

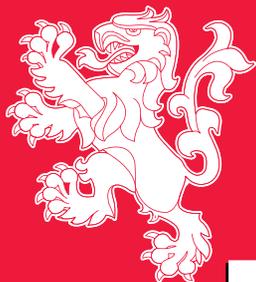


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US PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES HE WON'T FACE TRUMP

BIDEN: I AM QUITTING THE RACE

US President Joe Biden has revealed he won't stand for re-election just four months before America votes.

He said: "I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down."

He had faced calls to quit after a disastrous debate performance against Donald Trump in June.

Biden, 81, has backed his

BY MARTIN FRICKER

vice president Kamala Harris to stand against Republican Trump in the race for the White House in November.

Trump surged ahead in polls after he was shot in the ear in a failed assassination attempt on July 13 at a rally in Pennsylvania.

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IT'S OVER
Biden has called it quits in race against Trump, left



Joe backs Kamala for White House

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Glasgow & West

Thundery showers and a lot of cloud cover around too. Max 19C (66F). Winds SW at 8-10mph. UV index: 6.

Edinburgh, Fife & Borders

Largely dull with cloudy skies and thundery showers. Max 18C (64F). Winds SE at 6-8mph. UV index: 6.

Dundee & Aberdeen

Generally overcast and cloudy with thundery showers too. Max 17C (63F). Winds SE at 3-5mph. UV index: 6.

Forth Valley

Mainly overcast and cloudy with scattered showers. Max 17C (63F). Winds E at 4-6mph. UV index: 6.

Inverness & Moray

The chance of a shower. Max 18C (64F). Winds NE at 1-3mph. UV index: 6. Highlands & Islands

A few isolated showers but it will stay largely dry. Max 18C (64F). Winds NW at 5-7mph. UV index: 6.

SUN, MOON & TIDES

Moon sets: 5.44am

Moon rises: 10.46pm

Sun sets: 9.41pm

Sun rises: 5.06am

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Greenock 1.37am, 1.58pm

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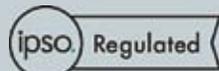
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Coronavirus surge has reached peak



DATA Dr Kimberly Marsh

THE recent rise in cases of coronavirus in Scotland may have "peaked" according to the latest provisional data, a public health expert has said.

Dr Kimberly Marsh, a consultant healthcare scientist at Public Health Scotland (PHS), said Covid-19 did not appear to follow seasonal patterns such as illnesses like flu.

BY NEIL POORAN

The latest data from PHS, for week ending July 14, had cases at 1130 - down from 1245 the previous week.

Dr Marsh told BBC Radio Scotland's The Sunday Show: "Our data in Scotland shows there has been an increase in Covid-19 and this has been

really seen since mid April, with a steeper increase in June. There are, however, early signals that this wave may have peaked, but our data are still provisional for this week."

She said there could be a number of reasons behind the summer rise in cases, including the variant known as KP.3. She said the Covid vaccine is still

effective against KP.3. Discussing the latest advice for those feeling ill, Dr Marsh added: "If you have symptoms, you should avoid contact with others until you're better and fever-free."

She said good hand hygiene and ventilation are still important to protect people at risk of the most serious outcomes.

PARTNERSHIP AIDS HOUSING CRISIS

11,000 EMPTY HOMES NOW BACK IN USE

BY PAUL CARGILL

THE number of long-term empty homes brought back into use in Scotland over the last 15 years is approaching 11,000, according to a report.

The Scottish Empty Homes Partnership (SEHP) said it helped owners reinstate 1875 homes in 2023/24 alone, the highest annual total since the organisation was established in 2010. It brings the total to 10,889.

The SEHP is funded by the Scottish Government and supports its commitment to bring more empty homes back into use as affordable housing where possible.

The Scottish Government declared a national housing emergency in May with ministers blaming UK Government budget cuts and austerity.

The SEHP report highlights how a number of councils which also declared a housing emergency - including Fife, the City of Edinburgh and West Lothian - are upping their commitment



EMERGENCY Long-term unused properties are being revamped

Highest number of properties are turned around in a year

to bringing empty homes back into use by appointing extra officers. But it also notes that Moray Council is planning to discontinue its dedicated empty homes service this month.

Tahmina Nizam, national manager for the SEHP, said: "The impact of the SEHP was

recognised in the independent audit published by the Scottish Government last year. It is demonstrated again by the figures in the report today.

"We know bringing empty homes back into use will play a crucial part in meeting housing demand locally and nationally.

The best way for local authorities to ensure we make full use of empty homes would be to expand their empty homes services and increase the resources they allocate to empty homes work as a whole."

Scotland's Housing Minister Paul McLennan said: "This report demonstrates the benefit that returning long-term empty homes back into use can have on communities in Scotland.

"The Scottish Government has invested over £3.7million in the SEHP, including funding to embed dedicated empty homes officers within councils.

"Bringing empty homes back into use is one of the most cost-effective ways of increasing housing stock and I want to see every local authority working with the partnership.

"I want to make clear that councils can also utilise the ring-fenced revenue they derive from council tax on second and empty homes to fund these essential empty homes services."

DENTAL HEALTH 'ROTTING AWAY' PAGE 6

REEVES' TWO-CHILD CAP BLOW

RACHEL Reeves has said Labour will "absolutely" lift children out of poverty but refused to commit to scrapping the two-child benefit cap.

The Chancellor told the BBC's Laura Kuenssberg Show on Sunday that lifting kids out of poverty is "in our DNA". She added

BY ANDREW QUINN

free breakfast clubs, extra nursery places and a rise in minimum wage would improve living standards.

But she wouldn't commit to removing the limit because "unfunded commitments" crash the economy and that "ends

up costing the most vulnerable in society even more". The cap, brought in a decade ago, limits Universal Credit and child tax credits to the first two kids.

Put to her that removing it would help hundreds of thousands of kids, Reeves said: "It costs more than

£3billion a year. We were clear during the election, we were not going to make spending commitments without being able to say where the money would come from.

"If we're not able to say where the money is going to come from, we can't promise to do it."



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FAST FASHION Madonna poses in classic car

Vintage beauty .. in a 68 Jaguar

MADONNA indicates she is ready to go for a drive after getting behind the wheel of a classic Jag.

The singer, 65, posted photos of herself in sunglasses and leather driving-style gloves, captioned "68 jaguar" with a fire emoji.

Fans hope she will also push the accelerator on plans for a biopic after she recently posted photos of herself apparently working on a script.



GLOVE IT Singer in the driving seat



MATERIAL GIRL Star in Jaguar with Louis Vuitton holdall

My Tangerine dream

BY PAUL BYRNE

A FOOTBALL supporter made his final journey in a coffin painted in his beloved club's colours and shaped like a plane.

Malcolm Brocklehurst was even carried on to Blackpool FC's Bloomfield Road pitch in his bright orange coffin on the way to the crematorium and his funeral.

Former aerospace engineer Malcolm, 89, had planned his quirky farewell years ago. And in

Football fan gets funeral wish in coffin sporting club colours

2013, he featured on the Channel 5 show Bizarre Burials, where he filmed a full funeral rehearsal.

The Seasiders supporter said at the time: "It felt, and indeed was, a

dress rehearsal for my command performance with the great author in the sky – a day like no other."

The grandfather, of Cleveleys, Lancs, wrote a song called Fry Me,

Toast Me, which was played at last week's service. Malcolm, who died peacefully in hospital, even asked mourners to spin his propeller.

Richard Spedding, 57, who conducted the service, said: "I've done a few interesting funerals but never one with a coffin like that. It was an absolute privilege."

The coffin, made by Crazy Coffins of Nottingham, was named TANGO ONE and numbered MB 1934 – the year of his birth.



TEST RUN Malcolm appeared on TV in his coffin in 2013



LAST FLIGHT Blackpool supporter heads to funeral

Dust build up a threat to jet engines

PASSENGER flights are in danger of crashing due to engine wear caused by dust accumulation as they wait to land, researchers warn.

Reading University researchers used 17 years of weather data to calculate the quantity of sand and dust swallowed by jet engines at 10 airports in desert regions or affected by dust storms, including the Canary Islands and Phoenix in the US.

At the worst affected, India's Delhi, jets are ingesting about 22lbs of dust per 1000 flights – most while they circle before landing, say scientists.

The study said dust exposure could be cut by changing holding patterns.



OVERJOYED Macleod

Callum's baby joy

FORMER Love Island contestant Callum Macleod has announced he and wife Jade are expecting their first child together.

The Welshman appeared in the 2019 series. Sharing the news with a photo of the pair with ultrasound photos on Instagram, he wrote: "The best things in life are THREE..."

£150m Lotto fund for UK landscape

PROJECTS that aim to boost nature recovery will get a share of £150million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

It said the cash will reach about 20 large-scale projects across the UK as part of a 10-year initiative, Landscape Connections.

The funding will focus on protected landscapes, including national parks and other areas in Scotland.

Richard Benwell, chief executive of Wildlife and Countryside Link described it as an "excellent initiative, which government and the private sector should follow in the race to halt the decline of nature".

COURIERS CALL FOR BOSSES

SCARED
Courier Clare tries to only work in the daytime after being subjected to disgusting behaviour

EXPOSED Apps tell customers name of driver

Union backs workers as poll finds 80% feel unsafe and female drivers are sexually harassed 'two or three times a week'

BY JOHN DINGWALL

FOOD delivery drivers in Scotland who are being racially abused and sexually harassed on a daily basis have demanded urgent protection from customers.

Sleazy punters turn up at the door partially dressed and make inappropriate sexual comments, leaving workers feeling vulnerable.

One female driver told how she only worked during the day after feeling unsafe when turning up at some addresses in the evening.

She said: "The apps we use let customers know the driver's name, some show a picture, and if it is a woman, some men will come to the door deliberately half-dressed."

Last night a union representing the drivers have called for a blacklist in a bid to keep their members safe.

Paul McLaughlin, GMB Scotland organiser in the sector, said: "Drivers are working long shifts, most often alone, and suffering appalling abuse on a daily basis.

"They should not be forced to suffer in silence and the delivery companies must do more to tackle abusive and violent customers.

"They must no longer turn a blind eye to the treatment of their drivers.

"The customer is not always right. Sometimes the customer is abusive, violent and needs to be banned.

"The firms must make it easier for drivers to report abuse and cooperate to introduce a red flag system for customers repeatedly

A guy tried to touch me, I just backed away

CLARE Martin, 39, is among those calling for new safeguards for couriers to ensure violent, abusive customers are blacklisted by the big apps.

