LEADER Marine Le Pen

Deals struck in bid to halt the far right

BY BARBARA SURK

FRENCH opposition candidates were yesterday making deals to try to stop the far-right National Rally from leading government.

The first round of voting left Marine Le Pen's party well in the lead in the two-step process.

But the National Rally, under Jordan Bardella, does not have enough votes to claim an overall victory that would allow the formation of France's first far-right government since World War II.

Voters could block its path to power on Sunday as less popular candidates leave the ballot.

Others who qualified for round two from the New Popular Front and president Macron's centrists have stepped aside to help the candidate most likely to beat an NR opponent.



MASS DEATHS The lorry

Lorry death gangster will not pay up

BY EMILY PENNINK

A ROMANIAN man jailed over the deaths of 39 people in a lorry trailer will be deported without paying a penny to victims' families.

Marius Mihai Draghici, 51, fled the UK after the Vietnamese nationals died in the container as it was being transported by ferry from Zeebrugge in Belgium to Purfleet, Essex, in 2019.

In 2022, Draghici, part of a people-smuggling ring, was extradited from Romania. Last year he was jailed for 12 years and seven months for manslaughter and conspiracy to assist unlawful immigration.

Prosecutor Ben Holt told a confiscation hearing yesterday that Draghici would not be pursued for proceeds of crime.

It is understood he will serve the remainder of his jail sentence in Romania.



Cav sprints into record books



PODIUM Cav poses with Delilah, Casper, Ashford & Frey

CYCLING star Sir Mark Cavendish roars in triumph as he wins a record 35th Tour de France stage yesterday.

Three years after matching Belgian legend Eddy Merckx on 34, the Manx sprinter held off Merckx's countryman Jasper Philipsen to win.

The 39-year-old said in

Saint-Vulbas, eastern France: "I'm in a little bit of disbelief.

"Astana [his team] put a big gamble on this year to make sure we're good here at the Tour.

"It's a big gamble for my boss Alexander Vinokourov, a big thing to do."

Cavendish's wife Peta and

their children joined in the exuberant celebrations. He is a stepdad to her son Finnbar, 18, and they have four children together - Delilah, 12, Frey, eight, Ashford, one, and Casper, six.

Cavendish won his first stage on the Tour de France way back in 2008.



2008 Cav's shock at maiden victory

MADDIE BLOW



TRAGIC Madeleine McCann

BY MARTIN FRICKER

A SHOCK legal ruling means the prime suspect in Madeleine McCann's disappearance may be free early next year.

A judge has overturned an arrest warrant for German paedophile Christian Brueckner, who is on trial accused of sex crimes in the Algarve, Portugal.

Judge Ute Engelmann ruled the German court had not heard strong enough evidence to keep him behind bars.

Defence lawyers are allowed to apply to have the warrant, a form

Chief suspect may walk free next year after court ruling

of remand, lifted once key witnesses in the case have been heard. Prosecutors are expected to appeal the ruling, which is a strong indication that Brueckner will be cleared of the charges.

Brueckner, 47, right, suspected of abducting and killing Madeleine, aged three, in Praia da Luz in May 2007, is nearing the

end of a seven-year term for raping a US OAP in Portugal.

Brueckner, who denies three counts of rape and two of exposing himself to children, could be out on day release in months. Public

prosecutor Hans Christian Wolters said: "We will examine the reasons for the decision and then decide how to proceed."

Prosecutors appear no nearer to proving he was behind Madeleine's disappearance - despite claiming they have proof she is dead.

A not guilty verdict would put pressure on them to charge him over Madeleine.

The trial continues.





MYSTERY Teen Jay Slater

Jay dad's two-hour ravine hike

BY PATRICK HILL

THE dad of missing Jay Slater yesterday mounted his own search, saying: "You just don't disappear."

Warren Slater, 58, spent two hours hiking through a ravine where the teen's phone last "pinged".

He said: "He's fit as a flea. You just don't disappear."

The dad suffered cuts to his arms and legs as he walked through the treacherous terrain with older son Zak, 24, and Jay's uncle. He said: "We've walked as far as you can until it's too dangerous. All I'm doing is a Columbo bit myself. This is where his phone last pinged."

Jay, 19, of Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, was last seen leaving the rental property in Masca around 8am on June 17 before entering Parque Rural de Teno.

Police, who have called off the official search, say two older British men who invited him to the holiday home have no relevance to the missing persons probe.

TV investigator Mark Williams-Thomas claimed Jay was scared leaving the property after alleging he took a £12,000 Rolex and on his car journey with the men. Jay posted a video on social media boasting about the watch theft.

Jay's mum Debbie Duncan yesterday updated GoFundMe appeal Get Jay Slater Home, which is up to nearly £50,000.

Beware of flying hippos at the zoo

HIPPOTAMUSES can get airborne when they run, a study found.

When trotting fast, the huge animals' feet leave the ground for up to 0.3 seconds at a time, researchers discovered.

The Royal Veterinary College study also found that hippos almost always use a trot gait while most land quadrupeds also walk and gallop.

Lead author, professor John Hutchinson, said: "It's hard to work with hippos."

HAMMER DUO TARGET SCOTLAND PLAYER

HERO Ikechi Anya scored three times for Scotland



ARMED THUGS STEAL STAR'S £20,000 WATCHES

Footballer's mum hurt as Taser bike raiders break into home and nick prize possessions



TAKEN Rolex and Hublot were also stolen

A FORMER Scotland footballer was robbed of three watches worth £20,000 in an armed raid last week, his brother has revealed.

Ex-Watford winger Ikechi Anya and his mum were at home when two men armed with a Taser and a hammer broke into a property in Kidlington, near Oxford, and assaulted and threatened them.

One of the watches stolen last Friday was a Chopard Classic Racing Superfast with the Watford FC badge and "April 2015" engraved on it - marking the team's promotion to the English Premier League.

A woman in her 60s - believed to be Ikechi's mum - suffered minor injuries but did not require hospital treatment.

The thieves - one white and one mixed race - were wearing motorbike helmets and dark

BY JAMES GAMBLE

clothes and one was carrying a rucksack.

They escaped on the black motorbike they arrived on.

Glasgow-born Ikechi's brother Chima linked to a police appeal over the incident on X, formerly Twitter, identifying his brother and mum as the victims.

He said: "Got some real bad news today, Ikechi was robbed... they took his Watford FC Chopard among other watches.

"My mum and him were in the house when they did. If people could circulate this would be grateful."

Watford legend Luther Blissett replied to Chima's post, saying: "Hope the family are OK. Dreadful thing to happen. Let's hope they are quickly caught and duly punished."

Versatile Ikechi, now 36, played for 12 clubs across England and

Spain in a variety of positions including winger and full-back during his career.

He represented Scotland 29 times between 2013 and 2017, scoring three goals.

Ikechi spent his early childhood in Glasgow's Castlemilk and the family moved to Oxford when he was seven after his dad got a job at Oxford University.

His mum previously said that as a very young boy Ikechi "was kicking a ball in front of the house where he grew up in Glasgow from morning till night".

Thames Valley Police confirmed it was investigating the robbery.

The force said: "At around 11am, two men armed with a Taser and a hammer broke into a property.

"They assaulted and threatened a man in his 30s and a woman in her 60s before stealing three

watches, worth a total of £20,000. The offenders then fled on a black motorcycle, which was not displaying index plates.

"Both offenders were wearing motorcycle helmets and dark clothing. One of them was carrying a dark-coloured rucksack.

"The female victim suffered minor injuries but did not require hospital treatment."

As well as the Chopard Classic, a Hublot Classic Fusion Original Black Magic 33mm and a Rolex Oyster Perpetual 34mm were also stolen.

Thames Valley Detective Inspector Kate May said: "There is nothing to suggest there is any wider threat to the public.

"I am appealing for anyone who may have witnessed this aggravated burglary, the motorcyclists in the vicinity or has information about it to please get in touch."



VICTIM OAP Allan West

Black belt killed OAP with his TV

BY GRANT McCABE

A MARTIAL arts thug helped to murder a father by bludgeoning him to death with various items including a TV – then used the victim's bank card to buy a scratchcard.

Stewart Muircroft, 43, teamed up with Mark Connor, 51, to attack Allan West at his flat in Grange-mouth, Stirlingshire.

Prosecutors said Allan, 67, was punched, kicked and struck with poles, mugs, a washing machine door, TV and a Hoover on August 21 and 22, 2022.

The victim suffered 70 injuries including to his brain and several fractures.

Muircroft – a second-dan Taekwondo black belt – denied being involved and insisted he was not a “violent man”.

The pair were jailed for at least 20 years each after being convicted of murder following the trial at the High Court in Glasgow.

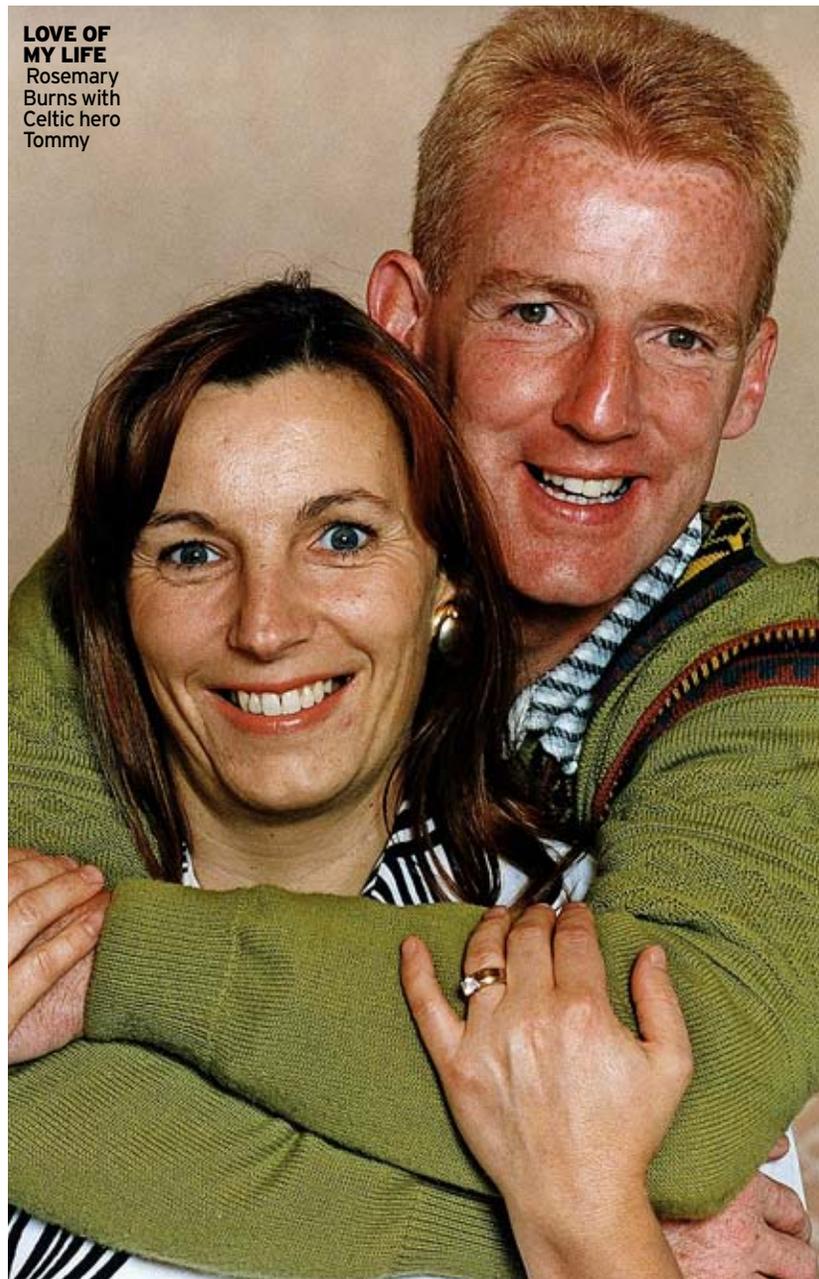
Both he and Connor blamed each other.

Jurors heard Muircroft used the dead man's bank card at a local Asda to buy the scratchcard, a box of beer and a tobacco.

Good deed buzz

The buzz from a good deed such as opening doors lasts four hours, research for Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson's tequila Teremana says.

HEARTACHE FOR FAMILY OF TOMMY BURNS CELTIC HERO'S WIDOW DIES ON HOLS FLIGHT

LOVE OF MY LIFE
Rosemary Burns with Celtic hero Tommy

Rosemary, 69, passes away 14 years after death of Hoops player and boss

BY RUTH SUTER

THE widow of Celtic legend Tommy Burns has died on a flight from Tenerife to Glasgow.

Rosemary Burns, 69, passed away after falling ill on a Jet2 flight yesterday.

The plane made an emergency landing in Cork after declaring an on-board incident.

A source close to the family told the Record that Rosemary had fallen ill while on holiday in the Canaries and boarded an earlier flight home.

They said: “Rosemary became unwell while on holiday in Tenerife.

“She was ill and felt that she had to get home. She decided to end her trip and fly back to Scotland.

“She got on the plane and became unwell. The flight was supposed to land in Glasgow but it ended up being diverted to Cork.”

Jet2 confirmed that flight LS176 was diverted to Ireland after a passenger was taken unwell on board in the early hours of yesterday.

Rosemary and Tommy met at a disco in Glasgow when they were 17.

They married in 1980 and went on to have four children together.

The couple were married for 28 years before Tommy's death in 2008.

Tommy, who served Celtic as player, manager, coach and head of youth, passed away at the age of 51 following a battle with skin cancer.

Speaking after his death, Rosemary told the Record: “Celtic was everything to Thomas. There were three Fs in his life – faith, football and family.

“He lived the dream. He never took anything for granted.

“Celtic was what he loved. He was never out of the club. Angie the washing lady used to say to him, “Are you still



GREEN PARTY Rosemary with trophy

here?’ Because she couldn't get away until he left and he was still wearing his training gear and she couldn't leave until it was washed.

“She went off her head with him and told him, ‘Have you no' got a home to go to?’

“**Rosemary became ill and felt that she had to get home**

FAMILY SOURCE ON ROSEMARY BURNS' ORDEAL

“For him, his greatest memories were the 1988 double. It was historic to do that in the club's centenary year.

“Then, when he won the cup as a manager, that was fantastic and he had a lot of success at Kilmarnock too which was great for us.”

A spokesperson for Jet2 said: “We can confirm that flight LS176 from Tenerife to

Glasgow diverted to Cork in the early hours of this morning due to a customer requiring medical assistance.

“The aircraft subsequently departed for Glasgow Airport.”

The Record approached Celtic Football Club for comment.

Motorist injured as car flips over

A MOTORIST was taken to hospital after their vehicle flipped onto its roof.

Police were alerted to the incident on the M90 at South Queensferry which happened at about 5.50am yesterday.

Cops issued the driver with a fixed penalty for a road traffic offence and they were taken to the

BY JOHN-PAUL CLARK
Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

An image from the scene of the incident showed the red vehicle on its roof following the crash, and captured emergency crews as they attended the scene.

Traffic Scotland reported delays on the

motorway yesterday morning while emergency crews handled the incident.

And the southbound carriageway was restricted.

Just before 8am, police confirmed that the road had been cleared and all lanes were running as normal.

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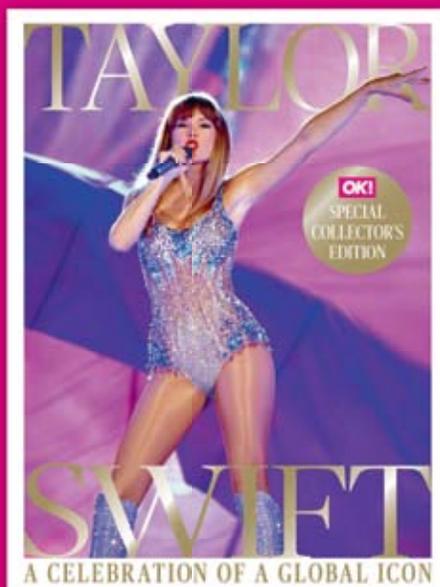


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ROYALS LEAD EDINBURGH CELEBRATIONS



POP IDOL Brian Jones

Stones fans' cheeky mail is revealed

BY PAUL VASS

THE Rolling Stones' racy fan mail from teenage girls has been revealed in letters found in an attic.

Some of the 3000 letters from besotted fans in 1964, found in a case belonging to Brian Jones said they wanted to "snog" band members.

Others, such as Nicola from Worcester, wrote of wanting to go to bed with Brian - "much to my boyfriend's annoyance".

Another fan, Kath from Stratford-upon-Avon, wrote about being "absolutely crazy" about Keith Richards.

The trunk of letters was left in the attic of a house in Woodley, Berkshire, which Brian shared with his girlfriend.

It is being sold by Tracks Auctions of Lancashire on July 15.

THISTLE BE GOOD
Camilla enjoys a whisky



CHEERS Royal couple at Edinburgh Castle. Below, cutting the cake



Queen Dramilla



CLINGING ON Joe Biden

Biden slams reports and vows to run

BY TIM HANLON

PRESIDENT Biden has vowed to keep running for re-election, hours after the White House slapped down reports he was considering stepping aside.

Biden, 81, rejected growing pressure from within his Democratic Party to withdraw after a disastrous TV debate when Republican challenger Donald Trump raised questions about his future.

"I am running. I am the leader of the Democratic Party. No one is pushing me out," Biden said, according to a top aide who posted his comment on the X social media platform.

It came after the White House denied a report Biden is debating whether to continue his re-election.

The president blamed travel exhaustion for his poor debate performance.



POMP Prince William arrives for the service

THE Queen showed her love of Scotland's national drink as she tried a vintage whisky and declared: "That hit the spot."

Camilla and the King kicked off Edinburgh's 900th anniversary celebrations yesterday by sampling the 52-year-old Macallan single malt.

After a sip, Camilla looked into the glass and said: "That hit the spot, that hit the spot."

The couple watched a dance troupe of Scottish women of Asian heritage performing to Scottish bagpipe music.

Charles chatted to them afterwards.

Sir Alexander McCall Smith, creator of The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency novels, read a poem about Edinburgh.

Before leaving, the couple cut a Madeira cake made by 2020 Great British Bake Off winner Peter Sawkins.

Earlier, the King and Queen were joined by Prince William at a special service to welcome three new members of the Order



GONG SHOW From left, Lady Helena Kennedy, Sir Geoff Palmer and Lady Sue Black

Queen says vintage single malt 'hit the spot'

BY GEORGE JONES

of the Thistle - Scotland's highest chivalric honour.

Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, also attended the ceremony at St Giles' Cathedral.

But the royals were met with protesters - some holding up banners saying "not my King".

Charles personally selected Sir Geoff Palmer, a human rights activist and educator on

Scotland and slavery, for the honour.

Also joining the order were forensic anthropologist Professor Baroness Sue Black of Strome and lawyer and women's rights campaigner Baroness Helena Kennedy of The Shaws.

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LAUGHING Finnlayson video

Laughing cop knife fiend jailed

BY ADAM DUTTON

A HULKING 6ft 5in thug was seen laughing as he attacked two cops with a knife in bodycam footage.

Gordon Finnlayson, 39, of Neilston, Renfrewshire, launched himself at the officers on March 8.

Video shows him slash at one cop with the Stanley knife as she lies in a hall before going outside, where he is Tasered three times.

The officers, who escaped serious injury, were responding to reports of a Scottish man having his face slashed.

The thug, who admitted assault, was last week jailed for six years. Northampton Crown Court heard he had 35 previous convictions, including seven assaults on police. DI Nick Peters, of Northamptonshire Police, said: "These two officers showed incredible courage."



RECOVERING McKellen

Sir Ian 'on mend' after stage plunge

BY NAOMI CLARKE

SIR Ian McKellen revealed he injured his wrist and neck when he fell from a stage last month.

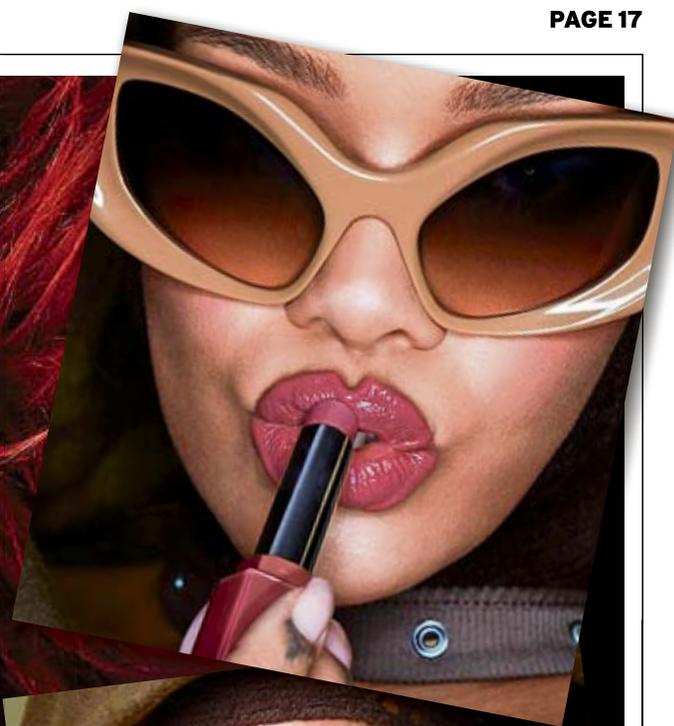
The actor, 85, lost his footing during a West End production of the Player Kings at London's Noel Coward Theatre.

McKellen told fans on X, formerly Twitter: "Just two weeks after my accident onstage I want to assure my many well-wishers that the injuries (to wrist and neck) are on the mend.

"My doctors promise a complete recovery - but only if I avoid work over the next few weeks.

"Meanwhile, the show goes on."

McKellen's understudy David Semark has stepped in to play Sir John Falstaff for the remainder of the tour of Player Kings, a production of Henry IV.



RIH RIH'S POUT OF THIS WORLD

RIHANNA is getting the word pout there about the latest additions to her Fenty make-up brand.

The 36-year-old Bajan singer looked lip smacking good as she shared the launch of her high-shine Gloss Bomb Stix with fans on X, along with two new Treatz lip oil shades - black cherry and dragon fruit.

Bobby: Primals tried to save our tragic pal



LOVED Duffy and Gillespie

PRIMAL Scream star Bobby Gillespie has spoken publicly for the first time about the death of the band's former keyboard player.

Scots singer Gillespie, 63, said the band tried to help Martin Duffy kick booze before he died in December 2022, aged 55, from a brain injury following a fall.

The inquest recorded accidental death through alcohol intoxication but Duffy's teenage son claimed the band's "tough love" had "backfired".

Gillespie told the Restless

Gillespie hits back at son's 'tough love' claim

BY GEORGE MAIR

Natives podcast they asked Duffy to take time out to get help but continued to support their bandmate, who was with Primal Scream for over 30 years.

Gillespie said: "There was a lot of untruth about us. Martin was an alcoholic. His alcoholism was badly affecting his musicianship. He turned up for gigs in terrible states.

He flatly refused to go to

rehab, even although the band were going to pay for it. We paid for counselling and, after a few weeks, it stopped. He wasn't willing to admit he'd a problem."

Gillespie, a former addict, warned Duffy, who lived in Hove, Sussex, that he could become the second member of Primal Scream to die prematurely, after former guitarist Robert Young in 2014.

He said: "I had many chats

with Martin. I said, 'You're going to be number two if you don't clean up'. He never got clean.

"And I can assure you, he never died penniless. He was supported by the band financially until after he died.

"The band loved him. He was told to step down until he got clean. In any other profession, he would have got the sack.

"We stuck by him, we never abandoned him. That's a lie."

HIKE PRICE OF FAILING ROAD TEST

Unprepared learners causing huge backlog

BY NEIL LANCEFIELD

DRIVING test fees could be raised for learners who have failed multiple times, a motoring research charity said.

The RAC Foundation said it would encourage them to wait until they are ready to pass, easing a test backlog that forces learners to wait "many months".

Government figures show 93,204 tests in the year to the end of March were at least the candidate's sixth bid. The success rate was just 41.4 per cent.

Last month, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) figures suggested the average wait time for a test at the start of February was over 18 weeks.

The lockdowns led to a



TESTING TIMES Learner

huge backlog, along with strikes by test examiners. Practical driving tests are £62 on weekday daytimes and £75 for evenings, weekends and bank holidays.

RAC Foundation director Steve Gooding said the next government should consider rebates for those who pass first time and extra fees for those with several failures who "keep throwing themselves back

into tests without being properly prepared".

He said: "There is an unacceptable amount of congestion, with learners often waiting many months for a test.

"In part these jams are caused by people who have failed multiple times and come back for a fourth, fifth or sixth attempt, or more.

"If you incentivise people to pass first time, a modest premium for those who have failed several times may persuade them not to resit until they are more likely to pass."

The DVSA was approached for a comment. Last year it said it would increase the length of time candidates who fail have to wait before they can rebook from 10 days to 28 days.



Cossie I'm still worth it

IT'S certainly worth celebrating when you can fit into the swimming cossie you wore when you were a young woman.

Evergreen EastEnders star Michelle Collins, 62, shared these snaps on her Insta page to her 125,000 followers, saying she had worn this #hunza @hunza.g swimmingcostume in 1989 and I just bought another one in 2024.

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LEGACY Doddie Weir

Weir charity gives £500k to MND trials

BY SARAH WARD

CLINICAL trials into motor neurone disease have received a £500,000 boost from a charity founded by rugby legend Doddie Weir on what would have been his 54th birthday.

Weir, who made 61 appearances for Scotland, was diagnosed with the terminal condition in 2016 and set up the My Name's Doddie Foundation to boost research.

The father of three died from MND in November 2022, aged 52.

The foundation announced that the money will support sites delivering MND trials by funding the time of clinical staff.

The foundation has already invested more than £3million in trial centres to help recruit staff for the work, and to support the delivery of trials.



WOUNDED Captain Ritchie

Scots sailor's WWI VC set to net £260k

BY CLAIRE HAYHURST

A VICTORIA Cross won by a Scots sailor in World War I could fetch up to £260,000 when it goes under the hammer later this month.

It was awarded to Captain Henry Peel Ritchie, of the Royal Navy, who was born in Edinburgh, for his command of HMS Goliath's steam pinnace at Dar-es-Salaam in east Africa on November 28 1914.

Captain Ritchie, then 38, was wounded eight times in 20 minutes as he steered the pinnace to safety from the port, which was then under German rule.

His medal is one of 250 being sold at Noonans Mayfair on July 23, with the collection expected to fetch in the region of £2million.

The medals were collected by Jason Pilalas, from Connecticut in the US.



Sporty set for Wimbledon

THE cream always rises to the top at Wimbledon and Spice Girl Mel C certainly got the memo.

Mel, 50, sported pristine Wimbers white for the day.

Hannah Waddingham was a plum draw, Kim Cattrall went for the rosé and Marvin Humes matched his green outfit with his merch bag, with wife Rochelle in classic black and white.

Footy boss 'made phone threat'

Alleged victim says she had alarms fitted

BY DAVID MEIKLE

A FOOTBALL chairman left a woman so frightened after threatening to harm her that she installed alarms on the doors of her house, a court heard.

Livingston FC supremo John Ward, 59, is alleged to have made an abusive comment in a call with photographer Jaime Duffin, 47.

Her partner, telecoms consultant Nick Barrett, also 47, had received a message from Ward which prompted her to contact him in April last year.

Ms Duffin claimed Ward, the partner of Barrett's ex, then told her during the call that he was "going to get me and do me harm".

She told a trial the message in April had been a follow-up to a "very distressing" message which she said had been sent by Ward in October 2022 about her ex Mark Emlick.

Ms Duffin said she felt Ward was a threat towards her after the call and had security alarms fitted on the doors of her property before police were called.

The trial heard Ward had been arrested after the October message. Ward, of Glasgow, is on trial at Hamilton Sheriff Court and denies behaving in a threatening or abusive manner.

Ms Duffin told prosecutor Megan McGurk:



TRIAL Livi chief John Ward

"I phoned John and he answered as he was getting on a flight. I told him this needed to stop. He said, 'You got me arrested' and I said the message in October was horrendous and he said, 'aye so'.

"He then said he was going to get me and do me harm and I felt frightened."

Ms Duffin added: "I felt John was a threat to me and I got alarms fitted to my doors. I thought he'd do me harm and I have believed that for the last 15 months."

Nick Barrett told the trial he had listened to Ward threaten to harm her. He said: "She asked him to stop to which he responded that he had some good information relating to Mark and said 'I'm going to use it against you and harm you.'

Ward also denies a second charge which alleges he behaved in a threatening or abusive manner towards Mr Barrett's brother Mark in April last year.

The trial continues.

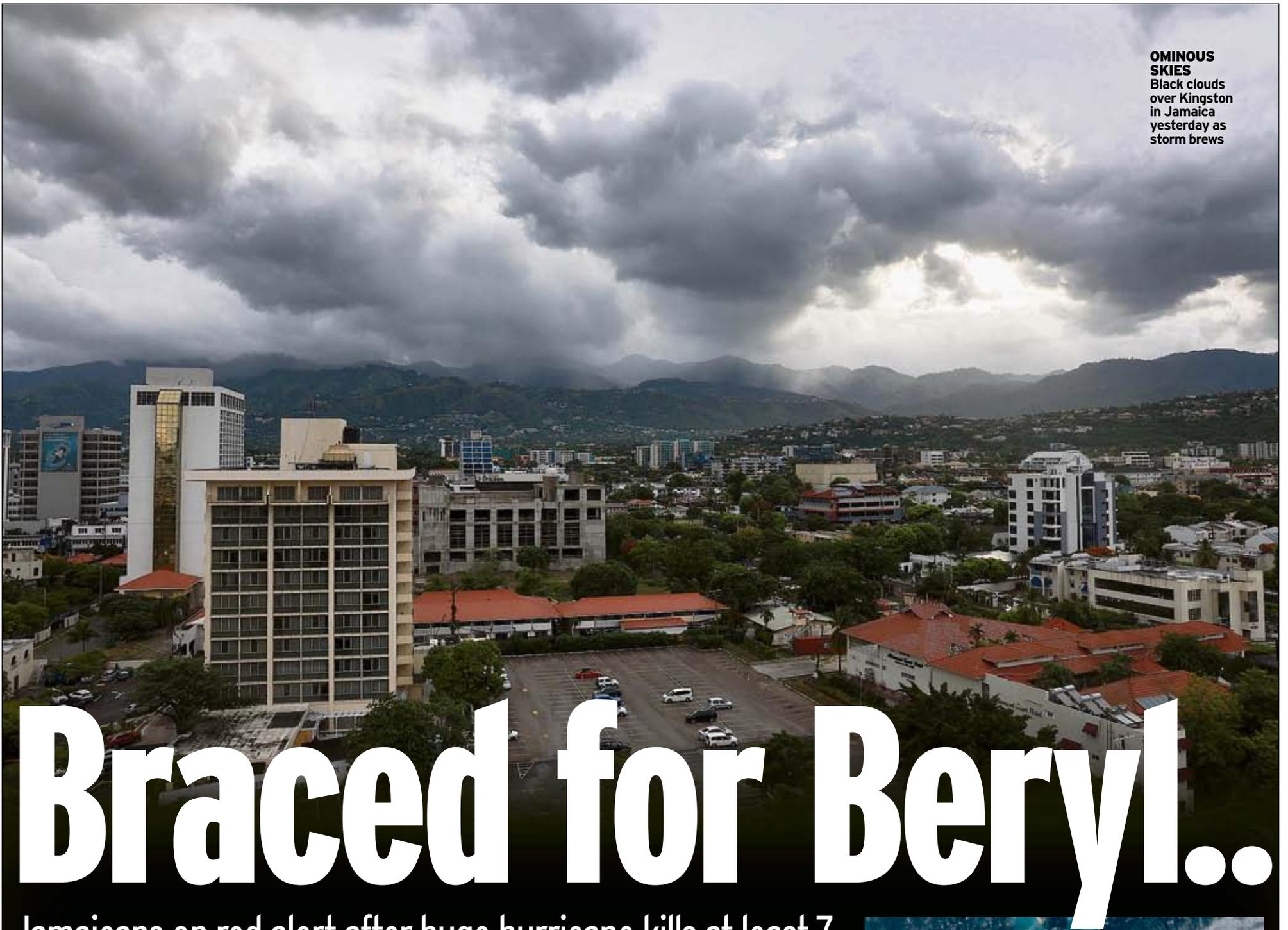
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OMINOUS SKIES
Black clouds over Kingston in Jamaica yesterday as storm brews



Braced for Beryl..

