

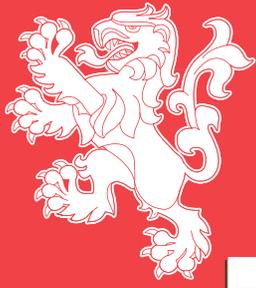


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Glasgow & West Dry and bright with some good sunny spells developing. Max 21C (70F). Winds SW at 4-6mph. UV index: 6.
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Dundee & Aberdeen Morning cloud and showers will clear to leave sunny spells. Max 18C (64F). Winds SE at 5-10mph. UV index: 5.
Forth Valley A dry day with spells of sunshine developing later

SUN, MOON & TIDES

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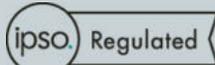
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Labour's workers plan appeals to Tories



ENCOURAGED Paul Nowak

A POLL has found strong support for Labour's plan for workers' rights and tackling bad bosses.

The snapshot also found significant backing for the plans among Tory and Reform supporters.

Labour have promised a "genuine" living wage, an end to fire-and-rehire and employment rights from day one.

A TUC poll, carried out

BY PAUL HUTCHEON

by Opinionium, revealed 77 per cent of voters support the national minimum wage becoming a real living wage. Nearly 64 per cent support the "day one" right to protection from unfair dismissal - including a majority of Tory (55 per cent) and Reform (57 per cent) voters.

Nearly seven in 10 voters

(69 per cent) said they back Labour on making statutory sick pay available from a first day of sickness.

The fire-and-rehire ban was supported by 66 per cent of voters while 67 per cent backed banning zero-hours contracts.

TUC General Secretary Paul Nowak said: "British voters across the political spectrum want work to pay and to feel secure and

respected in their jobs. Labour's workers' rights plans are hugely popular, and this poll should give ministers confidence to get on with delivering in full. "It's time to make the country work for working people again."

The polling was conducted by Opinionium between July 5 and 10, 2024, and consisted of a sample of 3129 UK adults.

MONTHS AFTER EMERGENCY DECLARED..

FURY AT RISE IN HOMELESSNESS

EXCLUSIVE BY PAUL HUTCHEON and ANDREW QUINN

HOMELESSNESS in Glasgow has risen again months after the SNP-run council declared an "emergency" in the city.

The number of children living in temporary accommodation in the city has also jumped to 2832.

Labour MSP Mark Griffin said: "Scotland is in the grips of a devastating housing emergency - from soaring rents to unaffordable mortgages to record levels of homelessness."

"Far from taking the urgent action needed to fix this crisis, the SNP has fuelled it. While house-building plummets once again, the SNP is ploughing ahead with its disastrous plans to slash funding for affordable housing."

A total of 7265 people were in temporary accommodation as of April 1 but new figures show a rise to 7371 in June. The statistic for children rose from 2765 over the same period.

Other figures from the Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership reveal £27million has been handed to private hotels and B&Bs in 2023-24 to house the homeless.

SNP Ministers are under pressure over the homelessness epidemic after they announced a near £200million cut to housing in the last budget.

The outgoing Tory government was also accused



THE LAST RESORT Rough sleeper on streets of Glasgow



LEADING THE WAY Our stories tell of major crisis



FURY Campaigner Sean Clerkin & MSP Mark Griffin

of piling pressure on Glasgow council over its policies on asylum seekers.

Campaigner Sean Clerkin, who unearthed the figures, said: "Authorities have made a political choice to condemn a generation of children to destitution and absolute poverty that will inflict physical and mental ill health on them."

"We are witnessing the quiet violence of the institutions of Scotland at local and national level through inaction, indifference and slow decay cutting homeless services and national housing budgets with impunity while their mouthpiece politicians shame us by hiding behind false platitudes that mean nothing. This has to change immediately with restoration of housing and homeless service budgets allied to billions of pounds of additional funds being given to build tens of thousands of new social rented homes."

A Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership spokesman said: "It's not an insignificant feat that we are providing emergency and temporary accommodation to more than 7000 people when it is well documented the housing system in Glasgow is experiencing significant pressure. "We declared a housing emergency due to the cumulative impact of pressures

on the city in relation to housing and homelessness and expanded our use of B&B in an attempt to meet demands for homelessness assistance and avoid people having to sleep rough."

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: "Tackling homelessness is a key priority for the Scottish Government and we continue to work with partners to mitigate the challenges."

"We are making available record funding of more than £14billion to councils in 2024-25 to deliver a range of services, including homelessness services - a real terms increase of 4.3 per cent compared to the previous year."



WHIRLWIND Fay Ripley

Fay: Beach romance was halted by Interpol

BY ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD

COLD FEET actress Fay Ripley believes she was bugged by Interpol after a holiday romance with a waterski instructor.

Fay, 58, says she believed the man, called Thanos was in love with her – but now understands he was using her as a decoy to ship stolen goods from Corfu.

Fay said she became suspicious she was under surveillance after spotting a van near her London home.

She recalled: "I think I was followed by Interpol. I was living above Boots on Golders Green high street.

"I swear I heard a very rare Barbra Streisand track that I was playing in my flat coming out of a van. I think they were bugging me."

On Alan Carr's Life's A Beach podcast, Fay said she fell in love with Thanos in a whirlwind romance.

She said: "I was down on my luck, in my mid-20s, and my dad said, 'Come on holiday with us, I'll pay'. I was there like a shot.

"The romance was three or four days. Thanos said he loved me and was going to come to England and live with me. I said, 'I also love you, Thanos'. But it seemed odd he was coming to the airport and saying goodbye."

She added that, two weeks later: "My dad got a call from Interpol because Thanos had robbed £75,000 worth of jewellery from other ladies at the hotel.

"I thought he loved me. I think I was just a decoy – it's sad."

Interpol had believed Thanos had given jewellery to Fay at the airport but she had not received anything from him.

Rod plans to rock his 80th

VETERAN rocker Sir Rod Stewart plans to go all out for his 80th birthday in January.

His wife Penny has warned the celebrations will last several weeks.

She said: "We'll start in Florida for Christmas then go on a big ship together to the Caribbean."



Laura's dream job

A PLACE In The Sun's Laura Hamilton celebrated "making dreams come true" in an Instagram post.

The property show host put up photos of herself relaxing in between

shoots for the latest series in Spain. Posting a clip from the show, she wrote: "This is how we do it. Calling the agent, negotiating a deal and making dreams come true..."



DEAL MAKER
Laura Hamilton posted a clip showing her sealing a purchase on the TV show

Stuck in the Middle star leaves £1m

Tributes to Stealers Wheel's Joe

BY DAVID MEIKLE

SCOTS music star Joe Egan built a £1.4million fortune from song writing before his death.

The Stealers Wheel star, 77, had hits including Stuck in the Middle With You.

Egan, of Paisley, had a music publishing business that controlled his earnings from a 30-year career.

The last set of accounts lodged at Companies House revealed Baby Bun Music Ltd had £1,317,888 in cash reserves.

The firm processed royalty payments from Egan's career. He died on July 6. The news was confirmed by a family



GENTLE SOUL Joe Egan member of former Stealers Wheel bandmate Gerry Rafferty.

A statement read: "Very sad news that the other half of Stealers Wheel, Joe Egan, passed away peacefully on Saturday with his nearest and dearest around him. I will always

remember him as a sweet and gentle soul. May he rest in peace."

Stealers Wheel broke up in 1975. The group were best known for their 1973 debut single Stuck in the Middle With You which later featured in Quentin Tarantino's Reservoir Dogs.

Egan co-wrote the hit with Rafferty and it rose to No8 in the UK charts.

Fans paid tribute. One said: "Rest in peace Joe, another talented chunk of Scotland's musical history now gone to heaven where hopefully he'll be reunited with his old partner."

Another posted: "Sad news but their songs will live forever."

ASSASSINATION BID: 'IT

TRUMP MURDER ATTEMPT SHOCKS WORLD



AFTERMATH Scene with crowd's leftover belongings

Calm after chaos as site sealed off

FROM JEREMIAH HASSEL
in Butler, Pennsylvania

TWO Pennsylvania State Troopers in a lone squad car guard a gate on a busy country road.

Past them sits an empty field, normally used as a car park for visitors of the Butler Farm Show.

Behind that, a slightly tattered US flag hangs suspended from two giant cranes.

It was a calm scene yesterday morning and almost impossible to tell that chaos had engulfed the area hours earlier. But the flag serves as a reminder of what took place and what could have been – as do the media vehicles parked nearby.

Photographers snap the flag and spotlights behind it, one slightly dimmer than the other. Witnesses said one light was hit by a stray bullet.

Attendees had to leave belongings after being shown out by the Secret Service just after Thomas Matthew Crooks was "neutralised".

Todd Gerhart was forced to leave his "Make Honey Great Again" products which he sells in Trump-shaped bottles at rallies. But he said it was the last thing on his mind as the shooting began, as he hid under tables now guarded by troopers.

Heads will surely roll for shameful security breach

COMMENT

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN



WHETHER it was while covering Donald Trump, Barack Obama or Joe Biden, I have lost count of how many times I have had both the eyes – and the hands – of the US Secret Service on me.

But in the run-up to an election their efforts to protect White House candidates go into overdrive.

So the lapse in security where Trump came within an inch of being killed is breathtaking.

And it highlights the danger Americans face daily from the barrel of their beloved guns.

On the approach to a Trump rally, the secret service oversees every detail, searching all attendees with scanners and patting them down.

Visible snipers act as a formidable deterrent to anyone intent on trouble. Yet at the rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, a shooter scaled a building just 400ft away from Donald Trump, crawled on it and fired shots without being seen or stopped.

The outrageous breach raises urgent questions about the effectiveness of Trump's security. It will send shock waves among Joe Biden's team, too.

I once attended a Trump political rally in Orlando, Florida, and noticed a similarly open layout ripe for potential threats.

The Butler incident is particularly alarming. Heads will undoubtedly roll over this failure.

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN

DONALD Trump yesterday credited God with saving him from "the unthinkable" after coming within an inch of death when a gunman tried to assassinate him.

The former US president and Republican frontrunner was struck in the right ear by a bullet during a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on Saturday afternoon.

One attendee, retired fire chief Corey Comperatore, 50, was killed as he shielded his wife and daughter from the gunfire. Two other men were critically injured.

The apparent attacker, shot dead by Secret Service snipers as he tried to flee his rooftop firing position, was identified by the FBI as Thomas Matthew Crooks, 20.

Trump, seen with blood on his face as he was bundled away, later said on his social media platform Truth: "It was God alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening.

We will FEAR NOT, but instead remain resilient in our faith and defiant in the face of wickedness. Our love goes out to the other victims and their families. We pray for the recovery of those who were wounded and hold in our hearts the memory of the citizen... so horribly killed."

Yesterday, Trump's senior campaign adviser said his life was saved because he turned his head to look at a screen.

Dan Scavino said the slight move of his boss's head meant the bullet only hit his ear.

One witness, named only as Greg, claimed he tried to warn bodyguards about the gunman three or four minutes beforehand.

Greg, who was outside the grounds of the event, said he and his friends frantically tried to draw the attention of authorities when they

noticed a person with a rifle crawling on a rooftop. He claimed that minutes later the gunman managed to fire five times before the Secret Service "blew his head off".

An official who wished to remain anonymous said a local police officer climbed up to the roof, and that Crooks aimed the rifle at him.

They said the officer hastily retreated down the ladder, after which Crooks fired at Trump and was then shot dead by a Secret Service sniper.

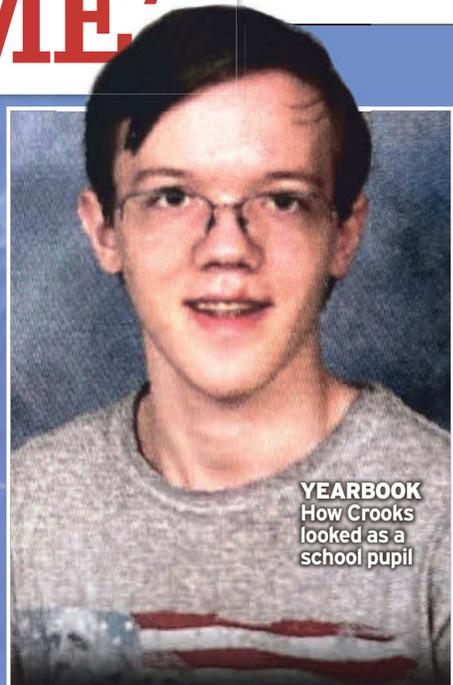
Trump's wife Melania also released a rare statement yesterday.

Melania, who has son Barron with Trump, said: "A monster who recognised my husband as an inhuman political machine attempted to ring out Donald's passion – his laughter, ingenuity, love of music, and inspiration. When I watched



DANGER WARNING
Rally witness Greg

WAS GOD WHO SAVED ME'



YEARBOOK
How Crooks
looked as a
school pupil

Loner and outcast who became killer

QUIET and a target for bullies, would-be assassin Thomas Crooks gave no sign of the infamy he would give his life for.

The 20-year-old was shot dead by a Secret Service sniper seconds after failing in his mission to kill former president Donald Trump, instead taking the life of a Trump supporter.

His car was found nearby with two explosive devices inside, while a third was reportedly found at his home.

The kitchen worker had virtually no presence on social media.

One high school classmate, Jason Kohler, said Crooks wore hunting outfits to school. "He was bullied almost every day," he said. "He was just an outcast."

Crooks was a "loner" who would sit alone at lunch, Kohler, 21, added.

KILLED Trump fan
Corey Comperatore



BLOOD STAINS
Trump's face
after bullet
hit his ear



LAYOUT Site of the Trump
campaign rally in Butler
and, inset, gunman on roof

that violent bullet strike my husband, Donald, I realised my life, and Barron's life, were on the brink of devastating change."

She urged Americans to "ascend above the hate, the vitriol, and the simple-minded ideas that ignite violence". Corey Comperatore's daughter paid tribute to him, saying: "He was the best dad a girl could ever ask for."

"My sister and I never needed for anything." His sister added: "My baby brother just turned 50 and had so much life left to experience." Crooks is thought to have used an AR-style semi-automatic rifle.

The rifle is believed to have been bought legally and been owned by a relative, possibly his father. He had climbed on to the roof of a local business 130 yards from the podium, and opened fire six minutes into Trump's speech.

Images of Crooks wearing glasses, braces and an American flag T-shirt in yearbook headshots emerged yesterday as his family said they were

unsure why he tried to kill Trump. His father Matthew Crooks said he was still trying to figure out "what the hell is going on".

A registered Republican, the gunman lived in Bethel Park, around 43 miles from the rally, and worked in a nearby nursing home kitchen.

A local newspaper said he had graduated from Bethel Park High School with a \$500 prize for maths and science in 2022.

But classmate Jason Kohler, 21, said he was bullied there and had been a loner.

Last night it emerged that Crooks' car had been found near the rally site with two explosive devices inside it. What may be a third explosive device was found at his home.

Mike Collins, a Republican congressman from Georgia, said President Joe Biden should be charged with inciting an assassination. He even claimed Biden had "sent the orders".

But the President was among many world leaders to condemn the shooting. He said:

"There's no place in America for this kind of violence. It's sick."

Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said: "I am appalled by the shocking scenes at President Trump's rally, and we send him and his family our best wishes."

"Political violence in any form has no place in our societies, and my thoughts are with all the victims of this attack."

He also wished Trump well in a phone call yesterday.

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said: "It cannot be overstated - political violence is never acceptable."

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a Trump ally, offered prayers and Argentina's Javier Milei said: "All my support and solidarity to president and candidate Donald Trump, a victim of a cowardly

assassination attempt." Trump was seen with a bandaged ear last night after flying to Newark Liberty Airport, New Jersey.

A video posted online by one of his aides showed him disembarking from his private jet flanked by US Secret Service agents and heavily armed members of the agency's counter-assault team, an unusually visible show of force by his protective detail.

Organisers of the four-day Republican National Convention, which begins today in Milwaukee, said it would go ahead as planned.

Trump's campaign team said he and Melania would attend.

The attack on him was the most serious attempt to kill a president or presidential candidate since Ronald Reagan survived a shooting in 1981.



CONDEMNATION
President Joe Biden

RECORD VIEW

Toxic state of US can't be ignored after shooting

ONLY one person is responsible for the horrific attack on Donald Trump - 20-year-old criminal Thomas Matthew Crooks.

Attempted political assassinations are a grim echo of an earlier and uglier era in American history.

The 1960s saw extremists take the lives of JFK, his brother Bobby and civil rights hero Martin Luther King. Ronald Reagan also dodged death when he was shot and wounded by John Hinckley Jr in 1981.

But events in Pennsylvania also raise questions about who is to blame for the polarised political climate in the US.

Nigel Farage used a platform on the BBC yesterday to point the finger at "liberals" for hostility to Trump but this is alternative universe nonsense.

The reality is no one has divided the US more than Trump in the past decade.

His political career, once dismissed as a joke, was based on the racist "birther" theory which falsely claimed ex-president Barack Obama was not a US citizen.

He dismissed immigrants as rapists and suggested a US judge should recuse himself from a case on the grounds he had Mexican heritage.

And who can forget his claim of there being "very fine people on both sides" after white supremacists caused pandemonium in Charlottesville.

His behaviour after losing fairly and squarely to Joe Biden in 2020 was also the textbook action of a demagogue who does not believe in democracy.

He incited an insurrectionist, violent mob to storm Capitol Hill in an unprecedented attack that left 174 police officers injured and one dead.

To this day, he maintains this election was "stolen" from him - a toxic lie that undermines the fabric of the US Republic.

He has doubled down by refusing to confirm he will accept the outcome of a loss in November's presidential contest.

Trump feasts on racial division, fans the flames of grievance and promotes conspiracy theories to wind up his gullible supporters. He deserves sympathy for the despicable shooting but condemnation for the political culture he has helped create.

The UK, sadly, is not immune to political violence. The murders of Jo Cox and David Amess shocked our country and there were worrying levels of intimidation of candidates during the election. But we are not in the alarming position the US finds itself in.

Whereas Trump refuses to accept his defeat to Biden, Rishi Sunak to his credit congratulated Keir Starmer and left Downing Street immediately.

The swift and brutal transfer of power from Tory to Labour was a sign of a functioning democracy.

What happened in Pennsylvania on Saturday can never be excused and was symbolic of a country that has lost its way.

But the wider causes of a sinking American democracy can't be ignored and Trump is the prime suspect.

ASSASSINATION BID:

Is this the moment Trump won a second term?

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN

WITH blood on his face and a fist in the air, Donald Trump tells supporters "fight, fight, fight" in what could be the defining image of his campaign.

The assassination attempt has solidified Trump's image as a defiant survivor and may reshape the 2024 presidential race.

His resilience after coming so close to death has galvanised his supporters and made Democrat rival Joe Biden look more

vulnerable than ever. Trump's mugshot, taken after his arrest on election fraud charges in Atlanta, was once the emblem of his campaign - but it may now be overtaken by the image of him rising to his feet after he was shot.

The gunman's motive remains unknown but the attack lays bare the polarisation in the States.

Trump's Make America Great Again Republicans wasted no time in exploiting the situation, opting for division instead of seeking unity. JD Vance, a favourite to be

Trump's running mate, declared the shooting "not just some isolated incident".

Mike Collins, a Republican congressman, said: "The Republican District Attorney in Butler County, PA, should immediately file charges against Joseph R Biden for inciting an assassination."

Ludicrously, he also posted that Biden had "sent the orders".

But Democrats found themselves struggling to respond, given Biden's recent words on

Trump. He told donors: "It's time to put Trump in a bullseye".

He backed it up with posts branding his political nemesis a would-be "dictator".

Biden moved quickly to condemn the shooting on Saturday, labelling it "sick" and declaring: "There's no place in America for this kind of violence."

But the rhetoric from Trump's camp shows no signs of cooling as they use the incident as a weapon, amplifying their base's anger and deepening the divides that

THE FUTURE FOR AMERICA



DOWNED
Trump on floor
after shooting



STANDING
He is helped
from stage

SURVIVOR Trump posts message about the attack

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

I want to thank The United States Secret Service, and all of Law Enforcement, for their rapid response on the shooting that just took place in Butler, Pennsylvania. Most importantly, I want to extend my condolences to the family of the person at the Rally who was killed, and also to the family of another person that was badly injured. It is incredible that such an act can take place in our Country. Nothing is known at this time about the shooter, who is now dead. I was shot with a bullet that pierced the upper part of my right ear. I knew immediately that something was wrong in that I heard a whizzing sound, shots, and immediately felt the bullet ripping through the skin. Much bleeding took place, so I realized then what was happening. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

IMAGE PROBLEM
Trump's mugshot and Biden in his disastrous TV debate

IMAGE OF DEFIANCE
Trump pumps fist and yells 'fight' after he is shot

DANGER OF TOP OFFICE

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN

STATISTICALLY, being the president is one of America's most dangerous jobs.

Of the 45 men to lead the country, eight have died in office, while those vying to occupy the White House have long been the target of assassination attempts.

Four US presidents have been killed, including Abraham Lincoln and John F Kennedy. Three more, which now includes Trump, have been injured in attacks.

Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's Theatre in Washington DC on April 14, 1865.

He was fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth - an actor and supporter of the Confederacy who was angered by Lincoln's plan to extend voting rights to Black Americans.

James A Garfield was gunned down at Washington DC train station on July 2, 1881. He died two-and-a-half months later. Gunman Charles Guiteau was furious about not having been made Ambassador to France.

William McKinley was shot at a fair in upstate New York on September 6, 1901, by anarchist Leon Czolgosz, who was sentenced to death. McKinley died later of gangrene.

John F Kennedy was shot on November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas. Many Americans believe shooter Lee Harvey Oswald was part of a wider conspiracy.

Ronald Reagan was the last US president hurt in an assassination attempt when he was shot outside a Washington hotel in 1981.

Would-be assassin John Hinckley Jr said he wanted to impress actress Jodie Foster.

George HW Bush, Bill Clinton, George W Bush, Barack Obama and Joe Biden have also been subjects of assassination plots.

FM'S WORDS OF SUPPORT

SCOTTISH political leaders condemned the assassination attempt, with First Minister John Swinney branding it "unacceptable".

The SNP leader posted on X: "There is no place for violence in society including in our politics. The attack on President Trump has no place in a democratic society."

Labour's Anas Sarwar said: "In a democracy there must be the ability to disagree without it turning to hatred or violence." And Scottish Tory leader Douglas Ross said: "In democracies, appalling violence like this will never prevail."

Scottish Lib Dem leader Alex Cole-Hamilton added: "The Trump assassination attempt is an appalling act."

already fracture the nation. The attack was a flashpoint in an already volatile political climate that will have long-lasting repercussions in the 2024 election and beyond.

This assassination attempt has changed America's political terrain to the point where the chances of Trump becoming the 47th president have potentially risen.

Trump's campaign, already outpacing

Biden's, stands to gain from his actions after the bullets had been fired.



ANGER
JD Vance

The former president's ability to face the danger head-on, portraying himself as a resolute and unyielding leader, has invigorated his base and attracted those

on the fringes. But the man who should be least surprised by the attempt on his life is Trump himself.

During and after his presidency, he incited sedition and encouraged violence, culminating in the events of January 6, 2021, when rioters stormed the Capitol in an attempt to overturn the election results.

Trump discounted the loss of life that day and even praised the rioters. He has a

history of mocking victims of political violence, smirking at the brutal hammer attack on ex-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband by a far-right conspiracy theorist.

The assassination attempt on Trump is a stark reminder of the toxic environment the right and left have created.

In a country of more than 330million people, Americans have Trump and Biden as candidates for the presidency. To my and many other minds,

both are unfit for office. Biden simply no longer measures up but if he refuses to step down - and he cannot be removed - Trump has a strong chance of a White House return.

The Pennsylvania shooting only strengthens Trump's cause. Being a convicted felon has not seemed to alter views on him in the slightest.

But come November 5, it will ultimately be the system that seals the deal. Voting is voluntary but the assassination

attempt may prompt some of the undecided to abstain.

That would hand Trump the keys to the White House. Despite his divisive, hostile and violent rhetoric, the fate of a presidential candidate should be decided by the ballot box, not by bullets.

And good may come from his near-death experience.

Having been the target of gun violence, might he be more amenable to gun law reforms he has previously rejected?



CRITICAL Stephen Flynn

SNP to force a vote on the two-child cap

BY PAUL HUTCHEON

THE SNP will pile further pressure this week on Keir Starmer by forcing a vote on the two-child benefit cap.

Stephen Flynn's Westminster group will table an amendment to the King's Speech.

About 26,000 Scots families have been hit by the Tories' policy as well as more than 1.5million kids across the UK. Starmer has not committed to axing the cap on the grounds of cost.

Flynn said: "The two-child cap is pushing thousands of Scottish children into poverty – and scrapping it is the bare minimum the Labour Party government must do if it is serious about tackling poverty.

"I urge Keir Starmer to include it in his programme for government this week but, if he fails, the SNP will lay an amendment to abolish it immediately. It is shameful and it must go."

The Resolution Foundation think tank said axing the cap would be "one of the most efficient ways to drive down child poverty rates".

In an interview with the Record, Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar said he wants the cap lifted.

Scottish Labour social security spokesperson Paul O'Kane said: "Labour opposed the two-child cap when the Tories introduced it and we are committed to reviewing Universal Credit.

"We have a plan to make work pay and deliver jobs and growth, as well as developing a strategy to tackle the scourge of child poverty."

Migrant tells of tragedy

A SOMALI migrant who survived the latest English Channel tragedy has described the chaos.

Four people died on Friday but 63 were saved after their dinghy capsized.

Few could swim and there was just one life jacket and an inner tube.

Nimco Mohamed, 19, said: "For three hours I did not know if I would die.

"I went under three times and my stomach was full of sea water.

"After, I was vomiting. I can't believe I am still alive."

STAR LOSES HER LONG FIGHT WITH CANCER

90210 SHANNEN DEAD AT 53



BRAVE Doherty was fighting cancer



Co-star hails on-screen sis Doherty as he pays tribute to beloved actress

BEVERLY Hills, 90210 star Shannen Doherty has died aged 53 after a long battle with cancer, her publicist said yesterday.

BY ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD

11 in 1982, playing Jenny Wilder.

Her first major film role came in 1985 with *Girls Just Want to Have Fun*, which also starred Sarah Jessica Parker.

Three years later, she played Heather Duke, a member of the high school clique in cult 1988 teen drama *Heathers*, starring alongside Winona Ryder.

In 1990, she landed the role of Brenda in *90210*, which followed a group of

Brandon in the hit 90s US teenage drama.

She also appeared in cult hit show *Charmed* as one of a trio of sisters who are good witches.

Priestley, 54, paid tribute to his on-screen sister, saying: "She was a force of nature and I will miss her.

"Sending love and light to her family in this dark time."

Shannen was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and began acting as a child in TV series including *Our House*.

She joined the cast of the long-running *Little House on the Prairie* at the age of

high school teenagers as they dealt with relationship issues.

She left the show after four seasons, with Brenda being written out to go to drama school in London after breaking up with on-screen boyfriend Dylan McKay (Luke Perry).

Shannen went on to star in shows including

Charmed, with Alyssa Milano. In 1995, she starred in offbeat film comedy *Mallrats* and later appeared in sequel *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*.

She competed in *Dancing with the Stars*, the US version of *Strictly Come Dancing*, in 2010.

Shannen was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015 but went into remission.

In 2020, she said it had returned.

In June last year, she said it had spread to her brain and told of having a tumour removed.

She also spoke of the lessons she had learned from relationships

following her divorce from photographer Kurt Iswarienko in April 2023.

Shannen had previously married actor Ashley Hamilton and poker player Rick Salomon.

Publicist Leslie Sloane said Shannen died on Saturday "surrounded by her loved ones as well as her dog Bowie".

“ She was a force of nature and I will miss her

JASON PRIESTLEY PAID TRIBUTE TO SHANNEN DOHERTY

WIDOW'S WARNING TO LOOK FOR SYMPTOMS



VANISHED Jay Slater

Missing Jay's mum offered a movie deal

THE family of missing teen Jay Slater have been approached to make a film about his disappearance.

As the search for him enters week five, mum Debbie Duncan, 55, said the global media interest in his case had been overwhelming.

She added: "We have been inundated with requests for interviews, documentaries and even as far as a movie.

"In reality, we are just a normal family from Lancashire desperate to find our beautiful boy."

The family have called in a team of Dutch rescue experts to continue the search in Tenerife.

Non-profit organisation Signi Zoekhonden has sent a team of five to the island, plus four dogs, with a sixth person arriving this week to help hunt for the 19-year-old.



STRANDED Pilot whales

Washed-up whales were 'all healthy'

WHALES that died on an Orkney beach were healthy before they were washed ashore, specialists said.

The 77 pilot whales were discovered on the island of Sanday last Thursday.

Scientists who specialise in the creatures have been examining the dead mammals to work out why they became stranded.

Mariel ten Doeschate, of the Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme, said: "We've been taking samples to determine the health status of the whales before the stranding and according to initial preliminary findings, they all seem to have been healthy.

"So it's unlikely there was a sick leader who they were trying to stay with and protect."

It is believed to be the largest mass stranding in almost 100 years.



MEMORY Michael and Rebecca, who wants to raise awareness of lung cancer

A SUPERFIT dad died after his runners' hip turned out to be stage four lung cancer.

Michael Cain, 59, was at his local running club when he felt a pain in his hip in April 2021.

The marathon runner had an X-Ray at Victoria Hospital in Fife, which showed a tear and he was advised to rest.

One month later the pain became so severe he was brought in for a CT scan where medics found a 7cm tumour on his lung, which had spread to his hip.

Michael, a dedicated ambulance paramedic, lost his three-year-fight with terminal cancer in April this year.

His devastated widow Rebecca has shared her husband's story in a bid to break the stigma that "only smokers get lung cancer".

Rebecca, 56, said: "Michael was a non-smoker and always kept fit.

"He was part of a running group and ran the Kirkcaldy half marathon.

"He had gone to work at A&E and mentioned it to an on-call doctor who found a tear in his hip.

"He was told to rest and it began to heal - we thought it would be the end

BY JOHN-PAUL CLARK

of it." The Kirkcaldy dad began struggling to walk and was referred for further scans which uncovered stage four lung cancer.

Shortly after, his lung collapsed and he spent a week in hospital.

Rebecca added: "Michael was in disbelief and I was devastated.

"After some tears we decided we would fight it head-on.

"He was so brave and just said he would do what it takes to be here longer with me and our 21-year-old son Evan.

"He had a hip replacement before he started on cancer growth-blocker Afatanib for 15 months in November 2021.

"In February last year, we were told the tumour had spread to his brain and would need chemotherapy."

Rebecca, who works at the chemotherapy unit in the hospital where the couple first met 40 years ago, had to watch her husband come in for treatment.

She said the experience turned her life upside down. "It was hard seeing him

sitting in the chair getting his chemotherapy.

"It completely floored him and I thought we were going to lose him.

"He picked himself up from rock bottom. He always had a positive attitude.

"He always looked forward, never back.

"In December, we were told the cancer was still spreading but he continued to fight his disease with such bravery and determination."

In February this year Michael began to show signs of brain metastases and suffered seizures before he passed away.

More than 500 people turned out for the loving dad's funeral including staff from the Scottish Ambulance Service who gave Michael a guard of honour.

POSITIVE Michael fought the disease



Paramedic's family aim to raise awareness of disease

Together, his loved ones raised £1341 for Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation in his honour. Rebecca's wish now is that the cash will help more people get screened for lung cancer.

She added: "Charities like this are important for raising awareness of the signs and symptoms for everyone, not just smokers. Michael didn't have any symptoms until it was too late."

Symptoms of lung cancer include a cough that doesn't go away, chest pain, shortness of breath and coughing up blood.

There are around 34,000 lung cancer deaths in the UK every year.

TRNSMT

FOOTBALL FEVER TAKES

25 ARRESTS OVER 2 DAYS



TERMINATED Train services

SOME 14 people were arrested at TRNSMT on Saturday for offences including sexual assault and drugs.

The youngest person to be detained was 15 and the oldest was 42.

Of these, 10 were arrested inside the festival - which saw 50,000 people attend on Friday.

Another four were arrested outside the perimeter fence. Police

BY SARAH WARD

Scotland said seven arrests were adult men, while two girls and five boys aged under 18 were also detained on Saturday.

The total number of people arrested at TRNSMT now stands at 25, including 11 on Friday.

But there was fury yesterday after rail company ScotRail warned fans that trains would

finish before the end of the festival, which is attended by people from across Scotland and the north of England.

ScotRail posted on X, formerly Twitter: "Services terminate before the festival finishes."

"Please consider alternative arrangements when travelling home from TRNSMT today."

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“The audience here is like the Irish, full of energy & having a good time”
CIAN GODFREY SOMEBODY'S CHILD FRONTMAN



HEADLINER Calvin Harris on the main stage last night

TENS of thousands of music fans brought down the curtain on TRNSMT with the help of Calvin Harris as festival boss Geoff Ellis said the weekender is here to stay long term.

Over three days, revellers basked in sunshine and predominantly dry weather at Glasgow Green in time for performances by over 80 acts including the Scots DJ's late set on the main stage.

Ellis, who staged TRNSMT for the first time in 2017, was delighted as a record 50,000 sell-out crowd attended each day from Friday through Sunday.

He also revealed his team are already planning next year's acts.

Ellis, 59, told The Record: "We've had a great relationship with the people of Glasgow, the Glasgow businesses, local residents and the city council.

"It feels like we're here to stay - 2017 was our first year and we only had one year off

OVER FINAL DAY OF EXTRAVAGANZA

HERE TO STAY

IN HIGH SPIRITS Revellers were jumping for joy at the performances



Festival chief hails success of weekender - brought to a close by Calvin Harris - as he vows it will be back for the long term

BY JOHN DINGWALL

during lockdown. Glasgow Green is a great site for live music."

Somebody's Child frontman Cian Godfrey, who opened King Tut's stage yesterday, said: "After Gerry Cinnamon (Saturday's headliner) I can only imagine there were some sore heads this morning."

The Dublin singer, who wore a kilt over trousers, added: "The kilt is green for Ireland and I kept my pants on which is what the Irish do."

"The audience here is just like the Irish, full of energy and having a good time. Nobody seemed to be violently hungover, which is a plus."

DJ Amy Hutton, 23, from Erskine, Renfrewshire, who hit the decks at the Boogie Bar, said: "I can't beat my experience at TRNSMT. It was unreal. We missed yesterday but I was here on Friday and today. We saw Liam (Gallagher) on Friday and we'll see Calvin tonight but we've been at the Boogie bar all weekend."

Jim Watt, 65, and wife Alison, 63,

and her sister Christine, 59, described themselves as festival veterans.

Jim, from Edinburgh, said: "I have been to quite a few festivals here pre-pandemic and used to go to T in the Park as well and I go to a punk festival Rebellion in Blackpool."

"Every year I've been here has been fantastic. We used to get the train but we get the Happy Bus now. That way we can have a drink on the bus."

"The wife and my sister-in-law are big fans of Calvin Harris and, although I'm a punk, I can listen to any music."

Wheelchair users Paul Webster, from Glasgow, and pal Ryan Alexander, from Paisley soaked up acts on the main stage.

Ryan, 48, said: "We came because of the variety of the different bands. You had Liam Gallagher on Friday and Rick Astley on Saturday, and today you've got Tom Grennan and Calvin Harris."

Paul, 62, added: "We like a bit of everything. I used to be a big blues

fan and like different styles of music. This is our third year and part of the reason we come here is because there is good wheelchair access with a platform that gives a good view and meets most of our needs."

"We were too young for T in the Park."

Beth McMaster, 17, from Girvan, Ayrshire, and her sister Ruth, 20, were among the many revellers who draped themselves in Spain flags ahead of last night's Euro 2024 final against England.

Beth said: "We're hoping Calvin Harris will have the penalty shootout live on screen so we can cheer when Spain brings it home. Viva Espana."

Punk rockers Sprints opened the King Tut's stage with Adore Adore Adore. Singer Karla Chubb told the crowd: "We're Sprints from Dublin and we're Spanish fans tonight."

"England are going to lose the Euros and it's a great f****g weekend to be Irish."

Alison Goldfrapp clearly didn't get

the weather memo as she donned a layered coat during her main stage set, which proved to be one of the highlights of the weekend.

Ellis admitted that the festival had been a success despite rising costs.

This year, the TRNSMT coffers have been boosted by an increased capacity from 35,000 to 50,000.

Ellis said: "We're aware money's tight for everybody and for our audience the money is probably always tight anyway because it's a relatively young audience."

Friday's headliner Liam Gallagher clearly didn't get the sustainability message having arrived by private jet.

Homegrown singer-songwriter Gerry Cinnamon brought Saturday to a close.

LAYERED OF THE DANCE
Alison Goldfrapp

PRINCESS OF WALES LIGHTS

THE King and Queen will tour Australia and Samoa this autumn but skip New Zealand on doctors' orders.

Buckingham Palace said the royal trip will include a visit to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa, which begins on October 21.

Tour plans were revealed last month and Charles and officials in New Zealand are said to be disappointed he cannot visit.

Charles, 75, is having weekly treatment for cancer after being diagnosed in February and only returned to public duties at the end

King to skip NZ leg of tour as he puts health first

of April. Sources said the Australia leg of the tour will be scaled back to around six days, with a break of up to two days

before the King visits Samoa for three days.

A Palace spokesman added: "As with all His Majesty's recent engagements, his programme will be subject to doctors' advice."

The King and Queen Camilla, 76, will be presented with duck eggs in place of the traditional dead birds as they start a two-day tour of the Channel Islands today. When Elizabeth II visited Jersey in 2001, she was given two mallards on a silver tray, in a tradition dating to the Middle Ages.



TRIP Charles



JOY Kate smiles as the crowds applaud her



WINNER With Carlos Alcaraz after match



AUNTIE Pippa and Charlotte



TENSE Princess during a point



DAY OUT Courteney and Johnny

CHAT Julia Roberts and Daniel Moder

It's

BY MATTHEW YOUNG at Wimbledon

THE Princess of Wales was a Centre Court smash, the crowds cheering her in a standing ovation as she made only her second public appearance since her cancer treatment.

Smiling Kate, 42, took her seat in the Royal Box alongside nine-year-old daughter Princess Charlotte and her sister Pippa Middleton, 40.

Later, Kate presented the trophies after Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz, 21, beat Serb Novak Djokovic, 37, in straight

Passing on the green thumb



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UP WIMBLEDON FINAL



CHEERS
Kate with daughter Charlotte



HI POINT
Kate gives crowd a wave as she appears at Wimbledon yesterday

Picture: PHIL HARRIS

love all

Royals have a ball as the Centre Court crowd make a racket to welcome Kate

sets. There was a huge buzz inside SW19 as people gathered to catch a glimpse of Kate. She finally crossed the bridge into Centre Court at 1.45pm, waving at the crowd that had gathered below.

Jasmine Berry, 19, and mum Mandy Berry, 50, from Portsmouth, were thrilled to see her. Jasmine said: "It was amazing and she looked fabulous. It was lovely to see Charlotte too."

Mandy said: "It was so nice to see her and she's clearly well enough to be here.

Hopefully, it means she's on the road to recovery."

Star-spotters had a treat, with Sir Cliff Richard, Tom Cruise, Man City winger Jack Grealish and actress Zendaya all in Centre Court. Hollywood stars Julia Roberts and Courteney Cox were there with husbands Danny Moder and Johnny McDaid, while Benedict Cumberbatch saw the action with wife Sophie Hunter.

And Lindsey Burrow, widow of rugby league legend Rob, was in the Royal Box with Kate.



SPECTATOR Dune actress Zendaya



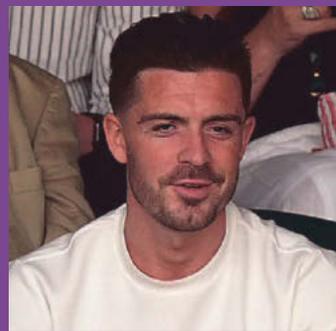
FAVOURITE Sir Cliff Richard



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MATCH Footballer Jack Grealish



LEGEND Hollywood hero Tom Cruise



DEAL Sharon Graham

Strike action is called off at 2 airports

BY JACKIE GRANT

PLANNED strikes at two Scottish airports have been called off after workers accepted a new pay deal.