The former graphic designer, who delivers for all the main firms, including Deliveroo, Just Eat and Uber Eats, said: "I try to

only work days now because the nights, when more customers have been drinking, are just too much grief.

"The apps let customers know the driver's name, some show a picture, and if it is a woman, some men will come to the door deliberately half-dressed.

They'll be in just their boxers, wearing a towel or a half-opened dressing gown.

"They'll ask me to take the food into the kitchen for them or say inappropriate stuff.

"It can make you feel uneasy and it can be a little threatening. One tried to touch me and I just backed

away to the car. He had been drinking but wasn't drunk.

"That kind of thing will happen regularly, two or three times a week.

"The women, and there's not many of us, get that kind of thing but a lot of the bike couriers suffer terrible racist abuse, often when they're on the road."

TO BAN SLEAZY CUSTOMERS

TAKE AWAY THE FOOD DELIVERY PERVERTS

accused of abusing drivers." One food courier, who works in Glasgow, said the majority of customers are pleasant but the risk of abuse and racism is constant.

He said: "Every door's different and you just don't know what you'll be dealing with."

"Most people are fine but at night when they've been drinking, you have to be ready for anything."

"Usually, you just get away quick but sometimes they won't let you go and keep shouting."

"It's like the delivery is just their excuse to have a go at someone, to make a big drama."

"People shout at me when I'm on my bike too but you just need to ignore it."

"I've had abuse off customers, food thrown at me on the doorstep. It feels like part of the job but shouldn't be allowed."

"They should be banned. You can report it but nothing happens."

Earlier this year, GMB, Deliveroo and 30 supermarkets and restaurant chains signed the Respect Charter promising every courier will be treated with dignity and encouraging better working relations.

GMB Scotland is calling on the delivery companies to make it easier for couriers to report abusive customers



BAGS OF TROUBLE Food delivery drivers say they face abuse

and work together to ban some customers. Clare Martin, who is a rep for the union, said: "Some of the apps don't even let you report these kinds of incidents. Even when you can, nothing seems to happen."

"It can feel like we are out there on our own with nobody watching our backs."

"We should be able to flag these incidents and if a customer is reported repeatedly, twice say, they should be warned then, if they do it again, banned."

"There is a lot I like about my job but

we should not be expected to put up with behaviour that would not be tolerated in any other workplace."

Clare spoke out after Scots researchers found 80 per cent of food couriers felt unsafe at work but could not afford to quit.

Researchers at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, polled 207 food-delivery couriers across Scotland and found more than 60 per cent had endured

racist abuse and 55 per cent had suffered physical abuse.

Tom Warnett, the union's lead in Deliveroo, said: "Everyone has the right to go about their work safely and be treated with respect."

The union has been campaigning across the UK to improve pay and conditions for food couriers and signed a landmark deal with Deliveroo three years ago to give self-employed riders guaranteed earnings, representation and benefits.

A Deliveroo spokesperson said: "The safety of our riders is our top priority and any abuse against riders is completely unacceptable."

"If riders report abusive customers, this is escalated, investigated and we will take appropriate action."

"This includes sending warnings to customers about their behaviour, suspending accounts pending investigations, or permanently deactivating accounts for inappropriate or abusive behaviour and supporting any police investigations"

The Record also approached Just Eat and Uber Eats for comment.

Some men will come to the door deliberately half-dressed

FEMALE COURIER ON JOB RISKS



WARNING Mhairi Black

Black blasts Forbes over 'archaic' ideas

BY ANDREW QUINN

MHAIRI Black has blasted Kate Forbes for her "extreme" and "archaic" views.

The former MP said the Deputy First Minister's views on social issues were "out of step with what the SNP has stood for".

Black - who was the youngest MP for 200 years when she was elected for the SNP in 2015 - warned against Forbes leading the party and said it would drive young voters away.

Forbes sparked outrage in the SNP leadership contest last year when she said that she wouldn't have voted for gay marriage and that people shouldn't have kids outside of wedlock.

Black told a Sunday paper that instead of addressing problems, SNP bosses had brushed them "under the carpet".



SUCCESS Taylor Swift

Swift 'blown away' by hit album sales

BY HANNAH ROBERTS

TAYLOR Swift has said she is "completely blown away" at the chart success of her album *The Tortured Poets Department*.

The US pop star's chart-topping 11th original studio album was released in April and has spent eight non-consecutive weeks at the top of the UK albums chart.

The record has also spent 12 consecutive weeks at the top of Billboard's US albums chart and Swift told her fans this has "never happened to an album of mine before".

The 34-year-old, is currently in Germany as part of her Eras tour.

It comes after Swift's record was named the biggest album of the year in the UK, by the Official Charts Company in its mid-year update.

RECORD VIEW

Delivery drivers need protection

IT IS unacceptable that food delivery drivers in Scotland are being racially abused and sexually harassed by customers.

Some show up at the door half-dressed and make inappropriate sexual comments when they find out their food is being delivered by a woman.

Clare Martin now only works during the day because of the abuse she has received while working nights when she feels vulnerable going to some doors.

She should not have to deal with men trying to coax her into their homes or trying to touch her.

Another courier who works in Glasgow has had food thrown at him and has been abused when he's on his bike.

No wonder union bosses are calling for some customers to be banned to help keep their members safe.

Calls for a blacklist if someone oversteps the mark are understandable and should be considered by the firms these drivers work for.

It should also be made easier for drivers to report abuse.

The food delivery companies must take a serious look at the GMB union's proposals.

Up to 80 per cent of food couriers say they feel unsafe at work and a majority of all drivers have suffered some form of abuse. The firms have a duty to protect their employees from customers.

Some do take the plight of their workers seriously but clearly, as we report today, too many drivers feel threatened and vulnerable at work.

They shouldn't have to put up with the reprehensible behaviour we have described.

Their bosses should do everything they can to keep them safe.

TAKE AWAY FOOD DELIVERY PERVERTS - PAGES 4&5

Dental treatment is not just for rich

ALARMING figures show that tens of thousands of Scots are turning to private dentists because NHS dentistry is not fit for purpose.

The Scottish Government says a backlog caused by the Covid pandemic is the problem but it must do more to restore faith in NHS dental treatment.

Graham Bartlett has told about how he was deregistered by his NHS dentist while he was halfway through a treatment plan.

He has a hole in his tooth and is in a lot of pain, but is unable to get it treated because the practice told him it was closing its door to NHS patients.

Not everyone can afford to go private so it means those who don't have money are missing out on treatment.

This is unacceptable and the Scottish Government must act to sort the problem.

SCOTS FACING DENTIST NIGHTMARE

I'm suffering & in pain but can't afford to pay



GRAHAM Bartlett, 62, only found out he was being de-registered by his NHS dentist when he contacted his surgery about an appointment.

He was halfway through a treatment plan when he was informed over the phone that his practice in Dumfries was the latest in the region to close its doors to NHS patients.

He said: "I had a hole in my tooth and was in a lot of pain. My dentist had started treatment and had given me a temporary filling. But when I phoned to make an appointment to continue the treatment, I was told any further work I'd need would have to be paid for privately.

"There's absolutely no way I can afford to do that and I'm sure so many others will be in a similar situation.

"Two years down the line and I've still got this hole in my tooth and suffering with it.

"Both myself and my wife are in

GRAHAM'S STORY

desperate need of dental treatment but we simply can't afford to go private. I'm in pain, but in a situation where I can't afford to finish the treatment I need.

"We've been looking into going to Turkey for treatment because even that would be cheaper than going private here.

"It's a terrible situation for me and many thousands more people across the country.

"It's an absolute crisis. You don't realise just how important this issue is until you're in pain and need treatment, and that can happen to any of us at any time."

Graham's practice in Dumfries was one of many to close its doors to NHS patients. More than 35,000 people in the region alone have been left without an NHS dentist over the past two years.

In a bleak assessment of the situation, NHS director of dentistry Alison Milne said: "There are no dentists within the region currently accepting new NHS registrations - meaning that the alternatives are to secure registration outwith the region or access dental care privately."

"I'm looking at going to Turkey as it would be cheaper"

GRAHAM BARTLETT ON HIS DENTAL PLIGHT

Dental health 'rotting away'

Fury as more than 36,000 desperate patients forced to go private



MISERY Country facing dental crisis

MORE than 36,000 Scots have left NHS dentists to go private in the last five years, according to figures from Scottish Labour.

The party says NHS dental care has "rotted away under the SNP" as patients are opting for more expensive private clinics.

Labour submitted freedom of information requests to Scotland's health boards on the number of patients who have left NHS dentists.

Since 2019, the number is 36,818 - though the real figure is higher as data was not available for some years.

Paul Sweeney, Labour's dentistry spokesman, said: "The fact that patients are suddenly

BY ANDREW QUINN

paying quadruple the cost for dentistry in a cost-of-living crisis suggests Scots are handing over their life savings and pensions just to get the treatment they desperately need to relieve themselves of severe pain.

"This is what privatisation looks like - those who can, pay for a private dentist; those who can't, suffer without access to an NHS dentist when they need it.

"NHS dental care has rotted away under the SNP when we need to be encouraging more dentists to work for the NHS so that everyone is able to register as an NHS patient."

A Scottish Government spokesman said: "We are

improving access to NHS dentistry following disruption from the pandemic, and have implemented significant NHS dental payment reform following extensive discussion with the sector."

Meanwhile, the British Dental Association said further reforms are needed.

David McColl, chairman of the organisation's Scottish dental practice committee, said: "Reforms rolled out last year offer some hope of keeping some NHS practices sustainable.

"It's a start but can't be the final destination. Further reform is still needed to ensure this service is a place dentists would choose to build a career."



TRAGEDY Glenn Campbell

Biker girl's tribute to 'soulmate'

BY EVE BEATTIE

TRIBUTES have poured in to a biker killed in a road collision.

Trainee fireman Glenn Campbell, 21, from North Berwick, died in a collision with a tanker on the B1345 near Drem in East Lothian on Wednesday.

Girlfriend Paige Whyte, 19, said: "Not many people say soulmates exist. I was one of them until Glenn Campbell came into my life. He was my beautiful, amazing boy. I feel so lost without him."

"I could talk about Glenn all day, there was not one bad thing about him. He made me laugh and he had compassion for others."

The driver of the tanker was uninjured.

The road was closed to allow for collision investigators to conduct enquiries.



SHAMED Barry Donnelly

Party beast faces jail for teen attack

BY CONNOR GORDON

A PERV who carried out sex attacks on a sleeping teenager then took him to McDonald's is behind bars.

Barry Donnelly, 41, preyed on the 17-year-old boy at his home in Glasgow's Penilee on September 12, 2022.