Jamaicans on red alert after huge hurricane kills at least 7

BY MARTIN FRICKER

HURRICANE Beryl slammed into Jamaica last night as life-threatening winds and torrential rain forced locals to evacuate their homes.

A giant 9ft storm surge hit coastal areas of the Caribbean island as the Category Four hurricane struck.

Flights from the UK to Kingston and Montego Bay were cancelled.

Jamaican PM Andrew Holness had issued a 12-hour curfew from 6am yesterday ahead of the hurricane's arrival.

He said urgent measures were needed after the storm left at least seven dead and homes destroyed on other islands.

Holness also ordered the mandatory evacuation of many low-lying areas in a bid to save lives. The giant storm was only the third hurricane to make landfall on the island in 40 years. The Cayman Islands are expected to be hit today, followed by Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula tomorrow. Hurricane-force winds lashed Jamaica early in the afternoon.

The strongest winds were not expected to subside until after midnight. Jamaican

government minister Desmond McKenzie warned: "The next 48 hours is going to be a telling one for the country."

Deon Campbell, 32, from Birmingham, was worried about his grandmother Cedella, 82, who lives in Portmore.

He said: "She has gone to stay with friends who have a bigger house, but it's still a concerning time."

Hurricane Beryl hit Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines on Tuesday.

At least seven people were killed in the region by the hurricane, which at one point was a Category Five.



SATELLITE PIC Hurricane Beryl approaches Jamaica yesterday



JAMAICA
Man prepares storm defences



MEXICO
Stocking up ready for hurricane

Biker death crash charge

A MAN has been charged after a motorcyclist died in a crash last October.

The 63-year-old male rider of the Honda CB1000 died at the scene on the A71, between Wilkieston and East Calder, in West Lothian.

The driver of the car, a Hyundai i30, was not hurt.

A 30-year-old man has now been arrested and charged in connection with alleged road traffic offences.

A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

Hero nurse saves OAP

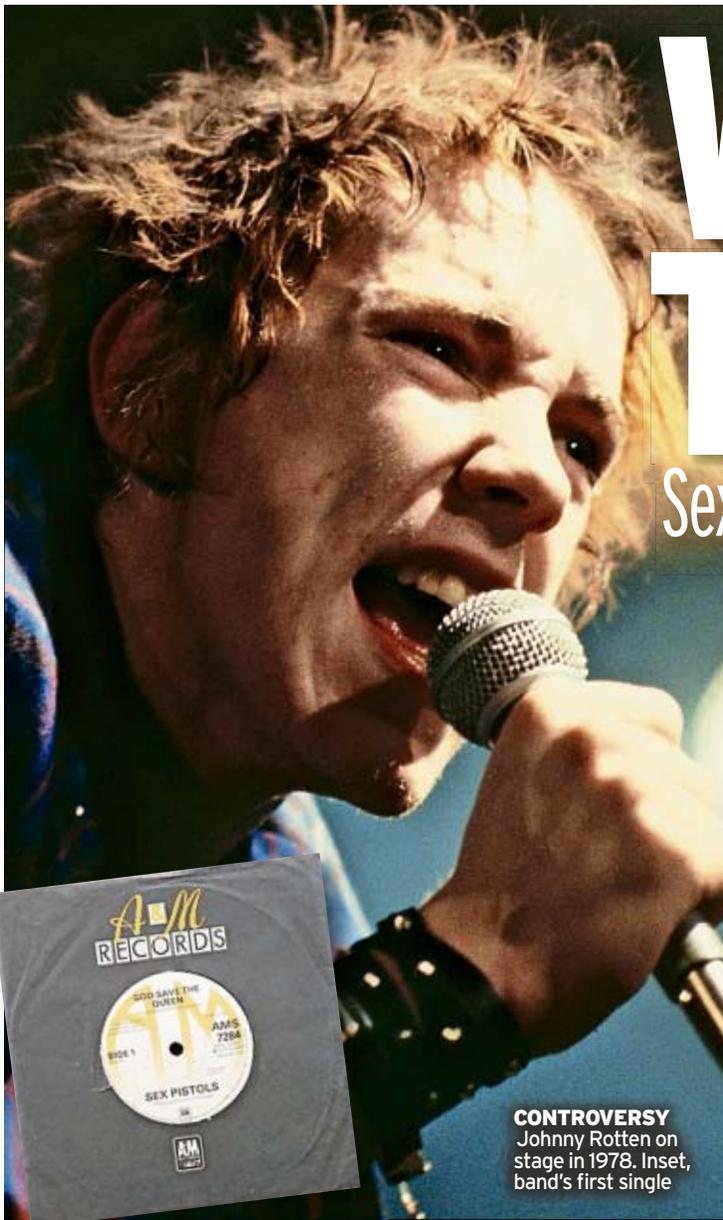
A NURSING student saved an elderly man's life as she returned from a holiday.

Sarah Randall was at Ayr station on Monday when she saw a man in pain.

She found he had a severe open fracture, with two leg bones protruding through the skin.

Sarah, 22, of Barrhead, near Glasgow, used techniques she'd learned at the University of the West of Scotland to save his life.

She said: "I did what I hope any nurse in training would do in that situation."



WAD SAVE THE QUEEN

Sex Pistols vinyl goes under hammer for £15k

BY LAUREN BEAVIS

A RARE Sex Pistols vinyl - one of the most sought-after records in the world - is expected to sell for over £15,000 at auction.

Auctioneer Martin Hughes said the copy of their single God Save the Queen is a "holy grail" due to its rarity.

He said: "This is a true piece of not only music history but of pop culture history."

In 1977, the Pistols signed a deal with A&M, with their first single scheduled to be God Save the Queen.

To gain publicity a staged signing ceremony was held in front of Buckingham Palace. But it caused so much



controversy A&M dropped Johnny Rotten and Co and copies of the single were destroyed.

It later emerged some copies had been kept, and in 1998 when A&M shut its London offices, some executives were given one.

But the copy for sale at Wessex Auction Rooms

tomorrow is extra special as it predates those given away.

The anonymous seller, who met the band when she worked on reception at A&M, said: "I have been holding on to it for sentimental reasons, but I feel now is the time to part company with it."

CONTROVERSY Johnny Rotten on stage in 1978. Inset, band's first single

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DEPRAVED McGlashan

Serial sex abuser gets 9yrs

BY GEMMA RYDER

A FIEND has been jailed for violent sexual offences against women over more than two decades.

Brian McGlashan, from Perth, was found guilty of eight charges, including rape, after a trial at the High Court in Dundee. Yesterday he was sentenced to nine years in prison.

The 57-year-old targeted three victims between 1996 and 2019 in Perthshire.

During one attack, McGlashan held one victim over the River Tay and threatened her. She was left severely injured and permanently disfigured after he assaulted her.

McGlashan was put on the sex offenders register indefinitely.

High Court fiscal for sexual offending Katrina Parkes said: "Brian McGlashan is a serial abuser who has inflicted lasting trauma."



BIKINI Carrie as Leia

£24k for Star lot

PRINCESS Leia's iconic and controversial Star Wars slave outfit is up for auction.

Appearing in 1985's Return of the Jedi, the costume will be offered for over £24,000.

Late star Carrie Fisher said of the revealing bikini: "Dignity was out of the question."

Good with food

Irish tourist Idris Oyeniyi, 29, was taken aback on his first trip to Scotland when a pair of strangers paid for his meal at Glasgow's Cafe Gandolfi.

'WEE WARRIOR' FACES SURGERY WAIT



TINY FIGHTER
Alexander needs surgery for a hole in his heart - but has to put on weight first



TOGETHER
Scott, Hayley and Aiden. Below, Alexander just after he was born



Heart-wrenching

THE parents of a newborn baby who needs urgent heart surgery have been forced to leave their two young sons behind at their island home - and may not be back for months.

Hayley Thomson, 26, travelled with partner Scott Cross, 38, from Islay to Paisley's Royal Alexandra Hospital to deliver baby Alexander on June 16.

But they have been forced to remain at the hospital after medics discovered their tiny baby had a hole in his heart.

Little Alexander needs constant medical care until he can undergo life-saving surgery.

Hayley and Scott have vowed to remain at his bedside but it has meant her two sons Aiden, eight, and Aaron, three, have been left on the Inner Hebrides.

Scott told the Record the family face a four-month wait

Newborn's parents forced to leave other sons on island

BY RYAN THOM

before they can be reunited. He said: "Our whole lives have been turned upside down."

"We're not going home without our son - we couldn't leave him."

"He's a wee warrior and he's fighting every day but it's heartbreaking to see what he's going through."

"The doctors hope he can get surgery in a few months and we can be home by October."

"But it means Hayley hasn't been able to be with her boys. They are missing their mum so much."

"It's a tough situation for us."

Specialists at Glasgow's Royal Hospital for Children told the

couple Alexander will need surgery to repair a ventricular septal defect.

He must put on weight before he can be considered for the procedure.

Hayley and landscaper Scott were forced to make the huge decision about where they would live for the next few months of Alexander's life.

The devastated parents decided to stay on the mainland while Hayley's two boys and their pet dog Lucky were taken in by her mum on Islay. Scott

continued: "Aaron has been able to come over and visit his wee brother."

"Now it's the summer holidays, we hope the two boys will be able to come and visit us."

"The distance is really not fair on them but Hayley's mum, aunt and gran have really stepped up so we can get through this as a family."

"The support we've received from people both here on the mainland and back home has been unreal."

"The kindness shown has

blown us away." The couple have managed to secure a spot in Ronald McDonald House next to the children's hospital where Alexander is being cared for.

Scott added: "The facilities at Ronald McDonald are first class and we can't thank them enough."

"We've spent long nights sleeping in a hospital room just above where Alexander is being treated."

"Getting proper accommodation has taken so much pressure off."

A fundraiser has been launched by Scott's sister Megan Cross to help with the financial strain during their stay.

"We're not going home without our son"
DAD SCOTT ON FAMILY'S TOUGH DECISION

Mum gave dying son, 7, fatal dose of morphine



CANCER Hamish in 1980

A MUM gave her terminally-ill seven-year-old son a lethal dose of morphine to "quietly end his life".

Antonya Cooper, 77, administered the drug to son Hamish at home in December 1981.

She said she had watched her son, who had stage 4 neuroblastoma cancer, endure 16 months of "horrendous treatment you wouldn't put a dog

BY MARTIN FRICKER

through". Speaking about his final moments Antonya said: "It was the middle of the night, we were by his bedside. I said, 'Would you like me to remove the pain?' He said, 'Yes please, mama'.

"I gave him a large dose of morphine that did quietly end his life. It was the right thing to do."

Asked if she understood

she was potentially admitting manslaughter or murder, she told BBC Radio Oxford: "Yes" and added: "But they would have to be quick, because I'm dying."

Antonya, from Abingdon, Oxfordshire, has terminal pancreatic cancer.

Thames Valley Police is investigating "reports relating to an apparent case of assisted dying of a seven-year-old boy in 1981".

COUPLE MARK



PURPLE REIGN Beckhams echo their 'thrones' moment and outfits in fun image released yesterday

MATCHY MATCHY OF THE DAY Outfit change at wedding in 1999

“It got so emotional, we had to have a bit of a cuddle

TONY ADAMS VICTORIA'S FATHER

EXCLUSIVE

BY EVE MACDONALD, KENZI DEVINE and LESLEY JONES

TWENTY-FIVE years ago today Spice Girl Victoria Adams and Manchester United star David Beckham married with a wedding fit for a king and queen of pop and football.

From the dress to the first public appearance of baby Brooklyn, the Spice Girl guests and yes, those thrones for the bride and groom, when the most stylish pop star of the 90s and Britain's hottest footballer married, every aspect of the day was spectacular.

On July 4, 1999, nearly 300 of the couple's closest friends and family gathered at Luttrellstown Castle, a magnificent venue near Dublin, set within a 560-acre estate with its own golf course, surrounded by a high stone wall to keep the paparazzi out.

Society wedding planner Peregrine Armstrong-Jones organised the event, which was covered exclusively by the glossy magazine OK!

"Victoria and David had huge input right from the beginning," he said. "The wedding had been 14-and-a-half months in the planning, during which time the couple had been all over the world. Wherever they were, I would get

samples, fabrics and plans to them, and Victoria would often ring me five times a day with ideas and questions."

Every tiny detail had been considered. Fresh apples were sewn into an ivy arrangement along the bannisters of the castle's master staircase, painstakingly pierced to release their scent through the rooms.

A beautiful leafy walkway was created, stretching from the French windows of the library across the finely manicured lawns to a huge marquee where the reception and dancing were held.

David's dad, Ted, said of the wedding: "It's just something special - a fairytale. Victoria's an absolutely lovely girl and I feel very proud of the pair of them."

Victoria's father, Tony, said: "When I went into the marquee with Victoria earlier, the orchestra was rehearsing Goodbye [a Spice Girls' hit] and I got so emotional that we had to have a little bit of a cuddle."

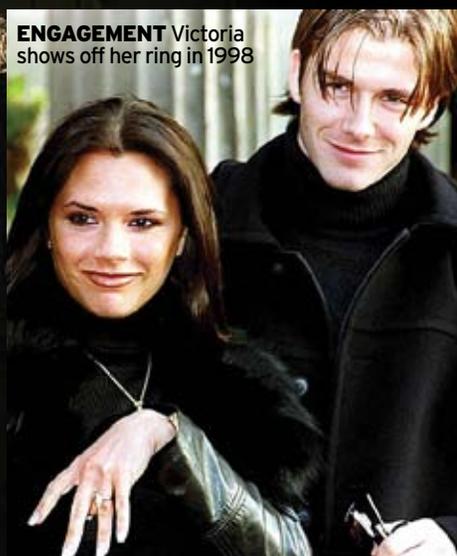
The three bridesmaids - Victoria's sister Louise wearing a Stella McCartney for Chloe dress, her baby daughter Liberty, plus David's little niece Georgina - made their first appearance soon after. The two little girls were dressed as woodland flower fairies. Next was

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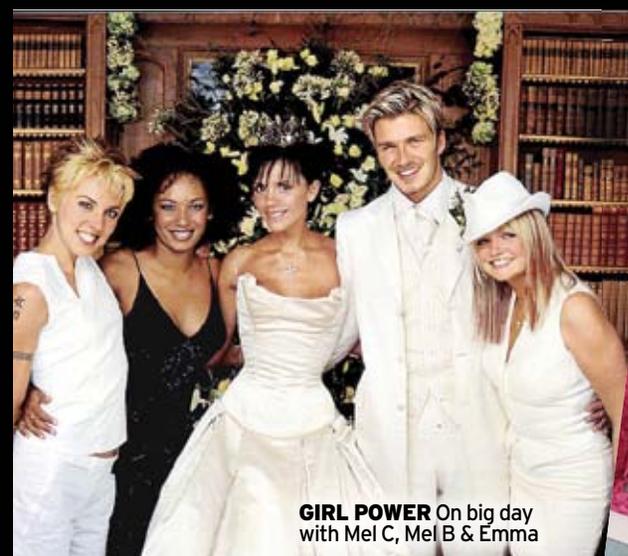


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ENGAGEMENT Victoria shows off her ring in 1998



GIRL POWER On big day with Mel C, Mel B & Emma



LAVISH The pair sat on thrones after ceremony

25 years of Mr & Mrs Beckham

How fairy-tale wedding at Irish castle gave superstars their happily ever after



NOW David & Victoria with their children, Brooklyn, Cruz, Harper & Romeo

the arrival of the other Spice Girls – Emma Bunton, Mel C and Mel B, plus her then-husband Jimmy Gulzar and baby Phoenix Chi – completing the exclusive list of just 29 guests who had been invited to attend the ceremony at the ivy-covered folly chapel.

Perched above a stream some 500 metres from the main castle, it was the first time a wedding had been performed at this location.

Previously occupied by a hermit, the folly had to be rebuilt before they could use it.

Victoria said: "It was overgrown, half the floor was missing and there were big holes in the walls – it was like walking into a garden shed. But we just looked at each other and said, 'This is the place.' It was just big enough for our closest family and

friends. I wanted the ceremony to be as private as possible."

Just after 4pm, the Bishop of Cork, the Right Reverend Paul Colton, married the couple, whose guests were treated to their first sight of Victoria's stunning champagne coloured strapless Vera Wang wedding gown, with a petticoat made from 50 metres of tulle, stiffened with horse hair. Instead of a traditional bridal bouquet, she had a natural selection of green berries, apples, ivy, blackberries and brambles.

Victoria also wore a beautiful diamond and gold coronet by Slim Barrett, a jeweller who had made pieces for the late Princess of Wales, while around her neck was a spectacular diamond crucifix that David bought her for Christmas the

previous year. He said: "Victoria said she would like me to design a crown to wear on her wedding day to compliment her wedding gown – she wanted something reminiscent of a fairy-tale."

"She had fun trying on the tiaras and crowns in the studio, with her mum taking photos as reference."

And Victoria, then 25, did not upstage her beau on the big day.

David, then 24, looked strikingly handsome as he waited in the folly for his bride, with his best man, Manchester United team-mate Gary Neville.

David wore a cream suit by English designer Timothy Everett, with a waistcoat, shirt, cravat, top hat and boots by Manolo Blahnik.

He also wore a dazzling Cartier diamond bracelet – a gift from Victoria.

To a trumpet fanfare, followed by the strings of an assembled orchestra playing the Bridal Chorus by Wagner, Victoria and her emotional father made their way up the aisle.

As their vows were exchanged and readings completed, the Bishop declared them husband and wife, and

David leaned across and tenderly placed a kiss on Victoria's right shoulder.

At just before 5pm, the orchestra struck up Mendelssohn's Wedding March and the newlyweds walked back up the aisle together.

"It was so emotional," said David's sister Joanne after the ceremony. "All of us were in tears."

Received by their guests back at the castle, the beaming bride and groom made their spectacular entrance down its ornate staircase as a pianist played the theme tune from *Beauty And The Beast*.

The newlyweds changed into purple outfits and sat on thrones in a raised "bridal alcove", accompanied by a sleepy Brooklyn. His swinging chair, decorated with velvet and gold ribbon, was nearby.

"People will say it's over the top," said Victoria. "But if we'd had a small wedding they would have said, 'Couldn't they have done something bigger?'"

Hilarious speeches included Victoria's dad recounting the story of how David had seen a member of an all-girl group on television and had said,

"That's the girl I'm going to marry." Tony joked: "Unfortunately, he was talking about Louise from *Eternal*, and Jamie Redknapp got there first!"

Gary brought the house down by wearing a sarong.

A second marquee, decorated in the style of a lavish Moroccan boudoir, was soon full of guests ready to party on the sunken dance floor to the sounds of a live 1970s band and disco.

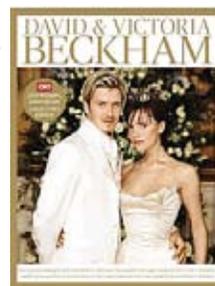
An ear infection meant the couple's best friend, Elton John, who was to sing at the afterparty, couldn't attend.

A four-minute firework display, accompanied by Björk's *It's Oh So Quiet*, drew a close to the celebrations.

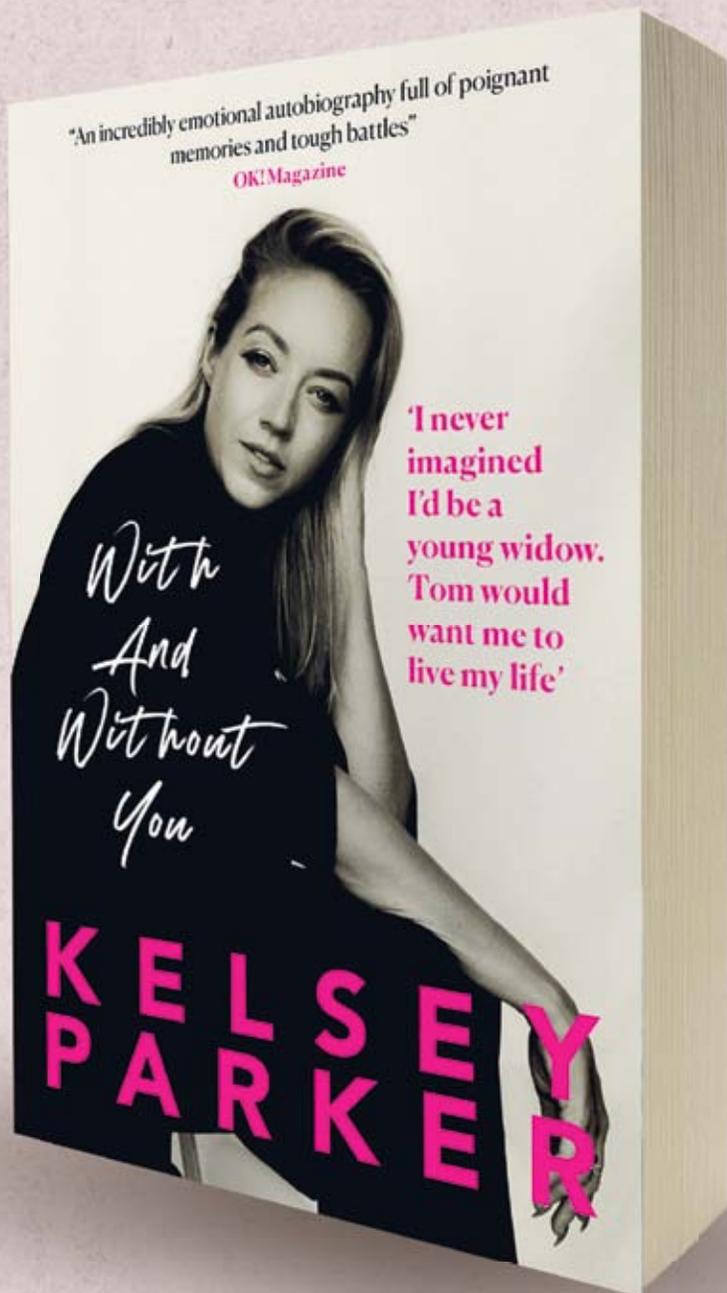
Victoria said: "I've seen a lot of weddings where there are all these famous people but we didn't want a

wedding like that. People aren't there because of who they are – they're all there because they're friends."

These words are from OK!'s David and Victoria Beckham Special Collector's Edition, *left*, which is available now for £9.99.



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BONDING Rachel with sons Rory and Seb and their planet puzzle

As jigsaws go viral on TikTok, **Rachel Tompkins** explores the benefits of this age-old hobby, from mindfulness to keeping you mentally sharp

EYES fixed on the screen, my children didn't bat an eyelid as I hauled the boxes of jigsaw puzzles out of the toy cupboard and into a bag for the charity shop.

When they were younger, my boys, Rory and Seb, now 11 and eight, loved doing jigsaws of their favourite Peppa Pig characters.

In the past few years, however, the puzzles have been replaced with PlayStation and the jigsaw boxes were left gathering dust.

But as I bagged them up I spotted one, brand new, of the solar system. Opening it I tipped the 300 pieces on to the kitchen table and got to work. Within minutes the boys had both come over to help, eager to find the pieces for the brightly coloured planets.

Gripped, we spent the rest of the evening trying to solve it.

It was only as I dragged myself away from it before bed that I realised how addictive and enjoyable doing a jigsaw was.

According to research from Aviva, UK adults spend an average of 169 hours a year doing puzzles – equivalent to a whole week.

Some 84 per cent have done jigsaws, number posers and word challenges in the past 12 months.

There's even a proper name given to puzzlers – dissectologists – who include celebrities such as Hugh Jackman and Kylie Jenner.

The topic is also trending on TikTok where the hashtag #jigsawpuzzles has been viewed almost 47,000 times.

But fitting puzzle pieces together is more than a bit of nerdy fun.

It has the power to calm you down, boost your mood, enhance mental health and even age-proof your brain.

Magic for mindfulness

"I describe mindfulness as having your mind full of what you're doing, rather than full of your thoughts," explains therapist and mindfulness teacher Frances Trussell (mindfullyhappy.com), author of *You Are Not Your Thoughts*.

She describes doing a jigsaw as being "naturally" mindful rather than "doing" mindfulness.

"The point of doing a jigsaw is, for most people, not to see a completed jigsaw. If that were the case, we could just buy a picture instead. It's to engage with the process, to really slow down and engage with one piece at a time.

"When we step back from the rushing and multitasking that our modern lives seem to demand, we can find that being present with the moment in front of us, in a simple way, can be enormously pleasurable. If we are focused enough that our thoughts and judgments fall away, even fleetingly, we can feel at ease and alive."

They keep you mentally fit

Regularly doing puzzles could help keep us mentally agile.

A 2018 study found they could benefit the over-50s, as there was a link between the amount of puzzling people did and improvement in visuospatial cognition – which enables us to perceive and interact with our visual world.

Puzzles could ease anxiety and depression

"Positive emotions experienced while doing a jigsaw can be very supportive of wellbeing," explains happiness coach Sarah Perrett (thehappinesgap.co.uk). "The act

of doing the jigsaw can distract you from your worries temporarily, giving you a little break from experiencing negative feelings.

"Also the act of completing a jigsaw can be a great boost for someone who is feeling low and unable to achieve much in day-to-day life."

Give a sense of achievement

"When finishing a jigsaw puzzle, you'll most likely feel a sense of accomplishment," says Sarah.

"This can support your wellbeing both directly through success, mastery and progress towards a goal and also indirectly, through savouring your success once achieved which also brings about positive emotions."

Completing a jigsaw also triggers a release of the happy hormone dopamine.

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We are focused enough that our thoughts and judgments fall away

"Dopamine is one of the neurotransmitters that's considered the reward chemical that your brain releases when you've achieved a goal.

"Completing a jigsaw puzzle will, for many people, cause dopamine to act on areas of the

brain to give you that 'hit' which many people refer to. This gives you feelings of pleasure, satisfaction and motivation."

The children and I did enjoy the journey of completing the puzzle. It took us nearly a week and saw endless hours spent together.

I noticed while we were focusing on that we didn't have our heads buried in screens, there were fewer arguments, and I slept better too.

And there were cheers of delight when we put in the last piece and the dopamine surged. Now they are asking when we can buy another.



Crinkle maxi dress, £37.99, H&M

Ace your look

WIMBLEDON is in full swing so it seems like the perfect opportunity to hit you with some white looks.

Players at the tennis tournament have had to adhere to an all-white dress code since the 1800s.

But you don't have to be competing at the All England Club to work the look.

Thanks to the recent "tenniscore" micro trend, sparked by Zendaya's hit movie Challengers, white ensembles were hot in early spring but the colour is a perennial warm-weather

favourite. Designers such as Michael Kors, The Row and Ferragamo all showed crisp white designs on the spring/summer runways.

White broderie anglaise blouses or dresses are ideal for holidays.

And when the temperatures soar, a white mini dress teamed with espadrilles or a pair of tan sandals is a classic way to keep cool while still looking elegant.

Got an occasion coming up? Make an entrance in a brilliant white suit.

Game, set and match. What's not to love?



Denim waistcoat dress, £45, espadrilles £40, River Island. Accessories, stylist's own

V by Very broderie dress, £38, very.co.uk. Sandals, stylist's own



Cotton shirt, £28, maxi skirt, £35, Roman. Sandals, stylist's own



Sleeveless top, £19.99, midi skirt, £29.99, trainers, £35.99, belt, £9.99, Reserved



Blazer £28, trousers, £18, sandals, £18, George at Asda

TOP of the SHOPS

Hannah Britt finds out what's hot to shop this week

LISTEN

The Beats Solo Buds pack a whole lot of sound tech into two tiny earphones.

Perfectly pocket-sized, they're great for on the go, or travel, and have an impressive battery life of up to 18 hours. Available in black, grey, purple and red, find them for £79.99 at apple.com/uk



FESTIVAL

Heading to a festival this summer?

Stock up on eco-friendly wipes to freshen up. Pura Eco Baby Wipes are completely plastic-free, made from biodegradable plant fibres, and the packaging is fully recyclable. They are also officially accredited by Water UK as 'Fine to Flush'. £2.65 for 60 wipes, at amazon.co.uk



BEAUTY

Brighten up with The Body Shop Vitamin C Glow Boosting Intense Moisturiser, £22.

Combining a glow-getting combination of vitamin C, bakuchiol and olive-derived squalane, it reduces dark spots over the face while deeply hydrating the skin. Both the jar and lid are recyclable. Find it in store and online at thebodyshop.com



BABY

Some parents prefer their baby monitor to have a separate screen option, rather than just connect it to their phone.

Enter Maxi-Cosi See Pro Baby Monitor, £199.99, a high tech sleep system with CryAssist technology, which works out whether baby is sleepy, fussy, hungry, gassy or agitated. Visit maxi-cosi.co.uk



MUSHROOM

Not just good sauteed on toast, mushrooms have had a glow-up lately and are a trending superfood for 2024.

As seen on Clarkson's Farm, Lions Mane mushrooms contain vitamins thiamine, riboflavin, and niacin, and can help boost brain function. Try The HerbTender Calm & Collected Capsules, £27.50, at Holland & Barrett.



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Seeberger visor, £24.95, Hatshopping





Aries March 21-April 20
 SOMETHING you see or hear makes you question your trust in a friend. You suspect they are keeping something from you but are you letting your thoughts run wild? It's possible that most of this is just your imagination playing tricks on you. Keep your suspicions to yourself.

For more call **0905 789 4171** (80p/min + network access charge)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
 DON'T worry if you become the focal point of a family or marital conflict that arises. You should not feel you have to apologise for something you didn't do just to please others. After a stressful morning, any hurt feelings regarding a workplace issue will appear insignificant.

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Gemini May 22 - June 20
 WORKMATES are at odds, each blaming the other for being difficult and for making a problem worse. You will prefer not to get involved as from your perspective, both seem to be equally as responsible for having caused this tense situation. Just keep a diplomatic distance.