Hundreds of employees at Glasgow and Aberdeen airports voted to walk out over the summer months if the offer of a basic pay rise of four per cent and a £500 one-off payment wasn't improved.

Trade union bosses at Unite said strike action was "inevitable" after 98.5 per cent of 200 staff employed by security company ICTS at Glasgow and 100 at Aberdeen rejected the offer.

But Unite general secretary Sharon Graham confirmed the dispute has come to an end after an improved offer was made.

The overall pay package boost is estimated to be worth up to 12.8 per cent.

WEATHER-BEATEN SCOTS HEAD FOR HOTSPOTS

GET US OUT OF HERE NOW



SHAGGY DOG TALE
Andy Gorrara and Seven struggle on Cullen beach, Moray

Race is on for some sun before end of school hols

SCOTS fed up with our glummer summer are begging travel agents: "Get me out of here."

Barrhead Travel reports a 25 per cent jump in last-minute bookings as the weather here shows no sign of improvement.

Families are clamouring for flights to sunspots including Turkey, Spain and the Canary Islands.

Jacqueline Dobson, President of Barrhead Travel, said: "There's clearly an appetite for Scots to escape the rainy weather this summer.

"With the Euros coming to an end, the general

BY PAUL DRURY

election behind us and with little signs of sunshine at home, we're expecting a strong late market throughout the summer.

"We're predicting a busy couple of weeks as customers turn to agents to help firm up spontaneous travel plans."

The Met Office say this summer has been cooler than average. We saw 171.8 hours of sunshine up to July 10, down two per cent on what is expected at this stage of summer.

With just a month to go until schools resume, there is little in the long-range

forecast to suggest a pick-up any time soon.

Although today is St Swithin's Day, which determines the weather for the next 40 days if folklore is to be believed. The good news is it looks good.

The nation's tourist board insists Scotland is still attracting visitors despite the gloom.

A VisitScotland spokesperson said: "Famously known as a destination where you can experience four seasons in a day, we know from our own visitor surveys that the weather isn't the deciding factor for people choosing Scotland for a trip."

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RELIABLE Keith with car

Keith's Volvo still on road after 50 yrs

BY DAN WARBURTON

A CAREFUL driver has had the same car for 50 years, even though it broke down just after he bought it.

Keith Morgan paid £2650 – about £24,350 in today's money – for the Volvo 145 estate in 1974.

He initially tried to return the vehicle when it malfunctioned but the garage wouldn't take it back so he stuck with it – and says it has been “a hard worker ever since”.

To celebrate the milestone, mechanic Keith, 76, plans to drive the Volvo back to the former site of Holden Motors in Norwich.

The dad of two, who owns Morgan's Motor Engineers in Drayton, Norfolk, said: “It's had concrete beams in the back and been through all sorts of abuse but it still looks like a tidy car.”



ONLINE ROW Joanna Cherry

Cherry calls out SNP on 'misogyny'

BY CRAIG PATON

FORMER SNP MP Joanna Cherry has said she will not run for the Scottish Parliament in 2026 unless the party “faces up to the problem of misogyny”.

She is one of the dozens of MPs the party lost in the election last week, with Labour taking her Edinburgh South West seat.

Responding to her loss, Derec Thompson branded her a “pathetic, narcissistic, abusive loser”, which she claimed was an example of the “stinking misogyny” of some in the SNP.

In an online spat, Thompson yesterday accused Cherry of bullying, which he complained to the party about. She denied the accusations, and said there was “no question” of her standing to be an MSP “unless my complaints are addressed”.



CRUMBLING Weather has not been kind to Somerville's statue of saint



APPEAL Michael MacKinnon, Theresa Irving and Michael MacNeil with the statue

Barr set at £100k to raise statue funds

AN APPEAL to raise £100,000 has been launched to replace a statue dedicated to a sixth century Irish saint who was the inspiration for the name of a Scottish island.

The sculpture depicts St Barr and was erected in Northbay, Barra, in the Western Isles in the 1970s.

Created by local artist Margaret Somerville, who died in 2018, it is now in a state of disrepair.

The Saint Barr Statue Fundraising Group want to recreate a larger scale replica from hard-wearing bronze.

The funding appeal has been kicked off with a £10,000 grant from the Crown Estates Scotland.

Michael MacNeil of the fundraising group said: “For almost 50 years, the statue has been a symbol of our island and its rich heritage. It would be a huge loss if St Barr was to crumble into the sea completely without any effort to preserve

BY JACKIE GRANT

Margaret's work and her gift to the community.

“We know her family, who are supportive of the campaign, will not want that to happen. This project will see the statue recreated in a material that will withstand the worst Hebridean weather and cope with its exposed seashore location.”

Fellow group member Michael MacKinnon said: “Margaret was a very popular and respected member of our community. It is important that we recognise her impact on Barra and ensure her main public artwork is visible, enjoyed and understood by future generations.”

Theresa Irving, of Northbay Community Council, added: “We know this is an ambitious campaign but we're confident islanders at home and away and those who visit will back it so our saint remains in place.”

CASH ROW CRASH VICTIM LOSES LEG



CONVICTIONS Attacker Wales

A MAN lost his leg after he was run over by a thug amid a money dispute.

James McCafferty, 42, was hit by driver Sean Wales, 22, on June 5, 2022.

Wales spotted James on Glasgow's Paisley Road West after he rushed to get a bus.

He drove his car at James, causing his victim to become trapped against another car.

James suffered fractures to his left leg and foot, which could not be fixed with surgery. His leg has since been amputated and he now uses a wheelchair.

Wales pled guilty at the High

Thug trapped man between two vehicles

BY CONNOR GORDON

Court in Glasgow to assault to McCafferty's severe injury, permanent impairment, disfigurement and danger of life.

Wales, of the city's Cardonald, initially faced a charge of attempting to murder his victim.

The court heard James owed Wales money, which caused tension between them.

James was out of with a friend when Wales accelerated his Vauxhall Corsa towards him.

Prosecutor Eilidh Robertson

said: “He tried to jump to avoid the collision but the vehicle struck him and caused his leg to become crushed between the Corsa and a parked car, causing damage to both vehicles.”

Wales and others in the car fled the scene as James crawled for help into a restaurant. Miss Robertson said the skin on James's leg had been torn away from the underlying tissue.

She added: “He had two operations to try and reconstruct his leg, however these were

unsuccessful due to the complexity of his injuries

“Ultimately, his leg was amputated above the knee. He had to undergo extensive physiotherapy and now uses a wheelchair.”

It was revealed Wales has previous convictions for assaults on police and healthcare professionals, breach of the peace and breaching court orders.

Sentence was deferred until next month by Judge Lord Arthurson, who remanded Wales in custody meantime.

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MOCKED Ex-PM Liz Truss

Truss: Sunak sniping led to election rout

BY DAVE BURKE

SHAMELESS Liz Truss said Rishi Sunak caused the landslide Tory election loss by trashing her record.

The 49-day disastrous PM denied piling misery on to voters, as she hit out at her successor Sunak.

In July's poll, Truss became the first ex-PM to lose their seat since 1935.

Truss, 48, said Sunak "continued to trash my record and promote Labour's false narrative that the global rise in mortgage rates was somehow my fault".

But Labour's Wes Streeting said: "It's always someone else's fault. Let that be the Conservative Party's epitaph."

"Never forget what they did to our country. Never let them do it again."



SKY'S THE LIMIT Jack, 16

Jumpin' Jack flash £200k charity goal

BY JOHN KELLY

A TEENAGE fundraiser is aiming to top £200,000 for a cancer charity before he takes a break for his exams.

Jack Thompson, who is blind because of a brain tumour on his optic nerve, has already raised £169,000 through bucket collections at 195 Morrisons stores.

Now he is planning a skydive to round off his fundraising efforts.

The 16-year-old, from Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, said: "The challenge is £200,000 and 200 stores. "I wanted to do a skydive to come up with a nice ending before retiring and concentrating on GCSEs."

The skydive is on Saturday in Peterlee, County Durham, and cash will go to Young Lives Vs Cancer. Jack has been fundraising for the charity since he was seven.

'When bosses saw Graziano footage it was game over'

'Shocking Zara video' ends pro dancer's Strictly career

LAST WALTZ
Zara and Graziano at PoB last year



IN A SPIN Zara & Di Prima in Strictly show last October

EXCLUSIVE
BY TOM BRYANT

BBC bosses sacked Strictly's Graziano Di Prima just 48 hours after watching a damning video of his behaviour, with one allegedly saying: "It was game over."

Executives were apparently stunned by the footage involving TV star Zara McDermott and axed Italian dancer Di Prima for gross misconduct.

A source claimed: "As soon as it was viewed, it was game over for Graziano."

"His Strictly career was dead and buried and there was never any way back. Everyone's stomachs just dropped when the footage became available, and our hearts went out to Zara who clearly had been suffering in silence."

Former Love Islander Zara, 27, was only invited into the BBC to speak about Di Prima after production staff raised concerns independently.

She is said to have spoken with BBC investigators, who included two ex-Metropolitan Police officers.

Di Prima, 30, is accused of hitting, kicking and even spitting at Zara.

Footage then emerged of one

“His Strictly career was dead and buried and there was never any way back for him

SOURCE ON MOMENT BBC BOSSES SAW DAMNING VIDEO OF GRAZIANO DI PRIMA

incident that was said to be the "final nail in Graziano's coffin". A source said of BBC bosses: "They are continuing to support Zara as there is a clear duty of care there, not least as she does a lot of work still with the BBC."

"They just want to do the right thing."

Sources said no one at the BBC had been made aware of Di Prima's alleged physical conduct before the video emerged, and that executives acted swiftly and decisively.

Di Prima and Zara came fifth last year and were seen together at our sister paper, the Mirror's 2023 Pride of Britain Awards.

Di Prima joined Strictly in 2018. On Saturday, he said: "I deeply regret the events that led to my departure from Strictly. My intense passion and determination to win might have affected my training regime."

He said there were parts of the story "involving external influences" he could not yet discuss, adding: "When the time is right, I will share my story."

His sacking follows confirmation that Giovanni Pernice will not be part of the 2024 show amid allegations about his teaching methods, which he rejects.

Pernice has said he is looking forward to clearing his name, adding: "I have always rejected any suggestion of abusive or threatening behaviour."

The line-up changes come as Strictly marks its 20th anniversary this year.

Pro Aljaz Skorjanec is also set to return following a two-year break.

Show's bubble at risk of bursting

STRICTLY Come Dancing's format of forcing two strangers to be in close quarters together for an intense and lengthy period of time is looking riskier and riskier - it's an HR nightmare.

Previously, the issues have been the show's notorious "curse" breaking up marriages when dancers and celebrities fall for one another behind the scenes.

But accusations of bullying behaviour paint a completely different picture of

COMMENT

BY ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD



the environment, which sits totally at odds with its image as a family-friendly, wholesome, light entertainment series.

Many stars clearly have wonderful experiences in the Strictly bubble. But as it approaches its 20th anniversary, the serious allegations against Graziano Di

Prima are some of the most shocking in the show's history, and the BBC had no choice but to take immediate action.

They could consider introducing chaperones for the contestants, but this would affect the chemistry that many develop as a result of training.

Whatever action they choose to take, BBC bosses must ensure the upcoming series has provisions to prevent further damaging allegations.

Regional pricing would give Scots cheapest energy bills

LABOUR 'READY



ACTION Greg Jackson

SCOTLAND could have the cheapest electricity in Europe if regional pricing was introduced, an energy firm boss has claimed.

Greg Jackson, founder and chief executive of Octopus Energy, said reforming the market could result in lower bills for people across all of the UK.

Speaking on the BBC's Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg programme,

BY **KATRINE BUSSEY**

Jackson said: "If we had regional pricing in the UK for electricity, every region would be cheaper than it is now. Scotland would have the cheapest electricity in Europe."

Octopus Energy had been told it could not get a new solar farm it wanted to build in County Durham connected to the National Grid until 2037, Jackson

said and added: "That means waiting 13 years for us to be able to invest to create the jobs in building that and also for our citizens to get cheaper power."

The energy boss said Labour's pledge to deliver "cheaper, zero-carbon electricity" for the UK by 2030 was "perfectly possible" but would require "extremely rapid and focused action".



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BEFORE the election, Keir Starmer pledged to put Scotland at the beating heart of a Labour government and we can already see that promise is being delivered on.

Last week, I went to No10 Downing Street with our fantastic new group of Scottish Labour MPs.

For the last 14 years, we've watched as the Tory circus took over this office. The steps of Downing Street were commonly seen in the context of a resignation or a scandal – and there have been plenty of both.

But now we have a Labour government and a Labour Prime Minister that will restore integrity, decency and honesty in politics and use the power of this office to change lives.

And we have 37 Scottish Labour MPs sitting on government benches and some in government itself – not shouting from the sidelines or protesting against Tory cruelty, but actually delivering change.

This is what Scotland voted for in this election – a Labour government with Scotland's voice at its heart.

It's a prospect many would have written off as impossible not long ago.

But Keir Starmer and I changed our party so we could get this chance to

change our country. And I have no doubt that this Labour government will deliver change for every part of Scotland.

It speaks volumes that the Prime Minister's first official engagement – barely 48 hours into the job – was a trip to Scotland to meet with Scottish Labour's new MPs and to meet with the First Minister.

This is a clear signal that the days of division and decline ushered in by the Tories are over.

Labour will reset the relationship between Scotland's two governments and make devolution work for us once again.

The Tories degraded our politics and damaged our country with its schoolyard approach to politics but Labour will end the bickering and finger-pointing and work constructively with the Scottish Government to deliver for the people of Scotland.

This is a government focused on public service, which will put the public interest before the party interest every time.

We don't underestimate the scale of the challenge we face after 14 years of Tory chaos.

This won't be easy but in every department of government, Labour is already at work to deliver the change our country

Violence against politicians is never OK

THE scenes at the Trump rally over the weekend were horrific. In a democracy there must be the ability to disagree without it turning to hatred or violence. My thoughts are with President Trump, his family and all those impacted. I know my American friends will be hurting at this assault on democracy and I'm thinking of them right now.

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so desperately needs – because this is not as good as it gets.

I firmly believe Scotland's best days lie ahead of us and at last we have a government with the ambition to make that happen.

We all know Scotland is brimming with talent and potential but under both the Tories and the SNP, our economy has been flatlining and working people are paying the price.

Years of low growth have left Scots poorer, our economy weaker and starved public services of funding

That's why Labour has already started work to kickstart economic growth across the UK – including setting up a £7.3billion National Wealth Fund to help unlock investment in new and growing industries.

Together with Labour's plans for a publicly-owned GB Energy company based here in Scotland, the National Wealth Fund will support Labour's mission to make the Scotland a clean energy superpower and bring the green jobs of the future here.

Scotland's vast potential is being squandered and our climate targets are being missed but this will change. Labour's plans mean green jobs will come here instead of going abroad, bills will be driven down with cheaper, cleaner energy and we will no longer be reliant on tyrants like Putin.

The opportunities of the green revolution are huge – someone is going to win this global race and I know it can be Scotland. You can see the difference a

Labour government makes in the urgent action it has taken on Grangemouth.

This site is one of Scotland's key strategic assets, providing crucial jobs, skills and infrastructure – but the Tories have stood idly by while hundreds of jobs are under threat.

Ed Miliband has been clear – Labour will leave no stone unturned in seeking an industrial future for this site and its workers. Labour will work in partnership with the Scottish Government, workers, and the industry to explore options for the site so Grangemouth can become home to the industries of the future.

Across the country, Labour will fight to protect jobs, work to create new opportunities and act to tackle insecure work and low pay.

It hasn't even been a fortnight and already this Labour government has proven itself to be a world apart from the Tory shambles that preceded it.

After 14 years of managed decline by the Tories and the SNP, Labour is the only party offering hope and optimism.

We've got rid of one failing government and started the process of change – the next step is delivering change in Holyrood.

Join us on that journey and we can deliver change together.

Trump is in polls position

I'm not much of a gambler. Hopeless at it, in fact. Much of my old Tesco payslip was frittered away on daft football bets that looked like rolls of wallpaper.

But if I did still like a flutter, the smart money would surely land on Donald Trump again becoming the president of the United States of America. And that was probably the case long before the brutal and vicious attempt to murder him.

In Joe Biden, he is up against the man you want to do well. A grandfather of US politics, Biden first held elected office 15 years

before I was even a twinkle in my parents' eyes. He's also the designated "good guy" when up against Trump.

But it's fairly obvious that the passage of time is catching up with Joe.

The leader of the free world can get many things wrong. We all can. But confusing President Zelensky for President Putin was a step too far.

And on the back of a TV debate where Joe sounded like he'd been knocking back the whisky all afternoon, Trump already had all the momentum.

Then, with the pull of a trigger, any hopeful doubt Trump would win the election surely

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comes close to evaporating. I stand to be corrected but it feels like nothing will galvanise the American population more than a cold-blooded attack on one of their own.

Broadcast live to a global audience, the footage of a former president having a bullet rip through their ear will go down in history.

But it's nothing compared to the still image of a bloodied Trump defiantly thrusting his fist into the air as the secret service drag him from the scene. Fluttering stoically over his left shoulder is the star-spangled banner. It's an image that will define American politics for decades to come.

And the likelihood of that return of a Trump presidency is something we must all be prepared for.

Our relationship with America is long-standing and vital. But outwardly, Trump's politics clearly don't align with our own. Make no mistake, his views are abhorrent, he is a threat to American democracy and his Putin apologetism endangers the Western world.

Will he sell Ukraine down the river? Will he back Netanyahu's slaughter in Gaza? Will he again reject climate science and walk away from the net zero transition? How will he deal with China, Nato funding and trade relations with the rest of the world? We can probably take a fair punt at answering those questions and come very close to

getting the right answer but the wider point is that, whether we like it or not, his choices will impact our lives and our futures, and we can't escape that reality. Some will still try to though, of course.

During the general election, I was asked in a quick-fire yes/no round following the ITV leaders debate whether Trump would be welcome in Scotland should he win in November. I answered "yes" and was roundly criticised by the usual suspects.

But the reason why I answered "yes" was simple – you respect the office. And you do so precisely because of the impact that office, and the person sitting in it, has upon our lives. You either engage, express your views and try to shape the future or you sit outside the room feeling good about yourself while definitely achieving nothing.

Of course, violence is not new in UK politics either. In recent times, David Amess MP and Jo Cox MP have been murdered doing their duties. Others have faced attacks and unrelenting intimidation. It's a stain on our democracy and we all need to rise against it.

Donald Trump survived. But the Democratic Party in America doesn't look like it could be in a much worse position to respond.

We, however, have time to decide how we engage with a Trump America and, as a key ally, we can't get it wrong.



Amazon staff vote on union recognition

A VOTE today could force Amazon to recognise a UK union for the first time.

The GMB has balloted staff at a warehouse.

If the 3000 staff vote in favour, Amazon will have to negotiate with the GMB at the West Midlands site.

GMB's Amanda Gearing said: "This is an historic moment."

Amazon said staff were free to join unions, adding it "works hard to listen, take on feedback and make continuous improvements".

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TALKS David Lammy was due to meet Benjamin Netanyahu and Mahmoud Abbas



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TARGETED A 'humanitarian zone' near Khan Unis was hit by Israeli forces at the weekend

Foreign Secretary calls for Gaza ceasefire on first visit to region

BY ASHLEY COWBURN

DAVID Lammy has called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza in his first visit to the Middle East as Foreign Secretary.

Lammy was due to hold talks with the Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and Mahmoud Abbas, the president of the Palestinian Authority.

The cabinet minister said: "The death and destruction in Gaza is intolerable. This war must end now, with an immediate ceasefire, complied with by both sides."

"The fighting has got to stop, the hostages still cruelly detained by Hamas terrorists need to be released immediately and aid must be allowed in to reach the people of Gaza without restrictions."

"I am meeting Israeli and Palestinian leaders to stress the UK's ambition and commitment to play its full diplomatic role in securing a ceasefire deal and creating the space for a pathway towards a two-state solution."

"The world needs a safe and secure Israel alongside a viable and sovereign Palestinian state."

His remarks came after Gaza's health ministry said 141 Palestinians have been killed and about 400 injured by Israeli airstrikes since Saturday.

A strike said to be targeting the suspected mastermind of the October 7 attack Mohammed Deif killed at least 90 and injured hundreds. Hamas described it as a "horrifying massacre"



HORRIFYING Situation in al-Mawasi

and denied Deif was killed. Charity Action Aid UK said the attack on al-Mawasi near Khan Younis was in a designated "humanitarian zone".

The Foreign Office also announced another £5.5million for medical aid charity UK-Med to fund its Gaza work.

This funding will be used to support its field hospitals and the emergency department at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis – where many of those injured from the Israeli strike were taken.

Louise Wateridge, of the UN relief and works agency, praised medics. But she added: "The hospital is nothing short of a disaster. You walk in the entrance and you can smell the blood."

"All of the mattresses that patients were on were stained with blood."

"Very minimal in terms of sanitation, cleaning equipment, bed sheets, nothing like that in sight – really dire conditions."

Work on your personality to be happy

PEOPLE'S personalities have more of an impact on their level of life satisfaction than their circumstances, a study has revealed.

Researchers from the Universities of Edinburgh and Tartu in Estonia used a different method to assess satisfaction.

While participants' view of their own happiness can be biased, the surveys also asked someone they know the same questions.

They found 80 per cent of differences could be traced to personalities.

Lead researcher Dr Rene Mottus said: "Broadly speaking, more satisfied people were more emotionally stable, extroverted and conscientious."



PUNK ICONS The Clash

Clash of cultures

A TOWN'S civic society has refused to honour a punk gig by The Clash with a blue plaque as it caused too much trouble at the time.

The Bury Society's 580 members say it will not support calls for the band's 1978 concert at The Corn Exchange in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk to be honoured.

Race against clock to save Arctic whales

MORE research is needed on the impact of ships on Arctic whales, a study said.

Academics at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, said rising traffic in the Arctic from melting ice could harm bowhead, narwhal and beluga whales but more data is needed.

Researchers found just 169 pieces of work had been done on the impact of maritime shipping on the populations.

Report lead author Emily Hague said: "Historically, humans have embarked on industrial activity and development and worried about the consequences for the environment often too late."

EXCLUSIVE TEEN HELL LED TO BODY ISSUES

School bullies are no laughing matter

Comic opens up about the mental health impact of her experience



BY VIVIENNE AITKEN
Education Editor

COMEDIAN Hannah Platt backed the Daily Record's Our Kids ... Our Future campaign as she opened up about her own hell at the hands of school bullies.

Ahead of her Fringe show next month, Hannah, 31, revealed how the bullying she faced at school has had a lifelong effect on her mental health.

She said: "It is good the Record are highlighting these issues because it is so important to talk about bullying and mental health."

"It is not something that is going to go away. But because it is not related to something new, people tend to get bored with it, so it is great that the paper has a focus on it."

Liverpudlian Hannah has been going to the Fringe since she was 18 but this is her first hour-long gig and she will talk about mental health during her set.

She said: "I've always had a harsh view of the world but when I got diagnosed with body dysmorphia about three years ago, it made me realise that if my perception of myself is wrong maybe my perception of the world is wrong. It is about me unpicking that."

"My humour is dark, dry and sarcastic. That's how I've always dealt with stuff - gallows humour."

"I think it is a really interesting challenge to be able to make them funny."

Hannah added: "I used to get very badly bullied for the way I look. I was such a weird, awkward kid, so I always thought there are so many other things to pick



from, so why would you pick on the way I look? It becomes such a thing you internalise it. The bullies aren't needed any more, you become your own bully."

Hannah said that when she was young there was a similar problem to now where teachers are stretched and kids fall under the radar.

She said: "It didn't seem a pressing issue to them, they didn't know it would become something in the future."

Recently, after years of struggling, she was diagnosed with body dysmorphia.

Hannah said: "I was focussed on certain things about the way I looked that felt so disgusting."

"Not that long ago, it was a thing about my teeth. Then I did some voiceover work and got some good money so I was like, 'I'll fix my teeth', then as soon as I fixed my teeth something else snapped up."

"I can still have days when it flares up but it used to be that I almost felt like my appearance would be an affront on the world so I kept myself indoors."

Hannah said pupils must be taught about social media in schools. She said: "Banning smart phones in schools would be a good idea, strip back to basics with technology so children can still contact their parents if they need to but don't have access to social media."

●Hannah's show is at Pleasance Courtyard July 31 to August 25.

“It becomes such a thing, you internalise it. You become your own bully”
HANNAH PLATT ON BEING BULLIED



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MURRAY PICKS DUNBLANE OVER MIDDLE EAST



PLEA Jackman and Reynolds

Hollywood stars' blood heroes call

BY MARTIN BAGOT

ACTORS Hugh Jackman and Ryan Reynolds are fronting an NHS appeal for blood donors.

The stars of *Deadpool* and *Wolverine* have created a short film calling on fans to be a "hero" and donate.

There is an urgent need for blood type O donors after Russia's IT attack on the NHS in London.

The ransomware attack left a huge backlog of transfusions in the capital.

In the short film, to be shown at cinemas and on social media, Ryan says: "Our characters have spilled countless hot tubs worth of blood in the name of entertainment. But don't worry it's all fake."

Wolverine star Jackman continues: "Real blood is harder to come by. That's why the NHS needs heroes like you to donate blood."



LOVEBIRDS The macaws

Love could be in the air for rare macaws

BY JOHN KELLY

A PAIR of parrots have been set up on a blind date in the hope of saving the species from extinction.

Fewer than 300 red-fronted macaws remain in the wild, making them one of the world's most endangered parrot species.

Keepers at Twycross Zoo in Leicestershire hope love will be in the air after the pair came from Edinburgh Zoo and Welsh Mountain Zoo.

Assistant bird curator Rhys McKie said: "In the wild, these parrots can only be found in a small region of Bolivia."

"The birds feed on desert plants like cactus and are one of the main seed dispersers. I'm looking forward to our visitors getting the chance to see them and our other stunning parrot species."

ANDY KEEPS IT REAL

O ROAR OF SCOTLAND Sir Andy Murray is hoping to pass on his knowledge to Scottish youngsters



MAN OF THE PEOPLE Andy signs autographs for fans in Rutherglen

BY STUART MACDONALD

SIR Andy Murray has turned down lucrative offers to open academies in China and the Middle East in order to coach young tennis players near his hometown of Dunblane.

The three-time Grand Slam champ has confirmed he plans to spend his retirement mentoring regularly in Scotland.

Murray will pass on his expertise at a £20million tennis and sporting centre which his family plans to build at Park of Keir, Stirlingshire.

Mum Judy has been leading the project for several years and it has Scottish Government planning permission.

Murray, 37, plans to quit tennis after the Olympics this month and coach young players here with brother Jamie, 39.

The double Wimbledon singles champ, who lives in Surrey with wife Kim and their four kids, said: "I plan to spend a lot more time in Scotland when I finish playing and I'm sure Jamie will do the same."

"We are both really keen to inspire the next generation of Scottish tennis players and coaches so we will be regular visitors to Park of Keir."

Judy, 64, revealed Andy had refused offers to lend his name to tennis centres abroad because he wants to nurture

Judy says her boys want to coach in their home country



PASSIONATE Judy Murray

home talent. She told a national newspaper: "We have had offers from other countries to open an Andy Murray tennis academy."

"But it will always be about Scotland and our backyard. None of us have ever wavered from the position that we want to do this in our home country."

"When the boys are finished with their playing days they will have a lot more time to come to Scotland. I keep hearing, 'Oh, they'll never produce another Andy Murray.' Why not?"

"Why couldn't we? I have a huge amount of experience to share and I can't take it with me."

"Andy and Jamie are not fussed about statues or anything like that. It's the tennis itself that they are passionate about."

I keep hearing, 'Oh, they'll never produce another Andy.' Why not?
JUDY MURRAY ON HER HOPES FOR CENTRE

Motorcyclist in hospital after smash

A MAN was airlifted to hospital after a motorbike crash at the weekend.

The crash on the A832, near Kinlochewe, Ross-shire happened at about 3pm on Saturday.

Police said the biker had appeared to lose control.

Emergency services attended and the 43-year-old man was airlifted to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, with serious injuries.

The force said inquiries are "ongoing".

FISH DECLINE CLUE

Food chain issue linked to falling salmon numbers



SURVIVAL UK Salmon

SCIENTISTS believe they have found a tiny but vital clue to the decline of wild salmon in Scotland's waters.

Minuscule creatures that are linked to the king of fish's food chain have seriously declined.

Fish that feed on zooplankton, which have decreased in number, are, in turn, eaten by salmon.

Zooplankton has declined in much of the northeast Atlantic, and specifically within key salmon migration areas, in the past

BY MIKE MERRITT

60 years. Warming waters may be part of the reason.

Wild Atlantic salmon have declined by 70 per cent across the North Atlantic in recent decades.

The species was listed as endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature in December, with British salmon having suffered an

additional 30-50 per cent decline since 2006 and a projected 50-80 per cent from 2010-2025.

The Perthshire-based Atlantic Salmon Trust said: "Simply put, of the juvenile salmon which leave their rivers and head out to sea to grow and mature, fewer are surviving to come back as adults."

"The Missing Salmon Alliance team has published a research

paper which links this drop in marine survival to declining zooplankton energy through the juvenile salmon food chain."

It added: "This paper reaffirms one of the Alliance's key work areas in freshwater - the restoration of river catchments to allow young salmon to head out on their ocean migration in the best possible condition."

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STAR'S FRUIT SHOOT

ACTRESS Bella Thorne drinks in the sunshine - and a fruity beverage she has given her name to.

The former Shake It Up star posted a

photo on Instagram advertising her Naughty Behaviour Citrus flavour Elixir. Probably not advisable to shake that up before opening.

FUNDRAISER BUILDS UNIQUE CONTRAPTION



BRIDGING GAP Dan Knowles

Charities to found brain tumour hub in Scotland

BY CRAIG PATON

TWO top cancer charities have committed to establishing a brain tumour research centre in Scotland in a bid to find a cure.

Brain Tumour Research and the Beatson Cancer Charity will bring together leading experts to develop treatments for the highly aggressive brain tumour glioblastoma (GBM).

The centre will be part of a partnership with Glasgow University and Edinburgh University.

Brain Tumour Research chief executive Dan Knowles said: "At present, new discoveries and approaches are not progressing quickly enough into clinical testing in patients."

"The Scottish Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence will help bridge this gap leading to pivotal preclinical proof-of-concept data to support clinical trial development for patients."

The news was welcomed by those impacted by brain tumours, including Antiques Roadshow expert Theo Burrell – who underwent life-extending surgery after being diagnosed with a GBM in 2022.

She said: "My care has been excellent and new advances in science have helped me so far."

"However, only by funding research into brain cancer can we get closer to a life-saving cure."

Gene switch cancer hope

A VITAL gene that helps many body organs function could hold the key to taming a deadly cancer, research has suggested.

Scientists have found pancreatic cancer is able to shut down molecules in the HNF4A gene to help it grow.

It raises hope in the hunt for treatments for a disease that kills nearly 9000 people in the UK every year.

Dr Maria Hatzia Apostolou, of Nottingham Trent's John van Geest Cancer Research Centre, said it "will hopefully help pave the way for potential new treatments".



BEN'S BIKANOE

Cycle and canoe combo takes to the water and road in bid to travel back and forth across Scotland in support of kids' prosthetic limbs charity

BY ELIZABETH HUNTER

A MAN is travelling the width of Scotland and back in a hand-built "bicycle canoe".

Ben Kilner, 36, spent two months making the unique contraption to take on more than 150 miles of land and sea.

Starting from Fort William, Ben will paddle to Inverness along the Caledonian Canal before turning around and cycling back on land along the Great Glen Way.

He aims to raise £2500 for charity A Leg To Stand On, which provides prosthetic limbs for children in developing countries across the world.

The idea was born after Ben, who previously paddled down the River Thames in a hand-built canoe, was unable to walk for several days after a camping trip.

"It was deeply upsetting and highlighted how much I rely on my mobility and how much we take it for granted," said Ben, from Forest Row, Sussex.

Ben, who has been sharing his progress on social media with his 700,000 followers, integrated three bikes into his design.

He said: "The canoe is a skin-on frame canoe made from Douglas fir and steam-bent green oak with a ballistic nylon



DESIGN
Ben has hand-built his bicycle canoe himself

Saturday and plans to share his travels with his followers across social media.

He said: "I have a combined following of over 700,000 people across my various accounts, and the build process, which is

ongoing, has about 50 million views so far.

"The fundraising response has been quite good. I've raised around 70 per cent of my target so far, which is £2500.

"I'll be doing daily updates on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok as I'm going on the journey, and people can

follow along.

"I'm excited to see the grand magnitude of Loch Ness and the Great Glen and to immerse myself in that."

● To find out more about the fundraiser or to donate, go to www.benkilner.com

skin stretched over it. The reason for going with that design was because it is super lightweight – and also something I can build myself relatively easily.

"It seems to work well and it should hopefully carry me across the width of Scotland and back in one piece."

The challenge is expected to take around nine days.

Ben added: "I think it will probably take about five days in

water mode to get across the width of Scotland and about four days back across.

"In total, I think it will be about a 150-mile round trip.

"One of the great things about Scotland is that you're allowed to wild camp, whereas in the rest of the UK, you're not, so I'll be wild camping the whole way.

"The biggest challenge will be the wind and stability. The canoe has a single hull and would

ideally have a low centre of gravity.

"I'm sat quite high up along with the pedal paddle bike mechanism, so it's pretty tippy. I think stability will be a challenge.

"Also, because canoes have quite high sides, the wind can catch the sides and knock you off course."

Ben began his journey on

"It should hopefully carry me across the width of Scotland and back in one piece" BEN ON BIKE CANOE

LIFE live it well

LEGALEYE

WHAT are the legalities of subletting a property?

THE two main legal methods of possessing property are ownership and tenancy. For those who take property on lease, the advantages tend to be financial - there is not a lock-up of capital to fund the huge price in one go, and rent payments can be made out of turnover or salary.

In residential letting you can terminate the deal on relatively short notice - but in business leasing, the tenant is usually tied into a lengthy period of occupancy and cost, without the automatic right to end the lease.

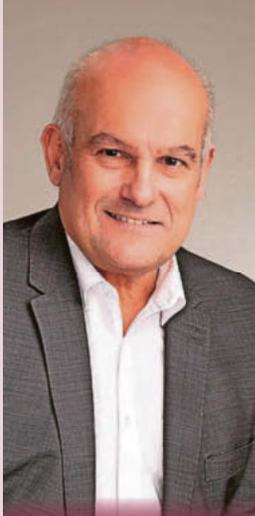
For some business tenants, subleasing is desirable. This may be because the amount of room or space in the premises is too great, and subletting would use up empty parts - plus bring in some rent to subsidise the rent.

There may be synergies between businesses that make sharing space profitable (surveyors with estate agents?). As long as everyone knows the rules, observes security and splits costs, all may be well.

There is always a BUT.

In pretty much all commercial leases, the tenant is not permitted to sublet all or some of the premises to a third party, no matter how much sense it makes to the tenant and subtenant, unless the landlord is asked for permission and agrees to it. Many leases spell out how this works - the tenant may not bring someone in unilaterally, but may apply to the landlord for permission.

It is not then all on the landlord's side - there is wording in the lease that says the landlord may not unreasonably refuse an application to sublet (or to assign - i.e. transfer the tenancy in full). What this means is if the proposed subtenant is reputable, of sound financial standing and does not intend to do anything in the property against the terms of the lease (e.g. use an office for a nightclub!) then the



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tenant may insist, subject to meeting the landlord's costs and any additional security.

Before signing a lease, the tenant should take legal advice on this (and lots of other onerous conditions) as, once the deal is binding, the tenancy can only operate under the rules laid down.

If the tenant wants to leave, bring in a subtenant or share with another company, it is all down to the terms of the lease.

In residential property, the situation is not the same. Owning a property outright gives you the entitlement to let it out to whomever you wish. If you have a mortgage, then there may be provisions about subletting - though the reality is that as long as the mortgage is being paid regularly the lender will not make enquiries.

But if you only lease the property under a residential tenancy, that document will have strict rules about you occupying in person or with your family - and simply deny you any right to sublet without the landlord's informed consent.

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Whether you're curvy, athletic or a classic pear, **EMMA JOHNSON** shares her tips for finding the perfect cossie to make you look good and feel great

HOLIDAY season is in full swing and hopefully sun, sea and sand are on the horizon for you. While we may all love relaxing on the beach or by the pool, few women relish having to shop for swimsuits or bikinis beforehand.

Quite apart from the question of whether your two-piece or swimming costume fits, there are many other things to consider. Like, is it supportive enough? Does it hold you in or lift you up? Is the colour or print flattering?

And is it even suitable for going in the water? You would be surprised how many swimsuits aren't.

Forget struggling into what you think you should be wearing, the experts advise simply focusing on a style that feels the best.

"The single most important aspect of choosing swimwear is comfort," said Dawn Barber, founder and managing director of UKswimwear.com.

"Getting the right size is absolutely key, as ill-fitting swimwear can not only be unflattering, it can make you feel miserable when you're supposed to be having a great time on holiday."

Once you know the style you prefer, look out for the key trends for summer 2024.

Flora Harris, swimwear buyer at Pour Moi, reveals that wet-look designs, leopard prints in tonal hues, textured pieces and gold hardware are popular.

If you love the fantastic value that supermarket fashion offers, Jessica Hoad, F&F's buying manager for ladies outerwear and swim, promises, "stylish inclusive swimwear, minimal effort with maximum impact" from the Tesco brand.

Mix-and-match bikinis there start from a purse-friendly £8, with swimsuits from £19.50.

"The swim edit brings beach-to-bar glamour, with luxe fabrics and styling," she said. "Pieces are versatile and can be worn as swim or as key outfits."

"Quality is key - all styles include padded support as standard, with tummy control on selected styles to ensure our customer feels amazing no matter what her needs are."

John Lewis has given its swimwear quite an overhaul, with three quarters of its styles, "completely new shapes for SS24," said Mark Finerty, head of swim design at the department store.

"The direction was to update and modernise silhouettes, adding new shapes so that at any age and body shape you can feel beautiful and confident while on the beach, whether that's accentuating natural curves or providing optimal support."

Read on for tips on finding the perfect swimwear for your body type and to discover gorgeous on-trend buys all for under £50.

Swimwear



Aruba underwired swimsuit, £48, Pour Moi

PEAR SHAP

"A pear-shaped body is defined by a narrower waist and hips from swimwear that balances the waist and hips," says Esme Stone, head of design at JD Williams.

"Bright banding and stripes paired with solid colours can draw attention to the waist, balancing your proportions."

"Swimsuits with a wrap-style neckline or one with a tummy panel are especially flattering as they highlight your waistline while creating a more balanced silhouette."

Pour Moi's Flora Harris adds: "A little extra support in the tummy control panel will offer just what you need this. A swimsuit with a ruffled detail is also a flattering option."



Sicily swimwear

LARGE BUS

"For women with a larger bust, additional support is key to ensure everything is secure and comfortable."

"Not only can a supportive swimsuit help with back and joint pains, but it can also provide extra support for the bust."

"The underwire in a swimsuit provides extra support and comfort. Pour Moi's underwire swimsuits are a great option for a larger bust."

"Another option is a swimsuit with some extra support in the bust, such as a halter neck top."

Bikini top with cups, £15.98, briefs, £12.50, shirt, £16, F&F



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Halterneck non-wired swimdress, £28, JD Williams



Frill bikini top, £25, super high-waisted tummy-control briefs, £19.50, Yours



Halterneck non-wired swimdress, £28, JD Williams



Left: Paisley bikini top, £11, briefs, £8.50. Right: Tankini, £12.50, high-waisted briefs, £8.50, Matalan



Underwired bikini top, £23, briefs, £17, Simply Be

HOURGLASS

"This is one where your bust and hip ratios are equal, with a well-defined waist," explains Zoe Price-Smith, chief design and product officer at Boux Avenue.

"As hourglass figures have a full bust, look for a bikini top with moulded cups or which is underwired to help support and lift the bust.