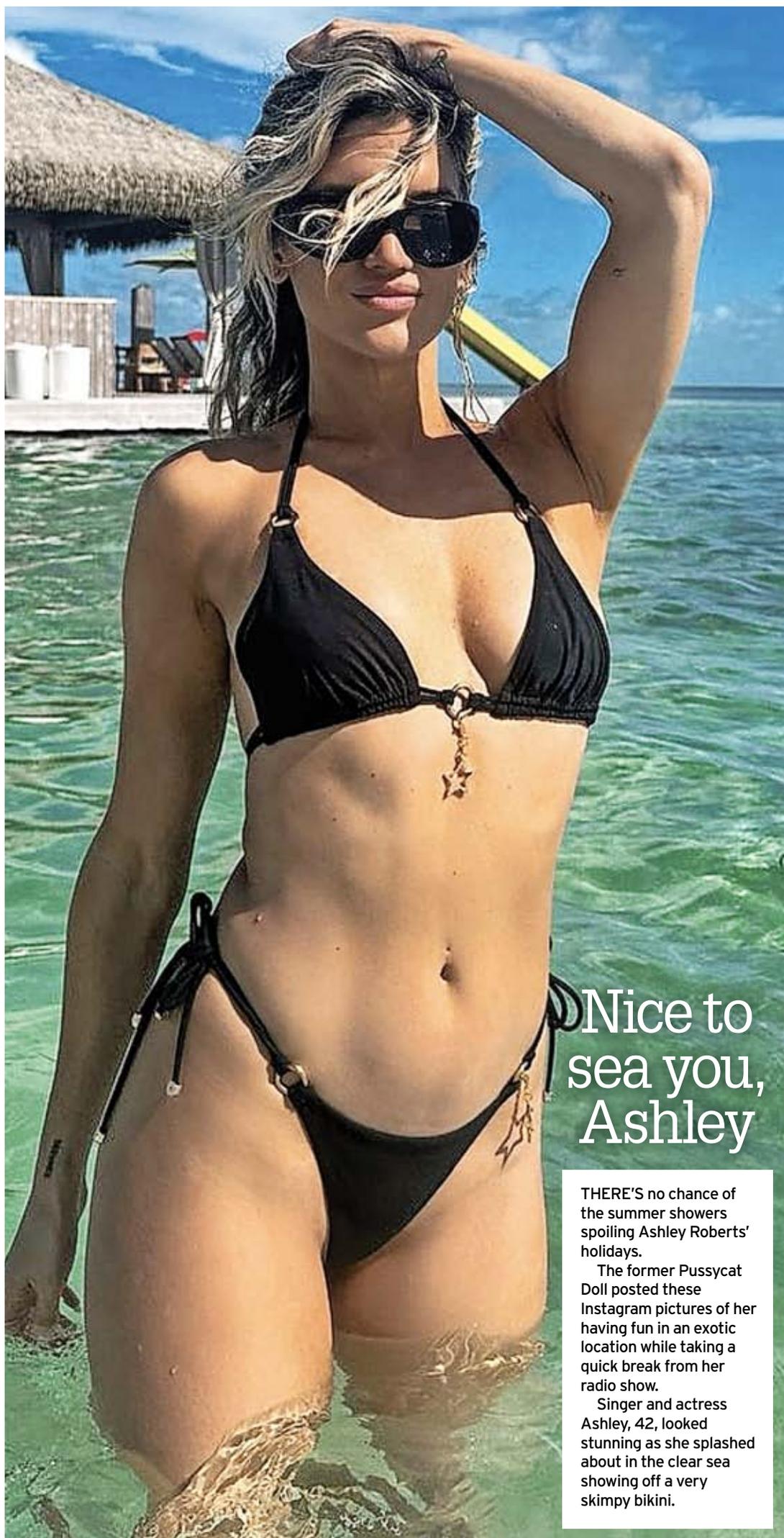
At a party for his mother's birthday, the former hospital theatre assistant got into a bed where the boy was asleep and groped his terrified victim before performing a sex act.

Donnelly later drove his victim home and stopped at McDonald's. Prosecutor Sean Docherty said: "The boy was still in shock."

At Glasgow Sheriff Court, Donnelly was found guilty of sexual assault.

Deferring sentence for reports, Sheriff Matthew Jackson KC said: "I refuse bail."

Drought of order



Nice to see you, Ashley

THERE'S no chance of the summer showers spoiling Ashley Roberts' holidays.

The former Pussycat Doll posted these Instagram pictures of her having fun in an exotic location while taking a quick break from her radio show.

Singer and actress Ashley, 42, looked stunning as she splashed about in the clear sea showing off a very skimpy bikini.



HAIL IN ONE Torrential rain fell on spectators at The Open

Days after Royal Troon downpours the town is on water shortage list

GOLF fans saw biblical rain falling at The Open - but Troon has been placed on a drought danger list.

BY PAUL DRURY

recent rainfall has led to drier soils and lower river levels in the south-west of the country.

The Ayrshire seaside town is on an "early warning" for water scarcity, environment watchdogs have said.

"Early warnings of water scarcity are now in place for the Irvine and Ayr area and the Cree area of Galloway.

Stars such as Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy endured torrential rain at Royal Troon last week during the 152nd Open.

"We advise water users, including those with private water supplies, to be aware of the potential risk of water scarcity this summer and for businesses to plan ahead where it is possible to."

The summer washout continued on Saturday afternoon with one US journalist saying: "I can't believe this is July."

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency is now asking locals to conserve stocks as the ground is showing signs of drying up.

Parts of the east coast as well as Kintyre are also giving cause for concern and remain in a separate early warning for water shortage.

SEPA have identified the wider Irvine and Ayr area as entering the first stage of shortage in their latest water scarcity report.

Meanwhile, SEPA say rainfall in the last week has improved the situation in the Tweed area, which has recovered to normal conditions.

It states: "This week has seen heavy showers over parts of the central belt, south and east, with drier weather elsewhere. Lower

The rest of the country remains at normal conditions.

The warnings come after one of the wettest Junes on record in Scotland.

Lower recent rainfall has led to drier soils
SEPA SPOKESMAN

ELECTRIC DREAMS

KIDS in Britain are greener than those in the States, with almost half hoping for their first car to be electric.

A poll of 1000 kids aged 8-16 found American youngsters preferred to drive an older vehicle they can modify. The poll was carried out by Nissan, which hosted children at their HQ to hone its green credentials.

Swap apps for naps to see off dementia, says AI prof

A DIGITAL detox and napping could be the secret to healthy ageing, an AI expert claims.

Professor Mohamed Elmasry has also called for bingo halls to be converted into "active learning centres" to help reduce dementia.

He says daily habits such as naps, memory workouts and ditching devices all help us stay healthy in later

BY RECORD REPORTER

life. His new book, iMind: Artificial and Real Intelligence, claims focus has shifted too far away from RI – natural, or real – intelligence.

The Canadian Prof – who taught the BlackBerry founder – said: "The useful life expectancy for current smartphones is around 10 years, while a healthy brain-mind inside a healthy

human body can live for 100 years or longer.

"Your brain-mind is the highest-value asset you have, or will ever have.

"Increase its potential and longevity by caring for it early in life, keeping it and your body healthy so it can continue to develop.

"You can't exercise your smartphone's memory to make it last longer or encourage it to perform at a higher level."



FORTY WINKS Daily naps

US ELECTION For my

BY MARTIN FRICKER

US President Joe Biden sensation-ally dropped out of the American election race last night.

He said his decision is in the best interests of his party and the country.

Biden, 81, has endorsed his vice president Kamala Harris, 59, to be the Democrats' presidential candidate.

He added that it is "time to come together and beat" Republican nominee Donald Trump.

The drama comes only four months before the election.

In a letter on social media, Biden said: "While it has been my intention to seek re-election, I believe it is in the best interest of my party to stand down."

Biden, who said he intends to remain as president until his term ends, is due to give a TV address to the American public later this week.

There had been growing concerns about his mental and physical health.

He came under intense pressure to stand aside after a disastrous televised debate last month with Trump.

It was said that very few people could convince him to step down from the election race, one being his wife Jill, 73.

Another was former president Barack Obama who said last night that Biden "has never backed down from a fight", adding: "For him to look at the political landscape and decide that he should pass the torch to a new nominee is surely one of the toughest in his life."

Obama added: "Joe Biden has been one of America's most consequential presidents, as well as a dear friend and partner to me.

"Today, we've also been reminded – again – that he's a patriot of the highest order."

He also praised Biden's "character – his deep empathy and hard-earned resilience; his fundamental decency and belief that everyone counts".

Biden was vice president during Obama's time in the White House.

Former US president Bill Clinton and wife Hillary, who ran for president in 2016 but lost to Trump, praised Biden for his "extraordinary career" and joined him in endorsing Harris.

Keir Starmer said: "I respect President Biden's decision and I look forward to us working together during the remainder of his presidency.

"I know that, as he has done throughout his remarkable career, President Biden will have made his decision based on what he believes is in the best interests of the American people."

Trump reacted last night by saying Biden was "not fit to serve from the very



DISASTROUS During televised debate

“Today, we've been reminded – again – that he's a patriot of the highest order”

BARACK OBAMA PRAISES BIDEN AFTER YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT



SUPPORT Kamala Harris hugs Biden in March

beginning". He added that Biden is "crooked" and the "worst president, by far, in the history of our nation".

And he added that Biden's team have "lied to America about his complete and total mental, physical, and cognitive demise".

Earlier, at a rally in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Trump spoke about Thomas Matthew Crooks, 20, the man who almost assassinated him a week earlier.

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» Biden ends re-election bid & endorses VP Kamala Harris

» He says it is time to 'come together and beat Trump'



TIME TO DEPART
President Biden will stand down

Decision to pull out should have come weeks ago

ANALYSIS

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN

IT was a case of when, rather than if, Joe Biden would step down following his disastrous TV debate performance.

The decision, however, should have come weeks ago, sparing Democrats the prolonged agony of defending his increasingly evident fragility.

There will be questions as to why this charade persisted for so long, undermining their credibility and strategy, while allowing Republicans to gain much ground.

But before such an inquest, their focus must be on who will take on Trump on November 5.

Biden's decision to bow out clears a path for his deputy, vice president Kamala Harris.

But for much of the past three years, she has been viewed as a liability due to her consistently lower approval ratings than her boss.

Recent strong performances as a vigorous spokesperson and loyal deputy have helped to shift perceptions, however.

Should she receive the nomination, she would be the first woman of colour to head a national ticket and, if victorious, the first female president.

But there is anxiety about Harris's polarising image. Many of the party faithful have been urging others such as Governor Gavin Newsom of California to consider running.