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Cancer June 21 - July 22
 YOU always treat other people's feelings with the utmost respect. There have been times in the past when you've poured your heart out only to have it backfire on you. This makes you hold back and keep your own thoughts to yourself when someone close is hoping you will open up to them.

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Leo July 23 - August 22
 WORKING at a steady pace will lead to greater productivity than anticipated this morning. Unexpected setbacks in work or health may arise during the early afternoon. Alternatively, you might be asked to fill in for an ill co-worker despite feeling overwhelmed with your current responsibilities.

For more call **0905 789 4175** (80p/min + network access charge)

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22
 IF you've had a disagreement with a partner or if you're feeling resentful towards a friend, consider taking the first step to mend things. Offering an olive branch might help mend relationships and open the door to forgiveness, even if this cannot totally erase the past.

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Libra Sept 23-Oct 23
 WHEN life starts getting you down seek out a peaceful haven where you can relax and find inner peace. Stay mindful of your surroundings. Being fully present in the moment will help you to avoid unnecessary stress. To find inner tranquillity, start by calming your mind.

For more call **0905 789 4177** (80p/min + network access charge)

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22
 BE cautious if your manager or a seasoned professional seems overly friendly or cooperative - they may have hidden motives. Investigate any unusual suggestions before making a long-term commitment. Ambitious plans could fail without enough practical support.

For more call **0905 789 4178** (80p/min + network access charge)

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21
 ARE you willing to put in the time and effort to reach your goals? Taking shortcuts will only be cheating yourself and will compromise your authenticity. If you want to establish new habits or start a new project, make this a part of your routine. Steady effort can lead to impressive progress.

For more call **0905 789 4179** (80p/min + network access charge)

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20
 AFTER some recent changes you have sensed a void in your life. One solution to fill this emptiness is to locate the missing piece. The true test lies in finding someone you can confide in and depend on. To establish such a strong bond, you need to build mutual support and understanding.

For more call **0905 789 4180** (80p/min + network access charge)

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19
 YOUR enthusiasm carries you forward and this positive energy will benefit everyone around you. Embrace this momentum by considering new opportunities like applying for a new job or seeking a promotion. Get ready to inspire others with your expertise and skills.

For more call **0905 789 4181** (80p/min + network access charge)

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20
 IT'S not easy having all eyes on you. Taking on new commitments makes you the focus of attention. You might wish you hadn't volunteered for the job. Keeping your emotions in check will be a big challenge. A close friend's changing situation will have more impact on you than they realise.

For more call **0905 789 4182** (80p/min + network access charge)



DEAR COLEEN



Hubby's ex-fling in our lives too much as they have a son

Dear Coleen

I'M a woman in my mid-30s and have been with my partner for six years, and we have two young children.

Our relationship has been a total car crash over the past two years because he had an affair, which resulted in a child.

To cut a long story short, he ended the affair but had to come clean to me because the other woman told him that if he didn't, she'd tell me herself.

I was angry, humiliated and hurt, but we decided to try to make it work for the sake of all involved.

It hasn't been easy but we have made progress.

What's not helping is that the other woman is in our lives a lot, which I'm finding hard to cope with and it's making it difficult to move on.

I expect my partner to do the right thing by providing for his child and being in his life but I don't want to be a part of it or our kids involved either.

However, she often shows up on the doorstep for a visit, calls my partner a lot over things to do with their son, and wants to

enrol him in the same nursery that our kids attend.

It all feels like rubbing salt in the wounds. I want to be reasonable but sometimes I think it'd be easier if I just walked away. Please help.

Coleen says

YOU'VE been strong and incredibly level-headed by acknowledging that none of this is the child's fault and that your husband should do the right thing by him.

I'm not sure what you can do about his mother enrolling him in the same nursery as your kids, other than explain to your husband that it feels too close to home and you don't want to risk bumping into her every day.

Maybe he can have a word with her, or I suppose you could move your children if it's not too inconvenient for you.

I think it would help if your husband could come to a legal arrangement with the mother of his son, as that would put some boundaries in place - for

example, when he sees him and how often, and who's responsible for picking up the child and taking them home.

It could be a situation where you never have to see this woman. When you're finding it hard, keep reminding yourself that the issue now is the child's wellbeing. And in years to come, you don't know how your kids will feel; they might really want to know their brother and you don't have to be friends with his mum for that to happen.

I do think you'd feel more positive if you were more in control, so start talking to your husband about boundaries and get legal advice.

As for the "other woman", she might be taking advantage of the situation (and your good nature) or, if we're being kind, maybe she's worried if she doesn't keep

showing up your husband won't take his responsibilities seriously.

Either way, start answering the door as she may not want to see you either, and she'll start to make proper arrangements.

“She wants him to go to same nursery as our kids”

DAILY PRAYER

“AND whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
 1 Corinthians 12:26
 Remember to support and comfort those around you when times are tough - and celebrate their successes and wins when those come their way too.

COLEEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM

If you have lots of negative thoughts swirling around inside your head, then you should challenge them. Take a moment to ask yourself if there's any actual evidence for what you're thinking. Don't believe everything you think, especially if you're going through an anxious phase.

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IN THE BAD BOOKS
Phil and Teddy

EASTENDERS
BBC2, 7pm

NUGGET regains consciousness but Priya and Ravi are devastated when the doctors say his kidneys are not responding and he may need long-term dialysis.

The pressure mounts as everyone tries to get Nugget to reveal who supplied the drugs.

Phil and Teddy get on the wrong side of Sharon by leaving the gym in a state after a Mitchell drinking session.

And Jean thinks Harvey is about to confess that he's cheated on her with Maya, but he stuns her with the truth.



WORRIED
Matty in prison

EMMERDALE
STV, 7.30pm

CHARLES thanks Caleb for his hospitality. When the vicar accidentally spills coffee on the rug, he fetches a cloth, then notices an intriguing invoice and decides to pocket it.

Trying to get the lowdown on Matty, Robbo doesn't get much response. Les stares Robbo down, and gets him to move off, but Matty is left more worried than ever.

Elsewhere, Paddy invites Marlon and Rhona to a games night but Mandy reveals her concerns that Rhona is not the most exciting company.

ROAD TRIP Susan Calman with some Jersey Royal spuds



Peels on wheels for Susan

SUSAN CALMAN'S GRAND DAY OUT

Channel 5, 9pm

COMEDIAN Susan Calman is back on the road.

She's firing up her vintage campervan – named after one of her heroines, Helen Mirren – and is off on more journeys of discovery.

On a wander through the wonders of the British Isles, she's set for awesome sights, wonderful tales and colourful characters. Little

Helen pootles along, and Susan discovers new sights and sounds at whatever pace she wants to.

In tonight's episode, Susan heads to the Channel Islands.

Starting in Jersey, she is thrilled to encounter doe-eyed cows.

And that's not the only natural wonder as Susan has arrived at peak Jersey Royal potato season.

She meets a sixth-generation farmer, who introduces her to the traditional art of potato harvesting

on the staggeringly sheer slopes of Rozel Bay.

Then travelling around the beautiful coast, Susan sets out to explore the third largest tidal range in the world. When the tide is out, the island doubles in size.

And she discovers La Rocque beach, a place the locals refer to as the lunar landscape. Next, Susan and Helen cross the Channel to gorgeous Guernsey. On this island,

PICK of the DAY

you are never more than 10 minutes from the sea.

Susan wants to experience the jaw-droppingly striking La Vallette bathing pools.

For over 150 years, visitors and locals have relished its natural turquoise waters, but

they're also great for some serious training. Susan meets a Channel swimmer and hears all about what it takes to join the elite club who have swum from Britain to France.

COMPARISON
Which ones will taste as good?



SUPERMARKET OWN BRANDS: THE BIG TASTE TEST

Channel 5, 8pm

SUPERMARKET own brands used to be regarded as cheap and nasty – but nowadays it seems we just can't get enough of them.

They look and taste like the "proper" brands – well, very nearly – but at a fraction of the cost.

Own-brand expert and superfan John "Eggs" Rutledge explains: "There was an element of disdain, almost hatred, towards own brands.

"I clearly remember being in the school playground and being beaten

up for having the wrong type of chocolate biscuit in my lunch box."

This is a fun look at the real brands versus the dupes, with taste tests and experts and general analysis to work out whether we can tell the difference.

If you blindfold Coca-Cola fans and give them a few imitations, will they be able to spot the imposters?

The show also looks at cereals and the Big Mac, while a food scientist shows how supermarkets are able to compete for less money.

Across eight rounds of tests, the winners may surprise you.

ELECTIONS 2024

BBC1, 9.55pm/STV, 9.50pm/
Channel 4, 9.45pm

WHATEVER your politics, it's time to settle in and watch the action happen as the general election results start to trickle in.

On BBC1, Martin Geissler and Kirsty Wark introduce live coverage of the results, with correspondents reporting from around the UK.

Wark will be interviewing key figures, while Laura Miller delivers regular new summaries as the night unfolds.

Over on STV, Tom Bradby presents through-the-night coverage of the battle for No10 Downing Street

between Conservative Rishi Sunak and Labour's Keir Starmer.

Tom will be joined in the TV studio by guests including George Osborne, Ed Balls and former first minister Nicola Sturgeon.

And Channel 4 is providing its usual alternative show with Britain Decides With The Rest Is Politics and Gogglebox at 9.45pm.

As the polls close, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Emily Maitlis provide news and analysis on Channel 4, along with the Rest Is Politics podcast double act Alastair Campbell and Rory Stewart, while some celebrity favourites will chime in with their opinions too.



INSIGHT ITV's Tom. Left, BBC's Martin and Kirsty

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- ★ Bad

(R) Repeat

BBC ONE

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Morning Live Magazine.
10.45 Scam Interceptors A mother and daughter let scammers take control of their phones.
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Featuring property renovations in East Sussex, Co Durham and Nottinghamshire.
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Two teams set out to bag bargains at Detling Antiques Fair in Kent.
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.45 LIVE Wimbledon 2024 Coverage of day four of the grass-court tournament at the All England Club, where second-round matches are scheduled to be played in the men's and ladies' singles. Elena Rybakina's defence of the title continued at this stage last year when she claimed victory over Alize Cornet on Centre Court. Over on the No 1 Court, Alexander Zverev finally completed his first-round match against Gijs Brouwer, prevailing 6-4, 7-6, 7-6.
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Reporting Scotland

BBC TWO

6.45am Beechgrove Garden George Anderson and Calum Clunie tend to the vines, fig plants and fruit bushes. (R)
7.15 Garden Rescue: Top of the Plots Charlie Dimmock and Harry and David Rich look back at some of the most therapeutic and poignant garden transformations. (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World Monty Don tackles some pruning needed on one of his favourite crabapples. (R)
9.00 BBC News Headlines.
11.00 LIVE Wimbledon 2024 Isa Guha and Clare Balding present coverage of day four of the prestigious Grand Slam tournament from the All England Club, where the second round of the men's and ladies' singles competition is scheduled to continue.
3.00pm LIVE Wimbledon 2024 Further coverage of day four of the Grand Slam tournament from the All England Club, featuring more second-round matches in the men's and ladies' singles competitions.

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.
12.30pm Loose Women Debate.
1.30 ITV News; Weather
1.55 STV News; Weather
1.59 STV Pollen Count
2.00 James Martin's Great British Adventure The chef goes on a culinary road trip around the UK. (R)
3.00 Lingo Taking part in the word game are two siblings from Southampton, two friends from London, and a couple from Exeter. Adil Ray hosts. (R)
3.59 STV Weather Central
4.00 Tipping Point Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
6.00 STV News at Six; Weather
6.29 STV Pollen Count
6.30 ITV Evening News

CHANNEL 4

6.15am Cheers Double bill. (R)
7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.05 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.05 Help! We Bought a Village The owners of a village in France officially open it after two years of renovations. (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News
12.10 Help! We Bought a Village A couple get married at their hamlet in the Limousin. (R)
1.10 Car S.O.S Tim and Fuzz team up with Paddy Hopkirk to fix up their first rally car. (R)
2.10 Countdown Ranvir Singh joins Susie in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun A couple planning a permanent move to rural France to run a gite. (R)
4.00 Renovation Nation An art-deco-inspired cinema room.
5.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? An update on Sue and Joe's astronomy-themed retreat. (R)
6.00 Four in a Bed The week's final visit is to Hartridge Springs. (R)
6.30 The Simpsons The family tells stories about disasters. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.05 Milkshake! Story Den (R)
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.15 Storm Huntley Debate.
12.45pm Friends Double bill. (R)
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Theo quickly surmises that Stevie is the girl Remi is waiting for. (R)
2.15 FILM A Deadly Mother (2020, PG) A woman worries that her new neighbour is trying to steal her teenage daughter from her. Thriller, with Monica Rose Betz. (R) ★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Laura uses her pink pimped-up scooter to get to and from gigs and tribute performances - and in the hope of getting noticed. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.
6.05 Police Interceptors Jim and Lisa direct an intelligence-led strike, with the suspects believed to be in possession of a handgun and ammunition, while the knife-crime team targets drug hotspots. (R); 5 News Update



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7.00 LIVE Wimbledon 2024 Further coverage of day four of the Grand Slam tournament from the All England Club, where the second round of the men's and ladies' singles is scheduled to conclude. Italy's Jannik Sinner will be hoping to do one better than last year when he went on to reach the semi-finals after beating Russian Roman Safiullin 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. He lost out on a place in the showpiece occasion to eventual runner-up Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-4, 6-7. Elsewhere, Grigor Dimitrov claimed a win over Ilya Ivashka in straight sets.

7.00 EastEnders Double bill. Nugget regains consciousness but is told that he may need long-term dialysis, and the pressure is piled on when his parents and the police ask who supplied the drugs; Teddy and Sharon share a flirty drink.

7.00 Bradley & Barney Walsh: Breaking Dad The duo continue their European adventure in Germany. (R)

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 leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.

7.00 Happy Campers: The Caravan Park At Holiday Resort Unity, new Park Wardens husband and wife team Antoinette and Brian are welcoming arrivals when a family gets separated from each other; 5 News Update

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9.25 Not Going Out Frank announces his engagement, but Lee cannot believe that any woman would marry his father, so Lucy invites Frank and his beau Carol to dinner to allay Lee's misgivings. (R)

8.00 Gardeners' World The team reports from the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival, where Arit encourages viewers to think more sustainably with her entirely peat-free Feature Garden. Plus, Tom Massey mentors novice designers.

8.30 Animal 999 Behind the scenes at the Scottish SPCA, the country's leading animal charity, as cameras follow the work of its officers. A stag is spotted in the Highlands with barbed wire around its antlers, but is proving difficult to catch.

8.00 The Supervet: Noel Fitzpatrick A Marbella-based French bulldog is flown in with his family after surgery to fix his broken elbow proved unsuccessful. Its family hopes a custom fusion plate system will get Milo out of pain.

8.00 Supermarket Own-Brands: The Big Taste Test Examining the difference between leading brands and supermarkets' own versions, and which customers prefer, starting with one of the world's most famous soft drinks.

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9.55pm-6.00am Election 2024 - Scotland Martin Geissler presents coverage of the results from all the key locations across Scotland and the rest of the UK on what is likely to be a night of political drama. Kirsty Wark is on hand with the big interviews with major figures from the leading parties, while Laura Miller has regular news summaries as the story unfolds. Political correspondent David Wallace Lockhart analyses the results with the help of the latest graphics technology, while polling expert Professor Ailsa Henderson, of Edinburgh University, applies her psephological knowledge and insight to events.

9.00 The North York Moors: A Wild Year The upland area of North Yorkshire. (R)

9.00 Douglas Is Cancelled Comedy drama, starring Hugh Bonneville and Karen Gillan. The furore around the joke continues to mount even though no-one knows what caused it, and Douglas still claims he can't remember it.

9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody Detectives from Bedfordshire Police investigate when a 76-year-old man is arrested following allegations of historical child sex abuse dating back to the 1970s. (R)

9.00 NEW Susan Calman's Grand Day Out The comedian sets out to discover the Channel Islands. She arrives in Jersey at peak Jersey Royal potato season, and meets a farmer to learn about the art of harvesting.

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2.00-6.00am Election 2024 - Scotland. Further coverage and analysis of the General Election results.

9.25 Live at the Apollo Host Ed Gamble introduces routines by Tom Davis and Judi Love. (R)

9.50pm-6.00am Election 2024 Live: The Results Tom Bradby presents through-the-night coverage of the battle for Number 10 Downing Street, revealing who will lead the country for the next five years. Tom will be joined in the studio throughout the night by a team of political insider guests, including George Osborne, Ed Balls and Nicola Sturgeon. Also on hand will be Robert Peston, Anushka Asthana and Paul Brand, plus election analysts, Professor Jane Green and Professor Colin Rallings. ITV News reporters will be on the ground right around the UK throughout, bringing news from every corner of the country as the results come in.

9.45pm-6.00am Britain Decides with The Rest Is Politics and Gogglebox As the polls close, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Emily Maitlis presents news and analysis as the votes are counted, while Alastair Campbell and Rory Stewart steer viewers through what many are predicting to be a game-changing moment in British politics. Cathy Newman anchors from locations across London and reporters attend key counts across the country, while political editor Gary Gibbon offers continuous analysis. Hannah Fry crunches the data, helping to make sense of the numbers and tell the story of the night. Going beyond Westminster, Gogglebox favourites provide their take on the election campaigns, while an audience of voters give their take as the night unfolds.

10.00 Only Fools and Horses: Secrets & Scandals The story of how Only Fools and Horses was made, and how the cast could have been very different. Featuring interviews with Sue Holderness and the crew who made the series. (R)

11.05 FILM Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw (2019, 12) Luke Hobbs and Deckard Shaw must put their differences aside and team up to stop a major terror threat. Action adventure, starring Dwayne Johnson. ★★★★★

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midnight

9.55 Gimme Gimme Gimme Tom and Linda go out clubbing and get very drunk, leading to one of them spending the night with a security guard and the other with a woman. (R)

10.25 FILM Moulin Rouge! (2001, 12) Idealistic writer Christian is drawn to the backstreets of Paris, determined to play a part in the bohemian revolution. He falls for Satine, a courtesan from the famous Moulin Rouge. However, a scheming duke also covets her affections, setting the scene for tragedy. Romantic musical, with Ewan McGregor and Nicole Kidman. ★★★★★

12.25am Today at Wimbledon. Qasa Alom presents highlights of the fourth day's play from the All England Club.
1.25 Sign Zone: Springwatch. Megan McCubbin and Iolo Williams celebrate the wildlife in Britain's cities. (R) **2.25 Sign Zone: Andy Murray: Will to Win** (R)
3.25-6.20am This Is BBC Two

1.35am PlayOJO Live Casino Show **3.35 Yorkshire Tea vs PG Tips: Battle of the Brews** (R) **4.20** Inside the Balmoral Hotel (R) **5.10** House Doctor. From London. (R) **5.30** Entertainment News **5.40** Milkshake! Monkey's Amazing Adventures (R) **5.45-6.00am** Paw Patrol (R)

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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 **5.00** Dress to Impress. Dating fashion challenge.

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase** With Chizzy Akudolu, Joe Lycett and Nick Knowles.

7.00 **Deal or No Deal** Stephen Mulhern hosts as another contestant tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order.

8.00 **The Masked Singer US** The three remaining celebrities perform again.

9.00 **Love Island** The fun continues with another feast of flirting and fallouts.

10.05 **Tell Me Everything** Bex realises the price of popularity after throwing a party.

11.05 **Family Guy** Animated double bill.

12.05am **American Dad!** Animated comedy. **1.05** Karaoke Club: Drag Edition **2.10** Don't Hate the Playaz **2.50** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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7.00am 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 Marbs **2.15** Dinner Date **3.15** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.10** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City

6.00 **Masters of Flip** Saving a home blighted by termite and water damage.

7.00 **Million Dollar Listing: LA** Tracy goes head to head with Flagg after an offer.

8.00 **Dinner Date** Joey from St Albans picks blind dates from five partners.

9.00 **Botched** Double bill. Cosmetic procedures that have gone wrong.

10.55 **The Only Way Is Marbs** Lockie hopes Danni will give him another chance.

11.40 **Singletown** The truth comes out.

12.45-1.00am Unwind with ITV

BBC3 Freeview 23

7.00pm **Celebrity MasterChef** This quarter-final sees the celebrities prepare a faultless two-course meal.

7.30 **The Fast and the Farmer-ish** The teams face extreme challenges.

8.00 **FILM** **The Maze Runner** (2014, 12) A teen with no memory in an isolated community must find his way through a deadly labyrinth. Sci-fi, with Dylan O'Brien. ★★★

9.45 **Glastonbury** Double bill. Performances by headliners and legends at Worthy Farm in 2024; pop perfection at Glastonbury.

11.45 **Dreaming Whilst Black** Kwabs must decide if he is willing to do what it takes to get his funding. Comedy, starring Adjani Salmon.

12.15am **Dreaming Whilst Black** **12.35** Paddy & Molly; Show No Mersey **1.35** Top Gear **2.35** My Mate's a Bad Date **2.55** Birdsong **3.10-4.00am** Dreaming Whilst Black

BBC4 Freeview 24

7.00pm **Canal Boat Diaries** Robbie Cumming continues across the Pennines from Marple to Huddersfield.

7.30 **FILM** **North By Northwest** (1959, PG) An innocent man mistaken for a spy by a foreign agent is drawn into a world of espionage and adventure. Hitchcock thriller, starring Cary Grant, James Mason, Eva Marie Saint and Leo G Carroll. ★★★★★

9.40 **FILM** **On the Waterfront** (1954, PG) A former boxer reduced to working for a gangster has his conscience pricked when he sees his boss's thugs kill a man. Drama, starring Marlon Brando. ★★★★★

11.25 **Listen to Me Marlon: Imagine** An intimate portrait of Marlon Brando, making use of the actor's own audio tapes and recordings.

1.05am Canal Boat Diaries **1.35** Full Circle with Michael Palin **2.25-3.25am** Treasures of the Indus

5 USA Freeview 21

6.00am Home Shopping **9.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order: six episodes

6.00 **NCIS** Triple bill. NCIS works to solve the murder of a senator's daughter; a suspicious murder occurs in the classified section of the National Archive; Agent Torres finds himself in prison as the team tries to stop an impending terror attack.

9.00 **Blue Bloods** Danny and Baez are assigned new partners after being caught in the middle of office politics, while Frank compromises his relationship with the archdiocese.

10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Double bill. Detectives try to solve the murder of a paediatrician; a single murder quickly becomes a case involving three bodies.

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

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6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** 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: At the Ends of the Earth **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure

6.00 **Rick Stein's Long Weekends** The chef visits the Greek city of Thessaloniki.

7.00 **Would I Lie to You?** With Michael Smiley, Diane Morgan and Bob Mortimer.

7.40 **Richard Osman's House of Games**

9.00 **QI XL** With Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey, Sean Lock and John Hodgman.

10.00 **QI XL** Extended edition, with Sue Perkins, Bill Bailey and Gyles Brandreth.

11.00 **Taskmaster** It's time for the final, which features peas and absent keys.

12.00m't Would I Lie to You? **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** Travel Man **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

DRAMA Freeview 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.15** Classic Holby City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Born and Bred **4.20** Tenko **5.20** Birds of a Feather

6.00 **Waiting for God** Diana looks to broaden her horizons by entering politics.

6.40 **Are You Being Served?** The staff celebrate Mrs Slocombe's birthday.

7.20 **Last of the Summer Wine** Clegg and Truly offer to collect music for Tom.

8.00 **Father Brown** A death on a local farm is blamed on a Kempleford doctor.

9.00 **A Small Light** Miep and Jan's fears come true as the Nazis raid the annexe.

10.00 **New Tricks** The hunt for a serial killer forces Sandra to rethink her career.

11.00 **Soldier, Soldier** Brad Connor is devastated to learn he may have HIV.

12.10am Footballers' Wives. Glossy drama series. **1.15** Call the Midwife **2.25** 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** Ro helps the police.

7.30 **Come Dine with Me** Hull florist Jayne gives her guests a taste of Spain.

8.00 **Dance Moms** The Nationals loom.

9.00 **Gogglebox** The households' opinions on Michael McIntyre's The Wheel.

10.00 **Naked Attraction** An opera singer is looking for a man as tall as she is.

11.05 **First Dates** A linguistics expert who can never say the right thing when dating.

12.05am The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Rick and Morty. The Smiths visit a restaurant. **1.35** Smiling Friends **2.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Dance Moms **3.50** Modern Family **4.40** The Neighborhood **5.30-6.00am** 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 pick up a 1978 JCB digger belonging to a former carpenter, who had two heart attacks.

7.55 **Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud meets Zimbabwean-born Davi and Australian Matt, who are building a radical multicultural home in the Chess Valley – only to very quickly run into problems.

9.00 **Perfect Pub Walks with Bill Bailey** Bill is joined by broadcaster Trevor McDonald for walks in Essex and Suffolk.

10.00 **24 Hours in A&E** Double bill. A 12-year-old is rushed to St George's after suffering a severe asthma attack; a look at the hospital's specialist stroke team.

12.10am 999: On the Front Line. Medical documentary. **1.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25-3.55am** A Place in the Sun

VARIATIONS

BBC SCOTLAND **7.00pm** The Seven **7.30** Scotland's Greatest Escape. The Oliver family rate the best active getaways Scotland has to offer. **8.00** Beechgrove Garden. Advice on herbs ideal for container and window box cultivation. **8.30** Hidden Lives **9.00** My Husband the MMA Fighter **9.30** Best of Chewin' the Fat **9.55** Election 2024 – Scotland. Martin Geissler presents coverage of the results. **2.00-6.00am** Election 2024 – Scotland

BBC ALBA **6.00am** Alba Today **5.00pm** Sionnach agus Maigheach (Fox & Hare) **5.10** Meaban is Moo **5.20** Pip & Posy **5.28** Daolag-bhreac is Seillean **5.30** Oscar & Ealasaid **5.45** Nannag a' Noo/Huggieboo **5.55** Stoiridh **6.00** An Saoghal Droil aig Poi Ploc/The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **6.10** Geamaichean Gorach **6.15** An Teaghlach Rìoghail an Ath-dhoras (The Royals Next Door) **6.30** An Teaghlach Rìoghail an Ath-dhoras (The Royals Next Door) **6.40** Clann Na Cruinne **7.00** Dealbhan Fraoich (Heather's Portraits) **7.30** Speak Gaelic **8.00** An La (News) **8.30** Druthag na Hearadh (A Little Drop of Harris) **9.00** **NEW** Fasach na h-Eorpa (Europe's Wilderness). Focusing on the capercaillie. **9.50** Binneas – Na Trads **10.00**

Mach a Seo! – An Roinn Eorpa **10.30** Sheryl Crow – Slighe na Cuimhne **11.30** Julie Fowlis: Ceol Aig Baile **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

ENGLAND As BBC1 except: **1.25-1.35pm** Regional News; Weather **6.30-7.00** Regional News; Weather **9.55** Election 2024. Live coverage of the results, with Laura Kuenssberg and Clive Myrie. **2.00-6.00am** Election 2024

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC1 except: **1.25-1.35pm** BBC Newsline; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Newsline; Weather **9.55** Election 2024 – Northern Ireland. Live coverage of the results, presented by Mark Carruthers. **2.00am** Election 2024 – Northern Ireland. Further coverage. **5.30-6.00am** Election 2024

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC2 except: **9.55pm** Election 2024. Live coverage of the results, with Laura Kuenssberg and Clive Myrie. **2.00-6.20am** Election 2024

BORDER As STV except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Border **6.00-6.30** ITV News Lookaround **8.30-9.00pm** **NEW** Tom Kerridge Cooks Britain

UTV As STV except: **1.55-2.00pm** UTV Live **6.00-6.30** UTV Live **8.30-9.00pm** UTV Live

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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am SSN Euro Report **7.00** Good Morning Euros. Latest reports. **10.00** SSN Euro Report **11.30** **LIVE DP World Tour Golf** The BMW International Open. Coverage of day one from the Golfclub Munchen Eichenried in Germany. **5.00pm** **LIVE Ladies European Tour Golf** Coverage of day two of the Aramco Team Series event from London's Centurion Club. **6.00** The F1 Show. The 2024 British Grand Prix **7.00** **LIVE Ladies European Tour Golf** Coverage of the action from day two of the Aramco Team Series event from London's Centurion Club. **7.30** **LIVE PGA Tour Golf** The John Deere Classic. Coverage of the early stages of day one of the tournament at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Illinois. Austrian Sepp Straka won this event last year with a score of 21-under-par, finishing two strokes ahead of American's Alex Smalley and Brendon Todd. Michael Kim holds the tournament record of 27-under-par after this event in 2018. **12.00m-t-6.00am** SSN Euro Report

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am Women's International One-Day Cricket **9.00** Best of ICC WT20 **9.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.00** ICC T20 World Cup 2021 **10.30** ICC 2016 World T20 Final **11.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **7.00pm** Secrets of Success **9.15** Pushing Boundaries: To The Hundred and Beyond **10.30** Dreams of a Nation **11.30** Women's International One-Day Cricket **2.30am** Best of ICC WT20 **3.00** Jimmy Anderson Masterclass Part 1 **3.25** Jimmy Anderson Masterclass Part 2 **3.50** Best of J Anderson: 500th Wicket **4.00-6.00am** Vitality T20 Blast Cricket

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL Cup Retro **8.00** 1983: When Aberdeen Ruled Europe **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Season Review **11.00** Best Goals: EFL Cup 2021-22 **11.30** EFL Trophy Football **12.00noon** Bundesliga Highlights Show **1.00** Women's Championship Show **1.30** SWPL **2.00** SPFL **2.30** EFL **5.30** EFL Greatest Games **6.00** Bundesliga Analysis **1.6.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **7.30** WSL **8.00** WSL **8.30** SPFL **9.00** EFL Play-off Final C'Ship **15/16** **10.00** EFL Play-off Final League 1 **15/16** **11.00** EFL Play-off Final League 2 **15/16** **12.00m-t** Craig Brown: My Scotland **12.30** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2023/24 **1.00** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2022/23 **1.30** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2021/22 **2.00** SPFL Highlights **4.15** SPFL Greatest Games **5.15** SPFL Highlights **5.30-6.00am** SPFL Greatest Games

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am Ultimate Pool **7.30** Badminton **9.30** Training Day. Peter Crouch and Joe Cole train at Premier League side Brentford. **10.00** World Championship of Legends Cricket **12.00noon** **LIVE** World Championship of Legends Cricket England v South Africa. Coverage of the match from Edgbaston. **4.00** **LIVE** World Championship of Legends Cricket West Indies v Pakistan. Coverage of the match from Edgbaston, Birmingham. **8.30** TNT Sports Cricket Reload: double bill **9.00** **LIVE** MLB Seattle Mariners v Baltimore Orioles (Start time 9.10pm). Coverage of the American League match from T-Mobile Park. **12.15am** Born Racers **1.30** UEFA Europa League **2.30** Women's Test Match Cricket **4.30-6.00am** TNT Sports Cricket Reload

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am Hockey **10.00** Between the Lines **10.30** AFL **2.30pm** Ultimate Pool. Action from the Ultimate Pool Pairs Cup Group 3 matches. **4.00** Premier League Stories **4.30** MLB Highlights **5.30** MLB: Off the Bat **6.00** **LIVE** MLB New York Yankees v Cincinnati Reds (Start time 6.05pm). From Yankee Stadium. **9.15** MotoGP Rewind **9.30** Born Racers **10.45** MotoE Highlights **11.15** TNT Sports Reload **11.30** Training Day. From Brentford. **12.00m-t** **LIVE** MLB Atlanta Braves v San Francisco Giants (Start time 12.20am). **3.15** MLB: Off the Bat **3.45** MLB Plays of the Week **4.15** Between the Lines **4.30** MotoGP Highlights **5.30-6.00am** Between the Lines

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am Tour de France - The Breakaway **6.30** Ultra Trail: World Tour **7.30** Tennis: Wimbledon **9.00** Olympic Games: Chasing Glory **10.00** Archery World Cup **10.30** Cycling: Tour de France **11.30** Tour de France - The Breakaway **12.00noon** **LIVE** Cycling: Tour de France Coverage of stage six, which features a trek of 163.5km from Macon to Dijon. **5.00** Mountain Biking **5.30** Powerboat Racing World Championship **6.00** Golden Trail World Series **7.00** SailGP **8.00** Cycling: Tour de France **9.00** Tour de France - The Breakaway **9.30** August 4th: An Olympic Odyssey **10.00** British Speedway **11.00** Cycling: Tour de France **12.00m-t** Tour de France - The Breakaway **12.30** Tennis: Wimbledon **2.00** Cycling: Tour de France **3.00** Tennis: Wimbledon - The Breakaway **3.30** Tennis: Wimbledon **5.00-6.00am** Cycling: Tour de France

Entertainment & 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** Vera **10.00** The Tower **11.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.55** The Royal **12.45-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am The Derby Through the Years **6.15** The Sweeney **7.20** Minder **8.20** Dempsey and Makepeace **9.20** Magnum, PI **10.20** Kojak **11.25** Made in Britain **11.55** BattleBots **1.00pm** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** **LIVE** Tour de France. Gary Imlach presents coverage of stage six, 163.5km from Macon to Dijon. **5.00** Great Racehorses **5.20** Mr Bean **5.55** BattleBots **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** **FILM** Octopussy (1983/PG) **★★★ 10.45** **FILM** Rocky (1976/12) **★★★★ 1.00am** The Sweeney **1.55** Auto Mundial **2.20** Motorsport Mundial **2.50-3.00am** 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** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **9.00** A&E After Dark **10.00** 999: Emergency Call Out **11.00** Ambulance: Code Red **12.00m-t** Skin A&E **1.00** It's Your Fault I'm Fat **2.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **2.50** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **3.35-4.00am** Home and Away

REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** The Bidding Room **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **5.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **10.00** Alex Polizzi: The Fixer **11.30** Ghost Bait **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 Outback Truckers **10.00** Traffic Cops **11.00** Police Interceptors **12.00noon** **FILM** Destry (1954/PG) **★★★ 2.05** **FILM** Gunfight at Comanche Creek (1964/U) **★★ 4.00** Outback Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** Trucking Heavy **10.00** Outback Truckers **11.00** Coastguard: Search & Rescue **SOS 12.00m-t** Police Interceptors **1.00** Fights, Camera, Action! **2.00** Trucking Hell **3.50-4.00am** Entertainment News on 5

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

8.00am The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: John Malkovich **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** The South Bank Show Originals **3.00** Dickens: Phantoms and Fictions **4.00** Discovering: Samuel L Jackson **5.00** The Joy of Painting

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.57am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James **11.00** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt and Mollie **3.00** Radio 1's Rap Anthems **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 **8.00** Radio 1's Rave-Up with Arielle Free **10.00** BBC Introducing Dance **11.00** Radio 1's Residency **1.00am** Radio 1 Dance Presents **2.00** Glastonbury 2024-Live Sets. Music and chat. **2.30** Glastonbury 2024-Live Sets **3.00** Chillout Anthems **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00-6.57am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Arielle Free

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Gaby Roslin Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay. Natasha Bedingfield chooses this week's Tracks of My Years. **12.00noon** Tina Daheley **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whalley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whalley **9.00** The Country Show with Bob Harris. A selection of fine tracks. **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Magnificent 7. Uplifting tunes. **10.30** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00m-t** Phil Williams **3.00** Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary **4.00-7.00am** Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast. Petroc Trelawny presents. **9.30** Essential Classics. Georgia Mann plays a selection of music.