"The bikini briefs should have a high leg to help accentuate and lengthen the legs, while a style with a high waistband will draw the eye to narrow waists.

"With a one-piece, we recommend a cut-out swimsuit. The fabric in the middle will highlight your slim waist while the cut-aways show off the natural curved lines of an hourglass figure."



Hello Sailor stripe cut-out swimsuit, £36, John Lewis



Bikini top, £12, briefs, £12, George



V by Very shape-enhancing detachable ruched swimsuit, £28, very.co.uk

SMALL BUSTS

"For small busts we have always built support into our swimsuits, and padding is a design element our customer continues to love," says John Lewis's Mark Finerty. "Most of our padded styles feature removable padding, giving versatility so customers can buy the same piece and wear it the way they prefer."

Reebok Swim's Lynette Dear adds: "For those with a smaller chest, a swimsuit with double or thicker straps works wonders, as it ensures you feel supported, comfortable and fashionable, without the V-cut or plunging necklines."

ATHLETIC

"An athletic body shape comprises broad shoulders, a small-to-medium chest, and longer torso, with an undefined waist and narrow hips," says Lynette Dear, merchandising director for Reebok Swim.

"If you have muscular shoulders, swimsuits that accentuate the legs and hips complement your shape well. I recommend the Voletta or Clara swimsuit from Reebok Swim."



Reebok Voletta swimsuit, £20, Sports Direct



Red bikini top, £15, briefs, £10, Peacocks



Anyday jacquard pineapple swimsuit, £28, John Lewis



Portofino swimsuit, £46, Boux Avenue

POST-MASTECTOMY

"Choosing swimwear post-mastectomy is all about finding styles that offer comfort, support, and confidence," says JD Williams' Esme Stone.

"Patterns and ruching can provide extra confidence by offering a flattering and stylish look. Consider tops with adjustable straps and underwire for added support and to achieve a secure fit.

"High-neck swimsuits or those with additional panelling can help you feel both comfortable and stylish, allowing you to enjoy your time by the water with confidence."



Post-surgery swimsuit, £14, George at Asda



Bonprix non-wired post-surgery swimsuit, £22, Freemans



Magisculpt wired bikini top, £26, high-waist tummy-control briefs, £22, JD Williams

BEAUTYBUYS

Mini beauty products are a godsend when it comes to travelling. From moisturisers and cleansers to hair care and beauty palettes, there is something for everyone. **FIORA JACKSON** picks the best ...

Tan-Luxe The Face £12



Fenty Eaze Drop'lit All-Over Glow Enhancer £14

Trinny London Plump Up Mini £26



Stylpro Glow & Go Mirror, £34.99

Sam McKnight Sundaze SeaSpray Mini £14



Jones Road The New Classic Kit £72



Medik8 Daily Radiance Vitamin C mini £19



Milk Makeup Lip + Cheek £22



Trinny London The Elevator Mini £28



fresh SOY FACE CLEANSER Fresh Soy Face Cleanser £15





Aries March 21-April 20

IT'S exhausting when your family seem to be constantly at odds with each other. You aren't going to be able to change a relative's opinions so why waste any more of your time trying? Instead, focus on building relationships with people who do share your values and opinions.

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

Taurus April 21 - May 21

MINOR squabbles and misunderstandings early on should not derail your plans for the day. Taking a diplomatic approach will help a lot in resolving any conflicts. In conversations with a parent or older relative do not be too pushy when trying to get them to understand your perspective.

For more call **0905 789 4172** (80p/min + network access charge)

Gemini May 22 - June 20

A SENIOR colleague who admires your skills will offer you a better position. As tempted as you might be by their offer, don't be reluctant to negotiate a better salary than the one they initially suggest. Your powerful charisma will help you achieve a better deal. You deserve it.

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Cancer June 21 - July 22

SOMEONE will request a favour from you that you aren't comfortable with. Be honest and let them know you would rather not help them out this time. If they get upset, don't let this make you feel guilty. If a friend can't respect your boundaries, they only have their own selfish interests in mind.

For more call **0905 789 4174** (80p/min + network access charge)

Leo July 23 - August 22

KEEPING out of the public eye will not help you resolve a conflict. You need to get to the root of the problem and you can only do this by talking about it. Schedule a meeting with those involved. Being open about the frustrations you feel is more likely to lead to a positive outcome.

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

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

ARE you looking for something new to get you motivated? An offer to take on a leadership position should be taken seriously. Leading a team will present its own challenges and this could be just what you need to feel you are doing something worthwhile with your time.

For more call **0905 789 4176** (80p/min + network access charge)

Libra Sept 23-Oct 23

CULTIVATING a negative mindset can have a detrimental impact on work opportunities. Don't tell yourself you aren't ever going to be successful. Regardless of whether you are unemployed or managing your own business, you need to keep a positive outlook towards future prospects.

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

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

KEEP going with plans and agreements already in place. If you're handling financial or travel matters, don't be tempted to make alterations without consulting other people involved. Making changes at this point could cause confusion. Take a straightforward approach to business.

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

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

HANDLE financial and legal matters as and when they arise. If a partner is procrastinating on issues that require immediate attention, insist that they make a decision by the end of the day. You both need to stay on top of everything if you are to prevent future complications.

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

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

YOU have noticed how a partner or best friend has been showing less interest in pastimes you have always enjoyed together. This makes you feel this relationship could be slipping away. Travel, sports or exploring new joint activities could breathe new life into a friendship.

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

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

YOU have patiently listened to a friend or colleague's gripes and grumbles. Now their rants are starting to irritate you. They are taking it for granted that you agree with their views when you don't. They need to be told you don't want to know. It is wrong of them to put you through this.

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

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

FINDING happiness at home is difficult when you dislike the place you live or the people you are living with. If you've been thinking about buying a home, moving to a new area or ending an existing lease, start looking into the options available that will allow you to bring about this desire.

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



DEAR COLEEN

My daughter finds friend's little girl too overbearing



Dear Coleen

I HAVE a very good friend and we both have 10-year-old daughters. Our kids aren't at school together but my friend has always had this expectation that they should be friends.

The problem is, her daughter is not a nice kid and, yes, I know that sounds awful coming from a grown woman. But whenever she's over at ours, she's loud, rude, mean, swears a lot and is so competitive.

She takes toys away from my daughter, must have everything first and, if she doesn't get her way, she flies into a tantrum. My daughter is very laidback, but I'm starting to feel it's unfair on her and that these playdates are too stressful.

Needless to say, my friend is oblivious, or at least chooses to ignore her behaviour, but it's getting to a point where I don't want to meet up with them.

It's awkward, though, because this woman is lovely and she doesn't have it easy. She's a single mum - her daughter's father legged it when the baby was only a few months old, and her current partner is worse than useless.

Please advise on how I can make this better for everyone.

Coleen says

I DON'T think you're being horrible, you're just being honest about how this child's behaviour is affecting your daughter. You're the adult here

and if you believe these playdates are upsetting her, then you have to do something about the situation. She's your priority.

I'd start by trying to arrange to see your friend without the kids. And start becoming less available for playdates - I'm sure your daughter has schoolmates and activities going on.

If your friend picks you up on it, maybe that's an opportunity for a conversation. Say something like, "I know we're great friends, but the girls are quite different - your daughter is so confident, while mine is quieter and she sometimes feels a bit overwhelmed. Maybe when they're older they'll have more in common."

It's a tricky tightrope to walk

because appearing to criticise someone's child or telling them how to parent can provoke a very intense reaction.

But I do think if you just begin to be "too busy" for the playdates and you're seeing your friend on your own anyway, you'll fall into a new pattern.

As for your friend ignoring her daughter's behaviour, it's normal as she deals with it every day and it's the dynamic in their house.

But don't feel guilty about wanting to prioritise your daughter - you can't put her through hell to make your friend feel better. It's not fair.

And who knows, maybe when the kids are older and calmer they might end up being good mates.

“She's quite laidback but I feel playdates are stressful”

DAILY PRAYER

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." *Philippians 4:13*
It is a very admirable quality - to find contentment no matter the circumstances.

COLEEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM

DON'T compare yourself to other people - it can lower your self-confidence by making you feel less than or inadequate. Also, it's pointless and illogical because we're all individuals with a unique set of circumstances.

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RECORD TV



with SARA WALLIS

EMMERDALE

STV, 7.30pm

LYDIA and Sam are conflicted but eventually her words strike a chord and Samson heads to the police station to tell the truth. It's a relief for Moira but the situation tears the Dingles apart, leading to Sam punching Cain.

Will is shocked when Rose moves in for a kiss but when he makes his feelings clear, she questions whether he will tell Kim what happened.

And while Jai hopes for a reconciliation, he's crushed when Laurel says they should tell the kids they're divorcing.

EASTENDERS

BBC1, 7.30pm

IAN'S preparing for his supposed leadership course but Peter is glaring disapprovingly at his dad and, after the contents of his suitcase make Cindy suspicious, she asks Ian outright if he's having an affair. He swears he's not but later she persuades George to drive her to a mystery address, with Peter also on his trail.

Elsewhere, bailiffs arrive demanding Lauren pay off a credit card debt. And Felix invites Gina, Anna and Freddie to join him at the club.

PAYBACK Angry Carla gets revenge



CORONATION STREET

STV, 8pm

DEE-DEE and Nina are shocked when a nurse confirms that Roy's hospital visitor was a young blonde girl, and Dee-Dee later tells Bethany and Joel that the police are scrutinising CCTV footage.

At the precinct, Carla sees the gang who targeted Roy and gives them a tongue-lashing. When one of them cycles towards her car, she opens the door and sends him flying.

And Leanne is trying to do a sales job on Amy, praising the work of the Institute.

TROUBLED Jenna as cop with a lot on her mind



PICK of the DAY

Cop determined to rock the boat

THE JETTY

BBC1, 9pm

WE'VE watched her time travelling as Doctor Who's companion Clara and as a young queen in Victoria.

Now in the latest of a long line of hit dramas, Jenna Coleman finds herself playing a present-day detective.

The Jetty is a haunting story with a stunning backdrop and plot twists sure to keep you gripped.

The story starts with recently widowed DC Ember Manning investigating a fire at a former boat hut in the lakeside Lancashire town where she grew up.

But it becomes clear the crime isn't her top priority when the new owner demands an update.

"My late husband used to own it," says Ember. "Back when it was considered normal that local people owned local properties and tourists stayed in B&Bs. Now of course tourists own the properties and locals can't afford to."

Ember tells the owner that as nobody was hurt, she's not going to focus on finding the arsonist and he should make an insurance claim.

She's more concerned about whether a local girl the same age as her own daughter Hannah is in danger.

And when Riz, an investigative reporter, reveals she's looking into the disappearance of another teenage girl Amy years earlier, it stirs up questions about local attitudes as she tells Ember: "Amy hasn't been forgotten, she's been cleared away."

Also a year on from her husband's death, Ember is realising his life before she met him is a mystery.

"It's the things I don't know, that's what haunts me," she tells her late husband's pal.

But as her investigation continues, Ember faces making discoveries that could turn her world upside down...

TASTY Jamie whips up summer grub



JAMIE: WHAT TO EAT THIS WEEK

Channel 4, 8pm

WE'VE watched him miss out meat, cook for a quid and work with the latest must-have gadget, the air fryer. Now for his latest series, Jamie Oliver's rustling up a spread in his garden shed.

He's focusing on summer food that will work come rain or shine - which is just as well given the recent weather we've had.

So expect vibrant salads, family traybakes, barbecue treats and fruity puddings. Roasts get a look in too,

with a summertime twist. Jamie also picks fennel from his garden for a pork loin roast served with a cheesy bean and fennel gratin.

A pea risotto is also on the menu, along with rainbow slaw - featuring carrots from his vegetable patch - that goes with griddled chicken wraps. And mackerel makes an appearance on sun-dried tomato couscous with beetroot.

Jamie even creates hanging baskets with fruit and veg instead of flowers. Now the big question is whether we'll get to eat any of it outside before summer's gone.

GHOSTS US

BBC3, 8.30pm

SUCCESS on British TV doesn't always translate to America, but exporting the antics from Button House did.

And as Ghosts US returns for a third run it has already aired more episodes than we enjoyed across five series.

Catching up with the gang at Woodstone Manor, Sam, Jay and their haunting housemates work out who has moved on to the afterlife - and for one in particular, dealing with their

grief isn't easy. Not that Sam and Jay have a lot of time to mourn. They're hoping to turn the barn into the restaurant of Jay's dreams, but they'll have to evict an owl that has taken up residence first. And one ghost isn't in a hurry to say goodbye to the bird.

Aside from our own Mathew Baynton, who popped up in a cameo role, the US cast won't be familiar.

But if you were charmed by Alison, Mike and their houseful of spectral misfits, this award-winning reboot is worth a try.



STAR-SPANGLED SPOOKS The cast of US Ghosts

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(R) Repeat

BBC ONE

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Morning Live Magazine.
10.45 Close Calls: On Camera (R)
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Property auctions in Coventry, Kent and Suffolk. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Catherine Southon and Mark Stacey assist the teams in Hemswell.
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
2.00 Clive Myrie's Italian Road Trip Clive makes gelato. (R)
2.30 Animal Park It's training day for a young camel. (R)
3.00 Escape to the Country Nicki Chapman helps a couple to find a new home in the Aberdeenshire countryside.
3.45 The Repair Shop Items include a historic painting, a Beatles souvenir and a stained-glass window. (R)
4.30 The Finish Line Roman Kemp and Sarah Greene host the quiz, with Sunny, Lauren, Danny, Anna and Lesley.
5.15 Pointless Quiz show, with co-host Gyles Brandreth. (R)
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Reporting Scotland

BBC TWO

6.30am Garden Rescue: Top of the Plots Eco gardens. (R)
7.15 Bargain Hunt (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: The Repair Shop Restoring an armchair. (R)
9.00 BBC News
12.15pm Politics Live The latest stories from Westminster.
1.00 Impossible Quiz show. (R)
1.45 Make Me a Dealer (R)
2.30 The Customer Is Always Right A breadmaker. (R)
3.15 Coastal Defenders (R)
3.45 B&B by the Sea Deborah Meaden checks into a Victorian villa in Ireland. (R)
4.15 Cornwall: This Fishing Life Documentary about the village of Mevagissey. (R)
5.15 Flog It! From St Albans. (R)
6.00 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes The actor explores the north-east of England. (R)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo's journey brings him to the Italian island of Sicily, making his way from the capital city of Palermo through the ancient town of Agrigento. (R)

STV

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.
9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.
12.30pm Loose Women Featuring celebrity interviews and studio discussion from a female perspective.
1.30 ITV News; Weather
1.55 STV News; Weather
1.59 STV Pollen Count
2.00 Cooking with the Stars With Kelly Holmes, Anne Hegerty, Ranj Singh and Maura Higgins. (R)
3.00 Lingo Word game. (R)
3.59 STV Weather Central
4.00 Tipping Point Quiz. (R)
5.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Janine, Thomas, Carol and Eli work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers and secure a cash prize. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am Cheers Double bill. (R)
7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.10 Undercover Boss USA (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News Summary
12.10 A New Life in the Sun In Spain and France. (R)
1.10 Car S.O.S Tim and Fuzz work on a 1974 Mk 1 Ford Capri. (R)
2.10 Countdown With guest Chris McCausland.
3.00 A Place in the Sun A couple seek a home in Malaga. (R)
4.00 Renovation Nation In Warwickshire, Andrew and Mandy aim to save their crumbling stable block.
5.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? Restaurant owners in Portugal finally start to reap the rewards of their hard work. (R)
6.00 Come Dine with Me Mental health support worker Tracey hosts the first night. (R)
6.30 The Simpsons God and St Peter question what it takes to enter the Pearly Gates. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.30 Storm Huntley Debate.
12.45pm Friends Double bill. (R)
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Nelson makes Bree an offer and Harper confides in Dana. (R)
2.20 FILM Murder in Cherry Springs (2021, PG) A reporter returns to her home town to investigate the unsolved disappearance of her childhood friend. Mystery, starring Rochelle Aytes and Keith D Robinson. ★★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Lorna arranges a party for all the Saydo residents. Meanwhile, Lee makes a big life decision as he prepares to put his bakery up for sale. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5
6.00 Police Interceptors Officers investigate reports of someone brandishing a 12-inch blade on a residential estate and hunt down a driver who caused a crash on a dual carriageway. (R) Then 5 News Update



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7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Jermaine Jenas present topical stories and chat.
7.30 EastEnders Cindy is suspicious of Ian as he prepares to leave for his residential course, Lauren is nervous about her interview.

7.00 Grand Tours of Scotland's Rivers Film-maker, and historian Paul Murton explores the upper reaches of the River Dee, which rises higher than any river in the UK, from the Cairngorm mountains to Royal Deeside. (R)

6.00 STV News at Six; Weather
6.29 Spirit of Scotland (R)
6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather
7.30 Emmerdale There are rifts in the Dingle clan and Rose makes her move. Meanwhile, Jai is blindsided by Laurel.

7.00 Channel 4 News Including sport and weather.
7.55 NEW Paris 2024 Paralympics: Meet the Athletes Swimmer Maisie Summers-Newton offers an intimate insight into her life, and her love for her sport.

7.00 Traffic Cops PC Chris Ryan follows a car that triggered an alert on the police's ANPR system as it was linked to a spate of thefts, while Sgt Steve Hughes is working with HMRC to track down a vehicle. (R); 5 News Update

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8.00 Panorama In-depth current affairs report covering a story behind the headlines.
8.30 The Travelling Auctioneers Experts discover treasures in everyday homes as they help people declutter and downsize. (R)

8.00 Your Home Made Perfect Victoria and Raheel bought a four-bedroom house in Milton Keynes six years ago. Architects Damion Burrows and Will Foster compete to design a suitable space. Angela Scanlon presents. (R)

8.00 Coronation Street The police review CCTV footage following a potential sighting of Lauren, Kit pumps Kirk for information on Craig, Carla hits back at the yobs who targeted Roy, and Leanne expresses the virtues of the Institute to Amy.

8.00 NEW Jamie: What to Eat this Week Jamie Oliver demonstrates summer recipes from his garden shed, starting with a roast loin of pork with a cheesy bean and fennel gratin. He also makes pea risotto and a rainbow slaw.

8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders PCs Jan Simlesa and Jamie Leslie are called to a multi-car pile-up on the busy A1, while Sgt Dave Roberts races to a serious crash between a car and a cyclist.

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9.00 NEW The Jetty New series. Crime drama, starring Jenna Coleman as a detective who suspects there is a predator targeting underage girls in the sleepy town she's always called home. Archie Renaux and Laura Marcus also star.

9.00 The Turkish Detective Leyla begins to remember things from before her accident and presents Mehmet with a clue that could unlock the whole story of what happened to her.
9.50 QI XS Alan Davies features in memorable moments. (R)

9.00 Long Lost Family The stories of Paula Beer, who is searching for the son she gave up for adoption 57 years ago, and Sharon Thomas, who is looking for the younger brother she didn't know existed until she was in her twenties.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A mother-of-three is in resus after a severe asthma attack. As she is treated, the programme reveals how she has coped with life as a teenage mother with serious health problems.

9.00 NEW Police: Suspect No 1 Humberside officers are on hand when workers are left terrified when two men, one armed with a meat cleaver, the other with a kitchen knife, launch separate violent crime sprees robbing tills for cash.

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10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.30 Reporting Scotland
10.40 We Hunt Together Double bill. The hunt for serial killer the Birdman intensifies as Lola and Jackson desperately search for a link to Freddy, who is playing a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse with the killer; Freddy's games with the Birdman take an unexpected turn, as Jackson is confronted with a personal and professional crisis and Lola's suspicions of Liam intensify. Eve Myles stars.

10.00 Spent Mia stifles her jealousy while meeting Ella, the teen now sleeping in her childhood bedroom, and later attempts to use a glamorous party to land a modelling job.
10.30 Newsnight Presented by Victoria Derbyshire.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather
10.30 STV News; Weather
10.44 Spirit of Scotland (R)
10.45 FILM The Spy Who Loved Me (1977, PG) James Bond teams up with a KGB agent to recover missing British and Soviet nuclear submarines, before whoever stole them can use their warheads. Unfortunately, 007 was responsible for the death of his new ally's lover – and she is determined to make him pay before their mission is complete. Spy adventure, starring Roger Moore and Barbara Bach. ★★★★★

10.00 The Great Triple bill. Catherine involves the peasants, nobles and merchants in a conference to bring change to Russia; Catherine fears Paul will grow up to be a ruthless and careless leader, and Archie and Elizabeth are alarmed about imperial succession; Arkady and Tatyana help Peter and Catherine through a rough patch as they clash over their son Paul. Catherine fears Paul will grow up to be a ruthless and careless leader and Archie and Elizabeth are alarmed about imperial succession.

10.00 Police: Hour of Duty Police rush to fire at flats and force open door of unresponsive resident. A high-speed chase leads to arrest of wanted dealer, but will lack of comment hinder case against him? (R)
11.05 Police 999: Clear & Present Danger An officer comes face to face with death during a search for a gunman, a raid on a gang ends in a daring chase, and an officer puts his life on the line as an inferno engulfs a block of flats. (R)

12 midnight

12.10am Peacock. Double bill. Andy is diagnosed with low testosterone and is in a funk. Kara endorses a preworkout that has unfortunate side effects; Kara offers Andy the chance to be a fitness influencer. Last in series. (R) **1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead**
1.10-6.00am BBC News

12.45am Sign Zone: Countryfile. Matt Baker and Margherita Taylor explore Montacute House in Somerset. (R) **1.45 Sign Zone: Clean It, Fix It.** The team help create a practical dining area for a family in West Sussex. (R) **2.30 Sign Zone: The Bidding Room** (R)
3.15-6.30am This Is BBC Two

12.55am Shop on TV
3.00 Tour de France Highlights. Gary Imlach and the team look back on the second week of racing. **3.50 Night Vision**
5.05-6.00am Ainsley's World Cup Flavours. With guests Glenn Hoddle and Owain Wyn Evans. (R)

12.20am Embarrassing Bodies (R)
1.15 FILM The Doorman (2020, 15) Thriller, starring Ruby Rose and Jean Reno. ★★★ **2.50 Becoming Elizabeth** (R) **3.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free** (R) **4.00 Grand Designs** (R) **4.55 Frasier: double bill** (R)
5.45-6.25am Countdown (R)

12.05am Traffic Cops (R) **1.00 PlayOJO Live Casino Show**
3.00 Carol Klein's Great British Gardens (R) **3.50 Britain's Greatest Bridges** (R) **4.40 Wildlife SOS** (R) **5.05 House Doctor** (R) **5.30 Entertainment News on 5**
5.40 Milkshake! Monkey (R)
5.45-6.00am Paw Patrol (R)

ITV2 Freeview 6

6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Wheel of Fortune **2.00** Supermarket Sweep **3.00** Charmed **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Dress to Impress. Tommy, Miguel and Jac buy an outfit for Londoner Remus.

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase**

7.00 **Wheel of Fortune** Doctor Ati, corporate assistant Adam and social care worker Tracey compete.

8.00 **The Masked Singer US** The singers battle it out in a Harry Potter-themed show.

9.00 **Love Island** It's the penultimate week, but who will make it to the final?.

10.05 **Olivia Attwood vs the Trolls** Exploring the world of online trolling.

11.05 **Family Guy** Animated double bill.

12.05am **American Dad!** **1.05** Shopping with Keith Lemon **2.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.35** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

ITVBe Freeview 28

6.00am Unwind with ITV **6.30** Teleshopping **7.00** Unwind with ITV **7.05** Sugar Showdown **7.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.35** Masters of Flip **9.35** Buying and Selling **10.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **11.35** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of Orange County **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex **2.05** Dinner Date **3.10** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.05** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City

6.00 **Masters of Flip** Recent episodes.

7.00 **Million Dollar Listing: LA** Altman and Tracy go head-to-head over a sale

8.00 **Dinner Date** Josh is given five menus.

9.00 **Emergency Nurses: A&E Stories** A serious cardiac arrest patient is treated.

10.00 **The Real Housewives of Miami**

10.55 **The Only Way Is Essex**

11.40 **Loaded in Paradise**

12.45am Unwind with ITV **1.00** Teleshopping **2.00-6.00am** Unwind with ITV

BBC3 Freeview 23

7.00pm **Celebrity MasterChef** The celebs are tested on their teamwork.

8.00 **Gavin & Stacey** The couple celebrate their engagement.

8.30 **NEW Ghosts US** The ghosts unravel the mystery of which of them has passed into the afterlife. Sam and Jay relocate an owl to turn the barn into a restaurant; The Catch Up

8.55 **The Film Fan's Guide to Liverpool** The UK's most iconic film locations, starting in Liverpool.

9.00 **Paddy & Molly: Show No Mersey** Double bill.

10.00 **Driven: The Billy Monger Story** An 18-year-old attempts to get back into motor racing after losing her legs.

11.00 **Him & Her** Double bill.

12.00m't Gavin & Stacey **12.30** Paddy & Molly: Show No Mersey **1.30** Driven: The Billy Monger Story **2.30** Squad Goals: Dorking 'Til I Die **3.00-4.00am** Him & Her

BBC4 Freeview 24

7.00pm **The Pennine Way** Paul Rose explores the 268-mile national trail.

7.30 **Railway Walks with Julia Bradbury** In the Peak District.

8.00 **Digging for Britain: Iron Age Revealed** Archaeologists unearth a Yorkshire chariot burial.

9.00 **Operation Stonehenge: What Lies Beneath** Part two of two. The design of the ancient stone circle.

10.00 **A History of Ancient Britain: Orkney's Stone Age Temple** A 5,000-year-old temple in Orkney.

11.00 **Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer** Double bill. How data acts as the first line of defense in a pandemic; communities' readiness to act upon advice. Last in series

12.50am **The Pennine Way.** Paul Rose explores the trail **1.20** Railway Walks with Julia Bradbury **1.50** Antiques Roadshow **2.50-3.50am** Digging for Britain: Iron Age Revealed

5 USA Freeview 21

6.00am Home Shopping **9.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order **12.55** Entertainment News on 5 **1.00** Law & Order. Five back-to-back episodes.

6.00 **NCIS Triple bill.** The remains of a US Marine are discovered; a Navy Seal dies during a training exercise; a terrorist plots to kill the US president.

9.00 **NCIS: Hawai'i Kai** goes undercover with one of Hawai'i's oldest surf gangs when a petty officer who's trying to help wayward kids find a new path in the Marines is murdered. Vanessa Lachey stars.

10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Double bill. A murder echoes a crime committed 20 years previously. Richard Burgi guest stars; a witness in a rape case is reluctant to testify.

12.00m't Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill **1.50** Law & Order **3.35** Criminals: Caught on Camera **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

DAVE Freeview 19

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **9.00** Top Gear **10.00** **NEW** Extreme Salvage Squad **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Building Cars **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Gordon's Great Escape

6.00 **Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey** A culinary journey, beginning in Cambodia.

7.00 **Would I Lie to You?** Comedy panel show, hosted by Rob Brydon.

7.40 **Richard Osman's House of Games** Double bill of the entertaining panel show.

9.00 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Double bill. Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts; Richard Ayoade takes up the reins.

11.00 **Taskmaster** Greg Davies returns with the comedy gameshow.

12.00m't Mock the Week. With Angela Barnes and Rhys James. **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** QI XL **2.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **3.20-4.00am** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Venice

DRAMA Freeview 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.15** Classic Holby City **10.35** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Born and Bred **4.10** Howards' Way **5.20** Birds of a Feather. Tracey becomes an agony aunt.

6.00 **Waiting for God** Tom and Diana set out to expose a fake spiritualist.

6.40 **Are You Being Served?** Mr Grainger prepares to bid farewell to the store.

7.20 **Last of the Summer Wine** Howard has a gift for Marina's garden.

8.00 **The Brokenwood Mysteries** A fundraising evening at the historic Brokenwood Empire Cinema turns fatal.

10.00 **New Tricks** The team investigates the mysterious deaths of a film critic and an artist. Guest starring Barnaby Kay.

11.20 **Silent Witness** Feature-length episode. A sniper stalks London.

1.35am **Footballers' Wives** **2.40** 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: double bill

6.00 **The Big Bang Theory** Double bill.

7.00 **Hollyoaks** Time is ticking for Ste.

7.30 **Celebrity Come Dine with Me**

8.00 **NEW** **Below Deck** A few familiar faces are welcomed aboard the St David.

9.00 **Gogglebox** The Masked Singer and Pam & Tommy are appraised.

10.05 **Naked Attraction** Singletons from Norfolk and London hope to find love.

11.05 **First Dates: Celebrity Special for Stand Up to Cancer 2018**

12.10am **The Big Bang Theory** **1.05** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.05** Modern Family **2.55** Below Deck **3.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **4.40** The Neighborhood **5.30-6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

MORE4 Freeview 18

8.55am Food Unwrapped **9.30** A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 **Car S.O.S** Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw restore a 1991 Range Rover.

7.55 **Grand Designs** Creating a home from the ruins of a castle in Co Roscommon.

9.00 **Help! We Bought a Hotel** A couple of hoteliers in France prepare to say goodbye to their home and business.

10.00 **Homes from Hell: Caught on Camera** Real-life footage reveals some of the dangers lurking inside homes.

11.05 **24 Hours in A&E** A 52-year-old is rushed in after falling over and hitting his head on a concrete step.

12.10am **Help! We Bought a Hotel.** Hoteliers in France prepare to say goodbye to their home. **1.15** Homes from Hell: Caught on Camera **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25-3.55am** Food Unwrapped

VARIATIONS

BBC SCOTLAND **2.00pm** Sign Zone: Beechgrove Garden **2.30** Sign Zone: Scotland's Home of the Year **3.00-4.00** Sign Zone: Scotland's Sacred Islands with Ben Fogle **7.00** The Secret Life of Midges. Entomologist James Logan investigates the bloodsucking flies. **8.00** Life on the Bay. Live entertainment starts up again at the Fife caravan park. **8.30** Janey and Ashley Get a Real Job. Comedians Janey Godley and Ashley Storrie take temporary work on a farm. **9.00** The Nine. The latest Scottish, UK and international news. **10.00** River City **10.30** Martin Compston's Norwegian Fling **11.00** The Scotts **11.30pm-12.00m't** The Scotts

BBC ALBA **6.00am** Alba Today **5.00pm** Treubh an Tuathanais (Big Barn Farm) **5.15** Na Clangairean **5.25** AH-AH/No-No **5.35** Su Pic (Peek Zoo) **5.45** Daolag-bhreas is Seillean **5.50** Meaban is Moc **5.55** Stoiridh **6.00** Belle agus Sebastian **6.15** Bogaisean is Gumbalan/ Bottersnikes and Gumbles **6.25** An Sgoil **6.40** Proiseact Ploigh **7.00** Turas a' Bhradain (The Salmon's Journey) **7.30** SpeakGaelic **8.00** An La (News) **8.30** Fuine (Home Baking) **9.00** Alba Uaine (Green Scotland). Part two of two. Efforts to work towards energy self-sufficiency.

10.00 An Clo Mor **10.30** Alistair MacLean: An Sgeulaiche **11.30** Seoid a' Chidsin - The Kitchen Coves **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

ENGLAND As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** Regional News; Weather **6.30-7.00** Regional News; Weather **10.30-10.40pm** Regional News; Weather. The latest local headlines.

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Newslines; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Newslines; Weather **10.30-10.40pm** BBC Newslines; Weather

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC2 except: **10.00-10.30pm** Peata! **11.05** Spent. Mia faces a moral dilemma **11.35** The Royle Family **12.05am** Gimme Gimme Gimme **12.35-12.45am** The Chronicles of Belfast

BORDER As STV except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Border **6.00-6.30** ITV News Lookaround **10.30-10.45** ITV News Border **12.55-3.00am** Shop on TV **3.50-5.05am** Unwind with ITV

UTV As STV except: **1.55-2.00pm** UTV Live **6.00-6.30** UTV Live. The latest news headlines. **10.30-10.45** UTV Live **12.55-3.00am** Shop on TV **3.50-5.05am** Unwind with ITV

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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Euros
9.30 LIVE Tennis Coverage of the day's action on the WTA and ATP Tours, as the season continues following the conclusion of Wimbledon. The week is set to see a total of six tournaments taking place around the world, featuring the Palermo Ladies Open and Budapest Grand Prix on the women's tour, as well as the Hamburg Open, Swedish Open, Swiss Open, and Hall of Fame Open on the men's tour.

7.00pm LIVE World Matchplay Darts Coverage of day three, held at Winter Gardens in Blackpool, featuring the final four first-round matches. Ryan Searle was particularly impressive at this stage last year, recording a three-dart average of over 105 as he overcame Raymond van Barneveld 10-4. He was followed onto the oche by two-time world champion Peter Wright, who prevailed by the same scoreline against Andrew Gilding.
11.00pm-6.00am Sky Sports News

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am T20 Blast 2010 **9.00** Test Cricket
2.00pm Women's International T20 Cricket
6.00 Best of England v Windies **6.50** My Icon
7.00 Test Cricket **8.00** Test Cricket **9.00** Test Cricket **10.00** Test Cricket **11.00** Test Cricket
12.00m T20 Blast 2010 **3.00** Best of England v Windies **3.50** My Icon **4.00** Vitality T20 Blast Cricket **5.00-6.00am** Best of ICC WT20

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am Retro League One **8.45** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.00** Bundesliga Highlights Show **1.00pm** WSL
1.30 Women's Championship Show **2.00** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **2.30** EFL Cup Retro **3.30** EFL Cup Final 16 **4.30** EFL Cup Final 17 **5.30** EFL Cup Retro **6.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **7.30** WSL **8.00** WSL **8.30** Scottish Premiership Round-Up
8.45 Scottish Premiership Round-Up **9.00** EFL Cup Highlights **10.00** EFL Cup Highlights **10.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.45** EFL Greatest Games **11.00** EFL Greatest Games
12.00m EFL Play-off Final C'Ship 15/16 **1.00** EFL Play-off Final League 1 15/16 **2.00** EFL Play-off Final League 2 15/16 **3.00** EFL Greatest Games **4.00-6.00am** EFL Cup Retro

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am AFL **12.00noon** International Rugby Union
1.30 MLB Highlights **2.30** The WRC Magazine
3.00 MotoE Highlights **3.30** The FA Disability Cup **4.30** Sign Up - Into Football **5.30** UEFA Champions League Greatest Nights
6.30 LIVE Ultimate Pool Group 5 of the Ultimate Pool Pairs Cup, which takes place at the Players Pool & Snooker Lounge in Newcastle-under-Lyme.
9.30 International Rugby Union. USA v Scotland.
11.00 WWE Raw Highlights. Wrestling action.
12.00m WWE SmackDown Highlights
1.00 LIVE WWE Monday Night Raw Watch CM Punk, Drew McIntyre, Seth Rollins, Rhea Ripley, Becky Lynch and more of your favourite WWE Superstars face-off inside the ring.
4.15 What Went Down. This career of The Undertaker. **5.15** UEFA Champions League - Stories of the Finals **5.45-6.00am** What I Wore

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am WSL Challenger Tour **7.00** World Championship of Legends Cricket **8.00** V8 Supercars Highlights **10.00** MotoGP **1.30pm** MotoGP Chequered Flag **2.30** V8 Supercars Highlights **4.30** World Championship of Legends Cricket **5.30** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **5.45** Major League Cricket Highlights
7.45 LIVE Major League Cricket Seattle Orcas v San Francisco Unicorns. Coverage of the T20 match from Church Street Park in Morrisville.
11.45 TNT Sports Cricket Reload. A look at the best bowling action from the third Test between India and England. **12.00m** MLB Highlights. Major League Baseball action.
1.00 LIVE MLB The 2024 Home Run Derby, which takes place at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas.
3.00 MLB Plays of the Week **3.30** Fishing: On the Bank **4.30** Original Documentary **5.30-6.00am** Major League Cricket Highlights

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am Tour de France - The Breakaway **6.30** Tennis: Wimbledon **8.00** Cycling: Desafio China by La Vuelta **9.00** Cycling: Women's Giro d'Italia **10.00** Tennis: Wimbledon **11.30** Cycling: Tour de France **12.30pm** Tour de France - The Breakaway. A round-up following stage 15.
1.00 LIVE Cycling: Tour de l'Ain Stage three, a route of 153.1km from Lagnieu to Ile Chambod.
2.45 Cycling: Omloop Het Nieuwsblad **3.00** Climbing World Cup **5.00** Teqball Show. A show dedicated to Teqball, a game that resembles table tennis with players using a football-like ball on a curved table. **5.30** E Sports World Cup **6.00** Snooker: Shanghai Masters. Action from the second session on day one. **8.00** Cycling: Tour de l'Ain. Stage three from Lagnieu to Ile Chambod. **9.00** Tennis: Wimbledon **10.30** E Sports World Cup. A round-up of the gaming news from Riyadh. **11.00** Cycling: Tour de l'Ain **12.00m** Climbing World Cup **2.00** Cycling: Second to None **3.00** Snooker: Shanghai Masters **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** McDonald & Dodds
10.00 Unforgotten **11.50** The Royal
12.40-2.30am Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am Football Rivalries **6.15** Minder **7.15** The Professionals **8.20** Dempsey and Makepeace **9.20** Magnum, PI **10.20** Kojak
11.25 The Protectors **12.00noon** Tour de France Highlights **1.00** Made in Britain **1.30** The Champions **2.35** Kojak **3.40** Minder **4.50** The Professionals **6.00** BattleBots **7.00** Tour de France Highlights
8.00 Made in Britain **9.00** FILM Hot Fuzz (2007/15) ★★★★★ **11.25** The Motorbike Show **12.25am** Motorsport UK **1.20** Auto Mundial **1.50-2.45am** From Dusk Till Dawn

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** Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** The Dog Hospital with Graeme Hall **9.00** Ambulance: Code Red **10.00** 999: Critical Condition
11.00 Serial Killer Wives **12.00m** Cold Case Killers **1.00** Skin A&E **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** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12.00noon** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Travelling Auctioneers **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** Celebrity Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m** Help! My House Is Haunted **1.00** The Dead Files **2.00** Teleshopping **4.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Entertainment News on 5 **9.10** Car Pound Cops **9.45** Outback Truckers **10.40** Traffic Cops **11.45** FILM Streets of Laredo (1949/U) ★★★★★ **1.50** FILM Rough Night in Jericho (1967/12) ★ **4.00** Outback Truckers
5.00 Traffic Cops **6.00** Trucking Heavy **9.00** FILM Magnum Force (1973/18) ★★★★★ **11.35** FILM Shootout (1971/PG) ★★ **1.40** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera **2.40-3.35am** Trucking Hell

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Andrea Bocelli: The Journey **7.00** Sing When You Are Winning: How Football Fans Became an Opera Chorus **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting
1.00 Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Sherlock Holmes vs Arthur Conan Doyle **3.00** Thomas Hardy: Fate, Exclusion and Tragedy **4.00** Discovering **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Battle of the Bagpipes

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 **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat
6.00 Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Future Artists with Sian Eleri **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri. Celebrating beautiful electronic music. **11.00** Rock Show with Daniel P Carter. Rock, metal, hardcore and everything in between.
1.00am BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 1 with Alyx Holcombe **2.00** Radio 1's Future Alternative **3.00** Radio 1 Relax in Love **4.00** Radio 1's Pop Anthems **5.00-6.57am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Dean McCullough

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Tina Daheley **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower. Sara plays the biggest and best tunes to get listeners dancing. **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Blues Show with Cerys Matthews. New and classic blues tracks. **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Magnificent 7. Uplifting tunes and essential throwbacks. **10.30** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00m** OJ Borg **2.30** One Hit Wonders with OJ Borg **3.00** Pick of the Pops **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans



Gavin & Stacey

GOLD, 8.45pm
 Another chance to see the first-ever episode of the comedy. After flirting for months on the phone, Stacey (Joanna Page, left) travels from Wales to London to meet Gavin (Mathew Horne) in person.