Whoever takes the ticket, it will mean Trump must prepare to face a potentially younger and more dynamic opponent.

His strategy relied heavily on Biden remaining in the race, banking on his perceived weaknesses.

Trump is now the old man in the race and must quickly recalibrate his approach.

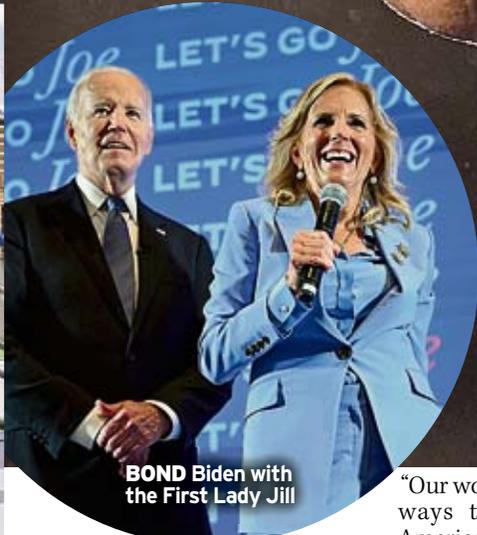
At the Democratic National Convention next month, the party must act decisively and choose a new standard-bearer to take on Trump. Buckle up.



POSSIBILITY
Gavin Newsom



STUMBLE Aides pick up President after 2023 fall



BOND Biden with the First Lady Jill

Trump called Crooks a "horrendous person".

Seconds after opening fire, Crooks was shot dead by a Secret Service sniper.

Harris said she is "honoured" to have the endorsement of Biden.

She thanked him for his "extraordinary leadership" and for making a "selfless and patriotic act" by stepping aside.

She said: "I am honoured to have the President's endorsement, and my intention is to earn and win this

nomination." Biden's string of difficult moments in recent years included an occasion when he fell on stage during a US Air Force Academy graduation ceremony in 2023.

He is currently isolating at home in Delaware after being diagnosed with Covid.

His granddaughter Naomi Biden said: "I'm nothing but proud today of my pop, our President."

"He has served our country with every bit of his soul and with unmatched distinction." She added:

"Our world is better today in so many ways thanks to him. To the Americans who have always had his back, keep the faith.

"He will always have ours."

Jaime Harrison, who chairs the Democratic National Committee, has promised a transparent and orderly process in selecting the party's candidate for the November election.

He added the Democrats will share more information shortly.

He said: "The work that we must do now, while unprecedented, is clear."



RALLY Rival Trump with ear plaster on Saturday



NO VAT Eton College

Posh schools tax break to go in budget

BY LIZZY BUCHAN

TAX breaks for private schools could be scrapped by January under Government speeds up plans to close the loophole.

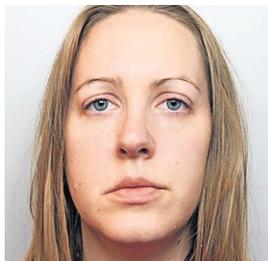
Labour promised to end the VAT exemption on independent school fees.

Private schools such as Eton College do not have to charge VAT on fees.

The move, confirmed in last week's King's Speech, had been expected to come into force from the start of the next academic year in 2025.

But reports suggest the new Government could move more quickly.

A source told the Sunday Times: "This was a manifesto commitment and we have been clear the change would be included in our first budget. We are keen for this to take effect as soon as possible."



TRIALS Lucy Letby

Nurse: I was warned over Lucy support

BY PAUL BYRNE

A NURSE was allegedly told it could harm her career if she gave evidence on behalf of baby killer Lucy Letby.

The medic who trained with Letby at the Countess of Chester Hospital has said she was asked to be a character witness by the defence but her NHS trust advised her not to.

Letby, 34, was last year convicted of murdering seven babies.

Scientific and medical experts have recently come forward to challenge evidence given to the jury.

And now a nurse has said she believes she has been made a scapegoat.

She told the Sunday Telegraph: "I don't understand why her defence doesn't seem to have called some of the witnesses that could have helped."

An empties legacy

Partygate and Brexit what Tories remembered for after 14 years



CONTEMPT Boris Johnson at No10 lockdown gathering

BY LIZZY BUCHAN

SCANDALS and disastrously divisive acts are how the Tories will be remembered after 14 years in power, a poll says.

Key legacies of their rule are Brexit, according to 43 per cent of people, followed by Partygate, the scandal of lockdown-breaking gatherings in Downing Street (41 per cent).

Close behind is Boris Johnson's bungling response to the pandemic, Liz Truss's disastrous mini-Budget as PM and the Rwanda deportation scheme, which has now been ditched by Keir Starmer.

Just eight per cent of the 2415 adults interviewed by pollsters Savanta said the Conservatives would be remembered for more positive things, such as London 2012 Olympics and legalising same-sex marriage.

The damning poll comes as the party attempts to rebuild after one of its worst general election defeats.

A bitter leadership contest looms, with ex-home secretary James Cleverly and former business secretary Kemi Badenoch among eight possible contenders.

Tees Valley mayor Ben Houchen yesterday called on ex-home secretary

Suella Braverman to act "with civility" after she warned the party risks becoming "centrist cranks".

Referring to the poll, Savanta's Chris Hopkins said people's perception of the Tories is framed by "a series of scandals and policy missteps" which the party will have to tackle.

Rishi Sunak will be most remembered for leading his team to electoral disaster (42 per cent), the Rwanda Bill (33 per cent), being the first Asian and Hindu PM (31 per cent), furlough during the pandemic (21 per cent) and the controversial Eat Out to Help Out scheme.



CHAOS Truss, above, and Sunak



43

The percentage of people who said Brexit is the Tories' legacy

41

The percentage of people who will remember the Tories due to Partygate

Hunt says sorry to Covid-hit families



QUIZZED Hunt

JEREMY Hunt has apologised "unreservedly" to the families who lost loved ones to Covid.

The Health Secretary from 2012-18 admitted not challenging "group-think" after a report found the UK wasn't prepared for the pandemic.

In a BBC interview yesterday, he

said: "We overprepared for pandemic flu. We didn't think about other types of pandemic. I apologise unreservedly to the families of this terrible tragedy.

"The report has some very sensible recommendations, including simplifying structures for preparing for these kinds of emergencies."

Glitterfall

BBC boss Davie to get dragged into Strictly row over abuse claims



OUR SHOW
Anton And Giovanni on stage. And, left, friends together

EXCLUSIVE
BY MARK JEFFERIES

BBC director general Tim Davie is to be dragged into the Strictly Come Dancing row as the show faces an uncertain future.

The corporation's annual report comes out tomorrow and the crisis is certain to be raised in the media Q&A session with the boss later.

In last year's report, a picture of Strictly was used on page 47 and the show is regularly heralded by bosses as one of the jewels in the BBC's crown, winning the Entertainment Programme BAFTA just two months ago.

But the series is now deep in crisis as to how it moves forward and keeps the family-friendly image that has made it so popular for two decades.

Two of the professional dancers are not returning for the new series – Giovanni Pernice and Graziano Di Prima, who admitted kicking his partner Zara McDermott in rehearsals last year. And the BBC is still to reveal the results of its probe into the show following complaints from celebrities.

Some pros have faced claims they mistreated the stars during training sessions, pushing them too hard in some cases allegedly abusing them.

Yesterday, it was revealed a female pro dancer now faces allegations of "bullying" following complaints from a male celeb.

Up until then, the complaints had focused on female stars.

Over the weekend, Amanda Abbington branded Pernice "abusive, cruel and mean" after she made complaints to lawyers Carter Ruck.

She said: "I couldn't sit back and let him do that to other people."

"I had to think long and hard about making a complaint because I knew the backlash I would get."

"But I would not have been able to live with myself for future people going on that show." But Pernice



CRISIS Amanda and Giovanni, and below. Above, BBC chief Davie and judge Craig



has told pals he expects to be cleared after reportedly meeting with BBC bosses. The weekend allegations made by Amanda, 50, were said not be included in their dossier.

A source said: "This would suggest her more serious claims are without merit and is a massive boost to Giovanni's case."

A Strictly source reportedly claimed Pernice made a crude

sexual remark to Amanda. But his spokesman said: "Giovanni refutes these allegations and denies any accusations of abusive or threatening behaviour."

"He remains fully confident of clearing his name."

Strictly judge Craig Revel Horwood told how complaints about dancers

were a "shock" to him. Asked if he is worried about the future of the show, he added: "I don't think so."

Judge Anton Du Beke was last week dragged into a legal probe into "serious misconduct".

His 2009 partner Laila Rouass is understood to have claimed he said she looked like "a P***" after a spray tan.

He apologised and she accepted.

Over the weekend, he appeared in the touring show he has with Pernice, where fans sang happy birthday to him in Llandudno, North Wales.

The BBC said: "We will not be commenting on individuals. We will always listen if people want to make us aware of something."



TROUBLE Zara and Graziano

Q&A

What is at the root of Strictly's problems?

The show has received complaints about professional dancers being too aggressive, overly physical or competitive with contestants in training.

Documentary maker Zara McDermott said rehearsal videos of her dancing with Graziano Di Prima were "incredibly distressing" to watch after a member of staff raised concerns.

Actress Amanda Abbington, who danced with Giovanni Pernice and was also unhappy, said the behaviour by pro dancers must be "endemic".

Giovanni denies wrongdoing and Graziano says his "intense passion and determination to win might have affected my training regime".

How many celebrities have complained?

It is thought at least three females and one male celebrity. Some are using lawyers to seek compensation.

What has the BBC said and done about it?

The BBC has launched an internal investigation which is expected to conclude shortly. New measures announced last week include chaperones to monitor training sessions.

Will Strictly be back on TV later this year?

There have been crisis meetings but the plan is to continue with the next series using the new measures. Earlier this month, the BBC said the 20th anniversary series would be "extra special". Reports suggest filming is due to start on August 21, with the live launch show on September 4.

BUST-UP
Graziano and Zara on last year's Strictly Come Dancing

Child abuse images made by AI show real-life victims

ARTIFICIAL intelligence is being used to generate deepfake child sexual abuse images of real-life victims, a report has found.

The Internet Watch Foundation said the AI used to create the images is legal in the UK, even though AI child sex abuse images are illegal.

Images of one victim were uploaded by her abuser when she was

BY POL ALLINGHAM

between three and eight years old, the IWF said.

It reported Olivia, not her real name, was rescued by police in 2013 but years later dark web users are using AI tools to computer-generate images of her in new abusive situations.

An IWF spokesman said: "Although now free of her abuser, Olivia, like many other survivors, is

repeatedly victimised every time imagery of her abuse continues to be shared."