Paul Whitehouse's Sketch Show Years

GOLD, 10pm The comedian (left) moves onto the 1980s, when some of sketch comedy's big names began to emerge, including Victoria Wood and Lenny Henry.

6.00 Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Battle of the Bagpipes **8.00** The Directors **9.00** Discovering **10.00** The Ghost of Richard Harris **12.20am** Comedy Legends **1.20** I Am Richard Pryor **3.15** Tales of the Unexpected **3.45** National Trust: National Treasures **5.00-6.00am** The Art of Architecture

GOLD

7.25am The Fosters **8.20** 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 **1.35** My Hero **2.15** Still Open All Hours **2.50** Dad's Army **3.30** Are You Being Served? **4.10** Last of the Summer Wine **5.30** Still Open All Hours **6.05** The Green Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Blackadder Goes Forth **8.40** Only Fools and Horses **9.15** The Young Ones **10.00** Paul Whitehouse's Sketch Show Years **10.35** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **11.20** The Lenny Henry Show **12.40am** Only Fools and Horses **1.20** The Young Ones **2.10** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **2.50-4.00am** The Lenny Henry Show

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Train Truckers **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Secret Nazi Bases **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** Secret Nazi Bases **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **8.00** Bangers & Cash **9.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **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 Doctor Blake Mysteries **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 **8.00** Father Brown **10.00** Death in Paradise. A scientist is found dead. **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.15** Murdoch Mysteries **3.10-4.00am** Why Women Kill

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

Radio

CHOICE

Ramblings Radio 4, 3pm

Clare Balding travels to Moyle Hill in County Donegal to meet adventurer and motivational speaker, Nikki Bradley. Diagnosed with a rare bone cancer at just 16 years of age, Nikki (now in her 30s) has defied expectations by living a very active life and climbing mountain peaks all over the world.

1.00pm Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Richard Strauss **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **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** In Our Time **9.45** NatureBang **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** This Cultural Life **11.45** Obsessed with the Quest **12.00noon** News **12.04** The Bottom Line **12.32** Sliced Bread **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Buried: The Last Witness **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Assisted. By Greg Wilkinson. **3.00** Ramblings **3.27** Radio 4 Appeal **3.30** Feedback **4.00** The Briefing Room **4.30** BBC Inside Science **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** Rhysearch **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Media Show **9.00** Loose Ends **9.45** Election 2024 **12.48am** Shipping Forecast

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 F1 **9.00** The Walking Dead: The Ones Who Live **10.00** A Discovery of Witches **11.00** The Walking Dead **12.00m-t** Last King of the Cross **1.00** Entourage **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00-5.00am** S.W.A.T

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am The Guest Wing **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** Band of Brothers. Easy Company overrun Hitler's Bavarian retreat. **11.30** Succession. Kendall plans his next move. **12.40am** Watchmen **1.45** The Deuce **2.55** Game of Thrones **4.05-6.00am** The Guest Wing

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** Blue Bloods **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 Rookie **10.00** The Good Doctor **11.00** Chicago Fire **12.00m-t** FBI: Most Wanted **1.00** Departure **2.00** The Force: North East **4.00-5.00am** Paramedics

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** American Auto **10.00** Sort Of **10.25** Veep **11.35** Ballers **12.45pm** Eastbound & Down **1.55** Veep **2.45** Vice Principals **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** Girls **10.15** Nikki Glaser: Good Clean Filth **11.30** Intelligence **12.30am** Sex and the City **2.00** Nikki Glaser: Someday You'll Die **3.15** Sort Of **3.45-5.00am** 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** Iron Resurrection **11.00** Wheeler Dealers: Dream Car **1.00pm** Railroad Alaska **3.00** America's Backyard Gold **4.00** Flying Wild Alaska **5.00** Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch **6.00** Iron Resurrection **7.00** Kindig Customs **8.00** Garage Squad **9.00** August 4th: An Olympic Odyssey **10.30** Naked and Afraid XL **12.30am** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.30** August 4th: An Olympic Odyssey **3.00-5.00am** Naked and Afraid XL

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** Europe from Above **9.00** **NEW** Wicked Tuna **10.00** Alaska: The Next Generation **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m-t** Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted **1.00** Airport Security: Peru **2.00** Lords of War **2.30** Bid & Destroy **3.20** Food Factory **4.10-5.00am** Secrets of the Zoo

Movies

FILM4

11.00am Nothing But the Best (1964/PG) Black comedy, starring Alan Bates. **★★★**
1.05pm Time Lock (1957/PG) Thriller, starring Robert Beatty and Betty McDowell. **★★**
2.35 Comanche Station (1960/PG) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **★★★★**
4.10 Hell Is a City (1960/PG) Thriller, starring Stanley Baker and John Crawford. **★★★**
6.05 Clear and Present Danger (1994/12) Action thriller, with Harrison Ford. **★★★★**
9.00 Inglourious Basterds (2009/18) Quentin Tarantino's wartime adventure, with Brad Pitt and Christoph Waltz. **★★★★★**
12.10am Zola (2021/18) Crime comedy drama, starring Taylour Paige. **★★★★**
1.55-4.00am Heatwave (2022/15) Thriller, with Kat Graham and Merritt Patterson. **★★★**

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.50am The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, starring Michael Caine. **★★★★**
8.35 Drift (2023/15) See 6.20pm. **★★★**
10.20 The Shamrock Spitfire (2024/12) Biographical drama about Irish fighter pilot Brendan 'Paddy' Finucane, starring Shane O'Regan and Ryan O'Grady. **★★★**
12.20pm LaRoy, Texas (2023/15) See 8.00pm for details. **★★★**
2.20 A Sacrifice (2024) See 10.00pm. **★★★**
4.20 Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. **★★★**
6.20 Drift (2023/15) Drama, starring Cynthia Erivo and Alia Shawkat. **★★★**
8.00 LaRoy, Texas (2023/15) A suicidal man is mistaken for a low-rent hitman by a stranger. Comedy crime caper, starring Steve Zahn and John Magaro. **★★★**
10.00 A Sacrifice (2024) Drama, starring Eric Bana and Sylvia Hoeks. **★★★**
12.00m-t American Star (2024/15) Thriller, with Ian McShane and Nora Arnezeder. **★★★**
1.50am Am I OK? (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson. **★★★**
3.30 Ruthless (2023/15) Action thriller, starring Dermot Mulrooney and Jeff Fahey. **★★★★**
5.10-7.10am American Star (2024/15) See 12.00m-t for details. **★★★**

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

5.35pm Far and Away (1992/15) Drama, with Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. **★★★★**
8.00 Jerry Maguire (1996/15) Cameron Crowe's romantic comedy drama, with Tom Cruise and Renee Zellweger. **★★★★★**
10.25 Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004/15) Surreal romantic drama, with Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet. **★★★★★**
12.20am Old Henry (2021/15) Western, with Tim Blake Nelson and Scott Haze. **★★★★**
2.10 The Colour Room (2021/PG) Drama, with Phoebe Dynevor and Matthew Goode. **★★★**
4.15-6.05am Golda (2023/12) Biopic drama, with Helen Mirren and Zed Josef. **★★★**

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm The Flintstones (1994/U) Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman and Rick Moranis. **★★**
5.45 The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000/PG) Family comedy prequel, starring Mark Addy and Stephen Baldwin. **★★★**
7.30 Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (2022/PG) Musical comedy, starring Javier Bardem. **★★★★**
9.30 Ella Enchanted (2004/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Anne Hathaway. **★★★**
11.25 The Little Rascals (1994/U) Children's comedy, starring Travis Tedford. **★★★★**
1.05am Hotel for Dogs (2009/U) Comedy drama, starring Emma Roberts. **★★★**
3.00 A Tiger's Journey (2022/PG) Drama, with Sunny Pawar and Claudia Gerini. **★★★★**
4.50-6.50am Blueback (2022/PG) Drama, with Mia Wasikowska and Eric Bana. **★★★**

TALKING PICTURES TV

5.35-7.10pm Miranda (1948/U) Comedy, with Glynis Johns and Googie Withers. **★★★**
10.05 Yield to the Night (1956/15) A condemned murderess looks back on the chain of events which led her to kill her lover's mistress. Drama, starring Diana Dors. **★★★**
12.05am Ransom (1975/PG) Drama, with Sean Connery and Ian McShane. **★★**
1.55 Cisco Pike (1971/15) Crime drama, with Kris Kristofferson and Karen Black. **★★★**
3.45-5.30am Beal Girl (1960/12) Drama, starring Gillian Hills and David Farrar. **★★**

GREAT! MOVIES

5.00pm Garage Sale Mystery: The Deadly Room (2015/PG) Mystery drama, starring Lori Loughlin and Sarah Strange. **★★**
7.05 Garage Sale Mystery: The Wedding Dress (2015/PG) Crime drama, starring Lori Loughlin and Cheryl Ladd. **★★★**
9.00 Kill Bill: Volume 2 (2004/18) Assassin the Bride continues her quest to exact revenge. Tarantino's thriller sequel, starring Uma Thurman and David Carradine. **★★★★★**
11.50pm Godzilla (1998/PG) Monster adventure remake, starring Matthew Broderick and

FINANCE

Slow growth on road to election

SERVICE SECTOR'S CAUTION HITS SALES

A PRE-ELECTION "seize-up" saw growth in Britain's service sector slow last month, a survey revealed.

Companies have adopted a "wait-and-see" approach before placing orders and committing to new projects, according to a report from S&P Global.

Its Purchasing Managers' Index measures activity in the service sector, covering everything from banking and restaurants to telecoms and transport, and makes up a big chunk of the economy.

The score of 52.1 for June showed the sector was still growing but slowed from 52.9 in May. Joe Hayes, economist at S&P



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Global Market Intelligence, said: "We are seeing some evidence of a pre-general election seize-up across the UK services economy, with growth in business activity slowing to a seven-month low in June. The prospect of a change in government led to the adoption of a "wait-and-see" approach by some, restraining sales."

The reading, he said, suggested the economy as a whole was likely to have kept growing in the three months to June, though "less punchy" than the 0.7 per cent in the first quarter.

Rob Wood, chief UK economist at research consultancy Pantheon Macroeconomics, said the reading supports the case for a Bank of England rate cut in August.

IT'S A FAIRE OFFERING

EXCLUSIVE

A US online marketplace is helping bankroll a wave of small shops in the UK.

Faire, which connects independent retailers with smaller brands, is expanding a scheme providing retailers up to £20,000 credit to stock their shelves ahead of opening. There's also a contest to give two winners a £5000 grant each. San Francisco-based Faire, valued at £10billion, says offering credit with no added interest helps fill the gap left by banks.

Faire president Lauren Cooks Levitan said: "It's difficult to find traditional forms of financing unless you have an established business."

The Open with Faire initiative has provided £78million in inventory credit globally since 2021.



Mega-rich Amazon tycoon Jeff Bezos is flogging nearly £4billion worth of shares in the online giant. The latest sale will take the amount of Amazon stock he has offloaded this year to more than £10billion.

Bezos, one of the world's richest people, stepped down as Amazon chief executive in 2021 but remains executive chairman. Filings prior to the new sale show that Bezos owned a near £150billion stake in Amazon.



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Touch and feel is all very well but animals do take you by surprise

DECADES of vetting teaches you stuff. I can, for example, feel your cat's abdomen and tell you how full his bladder is.



BY NEIL McINTOSH

I can also give you a fair idea when next he might need a number two while my fingers inform me if he is constipated.

I can assess the size of his kidneys.

I can palpate an enlarged liver, or a spleen that contains a tumour.

Indeed, it seems, at times, that there are no limits to my talents.

The tips of my fingers are sensitive enough to appreciate heat in a sore joint.

They can detect the faintest of swellings in a damaged knee and they can differentiate a weak pulse from a strong one.

My cupped hand can measure a fatty growth and I'll be able to tell you, three months down the line, if it has grown.

And there's more. My eyes can notice the little signs that indicate an animal is in pain. They home in on changes in

shape of body parts. My ears are tuned into the sounds that burst from a stethoscope.

Heartbeats excite me. The wheezes that puff from an asthmatic lung invigorate me.

The crackles and pops of emphysema are as familiar to me as my name.

But, I am not a magician. I have no magic wand. I cannot predict the future. I have no crystal ball.

And this leads to problems nearly every day.

Because, despite my very best efforts, just like every other vet, everywhere, I cannot get it right all the time.

Ebony and Thor are prime examples.

Both are German shepherds. Both arrived at the surgery one morning with a history of vomiting. Neither had diarrhoea. The most likely

diagnosis was gastritis; inflammation of the stomach lining, perhaps caused by eating something obnoxious.

Ebony, however, had vomited repeatedly since the night before while Thor had only been sick twice.

And Ebony had a palpable mass in her abdomen that could have been a foreign body. And so she was admitted for X-ray and Thor was sent home with basic (and relatively inexpensive) treatment.

And then, the unexpected. Ebony's "mass" turned out to be a ball of hard faeces.

She didn't vomit again and recovered uneventfully. Thor, on the other hand, deteriorated and required surgery the next day to remove a piece of sponge from his stomach.

Ebony's owner complained about the unnecessary cost of the X-ray and, yes, Thor's owners complained that I hadn't X-rayed him in the first place.

Oh, for that crystal ball.



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GOING: Good to Firm. COURSE: Left-handed oval track of 1m 7f, straight mile joins the main circuit just under 5f from home.

6.10 FOUNDATION APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5)

Race 6.10 details: Winner £5,757 (10 run), 5f 34yds. List of horses and jockeys.

6.45 EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2-Y-0)

Race 6.45 details: Winner £6,480 (9 run), 6f. List of horses and jockeys.

7.20 TIE THE KNOT AT UFTON COURT NOVICE STAKES (4) (2-Y-0) Winner £6,480 (10 run)

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8.10 TRY UNIBET'S IMPROVED BET BUILDER HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-0) Winner £4,187 (12 run)

Race 8.10 details: Winner £4,187 (12 run). List of horses and jockeys.

8.45 UNIBET MORE EXTRA PLACE RACES HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,187 (12 run)

Race 8.45 details: Winner £4,187 (12 run). List of horses and jockeys.

9.00 BILLINGTON FOUNDATION SUPPORTED BY VERY LAZY HANDICAP (STR) (5) (3-Y-0) Winner £5,757 (10 run)

Race 9.00 details: Winner £5,757 (10 run). List of horses and jockeys.

7.55 BILLINGTON FOODS SUPPORTS THE BILLINGTON FOUNDATION HANDICAP (4) Winner £7,328 (8 run)

Race 7.55 details: Winner £7,328 (8 run). List of horses and jockeys.

8.25 FUTURE BOUND AT THE BILLINGTON FOUNDATION HANDICAP (5) Winner £5,757 (12 run)

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5.15 UNIBET ZERO% MISSION EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) (2-Y-0) Winner £3,672 (6 run)

Race 5.15 details: Winner £3,672 (6 run). List of horses and jockeys.

5.50 FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (DIV 1) (5) Winner £3,780 (10 run)

Race 5.50 details: Winner £3,780 (10 run). List of horses and jockeys.

6.25 FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (DIV 2) (5) Winner £3,780 (9 run)

Race 6.25 details: Winner £3,780 (9 run). List of horses and jockeys.

7.00 UNIBET SUPER SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP (4) Winner £5,757 (12 run)

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GOING: Good to Slow. COURSE: Right-handed Polytrack all-weather course. 1m round with tight turns and a 3f run-in.

7.35 UNIBET ZERO% MISSION HANDICAP (3) Winner £7,731 (11 run)

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BATH Going: Firm

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6.20: 1, GISELLES DEFENCE (J Leavy) evens Fav; 2, Mrembo 5-1; 3, OJ Lifestyle 5-1. 7. r. 61/2, 11/4, (I Williams) 5-1. Total: Win £2.00; Pl £1.20, £2.10. Exacta: £5.80. Trifecta: £18.60. CSF: £5.81.

6.50: 1, HOT CASH (D Probert) 9-2; 2, Sir Peter Fossick 7-2; 3, Jack Andrea 10-1. Also: 9-4 Fav Bracklesham Bay, 7 r. 1/2, 51/2, (J Channon). Total: Win £5.50; Pl £2.30, £2.00. Exacta: £16.50. Trifecta: £85.10. CSF: £19.60.

7.25: 1, GET IT (P Cosgrave) 11-4; 2, Mr Wagyu 85-40 Fav; 3, Princess Shabnam 8-1. 6 r. 1/4, 11/4, (G Baker). Total: Win £3.75; Pl £1.70, £1.50. Exacta: £9.50. Trifecta: £35.10. CSF: £8.77.

8.00: 1, INCREMENTAL (O Murphy) 13-2; 2, Haliphon 10-1; 3, Wahaan 7-2. Also: 3-1 Fav Atlantic Convo, 8 r. 3/1, 21, (M Bell). Total: Win £7.50; Pl £2.30, £2.10, £1.60. Exacta: £72.60. Trifecta: £264.49. Trifecta: £330.30. CSF: £68.92.

8.30: 1, MARTIN SPIRIT (J Hart) 33-1; 2, Fighting Poet 33-1; 3, Angel On High 7-1. Also: 3-1 Fav Standbackandlook, 14 r. nk, 31/4, (A West). Total: Win £43.00; Pl £8.00, £10.90, £2.20. Exacta: £837.60. Trifecta: £7131.25. Trifecta: £3670.40. CSF: £776.72. NR: Robert Walpole, Robert Wal-

6.20: 1, LITTLE BOY BLUE (R Havlin) 28-1; 2, Tropez Power 11-2; 3, Mister Bluebird 7-2 Fav. 10 r. nk, 3/4, (W G M Turner). Total: Win £32.20; Pl £6.90, £2.10, £1.80. Exacta: £198.90. Trifecta: £704.78. Trifecta: £1070.60. CSF: £176.54.

6.50: 1, JAMIE'S CHOICE (Dale Swift) 7-2; 2, Golden Prosperity 6-1; 3, Embra 10-1. Also: 9-4 Fav Cuban Rock, 6 r. nk, 1/2, nk, (T Waggett). Total: Win £4.50; Pl £2.20, £2.80. Exacta: £22.30. Trifecta: £104.50. CSF: £22.70. NR: Essencial, Sound Of Iona.

7.00: 1, ALPHA MAGIC (G Garrity) 40-1; 2, American Style evens Fav; 3, Bella Love 13-2. 14 r. nk, 1/2, (M & D Easterby). Total: Win £41.00; Pl £9.20, £1.10, £1.80. Exacta: £145.00. Trifecta: £1025.50. CSF: £80.61.

7.25: 1, THE CRAFTY MOLE (D Tudhope) 2-5 Fav; 2, Believitanducan 11-2; 3, Elforleather 11-1. 6 r. nk, 31/2, (D O'Meara). Total: Win £1.40; Pl £1.10, £1.60. Exacta: £3.20. Trifecta: £10.30. CSF: £2.86. NR: Nancy P.

7.50: 1, THUNDER RUN (D Tudhope) 5-4; 2, The Reverend 10-11 Fav; 3, Appeal To Glory 50-1. 8 r. nk, 41/4, 51/2, (K R Burke). Total: Win £2.13; Pl £1.10, £1.10, £5.60. Exacta: £2.00. Trifecta: £16.20. CSF: £2.29. NR: Urban

6.20: 1, LANGHOLM (C Beasley) 11-2; 2, Bits And Bobs 14-1; 3, Savvy Warrior 13-8 Fav. 8 r. 21/4, 11/4, (M Dods). Total: Win £6.50; Pl £1.80, £3.60, £1.30. Exacta: £75.30. Trifecta: £181.18. Trifecta: £272.60. CSF: £76.94. NR: My Honey B.

6.50: 1, PETRA CELERA (D Tudhope) 16-1; 2, Paton-theback 5-1; 3, Sunny Oracle 7-1. Also: 5-2 Fav Arnaz, 8 r. nk, 13/4, (R Fell & S Murray). Total: Win £17.20; Pl £4.40, £1.70, £1.90. Exacta: £109.90. Trifecta: £617.19. Trifecta: £484.70. CSF: £90.84. NR: One More Dream.

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7.25: 1, GARIFULLINA (S B Kirrane) 13-2; 2, Calafrio 10-3 Fav; 3, Holbach 12-1. 11 r. nk, 1/2, (J Davies). Total: Win £7.50; Pl £1.90, £1.80, £4.00. Exacta: £38.00. Trifecta: £221.55. Trifecta: £418.90. CSF: £28.63.

7.50: 1, TANTALUS (Joanna Mason) 13-2; 2, Northern Prince 9-2; 3, Parson's Meadow 11-1. Also: 4-1 Fav Arnaz, 11 r. nk, nk, (B Haslam). Total: Win £7.20; Pl £2.40, £1.60, £3.70. Exacta: £25.10. Trifecta: £326.76. Trifecta: £473.50. CSF: £36.02.

8.00: 1, BLUE HERO (F Marsh) 5-4 Fav; 2, A Poet's Secret 11-1; 3, Checkmout 5-1. 7 r. nk, 21/4, (A Wintle).

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3.10	MISS HATHAWAY	DEFINITIVE
3.40	ALBERT CEE	GRANT WOOD (NAP)
4.10	SIR PAUL RAMSEY	SIR PAUL RAMSEY
4.45	KODE SECRET	ARKHALIA FLYNN

2.10 YALE FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,187 (5 run) 1m 3f 140yds

1	(4)	333-11	QUIETNESS	(23) M Tregoning 4 9-9	Rossa Ryan	75
2	(3)	785-4	ARCTIC FOX	M Todhunter 8 9-7 (CD)	Mark Winn	(3) 75
3	(5)	43125-	DANCE TIME	(225) D Loughnane 4 9-1 (BFD)		
Laura Pearson 67						
4	(1)	208-7	SWITCHEL	(23) (H) H Morrison 4 9-1	J Hart	67
5	(2)	45-957	READY TO SHINE	(P) J Camacho 5 8-11 (D)	Ryan Sexton	63

2023: TYPICAL WOMAN 4 9-1, William Buick 6-4 Fav (I Williams), drawn (8), 10 ran. QUIETNESS 5-2lav (9-10, Osin Murphy) Soon led, ridden 2f out, driven all out, won at Salisbury 1m 2f hcap (4) of in Jun beating Athanar (9-3) by shd, 10 ran 2m 08.81s. ARCTIC FOX 25-1 (9-6, William Maggs) In rear, pushed along 2f out, ridden and headway over 1f, kept on same pace, 4th of 7, 13l behind Turner Girl (9-4) at Doncaster 1m 2f hcp (0-75) (5) sft in Apr 3m 59.99s. DANCE TIME 4-1lav (9-7, Laura Pearson) Chased leader out wide, went 2nd approaching halfway, led 5f out, ridden and headed turning in weakened and eased inside final furlong, 5th of 11, 11h behind God Of Thunder (10-0) at Wolverhampton 1m 4f hcp 0-70 (5) in Nov 2m 38.98s. SWITCHEL 50-1 (9-7, Rob Hornby) Towards rear, pushed along over 2f out, never nearer, 7th of 10, 5l behind Quietness (9-10) at Salisbury 1m 2f hcap (4) of in Jun 2m 08.81s. READY TO SHINE 25-1 (9-12, Tom Midgley) Led, ridden and headed 2f out, weakened final furlong, last of 7, 12l behind Polar Princess (9-9) at Newcastle 1m 4f hcp 0-68 (5) in Feb 4m 07.30s.

2.40 HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,187 (8 run) 5f

1	(6)	079-00	THE RIDLER	(19) R Fahey 4 10-4 (D ²)	Ethan Tindall	(5) 77
2	(1)	327-42	NOGO'S DREAM	(33) (P) R Hughes 4 10-0 (D)		
Ethan Jones 73						
3	(4)	4767-1	SECRET MISTRAL	(28) A Carroll 4 9-13 (CD)		
Jack Doughty 72						
4	(2)	2433	FAHRENHEIT SEVEN	(11) M Usher 3 9-11		
Tom Kiely-Marshall (3) 75						
5	(3)	941-24	DASHING HARRY	(61) (T) C Cox 3 9-10 (D)	O Timms	(5) 74
6	(8)	269793	LEVEL UP	(24) P Evans 5 9-8 (D ²)	Alexandra McDonnell	(5) 67
7	(5)	2331-5	ONEFORSURE	(23) P Midgley 4 9-8	Archie Young	67
8	(7)	5810-4	LOCO LOBO	(68) (H) L Williamson 6 8-11 (CD)		
Isobelle Chalmers (7) 53						

BETTING: 11-4 Secret Mistral, 10-3 Nogo's Dream, 5 Fahrentheit Seven, 11-2 Dashing Harry, 7 Onefourse, 8 Level Up, 16 The Ridler, Loco Lobo.

2023: REFUGE 6 9 11, Lewis Chalkley(7) 15-2 (M & D Easterly), drawn (3), 8 ran. THE RIDLER 28-1 (9-13, O J Orr) Soon led, pushed along and headed over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 19th of 20, 22l behind Holkham Bay (9-9) at York 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gs in Jun 1m 14.90s. NOGO'S DREAM 13-2 (8-13, Taryn Langley) Keen led, headed 4f out, ridden to lead again over 1f out, pressed inside final furlong, headed towards finish, 2nd of 9, nk behind Regal Envoy (9-9) at Lingfield 6f app hcp (5) of in Jun 1m 10.61s. SECRET MISTRAL 16-1 (8-3, Jack Doughty) Raced in centre, made all, ridden over 1f out, clear when edged left inside final furlong, unchallenged, won at Haydock 5f hcap (4) gd in Jun beating Thunder Star (9-9) by 2, 13 ran 1m 00.50s. FAHRENHEIT SEVEN 16-1 (9-6, Tyler Heard) Held up towards rear, headway 2f out, went 3rd inside final furlong, soon lost left cheekpiece, kept on, no impression on front pair, 3rd of 9, 2 1/4l behind Sarah's Verse (9-13) at Ffos Las 4f hcp 0-75 (5) gs in Jun 1m 09.36s. DASHING HARRY 5-2 (9-4, J P Fahy) In touch in rear, ridden 2f out, no impression entering final furlong, weakened inside final furlong, last of 4, 8l behind No Hall Measures (9-11) at Goodwood 5f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) sft in May 59.62s. LEVEL UP 25-1 (8-13, Alexandra McDonnell) Led, shaken up 2f out, every chance when jockey dropped whip over 1f out, ran on under hands and heels inside final furlong, 3rd of 10, 1/2l behind On Edge (9-11) at Windsor 5f app hcp (5) of in Jun 59.42s. ONEFORSURE 4-1 (9-13, D Nolan) Led 1f, tracked leader, ridden and every chance over 1f out, no extra towards finish, 5th of 9, 4 1/2l behind Daytona Lady (9-7) at Wetherby 5f hcp (5) of in Jun 1m 06.99s. LOCO LOBO 50-1 (8-2, Alexandra McDonnell) Keen pressed leader, led 4f out, ridden and headed over 1f out, kept on same pace, 4th of 12, 4 1/2l behind Tribly (9-8) at Haydock 6f hcp 0-70 (5) sft in Apr 1m 19.78s.