9.00 Classic FM Live: Classical Anthems
11.00 Pavarotti in Central Park **1.15am** David Hockney: 50 Years on Film **2.15** FILM My Rembrandt (2019/12) ★★★★★ **4.10** A Play in a Day **5.10-6.00am** The Art of Architecture

GOLD

7.10am The Fosters **8.05** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The Green Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours
2.40 Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** dinnerladies **8.45** Gavin & Stacey **9.20** Not Going Out
10.00 The Office **10.35** Ghosts **11.15** dinnerladies **12.00m** Not Going Out **12.35** Gavin & Stacey **1.15** The Office **1.55** The Cockfields **2.30-3.00am** Ghosts

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Secrets of the Transport Museum
8.00 Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The Buildings That Fought Hitler **11.00** Secret Nazi Bases **12.00noon** Find It, Fix It, Flog It
1.00 Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **4.00** The Buildings That Fought Hitler **5.00** Secret Nazi Bases
6.00 Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It. Items include a Peugeot 205. **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **9.00** American History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley
10.00 Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics
11.00 Abandoned Engineering **12.00m** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Transport Museum

ALIBI

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries
4.00 Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Hudson & Rex **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Death in Paradise. Caribbean detective drama.
9.00 Father Brown **10.00** Pretty Hard Cases
11.00 Elementary **12.00m** CSI: Vegas **12.55** Murdoch Mysteries **2.50-4.00am** The Gulf

SKY MAX

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** SEAL Team **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash
1.00 MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** SEAL Team **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** Flintoff: Lord of the Fries

Radio

CHOICE

The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show

Radio 2, 6.30am
 Zoe launches Let's Move It, a six-week fitness campaign across the station which aims to motivate the nation to get moving. Whether it's walking, running, dancing, swimming or anything related to fitness, listeners will be asked to pledge their personal goal alongside some of the Radio 2 presenters.

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live
4.00 Composer of the Week: Robert Schumann **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: Sounds of Wild Poland. The sound of dawn in the Bialowieza Forest. **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** Orwell vs Kafka **9.30** Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Behind the Crime **11.45** Child **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Escape from the Maze **2.00** The Archers
2.15 Ed Reardon's Week **2.45** Gambits **3.00** A Good Read **3.30** Searching for Butterflies
4.00 The Club Nobody Wants to Join **4.30** Rewinder **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News

9.00 FILM RoboCop (1987/18) Sci-fi action thriller. ★★★★★ **11.00** Warrior **12.00m** The Walking Dead **1.00** Road Wars **2.00** Brit Cops: War on Crime **3.00** Hawaii Five-0
4.00 S.W.A.T **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets
7.55 Six Feet Under **10.05** Gomorrah
12.15pm Game of Thrones **1.20** The Sopranos **3.30** Six Feet Under **5.40** Gomorrah **7.55** Game of Thrones **9.00** House of the Dragon **10.05** Succession
11.15 Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty **12.25am** Watchmen **1.30** The Leftovers **2.50** Game of Thrones **4.00-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Sun, Sea and A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Highway Cops **10.00** Send in the Dogs
11.00 Blue Bloods **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** Chicago Fire **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Send in the Dogs **4.00** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Cleaning Lady **10.00** Coroner **11.00** Chicago Fire **12.00m** For Life **1.00** The Good Doctor **2.00** The Equalizer **3.00** The Force: North East **4.00** Paramedics
5.00-6.00am Sun, Sea and A&E

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** American Auto
10.00 In the Long Run **10.30** Vice Principals
11.40 Ballers **12.50pm** Eastbound & Down
2.10 Vice Principals **3.20** Ballers **4.30** In the Long Run **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** American Auto **8.00** Will & Grace
9.00 Micky Flanagan - An' Another Fing Live
11.00 Sex and the City **12.15am** Real Time with Bill Maher **1.25** Silicon Valley **2.35-3.45am** Yvonne Orji: A Whole Me

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch
8.00 Blowing Up History **9.00** How the Universe Works **10.00** Iron Resurrection
11.00 Wheeler Dealers: Dream Car
12.00noon Wheeler Dealers Tour **1.00** Treehouse Masters **3.00** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **4.00** Flying Wild Alaska **5.00** Salvage Hunters **6.00** Iron Resurrection **7.00** Bad Chad Customs **8.00** Wheeler Dealers
World Tour 9.00 [NEW] Shorty's Dream Shop
10.00 Jaws vs Leviathan **11.00** Great White Serial Killer: Sea of Blood **12.00m** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Shorty's Dream Shop **2.00-3.00am** Jaws vs Leviathan

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Food Factory USA **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** WW2: Hell Under the Sea **11.00** Hitler's Secret Underground Factory **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** Drain the Oceans: Secrets of the Civil War **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand
4.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt **5.00** Car S.O.S
6.00 Seconds from Disaster **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Construction Fails **9.00** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report
10.00 Air Crash Investigation. Aviation catastrophes. **12.00m** Banged Up Abroad
1.00 Wicked Tuna **2.00** Lords of War **2.30** Abandoned **3.20** Food Factory **4.10-5.00am** Secrets of the Zoo: Keeper Tales

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast
9.00 6-0-6 **11.00** Naga Munchetty **1.00pm** Gethin Jones **4.00** 5 Live Drive **7.00** 5 Live Sport **9.00** 5 Live Sport: 5 Live Cricket
10.00 Rima Ahmed **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo
5.00-6.00am Wake up to Money

BBC RADIO SCOTLAND

FM: 92-95MHz, MW: 810kHz 6.00am
 Good Morning Scotland **9.00** Mornings
12.00noon Lunchtime Live **1.32** The Afternoon Show **4.00** Drivetime **6.00** Get It On with Bryan Burnett **8.00** Radio Scotland at TRNSMT **10.00** Iain Anderson
12.00m-6.00am As BBC Radio 5 Live

TALKSPORT

1053/1089kHz 6.00am talkSPORT
 Breakfast with Jeff Stelling **10.00** Jim White and Simon Jordan **1.00pm** Hawksbee and Jacobs **4.00** talkSPORT Drive with Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent **7.00** Kick Off
10.00 Sports Bar **1.00am** Extra Time
5.00-6.00am Early Sports Breakfast

Movies

FILM4

11.00am The Holly and the Ivy (1952/U) Drama, starring Ralph Richardson. ★★★
12.40pm Gunman's Walk (1958/PG) Western, starring Van Heflin and Tab Hunter. ★★★
2.35 San Demetrio, London (1943/PG) Fact-based Second World War drama, with Arthur Young and Walter Fitzgerald. ★★★
4.35 Robin and Marian (1976/PG) Medieval adventure, starring Sean Connery. ★★★★★
6.45 Instant Family (2018/12) Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg and Rose Byrne. ★★★★★
9.00 The Eyes of Tammy Faye (2021/12) Premiere. True-life drama, starring Jessica Chastain and Andrew Garfield. ★★★
11.35 Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (2013/15) Comedy sequel, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. ★★★
1.55-3.55am The Farewell (2019/PG) Comedy drama, starring Awkwafina and Tzi Ma. ★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.00am Sky Cinema Preview-July 2024
7.00 Please Don't Destroy: The Treasure of Foggy Mountain (2023/15) See 2.20pm for details. ★★★★★
8.40 Sometimes I Think About Dying (2023/12) See 3.30am for details. ★★★★★
10.25 Aporia (2023/15) See 12.00am for details. ★★★
12.20pm The Nun II (2023/15) See 8.00pm for details. ★★★
2.20 Please Don't Destroy: The Treasure of Foggy Mountain (2023/15) Comedy, starring Martin Herlihy and John Higgins. ★★★★★
4.05 Anyone But You (2023/15) Romantic comedy, starring Sydney Sweeney. ★★★★★
6.00 Five Nights at Freddy's (2023/15) Horror thriller, starring Josh Hutcherson. ★★★
8.00 The Nun II (2023/15) Horror sequel, with Taissa Farmiga and Storm Reid. ★★★
10.00 LaRoy, Texas (2023/15) Comedy crime caper, starring Steve Zahn. ★★★
12.00m Aporia (2023/15) Sci-fi drama, starring Judy Greer and Edi Gathegi. ★★★
1.50am Drift (2023/15) Drama, starring Cynthia Erivo and Alia Shawkat. ★★★
3.30 Sometimes I Think About Dying (2023/12) Comedy drama, starring Daisy Ridley and Dave Merheje. ★★★★★
5.10-7.10am LaRoy, Texas (2023/15) See 10.00pm for details. ★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

5.20pm Zero Dark Thirty (2012/15) Drama, starring Jessica Chastain. ★★★★★
8.00 Field of Dreams (1989/PG) Fantasy, with Kevin Costner and Ray Liotta. ★★★★★
10.00 Bonus Track (2023/15) Comedy, with Joe Anders and Samuel Small. ★★★
11.45 Out of Africa (1985/PG) Drama, with Meryl Streep and Robert Redford. ★★★★★
2.30am The Last Rifleman (2022/15) Drama, starring Pierce Brosnan. ★★★
4.25-6.25am Wildhood (2021/15) Drama, with Michael Greayeyes and Steve Lund. ★★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004/PG) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar and Matthew Lillard. ★★
5.40 Hotel for Dogs (2009/U) Comedy, starring Emma Roberts and Jake T. Austin. ★★★★★
7.25 Ella Enchanted (2004/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Anne Hathaway. ★★★
9.10 Robo-Dog (2015/PG) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Campion. ★★★
10.50 Daphne & Velma (2018/U) Crime comedy, starring Sarah Jeffery. ★★★
12.15am The Tiger Rising (2022/PG) Family drama, starring Dennis Quaid. ★★★
2.05 Save the Cinema (2022/12) Drama, with Samantha Morton and Tom Felton. ★★★
4.00 The Secret Kingdom (2023/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Sam Everingham. ★★★★★
5.45-7.35am Blueback (2022/PG) Drama, with Mia Wasikowska and Eric Bana. ★★★★★

RECORD READERS Your letters

X WORD
The winner on Saturday July 6 was Cheryl Lawrie of Argyll



THANKS From Peter

Stepping in to help

I FEEL compelled to applaud a group of Ayr teenagers who helped me out last week.

I was attending a family wedding at the Brig O'Doon, but decided to walk back to Fairfield Hotel around 9pm.

A third of the way, tragedy struck! The sole of my shoe unexpectedly parted company from the shoe uppers. What to do?

At that point a group of teenagers came by. One asked "Are you OK?"

I explained my predicament then two great ideas! A lad suggested tying a lace round the shoe to hold it together, while the girls offered me hair bobbles to further retain the sole.

I just want to pass on my heartfelt thanks as a 70-year-old man. Their company, friendliness and humour was very much appreciated.

We even took a selfie to record the event.

Youth of today? Fantastic.

Peter Snelson, Ayr

Aberdeen's energy hub

THE north-east has the opportunity to play a significant role in the global race to Net Zero. However, this will not be possible without the political will.

We know that the Scottish Government is ready to do all it can to ensure we become a renewables powerhouse, but we are yet to get confirmation of that from the new UK Government.

A good starting point would be for Labour to base their GB Energy project here in Aberdeen. Any other location would be a betrayal of the industry and our talents.

Countless UK governments have used us as a cash cow and it is time they start to pay that back. GB Energy must be based in Aberdeen.

Logan Unwin, Aberdeen

Nats Indynial.. so let's boot them out of Holyrood now

IT is perhaps to be expected that the SNP's drubbing last week should be followed by bitter recriminations.

Alyn Smith, Toni Giugliano and Joanna Cherry are among those to speak out, while the rank and file are disorientated. How could their righteous cause have been rejected so comprehensively?

Those detached from reality claim that it wasn't. On TV, Nicola Sturgeon referred to the SNP as "they", not "we".

And she criticises their campaign, oblivious to the fact that the SNP's sorry condition was largely of her making.

She might as well have said "it wisnae me". This mood of Indynial will persist.

Those of us who campaigned against the SNP are allowed a few days for gloating, but, for myself, I feel as I did on September 19, 2014 - only relieved.

We must beware of imagining that this is "job done".

It is only the start of rolling back the SNP's immense power and the Holyrood election in 2026 will be critical as for Nats Westminster is but a sideshow.

Jill Stephenson, Edinburgh

Letter of the week

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Every Saturday we pick the best letter from the week and award a £50 prize. Include your full name, address and number to be eligible. This week's winner is Logan Unwin, Aberdeen.

Swinney never listens

FIRST Minister John Swinney has said that the SNP needs to learn from the setback and listen to the public.

The issue though is the SNP never listen.

They are convinced they know best. How many polls have shown that, even among those who favour separation, independence is not a priority?

In April 2023, the Constitution, International and Migration Analysis team in the Scottish Government put together a presentation on what mattered to Scots between 2020-2023.

The most important issues were the economy, health, employment, welfare and education. Independence came below them every time.

Why should we believe you want to listen now, Mr Swinney, when you've not done so for the last four years? You and your party have paid the price..

Jane Lax, Aberlour, Moray

We lack Indy courage

I HAVE had time to reflect on the disappointing election result. With still a



PROBLEM William visits Homewards, a royal initiative aimed at tackling homelessness

Homelessness hard to solve

PRINCE William thinks homelessness can be stopped. But how?

Even for those with steady work it can be difficult to find rental properties because of

cost and a limited supply. As to buying a house, that is almost impossible.

Other causes of homelessness - drugs, mental health concerns, the need to flee danger -

have been a societal problems for decades. Progress will need everyone involved, not just an individual.

D Fitzgerald, Melbourne

50/50 divide on independence, evidently many YES supporters returned to Labour to dispel the Tories, which has nearly destroyed the SNP.

Whether they return to the SNP will depend not only on how UK Labour performs but also how the SNP performs after losing a host of good people like Joanna Cherry, Drew Henry and Tommy Shephard.

In truth, the SNP may have been in power too long in Holyrood without securing the objective of independence.

From a high of 56 MPs in 2015 to nine is almost unforgivable and must reflect on the leadership over the last few

years. Also, the excessive time spent on gender issues and other low priority policies must be part of the cause effect.

All this may be down to the fact that the Scots are just not ready to take responsibility for their own affairs.

It does take courage and confidence to build a better life and it may be that the best of Scots leave to do just that.

Grant Frazer, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire

MPs and the truth

WATCHING the MPs swearing-in, in the Commons, it was notable that they are not required to say "I will tell the truth". So they continue as before. No

wonder the public think them charlatans. Question is: Is this the Boris get-out clause?

SM, Ayrshire

Reform are coming

NEARLY 150,000 voters in Scotland voted for the Reform Party.

They came third or fourth in many constituencies beating the Greens in every seat and took votes from every major political party, not just the Tories.

If the governments in Westminster and Holyrood do not take notice and learn that people are worried about the scale of illegal immigrants entering our country then they will face political oblivion in the years to come.

Reform seem to be the only party talking about this issue and are prepared to confront it.

Jim Docherty, Lanarkshire

LIKE him or not, Nigel Farage is here to stay and was able in just weeks to significantly influence the result of the election with his powerful statements and advertising campaign.

This will change and shape the future of UK politics and many will see it as a refreshing approach to the otherwise boring and predictable.

His pint-swilling antics and appeal to ordinary people is a real vote winner.

And I don't see the old fuddy-duddy politicians laughing now.

Dennis Grattan, Bucksburn, Aberdeen

The paper of Record

THE Daily Record has to be applauded for your presentation of the General Election results.

Worthy of acclaim.

Robert Burns, via email

Mobiles manners

I'D like to know why more cafes, restaurants and pubs don't have a sign up asking customers not to use their phone at the counter at the same time as being served.

It is so rude to behave like this at the same time as speaking to staff.

And then often not even thanking them properly after paying or before leaving.

Common courtesy goes a long way, or have people forgotten that?

Sad days.

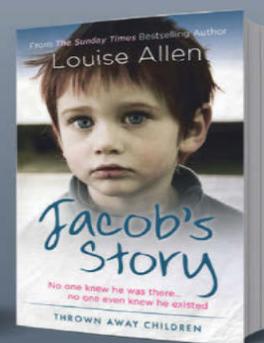
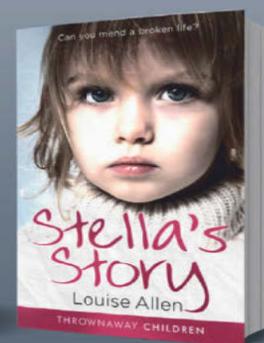
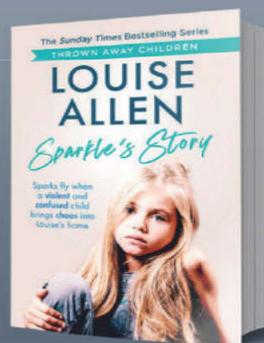
Jill Ferguson, Partick, Glasgow

“Swinney says the SNP needs to listen to the public but their problem is they never listen

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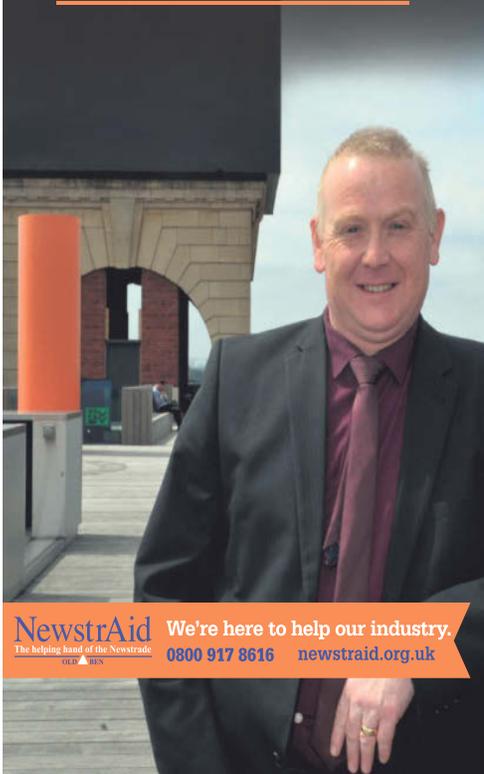
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RECORD RACING

Big winners tipped this week at www.dailyrecord.co.uk/racing

STRIKING A LIGHT

EMPIRE OF LIGHT (5.10) can shine for Grant Tuer on Ayr's Glasgow Fair Family Raceday.

The gelding improved for the step-up to 1m 2f when he slamming **Carpathian** at Haydock.

The three-year-old looks nicely unexposed so he can shrug-off a reasonable 5lb hike.

ISLAND OF SKYE (2.53) can land the odds for Mark Walford in the Ayrshire Handicap.

The gelding showed a

BY GARRY OWEN

willing attitude to pip **Doomsday** on debut for his new yard at Thirsk and the five-year-old can defy another 2lb rise in a similar event.

BATAL ZABEEL (3.28) can extend Kevin Ryan's winning run in the Gold Cup Trial.

The sprinter benefitted from returning to six furlongs when edging **The Good Biscuit** at Ripon and won't mind the faster ground despite a 3lb rise

up in class. **WATER OF LEITH** (4.03) can give Jim Goldie glory in the Western House Handicap.

The gelding ran another stormer when second to **Ratafia** over seven furlongs at Newcastle. The bay likes this venue so he can cash-in on an dropped in trip.

ODE PURPLE (4.35) can shade the Sunday Market Handicap for Ben Haslam.

The five-year-old returned with an emphatic defeat of **Pembrokeshire** at Mussel-

burgh. He won with authority and can defy a welter-burden for his thriving yard.

THE DRAGON KING (5.15) can roar for Clive Cox in the nursery at Windsor.

The colt relished the better ground at Doncaster, decisively defeating **Fiorella Princess** and can take advantage of a nice opening mark.

MEZZO SOPRANO (7.20) can keep Team Crisford's bandwagon rolling in the sprint. The filly was unlucky to

meet **Mereside Diva** over seven furlongs at Thirsk.

The four-year-old will be primed so she can land another trappy handicap back over six.

GOD OF FIRE (8.20) can scorch home for Team Kubler in the Fitzdares Handicap.

The gelding improved again when bolting-up from **The Bay Warrior** at Kempton.

The bay is effective on Turf so he can extend his yard's super run down in trip.



LEADING EMPIRE Trainer Tuer

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GARRY OWEN	PA
2.18 PENINSULA POWER	ARBITRATION
2.53 ISLAND OF SKYE	ISLAND OF SKYE
3.28 BATAL ZABEEL	ALFA KELLENIC (NAP)
4.03 WATER OF LEITH	WATER OF LEITH
4.35 CODE PURPLE	MAKALU
5.10 EMPIRE OF LIGHT (NAP)	LIBERTY COACH

GARRY'S DOUBLE: EMPIRE OF LIGHT (NAP, 5.10 Ayr) & Batal Zabeel (3.28 Ayr).

GOING: Good.
 COURSE: Left-handed oval course of 1m 4f, races of 1m 3f start on a chute, straight 6f track.
 DRAW: Middle to high numbers are favoured on the straight course

9 31-223 BRAES OF DOUNE (8) (P)	6 8-9
J Goldie (BF,C)	
Amie Waugh (5)	51

BETTING: 11-4 Jumeira Vision, 4 Young Fire, 11-2 Island Of Skye, 6 Braes Of Doune, 8 My Harrison George, 10 Jkr Cobbler, Going Underground, 12 Black Friday, 20 Golden Valour. 2023: TIME TO RUMBLE 4 8 11, Billy Garrity 6-1 (R Fahey), drawn (10), 12 ran.

3.28 FERGIE & MYRA HAPPEL AYR GOLD CUP TRIAL HANDICAP (3) Winner £15,462 (11 run)	6f
1 3-1023 DARE TO HOPE (16)	4 10-2
R Fahey (D)	
Oisin Orr	90

2 636974 ABERAMA GOLD (25) (V)	7 10-2
D O'Meara (CD ²)	
D Nolan	90

3 2-0717 TINTO (12) (P)	8 10-1
M Dods (D ³)	
C Beasley	89

4 4-2222 MYTHICAL PHOENIX (16) (P)	4 9-11
J Camacho	
L Edmunds	85

5 20-420 TWILIGHT ROMANCE (30)	3 9-6
J & S Quinn (D)	
J Hart	86

6 080-69 CALL ME GINGER (12)	8 9-6
J Goldie (CD ²)	
P Mulrennan	80

7 3-4111 ALFA KELLENIC (31)	3 9-5
Craig Lidster (D ³)	
T Eaves	85

8 4-8776 JUMP THE GUN (33) (P)	7 9-4
I Jardine (C,D ²)	
M Tabti (5)	78

9 82B622 THE CALTONIAN (7) (B)	5 9-3
Miss L Perratt (D ²)	
J Peate (3)	77

10 512-71 BATAL ZABEEL (26) (P)	3 9-2
K Ryan (D)	
S Gray	82

2.18 HOSPITALITY AT SCOTTISH SUN LADIES NIGHT NOVICE STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £3,725 (9 run)	6f
1 FRED ON FIRE (18)	9-11
H Palmer (D)	
J Hart	—

2 94 A FINE CLARET (12)	9-4
K R Burke	
A Elliott	—

3 ARBITRATION	9-4
K R Burke	
C Lee	—

4 KING'S CALL	9-4
K Ryan	
T Eaves	—

5 MYSTICAL SKY (32)	9-4
C Johnston	
F Norton	—

6 PENINSULA POWER (23)	9-4
R Fahey	
Oisin Orr	—

7 RIYADH	9-4
G Scott	
P Mulrennan	—

8 SANBONA (51)	9-4
M Dods	
C Beasley	—

9 WE DARE TO DREAM	9-4
D O'Meara	
D Nolan	—

BETTING: 11-4 Fred On Fire, 4 King's Call, 9-2 Arbitration, 5 Riyadh, 8 Peninsula Power, 10 We Dare To Dream, 14 A Fine Claret, 16 Mystical Sky, 25 Sanbona.	
2.53 AYRSHIRE CANCER SUPPORT HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,664 (9 run)	1m
1 -43406 BLACK FRIDAY (7)	9 9-9
R M Smith (C ⁴)	
P Mathers	65

11 111153 CATHERINE CHROI (13) (B)	6 9-1
I Jardine (CD)	
A Mullen	75

10 512-71 BATAL ZABEEL (26) (P)	3 9-2
K Ryan (D)	
S Gray	82

11 111153 CATHERINE CHROI (13) (B)	6 9-1
I Jardine (CD)	
A Mullen	75

BETTING: 5-2 Alfa Kellenic, 5 Mythical Phoenix, 6 Dare To Hope, Batal Zabeel, 8 Aberama Gold, 10 The Caltonian, 12 Twilight Romance, 14 Tinto, Catherine Chroi, 25 Others. 2023: RAMIRO 7 8 9, Ben Robinson 13-2 (B Ellison), drawn (12), 16 ran.	
DARE TO HOPE 13-2 (9-13, Billy Garrity) Mid-division, pushed along 2f out, stayed on well final 100 yards, 3rd of 10, 11 behind Radio Zoo Coco (9-10) at Chester 6f hcp 0-95 (3) gd in Jun 1m 13.65s.	
ABERAMA GOLD 7-2 (9-7, D Nolan) Prominent early, held up behind leaders, ridden and effort 2f out, stayed on same pace final furlong, 4th of 7, 2-3/4 behind Marine Wave (9-2) at Ripon 6f hcp 0-105 (2) gs in Jun 1m 10.90s.	
TINTO 8-1 (9-12, Connor Beasley) Stumbled start, in rear, headway over 2f out, not much room and switched right over 1f out, weakened inside final 100 yards, 7th of 9, 4 behind Jehangeer (9-9) at Thirsk 6f hcp 0-95 (3) gs 1m 10.54s.	
MYTHICAL PHOENIX 7-2 (9-9, Lewis Edmunds) Midfield, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and every chance over 1f out, went second inside final furlong, kept on well, 2nd of 10, nk behind Rock Opera (9-2) at Doncaster 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jun 1m 10.43s.	
TWILIGHT ROMANCE 18-1 (8-8, Jason Hart) Tracked leaders, ridden and weakened over 1f out, 13th of 17, 16 behind James's Delight (9-9) at York 6f hcp 0-105 (2) gs in Jun 1m 14.04s.	
CALL ME GINGER 40-1 (9-6, David Egan) Mid-division, outpaced and always in rear, last of 6, 4 behind Jordan Electrics (9-7) at Hamilton 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gf in Jun 1m 10.62s.	
THE CALTONIAN 15-2 (9-7, D C Costello) Chased leaders, look keen hold, went 2nd over 1f out, stayed on, no impression on winner inside final 75 yards, 2nd of 6, 1/2 behind Venture Capital (9-4) at Ayr 6f hcp 0-90 (3) gf 1m 10.21s.	
BATAL ZABEEL 10-1 (9-9, S A Gray) Made all, ridden over 1f out, hard pressed final furlong, held on, won at Ripon 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jun beating The Good Biscuit (9-9) by hd, 8 ran 1m 11.94s.	
CATHERINE CHROI 4-1 (9-7, Mohammed Tabti) Tracked winner until pushed along over 1f out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 5, 4 1/2 behind Jordan Electrics (10-7) at Hamilton 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gd 1m 12.25s.	

1 3-1023 DARE TO HOPE (16)	4 10-2
R Fahey (D)	
Oisin Orr	90

2 636974 ABERAMA GOLD (25) (V)	7 10-2
D O'Meara (CD ²)	
D Nolan	90

3 2-0717 TINTO (12) (P)	8 10-1
M Dods (D ³)	
C Beasley	89

4 4-2222 MYTHICAL PHOENIX (16) (P)	4 9-11
J Camacho	
L Edmunds	85

5 20-420 TWILIGHT ROMANCE (30)	3 9-6
J & S Quinn (D)	
J Hart	86

6 080-69 CALL ME GINGER (12)	8 9-6
J Goldie (CD ²)	
P Mulrennan	80

7 3-4111 ALFA KELLENIC (31)	3 9-5
Craig Lidster (D ³)	
T Eaves	85

8 4-8776 JUMP THE GUN (33) (P)	7 9-4
I Jardine (C,D ²)	
M Tabti (5)	78

9 82B622 THE CALTONIAN (7) (B)	5 9-3
Miss L Perratt (D ²)	
J Peate (3)	77

10 512-71 BATAL ZABEEL (26) (P)	3 9-2
K Ryan (D)	
S Gray	82

4.03 AFTERNOON TEA AT WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,664 (13 run)	6f
1 323753 WEE FAT MAC (2) (T)	5 10-2
I Jardine (C,D ²)	
M Tabti (5)	63

2 61-232 WATER OF LEITH (112)	6 10-1
J Goldie (BF,CD)	
P Mulrennan	62

3 108331 GISELLES IZZY (2)	5 10-5
I Jardine (D ⁴)	
A Mullen	61

4 -13680 MIGHTY POWER (46)	6 9-13
Mrs Stella Barclay (D ³)	
J Hart	60

5 464473 RAMON DI LORIA (9)	6 9-12
Ewan Whillans (BF,D)	
R Scott	59

6 0-2323 ATOMISE (7)	5 9-11
M Dods (BF,D)	
C Beasley	58

7 4-1798 ZEBRA STAR (7) (H)	4 9-10
R M Smith (C)	
P Mathers	57

8 575-38 FLAVIUS TITUS (21) (B)	9 9-2
D Brooke (D ⁴)	
S James	49

9 980-07 CHOOKIE DUNEDIN (18)	9 9-1
R M Smith (CD)	
T Eaves	48

10 10670804 SOUND OF IONA (13)	8 9-0
J Goldie (C ²)	
Amie Waugh (5)	47

11 678-0 GROOVE INN (57)	3 8-13
M Walford	
Joanna Mason	52

12 545-04 EARN YOUR STRIPES (18) (P)	6 8-12
R M Smith (CD)	
A Breslin (3)	45

13 167936 AMERIGO VESPUCCI (10) (P)	3 8-7
J Wainwright	
C Hardie	46

BETTING: 7-2 Water Of Leith, 5 Giselles Izzy, Ramon Di Loria, 6 Atomise, 10 Wee Fat Mac, 12 Mighty Power, Earn Your Stripes, Flavius Titus, Sound Of Iona, 16 Others. 2023: SEE MY BABY JIVE 7 8 12, Jason Hart 9-1 (D Whillans), drawn (1), 12 ran.	
4.35 AYR RACECOURSE SUNDAY MARKET HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,664 (9 run)	7f 50yds
1 88-891 CODE PURPLE (12)	5 10-0
B Haslam (D ⁴)	
Joanna Mason	60

2 151812 MAKALU (7)	5 9-11
R Carr (D)	
JP Sullivan	57

3 56-960 TICKETS (38)	5 9-9
B Haslam (D)	
A Breslin (3)	55

4 358839 CONCERT BOY (35)	4 9-9
K Scott (D)	
S James	55

5 965-0 TRIPLE FORCE (51)	3 9-8
Craig Lidster	
H Shaw	62

6 254566 GLOBAL HUMOR (17) (B)	9 9-4
J Goldie (CD ³)	
P Mulrennan	50

7 879- SASSY GLORY (293)	3 9-3
M Walford	
J Peate (3)	57

8 -00077 ONTHEBUNNY (7) (E)	4 9-0
Miss L Perratt	
A Brookes (3)	44

9 426674 ZACHARY (13)	3 8-12
C Johnston	
J Hart	52

BETTING: 2 Code Purple, 9-4 Makalu, 4 Global Humor, 12 Zachary, Concert Boy, Sassy Glory, 25 Onthebunny, Triple Force, Tickets. 2023: JKR COBBLER 4 9 3, Andrew Mullen 7-1 (I Jardine), drawn (3), 11 ran.	
5.10 SCOTTISH SUN LADIES NIGHT HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,187 (11 run)	1m 2f
1 608-68 EEETEE (20)	6 10-4
J Wainwright (D ⁴)	
Mark Winn (3)	77

2 888722 HORTZADAR (25)	9 10-3
D O'Meara (C)	
D Nolan	76

3 0/0600 MANU ET CORDE (31) (B)	5 10-1
Mr W G Harrison	
R Scott	74

4 0225 AVIEMORE (14)	3 9
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NEWTON ABBOT SKY SPORTS RACING.

Table with columns GARRY OWEN and PA. Races include MR ESCOBAR, JOHNNIE RIVER, KILLARD POINT, MANWOWSETT, MR ESCOBAR, TOO SHARP, STAGE SHOW, ASK HER OUT, MISS GOLDFIRE, MUTLEY CREW, GRANNY SMITH, WHAT AN ICON.

GOING: Soft-Heavy in places. COURSE: Left-handed flat, tight track of 1m, seven fences per circuit and a run-in of 300 yards.

2.30 VISIT ATTHRACES.COM MAIDEN HURDLE (4) Winner £4,955 (12 run) 2m 2f 110yds

- 1 212-3 BOYLES HILL (46) E Williams 5 11-4..... A Wedge
9 JOHNNIE RIVER (H) Mrs S Gardner 5 11-4..... J Best
P22-51 KILLARD POINT (50) Mrs R Ford 6 11-4..... G Sheehan
P-1 MANWOWSETT (70) O Murphy 6 11-4..... S Bowen
5 MR ESCOBAR (H) W P Mullins (IRE) 6 11-4..... Mr P Mullins
6 994/ TOO SHARP (45) Daisy Hitchins 5 11-4..... H Reed
7 STAGE SHOW Alexandra Dunn 4 10-13..... N Schofield
8 108-6 ASK HER OUT (20) Mrs R Ford 6 10-11..... R McLernon
9 1/8-0 MISS GOLDFIRE (60) (T) H Fry 5 10-11..... B Carver
10 9 MUTLEY CREW (31) R Wallford 8 10-11..... H Kimber
11 460 GRANNY SMITH (14) D Pipe 4 10-6..... J Tudor
12 P-59 WHAT AN ICON (2) C Down 4 10-6..... James Davies
BETTING: 10-11 Mr Escobar, 2 Boyles Hill, 13-2 Manowset, 12 Miss Goldfire, 16 Killard Point, 33 Granny Smith, Ask Her Out, Stage Show, 66 Others.

2023: FRANKIE FAULKNER 6 11 4, Isabel Williams(3) 10-3 (E Williams), 11 ran. BOYLES HILL 3-1 (11-2, Adam Wedge) Prominent, led, 4th, headed after 4 out, remained close up, pressed leader 2 out, ridden and edged left before last where every chance, ran on one pace, 3rd of 13, 2l behind Double Dragon (10-10) at Ffos Las 2m mdn hdl (4) gd in May 31 42.94s. JOHNNIE RIVER 80-1 (11-1, Lucy Gardner) Towards rear, well beaten final 6f out, tailed off, 9th of 10, well behind Moon Chime (11-4) at Stratford 2m NH flat (4) gd in Oct 3m 09.00s. KILLARD POINT 5-1 (12-0, Mr D Andrews) (cp) trold ldrs; led aft 13; comf, won at Ex-moor Foxhounds 3m ptp gd in May beating Holiday Fund (12-0) by 5l, 8 ran 6m 01.00s. MANOWSETT 5-1 (11-6, Mr S Cotter) Ww twrds nr, 12th by 7h, cl 7th bef 40f, ldr 30f, ran green bef 20f, 11adv afr zout, eased d hnd, won at Dawsonston 3m ire ptp gs in May beating Dun Ar Ail (11-6) by 1/2l, 13 ran. MR ESCOBAR 40-1 (7-13, Siobhan Rutledge) Tracked leaders out wide, went 2nd 11f out until over 9f ptd, raced alone on near side rail from 8f out, weakened final furlong, 10th of 31, 13l behind The Shunter (9-1) at Newmarket 2m 2f hcp (2) sft in Oct (flat) 3m 52.64s. TOO SHARP 80-1 (10-6, Mr B Barry) Ran, moderate 13th before 4 out, headway to moderate 8th after 3 out left moderate 5th 2 out, no extra, tailed off, 4th of 13, 41l behind Colico (10-1) at Tamore 2m 4yo mdn hdl sft in Apr 23 4m 13.60s. STAGE SHOW 50-1 (10-11, Kaiya Fraser) In rear, not fluent 1st and nearly unseated rider, not jump fluently behind in hampered by faller 3 out, 7th of 10, well behind Juan Berruzed (11-10) at Stratford 2m 3f nh nov hdl (4) gd in Jun 2m 52.92s. ASK HER OUT 100-1 (10-8, R P McLernon) Towards rear, ridden 3 out, some late headway, 6th of 11, 26l behind Ramensky (11-2) at Newton Abbot 2m 6f nh nov hdl (4) gd in Jun 5m 16.53s. MISS GOLDFIRE 9-1 (11-0, Lorcan Churchill) Held up in rear, not fluent 1st, blundered 4th and reminders, ridden and no chance with leaders after 3 out, weakened, 10th of 13, 35l behind Break My Suit (11-7) at Fontwell 2m 2f mns nov hdl (4) gs in May 4m 21.05s. MUTLEY CREW 66-1 (11-0, Harry Kimber) Always in rear, not fluent 4th, ridden and tailed off before 3 out, 9th of 12, well behind Dame Sarra (10-9) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f mns nov hdl (4) gd in Jun 4m 01.66s. GRANNY SMITH 33-1 (10-12, David Noonan) In touch in mid-division, outpaced over 5f out, weakened over 2f out, 11th of 12, 15l behind Queen Of The Vale (10-12) at Worcester 2m (5) 3m 46.10s. WHAT AN ICON 66-1 (9-6, Miss Ella Herbison) Led, ridden and headed before 2 out, soon weakened, 8th of 10, 26l behind Parikarma (11-3) at Newton Abbot 2m 11m apr hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd in Jun 3m 54.58s.

3.05 WATCH SKY SPORTS RACING ON SKY 415 HANDICAP CHASE (3) Winner £10,905 (5 run) 2m 7yds

- 1 0-2221 IN THIS WORLD (19) D Skelton 6 11-11 (D)..... H Skelton 126
2 P4-724 OPENING BID (15) C Down 9 11-8 (CD)..... B Carver 123
3 44-221 FEEL THE PINCH (10) (T) R L Lewellyn 10 11-7 (CD)..... Charlie Price (3) 122

4 730-6 SILENT REVOLUTION (65) (T) P Nicholls 8 11-7 (D)..... H Cobden 122
5 V4U-4P L'IMPETRINT (31) Alexandra Dunn 8 11-2..... A Wedge 117
BETTING: 11-10 In This World, 5-2 Feel The Pinch, 6 Silent Revolution, Opening Bid, 16 L'impetrint. IN THIS WORLD 2-1 (12-0, Harry Skelton) Off the pace in 3rd, tracked clear leader 4th, closely approaching 3 out, ridden and stayed on to lead long run-in, won going away, won at Worcester 2m hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Jun beating Calgary Tiger (10-12) by 2 1/2l, 8 ran 4m 01.10s. OPENING BID 14-1 (11-0, Bryan Carver) Prominent, led, 4 out, headed 2 out, 4th and no extra towards finish, 4th of 13, 4 1/2l behind Coastguard Station (10-9) at Uxtotter 2m hcp chs (2) gs in Jun 3m 57.60s. FEEL THE PINCH 5-1 (11-4, Charlie Price) In touch with leaders, took closer order after 3 out, ridden when disputed 2 out, led before last, asserted and went clear run-in, comfortably won at Newton Abbot 2m 11f hcp hdl 0-130 (3) gd beating Finest View (11-8) by 3l, 7 ran 3m 58.31s. SILENT REVOLUTION 20-1 (11-2, Lorcan Williams) In rear, not fluent 8th, mistake 11th, well behind from 4 out, last of 6, well behind Boombam (11-2) at Warwick 2m 4f beg chase (3) gd in May 5m 05.20s. L'IMPETRINT, did not finish, 18-1 (11-4, Phillip Armonson) Soon tracking leader, hit 6th, lost 2nd next, weakened 8th, tailed off and pulled up before 2 out, in a race won by No Getaway (10-11) at Newton Abbot 2m hcp chs 0-140 (3) gd in Jun, 6 ran 3m 53.10s.