Chief executive Susie Hargreaves said: "We'll be watching closely to see how industry, regulators and Government respond to the threat, to ensure the suffering of Olivia, and children like her, is not exacerbated, reimagined and recreated using AI tools."



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Starmers stance on two-child cap a poor choice for families

SCHOOLS out for summer in Scotland but last week Sir Keir Starmers sat his first test.

The new PM had it in his gift to scrap the two-child cap in his King's Speech. He could have said that his government would deliver meaningful change and take bold steps to end child poverty.

A test every government should be measured by and it was a test he categorically failed. The new PM and his Chancellor Rachel Reeves are stubbornly sticking to the line that they are going to keep a policy that actively pushes children into poverty.

It's early days for this Government but that first choice should worry us all. Because the General Election result made clear people wanted change.

Labour stood on a platform of change. It successfully won a massive mandate and a massive change after 14 years of the Conservatives is exactly what this King's Speech should have delivered.

Instead, the first programme for government represents a stuttering start. The campaign may have a slogan for change at its heart but it's clear caution is the watchword of this new Labour Government. If it can't deliver on this policy - a baby step towards ending child poverty - what signal is it sending?

With an enormous Westminster majority it would be simple for it to be scrapped but that is ultimately a political choice and how Sir Keir addressed that choice determined the priorities of his government.

We now know child poverty is not one of them. Let's be clear, while this was a Tory policy, for every week the two-child benefit cap remains in place it is another week the Labour Party must take ownership of its impact.

The context of Starmers decision is this: A YouGov poll showed public support for keeping the two-child cap remains in the slight majority.

For a lot of people, there is a hunch, an instinct that the number of children we have should be determined by financial circumstances. A feeling that families, rich and poor, should consider whether they can afford a third child. It's an aptitude that many

on these islands feel towards fairness. But it's that inclination towards fairness that makes the cap categorically wrong. No matter your views on the parents, it can never be the case children are punished by virtue of being more than two siblings. That is simply not fair.

It is essentially why the Labour Party, Pat McFadden aside, won't defend the two-child benefit cap, but instead says the money isn't there. But we know the two-child cap has had no impact on fertility rates and the small amount saved is more than outstripped by the cost of the endemic poverty it fuels.

From a purely economic point of view, the £3billion it would cost to scrap the policy can be viewed as a stimulus package. It is money going to poorer families who can't afford to save. Every single penny will be funnelled straight back into an ailing economy crying out

for cash in a cost-of-living crisis. It certainly wasn't logic that led Sir Keir to fail his first big test. That test is now passed to Scottish Labour MPs who can vote for the SNP amendment to scrap the cap.

Anas Sarwar said the cap should go and amendments laid before the House will give his MPs the opportunity to put their money where their mouth is - ending child poverty should be a priority for any progressive government, not the least one led by Labour.

If Scottish Labour is serious about real change and wants to eradicate child poverty then it can take the first, basic step towards doing that - the Labour Party doesn't need a taskforce, it just needs to vote for the SNP amendment.

There may only be nine SNP MPs now but by laying this amendment we've made child poverty the central issue of the last week and the week ahead.

Even the Lib Dems have felt compelled to copy our amendment. And by the way, the sheer hypocrisy of those wet blankets, responsible for the Tory government which brought in the cap, will not be lost on anyone.

The SNP promised voters we would stand up for Scotland's values and hold the Labour government to account - and that's exactly what we intend to do.

The question for Scottish Labour is whether its MPs believe in the very basic principle of ending child poverty. The test on that comes tomorrow.



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THEIR VERDICTS ON KING'S SPEECH

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CAUTION
Starmer didn't include benefit cap in King's Speech



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ANAS SARWAR

AFTER 14 years in opposition, Labour was able to put its values into action last week with its first King's Speech of this Parliament.

For too long the Tories have used the powers of government to inflict chaos and cruelty on working people. Now politics has been returned to public service.

The Labour government set out a transformative legislative agenda that will change lives for working people and kick start a decade of national renewal.

This included our New Deal for Working People, which will tackle the scourge of low pay and insecure work. Under the Tories the cost of living has spiralled out of control while wages fell behind. For too many workers the promise of a fair day's pay for a fair day's work has been broken - but Labour will restore it.

Labour in government always has and always will stand up for workers' rights and advance the interests of working people.

Within 100 days, this Labour government will introduce an Employment Rights Bill which will look to ban exploitative zero-hour contracts, end fire and rehire, strengthen sick pay and protections for new mothers.

Paternal leave, sick pay and protection from unfair dismissal will be made day one rights for workers and flexible working will become the default. These plans represent the biggest upgrade to workers' rights in a generation. Alongside this, Labour will make work pay by delivering a genuine living wage that accounts for the cost of living and scrapping discriminatory age bands to ensure every adult worker benefits.

This is a fundamental reset of how our economy works - it will tackle the scandal of in-work poverty and deliver a genuine living wage for 200,000 Scots.

Another game-changing element of the King's Speech was confirmation that the government will introduce a Bill to set up GB Energy - a publicly-owned clean power company headquartered right here in Scotland.

This will own, manage and operate clean power projects - delivering lower bills, more jobs, greater energy security and climate leadership. This will make Scotland a clean energy superpower and ensure the jobs of the future come here instead of



REGAL Charles with Camilla in the House of Lords for the King's Speech

We'll reset the economy and improve rights

going abroad, delivering 69,000 green jobs in Scotland alone. By investing in clean, home-grown energy we will drive down bills for families and ensure that we are no longer reliant on tyrants like Putin.

These plans to cut bills and boost wages are good for working Scots and good for our economy. Delivering economic growth and stability are the foundation of Labour's plans. Years of economic chaos and low growth under the

Tories has left working people worse off and starved public services of funds.

Under Labour, working people will no longer be forced to foot the bill for political failure. The Budget Responsibility Bill will rule out a repeat of the disastrous Liz Truss mini-budget, which people are still paying for.

Labour's National Wealth Fund Bill will underpin our efforts to drive growth and build a greener economy. The fund will help to unlock the vast economic potential that exists in every corner of Scotland by making investments in key sectors and mobilising further private sector investment.

Labour also set out plans to fix the UK's broken rail system by taking services across the country into public ownership. Working with the Scottish Government,

Labour will ensure ScotRail is kept in public hands and every part of the country has reliable, affordable and accessible rail.

These plans will deliver for passengers, connect communities, drive growth and cut emissions.

This is just one area where our two governments will work together to deliver for Scotland.

Whether on improving rail, promoting public health or strengthening protections for tenants, Labour remains committed to resetting devolution and working constructively with the Scottish Government.

This includes establishing a Council of the Nations and Regions to renew opportunities for the PM, the First Minister, along with other heads of devolved governments and mayors of combined authorities, to collaborate.

This King's Speech set out how Labour will build a stronger, fairer Scotland - a country where there is dignity in work, bills are cut for good and a strong economy supports strong public services. And this is just the beginning.

After 14 years of Tory chaos, there is a lot of work to do to get our country back on track - but that work has already begun. This King's Speech was a clear reminder of the difference Labour makes in government and why our mission must always be to win elections. We can never settle for shouting from the sidelines - we need to be in government changing lives.

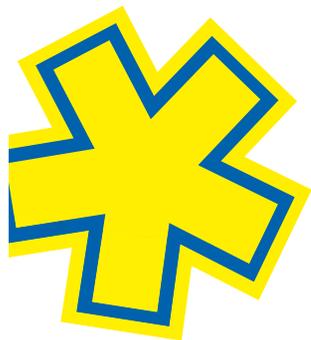
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PANELLIST Ruth Langsford

Ruth returns to work after Eamonn split

BY MARK JEFFERIES

RUTH Langsford will be back on Loose Women today after two months off following her split from husband Eamonn Holmes.

Sources say Ruth, 64, has been left hurt by the marriage breakdown.

A friend said of her return to the ITV chat show's panel: "Even though the split has been very tough, life must go on."

"Don't expect revelations about the divorce - she wants to keep that private."

TV host Eamonn, 64, who has continued to work at GB News in recent weeks, was still wearing his wedding ring in a photo he posted online yesterday.

Eamonn, who married Ruth in 2010, has been consoled through the split by relationship counsellor Katie Alexander, 42.



CLEAN SWEEP Tom Dean

Tom dips into row on dirty Olympic river

BY JEREMY ARMSTRONG

BRITAIN'S double Olympic champion Tom Dean has questioned the sanity of swimming in the Seine at the Paris Games.

The river, to be used in a number of sports, has failed tests for faecal matter in the run-up to the event.

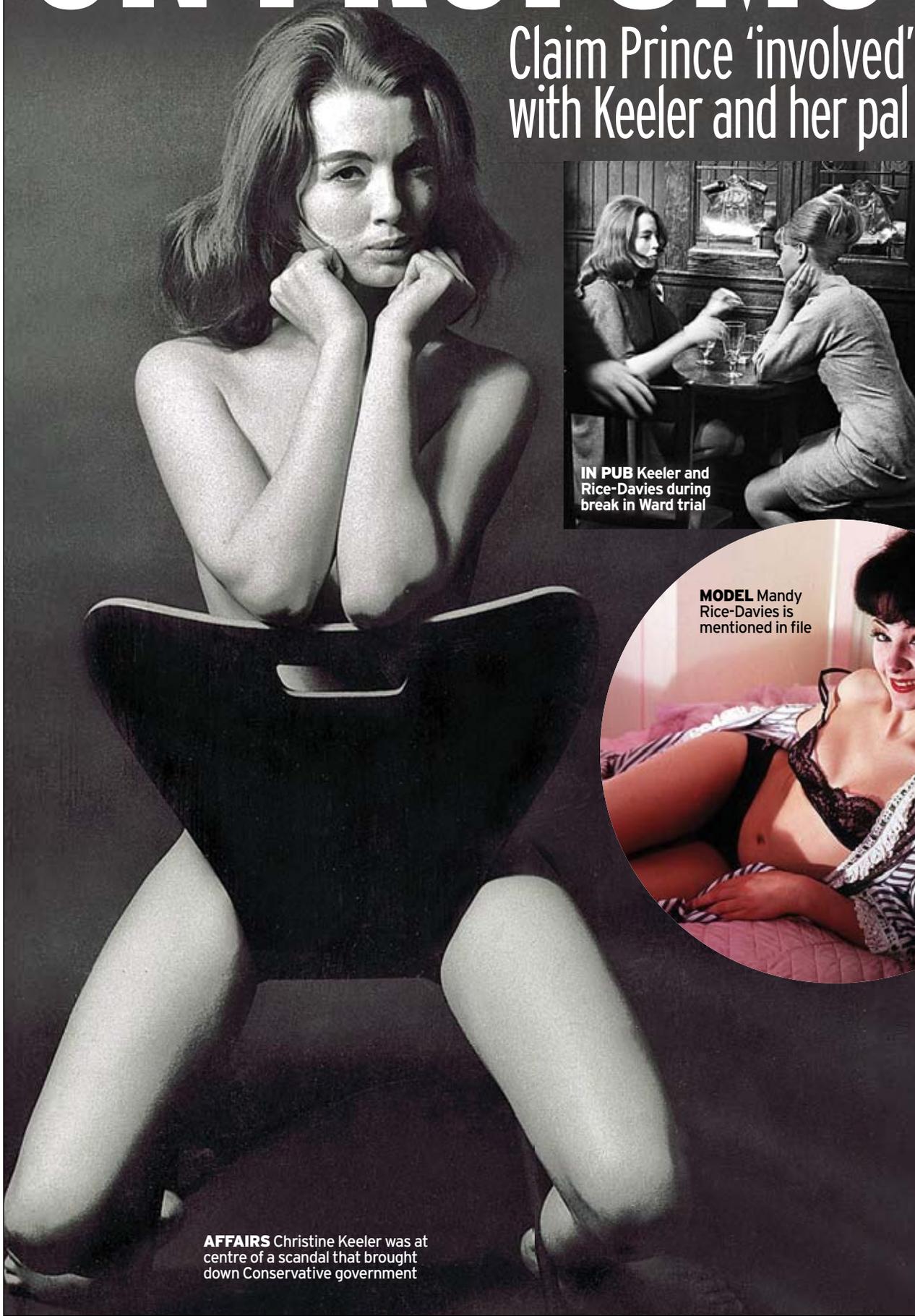
Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo, 65, took a long-awaited dip in the Seine last week in a bid to prove the water is clean.