3.10 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE) (3) (2-Y-O) Winner £5,400 (9 run) 6f

1	(4)	BROWN GOLD	J Norton 9-2	Ross Ryan	(3) —
2	(1)	DEFINITIVE	C Cox 9-2	Mark Winn	(3) —
3	(3)	ECOLOGO	Olle Sangster 9-2	H Doyle	(4) —
4	(8)	FLASHY DARK ANGEL	K Ryan 9-2	T Eaves	(5) —
5	(5)	07 I CAN BOOZY	(12) N Tinkler 9-2	F McManoman	(6) —
6	(9)	LASTCHANCEOOLON	R Fahey 9-2	J Garrity	(2) —
7	(2)	442 MISS HATHAWAY	(18) T Easterly 9-2	D Fentiman	76
8	(7)	66 NAD ALSHIBA GREEN	(37) M Appleby 9-2	J Hart	—
9	(6)	3 RAISON D'ETRE	(20) E J-Houghton 9-2	Georgia Dobie	(3) —

BETTING: 3 Miss Hathaway, 72 Raison D'etre, 5 Flashy Dark Angel, 11-2 Definitive, Lastchanceoolon, 15-2 Ecologo, 12 Nad Alshiba Green, 25 I Can Boozy, 66 Brown Gold.

2023: ELINOR DASHWOOD 9-2, Tom Eaves 12-1 (K Ryan), drawn (8), 11 ran. BROWN GOLD Ardad filly out of Sancreo. DEFINITIVE Dark Angel filly out of Atlantic Drift. ECOLOGO Earlight filly out of Ventura Mist. FLASHY DARK ANGEL Dark Angel filly out of Nibras Spirit. I CAN BOOZY 100-1 (8-13, Faye McManoman) Mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, no impression, 7th of 9, 5l behind Eighteen Fourteen (9-4) at Redcar 6f 2yo nov stks (5) of in Jun 1m 11.7s. LASTCHANCEOOLON Zoustar filly out of Here's Two. MISS HATHAWAY 16-1 (9-2, D Allan) Went left start, raced near side rail, prominent, ridden hung left and ran on inside final furlong, not reach winner, 2nd of 13, hd behind Alice Fairfax (9-2) at Thirkst 6f 2yo fil nov stks (4) gs in Jun 1m 11.1s. NAD ALSHIBA GREEN 11-1 (9-2, Tom Marquand) Led, pushed along 2f out, ridden and headed entering final furlong, soon weakened, 6th of 9, 9l behind Santa Savana (9-2) at Leicester 6f 2yo mdn (4) gs in May 1m 15.47s. RAISON D'ETRE 14-1 (9-2, Georgia Dobie) Held up behind leaders, pushed along 3f out, ridden over 1f out, stayed on, went 3rd well inside final furlong, 3rd of 7, 3 1/2l behind Havana Gila (9-0) at York 5f 2yo fil nov stks (2) gs in Jun 1m 01.29s.

3.40 SUPALITE GROUP HANDICAP (4) Winner £6,281 (13 run) 6f

1	(12)	03-067	RAATEA	(28) (V) J Camacho 7 9-11 (CD)	Ryan Sexton	87
2	(5)	2271-7	ALBERT CEE	(17) James Owen 4 9-9 (D ²)	S D Bowen	(5) 85
3	(1)	-63113	TRILBY	(19) (P) J Channon 4 9-8 (BFD ²)	C Rodriguez	84
4	(2)	080-20	LUCKY MAN	(19) (P) R Spencer 5 9-8 (D ²)	G Wood	84
5	(13)	74-901	HYPERFOCUS	(19) (P) T Easterly 10 9-8 (CD ²)		
S B Kirrane 84						
6	(9)	106801	GRANT WOOD	(27) P Midgley 5 9-5 (CD)	J Hart	81
7	(7)	-12009	KING'S VANITY	(17) A Bauldane 4 9-8 (BF)	C Lee	80
8	(3)	4413-3	KIT GABRIEL	(246) (P) D Loughnane 5 9-3 (D ²)		
Rossa Ryan 79						
9	(4)	1-7430	SERGEANT PEP	(29) C Cox 4 9-2 (D ²)	D Costello	78
10	(6)	693-80	EQUIANO SPRINGS	(19) T Tate 10 9-1 (D ²)	T Eaves	77
11	(11)	151066	TRILBY	(19) S England 4 8-11 (CD)	S Gray	77
12	(10)	70-308	ALCAZAN	(17) R Teal 6 8-9 (D ²)	H Doyle	71
13	(8)	38490-	TOUSSAROK	(310) A Carroll 6 8-8 (D ²)	A Mullen	70

BETTING: 9-2 Albert Cee, 5 Tiriac, 6 Trilby, Grant Wood, 8 Hyperfocus, 10 Raatea, Lucky Man, King's Vanity, 12 Others.

2023: SIGNIFICANTLY 5 9 11, Graham Lee 4-1 Fav (J Camacho), drawn (7), 10 ran.

GOING: Good to Soft-Good in places. COURSE: Left-handed oval track of 1m 5f with a 4f straight. The 5f & 6f races are run on the straight. DRAW: A high draw is a big advantage, especially on soft. TOP TRAINERS: Richard Hannon 26-178 (14.6%), Tim East-erby 22-299 (7.4%), Charlie Appleby 20-61 (32.8%), Kevin Ryan 19-105 (11.5%), Clive Cox 17-87 (19.5%). TOP JOCKEYS: Jason Hart 12-96 (12.5%), Callum Rodriguez 12-66 (18.2%), Rossa Ryan 11-92 (12.0%), Clifford Lee 10-129 (7.8%), Tom Eaves 8-91 (8.8%), Jack Garrity 6-37 (16.2%).

RAATEA 16-1 (9-10, Ryan Sexton) Towards rear, pushed along and some headway approaching final furlong, never nearer, 7th of 11, 5l behind Manita Scuse (9-4) at Hamilton 6f hcp 105 (2) gd in Jun 1m 09.84s. ALBERT CEE 6-1 (9-4, S D Bowen) Close 3rd, went 2nd over 1f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, soon clear, ran on well, won at Chepstow 6f hcp 0-75 (5) gs in Jun beating Howzag (8-7) by 5l, 8 ran 1m 10.99s. TIRIAC 10-3fav (10-0, Callum Rodriguez) Midfield, pushed along and headway over 1f out, ridden and stayed on to go 3rd towards finish, 3rd of 20, 1 1/4l behind Holkham Bay (9-9) at York 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gs in Jun 1m 14.90s. LUCKY MAN 9-1 (10-2, Jason Hart) In touch, ridden and headway over 1f out, weakened final furlong, 13th of 20, 11h behind Holkham Bay (9-9) at York 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gs in Jun 1m 14.90s. HYPERFOCUS 33-1 (9-7, Sean Kirrane) Started quickly, made all, ridden and faced challenge over 1f out, kept on well inside final furlong, always doing enough, won at Chester 6f hcp 0-85 (4) hvy in Jun beating Mythical Phoenix (9-8) by nk, 10 ran 1m 20.66s. GRANT WOOD 3-1fav (9-11, Osin Murphy) In touch, headway over 1f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, ran on, won at Haydock 6f hcp 0-75 (5) of in Jun beating Tremblant (9-9) by 1 1/2l, 10 ran 1m 12.05s. KING'S VANITY 11-2fav (9-1, Osin Murphy) Held up off the pace in last pair, gave headway out wide and pushed along over 2f out, soon beaten, 9th of 14, 6l behind Get It (9-7) at Windsor 6f hcp 0-90 (3) of in Jun 1m 09.56s. KIT GABRIEL 13-2 (9-6, Laura Pearson) Slowly into stride, held up off the pace towards rear, headway and ran on inside final furlong, never any chance with leading duo, 3rd of 10, 6l behind Cove Up (9-3) at Lingfield 6f hcp (4) pol in Nov 1m 09.90s. SERGEANT PEP 9-1 (9-2, Oliver Timms) Mid-division, ridden and struggling over 1f out, well beaten over 1f out, 12th of 13, 8l behind Abbey Heights (9-4) at Nottingham 6f hcp 0-80 (4) of in Jun 1m 13.74s. EQUIANO SPRINGS 40-1 (9-11, P Mulrennan) Always towards rear, 17th of 20, 18l behind Holkham Bay (9-9) at York 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gs in Jun 1m 14.90s. TRILBY 10-1 (9-5, S A Gray) Keen midfield, pushed along and headway approaching final furlong, kept on same pace, 6th of 20, 5l behind Holkham Bay (9-9) at York 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gs in Jun 1m 14.90s. ALCAZAN 25-1 (8-6, K T O'Neill) Quickly away, led against near side rail, ridden and headed over 1f out, soon lost 2nd, hung left and weakened inside final furlong, 8th of 14, 5l behind Get It (9-7) at Windsor 6f hcp 0-90 (3) of in Jun 1m 09.56s. TOUSSAROK 20-1 (9-2, Billy Garrity) Awkward and slowly away, towards rear, ridden over 2f out, never on terms, last of 10, 12l behind Twelfth Night (9-12) at Ripon 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Aug 1m 12.29s.

4.10 ODL QUEEN OF THE NORTH EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (3) (2-Y-O) Winner £5,400 (10 run) 6f 212yds

1	(9)	51 CAVALLO BAY	(14) (P) C Appleby 9-10 (D)	D Costello	2
2	(3)	7 BERKSHIRE SMUDGE	(46) A Balding 9-4	C Lee	2
3	(2)	70 CLAIM TO GLORY	(8) H Palmer 9-4	G Wood	2
4	(10)	IT'SNEVERJUSTONE	D Loughnane 9-4	Laura Pearson	5
5	(1)	33 JORGE ALVARES	(37) K Ryan 9-4	T Eaves	6
6	(8)	OLYMPUS POINT	C Appleby 9-4	Rossa Ryan	6
7	(4)	4 SEAGOLAZO	(14) H Palmer 9-4	J Hart	8
8	(7)	3 SIR PAUL RAMSEY	(18) C Johnston 9-4	A Mullen	9
9	(6)	TAWASH R	Hannon 9-4	S Hitchcock	10
10	(5)	TOBY'S TIME	(H) M Loughnane 9-4	F Marsh	10

BETTING: 7-2 Cavallo Bay, 4 Olympus Point, Sir Paul Ramsey, 9-2 Jorge Alvares, 8 Seagolazo, Berkshire Smudge, 10 Tawash, 20 It'sneverjustone, 50 Others.

2023: MURASHAH 9-7, Jim Crowley 6-1 (C Hills), drawn (9), 8 ran. CAVALLO BAY 5-4fav (9-7, D C Costello) Dwelt start, soon in touch, ridden and headway over 2f out, ran on well to lead inside final furlong, won at Wolverhampton 7f nov stks (5) in Jun beating Bredaway (9-7) by 1 1/2l, 7 ran 1m 29.49s. BERKSHIRE SMUDGE 10-1 (9-7, Tom Marquand) Led on near side rail, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and headed over 1f out, weakened final furlong, 7th of 8, 6l behind Ancient Truth (9-7) at Newmarket 6f 2yo nov stks (4) of in May 1m 12.40s. CLAIM TO GLORY 40-1 (9-7, Harry Davies) Towards rear, pushed along halfway, never on terms, 12th of 14, 21l behind Tilted Kat (9-7) at Kempton 7f 2yo mdn stks (4) pol in Jun 1m 28.92s. IT'SNEVERJUSTONE Massaot colt out of Nigella. JORGE ALVARES 11-2 (9-7, T Eaves) Prominent, pushed along and slightly outpaced over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, stayed on inside final furlong, 3rd of 9, 3l behind Santa Savana (9-2) at Leicester 6f 2yo mdn (4) gs in May 1m 15.47s. OLYMPUS POINT Earlight colt out of Scarlett Rose. SEAGOLAZO 9-2 (9-4, Callum Hutchinson) Reluctant loading, slowly into stride, ran green in last pair, shaken up and headway out wide over 1f out, stayed on towards finish, 4th of 9, 5l behind Spirit Of Leross (9-7) at Lingfield 6f 2yo nov stks (5) gd in Jun 1m 10.29s. SIR PAUL RAMSEY 14-1 (9-7, Hector Crouch) Chased leaders, pushed along and pressed front pair well over 1f out, every chance 1f out, ridden inside last, held closing stages, 3rd of 9, 1 3/4l behind Wolf Of Badenoch (9-7) at Doncaster 7f 2yo mdn (5) gs in Jun 1m 29.90s. TAWASH Kodiac colt out of Deise Blue. TOBY'S TIME Coulsly colt out of Sharp Applause.

4.45 EUROCELL 'GROW WITH US' HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £4,187 (11 run) 6f 212yds

1	(3)	23231	MOSTAR DREAMS	(17) J Jardine 9-11 (D)	A Mullen	72
2	(5)	2471-4	PROJECT GEOFIN	(40) G Oldroyd 9-10	H Russell	71
3	(2)	5-52	ARKHALIA FLYNN	(21) (H) J Channon 9-10	G Bass	(3) 70
4	(11)	-23112	MERESIDE MADNESS	(12) D & N Barron 9-9 (D ²)		
Doubtful 70						
5	(1)	21	SMOULDERING	(43) C Cox 9-8 (D)	Rossa Ryan	69
6	(6)	5-09	MUDHAFER	(33) R Fahey 9-7	J Garrity	68
7	(9)	0-5211	KODE SECRET	(13) (T) T Easterly 9-3 (D ²)	D Fentiman	64
8	(7)	01-247	PROFIT STREET	(18) N Tinkler 9-3	T Eaves	63
9	(8)	280667	HOT FRONT	(23) P Evans 9-1	S D Bowen	(5) 62
10	(4)	05247-	AUTUMN ROSE	(278) A Carroll 8-13	Jack Doughty	(5) 60
11	(10)	774336	MAYO COUNTY	(45) J Camacho 8-8 (BF)		

BETTING: 10-3 Smouldering, 7-2 Kode Secret, 5 Mostar Dreams, 11-2 Project Geofin, 7 Arkhalia Flynn, 10 Profit Street, 14 Mudhafar, 20 Others.

2023: DEE SEEAR 9-0, Tom Eaves 11-1 (K R Burke), drawn (10), 10 ran. MOSTAR DREAMS 10-1 (9-10, A Mullen) Held up towards rear, shaken up 3f out, ridden and headway over 2f out, edged left but led over 1f out, faced strong challenge inside final furlong, always doing enough, won at Carlisle 7f hcp (5) sft in Jun beating Blufferneath (9-7) by nk, 10 ran 1m 31.36s. PROJECT STREET 7-2 (9-10, Harry Russell) Dwelt, detached in rear, good headway over 2f out, not clear run over 1f out, ridden inside last, stayed on well, nearest finish, 4th of 19, 2 1/4l behind Burdett (9-5) at York 7f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 25.19s. ARKHALIA FLYNN 15-2 (9-7, Edward Greatrex) Prominent, ridden 2f out, every chance over 1f out, no impression on winner inside final furlong, went 2nd near finish, 2nd of 6, 3 1/2l behind Good Good Good (9-2) at Yarmouth 6f nov mdn stks (5) sft in Jun 1m 14.81s. SMOULDERING 7-4fav (8-11, R Kingscote) Prominent, ridden over 2f out, led inside final furlong, ran on well, won at Kempton 7f nov stks (5) pol in May beating Dimsons (9-4) by nk, 12 ran 1m 26.36s. MUDHAFER 2001 (9-4, Connor Murtagh) Mid-division, pushed along 2f out, gradually dropped away, 9th of 10, 8l behind Socialite (9-10) at Doncaster 7f nov mdn stks (2) gd in Jun 1m 24.76s. KODE SECRET 9-4fav (9-7, D Allan) Made all, ridden over 1f out, ran on at Redcar 7f 3yo hcp 0-80 (6) of in Jun beating Titanium (9-9) by 3/4l, 12 ran 1m 21.65s. PROFIT STREET 7-2 (9-10, Rowan Scott) Tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, ran on one pace, 7th of 10, 3 1/2l behind Kurumi (9-3) at Doncaster 6f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) gs in Jun 1m 15.85s. HOT FRONT 6-1 (9-8, Rossa Ryan) Awkward away, towards rear, never a factor, 7th of 9, 6l behind Mo's Legacy (9-1) at Salisbury 6f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) of in Jun 1m 13.79s. AUTUMN ROSE 33-1 (9-2, Jason Watson) Towards rear, ridden over 2f out and beaten quickly, last of 7, 34l behind Shardam (9-2) at Haydock 1m 2yo fil nov stks (4) sft in Sep 1m 45.42s. MAYO COUNTY 10-3lav (9-5, Ryan Sexton) Raced wide tracked leaders, ridden to chase leader approaching final furlong, weakened inside final furlong, 6th of 10, 5l behind George Wooster (9-10) at Redcar 7f 3yo hcp 0-60 (6) of in May 1m 24.62s.

YARMOUTH SKY SPORTS RACING.

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2.30	BLUEFLAGFLYINGHIGH	CHARLIE'S CHOICE
3.00	SHADOW OF LIGHT	SHADOW OF LIGHT
3.30	PRETTY THING	GLISTENING
4.00	DUE TO HENRY	LONE PIPER
4.30	SALAMANCA CITY	WONDER SMILE
5.00	ZAMAN DAAR	ANNIE LAW

GOING: Good. COURSE: Left-handed oval, flat, galloping track of 1m 4f, straight mile course. DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course. TOP TRAINERS: John & Thady Gosden 42-149 (28.2%), William Haggas 32-128 (25.0%), Michael Bell 20-129 (15.5%), Roger Varian 19-109 (17.4%), George Boughey 16-84 (19.0%), Philip McBride 16-76 (21.1%), Tom Clover 15-95 (15.8%), Amy Murphy 14-96 (14.6%), George Margarson 13-92 (14.1%), Charlie Appleby 13-40 (32.5%).

2.30 QUINNBET ACCA BONUS 'HANDS AND HEELS' APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,397 (4 run) 1m 2f 23yds

1	(4)	58-232	BLUEFLAGFLYINGHIGH	(9) (P) M Bell 4 9-12 (BFD)		
J Bradnam (3) 75						
2	(2)	25-355	TANGO MAN	(9) (B, T) G Boughey 4 9-11	F Daly	(5) 74
3	(3)	-11523	CHARLIE'S CHOICE	(12) D M Simcock 4 9-9		
K S McHugh (5) 72						
4	(1)	755-71	LUCKY'S DREAM	(9) (T) B Brookhouse 9 9-4 (CD)		
R Kavanagh (5) 63						

BETTING: 13-8 Blueflagflyinghigh, 9-4 Lucky's Dream, 10-3 Charlie's Choice, 5 Tango Man. BLUEFLAGFLYINGHIGH 4-1fav (9-6, Billy Loughnane) Led, ridden 2f out, headed inside final furlong, kept on, 2nd of 8, 1/2l behind Cooakolor (9-10) at Beverley 1m 2f hcp (4) of in Jun 2m 03.03s. TANGO MAN 5-1 (9-5, David Egan) Edged left and bumped start, chased leaders, ridden over 3f out, outpaced over 2f out, weakened from over 1f out, 5th of 8, 6l behind Cooakolor (9-10) at Beverley 1m 2f hcp (4) of in Jun 2m 03.03s. CHARLIE'S CHOICE 4-9 (9-9, Darrah Keenan) Tracked leader, pushed along 2f out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 4, 2 3/4l behind Morcar (9-5) at Lingfield 1m 2f hcp 0-75 (5) of in Jun 2m 03.37s. LUCKY'S DREAM 14-1 (9-7, Luke Callan) Midfield in touch, travelling strongly 3f out, ridden and pressed leader, led 2f out, stayed on approaching final furlong, pushed out close home, diminishing advantage near finish but always holding on, cosily, won at Newbury 1m 3f app hcp 0-70 (5) of in Jun beating Golden Phase (9-6) by 3/4l, 11 ran 2m 17.79s.

3.00 WEATHERBYS EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2-Y-O) Winner £5,373 (11 run) 6f 3yds

1	(3)	0	DAPPER GUEST	(30) G Margarson 9-7	D Keenan	—
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RECORD RACING

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PLENTY OF APPEAL

UP FOR APPEAL (4.18) should get the verdict for Christian Williams on Summer Raceday at Perth.

The gelding put in a career best over fences when routing American Gerry at Newton Abbot a month ago.

The six-year-old is nicely unexposed as a stayer so can claim a competitive handicap.

BISHOP HILL (2.18) ought to boost Lucinda Russell's superb course record in the maiden hurdle. The mare ran

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well again when third behind the promising **Mongibello** over track and trip last month.

The five-year-old should still be improving so can open her account in a tricky contest.

The Arlary trainer can strike again with **SOMEBODY'S FORTUNE** (5.20) in the last.

The hurdler improved for a step up to 3m 2f when hacking up from **Mistral Nell** at Kelso. The mare was value for more

than the head verdict so should follow up despite a 3lb rise.

ANNIE AGNEW (2.48) is the name to remember in the AEJ Facilities Handicap Hurdle.

Gerald Quinn's raider easily defeated **Spinning Web** at Down Royal last September and stands to deliver success under Sean Bowen.

STYLISH RECRUIT (3.18) can turn on the charm in the Secure Air Handicap Chase.

Sandy Thomson's bay ended his hurdle career by chinning

Famous Liss at Hexham last month. The gelding has the scope to thrive over fences so should shade a trappy contest.

The Horizon Chase is even tighter but Neil Mulholland's **EARTH CRY** (3.48) stands out.

The gelding built on sterling efforts when routing **No Mean Feat** at Fontwell last month and can shrug off a 5lb penalty.

PAMMI (4.50) looks above par in division one of the Gleneagles Handicap Hurdle. Jim Goldie's mare showed

signs of a revival over timber when third behind **Dalileo** here almost a month ago.

The nine-year-old remains fairly treated and ought to be primed after a spin on the Flat.

ALBERT CEE (3.40) should stay on the rise for James Owen on the Flat at Haydock.

The sprinter bolted up from **Howzak** on debut for his yard at Chepstow 17 days ago.

That is excellent form so the gelding can make light of a 10lb rise on the faster surface.



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- 2.18 BISHOP HILL BISHOP HILL
- 2.48 ANNIE AGNEW MAX OF STARS
- 3.18 STYLISH RECRUIT THE GYPSY DAVEY
- 3.48 EARTH CRY (NB) MARTY MCFLY
- 4.18 UP FOR APPEAL (NAP) UP FOR APPEAL
- 4.50 PAMMI BLENDED STEALTH
- 5.20 SOMEBODY'S FORTUNE DALILEO

GARRY'S DOUBLE: UP FOR APPEAL (NAP, 4.18 Perth) & Earth Cry (3.48 Perth).

2.18 HORIZON PARKING MAIDEN HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) Winner £4,084 (12 run) 2m 4f 35yds

- 1 5-14 **KELLS AND CONNOR** (47) Gerald Quinn (IRE) 5 11-4..... **S Bowen**
- 2 212/ **LUCKIE SEVEN** (439) N Richards 6 11-4..... **D McMenamin**
- 3 733 **MAJOR CHAMPION** (11) (T) M Barnes 5 11-4..... **Conor Rabbit** (5)
- 4 5/P0-7 **MRINDEPENDANT** (25) (T) M Barnes 7 11-4..... **P J Kavanagh** (3) 74
- 5 P/P- **SHERIFF HASKELL** (131) (H,T) S Crawford (IRE) 5 11-4..... **B Hughes**
- 6 P/P0- **STAND STAUNCH** (288) (T) A C Hamilton 6 11-4..... **N Moscorp** 84
- 7 60-0 **THEONETWATCH** (57) W Coltherd 5 11-4..... **S Coltherd**
- 8 36-68 **YAKALEO** (19) (H) N Richards 5 11-4..... **Sean Quinlan**
- 9 6-8U **SOUTHEY** (41) (T) S Crawford (IRE) 4 10-13..... **Mr S Connor** (7)
- 10 522-33 **BISHOP HILL** (25) (H) L Russell 5 10-11..... **P W Wadge** (3) 105
- 11 97-22P **EASTER GLORY** (47) R M Smith 7 10-11..... **G Sheehan** 84
- 12 88 **BLEU LAGUNE** (25) S Crawford (IRE) 4 10-6..... **C Bewley**

BETTING: 5-2 Luckie Seven, 11-4 Bishop Hill, 3 Major Champion, 8 Yakaleo, 10 Southey, 12 Kells And Connor, 20 Sheriff Haskell, 33 Bleu Lagune, Mrindependent, 50 Others. **KELLS AND CONNOR** 8-1 (11-6, Ms E Dunsath) Rod in rr, msk 3rd, 5 in rr 5th, b msk 12th, 10l in rr bef 4out, sn rdn & oneped, last of 4, 48l behind Myleno (11-6) at Taylorstown 3m ire ptp gd in May.

LUCKIE SEVEN 10-3 (11-7, Danny McMenamin) Mid-division, headway over 6f out, led over 2f out, headed entering final furlong, stayed on, held towards finish, 2nd of 11, 1/2l behind Bumble Bee Bet (10-12) at Ayr 2m NH flat (3) gd in Apr '23 3m 40.67s.

MAJOR CHAMPION 9-2 (10-13, Conor Rabbit) Tracked leaders, went 2nd before 4 out, pushed along home turn, ridden and every chance last, kept on, held closing stages, 3rd of 9, 11 behind P The Question (10-11) at Hexham 2m 4f mnd hdl (4) gd in Jun 5m 13.09s.

MRINDEPENDANT 66-1 (10-2, Conor Rabbit) In touch, tracked leaders 6 out, ridden and weakened 2 out, 7th of 11, 25l behind Fever Dream (11-9) at Perth 3m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gf in Jun 5m 56.70s.

SHERIFF HASKELL, did not finish, 7-1 (12-2, Mr J C Barry) Pr, msk 6th, ld 1/2way, ind aft 3out, gd jmp 2out, rdn bef str & wknd gskly, pu bef last, in a race won by Cabaret Prince (12-2) at Farmacaffrey 3m ire ptp in Feb, 6 ran.

STAND STAUNCH, did not finish, 80-1 (11-7 Peter Kavanagh) Towards rear of mid-division, not fluent 7th, soon in rear and struggling, pulled up before 2 out, in a race won by Darkest Day (12-0) at Kelso 2m 2f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gf in Sep, 8 ran 4m 22.98s.

THEONETWATCH 80-1 (11-2, Sam Coltherd) Chased leaders, pushed along and lost position 4f out, tailed off, last of 10, 44l behind Dedicated Hero (11-6) at Kelso 2m NH flat (2) gf in May 3m 48.91s.

YAKALEO 40-1 (11-2, Danny McMenamin) Held up in rear, pushed along after 3 out, never involved, 8th of 14, 31l behind Stylish Recruit (11-2) at Hexham 2m nh nov hdl (3) gd in Jun 4m 14.25s.

SOUTHEY, did not finish, 18-1 (11-1, Mr S Connor) Tracked leader, 4th halfway, stumbled and unsetled rider 7f out, in a race won by Peppercorns (11-0) at Downpatrick 2m 2f NH flat gd in May, 11 ran 4m 25.40s.

BISHOP HILL 4-1 (10-5, P W Wadge) Towards rear, headway 6th, soon close up, ridden 2 out, kept on same pace, 3rd of 9, 19l behind Mongibello (10-8) at Perth 2m 4f nh nov hdl (4) gd in Jun 4m 52.94s.

EASTER GLORY, did not finish, 5-1 (11-7, C Case) In tch tll wknd 3 out; pu last, in a race won by Shantou's Temple (12-0) at Haydon 3m ptp sft in May, 9 ran 7m 19.00s.

BLEU LAGUNE 100-1 (10-2, S Bowen) Always towards rear, tailed off, 8th of 9, well behind Mongibello (10-8) at Perth 2m 4f nh nov hdl (4) gd in Jun 4m 52.94s.

2.48 AEJ FACILITIES MANAGEMENT HANDICAP HURDLE (4) Winner £4,753 (8 run) 2m 4f 35yds

- 1 1265-4 **WELL PLANTED** (50) R M Smith 7 12-0 (CD)..... **G Sheehan** 115
 - 2 2427-2 **MAX OF STARS** (32) O Pears 4 11-10 (D)..... **B Hughes** 115
 - 3 5079-9 **CARRAREA** (25) (T) H McMahon 7 11-2 (D)..... **Charlotte Jones** (3) 103
 - 4 2448-5 **SERGEANT WILSON** (53) R M Smith 6 11-1 (D)..... **Stwiston-Davies** 102
 - 5 21- **ANNIE AGNEW** (307) Gerald Quinn (IRE) 4 11-1..... **S Bowen** 106
 - 6 22008 **SIMPLE STAR** D Sayer 6 10-11..... **H Brooke** 98
 - 7 U0347 **BURGUNDY MAN** (25) R M Smith 7 10-8..... **Ben Smith** (7) 95
 - 8 668-02 **DARKEST DAY** (25) (P,T) W Young Jnr 9 10-4 (D)..... **D R Fox** 91
- BETTING:** 7-4 Annie Agnew, 2 Max Of Stars, 5 Darkest Day, 8 Well Planted, 10 Sergeant Wilson, 25 Simple Star, Burgundy Man, 33 Carrarea.
- 2023: ZABEEL CHAMPION 6 12 0, Nick Schofield 2-1 Fav (Jonjo & A O'Neill), 6 ran.
- WELL PLANTED** 9-2 (11-12, Jamie Hamilton) Chased leaders, not fluent 7th, pushed along and weakened after 3 out, last of 4, 14l behind Galungung (12-0) at Perth 2m nov hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in May 4m 06.31s.
- MAX OF STARS** 5-2 (11-4, B S Hughes) Led, pressed for lead 2 out, soon ridden, headed approaching last, no match for winner run-in, 2nd of 5, 2l behind King Otis (9-11) at Fakenham 2m hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd in Jun 3m 59.79s.
- CARRAREA** 80-1 (11-7, Edward Austin) Close up, ridden 3 out, weakened next, 9th of 11, 47l behind Kinbara Firstrand (11-9) at Perth 2m hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gf in Jun 3m 49.13s.
- SERGEANT WILSON** 8-1 (11-9, Sam Twiston-Davies) Handy, not much room and lost position on bend before 3 out, soon pushed along, held when hampered by loose horse before last, 5th of 9, 11l behind Collingham (11-7) at Ludlow 2m hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gf in May 3m 39.72s.
- ANNIE AGNEW** 2-1 (10-1, S D Torres) Prominent and disputed lead, led 3 out, 1 length lead before last, ridden and kept on well run-in, won at Down Royal 2m 1f 3yo hdl in Sep beating Spinning Web (11-0) by 1/2l, 8 ran 4m 13.80s.
- SIMPLE STAR** 66-1 (10-1, John Hart) Led, soon clear, weakened and headed 3 out, 8th of 14, 42l behind Cuban Cigar (10-10) at Musselburgh 2m 1f hcp hdl (2) gs in Mar '23 2m 23.47s.
- BURGUNDY MAN** 40-1 (10-9, Ben Smith) In touch, ridden and weakened 2 out, 7th of 11, 38l behind Kinbara Firstrand (11-9) at Perth 2m hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gf in Jun 3m 49.13s.
- DARKEST DAY** 18-1 (10-6, D R Fox) Tracked leaders, left in lead approaching 2 out, ridden and headed next, kept on one pace, 2nd of 11, 2 1/4l behind Kinbara Firstrand (11-9) at Perth 2m hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gf in Jun 3m 49.13s.