3.40 PAR INN CORNWALL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) Winner £7,209 (5 run) 2m 167yds

1 134-11 CLEARANCE (40) M Blake 10 12-0 (CD)..... T Cannon 115
2 05-754 MANOR PARK (10) (T,V) Daisy Hitchins 9 11-10 (CD)..... H Reed 111
3 534-13 WINTERWATCH (44) (P,T) H Fry 6 11-10 (CD)..... Miss M Bevan (7) 111
4 30/009 CILLIANS CHARM (15) (P) James Owen 7 11-4 (D)..... C P O'Shea (7) 105
5 00-115 MELTON MOSSY (10) (T) E Williams 5 10-5 (BF)..... Isabel Williams (3) 92
BETTING: 6-4 Clearance, 13-8 Winterwatch, 14 Melton Mossy, 10 Manor Park, 33 Cillians Charm. 2023: CALL ME ROCKY 6 11 3, Bradley Harris(5) 72 (M Harris), 6 ran. CLEARANCE 7-1 (11-2, Tom Cannon) Held up well off the pace in rear, driven away on inside 2 out, ridden chasing leaders behind last 2, challenged last, ridden ahead towards finish, won at Newton Abbot 2m 11f hcp hdl 0-130 (3) gd in Jun beating Swift Hawk (11-1) by 1l, 11 ran 3m 56.55s. MANOR PARK 14-1 (10-13, Beau Morgan) Prominent, raced wide early, disputed after 4th, led after 3 out, jumped right when headed 2 out, ridden before last, weakened run-in, 4th of 7, 7h behind Feat The Pinch (11-4) at Newton Abbot 2m 11f hcp hdl 0-130 (3) gd in Jun 3m 58.31s. WINTERWATCH 2-1 (11-1, Miss Megan Bevan) Prominent, not fluent 3 out, shaken up before 2 out, soon ridden along, plugged on same pace after last, not trouble leaders, 3rd of 10, 8l behind Juan Berruzed (11-1) at Stratford 2m 3f nh nov hdl (4) gd in Jun 4m 27.47s. CILLIANS CHARM 90-1 (11-0, C P O'Shea) Chased leaders, lost place after 5th, tailed off 3 out, last of 9, well behind Maxcal (11-1) at Uxtotter 2m hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gs in Jun 3m 57.60s. MELTON MOSSY 5-2 (10-2, Adam Wedge) Held up last, headway after 4th, chased leaders from 2 out, outpaced and lost ground quickly before last, weakened run-in, 5th of 7, 8l behind Feat The Pinch (11-4) at Newton Abbot 2m 11f hcp hdl 0-130 (3) gd 3m 58.31s.

4.15 WELL DONE ENGLAND EURO CHAMPIONS 2024 HANDICAP CHASE (4) Winner £5,360 (7 run) 2m 4f 216yds

- 1 31P-66 IMAC WOOD (37) (T) Deborah Cole 6 12-0 (D)..... C Ward (3) 110
2 P4-522 BEGIN THE LUCK (20) Daisy Hitchins 8 11-10 (CD)..... H Reed 106
3 56-774 FAT SAM (13) C Down 10 11-10 (CD)..... James Davies 106
4 7127/P NAEVA (31) Alexandra Dunn 5 11-8..... N Schofield 104
5 446-33 LELANT (40) (T) E Williams 6 11-0..... A Wedge 96
6 7826-4 LIMERICK LEADER (60) (T) O Murphy 7 10-8..... S Bowen 90
7 33433 HEDGEHOPPER (37) Sheila Lewis 8 10-2..... Charlie Price (3) 62
BETTING: 11-8 Begin The Luck, 4 Fat Sam, 5 Limerick Leader, Lelant, 6 Imac Wood, 25 Naeva, 66 Hedgehopper. 2023: HONEY H! GOODD 7 10 10, Isabel Williams(3) 15-2 (E Williams), 4 ran.

IMAC WOOD 11-1 (11-11, Chris Ward) Held up in rear, not fluent 1st, mistake 2nd, ridden and no impression before 2 out, weakened before last, 6th of 8, 31l behind Regal And Royal (10-8) at Bangor-on-Dee 2m 4f nov hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd in Jun 4m 51.90s. BEGIN THE LUCK 8-1 (11-12, Harry Reed) Raced wide in touch, headway 4 out, ridden and every chance 2 out, led next, headed towards finish, 2nd of 13, 3/4l behind Icare Grandchamp (11-9) at Newton Abbot 2m 5f hcp chs 0-105 (5) gd in Jun 5m 09.98s. FAT SAM 10-3 (11-3, James Davies) Chased leaders, took keen hold, ridden after 2 out, 4th and no extra last, 4th of 7, 8l behind Chess Player (11-2) at Stratford 2m 3f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd 4m 49.60s. NAEVA, did not finish, 125-1 (11-2, Phillip Armonson) Chased leaders, pushed along and weakened after 3 out, tailed off when pulled up before next, in a race won by Carrigan Kampala (11-10) at Newton Abbot 2m 2f mns hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd in Jun, 9 ran 4m 24.45s. LELANT 11-1 (10-9, Adam Wedge) Close 3rd on inside, led in 2nd place 8th, challenging when bad mistake 12th, soon ridden, lost 2nd 4 out, soon clipped heels and stumbled, went remote 3rd again turning in, no chance with leading duo, 3rd of 6, 22l behind Up For Appeal (10-6) at Newton Abbot 2m 5f nov hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Jun 5m 08.10s. LIMERICK LEADER 6-1 (11-2, Craig Nichol) Mid-division, went 4th home turn, pushed along before 2 out, stayed on one pace, 4th of 9, 5l behind Imperial Rule (10-10) at Perth 2m 4f hcp chs 0-105 (5) gs in May 5m 10.62s. HEDGEHOPPER 6-1 (12-0, Mr Edward Vaughan) (cp) bhnd tl stdy hdvy 11; wknd apr 2 out, 3rd of 9, 26l behind Just A Mystery (12-0) at Torrington Farmers 3m ptp gf in Jun 6m 06.00s.

4.50 NEWTON ABBOT ON FACEBOOK NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 1) (5) Winner £6,416 (11 run) 2m 2f 110yds

- 1 976-13 GETMETOTHEMOON (31) (T) A Honeyball 5 11-12..... R Dingle 91
2 542-36 OVAL STREET (27) (B) M Gillard 8 11-8..... F Gillard 87
3 6887-8 PALAWAN DU MAZET (126) (B) A Jones 5 11-6..... J Turner (7) 85
4 44-233 CULLIGRAN (7) (J) G O'Shea 5 11-4..... N Schofield 83
5 6P-06 SILVER CHORD (47) (P) C Down 6 11-0..... James Davies 79
6 0P5-02 SEREN Y TEIGR (46) E Williams 5 11-0..... A Wedge 79
7 -F4376 LEON'S VIGIL (10) (W) G M Turner 7 10-10..... H Kimber 75
8 3-U563 SEVENOFUS (10) (T) C J Gray 8 10-9..... H Reed 74
9 244P-6 EURKASH (150) (T) James Owen 10 10-8..... H Cobden 73
10 0P0-9 CAPTAIN BILL (44) (B) N Hawke 5 10-6..... D Noonan 71
11 60047- ALDUNI'S GIRL (97) Deborah Cole 4 10-5..... C Ward (3) 74
BETTING: 3 Getmetothemoon, 72 Culligran, 4 Seren Y Teigr, 6 Eurkash, 10 Sevenofus, 14 Oval Street, 16 Silver Chord, Lion's Vigil, Captain Bill, 25 Others. GETMETOTHEMOON 9-2 (11-5, Rex Dingle) Off the pace towards rear, headway on inside before 2 out, not much room 2 out, ridden and stayed on run-in, just missed 2nd, no chance with winner, 3rd of 13, 1 1/2l behind King's Castle (12-0) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 4m 03.20s. OVAL STREET 22-1 (11-2, Mr Sean P O'Connor) Chased leaders, went close 2nd 2 out, led home turn, headed narrowly approaching last where bad mistake, soon beaten, 6th of 10, 18l behind Climate Precedent (11-10) at Stratford 2m nov ldr hcp hdl (5) gd in Jun 3m 57.02s. PALAWAN DU MAZET 66-1 (9-12, Mr Callum Pritchard) Held up, pushed along and struggling after 6th, gradually weakened after 2 out, 8th of 12, 22l behind Tintin (11-10) at Taunton 2m hcp hdl 0-115 (4) sft in Mar 4m 19.07s. CULLIGRAN 6-1 (11-4, Nick Schofield) Held up towards rear, good headway tracking leaders out wide approaching 3 out, stayed on well run-in, just held, 3rd of 12, 3/4l behind Queen Of The Night (11-12) at Worcester 2m mns hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd 5m 55.00s. SILVER CHORD 66-1 (11-0, Bryan Carver) Raced wide, tracked leaders, pushed along 4 out, ridden and weakened 2 out, 6th of 7, 18l behind Cindysoy (11-0) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f mares NH nov hdl (4) sft in May 4m 23.51s. SEREN Y TEIGR 12-1 (10-11, Adam Wedge) Chased leaders, went 2nd after 4 out, led after 3 out, headed 2 out and bumped, soon switched right, led in run-in, kept on one pace, 2nd of 10, 1 3/4l behind Melton Mossy (10-13) at Ffos Las 2m nov ldr hcp hdl (4) gd in May 3m 41.87s. LEON'S VIGIL 33-1 (11-4, Harry Kimber) Held up last, always towards rear, very modest headway from 2 out, never in serious contention, 6th of 10, 25l behind Yellow Car (10-13) at Newton Abbot 2m 6f mdn hdl (4) gd 5m 14.21s. SEVENOFUS 6-1 (10-2, Harry Reed) Raced in third, closed on leader 3 out, led landing side 3 out, ridden when headed 2 out, blundered last, weakened and dropped to third near finish, 3rd of 9, 19l behind Dancinontheedge (11-0) at Newton Abbot 2m 6f mns hcp hdl (10-15) (5) gd 5m 18.39s. EURKASH 21-1 (10-5, James Best) Chased leaders on inside, lost place after 4 out, well beaten 3 out, 6th of 7, 34l behind For Gina (11-4) at Fakenham 2m 7f nov hcp hdl 0-100 (5) sft in Feb 6m 26.10s. CAPTAIN BILL 40-1 (11-2, David Noonan) In touch in chasing group, weakened over 3 out, 9th of 10, well behind Shengai Enki (11-9) at Worcester 2m nh nov hdl (4) gd in Jun 4m 00.54s. ALDUNI'S GIRL 20-1 (10-11, Chris Ward) In rear, raced awkwardly, not fluent 5th, well beaten 3 out, 7th of 8, 38l behind Ask Me Another (10-11) at Hereford 2m juv hdl (4) sft in Apr 4m 05.80s.

5.25 NEWTON ABBOT ON FACEBOOK NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 2) (5) Winner £6,416 (11 run) 2m 2f 110yds

- 1 /90-40 BEARS HUG (31) J Frost 6 11-12..... H Cobden 90
2 499-65 GET THE VALUE (56) J G O'Shea 6 11-11..... N Schofield 89
3 /P6-41 KONIGIN ISABELLA (20) (T) A Honeyball 6 11-11 (CD)..... S Twiston-Davies 89
4 95P/P4 INVICTUS DE BRION (26) (P) C Gordon 6 11-3 (D)..... F Gordon (5) 81
5 5346- BRAWVENHINEEDTOBE (180) A Ralph 4 11-1..... D E Mullins 84
6 570-65 JORMUNGANDR (19) D J Jeffreys 5 10-13..... K Woods 79
7 4592-5 BUSHMILL BOY (47) O Murphy 10 10-11..... S Bowen 75
8 96-8 FUTURE TIMES (56) F E Edwards 4 10-10..... R Dingle 79
9 987-96 SQUARE DU ROULE (13) (T) N Hawke 4 10-8..... James Davies 77
10863-2U TESTFLIGHT (14) Mrs S Gardner 7 10-6..... J Best 70
11 F40/8 GALACTIC GLOW (H,T) J Tickle 7 10-5..... B R Jones 55
BETTING: 2 Konigin Isabella, 4 Invictus De Brion, 13-2 Bushmill Boy, 8 Jormungandr, Get The Value, 10 Testflight, 12 Brawvenhineedtoe, 16 Future Times, Bears Hug, 25 Others. BEARS HUG 22-1 (11-10, H Cobden) Always in rear, never a factor, tailed off, 12th of 13, 29l behind King's Castle (12-0) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 4m 03.20s. GET THE VALUE 22-1 (11-2, Nick Schofield) Keen in mid-division on inside, struggling when mistake 2 out, 5th of 12, 20l behind Fortified Fortune (11-2) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f nh nov hdl (4) gd in May 4m 05.50s. KONIGIN ISABELLA 11-1 (11-4, Sam Twiston-Davies) Led, headed 2nd, tracked leaders, ridden and short of room approaching 2 out, soon switched right, ridden and ran to lead last, driven out, won at Newton Abbot 2m 2f nov ldr hcp hdl (5) gd in Jun beating No More Bolero (11-3) by nk, 12 ran 4m 23.79s. INVICTUS DE BRION 14-1 (10-9, Freddie Gordon) Tracked leaders, shaken up and went close 2nd 2 out, every chance last, ridden and one pace run-in, 4th of 10, 4 1/2l behind Melton Mossy (11-4) at Worcester 2m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in Jun 3m 53.64s. BRAWVENHINEEDTOBE 12-1 (10-4, D E Mullins) Chased leaders, weakened quickly after 3 out, tailed off, 6th of 10, 47l behind Damata (12-0) at Southwell 2m hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gs in Jan 4m 09.32s. JORMUNGANDR 28-1 (10-2, Adam Wedge) Held up in mid-division, headway chasing leaders before 3 out, held when went left last and hung left later in weakened, 5th of 13, 11l behind Mactavish (11-4) at Worcester 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd in Jun 4m 59.20s. BUSHMILL BOY 11-1 (10-2, Edward Austin) Raced wide, tracked leaders, chased leader 4 out until approaching last, weakened flat, 5th of 13, 27l behind Iolani (9-11) at Cartmel 2m (5) sft in May 4m 22.25s. FUTURE TIMES 80-1 (10-10, Rex Dingle) Led until after 2nd, lost 2nd next, chased leaders, weakened quickly 3 out, soon towards rear, tailed off when mistake 2 out, 8th of 12, 44l behind Fortified Fortune (11-2) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f nh nov hdl (4) gd in May 4m 05.50s. SQUARE DU ROULE 28-1 (10-8, James Davies) In touch in mid-division, headway 3 out, outpaced final bend, well held last, 2th of 11, 14l behind Bob O Rhino (11-4) at Stratford 2m 3f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd 4m 27.40s. TESTFLIGHT, did not finish, 11-1 (10-2, Lucy Gardner) Mid-division, headway 9th, every chance when blundered and unseated rider 4 out, in a race won by She Has Notions (10-2) at Worcester 2m 4f hcp 0-100 (5) gd, 13 ran 3m 57.00s. GALACTIC GLOW 66-1 (10-2, Taylor Fisher) Always towards rear, 8th of 13, 37l behind Charlie My Boy (11-11) at Newton Abbot 2m 2f nov hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in May 23 2m 29.02s.

5.55 ST AUSTELL BREWERY MARES' OPEN NH FLAT RACE (4) Winner £3,812 (8 run) 2m 167yds

- 1 P2-4 BACK IN THE BAY (14) (T) D Pipe 5 11-2..... J Tudor
2 ESKIMO SAM (7) T Lacey 5 11-2..... S Sheppard
3 B-5 O'MALLEY (56) K Burke 5 11-2..... G Sheehan
4 ABSENCE OF MALICE P & M Bowen 4 10-12..... D E Mullins
5 4-7 DANCE THE MOON (30) A King 4 10-12..... T Cannon
6 85 LADY HENRIETTA (44) P & M Bowen 4 10-12..... S Bowen
7 POLLY PI E Williams 4 10-12..... Isabel Williams (3)
8 32 PURE SEDUCTION (78) F O'Brien 4 10-12..... Mr B Sutton (7)
BETTING: 3 Back In The Bay, 7-2 Pure Seduction, 6 Absence Of Malice, Eskimo Sam, 12-3 Polly Pi, 8 O'Malley, 10 Dance The Moon, 12 Lady Henrietta. 2023: FOUNTAINSPINKLADY 5 11 2, Sam Twiston-Davies (4) (A Honeyball), 5 ran.

WINDSOR SKY SPORTS RACING.

Table with columns GARRY OWEN and PA. Races include THE DRAGON KING, BOLD IMPACT, UNDER SIEGE, ROI DE FRANCE, MEZZO SOPRANO, GREAT CHIEFTAIN, GOD OF FIRE, ROYAL BLAZE, SIEGEN, BOLD IMPACT (NB), UNDER SIEGE, AMPHIUS, MEZZO SOPRANO, LUNATICK, FAST STEPS, DUE TO HENRY.

GOING: Good to Firm-Good in places. COURSE: Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f, straight final 5f, 6f races start on an extension to the straight. DRAW: Low best up to a mile.

5.15 DOWNLOAD THE RACING APP 43 NOW NURSERY (4) (2-Y-O) Winner £5,653 (6 run) 5f 21yds

- 1 (1) 541 SIEGEN (31) R Hannon 9-10 (D)..... P Dobbs 86
2 (3) 519 BLINKY (25) E Walker 9-8 (D)..... T Marquand 84
3 (5) 210 WHERE'S CLARE (26) C Johnston 9-5 (D)..... W Buick 81
4 (4) 241 THE DRAGON KING (58) C Cox 9-4 (D)..... Rossa Ryan 80
5 (2) 210 STORM CALL (37) K R Burke 9-1 (CD)..... D Tudhope 77
6 (6) 620 MADEMOISELLE (37) (H) G Scott 9-0..... C Shepherd 76
BETTING: 2 Siegen, 10-3 Blinky, 7-2 The Dragon King, 5 Where's Clare, 10 Storm Call, Mademoiselle. 2023: LADY OF SARDINIA 8 11, Marco Ghiani 20-1 (S C Williams), drawn (2), 6 ran.

5.45 TRUST TRAILFINDERS WITH ALL YOUR TRAVELS, EBF NOVICE STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £3,672 (12 run) 6f 12yds

- 1 (2) APARAJE C Cox 9-7..... Rossa Ryan
2 (3) 3 BOLD IMPACT (57) R Beckett 9-7..... D Tudhope
3 (1) D DAY HARLEY R K P De Foy 9-7..... B Sayette
4 (9) 0 GETABUDYMOEVAN (35) J Parr 9-7..... H Burns (3)
5 (4) HOODIE HOO C Hills 9-7..... W Buick
6 (6) 87 MONOMYTH (41) Ollie Sangster 9-7..... H Doyle
7 (11) 49 ROKUNI (41) E J-Houghton 9-7..... C Bishop
8 (5) 5 SOLAR EDGE (28) C Mason 9-7..... T Whelan
9 (12) 7 SULTAN OF OJ (24) G & J Moore 9-7..... T P Quayle
10 (7) 06 TOP STAR (24) R Hughes 9-7..... G Rooke
11 (8) 0 VALSHARAH (59) C Hills 9-7..... R Homby
12 (10) THE FEMININE URGE G Scott 9-2..... C Shepherd
BETTING: 6-4 Bold Impact, 3 Hoodie Hoo, 6 Aparajeo, 7 Rokuni, 10 The Feminine Urge, 14 Day Harley R, 25 Sultan Of Oj, Top Star, Monomylth, 33 Others. 2023: WATCH MY TRACER 9 11, Benoit Sayette 2-7 Fav (G Scott), drawn (14), 13 ran.

6.20 THAMES NOVICE STAKES (DIV 1) (5) Winner £4,320 (10 run) 1m 31yds

- 1 (2) 78 KING'S CONQUEST (89) S Lycett 4 9-13..... Liam Wright (5)
2 (3) 4 AMERICAN RIDDLE (96) C Hobson 3 9-4..... C Howarth (3)
3 (5) 75 BULLET POINT (40) W Haggas 3 9-4..... Greg Cheyne
4 (9) 90 DROUTHY NEEBOR (21) H Morrison 3 9-4..... R Homby
5 (10) 77 JOOLIANOSS (15) H Evans 3 9-4..... G Rooke
6 (4) 4 SHALMAR (53) Harry Charlton 3 9-4..... H Doyle
7 (7) 22 UNDER SIEGE (59) A Balding 3 9-4..... D Tudhope
8 (6) 95 APOSTLE (17) Sir M Prescott 3 8-13..... J Gilligan
9 (8) 66 MIN HUNA (38) W Haggas 3 8-13..... T Marquand
10 (1) ZAMBEZI DIAMOND H Candy 3 8-13..... T Whelan
BETTING: 5-6 Under Siege, 9-2 Min Huna, 13-2 Shamran, 7 Bullet Point, 12 American Riddle, 20 Apostle, 25 Zambezi Diamond, 33 Joolianoss, 66 Others.

6.50 THAMES NOVICE STAKES (DIV 2) (5) Winner £4,320 (9 run) 1m 31yds

- 1 (7) 42 AMPHIUS (45) Harry Charlton 3 9-7 (BF)..... W Buick
2 (4) 76 ANHYDROUS (49) (T) H Palmer 3 9-7..... D Probert
3 (6) 0 EDWARDTHENINTH (15) M Tregoning 3 9-7..... D Costello
4 (8) 0 ENDEAVOURS (59) (T) Ward 3 9-7..... H Crouch
5 (3) NORTHERN RULER W Haggas 3 9-7..... D Tudhope
6 (2) 2-2 ROI DE FRANCE (21) J & T Gosden 3 9-7 (BF)..... O Murphy
7 (5) 47 BAYADERE (23) M Bell 3 9-2..... Jay Mackay (7)
8 (9) 0 DRUSILLA (21) D & C Kubler 3 9-2..... C Shepherd
9 (1) 5-5 RAHEENA (56) S & E Cristof 3 9-2..... J Mitchell
BETTING: 6-4 Roi De France, 13-8 Amphius, 4 Northern Ruler, 10 Raheena, 25 Anhy-drouus, 33 Bayadere, Edwardtheninth, 100 Endeavours, 150 Drusilla.

7.20 FITZDARES SPRINT SERIES HANDICAP (4) Winner £5,653 (12 run) 6f 12yds

- 1 (12) 21260- LEQUINTO (296) A Carroll 7 10-3 (CD)..... W Carson 87
2 (3) 54-103 ZERO CARBON (54) (P) R Hughes 5 10-2 (D)..... Ethan Jones (5) 86
3 (11) 669-71 HAVANA PUSEY (16) J Gallagher 4 10-1 (CD)..... N Callan 85
4 (1) 111-2 MEZZO SOPRANO (29) S G & E Cristof 4 10-0 (BF/D)..... W Buick 84
5 (9) 20-563 INGRA TOR (16) J Channon 5 9-13 (D)..... D Probert 83
6 (10) 1463-4 BULLDOG DRUMMOND (17) P Owens 3 9-9 (D)..... B Sayette 85
7 (4) 0-5965 HAZIYM (32) A Carroll 5 9-9 (D)..... Jason Watson 79
8 (8) 97-190 CRAZY LUCK (32) B Millam 6 9-8 (D)..... O Murphy 77
9 (5) 523-22 TIGER BAY (65) H Canty 4 9-7 (BF)..... T Whelan 77
10 (6) 716-86 ORMOLULU (32) (H) J Osborne 4 9-7 (D)..... C Shepherd 77
11 (2) 32463 BEYOND BORDERS (28) K R Burke 3 9-6 (D)..... D Tudhope 82
12 (7) 558050 EXPERT AGENT (65) S C Williams 4 9-4 (D)..... T Marquand 74
BETTING: 3 Mezzo Soprano, 4 Havana Pusey, 9-2 Tiger Bay, 7 Ingra Tor, 10 Zero Carbon, 12 Beyond Borders, 14 Bulldog Drummond, 16 Haziym, Crazy Luck, 20 Others. 2023: ALJARI 7 9 12, Luke Morris 10-1 (Tom Clover), drawn (3), 7 ran. LEQUINTO 80-1 (8-13, T E Whelan) Towards rear, hanging left and bumped 2f out, kept on inside final furlong, never involved, 15th of 24, 3 1/2l behind Significantly (9-2) at Ayr 6f hcp (2) gs in Sep 1m 12.80s. ZERO CARBON 5-1 (9-10, Finlay Marsh) Prominent, ridden over 2 out, lost 2nd inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 10, 1l behind Rajndri (9-6) at Kempton 7f hcp 0-85 (4) pol in Jun 1m 24.15s. HAVANA PUSEY 8-1 (9-11, Callum Hutchinson) Slightly hampered start, in rear, in touch, pushed along halfway, headway on outer well after 1f out, led entering final furlong, ran on strongly to draw clear, comfortably, won at Windsor 6f hcp (4) gf in Jun beating Coup De Grace (9-11) by 4l, 8 ran 1m 10.44s. MEZZO SOPRANO 6-4fav (9-5, J Mitchell) Held up tracking leaders in 4th, smooth headway out wide over 2f out, ridden and went 2nd over 1f out, stayed on and kept on towards finish, always held, 2nd of 6, 1/2l behind Mercedes Diva (9-1) at Thirk 7f hcp hcp 0-90 (3) gs in Jun 1m 27.11s. INGRA TOR 5-1 (9-9, Callum Rodriguez) Prominent, shaken up to lead over 1f out, soon ridden along, headed inside final furlong, no extra final f10yds, 3rd of 10, 1 1/2l behind Rock Opera (9-2) at Doncaster 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jun 1m 10.43s. BULLDOG DRUMMOND 7-2 (7-10, J Mitchell) Held up behind leaders, ridden over 2f out, went 2nd over 1f out, no impression on winner and lost 2nd inside final furlong, no extra, 4th of 5, 4 1/2l behind Lou Lou's Girl (9-5) at Newmarket 7

RECORD RACING

WOLVERHAMPTON SKY SPORTS RACING.

GARRY OWEN		PA	
5.40	SANTA CROCE	HEART OF THE CITY	
6.10	SHEILA'S PARADISE	GIORGIO M	
6.40	KODEBREAKER	COCONUT BAY	
7.10	SCARFO	USTATH	
7.40	STARSHINE LEGEND	STARSHINE LEGEND	
8.10	GRANNY B	COAST	
8.40	NORTHSTEAD GARDENS	NOTRE DAME	

GOING: Standard.
COURSE: Left-handed, very tight Tapeta all-weather track of 1m, with a 330yd run-in. Races over 6f and 7f start on separate chutes.
DRAW: Little effect.

7.10 DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP CLASSIFIED STAKES (DIV 2) (6) Winner £5,234 (10 run) 7f 36yds

- 1 (3) 821341 **USTATH** (7) R Fell & S Murray 8 9-13 (C²).....**B Garrity** 50
- 2 (1) 9790-8 **BLUE JAY WAY** (40) (B) J Riches 4 9-9.....**S B Kirrane** 44
- 3 (8) 456640 **FANTASY NAVIGATOR** (7) (P) M Appleby 5 9-9. **L Morris** 45
- 4 (7) 839933 **REBEL REDEMPTION** (13) (B) S Dixon 7 9-9 (C²). **P Dennis** 44
- 5 (6) 483U75 **SHAKA** (7) I Furtado 4 9-9 (BF).....**M Ghiani** 49
- 6 (10) 754421 **SPLIT ELEVENS** (13) J Butler 6 9-9 (CD).....**D Muscutt** 45
- 7 (9) 96-991 **SCARFO** (7) J & S Quinn 3 9-7 (CD).....**D Allan** 49
- 8 (4) 40-575 **ALIBI WARNING** (17) R Fahy 3 9-1.....**Ryan Sexton** 49
- 9 (2) -80845 **BATTLEOFBALTIMORE** (13) (T) D Cunha 3 9-1.....**Josephine Gordon** 47

10 (5) 6-5436 **DANEHILL STAR** (121) A Carroll 3 9-1 (BF).....**Molly Gunn** (7) 46
BETTING: 11-4 Ustath, 3 Scarfo, 9-2 Split Elevens, 6 Shaka, 10 Rebel Redemption, 14 Danehill Star, Fantasy Navigator, Alibi Warning, 16 Others.
USTATH 7:24v (9-9, Billy Garrity) Broke sharply and made all, clear over 1f out, unchallenged, won at Wolverhampton 6f Classified Stakes (0-50) (3yo+) (6) beating Reve De Magritte (9-9) by 4, 13 ran 1m 13.59s.
BLUE JAY WAY 300-1 (9-7, Mia Nicholls) Held up in rear, took keen hold, well beaten final 2f, last of 8, 16l behind Golden Strike (9-11) at Ripon 6f nov mdrn stks (5) gd in Jun 1m 12.44s.
FANTASY NAVIGATOR 9-1 (9-9, Finley Marsh) Chased leaders, driven over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 11th of 13, 11l behind Ustath (9-9) at Wolverhampton 6f Classified Stakes (0-50) (3yo+) (6) 1m 13.55s.
REBEL REDEMPTION 11-4 (9-8, Phil Dennis) Chased winner until over 1f out, soon outpaced, kept on final 75 yards, 3rd of 9, 2l behind Alfred Cove (9-3) at Brighton 6f Classified Stakes (0-50) (3yo+) (6) 1m 09.75s.
SHAKA 15-81av (9-3, Marco Ghiani) Held up towards rear, headway on outside over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, nearest finish, 5th of 10, 2 1/4l behind Outreach (9-2) at Wolverhampton 7f hcp 0-52 (6) 1m 28.80s.
SPLIT ELEVENS 7-2 (9-3, S De Sousa) Chased leaders, switched left over 1f out, went 2nd over 1f out, led inside final furlong, stayed on, won at Brighton 7f hcp (6) 1m 12.44s.
SCARFO 9-2 (8-12, Oisín Murphy) Mid-division, headway on inside over 1f out, led inside final furlong, clear towards finish, won at Wolverhampton 7f hcp 0-52 (6) beating Porfin (9-6) by 2 1/4l, 11 ran 1m 28.67s.
ALIBI WARNING 33-1 (8-12, Connor Murtagh) Off the pace towards rear, headway between horses inside final 2f, ridden and kept on inside final furlong, never going pace to get involved, 5th of 12, 5l behind Fircroft Hall (9-6) at Newcastle 6f hcp 0-58 (6) in Jun 1m 14.04s.
BATTLEOFBALTIMORE 10-1 (9-2, David Egan) In touch in mid-division, effort 2f out, no extra well inside final furlong, 5th of 9, 3l behind Alfred Cove (9-3) at Brighton 6f Classified Stakes (0-50) (3yo+) (6) 1m 09.75s.
DANEHILL STAR 9-24v (9-0, William Carson) Led, pressed for lead over 3f out, soon ridden and headed, outpaced by winner 2f out, weakened into 3rd entering final furlong, weakened further inside final furlong, 6th of 11, 9l behind Mamaouka (9-7) at Wolverhampton 1m 11 pf (6) in Mar 2m 02.88s.

6.10 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,716 (9 run) 7f 36yds

- 1 (7) 1-166 **BENGURION** (18) (H) C Johnston 9-11 (D).....**J Fanning** 77
- 2 (6) 8-5204 **COMMANDER OF LIFE** (19) M Botti 9-10.....**M Ghiani** 76
- 3 (1) 4-4169 **SHELBOURNE** (20) (H) G Scott 9-9.....**D Muscutt** 75
- 4 (2) 4-4125 **GIORGIO M** (20) (P, T) G Boughey 9-9 (D).....**Billy Loughnane** 75
- 5 (8) 7-3210 **BEVERAGINO** (57) (P) M Bell 9-8 (CD).....**K Stott** 74
- 6 (4) 7642 **SHEILA'S PARADISE** (19) R Hannon 9-8.....**S M Levey** 74
- 7 (3) 545-15 **ZIPSTER** (53) S & E Crisford 9-8.....**H Davies** 74
- 8 (5) 1-5888 **NEVER FEAR** (24) C Johnston 9-6 (CD).....**P J McDonald** 72
- 9 (9) 0458-0 **ECO POWER BOY** (16) J & S Quinn 9-1.....**G Sanna** (5) 67

BETTING: 7-2 Sheila's Paradise, 4 Zipster, Giorgio M, 5 Commander Of Life, 7 Beveragino, 10 Bengurion, 12 Shelbourne, 16 Never Fear, 20 Eco Power Boy, 2023: ROARING RALPH 9 7, Callum Rodriguez 15-2 (M Dods), drawn (6), 8 ran.
7.40 DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,716 (8 run) 1m 5f 219yds
 1 (6) 15-266 **FREDS MATE** (25) (B) C Johnston 9-11.....**J Fanning** 72
 2 (4) 88-70 **EASY DANCER** (59) R Hannon 9-7.....**S M Levey** 68
 3 (8) 9-0713 **STARSHINE LEGEND** (18) (P) J Ferguson 9-7 (BF).....**D Muscutt** 68
 4 (7) 55-444 **ALMUDENA** (10) (P) Sir M Prescott 9-6.....**L Morris** 67
 5 (2) 59-619 **GELICEAUX** (31) E Walker 9-6.....**K Shoemark** 67
 6 (1) 4-6341 **NANCY P** (35) S Woods 9-3.....**Dylan Hogan** 64
 7 (3) 54-762 **CAPLA MOJO** (114) G Kelleway 9-2.....**D Allan** 63
 8 (5) 048 **UNREGULATED** (28) (P) M & D Easterby 9-2.....**B Garrity** 63
BETTING: 9-4 Starshine Legend, 5-2 Nancy P, 4 Almudena, 10 Geliceaux, Capla Mojo, 12 Easy Dancer, 16 Freds Mate, Unregulated.
 2023: BODYGROOVE 9 8, Andrea Atzeni 9-2 (R Spencer), drawn (2), 7 ran.

8.10 TIPS FOR EVERY RACE AT RACEDAY-READY.COM FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,716 (9 run) 6f 20yds

- 1 (1) -54875 **LADY DREAMER** (16) (B, T) T Ward 4 10-2 (CD).....**P J McDonald** 68
- 2 (7) 842217 **DAYTONA LADY** (14) (P) R Carr 4 10-1 (CD).....**L Morris** 67
- 3 (2) 347434 **JENNI** (17) D O'Meara 3 9-10.....**B Robinson** 68
- 4 (9) 19-677 **MACHIAVELLIAN LADY** (11) (B) E J-Houghton 3 9-10.....**Mia Nicholls** (5) 68
- 5 (3) 17056 **COURT DRIVE** (17) G Kelleway 3 9-8 (C).....**D Allan** 66
- 6 (6) 428317 **DUSK DAME** (18) (P) Alice Haynes 3 9-7 (D).....**K O'Neill** 65
- 7 (4) 548685 **KENSINGTON AGENT** (20) A Carroll 5 9-6 (CD).....**Jack Doughty** (5) 58
- 8 (5) 17-502 **GRANNY B** (75) (B, E) M Mullineaux 4 9-6. **Billy Loughnane** 58
- 9 (8) 578133 **COAST** (6) S Dixon 5 8-13 (CD²).....**J Haynes** 51

8.40 GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O) Winner £2,983 (9 run) 1m 142yds

- 1 (5) -11545 **NOTRE DAME** (17) J Feilden 9-11.....**Dylan Hogan** 62
- 2 (1) 46614 **CROWN'S LADY** (9) Craig Lidster 9-11.....**H Russell** 62
- 3 (8) -26006 **CUBAN HARRY** (16) E Udolph 9-9.....**D Muscutt** 60
- 4 (4) 497 **NORTHSTEAD GARDENS** (114) D M Simcock 9-7.....**L Morris** 58
- 5 (6) 4530 **MORE THAN A FEELIN** (61) (H) Alice Haynes 9-7. **K O'Neill** 58
- 6 (2) -88508 **CERULEAN SUMMER** (15) (B, T) D Cunha 9-6.....**Josephine Gordon** 57
- 7 (9) 76-64 **ZELMA** (21) S Woods 9-5.....**Billy Loughnane** 56
- 8 (3) 488-77 **SOVERAINE** (25) C Johnston 9-4.....**J Fanning** 55
- 9 (7) 2-2080 **TRUE BLUE GENT** (11) (T) M Botti 9-3.....**P J McDonald** 54

BETTING: 3 Northstead Gardens, 7-2 Crown's Lady, 4 Notre Dame, 7 Zelma, 8 Cuban Harry, 10 Cerulean Summer, 14 More Than A Feelin, 16 True Blue Gent, Sovereaine, 2023: SENSEOFENTITLEMENT 9 6, Jason Watson 22-1 (D O'Meara), drawn (7), 7 ran.
3.00: 1. BATTLE OF OMDURMAN (C Ward) 15-2; 2, **Rogue King** 10-3; 3, **Masonbrook Meadow** 18-1. Also: 11-10 Fav Mill Street, 6 ran, 2 1/4l, 13l. (Deborah Cole). Tote: Win £8.80; Pl £3.20, £1.70. Exacta: £30.70. Trifecta: £205.70. CSF: £30.91. NR: Kalkaroo, Play Pretend.
3.30: 1. DON RAFAEL (S Bowen) 10-3; 2, **Timeforarum** 28-1; 3, **Belle Montrose** 12-1. Also: 5-2 Jifav R S Ambush, 5-2 Jifav Electric Eddy, 12 ran, 3 3/4l, 6l. (M Keighley). Tote: Win £4.34; Pl £1.40, £5.90, £3.30. Exacta: £114.80. Trifecta: £1137.80. CSF: £87.94. NR: Connolly, Ocean Frontier.
4.00: 1. SIX AND OUT (James Davies) 5-1; 2, **Finest View** 15-8 Fav; 3, **Finisk River** 12-1. 8 ran, 2 1/4l, 6l. (D Weston). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £1.60, £1.10, £2.80. Exacta: £14.60. Trifecta: £100.56. Trifecta: £85.30. CSF: £14.43.
4.30: 1. HAMMER DAN (J Tudor) 9-4 Fav; 2, **No More No 6-1**; 3, **Eric Carmen** 12-1. 10 ran, 3/4l, 8l. (D Pipe). Tote: Win £3.25; Pl £1.50, £2.50, £3.50. Exacta: £17.80. Trifecta: £130.24. Trifecta: £137.30. CSF: £16.76. NR: Absolutely Fine.
5.00: 1. INSPECTOR LYNLEY (S Twiston-Davies) 9-4 Fav; 2, **Joker Du Chenet** 7-1; 3, **Borderline** 10-1. 9 ran, nk, 4l. (N Mulholland). Tote: Win £3.25; Pl £1.30, £1.90, £2.80. Exacta: £14.60. Trifecta: £127.24. Trifecta: £96.50. CSF: £18.06. NR: Etiole Brillante, Hugueneau.
Jackpot: Not won, pool of £16,072.09 carried over. **Placepot:** £22,729.30. **Quadpot:** £45.50.

5.40 FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT RACEDAY-READY.COM MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (5) Winner £3,942 (12 run) 7f 36yds

- 1 (12) 80- **ADVINDI** (222) S C Williams 3 9-2.....**M Ghiani** —
- 2 (1) 3 **ANGEL PASS** (14) Sir M Prescott 3 9-2.....**L Morris** —
- 3 (4) 00 **ARABIAN ROSE** (41) (T) S & E Crisford 3 9-2.....**H Davies** —
- 4 (11) 80 **ARABIC SONG** (65) S bin Suroor 3 9-2.....**S B Kirrane** —
- 5 (6) 23- **DUBAI TREASURE** (341) S bin Suroor 3 9-2 (BF). **K Stott** —
- 6 (7) 2 **HEART OF THE CITY** (18) G Boughey 3 9-2.....**Billy Loughnane** —
- 7 (3) 7- **KING'S GINGER** (278) W Haggas 3 9-2.....**A Farragher** —
- 8 (2) 06 **RHAPSODY IN BLUE** (53) (H) M Murphy & M Keady 3 9-2.....**R Oliver** —
- 9 (8) **SAMRA STAR** R Hughes 3 9-2.....**F Marsh** —
- 10 (5) 6-2 **SANTA CROCE** (33) Sir M Stoute 3 9-2 (BF).....**S Osborne** —
- 11 (9) **SOLARA** H Palmer 3 9-2.....**J Leavy** (5) —
- 12 (10) 5 **SULALA** (33) R Varian 3 9-2.....**J Crowley** —

BETTING: 11-4 Dubai Treasure, 3 Heart Of The City, 7-2 Santa Croce, 7 Sulala, 12 Angel Pass, Samra Star, 14 King's Ginger, 16 Solara, 25 Others.
6.10 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,716 (9 run) 7f 36yds
 1 (7) 1-166 **BENGURION** (18) (H) C Johnston 9-11 (D).....**J Fanning** 77
 2 (6) 8-5204 **COMMANDER OF LIFE** (19) M Botti 9-10.....**M Ghiani** 76
 3 (1) 4-4169 **SHELBOURNE** (20) (H) G Scott 9-9.....**D Muscutt** 75
 4 (2) 4-4125 **GIORGIO M** (20) (P, T) G Boughey 9-9 (D).....**Billy Loughnane** 75
 5 (8) 7-3210 **BEVERAGINO** (57) (P) M Bell 9-8 (CD).....**K Stott** 74
 6 (4) 7642 **SHEILA'S PARADISE** (19) R Hannon 9-8.....**S M Levey** 74
 7 (3) 545-15 **ZIPSTER** (53) S & E Crisford 9-8.....**H Davies** 74
 8 (5) 1-5888 **NEVER FEAR** (24) C Johnston 9-6 (CD).....**P J McDonald** 72
 9 (9) 0458-0 **ECO POWER BOY** (16) J & S Quinn 9-1.....**G Sanna** (5) 67
BETTING: 7-2 Sheila's Paradise, 4 Zipster, Giorgio M, 5 Commander Of Life, 7 Beveragino, 10 Bengurion, 12 Shelbourne, 16 Never Fear, 20 Eco Power Boy, 2023: ROARING RALPH 9 7, Callum Rodriguez 15-2 (M Dods), drawn (6), 8 ran.