But there was no sign of French President Emmanuel Macron, who had promised to join bathers.

Tom, 24, the first Brit swimmer to win two golds at a single Games in 113 years, said: "They have spent more than a billion euros, something absurd, that is incredible and yet they are hoping for a dry summer to meet standards of cleanliness. It is crazy."

PHILIP NAMED IN FBI PAPERS ON PROFUMO

Claim Prince 'involved' with Keeler and her pal



MARRIED The Queen and Philip in 1963

BY PAUL BYRNE

PRINCE Philip was named in top secret US documents about the 1960s Profumo affair.

They reveal the FBI was told of a rumour claiming he was personally "involved" with models Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies.

Last night, Keeler's son Seymour Platt, 51, said: "This is another piece of evidence that supports my mother's telling of the scandal - whether it's these FBI files or the MI5 documents released last October."

Keeler and Rice-Davies were at the centre of the sex scandal that brought down the Tory government.

In March 1963, John Profumo, the secretary of state for war, denied having a sexual relationship with Keeler, when he was 46 and she was 19.

Keeler had also been sleeping with Russian spy Yevgeny Ivanov. Months later, married Profumo resigned when proof of his affair became public.

Osteopath Stephen Ward, who had introduced Keeler to Profumo, was charged with living off the immoral earnings of Keeler and her friend Rice-Davies.

He took a fatal overdose three days after he was convicted.

In the recently disclosed document, Thomas Corbally, a US businessman involved in industrial espionage - who was interviewed by the FBI about his friendship with Ward - is said to have made the claim about Philip.

US Department of Justice files show a memo was written by FBI director J Edgar Hoover.

A cable sent by Hoover to the US Embassy in London on June 20, 1963, said: "Corbally also stated there was a rumour Prince Philip may have been involved with these two girls."

Keeler was jailed for nine months in an unrelated case.

Seymour added: "Although she was the victim of a violent assault, it was a convenient legal technicality that sent her to prison and branded her a perjurer and a liar. What a way to silence her secrets."

A friend of Seymour's added: "Christine maintained a friend had Prince Philip's child but she never said who - it's in her book."

Philip's alleged links to the affair are mentioned in Netflix series The Crown. He died aged 99 in 2021. Keeler died at 75 in 2017.



IN PUB Keeler and Rice-Davies during break in Ward trial



MODEL Mandy Rice-Davies is mentioned in file

AFFAIRS Christine Keeler was at centre of a scandal that brought down Conservative government

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TEAMWORK TUI flight staff

Seizure mum's high praise for crew leader

BY SAM VOLPE

A MUM has praised an "amazing" cabin crew boss after she suffered a seizure on a long-haul flight.

Gillian Hanna, of East Kilbride, was flying back to Glasgow from Mexico with son Sam, 18, on the TUI plane.

The 49-year-old has a neurological condition and had warned the team she could have a seizure. The crew jumped into action, led by team leader Emma.

Gillian said: "We really want Emma to know we have praised her. It was totally above and beyond."

"They were so switched on. After an hour I was able to go back to my seat and it was all ok."

Emma said: "The fact Gillian and her son have gone to such efforts to Thank us all at TUI means the world to all of us."



FANS DAY OUT Murrayfield

Cops probe cricket club abuse claim

BY JOHN-PAUL CLARK

A CRICKET club has reported racist and homophobic abuse and two assaults by football fans heading to Murrayfield.

The Murrayfield DAFS v Stewart's Melville at Roseburn Park in Edinburgh was abandoned on July 20 as a result of the incidents, on the same day Rangers and Manchester United met at the rugby venue.

The Record reported yesterday a large group of fans in balaclavas being escorted by police near to the stadium.

Rangers and Manchester United have been approached for comment over the claims.

A Police spokesman said: "Officers are carrying out enquiries after reports of abuse being directed towards players during a cricket match."

60,000 JOIN PRIDE PARADE



Birthday girl Jen's in the vest of spirits

SHE'S been at the centre of rumours about her marriage to Ben Affleck but J-Lo looked pretty happy on her Instagram yesterday as she prepares to turn 55 this week.



BRIGHT START Marchers head towards Glasgow Green

LGBTQ+ revellers hail event 'the best ever'

BY RECORD REPORTER

GLASGOW Pride drew its biggest ever crowd as more than 60,000 people celebrated across the city.

A parade of 50 floats and 190 organisations from the LGBTQ+ community left Finnieston's Festival Square for Glasgow Green on Saturday.

Organisers said it was their best Pride ever.

Pride director Stuart McPhail said: "We are delighted this years numbers have exceeded the 50,000 we had last year."

"This shows the Pride movement in Glasgow is bigger, brighter and better than ever. We can't wait to deliver an even bigger event next year."

After the parade, revellers continued the celebrations at a full to capacity Barrowland



FLAGS UP Rainbow stripes

Ballroom. Acts including Jedward, Lucy Spraggan, Whigfield, Just The Brave and Drag Queen Miss Bellahouston performed.

Jedward said: "Thanks so much for having us at Glasgow Pride."

Lucy, who visited her mum in Glasgow during her trip, led the crowd in a rendition of 500 Miles.

Whigfield said: "I love Scotland and can't wait to come back. What a day"



FLOAT OUT Enjoying the view from the top of their vehicle

1893 NOT PROVEN VERDICT THAT

Body in woods shooting is not so elementary, my dear Watson



HISTORIC Kiss on the show
Beeb bosses clear Doctor over gay kiss

BY **STUART MacDONALD**

DOCTOR Who has been cleared by BBC bosses after a probe into an episode which featured the Time Lord's first gay kiss.

The show made history on June 8 when its Scots star Ncuti Gatwa, kissed another man. It took place in an episode focused on the romance between the Doctor and a bounty hunter, played by Jonathan Groff.

The BBC said 169 people complained.

In its ruling, the BBC's Executive Complaints Unit said: "A viewer complained this episode included sexualised content unsuitable for children.

"The ECU considered the sexual innuendo to be towards the mildest end of the spectrum and in any case likely to go over the heads of children."



FRIENDS Lady Gaga & Tony
Gaga hails jazz legacy of pal Tony

BY **HANNAH ROBERTS**

LADY Gaga has paid tribute to Tony Bennett on the first anniversary of his death and said she is grateful for "the legacy of jazz music he left".

Jazz singer Bennett, who was a collaborator of the US pop star, died in July 2023 at the age of 96 after suffering Alzheimer's.

Gaga, 38 - real name Stefani Germanotta - shared a photo of her and Bennett on Instagram, writing: "It's been one year since Tony passed away. This picture says it all.

"I'm so grateful for my continued friendship with his wife Susan - the legacy of jazz music he left - and for the community of jazz musicians I still work with who all knew and loved Tony. We're gonna keep on swingin'. Miss you. Life is a beautiful thing."



BY **HEATHER GREENAWAY**

IT WAS the mysterious 1893 Scotland shooting at the Ardlamont Estate in Argyll which inspired iconic characters Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson.

On August 10, when a party of three men left for a morning of shooting on the estate near Tighnabruaich, only two returned.

Windsor Cecil Dudley Hambrough's body was later found in the woods with a gunshot wound to the back of the head which his companions Alfred John Monson and Edward Sweeney claimed was self-inflicted.

At the murder trial in Edinburgh, which saw Dr Joseph Bell and Dr Henry Littlejohn - who inspired Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous fictional characters - act as expert witnesses, Monson received the "not proven" verdict.

With suspicious insurance policies, a boat accident, rumours of an illicit affair between Hambrough and Monson's wife, Sweeney vanishing off the face of the earth and Monson later suing Madame Tussauds for putting a waxwork of him holding a shotgun at the entrance to the Chamber of Horrors - it's no wonder the case gripped Victorian Britain.

Now more than a century later, criminologist Professor David Wilson delves into the case in his new true crime podcast, Was Justice Served?

Former Daily Record columnist David, 67, who grew up in Carluke, Lanarkshire, said: "There is no doubt in my mind that Monson murdered 20-year-old Hambrough as he had means, motive

Expert criminologist David Wilson dives into Victorian case that inspired Conan Doyle and saw a killer walk free as part of his new true crime podcast series

and opportunity. It should have been an open and shut case but instead the jury comes back with the wonderfully Scottish verdict of not proven and the murderer walks free.

"Despite the nonsensical verdict, the incredible thing about the case is that it draws Conan Doyle's attention to Bell and Littlejohn, who end up inspiring two of the most famous fictional characters in history."

Monson had been in and out of financial trouble most of his adult life but in 1891 he became Hambrough's tutor.