3.18 SECURE AIR PARKS EDINBURGH AIRPORT PARKING HANDICAP CHASE (4) Winner £5,281 (7 run) 2m 4f 20yds

- 1 7FP-26 **GARDE DES CHAMPS** (26) (T) L Russell 8 12-2 (C)..... **D R Fox** 112
 - 2 1/5-41 **STYLISH RECRUIT** (19) (T) A M Thomson 6 12-1..... **R Mania** 111
 - 3 165-53 **DICEY RIELLY** (22) P & M Bowen 7 11-13 (D)..... **S Bowen** 109
 - 4 111-33 **THE GYPSY DAVEY** (25) E Williams 6 11-13 (BF), A Wedge 109
 - 5 575-26 **PLANNED PARADISE** (25) Christian Williams 8 11-11 (D)..... **J Tudor** 107
 - 6 /15P-P **NOWINITTOWINIT** (18) S Crawford (IRE) 8 11-6 (CD)..... **Mr S Connor** (7) 102
 - 7 345-92 **SWORD OF FATE** (49) L Kerr 11 11-2 (CD)..... **P W Wadge** (3) 98
- BETTING:** 9-4 Stylish Recruit, 11-4 Dacey Rieley, 5 Sword Of Fate, The Gypsy Davey, 15-2 Planned Paradise, 12 Garde Des Champs, 20 Nowinittowinit.
- 2023: No corresponding race.
- GARDE DES CHAMPS** 11-1 (11-7, D R Fox) Always in rear, not fluent 1st, detached before 6th, tailed off before 3 out, 6th of 7, 50l behind Breizh River (11-7) at Bangor-on-Dee 2m 1f nov hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Jun 4m 08.45s.
- STYLISH RECRUIT** 20-1 (11-2, Ryan Mania) Led, headed 3 out, driven to regain lead in home straight, stayed on strongly run-in, always doing enough, won at Hexham 2m nh nov hdl (4) gf in Jun beating Famous Liss (11-2) by 1/4l, 14 ran 4m 14.92s.
- DICEY RIELLY** 9-2 (11-3, S Bowen) Raced in 4th, went right 4th and next, dropped to last pair, rallied before 4 out, driven and stayed on well in 3rd run-in, not pace to challenge, 3rd of 6, 1 1/2l behind Village Master (12-0) at Fontwell 3m 2f hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd in Jun 6m 40.56s.
- THE GYPSY DAVEY** 2-1fav (11-4, Adam Wedge) Led, pushed along and headed narrowly 3 out, soon ridden, stayed on one pace before last, 3rd of 7, 5l behind Bob Bob Ricard (11-4) at Ffos Las 2m hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in May 3m 51.87s.
- PLANNED PARADISE** 17-2 (10-6, Jack Tudor) Raced wide tracked leaders, ridden 3 out, weakened approaching last, 6th of 9, 7l behind Parisencore (11-11) at Perth 2m 4f hcp chs 0-130 (3) gf in Jun 4m 53.17s.
- NOWINITTOWINIT**, did not finish, 25-1 (11-1, L Quinlan) Towards rear well off pace, detached in rear halfway and pulled up before 4 out, in a race won by Hidden Land (11-13) at Downpatrick 2m 3f mns hcp hdl gd in Jun, 10 ran 4m 29.70s.
- SWORD OF FATE** 17-2 (11-5, P W Wadge) Led, joined 2 out, ran on gamely, ridden run-in, no extra and headed closing stages, 2nd of 9, 1 1/4l behind Imperial Rule (10-10) at Perth 2m 4f hcp chs 0-105 (5) gs in May 5m 10.62s.

3.48 HORIZON PARKING GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE (4) Winner £4,753 (11 run) 2m 4f 35yds

- 1 1734F- **PETRARASTER** (T) D J Jeffreys 9 12-0 (CD)..... **T Bellamy** 108
 - 2 1/P8-P **VERNON SUBUTEX** (36) (P/T) Mrs S Leech 7 11-11..... **Miss Roisin Leech** (7) 105
 - 3 522-21 **EARTH CRY** (22) (T) N Mulholland 6 11-10..... **S Twiston-Davies** 104
 - 4 4238-5 **BAYONETTA** (41) Gerald Quinn (IRE) 6 11-5..... **S Bowen** 99
 - 5 287-41 **MARTY MCFLY** (25) A M Thomson 6 11-3 (C)..... **R Mania** 97
 - 6 26P-0 **FAME VALLEY** (11) Duncan 9 11-1..... **William Maggs** (5) 95
 - 7 43-441 **MALANGEN** (11) Miss L Harrison 9 11-0 (CD)..... **P J Kavanagh** (3) 94
 - 8 7455-7 **PALM BEACH** (44) J E Dixon 7 10-10..... **Mr John Dixon** (7) 90
 - 9 46-3P0 **WARRIORS STORY** (25) (T,V) N Alexander 8 10-6 (D)..... **B Lynn** (3) 86
 - 10 P7P-8P **PRINCE NINO** (23) (P,T) L Quinlan 7 10-3 (CD)..... **S Quinlan** 83
 - 11 P80P- **RAYNBO** (76) S Crawford (IRE) 5 10-3..... **B Hughes** 83
- BETTING:** 9-4 Earth Cry, 11-4 Malangen, 3 Marty Mcfly, 15-2 Bayonetta, 14 Palm Beach, 20 Warriors Story, 25 Petraraster, Vernon Subutex, 33 Others.
- 2023: BOBBY SOCKS 6 11 8, Sean Bowen 4-6 Fav (O Murphy), 4 ran.

GOING: Good.

COURSE: Right-handed course of 1m 2f with tight turns, eight fences per circuit, 283yd run-in.

TOP TRAINERS: Lucinda Russell 35-315 (11.1%), Stuart Crawford 14-99 (14.1%), Neil Mulholland 14-61 (23.0%), Laura Morgan 12-59 (20.3%), Iain Jardine 12-84 (14.3%), Jim Goldie 11-54 (20.4%), Dianne Sayer 10-43 (23.3%), Nicky Richards 9-119 (7.6%), Peter & Michael Bowen 8-46 (17.4%), Lisa Harris 8-95 (8.4%).

TOP JOCKEYS: Brian Hughes 62-277 (22.4%), Sean Bowen 49-170 (28.8%), Danny McMenamin 17-139 (12.2%), Derek Fox 16-150 (10.7%), Sam Twiston-Davies 11-65 (16.9%), Sean Quinlan 9-163 (5.5%), Patrick Wedge 7-59 (11.9%), Gavin Sheehan 7-36 (19.4%), Peter Kavanagh 6-25 (24.0%), Henry Brooke 6-79 (7.6%).

PETRARASTER, did not finish, 33-1 (10-5, S W Kelly) Held up last, not fluent with his jumping on several occasions, pushed along before bad mistake and fell 14th, in a race won by Jacks Parrot (10-10) at Perth 3m nov limited hcp ch (3) sft in Apr, 10 ran 3m 03.86s.

VERNON SUBUTEX, did not finish, 8-1 (11-10, C Gethings) Close up, ridden and weakened 3 out, pulled up next, in a race won by Trump Lady (10-12) at Newton Abbot 2m 6f hcp hdl 0-115 (4) sft in May, 5 ran 5m 41.10s.

EARTH CRY 9-4fav (12-0, Sam Twiston-Davies) Held up in mid-division headway chasing leaders before 2 out, close 2nd out, led soon after, clear when hit last, ridden and stayed on well run-in, won at Fontwell 2m 3f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in Jun beating No Mean Feat (10-10) by 1/2l, 9 ran 4m 41.85s.

BAYONETTA 8-1 (10-11, R Deegan) Tracked leaders, 5th halfway, 6th and pushed along after 2 out, kept on one pace run-in, 5th of 15, 19l behind Big Stage (11-4) at Downpatrick 2m 3f mnd hdl in May 4m 39.80s.

MARTY MCFLY 11-4fav (11-8, Ryan Mania) Tracked leaders, ridden and every chance 2 out, not fluent when led next, ran on, won at Perth 2m nov ltd hcp hdl (5) gf in Jun beating One Step Up (11-4) by 1/4l, 10 ran 3m 50.47s.

FAME VALLEY 80-1 (12-0, Emma Smith-Chaston) Chased leaders, mid-division before 4 out, pushed along and no response next, 14th of 15, 47l behind Malangen (11-13) at Hexham 2m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 4m 04.36s.

MALANGEN 10-1 (11-13, Bruce Lynn) Front mid-division, prominent after 2nd, led 3rd and forged away, soon clear, pushed along before last, ridden run-in, stayed on, unchallenged, won at Hexham 2m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in Jun beating Kopa Klayna (11-10) by 4/12l, 15 ran 4m 04.36s.

PALM BEACH 10-1 (9-9, Mr John Dixon) Led and soon clear, jumped very slowly 3rd, reduced lead when slow jumping and dived 2 out, weakened quickly home turn, last of 7, 31l behind Well Educated (10-13) at Hexham 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-125 (3) gf in May 5m 12.60s.

WARRIORS STORY 14-1 (11-2, Bruce Lynn) Tracked leaders, ridden and weakened approaching 2 out, 10th of 11, 47l behind Fever Dream (11-9) at Perth 3m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gf in Jun 5m 56.70s.

PRINCE NINO, did not finish, 28-1 (10-9, Peter Kavanagh) Chased leaders, mistake 7th and lost ground, slow jump next in rear, tailed off 4 out and pulled up, in a race won by Ballyvaughan Bay (11-6) at Southwell 3m hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd in Jun, 12 ran 6m 12.55s.

RAYNBO, did not finish, 200-1 (11-4, Callum Bewley) Tracked leader until 1st, lost place next and struggling before 4th, tailed off and pulled up before 3 out, in a race won by Lily Du Berlais (11-4) at Ayr 2m mnd hdl (3) sft in Apr, 7 ran 4m 03.56s.

4.18 HORIZON PARKING UK'S LEADING PARKING COMPANY HANDICAP CHASE (5) Winner £4,489 (8 run) 2m 7f 180yds

- 1 037-61 **CARDAMON HILL** (25) (P) D Sayer 7 12-0 (CD)..... **H Brooke** 105
 - 2 486-52 **MEETMEINTHEMORNING** (11) A M Thomson 7 11-11 (BF,D)..... **R Mania** 102
 - 3 5P5-41 **EASY BUCKS** (29) P & M Bowen 9 11-11 (CD)..... **S Bowen** 102
 - 4 334-41 **UP FOR APPEAL** (29) Christian Williams 6 11-10..... **J Tudor** 101
 - 5 3755-9 **CASTLETOWN** (19) (B) L Russell 12 11-4 (CD)..... **P W Wadge** (3) 95
 - 6 957-10 **IMPERIAL RULE** (13) R Menzies 7 10-13 (C)..... **R Chapman** 90
 - 7 08-524 **CAMINO ROCIO** (21) (P) Miss H Knight 6 10-8..... **B J Powell** 85
 - 8 934-P6 **ROLLERRULER** (19) W Coltherd 10 10-2..... **Sean Quinlan** 78
- BETTING:** 5-2 Up For Appeal, 7-2 Cardamon Hill, 9-2 Easy Bucks, 5 Meetmeinthemorning, 7 Camino Rocio, 12 Imperial Rule, 16 Castletown, 20 Rollerruler.
- 2023: CASTLETOWN 11 9, Stephen Mulqueen 13-2 (L Russell), 8 ran.
- CARDAMON HILL** 17-2 (10-7, Henry Brooke) In touch, headway 6 out, tracked leaders 4 out, ridden and every chance last, stayed on to lead close home, won at Perth 3m hcp chs 0-120 (4) gf in Jun beating Evening Champagne (10-9) by 1/2l, 11 ran 5m 05.60s.
- MEETMEINTHEMORNING** 11-4fav (11-7, Ryan Mania) Tracked leaders, not fluent 4 out, went 2nd before next, pressed leader home turn, pushed along before last, ridden and no impression run-in, 2nd of 9, 3/4l behind Backbyte (11-7) at Hexham 2m 4f hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd in Jun 5m 11.23s.
- EASY BUCKS** 8-1 (11-4, S Bowen) Chased leader who went clear 3rd, hit 8th, closer at 15th, went 2nd soon after 4 out, challenged from 2 out, upsides last, driven ahead final strides, won at Newton Abbot 2m 5f nov hcp chs 0-110 (4) gd in Jun beating Langley Hundred (11-6) by hd, 11 ran 6m 27.30s.
- UP FOR APPEAL** 10-3 (10-6, Jack Tudor) Held up in last pair, left in modest 4th at 8th, went left and hit 11th, went 2nd after 4 out, led before 2 out, came clear before the last, stayed on well, won at Newton Abbot 2m 5f nov hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Jun beating American Gerry (10-11) by 4/12l, 6 ran 5m 08.10s.
- CASTLETOWN** 10-1 (11-10, P W Wadge) Tracked leaders, driven after 3 out, weakened 2 out, 9th of 13, 41l behind Breckandree Kid (12-0) at Hexham 3m hcp chs 0-100 (5) gf in Jun 6m 37.41s.
- IMPERIAL RULE** 9-2 (11-9, Ross Chapman) Held up in rear, struggling soon after 4 out, tailed off, 11th of 12, well behind A Dublin Job (12-0) at Market Rasen 2m 3f hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 4m 53.34s.
- CAMINO ROCIO** 7-2 (11-5, Brendan Powell) Led until after 1st, stayed handy, slow 2nd, close up 4 out, 4th and held flat, 4th of 9, 7l behind Cavalier (11-13) at Worcester 2m 4f nov hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 5m 13.90s.
- ROLLERRULER** 20-1 (10-4, Edward Austin) Held up in rear, detached 4 out, no impression, 6th of 10, 15l behind Going Mobile (10-11) at Hexham 2m hcp chs 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 4m 07.64s.

4.50 GLENEAGLES PROJECT SERVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 1) (5) Winner £3,961 (10 run) 2m 7f 207yds

- 1 353-47 **SWALLOWSONG** (19) I Jardine 6 12-0 (BF)..... **D Johnston** (5) 99
 - 2 P88-3U **DIAMOND STATE** (25) (P,T) L Russell 8 11-11..... **A Doyle** (5) 96
 - 3 P48-5 **CAPTAIN'S PICK** (21) Christian Williams 6 11-8..... **J Tudor** 93
 - 4 /81-P6 **SHE'S A ROCCA** (30) (P) N Richards 9 11-3..... **B Hughes** 88
 - 5 184-63 **PAMMI** (B) J Goldie 9 11-3 (CD)..... **H Reed** 88
 - 6 35-855 **LARKFIELD LUSIVE** (33) (P) L Morgan 5 10-13..... **A Wedge** 84
 - 7 93-45P **WEST LAWN** (19) J Walton 8 10-9 (D)..... **Charlotte Jones** (3) 80
 - 8 5477-6 **BLENDED STEALTH** (20) L Quinlan 7 10-4..... **Sean Quinlan** 75
 - 9 /7PP-6 **LUMINARIES** (56) (P) N Mulholland 7 10-2..... **S Bowen** 71
 - 10 /P6-PP **SHOUGHALLS BOY** (33) (B) H Graham & G Rutherford 8 10-2..... **B Lynn** (3) 69
- BETTING:** 2 Diamond State, 5-2 Blended Stealth, 5 Swallowsong, 10 Pammi, 12 Larkfield Lusive, 14 West Lawn, Luminaries, 20 Captain's Pick, 25 Others.
- 2023: DOUNE CASTLE 7 12 0, Mr O McGill 7 72 (N C Kelly), 7 ran.
- SWALLOWSONG** 5-2fav (11-0, C O Farrell) Mid-division, asked for effort approaching 2 out, soon weakened, 7th of 10, 36l behind Dinons (12-0) at Hexham 2m 7f hcp hdl 0-115 (4) gd in Jun 6m 09.88s.
- DIAMOND STATE**, did not finish, 15-2 (11-9, Alan Doyle) In rear when hampered and unsetled rider 4th, in a race won by Dalileo (11-5) at Perth 3m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gf in Jun, 8 ran 6m 01.01s.
- CAPTAIN'S PICK** 33-1 (11-10, Jack Tudor) Rear mid-division, well behind after 3 out, 7th of 13, 22l behind Shiji (11-11) at Southwell 2m nov hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 3m 52.49s.
- SHE'S A ROCCA**, did not finish, 66-1 (11-1, Sean Quinlan) Held up off the pace towards rear, tailed off and pulled up 2 out, in a race won by Mostly Sunny (11-13) at Southwell 2m hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gs in Jun, 10 ran 4m 15.65s.
- PAMMI** 71-1 (11-8, Kaiya Fraser) Tracked leaders, ridden and slightly outpaced 2 out, driven and stayed on towards finish, 3rd of 8, 7l behind Dalileo (11-5) at Perth 3m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gf in Jun 2m 52.30s.
- LARKFIELD LUSIVE** 9-2 (1



WIMBLEDON

LOCAL HERO VS GLOBAL STAR

Fans will roar Scot Jacob on against seven-time champ



TWIST AND FLAT OUT Djokovic warms up, inset, for Fearnley's ground strokes today



HERO FOR THE AGES Joy for Cavendish

Cav a go hero races into the record books

TOUR DE FRANCE

SIR MARK CAVENDISH rolled away the stone and made it look easier than pushing a hoop downhill.

At 39, the Manx Missile did not just sprint into Tour de France history and join Britain's all-time greats with his record 35th stage win – Cavendish blew a raspberry at Old Father Time himself with a sporting feat for the ages.

Sprinters aren't supposed to claim the blue riband prizes for speed and power at his age. But nobody can hold a candle to Cavendish now.

He will always cherish the 165th win of his career, which took him past Belgian legend Eddy Merckx as the man who breasted the tape more often than any rider in 121 years on Le Tour.

Tour race director Christian Prudhomme said: "Everyone has a smile today – even Eddy Merckx."

"Everybody thought it was too late but him. It is a wonderful story. He is the Yellow Jersey of the sprinters."

The achievement comes one year after Cavendish suffered a race-ending crash on stage eight.

The British rider said: "You sprint and go as hard as you can until you get to the finish and maybe your life changes if you cross that line first, maybe it doesn't if you don't. That is the nature of this race and what makes it so beautiful."

Race leader Tadej Pogacar, with 12 stage wins to his name so far, said: "Incredible. He came to me and said, 'Don't break the record'."

"But I don't think I can."

Time I Rose to the occasion at Open

GOLF

JUSTIN ROSE says clinching an Open tee time is only for starters as he believes he's able to dine out on Troon glory.

The Ryder Cup star was one of 16 to reach the Major from 288 who teed up in Tuesday's final qualifying.

The Englishman, 43, said: "We took it seriously. I still believe I can win The Open, so it was an important day."

Bernhard Langer says his DP World Tour farewell will be "emotional" and he'll have to go some to delay it until Sunday.

The 66-year-old, set for his 513th and final tour tilt at the BMW International Open in Germany, said: "Hopefully I can make the cut but I hear the course is a lot longer than it used to be."

NOVAK DJOKOVIC has swotted up before facing "local hero" Jacob Fearnley in the first match on Centre Court today.

BY NEIL McLEMAN

courts. They know the surface, how to play, how to move. They love quick conditions on the court.

"It is the first time for him on the Centre Court. Obviously a great experience. I am going to try and enjoy it and let the best man win."

Fearnley will have the backing of the crowd as a warm-up act for fellow Scots the Murray brothers later.

Djokovic has beaten Cam

Norrie, Jack Draper, Kyle Edmund and James Ward here since losing to Andy Murray in the 2013 final.

He added: "A British player playing in Britain is always a tough task."

"It is challenging because most of the people in the stadium will cheer for a local hero."

Fearnley beat future Grand Slam champions Sinner and Alcaraz when he was 15.

He said: "Their careers

went in a totally different way than mine. I went to college and those guys are the best in the world. It's still a pretty cool thing to tell people."

Meanwhile, Draper believes Norrie will be fired up to beat him now he has replaced him as British No.1.

They face each other in a battle of Britain showdown today after Draper, 22, moved into the top spot after winning his first ATP event in Stuttgart last month and

then beat Alcaraz at Queen's Club.

The powerful left-hander said: "Obviously he won't like the fact that I'm British No.1 now. I'm a lot younger."

"Obviously we have got Dan (Evans) and Cam, Andy might be stopping soon."

"Dan and Cam definitely probably won't like seeing me being British No.1."

"I think that creates a really healthy rivalry and environment. We all have great respect for each other. We all want to see each other succeed and do well."

"It's nice to practise with him when I can."

"We're all competitors, we're all individuals. We want to win. We want to do the best we can."

"I think it's going to be a really competitive match. Yeah, there won't be any love lost, for sure."

NO ACTING THE CLOWN

CARLOS ALCARAZ won't be clowning around when he faces a blockbuster reunion with Frances Tiafoe.

The defending champ beat Aleksandar Vukic 7-6(5) 6-2 6-2 to set up a repeat of his US Open semi-final thriller against Tiafoe. The

American has slipped down the rankings since, claiming he's been 'losing to clowns'.

But while Alcaraz hopes to enjoy the clash he won't be playing for laughs.

The Spaniard said: "I'll try to bring out my good weapons and I'm going for

him! I know he is a really talented player, but I'm ready to put on a show, play a really high level of tennis and hopefully take him."

Tiafoe, who beat Croatia's Borna Coric in straight sets, said: "I hate to say it (I've been) losing to clowns."



MIXING IT UP Townsend

Toony not afraid to put 10 new boys to the Test

RUGBY

GREGOR TOWNSEND insists his Scotland squad selection to play Canada on Saturday is not a calculated risk – after naming 10 uncapped players in the matchday 23 for Ottawa.

Glasgow forwards Gregor Brown and Max Williamson, Edinburgh's Matt Currie, plus Sale duo Arron Reed and Gus Warr will all make their debuts

from the start. Northampton's Robbie Smith, the Warriors' Nathan McBeth, Will Hurd of Leicester, Ewan Johnson of Oyonnax and new Edinburgh boy Ross McCann make the bench.

But head coach Townsend said: "When you play Test level and wear the navy blue jersey,

you have to give as much effort as you've ever given. We've seen what players have brought with their clubs – we feel they can make a difference at Test level."

"Their games suit the way we play. We know it's not going to be perfect at the weekend. It's a new team, we're playing different opposition, and the connections, the cohesion,

might not be there in the beginning. But that's part of the process too. It's an exciting prospect for us as a team."

TEAM: Harry Paterson; Jamie Dobie, Matt Currie, Stafford McDowall, Arron Reed; Ross Thompson, Gus Warr; Rory Sutherland, Dylan Richardson, Elliot Millar Mills, Max Williamson, Glen Young, Gregor Brown, Luke Crosbie, Josh Bayliss. Subs: Robbie Smith, Nathan McBeth, Will Hurd, Ewan Johnson, Matt Fagerson, Ben Healy, Kyle Steyn, Ross McCann.



WIMBLEDON

BRITS & PIECES

Here's the guide to the 19 Brits at Wimbledon this year...

THEY'RE STILL ROARING

EMMA RADUCANU **WIN**
bt E Mertens 6-1 6-2

SONAY KARTAL **WIN**
bt Clara Burel 6-3 5-7 6-3

STILL IN **DARIA KASATKINA v LILY MIYAZAKI**
Today No.3 Court 11am

DAY TWO

JACK DRAPER **WIN**
bt E Ymer 3-6 6-3 6-3 4-6 6-3

KATIE BOULTER **WIN**
bt T Maria 7-6 7-5

JACOB FEARNLEY **WIN**
bt A Moro Canas 7-5 6-4 7-6

HARRIET DART **WIN**
bt Z Bai 6-4 6-0

CAMERON NORRIE **WIN**
bt F Acosta 7-5 7-5 6-3

THEY'RE COMING HOME

DAN EVANS **OUT**
lost to Alejandro Tabilo 2-6 5-7 3-6

ANDY MURRAY **OUT**
withdrew from event before match against T Machac

BILLY HARRIS **OUT**
lost to J Munar 4-6 4-6 6-3 3-6

JAN CHOINSKI **OUT**
lost to L Darder 5-7 6-4 6-2 5-7 2-6

PAUL JUBB **OUT**
lost to T Seyboth Wild 6-1 6-3 6-7 4-6 5-7

HENRY SEARLE **OUT**
lost to M Giron 6-3 3-6 4-6 4-6

FRAN JONES **OUT**
lost to P Martic 6-3 1-6 2-6

HEATHER WATSON **OUT**
lost to G Minnen 7-5 6-4

CHARLES BROOM **OUT**
lost to S Wawrinka 6-3 7-5 6-4

ARTHUR FERY **OUT**
lost to D Altmaier 6-4 6-7 6-1 3-6 1-6

LIAM BROADY **OUT**
lost to van de Zandschulp 6-2 4-6 6-3 6-2

HERE WE BRO Jamie, left, and Andy Murray fist bump during practice for their doubles meeting with Peers and Hijikata on Centre Court



PRIDE COMES BEFORE A BALL

JAMIE MURRAY hailed the winner's attitude of brother Andy before they play their first - and maybe last - men's doubles at Wimbledon.

And Jamie hopes the "fun experience" will be another memory on his long journey on Centre Court.

Andy yesterday said he will also partner Emma Raducanu in the mixed doubles here. So defeat this evening will not signify the end of his final home Grand Slam appearance.

The Murray brothers will play the first men's doubles first-round match on

Jamie lauds brother's 'refuse to lose' attitude as duo set for doubles 'fun'

BY NEIL McLEMAN

Centre Court this century when they face Aussies John Peers and Rinky Hijikata.

Jamie said: "It's something we wanted to do at some point. Hopefully it's a fun experience for us both.

"And I guess appreciate what we have been able to do on the court for the last 15 years or so.

"It's unique to do high-level sport with your brother. It's a cool thing to be able to do with him, regardless of how it goes.

"I'm hoping it's a nice experience - not that we go out like a

damp squib. Andy's determination probably overrides most things that people think of him - his refuse-to-lose attitude, that's what makes me most proud of him.

"In this country he took a lot of people on a journey with him and how much they followed his career over the years is quite remarkable."

The first time the Murray brothers played a pro doubles match together, Jamie had to retire with an injury in Nottingham in June 2006.

Now it's Andy battling to be fit after undergoing spinal surgery to remove a cyst on June 23.

Jamie added: "I think that was maybe the only time I

actually retired mid match. I jarred my knee. I couldn't move my leg."

Andy pulled out of the singles on Tuesday but spent another two hours on the practice courts yesterday getting ready for doubles.

He said: "Obviously my leg will keep getting better. Fitness wise I'm fine. I just need the leg to be a little stronger.

"My tennis is okay. I would just like to be moving a little better."

The Murray brothers played a practice set with Joe Salisbury and Rajeev

Ram, the Anglo-American partnership who have won the last three US Open titles.

Andy was the only player not to have won a Grand Slam doubles title yesterday - and it will be the same today against their Aussie opponents.

Peers, who reached the 2015 Wimbledon final with Jamie, won the Australian Open doubles in 2017 while Hijikata claimed the same title in 2023.

Hijikata said: "What a great opportunity to go out and play in front of a lot of people.

"I'm sure none of them will be supporting us but that's fine!

"It would be great if we could be the ones to spoil the party but it's not going to be easy."

"It's unique to do high level sport with your brother. It's a cool thing"
JAMIE MURRAY READY FOR A SPECIAL FAMILY AFFAIR



Murray makes it Super Saturday with Emma pairing

FROM BACK PAGE

doubles with brother Jamie on Centre Court today.

Raducanu last night reached the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time since her 2021 US Open triumph but she's only ever played one Tour-level doubles match in Washington in 2022.

That did not stop Murray's

camp approaching her coaching team on Tuesday night about teaming up - before the Scot texted her.

Raducanu said: "My doubles record is not the longest but I couldn't say no.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. It's a dream of mine since I was a young girl watching the Olympics. Andy

is a hero to us all, so for me it's a real gift and honour he asked me. I'm super excited and hopefully I can learn a thing or two about coming to the net or something."

Murray, who teamed up with Serena Williams here in 2019, said: "I'm pumped. To get the opportunity to play with her will be brilliant. It's something

we rarely get to do. The last time was with Serena. I played with Laura Robson at the Olympics. "And it's my last chance to do it with Emma, so it should be good. The fans really enjoy it when there are two players they know and can get behind.

"She is unbelievably competitive and likes playing in big stadiums with crowds

so I expect she'll deal with that really well. It should be fun."

The Scot said Saturday's pairing happened "last minute" and "firstly we want to be competitive in the matches".

He added: "It was quite late when I sent the message, after 9pm, so I was a bit worried she might have been in bed. But I got a quick reply!"

DAY THREE ACTION

PLAYER	SETS	
RADUCANU	6	6
MERTENS	1	2

NOT since Emma Raducanu won the US Open in 2021 has she been victorious in two games in a row at a Grand Slam.

The British star denied that it was her best performance since she lifted that title in 2021.

But the confidence and swagger will give a glimmer of hope to those craving home glory at SW19 this summer.

Raducanu, 21, breezed past Belgium's Elise Mertens and into the third round at Wimbledon for just the second time with a straight sets win of 6-1 6-2.

She said: "I played very well, but I don't think it was my best match since the US Open.

"I've played a few matches I was, personally, probably happier with. But, of course, today I'm very pleased with, again, how I handled situations.

"I mean, it's always a lot of fun, but it's never easy stepping out onto a massive court and, yeah, playing in front of the home crowd. It's not straightforward.

"The way I handled that, the first game going 0-30, then regrouping, finding a good rhythm, I'm very pleased, but I wouldn't say it was my best performance."

The British star may have shown some nerves in her opening win of the tournament against lucky loser Renata Zarazua but she was in total control here from the off.

Romeo Beckham watched on under the roof of Court 1. His dad saw her in action earlier in the week. Who knows who will be there for the next round from the Beckham clan.

A superb shot across

FROM **NEIL McLEMAN** AT SW19

court with a forehand to make it 4-0 was arguably the highlight of some fine tennis on her way to the first set against the world No.33.

Raducanu agreed to team up with Andy Murray for the mixed doubles and there will be a dream scenario that she helps the Scot bow out of Wimbledon with a title next week.

But she may also have her own focus in the singles draw if this form continues with big names like Aryna Sabalenka out and the draw opening up for her.

World No.9 Maria Sakkari will be her fourth-round opponent and Raducanu knows her well having beaten her in the last four on her way to US Open glory.

She said: "It's easy to get caught up in parallels, things that have happened in the past, but no situation is the same."

Elsewhere, Sonny Kartal admits she'll live out a childhood dream if she books a Centre Court date with Coco Gauff.