6.40 DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP CLASSIFIED STAKES (DIV 1) (6) Winner £5,234 (10 run) 7f 36yds

- 1 (8) 252371 **KODEBREAKER** (6) (P) M Herrington 5 10-0 (D²).....**Dylan Hogan** 47
- 2 (3) 222133 **COCONUT BAY** (8) T Davidson 5 9-9 (BFCD).....**P Dennis** 50
- 3 (9) 50-098 **ICONIC KNIGHT** (21) (P) J & R Flint 9 9-9 (CD²).....**W Cox** 50
- 4 (7) 086914 **MISS CALCULATION** (7) Mrs Stella Barclay 5 9-9 (CD).....**P J McDonald** 50
- 5 (5) /28-00 **STORM MASTER** (15) J Riches 7 9-9 (CD).....**S B Kirrane** 49
- 6 (1) 967252 **TOP BUTTON** (5) (T) S C Williams 6 9-9.....**M Ghiani** 44
- 7 (6) 9-0125 **TRUE NATION** (14) (P) R Fahy 4 9-9.....**O McSweeney** (3) 47
- 8 (2) 80-7 **CUT TO THE CHASE** (21) A Carroll 3 9-1.....**Jack Doughty** (5) 49
- 9 (10) 590-22 **EVOLVIR** (7) R Fell & S Murray 3 9-1 (BF).....**L Morris** 46
- 10 (4) 09004 **JUST TYPICAL** (7) (H) I Williams 3 9-1.....**S Osborne** 45

BETTING: 5-2 Kodebreaker, 4 Coconut Bay, Evolvir, 7 Miss Calculation, 8 Top Button, True Nation, 16 Just Typical, 20 Cut To The Chase, Iconic Knight, 50 Storm Master, 2023: No corresponding race.
KODEBREAKER 7-2 (9-1, R Kingscote) In touch in rear, wide and headway over 2f out, soon every chance, led over 1f out, ran on, comfortable, won at Yarmouth 1m hcp (6) sit beating Top Button (9-3) by 7l, 8 ran 1m 40.28s.
COCONUT BAY 3-11av (9-9, Jason Hart) Led, pushed along well over 1f out, headed 1f out, ridden and keeping on inside last when squeezed out between leaders 110 yards out, not recover, 3rd of 14, 2 3/4l behind Wheres The Crumpet (9-9) at Ayr 1m Classified Stakes (0-50) (3yo+) (6) gd 1m 41.48s.
ICONIC KNIGHT 25-1 (9-10, William Carson) Mid-division, soon switched to race stands side, hanging left 3f out, effort over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 8th of 11, 7l behind Porterinehjelunge (9-11) at Chepstow 7f hcp 0-52 (6) 1m 22.84s.
MISS CALCULATION 12-1 (9-9, Callum Shepherd) Towards rear, ridden over 2f out, headway over 1f out, went 4th inside final furlong, kept on, 4th of 13, 6l behind Ustath (9-9) at Wolverhampton 6f Classified Stakes (0-50) (3yo+) (6) 1m 13.59s.
STORM MASTER 40-1 (9-9, D Fertiman) Slowly into stride, raced keenly towards rear, never involved, last of 10, 18l behind Fugotten Treasures (9-9) at Wolverhampton 7f Classified Stakes (0-50) (3yo+) (6) in Jun 1m 28.28s.
TOP BUTTON 9-2 (9-3, Marco Ghiani) In touch, pushed along and headway 2f out, ridden to chase clear winner entering final furlong, 2nd of 8, 7l behind Kodebreaker (9-1) at Yarmouth 1m hcp (6) sit 1m 40.28s.
TRUE NATION 6-1 (9-3, Ethan Tindall) Raced wide, midfield, pushed along and headway approaching final furlong, never nearer, 5th of 13, 8l behind Colocane (9-4) at Pontefract 1m hcp 0-52 (6) 1m 45.44s.
CUT TO THE CHASE 250-1 (9-4, Marco Ghiani) Held up towards rear, pushed along over 4f out, some late headway, never any chance, 7th of 14, 17l behind Westridge (9-4) at Windsor 1m nov mdrn stks (5) gf in Jun 1m 40.28s.
EVOLVIR 5-24v (9-0, Billy Garrity) Chased leaders, switched right and unable to quicken over 1f out, ran on final 100 yards, went 2nd towards finish, 2nd of 10, 1/2l behind Carmarthen (9-11) at Wolverhampton 6f ptt (6) 1m 13.89s.
JUST TYPICAL 16-1 (9-9, Saffie Osborne) Chased leaders, took keen hold, ridden 2f out, held final furlong, kept on, 4th of 10, 2 1/4l behind Outreach (9-2) at Wolverhampton 7f hcp 0-52 (6) 1m 28.80s.

RACING RESULTS

PERTH
Going: Good
 2.15: 1. **KANDOR** (P W Wadge) 9-1; 2. **Step Out** 10-1 Fav; 3. **Backdoorflush** 4-1. 12 ran. 1 1/4l, 11l. (L Russell). Tote: Win £10.70; Pl £2.20, £1.10, £1.50. Exacta: £23.30. Trifecta: £80.20. CSF: £18.10. NR: Peekaboo Paddy.
 2.45: 1. **TONTO FOLEY** (N Scholfield) 16-5; 2. **Garde Des Champs** 5-1; 3. **Sword Of Fate** 16-1. Also: 5-2 Fav Tessa Lad, 7 ran, 1/2l, 2 1/2l. (Christian Williams). Tote: Win £4.20; Pl £1.60, £2.60. Exacta: £14.70. Trifecta: £122.70. CSF: £18.54.
 3.15: 1. **GALATA BRIDGE** (C Hammond) 11-4 Fav; 2. **Tigga Time** 8-1; 3. **Malangen** 4-1. 10 ran. 6 1/2l, 1/2l. (Dr R Newland & J Insole). Tote: Win £3.75; Pl £1.20, £3.00, £1.60. Exacta: £28.10. Trifecta: £88.35. Trifecta: £92.80. CSF: £24.58. NR: Coral Blue.
 3.45: 1. **CAP DU NORD** (N Scholfield) 11-2; 2. **Everyday Champagne** 7-2 Fav; 3. **Wassell Dundalk** 15-2. 8 ran. 4 1/2l, nk. (Christian Williams). Tote: Win £6.50; Pl £1.50, £1.60, £2.20. Exacta: £16.50. Trifecta: £139.72. Trifecta: £104.60. CSF: £24.46. NR: Dinons, No Regrets.
 4.15: 1. **BUY SOME TIME** (Ben Smith) 4-1; 2. **Fever Dream** 7-4 Fav; 3. **Dalileo** 7-1. 10 ran. 2 1/4l, 2 1/2l. (R M Smith). Tote: Win £5.00; Pl £1.30, £1.40, £2.10. Exacta: £12.60. Trifecta: £45.73. Trifecta: £64.20. CSF: £11.20. NR: Not What It Seems.

4.45: 1. **TRAILBLAZER** (J Thompson) 25-1; 2. **Game Beaza** 4-1; 3. **Sergeant Wilson** 14-1. Also: 5-2 Fav Global Esteem, 11 ran, 1 1/4l. (A Nicol). Tote: Win £26.00; Pl £4.90, £1.80, £4.00. Exacta: £168.20. Trifecta: £1484.71. Trifecta: £1896.90. CSF: £121.34.
Placepot: £27.50. **Quadpot:** £10.50.
STRATFORD
Going: Good-good to firm in places
 1.30: 1. **INVINCIBLE WISH** (J Best) 11-1; 2. **Lonimoss Bareliere** 40-1; 3. **Buck Of Maine** 22-1. Also: 10-3 Fav Mystic Man, 11 ran, 3/4l, 1l. (S-J Davies). Tote: Win £12.00; Pl £3.30, £9.90, £6.40. Exacta: £427.60. Trifecta: £9091.31. Trifecta: £4948.80. CSF: £349.04. NR: Floating Rock.
 2.00: 1. **OUTBACK FRONTIERS** (C Quinn) 14-1; 2. **Eagle's Realm** 4-1 CoFav; 3. **Pak Army** 5-1. Also: 4-1 CoFav Beholden, 4-1 CoFav Queen Of Steel, 10 ran, nk, 1/2l. (J G O'Shea). Tote: Win £15.00; Pl £3.80, £2.00, £1.90. Exacta: £901.00. Trifecta: £323.84. Trifecta: £667.60. CSF: £66.37. NR: Dragonball Prince.
 2.30: 1. **AVIEWTOSEA** (K Woods) 15-2; 2. **Ingenio** 18-1; 3. **Unwanted Attention** 3-1. Also: 11-4 Fav Coconut Twist, 12 ran, 1 3/4l, 1 1/2l. (D Killahena & G McPherson). Tote: Win £9.20; Pl £2.50, £5.40, £1.60. Exacta: £118.40. Trifecta: £496.87. Trifecta: £747.60. CSF: £125.49. NR: We Got Your Back.
 3.00: 1. **BATTLE OF OMDURMAN** (C Ward) 15-2; 2. **Rogue King** 10-3; 3. **Masonbrook Meadow** 18-1. Also: 11-10 Fav Mill Street, 6 ran, 2 1/4l, 13l. (Deborah Cole). Tote: Win £8.80; Pl £3.20, £1.70. Exacta: £30.70. Trifecta: £205.70. CSF: £30.91. NR: Kalkaroo, Play Pretend.
 3.30: 1. **DON RAFAEL** (S Bowen) 10-3; 2. **Timeforarum** 28-1; 3. **Belle Montrose** 12-1. Also: 5-2 Jifav R S Ambush, 5-2 Jifav Electric Eddy, 12 ran, 3 3/4l, 6l. (M Keighley). Tote: Win £4.34; Pl £1.40, £5.90, £3.30. Exacta: £114.80. Trifecta: £1137.80. CSF: £87.94. NR: Connolly, Ocean Frontier.
 4.00: 1. **SIX AND OUT** (James Davies) 5-1; 2. **Finest View** 15-8 Fav; 3. **Finisk River** 12-1. 8 ran, 2 1/4l, 6l. (D Weston). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £1.60, £1.10, £2.80. Exacta: £14.60. Trifecta: £100.56. Trifecta: £85.30. CSF: £14.43.
 4.30: 1. **HAMMER DAN** (J Tudor) 9-4 Fav; 2, **No More No 6-1**; 3, **Eric Carmen** 12-1. 10 ran, 3/4l, 8l. (D Pipe). Tote: Win £3.25; Pl £1.50, £2.50, £3.50. Exacta: £17.80. Trifecta: £130.24. Trifecta: £137.30. CSF: £16.76. NR: Absolutely Fine.
 5.00: 1. **INSPECTOR LYNLEY** (S Twiston-Davies) 9-4 Fav; 2, **Joker Du Chenet** 7-1; 3, **Borderline** 10-1. 9 ran, nk, 4l. (N Mulholland). Tote: Win £3.25; Pl £1.30, £1.90, £2.80. Exacta: £14.60. Trifecta: £127.24. Trifecta: £96.50. CSF: £18.06. NR: Etiole Brillante, Hugueneau.
Jackpot: Not won, pool of £16,072.09 carried over. **Placepot:** £22,729.30. **Quadpot:** £45.50.



KING CARLOS
 Alcaraz roars in triumph after triumph after triumph to victory and is hugged by Djokovic, above right, before stepping up to lift trophy

Alcaraz steamrolls Novak but insists he's still miles away from Grand Slam legends

SUPER

CARLOS ALCARAZ devoured Novak Djokovic to retain his Wimbledon title - and then claimed he's not yet at the top table of "champions" because he's only won four Grand Slam titles.

PLAYER	SETS		
ALCARAZ	6	6	

SPANISH SENSATION SMILES BETTER



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complete the Channel Slam of Roland Garros and Wimbledon in the same year after Rod Laver, Bjorn Borg, Radfa Nadal, Roger Federer and Djokovic.

But after a warm embrace with the defeated Djokovic, modest Alcaraz said: "It is a huge honour for me to be part of those players who have achieved Roland Garros and Wimbledon in the same year."

"I don't consider myself a champion yet. Not like them. I will try to keep going, keep building my path and my journey."

"I consider champions the big guys who have won 14, 15, 20 Grand Slams. Those guys who are eating at the big table."

"I want to be there one day. Four Grand Slams, two

Wimbledons. It is a great achievement - I am not going to lie. But I want to keep going.

"And hopefully one day I can stay close to these champions and eat at the big table."

After Jannik Sinner's triumph at the Australian Open and Alcaraz winning back-to-back Slams, the next generation are now threatening to dominate the majors.

The Spaniard added: "It is a dream for me winning this trophy. I did an interview when I was 11 or 12 and said my dream is to win Wimbledon. I'm fulfilling my dream."

"This is the most beautiful tournament, most beautiful court and most beautiful trophy."

"Djokovic is an unbelievable fighter, I knew he was going to

have his chances. It was difficult but I tried to stay calm going into the tie-break and tried to play my best tennis."

"I was glad at the end I could find the solutions."

Nervy Alcaraz had needed 32 minutes to win his first game in his first Wimbledon final as he lost the opening set 6-1.

This time he broke Djokovic in a breathless 14-minute opening service game - "That set the tone," the Serb admitted - and then sent down a 136mph serve in his first service game.

Alcaraz broke out-of-sorts Djokovic twice more in the second set to go 2-0 up after only 75 minutes. The only time the outcome was briefly in doubt was when Alcaraz served for the match at 5-4 in the third

set. He missed three Championship points, ending with a fan shouting out as Alcaraz waited for a service return before missing a swing volley. It was the first and last time Djokovic broke his serve.

Alcaraz said: "It was not the time to be bad or be down."

He recovered to play a brilliant tiebreak, producing a ridiculous forehand drop shot to set up three more Championship points - and took the first when Djokovic's backhand service return hit the net.

● Alfie Hewett secured an emotional first wheelchair singles title, beating Spain's Martin De La Puente 6-2 6-3.

The Brit erased the memory of last year's defeat to Tokito Oda and said: "I'm speechless."

Djokovic: I was inferior - the best man won

NOVAK DJOKOVIC has targeted Olympic and US Open success after admitting Carlos Alcaraz was the "deserved" Wimbledon winner.

The Serbian superstar said: "I was inferior on the court," said the Serbian superstar. "He was the better player from the beginning till the end."

Djokovic had been out to equal Roger Federer's male record of eight Wimbledon singles titles - and become the oldest champion aged 37. It was also his latest bid to set a new record of 25 Grand Slam singles titles.

But after only undergoing knee surgery on June 5, he was simply not ready for the barrage of big serves and forehands unleashed by the 21-year-old Alcaraz.

It was a miracle he reached his 37th Grand Slam final. But classy Djokovic said: "He was a better player. He played every single shot better than I did."

"I guess it was inevitable for him to win today, he was just coming out on the court with a better quality tennis. He really outplayed me."

"Of course my preparation for Wimbledon wasn't as I would have normally prepared myself."

"I was just half a step behind him in every sense. That's the reality I have to accept at the moment. Hopefully things can be different next time I play him."

"The Olympic Games and US Open are the two big goals for the rest of the year."



MASTERS BID O'Sullivan

Ronnie ready to go four it again in China

SNOOKER

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN is bidding to win a fourth straight Shanghai Masters title this week.

The Rocket, 48, beat Luca Brecel 11-9 to seal a fine hat-trick and bag a cool £210,000 last season.

And the world No.5 said: "I love playing here in China, they are very big tournaments to play in. I love China more every time I come."

O'Sullivan kicks off his title challenge in the last 16 tomorrow while Scot John Higgins faces Lyu Haotian in the first round today - the winner facing Judd Trump.

Mark Allen will play his first match since becoming world No.1 on Wednesday and world champion Kyren Wilson starts against either Barry Hawkins or Zhou Yuelong.



GRUELLING CLIMB Pogacar

Tadej's Tour revolution on Bastille Day

UPDATE

TADEJ POGACAR climbed to victory in scorching heat on the gruelling 15th stage of the Tour de France to keep the yellow jersey.

The marathon stage was nearly 124 miles long with four big climbs before a race up to Plateau de Beille.

Slovenian Pogacar, who soloed to victory on stage 14, left Jonas Vingegaard behind to win by one minute eight seconds.

He said: "I usually struggle with heat but the team did a really good job cooling me down."

RUGBY: Scotland Under-20s crashed to a 37-7 defeat to Ireland on the final day of the Women's Six Nations Summer Series.

Coach Claire Cruikshank said: "I don't think we put in our best performance. We're gutted."

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for the first since her triumph in New York.

Krejcikova said: "It must have been hard for Emma to win a Grand Slam so young with the expectations and all that."

"Me, I was 25 and it was good timing. I was able to manage it and carry on having

good results and got to be No.2 in the world.

"You have to be able to be a leader. Some have that in them. Others are followers."

"We sometimes have the impression that PR agencies decide who is going to be a leader. Some take it on, but that can kill others. But I ask

myself: 'do we worry about the quality of tennis or your status on social media?'"

The Williams sisters won 12 of the first 17 Wimbledons this century but Krejcikova is the eight consecutive different women's singles winner at Wimbledon.

Krejcikova, who will partner

Katerina Siniakova, said: "It's exciting. Ladies tennis right now is good. I like it this way - it is very unpredictable and different".

Her Grand Slam finals results are more predictable as she's won 12 of 13 with seven women's doubles and three mixed doubles titles.

CZECH MARK Krejcikova with Wimbledon title



COUNTDOWN TO CAMPAIGN



ON FORM James Wade

James set to Wade in for the big titles again

DARTS

JAMES WADE insists he's far from finished after he booked an all-English Winter Gardens showdown with Nathan Aspinall.

Wade, who has won 10 major titles, was a late qualifier for the Betfred World Matchplay Championship in Blackpool.

But 'The Machine' was in slick form as he beat Dutch star Danny Noppert 10-5 to book a second round clash with Aspinall.

And 17 years on from winning the title, Wade – who was previously diagnosed with mental health condition bipolar – says people should write him off at their peril.

He said: "As I've said a million times, I wasn't very well. I haven't been very well for a long time.

"I've only just got over it pretty much. I was number three in the world up until two years ago.

"There are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes that a lot of people don't see.

"It's not been a clear cut thing with what you see with my rankings.

"I don't believe I've played particularly badly for the last 18 months. For the last three or four months I definitely haven't."

Dimitri van den Bergh, the 2020 champion, Winter Gardens wild with a sensational nine-darter on his way to a 10-6 win over Martin Schindler.

Belgian star van den Bergh hit the perfect leg to go 4-3 up and could not hide his delight.

He said: "I am in disbelief. I am always giving my heart and my soul. I never give up. From the very first dart I want to be a winner."

It was a sensational second day in Blackpool with Rob Cross beating Dutchman Gian van Veen 13-12 in one of the greatest matches on this stage.

CARLOS TAKES CROWN

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NUMBER 27 CLUB Boyce fires home for the Jambos

I've found my form figures

LIAM BOYCE knows his numbers just haven't added up over the past two seasons.

Now the striker is hoping a superstitious change of shirt can help put his injury woes behind him and rediscover his prolific scoring form for Hearts.

Boyce has been plagued by misfortune since suffering cruciate knee damage which sidelined him for most of the 2022-23 campaign.

Last season then saw major hamstring issues restrict him to just 10 starts and one goal for the Gorgie side.

But the Northern Ireland international hit the ground running on Saturday as he grabbed Jambos' goal in the first pre-



NEW START Naismith

Boyce reckons shirt number change can spark scoring run

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STEPHEN HALLIDAY AT TYNECASTLE

season friendly against Leyton Orient at Tynecastle.

Boyce has worn the No.10 jersey for the club in previous years but emerged at the weekend with 27 on his back.

The 33-year-old revealed that summer negotiations with his team-mates have finally seen him reunited with a number which holds huge personal significance.

Boyce said: "I have 27 tattooed on me. It was my first number in

senior football when I broke through at Cliftonville as a teenager. Any club I've been at since then, I've taken the number 27 if it was available.

"When I came to Hearts, Lewis Moore then Connor Smith had it. I'm not the type to say 'I want that number, you're not having it'. When the squad numbers were being allocated last week, wee James Wilson got it but it was the first day so I asked him if he minded me having it.

"I've been telling Barrie McKay for two years that he can have the No.10, which he wanted, if he can help sort me getting 27!

"But he was the same as me, he didn't want to force

anyone out of their number. This is the first opportunity I've had to get 27 and it has started well.

"Hopefully it keeps giving me good luck because 10 hasn't been good to me for the last couple of years!"

Boyce admits he struggled to cope with his absence for large parts of last season as Steven Naismith's side finished third and secured guaranteed European group stage football this year.

He said: "It was tough to take. I was just sitting watching the games and it's hard to take when you are not helping the team. I missed so much and the team played so well.

"I was a bit gutted because I'd never had a muscle injury which needed an operation. It's the hardest thing, not being able to help your

team-mates, and that's what drives you on. Pre-season has been massive for me this time. I haven't sat out any sessions or rested.

"I've been able to do it all without any worries and I can go into the games now ready to attack the season."

Over 10,000 fans saw Boyce give Hearts an early lead before their English League One opponents hit back with goals from Jordan Brown and Diallang Jaiyesimi.

Naismith's men will step up their preparations ahead of their competitive opener at home to Rangers on August 3 when they welcome Ange Postecoglou's Spurs to Tynecastle on Wednesday.

Boyce said: "It's good to get up and running and playing a team like Tottenham will stand us in good stead."

played a key role in former Sheffield Wednesday pal Dennis Adernian joining him in Paisley.

He said: "I've been close friends with Dennis since we were 16. He called me saying he was thinking about coming here and I tried to sell the club to him.

"He's a great player and he brings a lot of positivity."

And he revealed how he also

coming back. It's a massive opportunity now to show how good I believe I am as a player.

"We've got Europe coming up. Everyone has got the same buzz." Brown played his part as Saints twice came from behind against Fleetwood with goals from Oisín Smyth and Lewis Jamieson.

And he revealed how he also

JADEN KEEN TO BE RETURNING HERO

JADEN BROWN jumped at the chance to sign for St Mirren, despite playing just eight times on loan there last season.

The 25-year-old returned to provide competition for Scott Tanser – and with the first choice injured, is making the most of his chance to impress.

He said: "I've never been in a

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BY KYLE GUNN

place where I want to do so well for my team-mates."

"We've got no egos. Everyone works hard and wants to push each other on.

"I didn't think twice about

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TAKING CHANCE Brown



BOOTROOM

DAILY POLL

IS Kasper Schmeichel the right choice to replace Joe Hart as Celtic's new keeper?

QUICK QUIZ ?

- 1 Who won the 2024 Wimbledon women's singles title?
- 2 Which clubs did Harry Kane play for on loan during his Tottenham career?
- 3 Duncan Goodhew won gold in 100m breaststroke at which Olympics?
- 4 What is the name of Scottish Premiership club Hibs' home ground?
- 5 Name the last South African to win The Open Championship?
- 6 Which US state has produced the most NBA players - California, Florida or Texas?
- 7 Which international rugby team are nicknamed The Lelos?
- 8 How many hurdles are there in a men's 110 metres hurdles race?
- 9 Which club does England footballer Lauren Hemp play for?
- 10 Which sport do Neah Evans and Josie Knight compete in?

ON THIS DAY



2018: France won the men's football World Cup for a second time after beating Croatia 4-2 in the final in Moscow.

TV SPORT

FOOTBALL: Euro Under-19s Group A - Northern Ireland v Ukraine (BBC iPlayer, 7pm), Italy v Norway (3.30pm, UEFA.com); Friendly - Ferencvaros v West Ham (3pm, YouTube), Sevilla v Orlando Pirates (Premier Sports 1, 8pm).
TENNIS: Live action from the WTA and ATP Tours (Sky Sports Main Event, 9.30am).
DARTS: World Matchplay from Blackpool (Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Action, 7pm).
SNOOKER: Shanghai Masters (Eurosport 2, 7am and 12.30pm).
HORSE RACING: Race Day Live (Sky Sports Racing, 1.30pm).

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PREMIER SPORTS CUP

DREAM DEBUT
 Kofi Balmer made an instant impact



I CAN BE PAT TRICK HERO

French lessons from legend can help Well new boy Kofi

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MICHAEL BAILLIE AT FIR PARK

MOTHERWELL new recruit Kofi Balmer reckons practice sessions with World Cup winner Patrick Vieira can help him flourish at Fir Park.

The Northern Irish defender joined the Steelmen in the summer from Crystal Palace and headed in the opener on his debut in their 3-0 Premier Sports Cup win over Edinburgh City.

French superstar Vieira signed the 23-year-old two years ago from Larne, took him under his wing in their training sessions and included him on the bench for Premier League games.

And Balmer admits playing two-touch with Vieira was a massive learning experience that will stand him in good stead to kick on at Well.

Balmer said: "Patrick Vieira is a massive name in football worldwide, he's won big trophies, everything, so going into Palace and having that sort of person teaching you and keeping you right every day in training was something you don't really expect."

"Before every training session he was constantly working on me, quick feet, games of two-touch to get me moving quicker."

"Two-touch with Patrick was difficult as he was ruthless but I was only ever going to learn from it. It was amazing to be involved in."

"I appreciate everything he did for me, he gave me the chance to be involved with the first team at Palace and be on the

bench. That really helped me to progress."

Balmer spent last season on loan at Port Vale and AFC Wimbledon but hopes his move to the Premiership can help him fulfil his international ambitions.

The 23-year-old has been called up by Northern Ireland but has yet to make his debut.

But having seen the likes of Steven Davis shine in Scotland's top flight, he believes playing at this level rather than English League Two will enhance his chances of an international breakthrough.

He said: "When I was on loan at Wimbledon, I don't think I really had a chance for international call-ups."

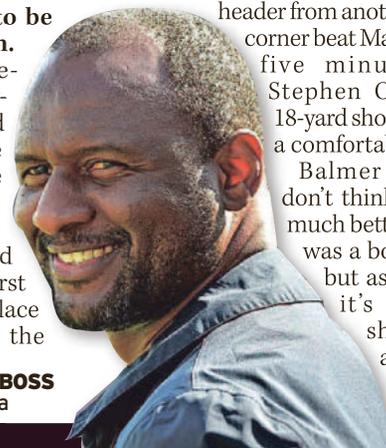
"But here you are playing against brilliant players every week and that gives me a really great chance, depending on my performances, of getting into the international team."

"Scottish football is underrated, people write it off in England but coming up it's been quality. Plenty of players who have been there and done it played here and had brilliant careers for Northern Ireland, like Steven Davis."

Balmer went close to opening the scoring when his header smacked the post but two minutes before the break he edged Motherwell ahead when he headed home Andy Halliday's corner.

Dan Casey doubled Well's lead after 56 minutes as his header from another Halliday corner beat Mark Weir and five minutes later Stephen O'Donnell's 18-yard shot completed a comfortable win.

Balmer added: "I don't think it can get much better. The goal was a bonus for me but as a defender it's the clean sheet, that's all you're looking for."



BIG-NAME BOSS
 Patrick Vieira



GLOVE BATTLE Kelleher

KELLEHER'S ALL-IN ON REDS FIGHT

CAOIMHIN KELLEHER insists he's not giving up the fight to be Liverpool's No.1.

The 25-year-old keeper has played understudy to Allison at the Anfield club and was linked with a move to Celtic in a bid to get first-team football.

That desire was echoed by new Republic of Ireland

BY **MARK McCADDEN**

manager Heimur Hallgrímsson with the Cork goalie at a real crossroads in his career.

Kelleher made 26 first-team appearances for the Reds last season, lifting the Carabao Cup along the way, and is eager to build on that in the

upcoming campaign - but his Brazilian team-mate is likely to retake the gloves at Pool.

Kelleher, though, said: "I had a lot of games last season, which was really good. So just looking to do the same really and keep the same level of performance as well."

"It's been such a long time

now since I came over when I was 16. Time flies, I've enjoyed every minute here, to be fair."

"I want to keep on that upward trajectory. It's been really enjoyable, I'm looking to push on. The sessions are intense and the gaffer's pushes us, which is always good. It has been really enjoyable so far."

PREMIER SPORTS CUP



FINISHING DUTCH Dylan Vente makes it 2-0 for Hibs

DANGER ZONE SUITS TREBLE HERO DYLAN

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ALASDAIR FRASER AT BOROUGH BRIGGS

DYLAN VENTE believes he's ready to repay new boss David Gray's faith in playing him as an out-and-out striker.

The Dutchman tucked away an opening day hat-trick in a dynamic striking display against Elgin.

Often fielded deeper as a square peg in a round hole last season under Nick Montgomery, Vente lost confidence and form through big chunks of the campaign.

But he feels the treble sunk in the five-goal rout is vindication for Gray's belief in him as a natural No.9 and insists Hibs can benefit from him getting in the danger zone more.

Vente said: "Last year was a bit frustrating for me. It was not the season I wanted to have but I am happy I played today like a real striker.

"I feel that's my position and hopefully this season I'll get more in the positions where I want to be.

"Last year, I was playing deeper and had to run like crazy. I am happy with the coach - he has told me to play as a striker and that's where I want to play.

"I know it's my quality to be in the box and score goals so hopefully this season will bring that.

"We know you have to win these games, no matter how early it is in the season. It's our first competitive game after a hard pre-season, so it's a good way to start."

Martin Boyle provided two assists for Vente's hat-trick as well as getting on the scoresheet himself and the Rotterdam-born

frontman was grateful for the good supply.

He said: "Boyle is quick and, as a striker, it's good to have players like that around you. He creates things out of nothing."

Debut defender Marvin Ekpiteta, picked up from Blackpool, scored and impressed along with fellow new boy Warren O'Hora (ex-MK Dons) in central defence along with new keeper Josif Bursik, on loan from Club Brugge.

Vente added: "The new guys did well, our two new central defenders and the goalkeeper kept a clean sheet and that's a really good start."

Hibs looked lively, fluent and confident from the off. They opened the scoring in the eighth minute with teenager Rudi Allan-Molotnikov slipping in Boyle whose driven cross was bundled home by Vente close-in.

Elgin were hit on the break in the 43rd minutes as Vente nodded in his second from Jordan Obita's left-wing cross.

Ekpiteta celebrated a debut goal when he headed in Molotnikov's cross from the left on 50.

Boyle then took a Josh Campbell pass to advance and drill home a superb fourth four minutes later.

It was 5-0 on 58 with Vente completing his hat-trick with another simple header from a Boyle corner of the left.

Elgin boss Allan Hale felt they contained the team from three leagues above well until a bad spell after the break and said: "We just got a bit ragged."

Sokler's ready to step in if Bo goes

BY FRASER WILSON

GRAEME SHINNIE hopes Bojan Miovski sticks around at Aberdeen - but reckons Ester Sokler is ready to fill the goal machine's boots should the Dons accept a big-money bid.

Bologna lead interest in the North Macedonian who has struck 44 goals in two seasons.

And clubs in England, Germany and Italy are also monitoring the £6million-rated hitman's situation.

New boss Jimmy Theelin admitted he left Miovski out of his first matchday squad against Queen of the South on Saturday after a chat with the 25-year-old who is due to report for training at Cormack Park this morning.

But Sokler was played at Palmerston and responded with a deadly first-half double.

Skipper Shinnie hopes Miovski's still at Pittodrie beyond August and said: "Of course. Bojan was a big player for us last season. But football is football and I've been in it long enough to know players come and go.

"It was important Ester got on the scoresheet knowing if Bojan does depart then Ester is ready to go. It's important as a squad players are ready."

Sokler netted four times in 40 - mainly off the bench - at Pittodrie last year after signing from Radomlje in his homeland.

Two came in the last four weeks including a dramatic late equaliser against Celtic in the Scottish Cup semi-final.

Shinnie said: "It was hard last season for Ester with Bojan doing as well as he did. This will be a big season for him."



LAST MINUTE SHINN

ROUND-UP CAMPBELL HAILS FIFERS'

IAN CAMPBELL hailed hat-trick hero Alan Trouten as East Fife shocked Championship Morton 3-0.

Trouten, 38, grabbed a quickfire double in the first half before securing the match ball with a

curling finish early in the second period. Fifers No.2 Campbell said: "Alan is a really skilful player so all credit to him and the whole team."

New Queen's Park signing Zak Rudden scored the opener before

turning provider to set up Roddy MacGregor, as the Spiders overpowered Peterhead 5-0.

Jason Brown had a goal chopped off for the Balmoor side before Spiders' Zach Mauchin and

Liam McLeish made it 4-0 - and Brown put the ball into his own net.

Second-half goals from Liam Sole and Robbie Muirhead guided Livingston to a 2-0 win over Forfar at Station Park. And Aidan

ALL THE WEEKEND ACTION

WE'LL CAREY ON WINNING

» BRECHIN.....1
» ST JOHNSTONE..2
BY FRASER MACKIE

GRAHAM CAREY reckons new owner Adam Webb's takeover can help St Johnstone's season take off.

The veteran Irishman says spirits have lifted on and off the park since the American's deal was sealed. Webb watched as Craig Levein's side beat Brechin to get their competitive season off to a flyer.

Carey cracked home from the penalty spot in first-half injury-time and new skipper Kyle Cameron doubled the lead with a 25-yard beauty.

Brechin sub Spencer Moreland's response was too late to give Webb worries. The Atlanta-based lawyer was unveiled in Perth as the club's majority shareholder last week.

Carey believes the stability is a boost to all at the club, including the playing staff. He said: "The new owner came down to training on Tuesday and said hello to everyone. Not

that we were all focused on the club being sold but it's good him coming in means everything is settled now.

"The uncertainty is gone, now we can look forward to the future.

"He's been speaking positively about where he wants to take the club and we're all in the same boat. That can only be good for the fans and everyone else."

There's already one improvement on the park from 12 months ago - victory on opening day in the Premier Sports Cup.

Saints had a sorry group stage last season, losing to Stenhousemuir, Ayr and Stirling Albion. Three points was all that mattered as their Highland League hosts made it tough.

Carey said: "Last year we got off on the wrong vibe and found it hard to get momentum going into the league. We were in a kind of negative head space.

"We're not short of bodies, so we look good in that area. Hopefully we kick on, get through the group and have a good season."

WHITE LEADS BY EXAMPLE

» STRANRAER....1
» ROSS COUNTY..3
BY DAVID REID

JORDAN WHITE was given the Ross County captain's armband by Don Cowie and led by example as his first-half brace helped the Highlanders to victory over Stranraer.

Whether the Staggies talisman gets appointed skipper permanently remains unclear but the striker has backed himself and fellow forwards to fill the void left by the departures of Yan Dhandu and Simon Murray to Dundee.

White said: "We always back ourselves, I don't think that's a problem - I've always backed myself.

"Eamonn Brophy has as well, you've got Alex Samuel and Ronan Hale is coming in as well. We have good pedigree there and it's not an issue for us, you need competition. "We want to build on the end of the season last year,

it was good the way we ended it but we don't want to be there again.

"We need to do our talking on the pitch. Nobody is getting carried away, myself included.

"I'm always honoured to be given the armband, thankfully the gaffers trusted me to do that, I can only thank him for that.

"It's not just having an armband and being a leader, a lot of leaders are in the changing room."

"We know exactly what the gaffer wants so we need to go and deliver that for him, we have a good mentality in the team, everybody's been at it."

White netted the opener in the sixth minute, latching onto a Scott Allardice ball and added a second in the 32nd minute, getting on the end of a James Brown cross.

Stranraer pulled one back nine minutes from time through Deryn Lang before County sealed the win a few minutes later as Brophy headed home.



BEST OF EST Sokler heads Dons' opener then celebrates second, right, after goal from Shinnie, main

GRAEME SHINNIE was preparing to head north to Nairn for the weekend after being told he was banned for Aberdeen's season opener.

But a late pardon thanks to a new SFA directive meant the Dons skipper was free to jump on the team bus in the opposite direction - and help dish out a cup punishment to Queen of the South.

Shinnie's appearance at Palmerston raised eyebrows after his name accidentally appeared on a list of suspensions for clocking up three bookings in last season's League Cup.

However, Hampden rules mean bans not involving red cards are now wiped out over the summer allowing the 32-year-old to lead the Dons out in Dumfries and grab a fantastic second goal.

Shinnie rolled back the years when the ball broke to him inside a congested Queens box midway through the first half before he beat two men and slotted into the corner of the net.

But he might have been robbed of his magic moment had Pittodrie officials not been on the ball with the rule change.

Shinnie said: "I got told this week I was suspended. I had a weekend in Nairn planned then had to unplan my plans because I was unsuspended!

"I don't know if they wiped it out or whatever they did, it is understandable and the right way to do it.

"If I got sent off last season fair enough but three yellow cards in a previous season they should get wiped.

"Start afresh in the new season is the sensible way. I had one of

Dons skipper fires back to help get Thelin off to flier - after ban binned by new rule

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FRASER WILSON AT PALMERSTON

those goals chalked off against Ross County last year so I was just making sure it wasn't a fluke and that I could do it again!

"It was good to get a goal and to start the game in the way that we did.

"That is important in these sorts of games as it calmed us down and we played some good stuff in the first half."

Aberdeen were a joy to watch in the opening 45 minutes as Jimmy Thelin got his reign off to a flier with a comfortable 3-0 win over League One Queens.

With transfer-linked Bojan Miovski sitting this one out and AWOL Duk the subject of internal disciplinary proceedings it was left to Ester Sokler to step up to lead the line.

And the Slovenian showed plenty to suggest that he can replace Pittodrie's talisman should Miovski be offski.

Sokler nodded in the first goal of the Thelin era after just six minutes when Shayden Morris burst down the right flank and clipped over a perfect cross for the striker to head home from eight yards.

Shinnie doubled the

lead in the 23rd minute with his solo effort before Sokler added his second shortly before half-time, firing home from six yards after Jamie McGrath and Leighton Clarkson had combined well on the left.

Benjamin Luissint struck a post for Queens after the break and Nicky Devlin did likewise for the Dons.

But Thelin's men held out for a comfortable win with Sivert Nilsen one of four debutants alongside Dimitar Mitov, Gavin Molloy and sub Peter Ambrose.

And asked what the new boss Thelin was demanding from his team,

Shinnie said: "High intensity. We've had a short space of time to work but it's been intense.

"Saturday was a good starting point although there is still a long way to go.

"We will have to check what we did right and what we did wrong. And to learn because it's been a short space of time but it has been really good so far.

"Last season was a hard one because we went through quite a few transitions with changes in management."

"It's a fresh start, a fresh era. Coming back in pre-season it was learning the manger and the staff's way and what they expect from us and demand from us.

"We've taken to it although we are still learning. We've worked hard on both ends of the pitch."

Shinnie anchored the midfield with new boy Nilsen, who signed on Thursday from SK Brann, in the absence of Dante Polvara who faces a lengthy spell on the sidelines with a hamstring tear.

He added: "Siv has just come in and we only had one day and then a four-hour journey down to Queen of the South which was good to get to know him.

"It's gutting Dante was injured but good Siv has come in and we'll fill that void straight away.

"Building partnerships is important.

"Siv is a competitive battler like myself and good to have next to me if I want to get forward and try and get some goals.