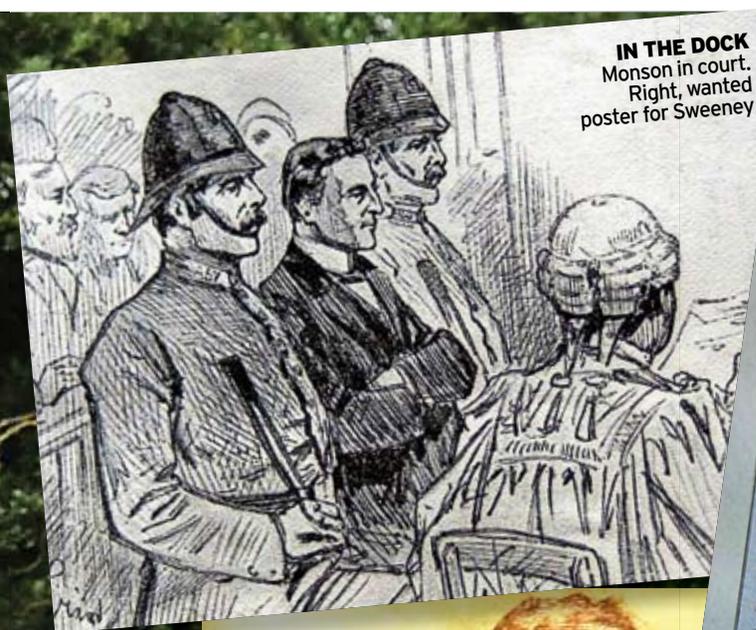
For two years Hambrough lived with the family and later it emerged he had been having an affair with Monson's wife Agnes.

When Monson offered to take his student hunting with his friend Edward Sweeney, only Hambrough and Monson were carrying guns. Estate workers heard a shot, then saw Monson and Sweeney running out of the woods with their guns. When the butler

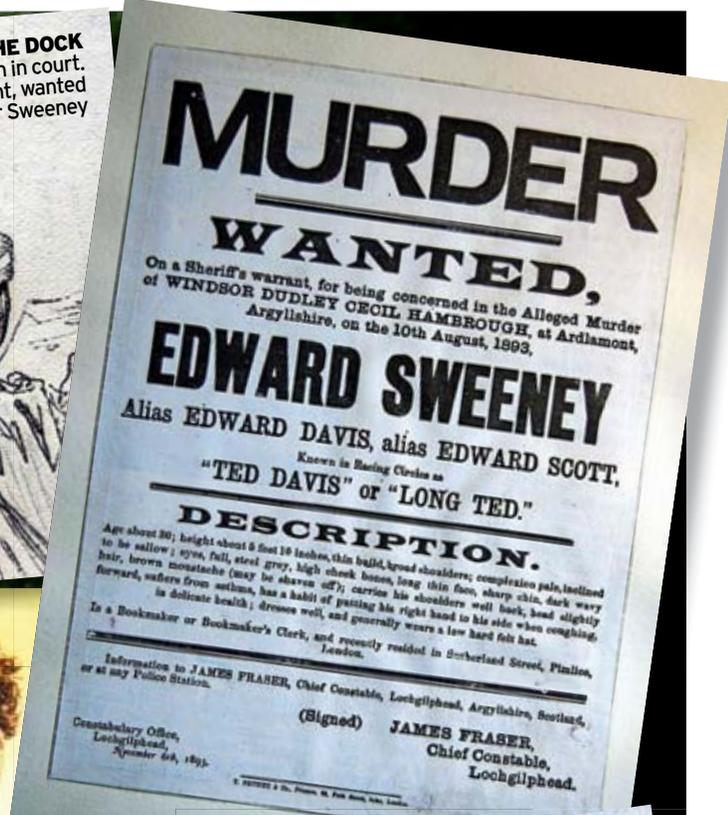
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DAVID WILSON ON THE NOT PROVEN VERDICT

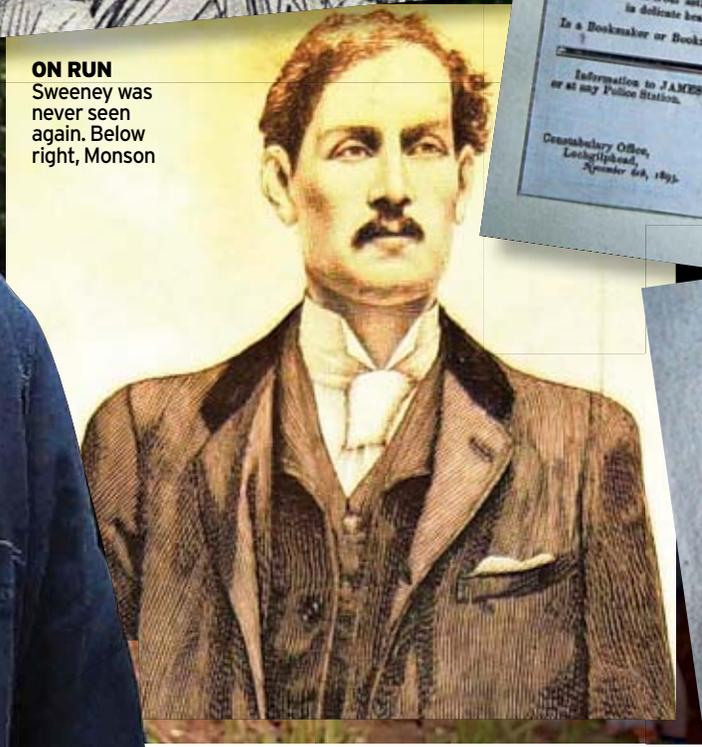
HELPED CREATE SHERLOCK HOLMES



IN THE DOCK
Monson in court.
Right, wanted
poster for Sweeney



ON RUN
Sweeney was never seen again. Below right, Monson



asked what had become of Hambrough, they said he had shot himself by accident.

When the incident was reported, a member of the procurator fiscal's office investigated and returned branding it a tragic accident.

But two weeks later, when Monson told the fiscal Hambrough had taken out two life insurance policies worth a total of £20,000 in the name of his wife six days before he died, the case turned on its head. Monson was charged with murder. Sweeney, now on the run, was named as his accomplice.

David, who is the emeritus professor of criminology at Birmingham City University, said: "Anyone could see Monson was guilty. He was in desperate need of money for his lavish lifestyle and six days before he died young Cecil had taken out two life insurance policies in Agnes's name. Come on, just how suspicious is that? And who watches a young man accidentally killing himself and saying nothing until someone asks you where his student was.

"Couple that with the fact Hambrough was having an affair with Monson's wife and the other suspect ran off never to be seen again and you have motive aplenty. It also came to light that the night before Hambrough - who couldn't swim - had nearly drowned after

Monson had taken him splash net fishing. In my opinion it was a case of, if first time you don't succeed, try try again."

Nowadays forensics would almost certainly convict Monson, who was defended by charismatic lawyer John Comrie Thomson.

David said: "Well respected Bell and Littlejohn put up very convincing arguments but it wasn't enough to convince the jury which is absurd because how can anybody shoot themselves in the back of the head?"

The author, who is bringing his Killer Books tour with Marcel Theroux to Scotland in September, said: "Monson was jailed for fraud five years later but his name lives on in legal circles. You would think if you had got away with murder you would keep your head down but not Monson. In 1894 Madame Tussauds in London erected a waxworks effigy of Monson with a shotgun at the entrance to their Chamber of Horrors.

"Narcissistic Monson sued the company and was awarded one farthing in damages. The case established the principle of 'libel by innuendo' and Monson vs Tussauds has been used to draw up defamation laws in many countries since."

David, whose podcast series is out now, added: "In this case justice was definitely not served." ●The Findmypast Was Justice Served podcast series can be downloaded via Apple Podcasts, Spotify or listen online at www.findmypast.co.uk/was-justice-served



CRIME DUO Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson

LOOK BACK
David explores case in his new podcast



GO FOR GOLD Josh Kerr

Bosses are urged to be good sports

BY ALAN JONES

BOSSSES should be flexible during the Olympics to allow workers to witness historic wins, it's been claimed.

Mediation service Acas said workplaces should put agreements in place if staff can be spared to let them watch the golden moments of Paris 2024, which starts on Friday and runs until August 11.

Sports fans will be tuning in to see stars – including Edinburgh's Josh Kerr – go for gold.

Acas chief executive Susan Clews said: "Staff should avoid getting disqualified for unreasonable demands or behaviour in the workplace.

"Employees could come in a little later or finish earlier and then agree when this time can be made up."

Purple reigns at fragrant crop circle maze

WHEN the sun shines this could be the south of France with the amazing lavender crops. But Marcella Beban is in Kinross admiring the lavender maze at Scottish Lavender Oils. They have three acres of colourful and fragrant lavender fields with more than 15,000 plants.



FRINGE COMIC WARNS OF RISK TO KIDS

CHURCH CULTS ARE NO JOKE

Comedian has been lured by sinister groups twice



PLANT PLAN John Swinney

FM accused of gas plant breaches

BY NEIL POORAN

ECO groups have accused the Scottish Government of ignoring concerns over a gas-fuelled power station.

Friends of the Earth Scotland say John Swinney's team treated plans from SSE and Norwegian oil giant Equinor for the 910-megawatt station at Peterhead as a "foregone conclusion".

Scotland on Sunday said Friends of the Earth Scotland have written to the FM alleging 28 breaches of the ministerial code.

The environmental group's Alex Lee said: "The Scottish Government has treated this planning application as a foregone conclusion right from the beginning."

A Scottish Government spokeswoman said: "We will consider any complaint in line with usual practice."

A COMEDIAN is warning Scots parents to be on the lookout for signs their children may be getting drawn into a cult.

Spring Day is gearing up for her first paid show at the Fringe.

And she knows only too well how easy it is to get sucked in when your parents take their eye off the ball.

Spring joined a "non-denominational charismatic church" aged 13 at the invitation of a new friend.

She said: "My family were busy working and not interested in what I was doing. Her

EXCLUSIVE
BY VIVIANNE AITKEN
Health Editor

family took me in as one of their own and said this is the only way and I said, 'OK, sign me up'.

"I went to church three times a week, going on summer mission trips and teaching Bible school to kids.

"I decided I was going to be a missionary for the Bible college but it kind of didn't turn out that way."

Spring, from Kansas, then went to university to study Japanese but got involved with a fundamentalist group which said it would "disciple" her and send her out to convert people.

But she said: "They had a pretty big say in pretty much everything I did – how loud I listened to music, how I dressed, how I spoke, what I was thinking about, whether or not I could date anyone or get married. We

had to consult with them on any of these things."

Her clothes had to be modest and she admitted: "Prairie dresses are making a comeback and I find those extremely triggering."

The cult became very dark and the fact that she has mild cerebral palsy, which affects the right side of her body, became an issue.