The Brighton native beat Frenchwoman Clara Burel in three sets 6-3 5-7 6-3 to seal a third-round tie with the American favourite tomorrow.

Kartal said: "To be able to walk onto one of those courts will be a dream come true."

There was a heartache for former world No.1 Naomi Osaka as she lost in the second round on her Wimbledon return in only 59 minutes.

The Japanese said: "I didn't feel fully confident. I wasn't playing well. I'm disappointed. Now I want to take the time and train for the Olympics."

Raducanu pulls off two in a row but says this isn't her ceiling



VICTORIOUS Raducanu roars on her way to beating Mertens

DOUBLE DOWN & UP ANTE

RESULTS DAY THREE

Men's Singles 1st rnd: E Ruusuvoori (Fin) bt M McDonald (USA) 7-6 (8-6) 4-6 5-7 7-6 (8-6) 6-3, A Rinderknech (Fra) bt K Nishikori (Jpn) 5-7 6-4 6-7 (2-7) 6-3 6-2, (24) A Tabilo (Chi) bt D Evans (Gbr) 6-2 7-5 6-3, T Machac (Cze) bt D Goffin (Bel) 3-6 3-6 6-4 6-1 7-6 (10-5), R Safiullin (Rus) bt (26) F Cerundolo (Arg) 6-7 (5-7) 3-6 7-5 6-3 6-4, T Kokkinakis (Aus) bt (17) F Auger-Aliassime (Can) 2-6 5-7 7-6 (11-9) 6-4 6-4, L Pouille (Fra) bt L Djere (Ser) 3-6 7-6 (7-4) 3-6 6-3 6-1, Q Halys (Fra) bt C Eubanks (USA) 6-4 6-4 6-2, (21) K Khachanov (Rus) bt A Karatsev (Rus) 6-3 6-7 (4-7) 7-6 (13-11) 2-0 ret.

Men's Singles 2nd rnd: M Kecmanovic (Ser) bt (27) T Griekspoor (Ned) 4-6 7-6 (9-7) 1-6 6-2 6-3, J Struff (Ger) bt (32) Z Zhang (Chn) 5-7 6-3 7-6 (7-1) 7-6 (10-8), (5) D Medvedev (Rus) bt A Muller (Fra) 6-7 (3-7) 7-6 (7-4) 6-4 7-5, (3) C Alcaraz (Spa) bt A Yucik (Aus) 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 6-2, (29) F Tiafoe (USA) bt B Coric (Cro) 7-6 (7-5) 6-1 6-3, B Nakashima (USA) bt J Thompson (Aus) 6-3 6-2 6-2, (16) U Humbert (Fra) bt B Van de Zandschulp (Ned) 7-6 (11-9) 6-1 6-3, (12) T Paul (USA) bt O Virtanen (Fin) 4-6 6-3 5-7 7-5 6-4, (23) A Bublik (Kaz) bt A Cazaux (Fra) 6-4 7-6 (7-1) 6-4, R Bautista Agut (Spa) bt L Sonogo (Ita) 6-3 3-6 6-3 6-4, F Foggini (Ita) bt (8) C Ruud (Nor) 6-4 7-5 6-7 (1-7) 6-3.

Women's Singles 1st rnd: (11) D Collins (USA) bt C Tauson (Den) 6-3 7-6 (7-4), M Camila Osorio Serrano (Col) bt L Davis (USA) 6-3 6-1, (20) B Haddad Maia (Bra) bt M Frech (Pol) 7-5 6-3, (31) B Krejickova (Cze) bt V Kudrmetova (Rus) 7-6 (7-4) 6-7 (1-7) 7-5, K Volynets (USA) bt M Lourdes Carle (Arg) 6-2 7-5, J Niemeier (Ger) bt V Golubic (Svi) 6-2 6-1, (21) E Svitolina (Ukr) bt M Linette (Pol) 7-5 6-7 (9-11) 6-3.

Women's Singles 2nd rnd: L Sun (Nzl) bt Y Starodubtseva (Ukr) 4-6 6-3 6-2, L Zhu (Chn) bt (25) A

Pavlyuchenkova (Rus) 6-4 6-3, E Raducanu (Gbr) bt E Mertens (Bel) 6-1 6-2, (9) M Sakkari (Gre) bt N Rus (Ned) 7-5 6-3, (28) D Yastremska (Ukr) bt V Gracheva (Fra) 3-6 6-4 7-6 (10-5), D Vekic (Cro) bt (3) E Andreeva (Rus) 6-2 6-3, (7) J Paolini (Ita) bt G Minnen (Bel) 7-6 (7-5) 6-2, B Andreescu (Can) bt (26) L Noskova (Cze) 6-3 7-6 (7-5), D Shnaider (Rus) bt S Stephens (USA) 6-1 6-1, (19) E Navarro (USA) bt N Osaka (Jpn) 6-4 6-1, S Kartal (Gbr) bt C Burel (Fra) 6-3 5-7 6-3, (2) C Gauff (USA) bt A Todoni (Rom) 6-2 6-1.

Men's Doubles 1st rnd: (12) N Lammons (USA) & J Withrow (USA) bt M Giron (USA) & A Michelsen (USA) 6-3 6-2, (8) K Krawietz (Ger) & T Puetz (Ger) bt L Darder (Ita) & F Romboli (Bra) 6-4 6-2, H Heliovaara (Fin) & H Patten (Gbr) bt (5) S Bolelli (Ita) & A Vavassori (Ita) 6-3 6-4, P Martinez (Spa) & J Munar (Spa) bt D Lajovic (Ser) & S Nagal (Ind) 6-2 6-2, R Matos (Bra) & M Melo (Bra) bt J Fearnley (Gbr) & J Pinnington Jones (Gbr) 6-4 7-6 (7-5), N Barrientos (Col) & F Cabral (Por) bt (10) I Dodig (Cro) & A Krajicek (USA) 7-6 (7-4) 7-6 (8-6), C Frantzen (Ger) & H Jebens (Ger) bt P Kotov (Rus) & C Rodriguez (Col) 7-6 (7-3) 7-6 (7-3), (2) R Bopanna (Ind) & M Ebden (Aus) bt S Arends (Ned) & R Haase (Ned) 7-5 6-4.

Women's Doubles 1st rnd: M Kato (Jpn) & S Zhang (Chn) bt A Moratelli (Ita) & N Podoroska (Arg) 6-2 7-6 (7-2), L Fernandez (Can) & E Shibahara (Jpn) bt H Guo (Chn) & X Jiang (Chn) 2-6 7-6 (7-4) 6-3, (16) U Eikeri (Nor) & I Neel (Est) bt C Rosatello (Ita) & L Samsonova (Cze) 6-3 6-7 (2-7) 6-3, C Garcia (Fra) & K Mladenovic (Fra) bt X Yu Wang (Chn) & S Zheng (Chn) 6-2 6-4, (10) M Bouzkova (Cze) & S Sorribes Tormo (Spa) bt E Avanesyan (Rus) & O Kalashnikova (Geo) 6-3 6-7 (1-7) 6-2, (2) G Dabrowski (Can) & E Routliffe (Nzl) bt M Andreeva (Rus) & A Potapova (Rus) 6-2 7-5.

ORDER OF PLAY DAY FOUR

All courts 11.30am start except Centre (1:30pm) and No.1 (1pm).
Centre Court: J Fearnley (GB) v (2) N Djokovic (Ser), (1) I Swiatek (Pol) v P Martic (Cro), R Hijikata (Aus) & J Peers (Aus) v A Murray (GB) & J Murray (GB).
Court 1: (32) K Boulter (GB) v H Dart (GB), (28) J Draper (GB) v C Norrie (GB), M Giron (USA) v (4) A Zverev (Ger).
Court 2: (7) H Hurkacz (Pol) v A Fils (Fra), (10) O Jabeur (Tun) v R Montgomery (USA), (4) E Rybakina (Kaz) v L Siegemund (Ger).
Court 3: J Munar (Spa) v (9) A De Minaur (Aus), X Wang (Chn) v (5) J Pegula (USA), (11) D Collins (USA) v D Galfi (Hun), E Ruusuvoori (Fin) v (11) S Tsitsipas (Gre).
Court 4: C Bucsa (Spa) v J Bouzas Maneiro (Spa), L Darder (Ita) v (25) L Musetti (Ita), D Shnaider (Rus) & E Vesnina (Rus) v Y Putintseva (Kaz) & C Tauson (Den), H Dart (GB) & M Lumsden (GB) v (5) S Errani (Ita) & M Paolletti (Ita).
Court 5: M Frech (Pol) & K Kawa (Pol) v A Danilina (Kaz) & Y Xu (Chn), M Demoliner (Bra) & D Medvedev (Rus) v G Escobar (Ecu) & A Nedovyesov (Kaz), E Navarro (USA) & D Parry (Fra) v L Bronzetti (Ita) & V Gracheva (Fra), A Erlar (Aut) & L Miedler (Aut) v (9) N Skupski (GB) & M Venus (Nzl), A Blinkova (Rus) & M Sherif (Egy) v E Hozumi (Jpn) & M Uchiyama (Jpn).
Court 6: V Comea (Rom) & F Marozsan (Hun) v A Mies (Ger) & J Smith (Aus), N Balaji (Ind) & L Johnson (GB) v (4) M Arevalo (Esa) & M Pavic (Cro), (13) G Olmos (Mex) & A Panova (Rus) v M Kostyuk (Ukr) & E Ruse (Rom), I Gamarra Martins (Bra) & B Haddad Maia (Bra) v I Khromacheva (Rus) & K Rakhimova (Rus), (6) S Gonzalez (Mex) & E Roger-Vasselin (Fra) v D Evans (GB) & H Searle (GB).
Court 7: T Mihalikova (Svk) & O Nicholls (GB) v (6) D Schuurs (Ned) & L Stefani (Bra), (7) C Dolehide (USA) & D Krawczyk (USA) v S Aoyama (Jpn) & A Krunic (Ser), X Wang (Chn) & L Zhu (Chn) v E Appleton (GB) & Y Miyazaki (GB), C Bucsa (Spa) & N Hibino (Jpn) v T Maria (Ger) & A Rus (Ned), H Baptiste (USA) & A Parks (USA) v M Ninomiya (Jpn) & F Wu (Tpe).
Court 8: (31) B Krejickova (Cze) v K Volynets (USA), T Machac (Cze) v R Safiullin (Rus), T Kokkinakis (Aus) v L Pouille (Fra), G Minnen (Bel) & H Watson (GB) v (14) S Kenin (USA) & B Mattek-Sands (USA).
Court 9: S Grey (GB) & T Moore (GB) v (3) N Melichar-Martinez (USA) & E

Perez (Aus), A Bublik (Kaz) & A Shevchenko (Kaz) v Y Bhambri (Ind) & A Olivetti (Fra), F Martin (Fra) & M Middellkoop (Ned) v T Griekspoor (Ned) & B Stevens (Ned), (1) M Granollers (Spa) & H Zeballos (Arg) v A Fils (Fra) & U Humbert (Fra), M Linette (Pol) & P Stearns (USA) v A Bogdan (Rom) & J Cristian (Rom).
Court 10: (15) A Muhammad (USA) & A Sutjiadi (Ina) v I Begu (Rom) & M Trevisan (Ita), J Clarke (GB) & M Willis (GB) v (15) M Purcell (Aus) & J Thompson (Aus), (4) K Siniakova (Cze) & T Townsend (USA) v R Masarova (Spa) & A Rajcecki (GB) v T Babos (Hun) & N Kichenok (Ukr), M Kolodziejova (Cze) & A Siskova (Cze) v L Davis (USA) & K Zimmermann (Bel).
Court 11: (3) R Ram (USA) & J Salisbury (GB) v W Blumberg (USA) & C Ruud (Nor), (30) T Etcheverry (Arg) v A Popyrin (Aus), (16) S Doubbia (Fra) & F Reboul (Fra) v O Crawford (GB) & K Edmund (GB), K Piter (Pol) & V Tomova (Bul) v C Burel (Fra) & M Osorio Serrano (Col), C Eubanks (USA) & E King (USA) v L Broady (GB) & B Harris (GB).
Court 12: Y Wang (Chn) v (12) M Keys (USA), (10) G Dimitrov (Bul) v J Shang (Chn), (13) T Fritz (USA) v A Rinderknech (Fra), C Wozniacki (Den) v (30) L Fernandez (Can).
Court 14: (18) M Kostyuk (Ukr) v D Saville (Aus), F Cobolli (Ita) v (24) A Tabilo (Chi), G Mpetshi Perricaud (Fra) v Y Nishioka (Jpn), (1) S Hsieh (Tpe) & E Mertens (Bel) v A Barnett (GB) & F Christie (GB).
Court 15: Y Putintseva (Kaz) v (27) K Siniakova (Cze), M Osorio Serrano (Col) v (20) B Haddad Maia (Bra), (17) A Kalinskaya (Rus) v M Bouzkova (Cze), Q Halys (Fra) v (21) K Khachanov (Rus), T Machac (Cze) & Z Zhang (Chn) v A Behar (Uru) & A Pavlasek (Cze).
Court 16: F Comesana (Arg) v A Walton (Aus), D Snigur (Ukr) v (13) J Ostapenko (Lat), (23) C Garcia (Fra) v B Pera (USA), (9) L Kichenok (Ukr) & J Ostapenko (Lat) v D Saville (Aus) & Y Yuan (Chn), F Coria (Arg) & M Navone (Arg) v (7) W Koolhof (Ned) & N Mektic (Cro).
Court 17: P Badosa Gibert (Spa) v B Fruhvirtova (Cze), D Shapovalov (Can) v D Altmaier (Ger), J Niemeier (Ger) v (21) E Svitolina (Ukr), (11) C Gauff (USA) & J Pegula (USA) v (11) A Kalinina (Ukr) & D Yastremska (Ukr).
Court 18: (14) D Kasatkina (Rus) v Y Miyazaki (GB), L Harris (SA) v (14) B Shelton (USA), (15) H Rune (Den) v T Seyboth Wild (Bra), E Avanesyan (Rus) v (15) L Samsonova (Rus).



WEATHER BEATEN Evans

Blazers made me play on unsafe court

DAN EVANS hit out at the officials for insisting he continued to play on a court that "wasn't safe" after he crashed out.

The British No.3 lost 6-2 7-5 6-3 to Chile's Alejandro Tabilo after a weather and light-delayed first-round match.

Evans, 34, who suffered a knee injury at Queen's last month when he slipped, felt the surface was

too wet on Court 12 after a day of rain delays.

He got into a heated exchange before the match was halted just before 9pm but it didn't get any better for him yesterday.

Evans said: "It's the second time it's happened where I've ended up going on pretty late because of the weather, which is frustrating. "My first concern is to be safe

after what happened. Obviously that grass court wasn't safe where I slipped. The powers that be in the fancy jackets didn't agree with me and we carried on.

"I'll have to take some time after the tournament to work on my knee, getting it stronger.

"I didn't get much time after slipping and the damage that occurred."



KILMARNOCK GOOD SIGNS

Conor forced to go under knife

CONOR McMENAMIN will have surgery on a ligament injury in a massive blow for St Mirren just three weeks before they launch their European adventure.

A patella tendon injury meant the striker did not travel to Spain for Saints' pre-season training camp after it flared up on Northern Ireland duty last month.

A statement said: "A pre-existing injury, the 28-year-old played through the pain barrier last season but was eventually ruled out for a period. Conor returned to action in March to play his part in our European qualification."

No timescale has been given, with the club's Europa Conference League second qualifying round first leg taking place three weeks tonight.

Del out to seal Danny long term as 'deal to be done' for Ndaba

LET US EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE

STAYING POWER Killie want new deals for Danny and Corrie, below



BY CRAIG SWAN

DEREK McINNES has revealed Kilmarnock are still working towards extending Danny Armstrong's deal.

And the Rugby Park boss is adamant an agreement can be reached with Ipswich for the return of Corrie Ndaba.

McInnes says squad strengthening efforts are constant as the club aim to build on last term's success, which brought European football back to Ayrshire.

Killie go into the new campaign with most of their top stars tied down beyond the next year.

Out of contract next summer, Armstrong is an exception but the club will not give up trying to extend his stay.

McInnes said: "It's ongoing. What we have been better at recently is to secure players longer term and get a wee bit more stability, more security and certainty about things.

"Year in, year out, making wholesale changes isn't a good thing for a club.

"On the back of last season, we wanted to try to retain the core of what we had.

"So even boys who are into their last year, we are constantly trying to look at getting these boys tied down.

"Danny is a case in point. We've been trying for the last six or seven months to get an agreement where he can sign a bit longer.

"The reality is it is going to be difficult to do that but these things are ongoing.

"You are trying to keep good players

within the club as well as trying to attract good players from outwith.

"It's a constant battle but while the players are with us, like Danny, he's got a lot to offer and we don't want to just let people walk out of the door cheap.

"He's such a key player for us. We've got Europe to look forward to but we see the importance of trying to get that longer-term stability for our players."

Killie stepped up their preparations for the Europa League qualifier against Cercle Brugge in four weeks with a 5-0 closed-doors win over The New Saints.

New boy Bruce Anderson grabbed a first-half treble yesterday as Innes Cameron and Brad Lyons also scored.

McInnes still has a door open for Ndaba to be a part of the picture once the real stuff kicks off.

The Ipswich defender spent last term on loan and the gaffer told Killie TV: "We would like Corrie. I've spoken to him two or three times during the summer and again last week.

"We are a couple of defenders short so if we have to move on, then we will.

"But we would like Corrie and I think a deal can be done with Ipswich."

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MASSIVE LOSSES AT ICT

CRISIS club Inverness have announced a pre-tax loss of close to £600,000.

The club confirmed they had lost £588,053 for the year up to May 2023.

Alarm bells are ringing as things have got even worse since then. Caley

Thistle invested heavily in their coaching and playing staff but ended up being relegated to League One via the play-offs in May.

Club chairman Ross Morrison has resigned. He had put major funds into the club but that has now

stopped. Director Panos Thomas said: "We are doing everything in our power to find new investment in the club.

"We are in discussions with a number of interested parties who have the investment required."



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FAREWELL POST Igamane

Rangers fans need clarity on stadium

FROM BACK PAGE

let them know urgently what their plans are for the start of the new season.

The ex-Ibrox striker told Clyde 1 SSB: "It doesn't look good on the club in terms of organisation, whatever the reasons are.

"The Champions League game in particular, that Ibrox atmosphere has been such an important part of Rangers' European fixtures which they're not going to have now. So where is it going to be?"

"Hampden would be easier logistically for the Glasgow fans. Murrayfield is the bigger stadium and they can maybe get more fans in. But they just need to get the decision made and let the fans know.

"At least then they can put the situation, which isn't ideal by the way, to bed for the next few weeks.

"Just let the fans know where their home is going to be for the next three, four or five games. It directly affects them."

Meanwhile, Morocco striker Hamza Igamane dropped a massive hint he is on his way to Ibrox after an emotional farewell.

The 21-year-old, who can play through the middle and out wide, said thank you to FAR Rabat ahead of his £1.7million move. On social media before jetting out of Africa, Igamane said: "It's time to bid farewell and embark on a new challenge.

"I've had the honour of achieving two titles with the club I deeply love."

Igamane has 13 goals in the Moroccan top-flight and has scored twice for the Under-23 national side.

Dark Blues Pole axe travel rivals

TONY DOCHERTY toasted his boys for seeing to it that travelling fans could "enjoy their Polish beer" as Dundee got their trip off to a flier.

Jamie Richardson, Luke Graham and Fin Robertson goals KO'd Banik Ostrava 3-0 as Dee "made the opposition unravel". On the fans who joined them, boss Doc said: "It's hugely appreciated. It was a good wee win for them - hopefully they'll enjoy their Polish beer tonight!"

DAVID GRAY was a no-nonsense defender and it was hard for opponents to get past him.

I'm delighted to see he's straight away set about trying to make Hibs be more like him since going into the top job.

For too long, the team have been too easy to score against and therefore too easy to beat.

David knows the ethos of the club is to play attacking football, have a bit of flair and style.

But, above everything else, Hibs have to win games.

That is most important. The style part can come later.

Hibs have to sort things at the back because the defensive side is a massive thing.

I'm going back three managers and three years to when Jack Ross was asking for centre-backs after Rijeka hammered his team 4-1.

It hasn't been right since then and I am encouraged by the fact David has looked at defensive-minded players.

The backline needs to be sorted out because there have not been enough clean sheets and it's never been convincing in terms of the keeper and the central defenders.

He has already brought in Marvin Ekpiteta from Fleetwood and Warren O'Hora from MK Dons.

I spoke to Charlie Adam about Marvin. He said he was a good athlete and a good defender who is quick and powerful. He's 28 and 25-year-old O'Hora has played a lot of games at MK Dons.

You are not signing kids. These boys are a good age and types who have a good pedigree.

The keeper Josef Bursik is the same - plenty of games at Stoke - so you sort that aspect out and build your team from there.

A number of Premiership teams are based on being hard to beat and there are managers who have shown it.

Stephen Robinson at St Mirren Derek McInnes at Kilmarnock, Steven Naismith at Hearts, Tony Docherty at Dundee... I wouldn't look at any of them and say they send out

Nifty shades of Gray

Swagger and style can wait... a side in David's no-nonsense mould must be starting block



PLAYED TO GRAY
David was hard to beat as player and as boss wants Hibs to be same



their sides to go all-out attack. They've good attacking players who can hurt the opposition but, first and foremost, they make sure they are stuffy and hard to break down.

Defensively, they are generally sound and don't give much away. Scottish football is unique in the fact that, although it is not the best technically, if you are hard to break down and have good organisation, you can win games.

Under Jack, I'm sure a lot of Hibs supporters didn't like the football and said it was hard to watch. But the team finished

third in the Premiership and got to cup finals and semi-finals.

When the different managers came in after him and you look at the aspect of attacking football with Shaun Maloney, Lee Johnson, Nick Montgomery, none of them worked.

The fact David has gone in and identified straight away he needs two centre-backs and a keeper augurs well for me.

I'm sure there are plenty more in and outs to come at Hibs but the defence is the key area.

Being sound at the back, not losing cheap goals and making sure you don't lose games will

buy him time as a manager for a start.

It's been pretty obvious Hibs managers don't get a lot of time - that has been clear in the last couple of seasons.

So you buy yourself that time by being stuffy and hard to beat. The four League Cup games coming up are massive.

The games against Elgin, Queen's Park, Kelty Hearts and Peterhead have to be four wins.

Johnson found himself under pressure straight away when Hibs were put out at the group stage.

Realistically, the cups are the

only two things Hibs can win, so you need to come out of the blocks flying, win those first four games and get into the knockout stages.

David knows the club inside out. He knows playing with a bit of swagger and style is part of the Hibs culture and fans want it.

But you have to walk before you can run and making sure the team are getting results on the board and building things up slowly comes first.

Style can come later because, right now, Hibs need to be of substance.

Martin can be our leader and drive the standards

DAVID GRAY wants Martin Boyle to lead Hibs this season after skipping them to success in the Netherlands.

The Aussie winger started with the armband as the Premiership side defeated MSV Duisburg.

Joe Newell took over when Boyle went off but



BY CRAIG SWAN

boss Gray said: "I'm going to keep pushing him to make sure he's driving the standards every single day and being the leader I believe he can be"

Centre-back recruits

Warren O'Hora and Marvin Ekpiteta started together in front of new goalkeeper Josef Bursik.

Gray added: "Marvin and Warren had never played together before. Josef was vocal and communication is the most important thing for goalkeepers and defenders. Josef has really

hit the ground running. He's a confident boy, really in good with the players and I'm delighted with how that started."

Josh Campbell's first-half goal won the game and Gray changed his entire team at the interval.

Jojo Wollacott, Rocky Bushiri and Riley Harbottle

took over from O'Hora, Ekpiteta and Bursik for the second period.

Gray said: "The most important thing is nobody came out of the game injured.

"The intensity was really good, the effort from everyone was excellent and we won with a clean sheet."



ARM BAND STARTER Boyle



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DAILY POLL

IS David Gray the right man to lead Hibs back into the Premiership top six?

QUICK QUIZ ?

- 1 Who was Portugal's manager before Roberto Martinez?
- 2 Which Grand Slam other than Wimbledon has Andy Murray won?
- 3 Which position does Scotland and Lions star Finn Russell play?
- 4 On which golf course will this year's Women's British Open be played?
- 5 From which club did Brighton's new head coach Fabian Hurzeler arrive?
- 6 Prior to Lewis Hamilton, who was the last British driver to win his home Grand Prix?
- 7 United States Olympian Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone is the world record holder in which discipline?
- 8 Which rider is currently defending his Tour de France title?
- 9 Cardiff Devils play which sport?
- 10 Which club will make their English Football League debut in August?

ON THIS DAY



2009: American Serena Williams beat sister Venus Williams to win the Wimbledon women's singles title.

TV SPORT

TENNIS: Wimbledon (BBC Two 11am, BBC One 1.45pm and 7pm).

CYCLING: Tour de France, Stage six (Eurosport 112noon and ITV4 2pm).

GOLF: PGA Tour, John Deere Classic (Sky Sports Golf and Sky Sports Main Event 7.30pm), DP World Tour, BMW International Open (Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Golf 11.30am), Ladies European Tour, Aramco Series London (Sky Sports Mix 3.30pm and Sky Sports Golf 5pm).

BASEBALL: MLB, New York Yankees v Cincinnati Reds (TNT Sports 2 6pm), Seattle Mariners v Baltimore Orioles (TNT Sports 1 9pm).

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IDENTITY

JIMMY THELIN is a big fan of Jurgen Klopp and Hansi Flick.

The German coaches are ranked highly by the Aberdeen manager as they not only know how to win but also build teams with a real identity.

That is important to Thelin. He wants his Aberdeen team to eventually have a similar identity – one the Red Army and everybody connected with the Dons can be proud of.

Thelin loves watching current Barcelona boss Flick and what he has done and how he has achieved success with Bayern Munich and the German national team.

It is the same with Klopp who has played his own brand of 'heavy metal' football with Mainz, Borussia Dortmund and Liverpool.

When asked what sort of football he enjoys, Thelin said: "Fast-paced teams like Salzburg, Bayern Munich under Hansi Flick, this kind of thing.

"Jurgen Klopp did really well at Mainz, Dortmund and Liverpool.

"I like coaches when it is clear – if you're at a Guardiola team it is clear, if you look at a Klopp team it is clear.

"If you look at a Hansi Flick team you know how it is going to look more or less – although there are always different qualities in the team and there will be some changes.

"Diego Simeone is the same. It is clear and you can recognise the teams.

"That's what I like more, how they can transmit their beliefs into the

Thelin loves teams who have a strong belief and one that the fans can identify with and he'd love to steal the ideas and philosophy of Klopp and Flick's sides

FROM **SCOTT BURNS** IN PORTUGAL squad. That is always good for leadership and coaches.

"It is more that they feel that's the way they want to play."

Thelin has swapped Elfsborg and Swedish football for Aberdeen. He might like watching some of the best teams and coaches but he has arrived in Scotland with his own masterplan.

He added: "I want a team to have a lot of scoring chances. How do we arrive at that? How can we be intense in our games?"

"You can steal some other ideas but you need to believe in it yourself so you can transmit it to the players. If you don't believe in it then they won't believe in you.

"You have to transmit it and make sure you are on the next step. The best football always has the basics. You need to have empathy and a strong team spirit.

"Football gets quicker and the players get more professional every year. From that, there is no right or wrong.

"Look at the Euros, different types of teams have shown they can win – some with more possession,

some with transition and some with a low block and set-plays. You need to find your way, that is important.

"I know what I want to achieve. I want to overload the opposition's penalty box.

"We know what we want to do but there is always an opponent. They are always going to be there."

There has been an acceptance around everyone connected with Aberdeen that there needs to be more patience shown. There have been too many managerial changes and uncertainty at the club.

They have gone for Thelin and know they must give him the time and tools to deliver.

It won't happen overnight but it is clear he is already stamping his authority and his style of play on his team in their Portuguese pre-season training camp.

Thelin said: "The only power we coaches have is how we train and how we want to play. It's our job to make that happen and hopefully we can do it so well that we win games.

"It has to be clear what we want to do and everybody has to recognise that.

"That journey we are on right now, what we are trying to create, of course it is going to take some time. But you have to start with working from day one and it has to be clear for everyone. That's what

we are starting, when they wake up they play and they are Aberdeen.

"That's the most important thing for us, to be really good at something. You can't be the best team at everything, that's impossible. So if you want to have a strong overload we have to be really good on that.

"It can't be a little bit of this, a little bit of that – then it is not clear and you cannot compete.

"You have to be really good at something. That's what we want to create here."

Thelin reckons this trip is vital for him and his new backroom team to get to know his players and what they can bring to his team.

He said: "It allows us to understand the players and to get small chats with them. You learn their personalities and that is important so we can find out how to make the players grow and how they react.

"We are spending a lot of time together and they are tough sessions. We are also able to see the quality of the players on the pitch and their tactical knowledge.

"It is important for the players to have some time together as well. The weather has been hot but the players are really pushing themselves."



SEV'S TANGERINE DREAM MOVE BEATS

DUNDEE UNITED new boy Vicko Sevelj has revealed the on-going attack on Ukraine ended his career in Russia without him kicking a ball.

The Croat, in England with the United squad in pre-season, swapped Slovenian side Radomlje for Tannadice

BY **SCOTT BURNS**

last month. The defender might only be 23 but he is well-travelled having had a spell in Bosnia then going on loan to Russian side Akron Tolyatti in 2022.

Sevelj said: "They offered me a contract but then the

war between Ukraine and Russia started. By the time I had received my visa and was ready to go to Russia the war had kicked off.

"I was in Turkey for two months with Akron training but I never played any official games for them. All the

players refused to go because of the war. I ended up staying in Zagreb, I think it was the right choice.

"The war started and a lot of the foreign players left. UEFA allowed us to terminate our contracts and move anywhere else apart

from Russia and Ukraine. When it came to March I was without a club.

"It was the most difficult time of my career."

Trying to get a visa for Sarajevo also saw red tape leave Sevelj sidelined for a spell. He said: "I started in a

COUNTDOWN TO KICK-OFF

THREAT



NEW BLUEPRINT FOR MY REDS
Thelin wants to take ideas from the likes of Klopp, below, and Flick, left, add his own philosophy and start to put it into action at pre-season training with his Aberdeen squad, top and far left



Willie moves to ease the strain

WILLIE COLLUM has held a summit with top managers and club officials as he bids to ease the strained relations in Scottish football.

The SFA's new head of refereeing was keen to discuss a number of topics with clubs, from refereeing to the use of VAR.

New Aberdeen boss Jimmy Thelin joined the meeting via Zoom from the Dons' pre-season training camp in Portugal.

Thelin, who moved to Pittodrie from Elfsborg last month, has yet to experience VAR as Swedish clubs voted against using it.

He said: "I had to be on the link and I was there with Steven (Gunn, Aberdeen's director of football). It would have been good to have been there to get to know everyone but hopefully we can do that another time.

"It was a referee meeting. There is always discussions about decisions but that is football, that's why the sport is so big because everyone can have their own opinion."

Scott Burns

NIGHTMARE IN RUSSIA

small club at Dubrovnik and then GOSK Dubrovnik.