"Knowing that he will be there behind me is good and likewise if he wants to go forward then we can balance off each other."

"It's a fresh start. We've taken to it but are still learning"

GRAEME SHINNIE ON NEW BOSS JIMMY THELIN



STARTER TO SAVOUR New Dons manager Thelin after win

TROUTEN AFTER HAT-TRICK

Connolly bagged a hat-trick as Raith won 3-0 at Stirling Albion.

Dunfermline won 3-0 at League Two Spartans after Lewis McCann fired in a 20-yard fifth-minute cracker. Kane Ritchie-Hosler made

it 2-0 eight minutes from time before Taylor Sutherland sealed the win.

Annan defeated Inverness 1-0 thanks to Tommy Goss's first-half header. Michael Anderson hit a brace as Stenhousemuir beat

Buckie 4-0. And East Kilbride keeper David Wilson saved a penalty then converted the winner to beat Dumbarton 4-2 in a shootout after drawing 1-1.

LIVI GOAL HERO Muirhead



PREMIER SPORTS CUP ALL THE WEEKEND ACTION



BAIRN WINNERS
MacIver, left, mobbed after goal No.2 and debut star Adams, below

RAISING THE BARISTA

Keelan's gone from flat white to right-back & now centre-half

KEELAN ADAMS used to work as a barista with Costa Coffee.

But on Saturday, the 22-year-old had Falkirk fans licking their lips in appreciation of a debut he could only have dreamed about.

Just last season, Adams was playing for Cumbernauld Colts in the Lowland League but after being snapped up by Bairns boss John McGlynn, he's relishing the challenge of Championship football with the League One title-winning invincibles.

Usually a right-back, Adams was slotted in at centre-half because of defensive injury problems that saw Coll Donaldson and Tom Lang sidelined.

He strolled through the match showing a calm authority as second-half goals from Dylan Tait and Ross MacIver ensured classy Bairns got their Cup campaign off to a flying start against a hugely disappointing Dundee United.

And Adams said: "It was really good. It was my first time playing in front of a big crowd and I managed to put on a wee bit of a show.

"United are a very good side who won the championship last

» FALKIRK.....2 DUNDEE UTD.....0

JOHN DOCHERTY AT FALKIRK STADIUM

season but we know that we have good players as well.

"We thought that if we went at them - we could do well and everyone stepped up their game.

"This is the biggest crowd I've played in front of and the biggest opposition."

Adams admitted it was a big step up but one he took in his stride.

He said: "The intensity is much higher. You can actually feel it, I was breathing more heavily.

"It was great playing in front of the fans today. The crowd in my last game was probably 20-odd!"

"The pre-season matches with Falkirk were great but this felt like a level up. And the fans got right behind us."

Adams has got a smart head on his young shoulders after studying history and politics at Glasgow University.

He added "I graduated and wanted to then take a step up in football.

"I was previously working part-time as a barista in Costa

Coffee. I stayed fit and I focused on my football.

"I made sure I went to the gym and being here has been great.

"It's been a jump up but I believed that I could do it and I have proven that I can."

United defender Kevin Holt said: "We are all disappointed in ourselves, in the way that we played.

"It wasn't an ideal start. We had the same last season, losing on the opening day against Spartans, and it was nowhere near good enough again.

"It's up to the players to make sure we put that right and get out of this group."

Falkirk imposed themselves from the start with Calvin Miller's strike thumping the crossbar in the

opening minute. United's best chance came early on when Glen Middleton knocked the ball wide.

But a right-footed strike from Tait gave Falkirk their just reward before Callum Morrison struck the woodwork.

And a second from MacIver completed a highly satisfactory day's work for the Bairns.

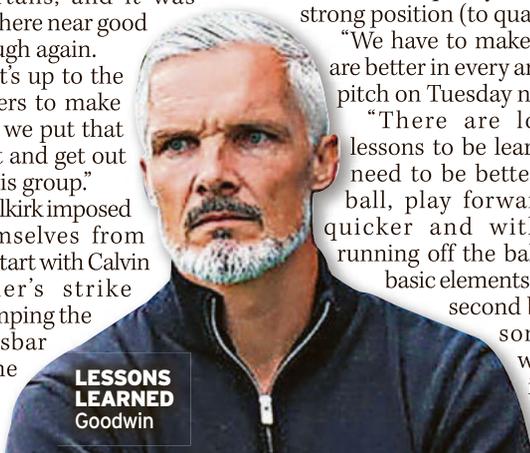
Goodwin hopes tomorrow's second Group B fixture at home to Stenhousemuir can offer a swift chance of redemption.

He told United TV: "In this group stage, you can afford to lose a game and if you win your next three it puts you in a very strong position (to qualify).

"We have to make sure we are better in every area of the pitch on Tuesday night.

"There are loads of lessons to be learned. We need to be better on the ball, play forward a bit quicker and with more running off the ball. Those basic elements, we were

second best, it is something we will improve at."



LESSONS LEARNED
Goodwin



TREBLE HIT Main after helping fire Dundee to thumping win

DEE'S MAIN MAN CURTIS HAS A BALL

» BONNYRIGG..1 DUNDEE..7

MARK WALKER AT NEW DUNDAS PARK

CURTIS MAIN helped blitz Bonnyrigg Rose as he got off the mark in style for Dundee with a hat-trick.

Now he's desperate to link up with new star signing Simon Murray because he reckons they'll terrorise Premiership defenders as a strikeforce.

Main hadn't previously netted for Dundee but changed that in dramatic fashion with three goals, as Lyall Cameron grabbed a double along with goals from Antonio Portales and Ryan Astley. Smart Osadolor netted a consolation for the hosts.

The Tayside men could have hit double figures such was their superiority at New Dundas Park - and all done without Murray, who notched 23 goals last season for Ross County, an unused sub.

And former St Mirren, Motherwell and Aberdeen striker Main, 32, said: "Absolutely I could play alongside Simon.

"Over the course of our careers, you can see what we can both offer and we'd be a nightmare for opposition defenders.

"It's about getting that cohesion with a fellow striker, someone who is new in the door and who I have never played with.

"He will be a great compliment to what we already have. There's a little bit of differences in our styles of play so it is all positive.

"Competition breeds quality because you have to be on your toes. There

have been many times in my career where I've been sharing a dressing room with quality players and the opposition can't handle it.

"When you look around and see there are two or three ready to play in every position, it's just something that comes with the territory.

"Simon coming in will be a big boost to everyone around the place. Hopefully, we can integrate him into the squad as soon as possible and he'll be a great addition to what is already here."

Main is convinced Tony Docherty has built an even stronger squad than the one who finished in the top half last term.

Almost a year to the day, Dundee also played away at Bonnyrigg at the same stage of the competition and laboured to a 1-0 win - but were utterly dominant here.

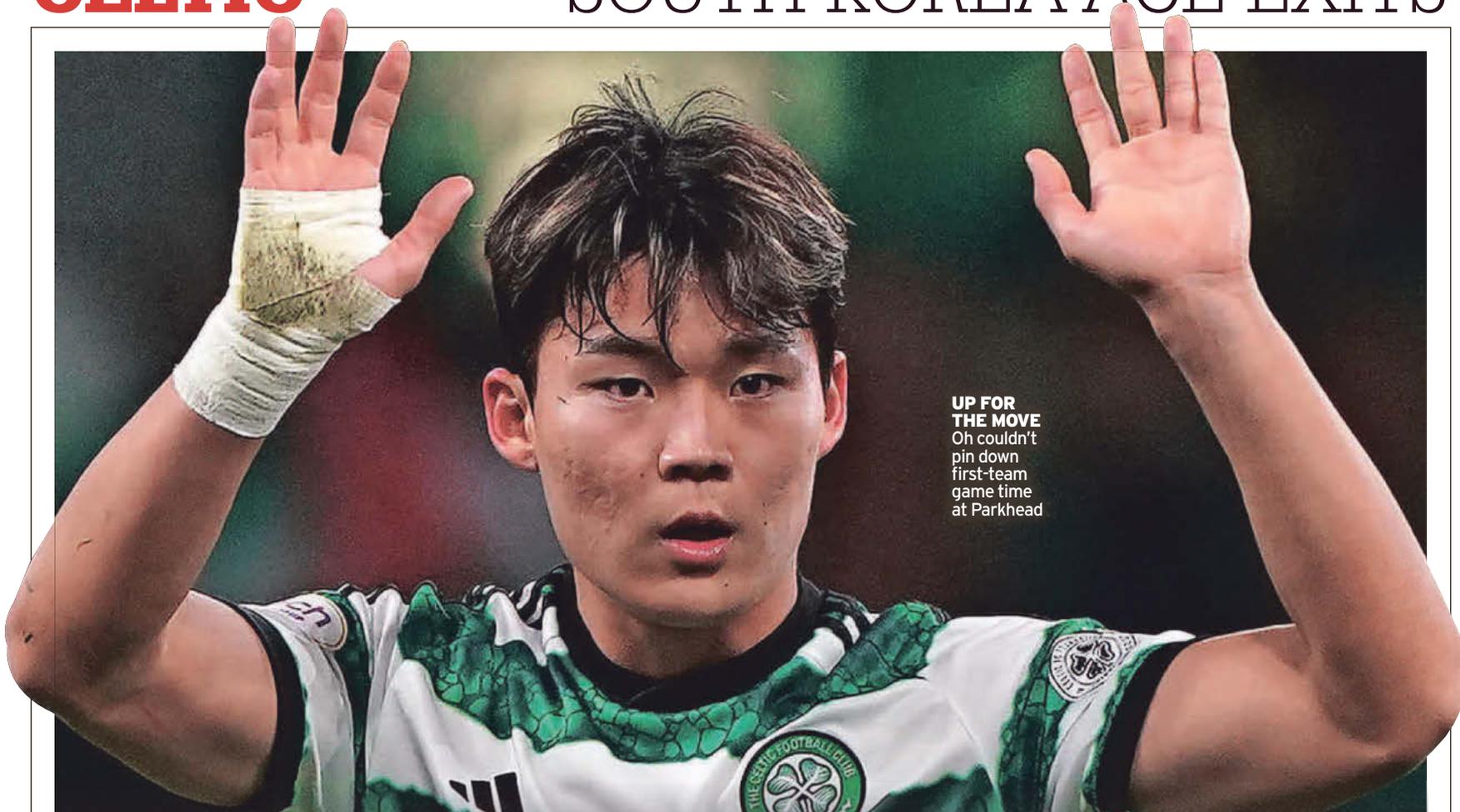
And Main added: "The team performance was exactly what was needed. The first game in the group stages of the League Cup can be tricky sometimes but we all applied ourselves brilliantly.

"To get off the mark in the first game of the season with three goals was amazing for me. But it's all about consistency.

"Hopefully, we can build on this. It's early days. We had a strong season last season but Cup competitions are something we're looking to improve."

CELTIC

SOUTH KOREA ACE EXITS



UP FOR THE MOVE
Oh couldn't pin down first-team game time at Parkhead

I HAD TO OH MY OWN WAY

Striker swaps Parkhead for Genk as Hoops cash in

Jota's got a Blanc slate

CELTIC record transfer sale Jota has been handed a chance to prove himself again after his Saudi Arabian club named Laurent Blanc boss. The Portuguese winger has failed to establish himself at Al-Ittihad since his £25million move last summer and made just nine league starts. He looked certain to be on his way out of Al-Ittihad with the club needing to reduce their foreign quota - with an unlikely return to Celtic touted - but he'll be given a second chance under ex-France gaffer Blanc, who has removed Jota from the transfer list.

HYEON-GYU OH has revealed Genk was the only team he wanted to play for as the Belgian side sealed his transfer out of Glasgow - and Celtic made a profit.

BY ALAN GALINDO

Genk struck a deal with the Hoops to snap up the 23-year-old after just 18 months in Scotland.

Belgian Pro League side believed to be £3.5m-plus.

Oh signed a four-year deal with his new club and after putting pen to paper, he said: "KRC Genk is a team that has a lot of experience in training young players."

"When the interest became concrete, my choice was immediately clear. I cannot wait to show myself."

Head of football Dimitri de Conde is delighted with their capture and he said: "Hyeon-gyu is a striker with a nose for goals. He is a quick player who, thanks to his stature, also offers a strong presence in the box."

Celtic confirmed the South Korea forward's exit in a short social media post that said: "Hyeon-gyu Oh has joined Genk on a permanent transfer. Best of luck, Oh." The player

leaves Celtic having won two Premiership titles, two Scottish Cups and one League Cup. During his time in Scotland, he netted 12 goals in 47 appearances.

Meanwhile, incoming Celtic keeper Kasper Schmeichel will arrive in Scotland with a cool £67,000 windfall in his back pocket after being awarded compensation from a betting company.

The veteran Danish keeper is set to complete a medical this week and join up with the Hoops to replace retired keeper - and his former Manchester City team-mate - Joe Hart.

And he's received a financial bonus to help him adjust to his new club in Scotland.

Denmark's maritime and commercial court in Copenhagen ruled that Schmeichel and 22 other Danish sportsmen and women

should receive compensation from bet365 for using their names and photos on social media without consent.

The compensation levels were based on whose images had been used most by the bookmaker, with Manchester United star Christian Eriksen handed the biggest share.

Schmeichel was awarded £66,928 by the court - with Eriksen getting around three times that figure.

The ruling was a huge legal victory for the Danish players union who were also awarded court costs and said they'd made "judicial history" in Denmark.

OH SO HAPPY
Ex-Celt after signing in Belgium yesterday



EURO STAR Zirkzee yesterday

Man U seal £42.5m deal for Dutch ace Zirkzee

BY DAVID McDONNELL

MANCHESTER UNITED have confirmed the signing of Joshua Zirkzee from Bologna for £42.5million.

The Dutch forward, 23, has signed a contract until June 2029, with the option to extend for a further year.

The fee will be payable over three years after United triggered the striker's release clause.

Zirkzee was Bologna's top scorer last season and featured for Holland at Euro 2024, in their semi-final exit to England.

And he said: "I know how exciting the future is going to be here and I cannot wait to play my part in achieving success for Manchester United."

"I am a player who has always dedicated everything to winning. I'm ready for this next challenge, to go to another level in my career and win more trophies."

"It is a privilege to join such an iconic club."

Old Trafford sporting director Dan Ashworth said: "Securing a forward to enhance our already strong group of attacking players was a key aim for this summer."

"We're delighted we've managed to sign a player of Joshua's calibre this early in the transfer window."

"Joshua is an outstanding talent who is ready to make an impact for Manchester United. His ability and desire to grow into a world-class player means he will be a great addition to the squad that we are building for the exciting season ahead and beyond."

"Having already achieved a significant amount in his career, we'll provide Joshua with the perfect platform to reach the next level under the guidance and support of Erik ten Hag and the coaching staff. We look forward to seeing Joshua thrive."

A LAST MINUTE SHINN



RANGERS

THE MONDAY JURY



KEITH JACKSON



CRAIG SWAN



ANDY NEWPORT

1 So everyone's for sale at Ibrox except Jack Butland. Is this Clement's way of telling Tavernier and Goldson that their time is up?

Yes. Clement needs to put a new leadership group in place if he is to change the mindset in his dressing room. Tavernier and Goldson are at the heart of it. Todd Cantwell may also be persuaded to assess options elsewhere.

It certainly sounds like it. The situation at the moment means that, if the price is right, individuals will be allowed to leave.

It's him addressing the grim reality at Ibrox. Quite how the board has got itself in this position is mystifying. I'm not sure his Butland claim will stick. If someone comes in with offers over £10million, the keeper's off.

2 Celtic have got off to another slow start in the transfer market. Can they really afford not to back Brendan Rodgers with serious money?

It may get even more gloomy if Matt O'Riley leaves, which seems likely. But Celtic are not stupid or tone deaf. Rodgers has demanded an increase in quality and that's surely what he'll get. If not, there'll be hell to pay.

Celtic will have to get quality into the building because that is what the gaffer wants. And it seems likely he will get it.

You'd think they'd have learned their lesson by now. The fans have made it clear they expect big money to be spent. If they end up paying for frugality in the Champions League, there will be serious questions to be answered.

3 Dundee United lost to Falkirk in the Premier Sports Cup. Is this a freak result or a sign of a struggle to come back in the top flight?

It doesn't bode well for United but teething troubles are to be expected at this stage. The top flight will be all the better for having a robust Tannadice side this season. But Goodwin can't afford to get off to a slow start.

The Premier Sports Cup throws up funny results. Neighbours Dundee were knocked out at the group stage last season and they made the top six.

You can't read too much into results yet. Bosses often have to treat the group stage as part of pre-season. St Mirren lost to Montrose last year and managed a top-four finish so for now I'd go easy on Jim Goodwin.

4 Jimmy Thelin got off to a flyer as Aberdeen beat Queen of the South. What are your expectations for his Dons side this season?

Thelin is giving off good vibes already and his target has to be a top-three finish and European qualification. It does feel as if things might finally be on the up again at Pittodrie, and not before time.

They have to be better in the Premiership than last season, that is for sure. Thelin should surely manage that.

Top six at the very least, perhaps a European slot. With the budget the Swede has, anything less would be a failure.



EXCITED Arfield set to thrive

Arfield is back in pressure cooker

BY **DARREN JOHNSTONE**

SCOTT ARFIELD admits he is hoping Bolton can emulate the pressure he felt at Rangers.

The experienced midfielder has returned to the UK with Wanderers on an initial one-year deal following a year in the MLS with Charlotte.

Arfield, who won the league title and two domestic cup competitions in five years at Ibrox before heading to America last summer, admits a level of expectations from the fans was something he missed while he was in the States.

The 35-year-old said: "I had an amazing time over there and I'm so glad that I did it.

"But I just felt I needed pressure. I'm a player that needs that expectation. Being at a club like Rangers it's a necessity and drawing games is not good enough, never mind losing them.

"Over there, although the lifestyle and everything around it was absolutely magnificent, I felt as if there was something still missing in terms of this.

"So it certainly brings me back to it at a club of this size – knowing how many people come to home games and travel.

"I'm that sort of player. I feel after that year away – although I loved it – that's what's really brought me back here and hopefully I can repay everyone."

Arfield won promotion with Burnley and Huddersfield and is planning to help Bolton return to the English Championship.

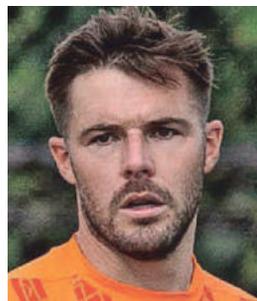
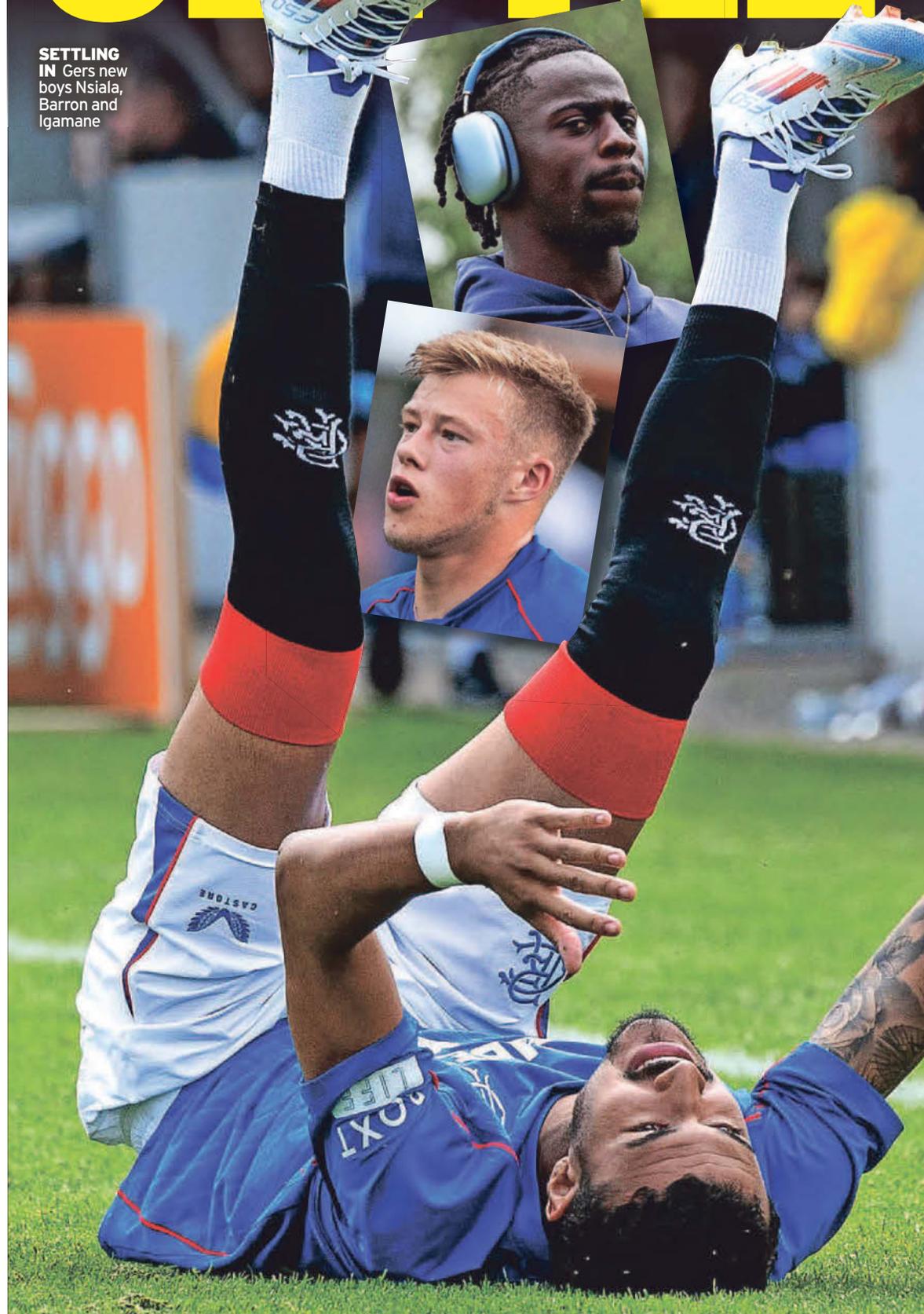
He added: "As you get older you realise it's not going to go on forever. You want special memories.

"You've tasted success in different ways, whether it's promotion or cups or whatever, and the happiness you can bring people is the one thing you remember.

"To bring it here is what my aim is going to be. I'm very excited to get started."

SETTLE

SETTLING IN Gers new boys Nsiala, Barron and Igamane



NO GO Goalie Jack Butland

PHIL: ALL MY PLAYERS

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to the Ibrox board to think twice before cashing in on the English keeper.

But Clement says skipper James Tavernier and vice-captain Connor Goldson could go if the price is right.

The rumour mill's been

churning all summer amid speculation the defensive stalwarts are being lined-up for a reunion with ex-Gers boss Steven Gerrard in Saudi Arabia.

Clement branded the claims "fake news". But the Belgian conceded if an interested suitor is willing

to pony up the required cash for the long-serving pair, they'll have to consider the offer.

And he admits that's the case for every member of his squad bar one – Butland. Clement first told his board to forget about selling the keeper in May

LATEST FROM TOUR

DETECTOR

BY ANDY NEWPORT IN ZWOLLE

THERE have been times during Ben Davies' stay in Glasgow where he's found himself lost without the need for translation.

So, the Rangers defender suggests, spare a thought for the new recruits who aren't native speakers as they attempt to sweet-talk their way into the hearts of the Ibrox faithful.

It's two years since Englishman Davies swapped a seat on the Liverpool bench for a place in the Ibrox firing line.

Striking up conversation with the Gers faithful during that period certainly hasn't been for the faint-hearted.

All too often, the chat has revolved around the club's repeated mis-steps and it's a discussion that has been getting plenty of airing this summer.

Chairman John Bennett may now have gone 654 days without conversing directly with the club's supporters but that hasn't stopped the Gers board from tripping over their own tongues when it comes to their handling of the shambolic construction cock-up at the Copland Road end.

With the transfer chatter also drying up, a sense of frustration is starting to sweep its way through the support as they look upon the mess Philippe Clement has been left to deal with ahead of the new season.

Amid all that doom and gloom, the boss is tasked with bedding in new recruits Connor Barron, Liam Kelly, Jefte, Clinton Nsiala and Hamza Igamane.

Barron and Kelly have the benefit of speaking the local lingo but Davies knows himself that being able to talk the talk isn't always enough to negotiate the challenges in Glasgow.

The former Preston defender

Davies admits the language barrier might not be Ibrox new boys' biggest problem

said: "I think it can easily take two years to settle in.

"I'm coming from England, you already speak the language and know about the club.

"You have got other players that don't speak the language, who are coming to a completely different country.

"I'm not saying that I haven't felt settled over the last two years, but I think the longer you are here ... the more you move about, it gets a bit bitty, you know what I mean?"

"When you feel settled, you feel more comfy, full-stop.

"If I'm getting like that, then what have you got with people that don't speak the language who are coming to this massive club with all the expectations?"

"The last few years haven't gone ideally, to say the least, so yeah it can take them time to settle. Everyone is different.

"Everyone knows the size of the club when they join. It is up to the individual to settle as quickly as they can. Then they deal with the pressure.

"That is the football club. It is not going to change and we don't want it to change."

You only need to switch on the radio or take a swipe through the increasingly-bitter exchanges on social media to gauge the anger brewing within the support.

But Davies reckons engaging in the increasingly-hostile debate over the club's future direction is a fruitless exercise for the playing squad.

After Saturday's 2-1

friendly defeat by Ajax in Holland, he said: "I don't pay attention to what everyone is saying - you can't afford to because it can be ruthless.

"Obviously there are going to be frustrations with the way the last couple of years have gone and it is up to us to be strong as a team and put in a strong season to keep everyone happy.

"That starts by getting through this pre-season and getting a strong start.

"August is an important month. The game [against Ajax] is good for us with the European qualifiers coming up, the (league) games starting and you have the cup as well.

"The last couple of years they must have been frustrated with only one trophy. We are all collectively trying to get that goal and win the league.

"Coming away on training camp, it is good to get the work in but it is also good to be together the whole time.

"You get to learn about the

new players and the friends that you have made over, for me, the last two years.

"You feel comfy around them now. We're all in it together and we are pushing for the best."

Davies' Gers career has been beset by injuries. Every time the 28-year-old has looked set to nail down a starting berth, he's found himself forced on to the sidelines by repeated niggles.

There's a number of players in Clement's squad who have dealt with similar setbacks, but having overhauled the club's medical department this summer, the Belgian is hoping to have solved the issue.

Davies is optimistic, too. He said: "It was only a short summer break - four weeks - which suits me in terms of getting back up to speed.

"Getting back into the rhythm is important. I want a full pre-season this year.

"The last couple of years it has been a bit up and down in terms of getting going.

"Once I get going I stay pretty fit, as a rule. I'm just trying to get the full pre-season and get myself in a fit position to start the season.

"We're only about halfway through pre-season so we're definitely still building towards that fitness and sharpness.

"And there are probably five or six lads similar to me.

"If everyone can get through pre-season and be strong and fit to start the season then the manager has as full a squad to pick from as possible.

"He showed last season he likes to rotate and keep everyone fresh and he spoke to me a few times in terms of not being able to give me as many minutes because he needed to rotate the team to keep everyone fresh.

"If he has a stronger base to start from then that would stand us in better stead."



FIT TO BURST Ben Davies is desperate to complete pre-season

HAVE A PRICE - EXCEPT FOR BUTLAND

but felt it was a point worth making again as he slapped a £30million price tag on the Ibrox No.1.

Before he flew home from the club's Dutch training camp, the Ibrox boss responded to questions on Tavernier and Goldson by saying: "There is a lot of

speculation in Glasgow - fake news. But it is part of being in Glasgow.

"If there is somebody coming with the right amount of money we will see, we will discuss.

"But you need to see, then you need to replace somebody and you need

enough money to replace them to make it better, otherwise it is also no use.

"There is only one player that is irreplaceable at the moment that I don't think a team will pay the money he is worth and that is Jack Butland. Everybody knows what I think about

that. Everybody who is here is part of my plans. Otherwise they would not be here.

"Every player falls into that category. Only Jack [does not]. If somebody comes with £30m or £40m you can replace him for that money. We will see."

Cyriel Dessers is among

those linked with a move away, with Italians Calgari last week reported to be interested, though downplayed by Gers chiefs.

But last year's 22-goal hitman is happy to remain and fight for his place. He said: "I am very happy here, so I'd like to stay."

Hotline

» ROBBIE COPELAND ANSWERS YOUR CALLS

IT was no sleepy Sunday on the Hotline as Rangers' friendly defeat to Ajax had the phones ringing off the hook.

And poor Jack Butland was getting it in the neck for his clanger as **Gordon Hendry, Ochiltree**, reckons Liam Kelly should be handed the gloves already.

He said: "A good workout for the Rangers players as well as some of our reserves against Ajax with Kelly an absolute standout.

"Butland must now be benched after his horror display. He's a good shot-stopper but vulnerable at low efforts around ground level - exactly the same as last season."

Tam Williamson, Lanarkshire, had some choice words for Philippe Clement as he said: "Just watched the Ajax v Rangers friendly and was delighted with what I witnessed!

"All the duds from last season are there for the long term as no clubs are prepared to part with ANY loose change to sign them. Big Phil is living in a fantasy world of his own making.

"He was exposed as deluded in Monaco and brought that club to its knees before he realised it was time to vanish in the first available taxi! Thankfully he is now in charge at Ibrox and I hope John Bennett dips into the biscuit tin and offers him a LONG-term contract with further options to extend it!"

Rangers still aren't 100 per cent sure where they will be playing their home games in August and for some, that's nearly as concerning as Clement admitting that he'll need to sell players before he can buy more.

Robert Livingstone, Palm Beach, said: "It's a sad state of affairs, a few weeks until season starts

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'All Gers duds from last season are there for the long term as no clubs are prepared to part with ANY loose change to sign them'

and if Rangers don't have enough troubles without adding to them, now Clement says he can't buy decent money players until they sell players.

"That's a shocker, seems they're trying to get loans especially one from Seville but can't pay his full wages.

"The fans must be sick of all this, the club are being run by incompetents with Bennett at the helm steering the ship straight onto the rocks. Now you realise how good Dave King was."

Jamie Thomson, Yoker, said: "Rangers fans must be concerned with the Ibrox Stadium farce and quality of transfers. If this board can't take this club team to level expected then they should sell to new investors. Clement must be shocked with the state of financial support from Rangers board."

Just for a change, **Hotline** regular Gordon Ashley was in the firing line.

Andrew Mathieson said: "I see Ashley's latest rant has now promoted Rangers to runners-up. Earlier this week he told us they would be behind both Aberdeen and Hearts..."

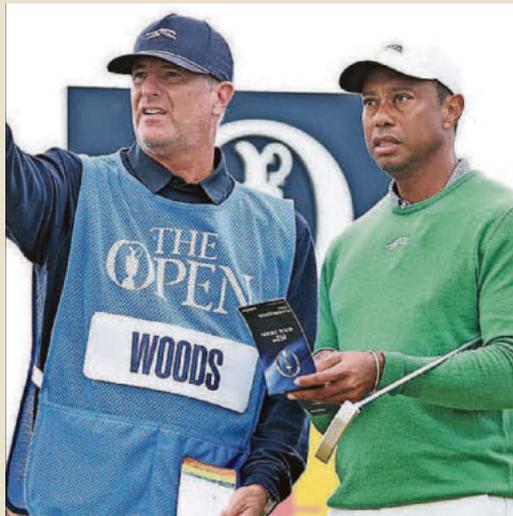
Gary Stevenson, Newtonhill, got in touch and said: "Interesting to see that Ashley (The Encyclopedia of Drivel) is now talking in percentages. I can confirm that he is talking 100 per cent garbage yet again."

Record Sport columnist Barry Ferguson had the fear about England possibly winning the Euros and **Lance Little, Erskine**, said: "I was reading Barry's column yesterday and he said he would need to order materials to build an iron wall should England win the Euros.

"I only hope for his sake he doesn't order it from the same place as his old employer. He could be waiting a while for delivery."

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SCOTTISH OPEN



Tiger's fine Trooning

TIGER WOODS warmed up for another assault on The Open yesterday by plotting a path round Royal Troon.

The triple Claret Jug winner and 15-time Major champion again swerved the Scottish Open so he could get a feel for the Ayrshire links.

JUST GOOD TO BE BACK

BY CRAIG SWAN

JUSTIN THOMAS is delighted he won't have hours of homework at Royal Troon.

The American star headed for Ayrshire after a frustrating end to his Scottish Open bid.

And he's relieved to be at an Open venue he is familiar with at last.

Thomas, who made his Open debut in wild weather at Troon in 2016, said: "It's my first repeat and I am beyond excited about not having to learn a new course."

"I was in the bad wave [2016]. I shot 67 on day one and then just held on for dear life on the Friday to make the cut by one, I think. It was so nasty."

"So from that point of view, my first Open experience was not a great one, but it's huge to know the course."

"I have had to learn a new golf course Monday through Wednesday for the last eight years, so I am excited to go to one I have played in the past."

Thomas plans to get reacquainted with Royal



RETURN Justin Thomas Troon on Monday, then get golf in elsewhere.

He added: "I might venture on Tuesday. I'm not in Scotland very often, so I'd like to go and play somewhere."

Thomas left East Lothian knowing his game is close without getting the results he craves.

He was on top of the Renaissance pile after a 62 on day one, but he nudged over par on each of the final three days.

Thomas said: "I'm obviously bummed with how the week finished, but it's just scoring better."

"I drove the ball great and I am going to need to do that next week to do well, so I'll just try to tighten some things up."

Ayaka on an eagle trip

AYAKA FURUE bagged an eagle at the final hole to win her first major title at the Evian Championship.

The Japanese star's sensational finish saw her end on 19 under par, one clear of overnight leader Stephanie Kyriacou of Australia.

Furue said: "I didn't believe that I could get a major win, so I am so happy right now."

GOING THROUGH EMOTIONS MacIntyre's tears and cheers as he savours glory day



LAND OF OBAN & GLORY

Bob cries out after landing home title

OPEN SCHEDULE IS OUT THE WINDOW

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at the winning ceremony, 12 months after MacIntyre had been denied on the 72nd hole by rival Rory McIlroy.

But this was the Scot's time as he landed a cheque for more than £1.2million and the cherished silverware as golf came home.

His thrilling 20-foot putt on the

last secured a 67 to win by one from Adam Scott, and took him into full-on party mode.

The Open starts on Thursday, but he said: "It's incredible. I'm going to celebrate this one hard."

"When I tee the ball on Thursday, whatever time I tee off, I'll try to win the Championship. There might be some alcohol

still in the system, but I will try my best.

"How I come down from this? I don't think I will. I will just try and ride the wave."

"Next week, it's the Open Championship. That means, again, a lot to me. But I'm going to celebrate this with my family, friends and everyone. We'll pitch

up to The Open when we pitch up to The Open.

"You've got to celebrate the good times because it doesn't happen a lot and this is one I said I wanted. I don't think they are going to be home for a bit."

"My best mate is working on Coll tomorrow morning and he ain't going on Coll!" MacIntyre is



MacINTYRE'S A MARVEL

BOB MacINTYRE may have lost his voice at the magic moment - but he certainly didn't lose his bottle.

And the Scot admits he did lose his temper for a brief spell cursing and swearing before the slice of luck that gave him the "kiss" to spark a stunning Scottish love-in.

MacIntyre was emotional and starting to go before he even holed the winning putt.

With his destiny in his own hands, the chance to live a dream, the 27-year-old felt it wash over him.

MacIntyre grabbed his composure just as he grabbed the tournament and finished the job.

It was a remarkable finale and he said: "I had a tear in eye before I hit the putt. I got my caddy Mike to go and get my water to try and reset.

"But I was getting emotional before that. I started to read the putt and I was like: 'You can still do the job here'.

"I did it. It was just incredible to have my whole family and friends there. Everyone that supported me were there. It's a lifetime dream.

"It's unbelievable. My reaction when the ball dropped on 18 said it all.

"I almost lost my voice now from the scream that I let out.

"Last year was heartbreaking, but this year it means everything. This is one that I said I wanted at some point in my career and I got it.

"It's just that

BY CRAIG SWAN

I've watched it as a kid growing up and it meant a lot. It was really the only one that I could go and watch."

MacIntyre took his opportunity, but there was real drama beforehand.

Virtually nothing happened for him through 13 holes, then came the spark.

A 40-foot on the 14th to haul himself back into contention followed by the epic events of two holes later.

There was drama when, having hammered his drive at the par-five into a thick patch of rough, he looked in trouble.

MacIntyre thrashed a lump of hay into the air with a practice swing and, at that point, rules official Mark Litton was called into action.

It proved to be one of the most pivotal moments of the Scottish Open.

He added: "I'm shouting and I'm swearing when I'm getting up to the ball because I know that that's my chance to really make birdie coming in.

"I got over the ball, looked at it, thinking: 'I'm in a bit of trouble here'. I might manage to move it, maybe 100 yards.

"There was no high rough where it would tangle the club, so I could take the practice swing, like a foot and a half from the ball.

"I take a step back, I just heard the clunk. I've got metal spikes on the front three of my shoes and I was like: 'No way, I've got a sprinkler underneath my foot'.

"Obviously with the plastic spikes at the back, you don't feel it and I said to Mike: 'When I get up to the ball, am I standing on that sprinkler?'

"And he's laughing at me going: 'Yeah, yeah'. It was just a lucky break. You use the rules to get advantage. You stand on

a sprinkler, you're due relief. That was just the one kiss I needed."

The super Scot took full advantage.

His subsequent six-iron shot from 247 yards was a screamer and set-up the eagle which suddenly pushed him to the summit.

The previous year, MacIntyre had ripped through the pack to get to the top before being overthrown at the death by McIlroy.

This was different.

Starting in the final group alongside Ludvig Aberg, he had two shots to make up and, at one stage, that went to three as he struggled to get it going.

But if he's got one thing, it's a scrapper's attitude as he said: "No one was getting away. No one was making a move.

"Obviously the bogey on 10 was disappointing but the only thing I can do is give 110 percent and that's what I've done.

"I got lucky at the 16th and took the one chance I got on 18.

"The job there was just to give myself a chance and the second shot was nicely positioned to the heart of the green.

"I got there and it's nicely pin-high. Standing over the putt, I was just like: 'This is the chance you wanted. Take it.'

"I felt so good over it, hit it and I thought it was half a roll short when it was going. It just looked like it was running out of legs. Yeah, it was just perfect.

"I'm from a working-class background. I've got two older sisters my parents foster. We've got a foster boy just now that's been with us for six, seven years.

"I was given a great opportunity by my whole family. We used to have a horse for my sisters and couldn't afford to do both and my sisters gave up the horse and gave me a chance to go and travel within Britain.

"And I was out grafting, practising when I was young. It was never a given.

"I'm from the West Coast. It's been difficult, obviously weather-wise.

"But your face doesn't fit exactly because you're not a central belt guy and I just have to graft at it.

"The biggest thing for me was that I never give up.

"A lot of people might say: 'He doesn't quite have this or that, but I've got fight and that's all I need.'"

Aussie Scott hails his rival's big win

BY CRAIG SWAN

GRACIOUS Adam Scott offered praise to home hero Bob MacIntyre.

The Aussie was denied by the home star's thrilling finish at The Renaissance.

Scott was in control at one point and looked set to bag a win just two days before his 44th birthday.

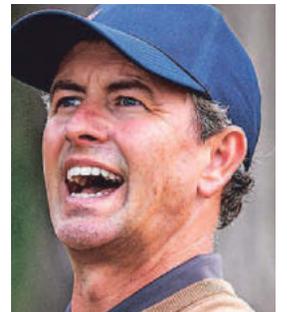
But he was left in the scorer's hut watching as MacIntyre drilled home a 72nd hole putt to claim the title and spark a Scottish chorus in the stands.

Scott said: "I'm pleased for Bob. This is a big win. I played with him on Saturday and you can hear the crowd singing. That's awesome for him.

"Hopefully, I can take good form into next week.

"It's the first time I've been in contention this year and I like where my game is headed. I feel like I'm playing at a high level.

"It was an interesting day. I thought I was going to have to shoot eight-under to have a chance and then it got quite tricky. I'm disappointed to not get a crack at the end. I had a



RUNNER-UP Adam Scott chance with the putt on the last and went right and I read it straight.

"I feel good, I really do. It's funny, it doesn't get any easier but I'm working at everything all the time, trying not to get frustrated and use that experience.

"It feels good to play in contention and, hopefully, I get another crack at it at The Open now.

"It was fun to have one that mattered so I'm excited to take some comfort and to be heading into a major next week on form. It's been a while since I can say I've done that.

"It's a shame to come up short but Bob did what he had to do to win. Eagle, par, birdie - that's great stuff."

Rusty Rory now all set for Troon

BY CRAIG SWAN

RORY McILROY reckons he's knocked the rust off heading to The Open.

The Northern Irishman failed in his bid to land back-to-back titles at the Scottish Open.

His return from a three-week exile after US Open agony saw him come up short at The Renaissance as his final round of 68 was not enough for victory.

However, the 35-year-old believes he's sharpened up nicely for his latest attempt to crack a decade-long Major drought.

He said: "It would have been nice to be at the business end of the tournament and really contend.

"Overall, I feel like my game is in really good shape heading into the final Major of the year.

"The reason I like to play the week before the Majors is to knock a little bit of rust off and try to get sharp. I feel like I've done that.

"I haven't played links golf since Hoylake last year, so it was good to get back on a links course.

"It was a solid week. I got



READY Sharp guy McIlroy to play in a little bit of wind, just getting acclimatised to the shots that you need and I don't think the speeds of the greens are going to be too dissimilar.

"I felt like I left a lot of shots out on the course over four days, but off the back of three weeks off, I guess that's to be expected."

McIlroy has a gameplan for Troon. He said: "I played it eight years ago and remember it pretty well. The bunkers are very penal, so it's employ a strategy where you can navigate your way around them.

"If I can get the putter to co-operate and get the speed of the greens, I feel like I'll be in a really good spot."

Major bid is a Connor

CONNOR SYME refused to be downbeat after agony in his Open bid. The Fifer came up just shy in his effort to land one of three spots at Royal Troon next week as Aaron Rai, Richard Mansell, who equalled the course record, and Alex Noren took The Open places, with Syme just a shot behind. The Fifer, due to get married a week on Tuesday, said: "I played well and that's positive. It's another good result and sets me up nicely." Grant Forrest carded a 69 for eight under.

AS HUGE PARTY KICKS OFF

due to do media at Troon at 3pm today, but giggled: "There might be a change of schedule.

"I don't think I'll be in a fit state to get to Troon. I don't think I'll be legally able to drive!"

MacIntyre became the first home winner since Colin Montgomerie in 1999 and only the second in history. His second

PGA Tour win of the season after success in Canada, a third career DP World Tour victory and a first Rolex Series triumph could take MacIntyre as high as 16th in the world rankings and third in the Race to Dubai.

He said: "Winning in Canada was really emotional because it was my first PGA Tour win and

my dad was on the bag. I never thought it would happen.

"This win, I was very calm. This is the one I wanted. There were a couple of swear words along with shock.

"I was close last year, but I had my chance here and I just kept saying to myself, just take a chance. I took it. I can't believe it."



FIRST SCOT Monty bagged 1999 title



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VOICE OF REASON Keane shares opinion

Hype's not worth a lot in final flop

JOHN NICHOLSON'S
TV WATCH

THE first decision was 'which channel?' BBC went for the much-criticised blowhard staters-of-obvious team: Rio Ferdinand, Micah Richards, Gary Lineker and, for balance, Juan Mata.

I opted for ITV, almost solely for Roy Keane. It's an occasion that desperately needed a non-English perspective.

He was joined by Ian Wright, Gaizka Mendietta (who has more hair than when he played for Middlesbrough) and Gary Neville with Mark Pougatch.

Laura Woods and Karen Carney were on the pitch and looked pleased.

It became clear everyone all over Europe not English wanted Spain to win – even some anti-Southgate fans desperate to be proved right about the manager's supposed inadequacies.

Both tested the patience by starting at 6.30pm, 90 minutes before kick-off. Interviews and clips with fans were a waste of time unless you crave hearing clichés both verbal and performative.

It's humiliating too. Surely those who interviewed don't want to be used in a quick edit while three drinks in? It takes us for fools who enjoy this sort of thing. Does anybody ask who wants to see this? Or does it just happen?

Roy's nostrils are flaring and there's a swish of the old lion's tail. He still wants to play in big games.

Gary interviews Keir Starmer, a real football fan, and he seems bashful. There's an interview with Declan Rice, who looks very pink and boring.

Roy says they need more quality or they'll be shown up. He's right.

Southgate is interviewed by Gabriel Clarke. It's hard not to see him and think he's too self aware, nuanced and intelligent for some of England fans.

Roy appreciates him and says he's got steel and is a top class guy.

"Everybody's supporting England back home" says Lineker. Unlikely.

It's Matterface, Coisty and Dixon in the commentators box but it's largely a final to forget, one that Spain just about deserved to win. England's luck finally ran out.



REIGN REIGN GO TO SPAIN

After Alcaraz act one - this was the night La Roja clubbed all England's expectations

IT was, of course, the perfect happy ending.

A glorious final act fit for a tournament laced with all manner of thrills and spills. A victory for exhilarating Spanish youth and a win for the sport in general, coming as it did against a surly, powerful opponent with a bit of a personality defect. Much admired but difficult to like.

But enough about the tennis. Because the triumph for Carlos Alcaraz at Wimbledon yesterday was always destined to be the appetiser. What happened last night in Berlin was even more satisfying and every bit as richly deserved as the fairytale story written on Centre Court.

This was the night Spain clubbed all England's great expectations and crushed them with the force of an Alcaraz forehand.

The 21-year-old carried out a rapid straight-set disembowelling of Novak Djokovic in order that he was able to sit down in front of a TV set in time

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BY KEITH JACKSON

to gorge himself on the main course of the evening.

And he wasn't left disappointed as Spain led from the front, survived a second-half flutter and then came up with a late killer blow to ensure England's long wait for football to come home will carry on indefinitely.

The perfect happy ending? You'd better believe it – this was 90 minutes that summed up the difference between these two sides since the Euros kicked off four weeks ago.

Gareth Southgate will now return where football will not. And his part in this latest near miss will finally be examined, given the tactical negativity that blunted his team's chances.

Southgate made just one change to his starting line-up with Luke Shaw fit enough to start at left-back and leave Kieran Trippier relegated to the

bench. And it soon became clear the manager's bore them to sleep tactics weren't changing much either.

Jordan Pickford wellied a long ball straight out of the park and they then proceeded to stand back and allow the Spaniards to dominate possession in all areas.

Too often they resorted to throwing hopeful crosses into Pickford's box and most of the time the keeper was comfortably gobbling them up.

In 12 minutes Rodri climbed to head a Nico Williams corner back across goal and Robin Le Normand hooked a shot wide of the target.

Harry Kane's only contribution of note was to pick up a booking for a lunge on Fabian Ruiz. And Dani Olmo had his name taken for crunching into Declan Rice, even though the England man was handling the ball. Every now

and then Yamal would get on the ball and try to make things happen but, with Shaw on his case, he wasn't getting much joy. If any.

Williams also popped up on Spain's right flank as if looking to give his little mate some hauners but though the probing continued, the end result remained the same.

And right at the death of the half England managed to get a shot on target when the Spaniards struggled to deal with a dead-ball delivery deep into the box from Rice. It came off a head before dropping at Phil Foden's feet but he was falling backwards as he connected with a tamey hit volley scooped up by keeper Unai Simon.

Both sides headed in stuck in a stuffy, stodgy goalless stalemate.

Then England's good fortune, that's been gripping their hand all through this run, appeared to strike again during the interval as medics decided Rodri was not fit to continue, having come together with team-mate

ALL THE SHOWPIECE ACTION

HARRY LEFT GUTTED BY LATE DEFEAT



THE STATS		
65	POSSESSION (%)	35
6	SHOTS ON	4
5	SHOTS OFF	2
10	CORNERS	2
11	FOULS	5
1	YELLOW CARDS	3
0	RED CARDS	0

HAPPY ENDING
Oyarzabal stabs home for victory and lifts his arms in triumph, above, after Palmer, right, had levelled game



SHATTERED skipper Harry Kane saw England's Euro 2024 dream crushed in Berlin last night and then admitted he's never experienced pain like it.

The Bayern Munich striker continued his career-long losing streak as Spain were rightly crowned champions of the continent after sealing a dramatic late 2-1 win.

Gareth Southgate's side turned in yet another negative, safety-first performance and were made to pay the ultimate price for their gaffer's caginess.

After a largely lifeless first half, Nico Williams swept home a stunning opener at the start of the second period.

Southgate waited for more than an hour before making changes - when the out of form Kane was replaced by Ollie Watkins and Cole Palmer then replaced Kobbie Mainoo.

Palmer levelled the scores to set up a thrilling finale but it was Spanish sub Mikel Oyarzabal who netted the late winner to clinch a deserved victory for the tournament's most impressive attacking outfit.

Kane said: "We did really well to get back into the game and get it back to 1-1. "But we couldn't quite get a hold of the ball and we got punished for it towards the end, so it's as painful as it can be."

"We came under a lot of pressure and we couldn't keep the ball well enough."

"It was the last stage of the tournament and there were a lot of tired legs. We just struggled and then obviously we got caught."

"There was another big moment at the end when they cleared one off the line. It could have been different, but for now it's just really disappointing."

Kane has been hammered by the critics for failing to catch fire since the competition began and he was found wanting again on the biggest stage

GUTTED England skipper Kane of all. In fact, he was largely anonymous throughout another woefully under par and unambitious England performance.

England's talisman was eventually put out of his misery when Southgate removed him from the firing line on the hour.

Kane said: "It's been a tough tournament. We had to show a lot of resilience, personally and as a team."

"We wanted to do it so badly for ourselves and for the fans and everyone who has believed in us the whole way."

"Right now it's just a feeling of disappointment."

The arguments will now begin over Southgate's future and it's widely anticipated the manager will call time on his eight years in charge.

But Kane insists the players want him to remain in charge for the World Cup in Canada, Mexico and the USA in 2026.

The former Spurs striker said: "We've made it clear, we love the manager but it's his decision and it's not the time to talk about that now. That's down to him."

Dejected boss Southgate refused to say if he'd continue as boss. He added: "I don't think now is a good time to make a decision like that."

"I need to talk to the right people."

Asked if it had been a comeback too far, Southgate responded: "It is easy to say that, but we were still in it come 80 minutes."

"It is going to take a while to pick the bones out of it really"

Aymeric Laporte. But Yamal had other ideas. Within a minute of the restart the winger was spinning in behind Shaw to slip a perfectly weighted pass into the box for Williams who swept a first-time finish back across Pickford and in at the keeper's left-hand post.

It rocked England to their little white socks. Moments later Olmo would have made it 2-0 had he not screwed a shot wide.

John Stones was booked as the pressure mounted but also had the presence of mind to pop up on Pickford's goal-line to hack another one clear after Alvaro Morata had beaten the keeper after racing in on another probe from Yamal.

With England creaking loudly Williams came close again with a thumping drive just wide. Southgate watched his side unravel but waited until the hour to replace the invisible Kane with Ollie Watkins

Then Jude Bellingham came alive

with a pirouette and a shot from distance that crashed just wide.

Yamal curled a left-foot effort that Pickford managed to turn around the base of his right-hand post.

Southgate threw the dice again when he swapped Kobbie Mainoo for Cole Palmer and soon the sub was firing the leveller from the edge of the box after great set-up work from Bukayo Saka and Bellingham.

Palmer's finish, a slide ruler into the bottom corner, was ice cold but it turned the heat up on a Spanish side forced into a sweat for the first time. It didn't take long for them to regain their composure and Yamal could have won it had he not choked a shot straight at Pickford.

But three minutes from time Marc Cucurella rampaged down the left to fire in a low cross stabbed home by sub Mikel Oyarzabal.

Southgate and his men got what they deserved from this tournament, having offered it so little.

WHAT A LIFT
Yamal on high with scorer Williams after the opener



» BEN IS RANGERS' SETTLE DETECTOR

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Record Sport

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024

BEAMING BOB VOWS TO HIT THE TROON

HOME HERO MacIntyre celebrates win before lifting the trophy he has craved



TEARY-EYED Bob MacIntyre vowed to party hard after living his lifetime dream. And the Oban star laughed he might still have bevvy in the system by the time he gets started at The Open. MacIntyre produced a

BY **CRAIG SWAN** staggering finish at The Renaissance for the best day of his career and kick-started a massive tartan celebration. He rifled two birdies and an eagle in a dramatic last five holes to grab the success he's

always wanted and clamp his hands around the Scottish Open trophy. Jubilant scenes followed as the galleries sang Flower of Scotland and chanted his name while a piper played **TURN TO PAGE 48**



BOARD WARNING Clement
Clement: All my players have price

FROM **ANDY NEWPORT** IN THE NETHERLANDS

PHILIPPE CLEMENT has revealed every single member of his Rangers squad has a price – except Jack Butland.

The Light Blues gaffer has repeated his warning **TURN TO PAGE 46**



WONDER OF WIMBERS

Alcaraz sweeps aside Djokovic to retain title

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SPAIN.....2 ENGLAND.....1

COMING HOME HEARTBROKEN

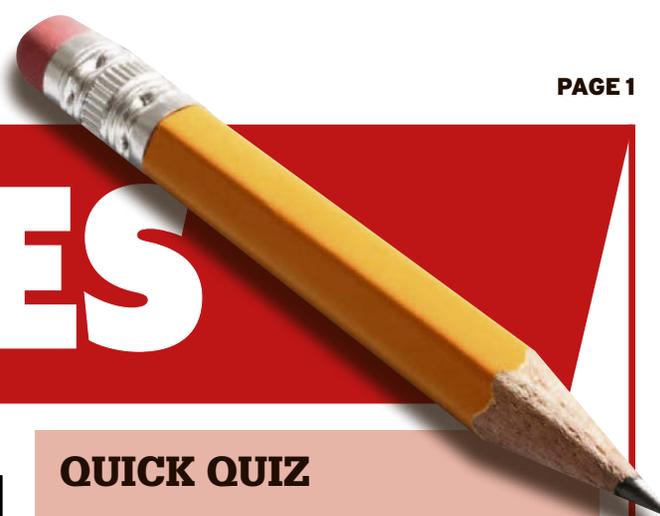
VIVA ESPANA! England's Bellingham is gutted as Spain lap up their success



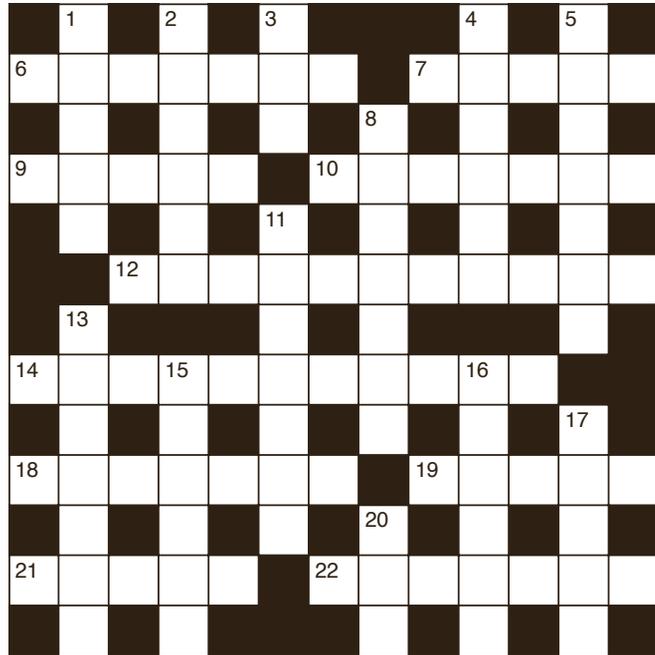
More hurt for Three Lions as super Spain crush their dreams and claim Euros glory for 4th time

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EXTRA PUZZLES



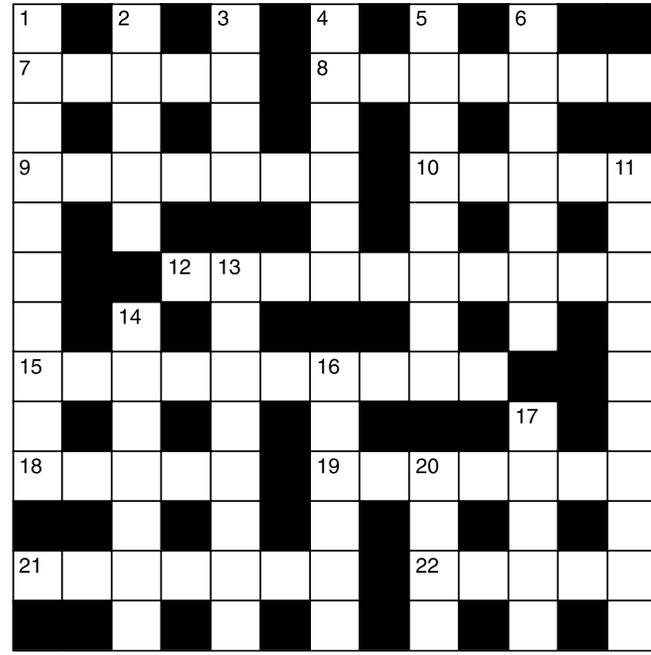
GK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- King of Israel, son of David and Bathsheba (7)
 - Mineral water from a French spa on the south shore of Lake Geneva (5)
 - Old World coniferous tree with needle-like evergreen leaves (5)
 - Thomas, 17c English general who commanded the Parliamentarian army 1645-50 (7)
 - 1973 British Open golf champion (3,8)
 - 1991 film starring Sean Astin (3,8)
 - Large predatory lizard of Africa, Asia and Australia (7)
 - Dome-shaped dwelling built from snow in the Arctic (5)
 - In Indian cookery, marinated meat dry-roasted in a clay oven (5)
 - 'Sparkling —', 1945 novel by Agatha Christie (7)

- DOWN**
- Andres, 1990 French Open singles champion (5)
 - South American plant cultivated for its edible tubers (6)
 - In music, name for the fifth note of any scale (3)
 - Antonin, Czech composer whose works include Symphony No. 9 From the New World (6)
 - Genus of trees of North America and Asia with large leaves and bell-shaped whitish flowers (7)
 - Ocean linked with the Arctic Ocean by the Bering Strait (7)
 - Songbird with a forked tail and long pointed wings (7)
 - Alexander, composer of unfinished opera Prince Igor (7)
 - Leon, boxer who defeated Muhammad Ali in 1978 (6)
 - City in Canada which is capital of Saskatchewan (6)
 - Orville, 1969 U.S. Open golf champion (5)
 - Miss Charisse, actress/dancer whose films include 1957's Silk Stockings (3)

QUICKSTART

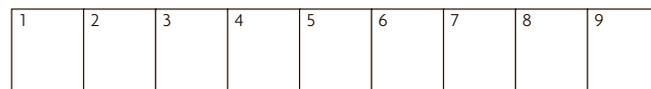


- ACROSS**
- Poor (5)
 - Ruffian (7)
 - Utter (7)
 - Call (5)
 - Twist (10)
 - Suppliant (10)
 - Ward off (5)
 - Idea (7)
 - Sideboard (7)
 - Backbone (5)
- DOWN**
- Intruder (10)
 - Trivial (5)
 - Kind (4)
 - Menace (6)
 - Talk (8)
 - Stretchable (7)
 - Speechless (6-4)
 - Excel (8)
 - Bung (7)
 - Clamour (6)
 - Repeated (5)
 - Dispossess (4)

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 1513 gives a garden flower
 78497988 gives a woodland flower
 326183 gives garden pests



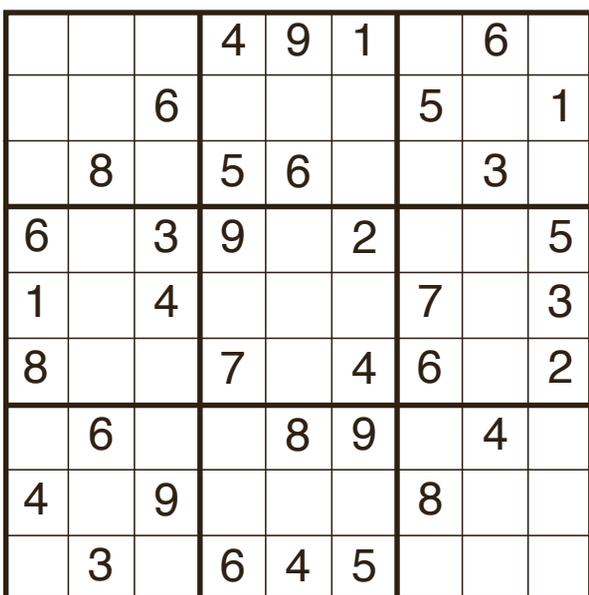
QUICK QUIZ

- Which corrosion-resistant alloy of iron, chromium and nickel is widely used for making cutlery and kitchen utensils?
- What is the longest river in France?
- By what name was Russian-born entertainer Asa Yoelson, star of The Jazz Singer, better known?
- Which wooden 'religious offering' allowed the Greeks to get inside the walls of Troy?
- What name is given to the closure of a workplace by an employer to prevent employees from working?
- In the UK, which parade takes place on the sovereign's official birthday?
- In which industry did US president Ronald Reagan work before he entered politics?
- What was the name of the artificial language invented by L L Zamenhof in 1887?
- Which American golfer has won more major championships than any other?
- By what name was Scottish king Robert I known?
- Who wrote the operas The Marriage of Figaro and Don Giovanni?
- Which British order of chivalry is represented by the letters OM?
- What sort of creature is a blenny?
- Which term meaning 'lightning war' was used to describe military tactics used by Germany in World War II?
- What is Australia's largest city by population?
- Which sign of the zodiac is represented by a bull?
- What name is given to swollen and twisted veins, especially in the legs?
- Which former leader of the Liberal Party was acquitted of the charge of incitement to murder?
- By what name were the Norsemen who raided much of Europe from about 800 AD known?
- Which port and resort in Suffolk is Britain's biggest container port?

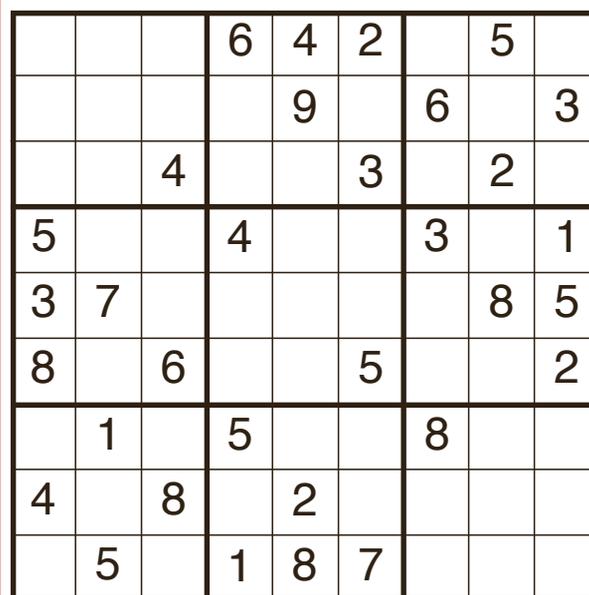
SUDOKU

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

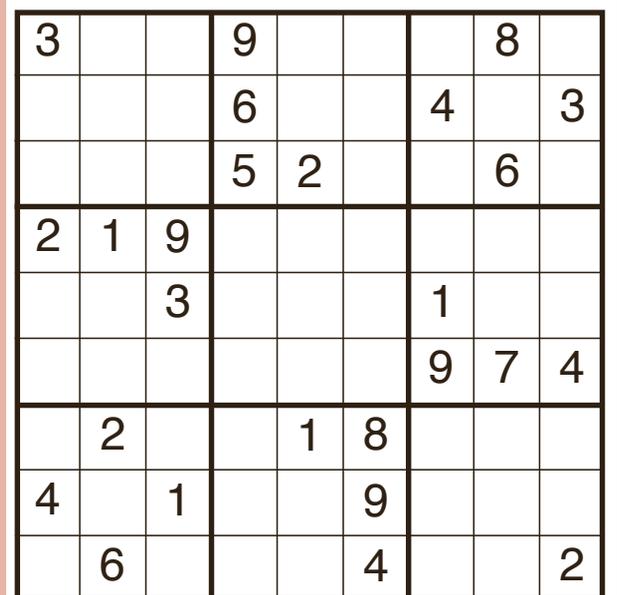
Easy



Medium



Hard



KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9. Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it. No number may be used more than once in any one block.

Kakuro grid with numbers in shaded squares. Row 1: 3, 4, 3, 19. Row 2: 4, 10, 24, 6. Row 3: 11, 22, 6. Row 4: 10, 28, 6, 6. Row 5: 7, 10, 6, 10. Row 6: 8, 10, 9, 6. Row 7: 11, 9, 5, 4, 3. Row 8: 27, 6, 4, 3. Row 9: 3, 4.

KILLER

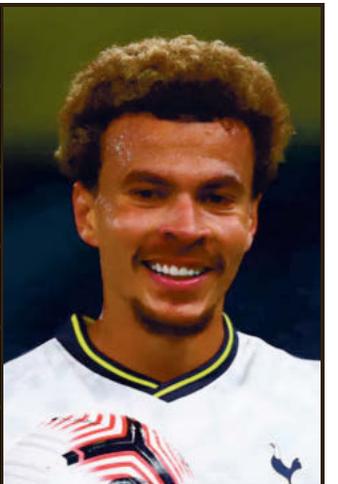
Normal Sudoku rules apply, plus, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dots) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

Killer Sudoku grid with numbers in top corners of inner shapes. Row 1: 21, 8, 18, 15. Row 2: 11, 11, 14, 11. Row 3: 3, 18, 9, 12. Row 4: 9, 14, 4, 12. Row 5: 19, 15, 9, 12. Row 6: 9, 3, 15, 10, 12. Row 7: 23, 11, 20, 13, 13. Row 8: 6.

ARROWWORD

The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.

Arrowword grid with clues and arrows. Clues include: Rotate Globe, Alli, pictured, System for warming a house, One of the continents, Of older people, Pally, Butterfly, e.g., Mouthful of liquid, TV's Titmuss Office worker, Screen from direct light, Great fear, Take place, In fact, Impudent talk, Wind instrument, List fully, Risked doing Country (1,1,1), Adhere, Quarrelled, High mountain In addition, However Shaving tool, Monies owed, Stable Large, Simply group, Five-O, US cop series, Signal by moving a hand, Cry of a sheep, Satisfy a thirst, Male relative, Entry to a field, Perhaps, Mix with a spoon, Insulate Young eel, Eight pints, Edition Appear older, Nearly all Hindered, Exact, Put in a neat order, Maps, Produce eggs, Make possible, Endures, Affirmative, Practice, drama with Kevin Whately, Alice, pictured, Recalls, Dishes topped with pastry, Experts, Writing tool, Contends, Food eaten outdoors, Quickly, Gardner, US film star, Batman's sidekick, Alcove, Large water birds, Light-emitting diode (1,1,1), Put clothes on.



SOLUTIONS

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across: 6 Solomon; 7 Evian; 9 Cedar; 10 Fairfax; 12 Tom Weiskopf; 14 Toy Soldiers; 18 Monitor; 19 Igloo; 21 Tikka; 22 Cyanide. Down: 1 Gomez; 2 Potato; 3 Soh; 4 Dvorak; 5 Catalpa; 8 Pacific; 11 Swallow; 13 Borodin; 15 Spinks; 16 Regina; 17 Moody; 20 Cyd.

QUICKSTART CROSSWORD

Across: 7 Needy; 8 Hoodlum; 9 Extreme; 10 Visit; 12 Contortion; 15 Petitioner; 18 Repel; 19 Thought; 21 Dresser; 22 Spine. Down: 1 Interloper; 2 Petty; 3 Type; 4 Threat; 5 Converse; 6 Elastic; 11 Tonguetied; 13 Outclass; 14 Stopper; 16 Outcry; 17 Again; 20 Oust.

QUIZ

1 Stainless steel; 2 Loire; 3 Al Jolson; 4 Trojan Horse; 5 Lockout; 6 Trooping the Colour; 7 Film industry; 8 Esperanto;

9 Jack Nicklaus; 10 Robert the Bruce; 11 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; 12 Order of Merit; 13 A fish; 14 Blitzkrieg; 15 Sydney; 16 Taurus; 17 Varicose veins; 18 Jeremy Thorpe; 19 Vikings; 20 Felixstowe.

CODEWORD

1=C, 2=S, 3=H, 4=G, 5=K, 6=R, 7=Y, 8=W, 9=T, 10=U, 11=V, 12=Z, 13=I, 14=A, 15=F, 16=O, 17=E, 18=N, 19=M, 20=X, 21=L, 22=D, 23=J, 24=Q, 25=P, 26=B, 27=I, 28=L, 29=T, 30=H, 31=M, 32=G, 33=K, 34=N, 35=I, 36=U, 37=A, 38=L, 39=S, 40=E, 41=R, 42=T, 43=O, 44=N, 45=B, 46=W, 47=C, 48=R, 49=D, 50=P, 51=X, 52=V.

NINER

INSURABLE

30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER

11, 146, 189

Sudoku solutions. EASY: 3 5 7 4 9 1 2 6 8 / 9 4 6 3 2 8 5 7 1 / 2 8 1 5 6 7 9 3 4 / 6 7 3 9 1 2 4 8 5 / 1 2 4 8 5 6 7 9 3 / 8 9 5 7 3 4 6 1 2 / 5 6 2 1 8 9 3 4 7 / 4 1 9 2 7 3 8 5 6 / 7 3 8 6 4 5 1 2 9. MEDIUM: 1 8 3 6 4 2 7 5 9 / 7 2 5 8 9 1 6 4 3 / 9 6 4 7 5 3 1 2 8 / 5 9 2 4 7 8 3 6 1 / 3 7 1 2 6 9 4 8 5 / 8 4 6 3 1 5 9 7 2 / 2 1 7 5 3 4 8 9 6 / 4 3 8 9 2 6 5 1 7 / 6 5 9 1 8 7 2 3 4. HARD: 3 7 6 9 4 1 2 8 5 / 1 5 2 6 8 7 4 9 3 / 8 9 4 5 2 3 7 6 1 / 2 1 9 4 7 6 5 3 8 / 7 4 3 8 9 5 1 2 6 / 6 8 5 1 3 2 9 7 4 / 5 2 7 3 1 8 6 4 9 / 4 3 1 2 6 9 8 5 7 / 9 6 8 7 5 4 3 1 2.

Killer Sudoku and Kakuro solutions. Killer Sudoku: 8 2 5 3 4 9 1 7 6 / 6 7 4 5 1 8 9 3 2 / 1 3 9 6 2 7 5 8 4 / 2 4 6 9 3 1 7 5 8 / 7 5 1 4 8 6 3 2 9 / 3 9 8 7 5 2 4 6 1 / 5 1 2 8 7 4 6 9 3 / 4 6 3 2 9 5 8 1 7 / 9 8 7 1 6 3 2 4 5. Kakuro: 1 3 1 9 9 3 / 2 1 8 2 8 9 3 / 4 3 2 1 8 2 / 1 7 3 2 1 4 / 2 8 1 3 2 / 4 9 6 8 3 1 2 / 2 1 3 1.

Wordsearch solutions. Words found: MITE, A, BARS, AR, LOBLI, STEP, R, STAR, THEE, T, HOSE, E, TEASE, C, HAT, R, U, ERR, T, RABBIT, TRAY, A, TUBE, HERE, G, SPEW, U, I, TEN, ONE, SWAT, L, ONUS.

Arrowword solutions grid. S D H A S F / S P H E R E S T E E R / I L A B I N I / I N S E C T A S I D E / I L I P H O R N / H A P P E N D A R E D / C A R G U E D A L P Y / S T I C K S T E A D Y R E D / U K B A A L G A T E / H A W A I I I S S U E Z B / L A G G A L L O N M O S T / E L V E R G A C H A R T S / Y E S P E A K L A Y I / R R E M E M B E R S / B E E R P E N T / C A P A C E A V A / P I C N I C R O B I N / S G E E S E L E D / R E C E S S D R E S S.

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.

476825 gives an animal

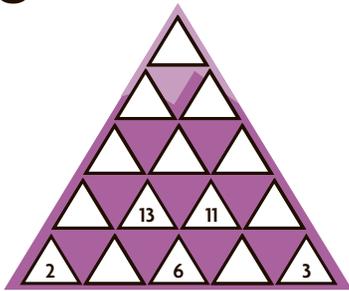
62398 gives an animal

1653 gives a male animal

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



WORD SQUARE

A	N	I
D	E	O
C	V	A

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one nine-letter word.

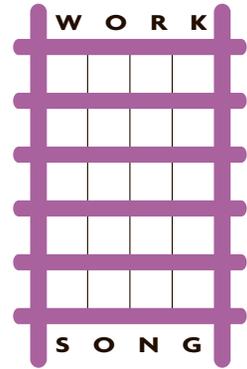
Target:
25 – good;
35 – very good;
40 or more – excellent

EVENS

Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column. Only even numbers may be placed in grey squares.

WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time (but not the position of any letter) to make a new word – and move from the word at the top of the box to the word at the bottom using the exact number of rungs.



				20
				20
				14
				27
30	29	12	10	

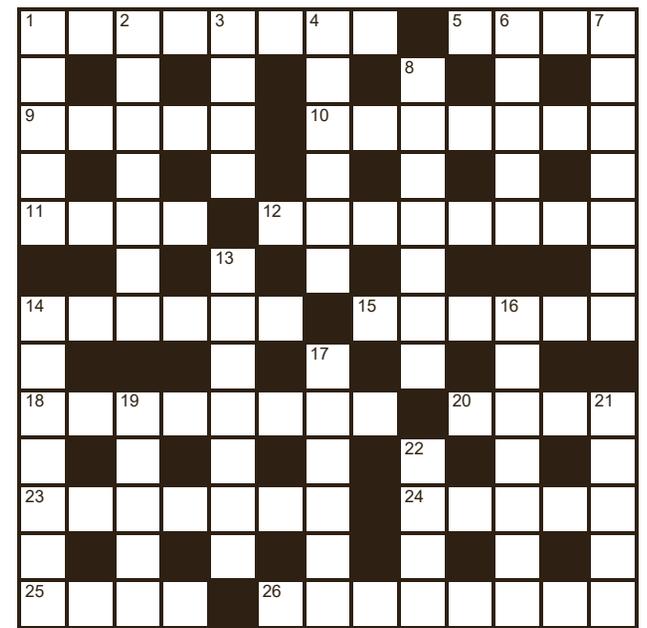
WEE THINKER

Across

- 1 Can be for tyres, or the conservation of trees, etc. (8)
- 5 Sharp as a group of detectives (4)
- 9 Italian-style manor (5)
- 10 Mother left song fever (7)
- 11 Same sort of stitching (4)
- 12 Local refreshment for a sharp witted individual (5,3)
- 14 Credit note on revolutionary nursery (6)
- 15 Channel is unswerving, we hear (6)
- 18 Piano, also a vehicle, used by the police (5,3)
- 20 Sketch tie (4)
- 23 Generous politician (7)
- 24 Bees' homes are rash (5)
- 25 Heard players abound (4)
- 26 Father, not moving, with Eastern lozenge (8)

Down

- 1 Pieces of paper for manuscript? (5)
- 2 Sort of sale to search for? (7)
- 3 Lads in the prison service (4)
- 4 Drink, alternatively, getting union gossip (6)
- 6 Odd thing, making about turn to city (5)



- 7 What I called my most expensive girlfriend (7)
- 8 Obtains 101 broken tiles outside (7)
- 13 Drama affected the rate (7)
- 14 Navigator and policeman toil away (7)
- 16 Appearance of artist upset opponent (7)
- 17 Hilda unsettled by a bloomer (6)
- 19 Worthy aristocrat (5)
- 21 A stew turned out to be rubbish (5)
- 22 With very little change (4)

ANSWERS

NINER SIGNATURE: 89 WORD SQUARE: 7913, 8732, 6521, 9864
WORD LADDER: One possible solution is: WORK, WORE, WINE, WING, SONG.

SUDOKU

EASY

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			2	5				
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MEDIUM

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ANSWERS

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EASY

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MEDIUM

CARTOONS

THE PERISHERS



SHUGGIE AND DUGGIE



FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS

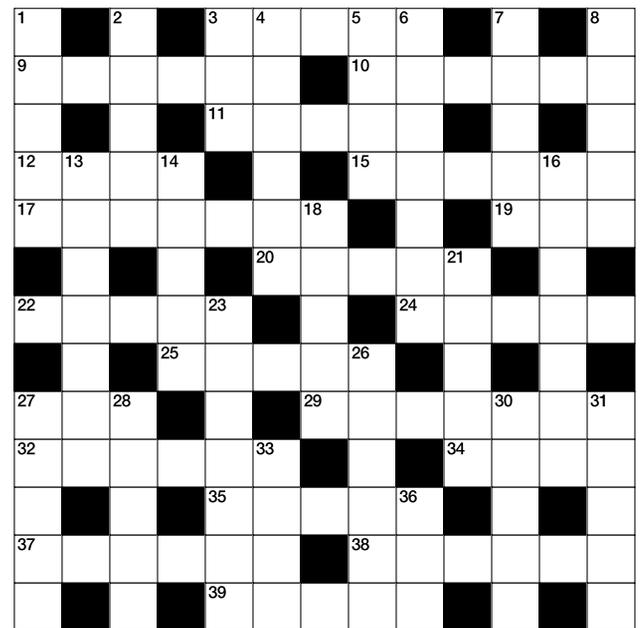
WEE THINKER ACROSS: 7 Cinders, 9 Aruba, 10 Ethos, 11 Explore, 12 Martina, 14 Idle, 17 Mend, 18 Done for, 20 Triumph, 22 Cabal, 23 Ripen, 24 Parsons.

DOWN: 1 Screams, 2 In charge, 3 Fees, 4 Campaign, 5 Sumo, 6 Matey, 8 Stewardship, 13 In demand, 15 Lifebuoy, 16 Artless, 19 Store, 21 Imps, 22 Cork.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 5 Stay; 7 Euthanasia; 8 Dune; 10 Knee; 12 Pea; 13 Drive; 16 Route; 18 Sic; 20 Trap; 21 Lamp; 22 Tag; 24 Taper; 25 Relish; 26 Tor; 27 Hope; 29 Claw; 33 Elementary; 34 Grab.

DOWN: 1 Buy; 2 Thin; 3 Ante; 4 Ask; 5 Sad; 6 Annu; 9 Spite; 10 Karate; 11 His; 13 Depth; 14 Vile; 15 Ecarte; 17 Opal; 19 Sport; 23 Gin; 25 Ruler; 27 Heed; 28 Pity; 30 Web; 31 Bed; 32 Cry.

QUICKIE



Across

- 3. Begin (5)
- 9. The heart, informally (6)
- 10. Reach one's destination (6)
- 11. Tapering block (5)
- 12. Hare's tail (4)
- 15. Rider's seat (6)
- 17. French bean (7)
- 19. Weep (3)
- 20. Synthetic fibre (5)
- 22. Administration, informally (5)
- 24. Hangman's halter (5)
- 25. Discourage (5)
- 27. Thing that screws onto a bolt (3)
- 29. Colonises (7)
- 32. Bursts out (6)
- 34. Employ for wages (4)

Down

- 1. Secret hoard (5)
- 2. Happen (5)
- 3. Stitch (3)
- 4. Minor earthquake (6)
- 5. Shabby clothing (4)
- 6. Crime against the state (7)
- 7. Locates (5)
- 8. Celebrity, in short (5)
- 13. Frankness (7)
- 14. Timorous (5)
- 16. Edible crustacean (7)
- 18. Stories (5)

- 21. Direction (5)
- 23. Uncommitted (7)
- 26. Responds (6)
- 27. Whiny (5)
- 28. Spring bulb (5)
- 30. Smooth cotton thread (5)
- 31. Cults (5)
- 33. Painful (4)
- 36. Spicy (3)