"I then went to the Hajduk Split academy and from the B team to the first team. I moved on to Sarajevo but I couldn't get a work permit."

The centre-back is now hoping his move to the

Scottish top-flight can help him showcase his talents and can help him catch the eye of the Croatia national team.

He has played at Under-20s and would love to break into Zlatko Dalic's squad.

He added: "Of course it is everybody's dream to play for

their national team. I hope I can have a good season at Dundee United and I can get on a list for the national team.

"The Scottish Premiership is one of the best leagues in Europe and a good season can help me and give me good options."



UP AND CROAT THEM
United new boy Sevelj

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IT'S bleep test season for many Premiership players but punters are racing out the blocks to get the trash talking started.

There's no off season when Celtic and Rangers are involved, of course, and their supporters are limbering up for another 12 months of recriminations, boasts and dismissing their rivals out of hand.

And it was the green team who made their move first with another season of drama.

Bud Hay, Dumfries, said: "Here we go again, the other mob is about the season that's not even started, we heard it all last season about what happened to the Mickey Mouse Cup and the champions are doing the business, so dream on."

But another regular feigned doubts over Rangers before turning right back at Celtic.

George Wilson, East Sussex, said: "Rangers have signed quite a few players already but they are all unknown duds.

"I know this because countless Celtic supporters have said this even though they haven't seen any of them play. I was going to be petty and say all Celtic's signings have been duds but they haven't signed anyone."

But optimism wasn't universal for those of a blue persuasion as one punter hopes for better.

Ross Douglas, Dalmarnock, said: "I'm worried about the Rangers recruitment.

"We are about to bring in our sixth recruit but they are all in their early 20s. I know Philippe Clement said experienced players are still to come but there has to be more urgency. The squad flies out for pre-season on Sunday and we don't have any players who would strengthen the XI."

And the man with a serious gripe about perceived

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'German FA have said there is only one problem with their playing surfaces - it's the spot where McGregor stood for 270 minutes'

inflated Celtic transfer values was back on his high horse once again.

Chris Lowe, Yoker, said: "A caller said I'd got it wrong with previous values of Celtic players, they must be the most gullible fans in Europe if they believe it. I was spot on with Dembele, Hatate, Kyogo, Palma, Abada, Forster, the French U21 penalty taker and many more.

"Can we borrow the Matt O'Riley calculator to get a value on Hagi? He's not only played in the Euros but performed well, plus scored in Europe for Rangers, something O'Reilly hasn't done for club and country."

And Celtic transfers were on the agenda with opinion split over whether or not it was time to panic for Brendan Rodgers and Co.

Alfie Mullin, London, said: "Scott McAdam said that he's unconcerned with Celtic's lack of signings, saying that they are all at the Euros and will sign later. If they are anything like the current Celtic players, who were at the Euros with Scotland, then Rangers have nothing to worry about."

Gary Stevenson, Newtonhill, said: "Interesting to hear McAdam's take on Celtic's lack of transfer activity by claiming that targets were still at the Euros, and here I was thinking that Gary Neville had retired.

"The German FA have said that there is only one problem area with their playing surfaces - it's the spot where Callum McGregor, aka The Colossus, stood for 270 minutes."

And it was misery business for others who reckon our game is one those with ability will do well to swerve.

Jamie Thompson, Yoker, said: "Celtic and Rangers are kidding themselves if they think really good young football talent would come to Glasgow. Scottish football is utter garbage. Nobody's interested, they look at Scottish football and laugh or run a mile."

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HANGING UP BOOTS Kroos

It'll be final Kroos for old pal Toni

JOSELU admits he's got no problem in sending old Real Madrid pal Toni Kroos into retirement.

The German maestro has already confirmed his final matches as a professional footballer will come at this summer's tournament.

But ahead of their clash in Stuttgart tomorrow night, Spain star Joselu said: "It was an honour to have played with Toni.

"He embodies all of Real's values and was an excellent team-mate. I got a lot of advice from him.

"But Friday's game will be his last."

Kroos, 34, hit back and said: "I'll let him have his wish and will do everything I can to prevent it from coming true!"



STUNNING STOP Gunok

Mert: Save the party for Berlin

MERT GÜNOK insists his greatest save will mean nothing if Turkey are not crowned champions of Europe this summer.

The 35-year-old Besiktas keeper reduced Austrian ace Christoph Baumgartner to tears by diverting his injury-time header around a post in Tuesday's 2-1 win.

Turkey now face the Dutch on Saturday night in their quarter-final but Günok said: "Of course I can rank the save as the best I have ever made because it was the national team and considering the emotions I experienced

"We made it to the last eight. We're very happy and proud - but our work isn't over yet. We'll enjoy this win but we need to focus."

IT'S supposed to have stopped hurting by now.

But the deeper we go into Euro 2024, one thing becomes more and more obvious.

The only true way for a Scotsman to enjoy watching the climax to this tournament is to forget that Scotland were actually ever part of it in the first place.

Failure to wipe this mere detail from the memory bank only results in a sense of heightened agitation and painful regret.

It has become impossible, for example, to observe the heroics of teams such as Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania, Georgia, Austria and Switzerland without wondering how it might have been for us, if only our side had embraced this tournament in the same, adventurous manner.

Come to think of it, Scotland have succeeded in being just about the only smaller nation at the whole event who wilted and froze when the opportunity presented itself to punch above their weight for once.

While the rest of them looked upon these finals as the chance to put the foot to the floor, Steve Clarke kept the handbrake on as if he was terrified of the consequences of what might happen if he gave it a bit of serious welly instead.

It's almost too excruciating to look back on Scotland's fainthearted contribution while the rest of them are still out there milking Germany for all that it's worth and drinking whatever beer the Tartan Army left behind.

Yes, that massive travelling support played its part by launching a huge ground invasion without throwing a single blow in anger. And that just makes the whole campaign even more galling.

The best fans at the competition had to endure the ignominy of supporting its worst team and then being oxtored off the premises before the real party had got anywhere near full swing.

Clarke, of course, deserves all of our thanks just for making tournament football a modern day reality because, before his time in charge, following Scotland to a major event was in danger of becoming nothing more than a misty-eyed memory from way back in the good old days.

Of course, he must now reflect on his own part in why his team failed so feebly to grasp on to the thistle when the chance was there for them to make their own mark.

If they were scared that it might sting, then how are they feeling right now as they watch everyone else grab on to it with

Teams such as Austria, Switzerland and Slovakia have proved that by being adventurous and taking off the handbrake you can bring joy to a nation

HERE'S WHAT YOU COULD HAVE DONE

GLORIOUS SIGHT Marko Arnautovic revels in goal for Austria after being given freedom to attack

KEITH JACKSON



both hands. But for some unknown reason - and this is a conundrum for Clarke to work out - his players looked scared of their own shadows over there when they ought to have been feeling bigger, braver and bolder than ever before.

Were they simply given too many instructions from the coaching staff?

Were they too frightened to play with a sense of freedom or enjoyment because Clarke had

demanding they stick rigidly to the system and tactics he had laid down?

Of all the lessons he must now reflect upon, Clarke has to accept that the same mistakes must not be repeated in the event he hangs around to have another crack at the next major finals - the World Cup in two years' time.

Yes, the intense pressure will come from attempting to qualify for those finals. However,

in the event he should pull it off for a third time, then Clarke cannot possibly wish to be sent home early from that one with another load of regrets, having taken a team too timid to actually turn up and compete.

So yes, let's try to forget for now that Scotland's players effectively made a mess of their hotel room beds at their idyllic base in Garmisch-Partenkirchen from the

moment they arrived until it was time to pack up and leave the rest of them to it.

And, instead, let's focus on those nations who are still there and whose big performers are still swinging punches.

That should rule England out, even if they do have a puncher's chance for as long as Gareth Southgate doesn't find a way of neutering Jude Bellingham and Harry Kane like he has done to players such as Phil Foden and Bukayo Saka.

And if they feel slightly emasculated by the whole Southgate experience, how do they think Jack Grealish and James Maddison are feeling

IT'S ON TO THE QUARTER-FINALS



FODEN: BLAME US NOT GARETH

PHIL FODEN insists Gareth Southgate shouldn't shoulder all of the blame for England's poor performances at the Euros.

The boss has come under fire as the Three Lions have struggled to live up to their tag as pre-finals favourites.

But ahead of Saturday's quarter-final showdown with Switzerland in Dusseldorf, Foden said: "I feel like the players have got to take some of the blame."

"There has to be some leaders to get together and find out a solution to why it is not working."

"There is only so much the

manager can do. He sets you up in a system and tells you how to press.

"The players have to adapt to what the other team are doing to be better."

"It is something we have definitely spoken about recently and going forward, hopefully you will see a different side to us pressing-wise."

"I feel sorry for Gareth. In training he has been telling us to press and be high up on the pitch."

"I feel like sometimes it has to come from the players."

"We have to get together and work out a solution."



WORK TO DO Foden urged stars to step up

AT THE PARTY Razvan Marin celebrates scoring for Romania, left, and, above, Andraz Sporar of Slovenia

MY TEAM OF EUROS SO FAR

- Diogo Costa (POR)
- Joshua Kimmich (GER)
- Manuel Akanji (SUI)
- Vanja Drkusic (SVN)
- Nuno Mendes (POR)
- Toni Kroos (GER)
- Rodri (ESP)
- Arda Guler (TUR)
- Jamal Musiala (GER)
- Cody Gakpo (NED)
- Lamine Yamal (ESP)

PALMER SPOTS A DIFFERENCE

COLE PALMER declared he'd be happy to be put on the spot for England – even though he knows the penalty for missing.

The Chelsea star could be one of the go-to players to take a spot-kick if the quarter-final with Switzerland goes to a shoot-out on Saturday evening.

He's scored nine out of nine for the Blues but admitted stepping up at the Euros is a totally different story. Palmer said: "It is so different. When you know you are going to take a penalty (in a shoot-out), you start thinking."

"The pressure builds up and

up and up. In a game, if you miss, there is still time to do something – to score.

"Once you miss in a shoot-out, there isn't time to redeem yourself."

"If you miss and everyone scores, it's all your fault. It's just more pressure."

"I'd be nominated on the pitch and would take one."

There is a growing clamour for Palmer to start against the Swiss and the 22-year-old said: "Obviously I want to start."

"But if I don't start, I've got to make enough impact from the bench to give the manager a decision."



SPOT SHOT Palmer is in frame for penalty

SWISS TIME IS NOW FOR ZUBI

PASCAL ZUBERBUHLER has warned Gareth Southgate to brace for a Swiss storm in Dusseldorf in two days' time.

The 58-year-old former keeper has some great memories from his time with Fulham, West Brom and Derby.

But after seeing his home nation's resurgence power them into the quarter-finals, he admits it could be a rough night for the Three Lions.

Zuberbuhler, who now works as a pundit, said: "I would not like to be a head coach playing against this Swiss team."

"This tournament's so difficult

and Switzerland are very difficult to predict because they have made changes, played different teams and come together."

"There is almost an expectation in Switzerland that it will be a different starting XI each time and they will win."

"England expect amazing attacking football because they have Harry Kane, Jude Bellingham and Phil Foden."

"I want to see England do well because I had such a fantastic time there and it's a fantastic country. But they have not played very well. Switzerland believe they can go a long way."



SPLIT LOYALTIES Swiss Zuberbuhler

GONE WITH A WHIMPER Clarke and skipper Andy Robertson

having been dismissed as surplus to requirements?

Much like Scotland, in fact, this English side seem almost paralysed by the strain and pressure of expectation.

If they carry all this fear into Saturday's quarter-final against the Swiss, they too will be gone.

Southgate and his players ought to be looking forward to watching Friday's football knowing two major threats are about to be eliminated first.

The best teams in the entire competition will go head-to-head in Stuttgart where a sparkling Spanish side will try to twinkle-toe their way around

a German juggernaut which has been building speed and momentum ever since it ran over the top of Clarke's side in Munich on opening night.

Only one can survive. And it will be the same story in Hamburg a couple of hours later when another two previous winners – Portugal and France – battle it out for one semi-final place.

England ought to be rubbing their hands at the prospect of watching those collisions take place from a safe distance. But it does feel as if the sight of a couple of contenders being left bloodied and crushed on the roadside will only heighten the

expectations and add to their levels of self-doubt and anxiety.

And to round off the last eight, a rampaging Turkish outfit will storm into Berlin for a confrontation with the Netherlands that is not to be missed, if only for the bedlam and colour their supporters will generate in the stands.

It could have been us, you know. But let's attempt for the time being not to dwell on it for another moment.

The whole process will be made much more enjoyable by simply lying back and thinking of England being escorted off the premises too.



FOOTBALL'S DARK SIDE

Failure was biggest fear as a player

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fear and anxiety involved. You live your life in a glass bowl, you are constantly judged. It's difficult.

"It's something you need to deal with and learn to live with, but I don't miss that side of it.

"The pressure games were bringing me was outweighing my motivation for actually playing."

Mulgrew's last full season was at United and he said: "That was horrendous. It was always going to take a season like that to see me out.

"The season before, we finished fourth and got into Europe, and the only highs in that season were winning 1-0 and scrapping through the game. A lot of the games, you didn't really enjoy, but you won and you could go: 'Yes, we can drive down the road and we've won'.

"We won games and were in Europe, so I thought I'd continue playing. Then we win 1-0 (against AZ), and we are buzzing, then we go away and lose seven, and from there it's a downwards spiral. To lose nine, you were into depression.

"The fear and everything is coming, you're just getting beat and getting beat. Before you know it you're on the pitch and lower than a snake's belly confidence-wise and you get accused of downing tools.

"The last thing you want to do as a human being is down tools, but you're gone. Emotionally drained, you have no confidence, you are bordering on depression.

"But the fans are judging you, saying you're downing tools and booing you every time you get the ball. There's a thought. You're in front of 12,000 fans accusing you of not fighting for the club.

"Of course you are, every single thing you're doing behind the scenes is to get this club to stay in the league, because who does it benefit for the club to go down?"

"It doesn't benefit me. I want to end on a high, stay up, but you're almost playing with a 50-kilo backpack on mentally, and that's how it looks."

Rocco's bumper deal at Hornets

ROCCO VATA is set to quit Celtic and sign a potential six-year contract with Watford.

The out-of-contract Hoops youngster is booked in to have a medical with the Championship club today.

If all goes well the Republic of Ireland international will put pen to paper on the bumper contract.

The Hornets have offered Vata a four-year deal that also includes a club option of another two years.

Watford will also need to pay Celtic around £250,000 in training compensation.

Vata has turned down a long-term deal at Celtic. He has been offered improved terms by Watford with the claim that he will get first-team football.

CAREER OF FEAR

» You live life with everyone judging you and losing is a nightmare

» Players celebrate call-offs as it relieves mega pressure

» Some throw up before games as nerves eat at them

» Desire to be at top never leaves - even in retirement

CHARLIE MULGREW had a huge hunger to be at the top.

But pre-match meal times were amongst those when he could sense the anxiety.

Mulgrew's resilience and ambition meant he didn't want to be anywhere else but right at the top as a player.

It's why he was able to succeed, play for his country and star for his club in the Champions League.

But beneath the surface there was a knot in the stomach. A churn of fear about the moments when it doesn't go to plan and it's likely he's not alone.

Mulgrew dealt with it to reach the top and, offering a truthful insight, he said: "That's the thing, you still want to be there. This is the crazy thing about it.

"You live your life and that

BY CRAIG SWAN

is your passion. You want to be at the top end of it, playing for Celtic and these teams that want to win.

"It comes at a cost but it's the greatest thing ever when you win. When you win it's amazing but there is a lot of fear and pressure that goes into that.

"You live your life with everybody judging you and, if you lose, it's a nightmare until the next game, then you can win and relax again.

"Did I used to panic before games? Of course. If you aren't nervous before a game there's something wrong with you. It's human nature.

"I was never a spewer, no. If I'm spewing, I'm steaming! But I'm telling you it's not spoken about enough. I'll tell you

what the tell-tale sign is. In the winter, you wake up in a hotel for an away game. Someone tells you, and this has happened to every football player, that the game is off.

"In the pre-match meal, the atmosphere goes from nobody saying a word to through the roof because all of a sudden there is a weight off your shoulder and the place is buzzing. It's like, wow.

"You go in front of 60,000 fans who are demanding that you win and that are scrutinising every single thing you do."

"But it's why you are a Celtic player, and why, when you win, you get that buzz. When you don't... you get that other side of it.

"It doesn't get spoken about enough in football but it's

hard. What I'm saying is that there is a lot of fear but there is nowhere else you would rather be.

"That's true, because you wouldn't. That doesn't mean that it's not hard.

"Anything worth having in life, it's hard, but it's still amazing.

"For example, getting beat off Rangers to lose the league on the last day is a complete low, and it's horrendous.

"You've had all the nerves and the fear in the build-up and that has happened.

"To then win the double in the season there when Adam Idah scored in the last minute in the cup final, those are the highs that you live for and there are a lot of them at Celtic."

Managers hunt character

as well as well as ability but Mulgrew said: "Aye but it's hard. You just don't know, you don't have a crystal ball.

"My wee boy has now gone full-time with Celtic and people ask me if he has a chance. Can you get inside his head? Because I don't know what he's thinking.

"I know what I was thinking. I know I had a lot of doubts and fears and a lot of resilience and, if I could give any young boy anything, it would be resilience.

"Can you go through the lows? Because there will be plenty of them.

"Some of them are really low. Some of them are as little as getting dropped from the 18s team or the 21s.

"You could be training with the first team, have a

“ If you aren't nervous before a game there's something wrong with

MULGREW'S PRESSURE POINTS



SORE ONE
Celts' loss on spot kicks to Gers in 2016 Cup semi-final, was tough for Mulgrew but so was last season at Dundee United, left



BITTERSWEET
Mulgrew experienced highs of Old Firm win at Ibrox in 2011, above, but also crushing disappointment in Cups and in Champions League action while at the Celtic

nightmare and then the next day you aren't training with them.

"There are so many lows and it is about how you can bounce back from them.

"You could be released from Celtic like me, go to Wolves, get released, then go to Aberdeen, play well and get back to Celtic.

"All of a sudden you're thinking: 'Hold on a minute, how am I back here?'"

"It's just mad and I suppose that is life as well. It's who can get up from the downs and that is resilience for me."

Mulgrew's final full season at Tannadice was a final straw for the 38-year-old. He knew time was up.

He said: "That was it. I still took time to think about it because I had an offer from

Thistle and an offer from Hamilton and I told the managers the same thing, that I didn't know if I had the motivation that was going to outweigh everything else.

"Before a game if I'm running out at Stirling Albion, no disrespect to Stirling Albion, I'm getting the same pressures.

"Even though you've played in the Champions League, you still want to win and don't want to make a fool of yourself. You still have all these pressures.

"But then, does the benefit outweigh that feeling? And, in the end, it didn't for me.

"If I regretted it then I would say I had made a bad decision and I probably would have gone into the game within a few months

because I'm still fit, but I have never once missed it."

Mulgrew has taken a post as Under-18s boss at Accies and wants his experiences to benefit the youngsters.

He said: "It's given me a huge motivation, though, to have a group of players that I can understand how they are feeling, and we can address that and say you know what? There's nothing you can do.

"It's there and there is no getting away from it but for me as a leader I just want to see you playing football the way you did in the school playground.

"I've got a strong passion for the coaching and management side that I want to pass experience, that knowledge and emotional intelligence on to players, and let

GLORY
Mulgrew got his hands on Cups once again as he looked to new season

them understand that I know what they are going through, and let them play with freedom within a structure and how I see the game."

● Mulgrew spoke to promote William Hill, proud sponsors of all four SPFL league competitions.



GB PUSH FOR 'CELTIC END' IN FAN VOTE

BY GAVIN BERRY

THE Green Brigade have urged Hoops fans to push for more safe standing inside Parkhead – and the effective creation of a 'Celtic End'.

The Parkhead ultras group took over the area behind the goal for women's fixtures two seasons ago in an initiative that drew a record crowd of 15,822 watching Celtic Women take on Hearts in a dramatic final day of the SWPL season.

But the Green Brigade boycotted SWPL fixtures towards the end of last season after being told they would be unable to be situated in the Jock Stein Stand.

And after the club launched their biggest-ever fan survey, supporters have been asked to vote en masse on one particular aspect of the questionnaire.

A video posted on social media highlights the section: 'Please answer 'Yes' if you support the idea of a goal-end standing section'.

An accompanying statement then says: "We encourage all Celtic supporters to complete the Celtic Fans' Survey 2024 which has been launched today by the club.

"For fans who enjoy the Celtic Park atmosphere and value the positive impact this has on the team, we encourage you to answer favourably to questions related to safe



SURVEY Green Brigade

standing sections. A goal-end standing section will transform the Celtic Park atmosphere for the better and give the team stronger, more consistent support from the stands.

"This survey is an opportunity to prove to the club that there is significant demand for this to happen.

"Within the survey, there are two questions related specifically to safe standing.

"If you support the introduction of a goal-end Standing Section then please answer 'YES' to both questions. There are an additional two questions related to improving Celtic Park facilities and enhancing the matchday experience. Please refer to a 'GOAL-END STANDING SECTION' in your answer."

Celtic said of the survey: "This will be the biggest ever survey of Celtic supporters worldwide.

"Supporters have until 5pm on Friday, July 26 to complete the survey so make sure you get involved."

Celtic closing in on deal to bring £6m Idah back

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is believed to have had second thoughts after the player made his position clear.

The 23-year-old wants to go back to Celtic to play under Brendan Rodgers again.

He now looks set to get his wish with a deal looking close to completion.

Idah became a fans' favourite after a low-key arrival at the end of the January transfer window.

He scored some important goals for the Hoops, none more so than

the late winner against Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final.

Rodgers made it clear after that game that he wanted to bring him back to Celtic Park.

He now looks set to get his wish and finally get his summer dealings going by landing one of his top targets.

Celtic are also likely to off-set some of the fee by selling South Korean striker Oh Hyeon-gyu, with Belgian side Genk ready to pay a fee in excess of £4m to land him.

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CHARLIE: MY FEAR OF FAILING

BY CRAIG SWAN

CHARLIE MULGREW has lifted the lid on the crushing fear and anxiety of top-level football.

The former Celtic hero savoured highs over almost two decades, winning major trophies, player of the year accolades and 44 Scotland caps.



But fear of failure was always there and worry at being constantly judged.

Mulgrew, 38, hung up his boots last September after a final full season at Dundee United

that left him bordering on depression.

It's a decision he's not once regretted and, in a frank admission, he said: "Being a football player is huge pressure. It's not spoken about enough. There is so much

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I couldn't say no to my hero

FROM NEIL McLEMAN AT SW19

EMMA RADUCANU admits she could not refuse the "once in a lifetime opportunity" of playing mixed doubles with her "hero" Andy Murray at his final Wimbledon.

And the Grand Slam champions intend to be "competitive", insists Murray as he prepares to make his entrance to this tournament in the

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STAR DUO Murray and Raducanu



GERS FANS MUST GET CLARITY

BY ROBBIE COPELAND

KENNY MILLER reckons Rangers need to give their fans clarity on the Ibrox stadium shambles.

Rangers are in talks with the SFA, who are expected to greenlight Hampden as a temporary home with their usual home stadium out of action when the season starts.



Supporters are anxiously awaiting an announcement on where their first two league games and early Champions League qualifiers

are to be played, with the relative silence from the club since the initial announcement leading to frustration.

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ADAM IS ON HIS WAY



PARADISE RETURN Striker Idah is closing in on a dream move back to Celtic

EXCLUSIVE

BY SCOTT BURNS

ADAM IDAH is on the verge of a permanent return to Celtic.

The Hoops have made their move for the £6million-rated Norwich striker, who starred on loan in the second half of last season.

Talks between the two clubs are now at an advanced stage.

Idah is expected to be given permission to travel north for talks on personal terms, a medical and to put pen to paper.

The Republic of Ireland star has made it clear to the Canaries that he wants to rejoin the Scottish champions this summer.

New Norwich boss Johannes Hoff Thorup had wanted to run his eyes over Idah in pre-season but he

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Celtic set to seal permanent deal for £6m star

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EXTRA PUZZLES

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot six differences between these two pictures?



WORDSEARCH

Can you find all the listed words in the grid? Answers may run horizontally, vertically or diagonally, backwards or forwards.

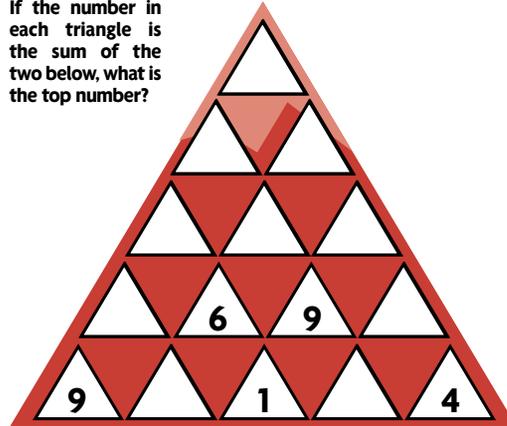
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| CHERRY | MERINGUE | KIDNEY |
| CHICKEN | MINCE | SWEET POTATO |
| CORNED BEEF | PORK | |
| COTTAGE | PUMPKIN | |

PIE

SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



SPLIT DECISION

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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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.

- 1987 gives a cheese
- 421156 gives a cake
- 196693 gives a herb

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COFFEE BREAK CORNER

NINER

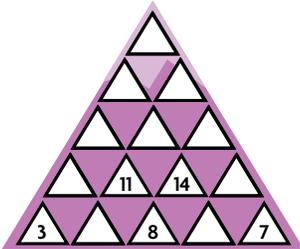
Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 174479 gives a song
- 18565 gives a musical note
- 8234795 gives a musical embellishment

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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

I	N	F
F	E	C
T	E	I

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.

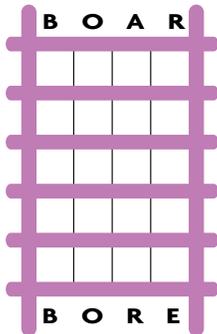
- Target:
 9 – good;
 12 – very good;
 15 or more – excellent

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, and 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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WEE THINKER

Across

- 1 Thanks for every candle (5)
- 4 It's mean to upset felons (7)
- 8 Special phrases of native mountaineers (7)
- 9 New ruse devised by hospital worker (5)
- 10 He kept having to increase (3)
- 11 Occurrences of trendy positions (9)
- 13 Simple fashion on the way (6)
- 14 Foreign manger design (6)
- 17 They shout at birds (9)
- 19 Rob's new globe (3)
- 21 Apply from barren terrain (5)
- 23 That woman's outfit reportedly covered in hair (7)
- 24 Decorated like a salad (7)
- 25 Thinks fellow takes me back (5)

Down

- 1 Devise a test for flavour (5)
- 2 Aspirant is quiet about offer (9)
- 3 Fixes regarding couples (7)
- 4 Press isn't working, but is included (6)
- 5 Obsession with endless animal problem (5)

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- 6 Staring round sailor (3)
- 7 Test new boy's hat (7)
- 12 Puce rooms generate calmness (9)
- 13 Felony did seem wrong (7)
- 15 Definite, in the end, having made certain (7)
- 16 The mod, possibly, with means (6)
- 18 Races round bits of land (5)
- 20 Prepares tea at certain points on old railway (5)
- 22 Digit to acquire energy (3)

ANSWERS

WORD LADDER One possible solution is: BOAR, BOAT, BONE, BORE. NINER BOULEVARD SUMMIT UP 94 WORD SQUARE EFFICIENT 2146, 4217, 3479 EVENS

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MEDIUM

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ANSWERS

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Across

- 5. Log boat (4)
- 7. Thick creamy dressing (10)
- 8. Panto character (4)
- 10. Soft fine feathers (4)
- 12. Golfing peg (3)
- 13. Motorist (6)
- 16. Vulgar (5)
- 18. For every (3)
- 20. Opera song (4)
- 21. Precipitation type (4)
- 22. Slope downwards (3)
- 24. Furious (5)
- 25. Average (6)
- 26. Knight's title (3)
- 27. Raise (4)

Down

- 1. Period of 24 hours (3)
- 2. Stringed toy (2-2)
- 3. Soon (4)
- 4. Fastener with two rows of teeth (3)
- 5. Colour (3)
- 6. Thighbone (5)
- 9. Thief (5)
- 10. Reach a decision (6)
- 11. Pelvis (3)
- 13. Jeans fabric (5)
- 14. Undergarment (4)

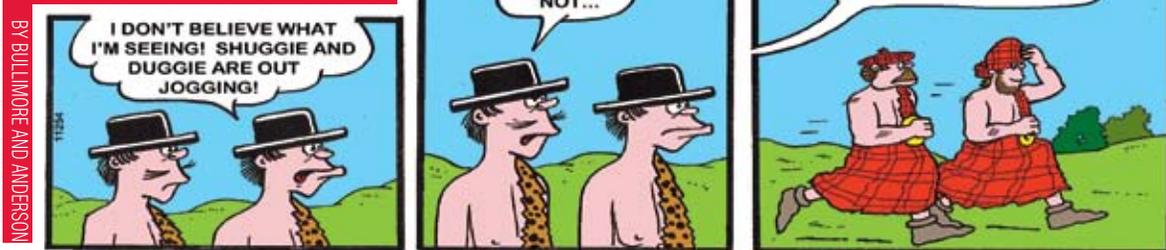
- 15. ___ Hemingway, writer (6)
- 17. Rapid surprise attack (4)
- 19. Prize (5)
- 23. Narrow brooch (3)
- 25. American state (5)
- 27. Molten volcanic rock (4)
- 28. Destiny (4)
- 30. Drink delicately (3)
- 31. Wildebeest (3)
- 32. Thick mist (3)

CARTOONS

THE PERISHERS



SHUGGIE AND DUGGIE



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

WEE THINKER ACROSS: 1 Mess up, 5 Crabby, 8 Breaks up, 9 Land, 10 Lend, 11 Intently, 12 Nutmeg, 14 Spouse, 16 Dispatch, 19 Toss, 21 Fist, 22 Narrator, 23 Age-old, 24 Saturn.

DOWN: 2 Eyrie, 3 Stardom, 4 Passing, 5 Cop it, 6 All in, 7 Bungles, 13 Uniting, 14 Spheres, 15 Outcast, 17 Patio, 18 Toned, 20 Spoor.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 4 Valley; 7 Broccoli; 8 Scampi; 10 Slice; 13 Joan; 14 Soda; 15 Tarn; 16 Fry; 17 Neon; 19 Diet; 21 Favourite; 23 Bale; 24 Aide; 26 Wed; 27 Norm; 29 Maps; 32 Stay; 33 Islam; 34 Caress; 35 Infamous; 36 Versus.

DOWN: 1 Abyss; 2 Solid; 3 Oche; 4 Visor; 5 Lean; 6 Export; 9 Candid; 11 Lob; 12 Canal; 13 January; 15 Too; 16 Fee; 18 Events; 20 Items; 21 Fad; 22 Rim; 23 Behave; 25 Spa; 28 Oasis; 30 Allow; 31 Smash; 32 Sets; 33 Iraq.



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