The cult said she had it was "proof I didn't have enough faith because God could heal me if he wanted".

Spring said: "If kids are starved of affection and attention they will gravitate towards whoever will give them that. Ask the what's on their minds without judging them."

Spring is to talk about her life in the cult for the first time in her show.

She added: "My comedy is dark and bubbly – I say it is dark comedy for nice people."



DARK COMEDY Spring Day

BID TO SAVE ICONIC SUBWAY CARRIAGES



APPEAL PM Keir Starmer

Farmer plea for more land to grow veg

BY JOSIE CLARKE

FARMING and environment groups have called on the Government to double the amount of land used to grow fruit and vegetables.

The UK must stop relying on imports and fix diets by scaling up a "nature-friendly" UK horticulture sector, an open letter co-ordinated by the Soil Association says.

The letter to Keir Starmer warns that if the current decline in British fruit and vegetables continues, the UK will "face further disaster" for supermarket shelves, health and the environment.

Will White, report co-author and sustainable farming coordinator at Sustain, said: "The UK stands at a critical juncture in its approach to food production and public health."



STATE-OF-ART Tempest

New combat RAF fighter jet unveiled

BY DEAN MURRAY

A NEW concept model of the UK's next generation combat aircraft - Tempest - has been unveiled.

The supersonic stealth fighter is set to join the RAF fleet from 2035, replacing the Typhoon.

The three nations of the Global Combat Air Programme (GCAP) - UK, Italy and Japan - showed off the design at the Farnborough International Airshow in Hampshire.

The combat aircraft will be one of the world's most advanced, interoperable, adaptable and connected fighter jets in service.

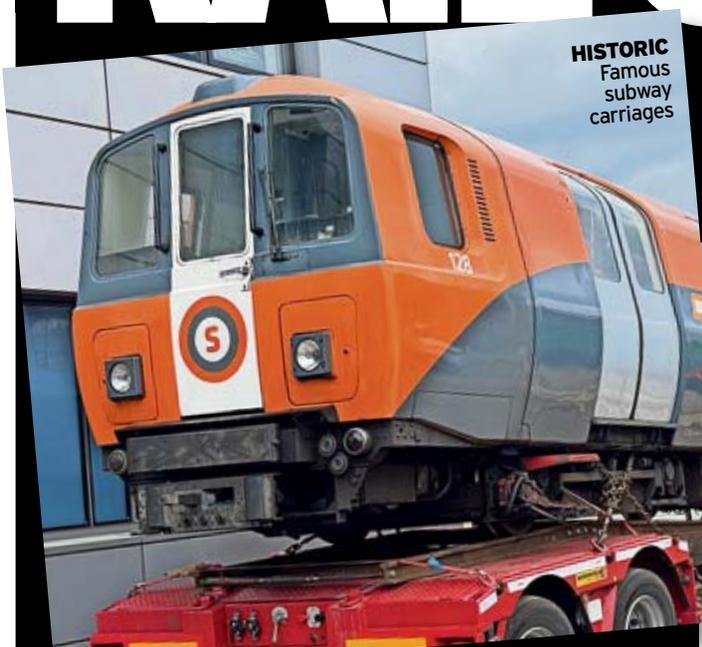
Herman Claesen, of Future Combat Air Systems, BAE Systems, said: "We'll continue to test and evolve the design, as we move closer towards the next phase of the programme."



BORROWED TIME The carriages will be scrapped at end of August unless a buyer is found

RAIL SAVIOUR

Train enthusiast makes last-ditch attempt to prevent Clockwork Oranges from scrapheap



HISTORIC Famous subway carriages

A LAST-MINUTE deal could be made to save Glasgow's iconic Clockwork Orange subway carriages.

The 1980 Metro-Cammell trains were due to be scrapped at the end of August if a buyer couldn't be found for them.

But a rail industry lawyer and train enthusiast from Suffolk is in talks to purchase 10 of them to be used as movie props and glamping pods.

Former University of Glasgow student Ben Denton-Cardew has already saved some mohair seats from the old trains.

Ben, 27,

BY JACKIE GRANT

said he now has clients lined up, including film companies and rail heritage sites in Scotland, interested in saving the trains.

He said: "To me and many others, the subway carriages are more than just trains."

"They are part of the fabric of this city and that is something which is fundamentally worth preserving."

The world's third oldest underground rail system, after those in London and Budapest, the fleet was replaced last month with modern stock to keep up with the ever increasing demand on the network.

After completing a last loop under the Clyde, one carriage - Car 128 - was taken for display at Glasgow's transport museum.

The other 20 were acquired by Swiss firm Stadler Rail as part of the

deal that saw them replaced. Stadler said they would take £5000 for each carriage but that the fee could be waived for charities or not-for-profit groups if anyone came forward before the end of August.

Glasgow Labour MSP Paul Sweeney said he was also working to save some of the fleet from going to scrap.

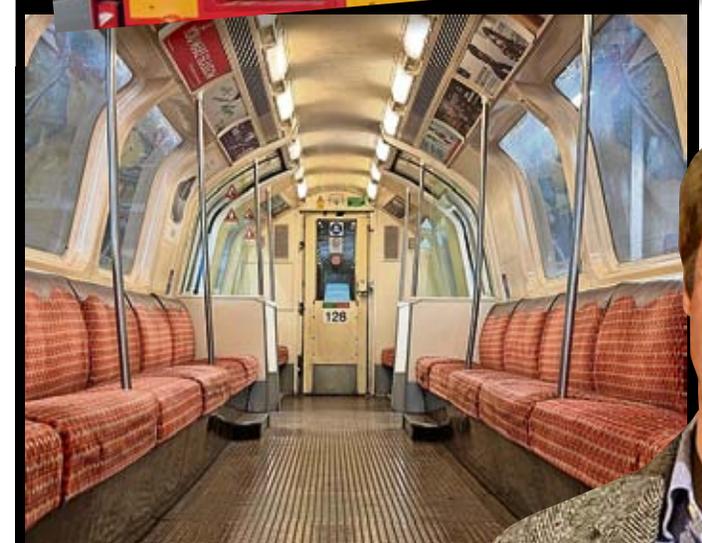
He said: "One car has been preserved in the Transport Museum, and I'm still working to save some of the others from the scrapyards."

"This is a one-off chance to save an irreplaceable piece of Glasgow and Scotland's industrial and transport heritage."

Anna Campbell-Jones, a judge on BBC Scotland's Home of the Year, and who began her career designing the fabric of the old trains, also backed saving the carriages.

A Stadler spokesman said: "We have received inquiries and these are currently under review."

"Should any individual or organisation like to learn more about acquiring one, they're advised to contact Stadler no later than the end of August."



HERITAGE Denton-Cardew, right, is hoping to use famous carriages as movie props & glamping pods



"The trains are part of the fabric of this city and fundamentally worth saving."

BEN DENTON-CARDEW



PLANE SAILING Leo is at home in cockpit

Globetrotters

Evelina, 1, and Leo, 2, are youngest travellers to visit all 51 countries in Europe

BY KATE SKELTON

SIBLINGS Evelina and Leo Kadela have caught the travel bug early, having already visited every country in Europe at the age of just one and two.

They are world record breakers, according to their mum, Alex Kadela, 27, who said: "The youngest people to do it before this were 17."

Leaving their London home in December last year, the trio spent six months and £10,000 country-hopping, mostly by Interrail.

They stayed with 30 families, with warehouse worker dad, Piotr, 29, joining when he could.

The Guinness World Record for the youngest people to visit all the countries in Europe was given last year to Norwegian brothers Sander and Mathias Rolén, who were 17 and travelled solo.

Alex said: "My children were too young to travel alone, so they don't officially qualify."

"But we live in a world where people are told life stops when you have kids. We've shown travelling the world with kids is one hundred per cent possible."

When she left her supermarket job to travel but then became pregnant, people said her adventures were behind her.

But she and Piotr took Leo on honeymoon to Malta, Portugal and Poland when he was just five weeks old.

And Evelina boarded her first plane to Morocco when she was nine weeks old.

"Going on a plane is like any other kid going in a car," said Alex, who added they did not moan when delays turned a two-and-a-half-hour bus trip into 16 hours.

"Most children would scream the place down but they just got on with it," she added.

Sites visited included the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Georgia's ancient city of Uplistsikhe, Hadrian's Gate in Turkey and Aphrodite's Rock in Cyprus, and the children visited a playground in every country.

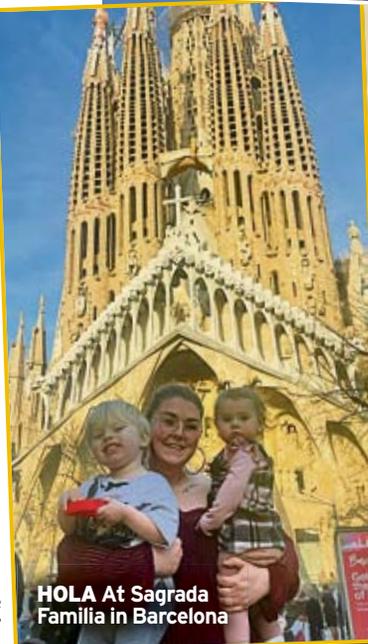
They went to a traditional wedding in Azerbaijan and visited Russia and Ukraine.

"Some people were worried about us going to Ukraine but we visited friends next to the Polish border," Alex said. "I didn't feel unsafe in any country."

To keep costs down, if they



LANDMARKS Little Mermaid, Copenhagen



HOLA At Sagrada Familia in Barcelona



WEDDING In Azerbaijan and, main picture, Paris



TRIO Aphrodite's Rock in Cyprus



CAVES Uplistsikhe city in Georgia



DAD Piotr joins them in Turkey

needed clothes, they bought second-hand, they cooked food to take on trips and used trains and buses.

"I didn't want us to be typical tourists, we stayed with local families, ate with them, went out with them," Alex said. "One highlight

was when Leo and Evelina were wearing traditional outfits in Azerbaijan and were invited to a wedding."

The children tried local dishes, such as khachapuri (bread with cheese and egg on top) in Georgia, saffron rice in Azerbaijan and paella

in Spain. Of course, there were a few mishaps.

"The kids were ill and vomited on a plane," Alex recalled.

"Then I lost our passports - we were travelling from Kosovo to Albania and I left them on the bus! But I got them back the next day.

"The thing is not to panic. If something does go wrong, don't stress because the kids will pick up on it."

The intrepid mum also taught her children to say hello, thank you and goodbye in each country's language.

"We are a multilingual family," she said. "I'm half English and half Spanish and my husband is Polish. When Italians heard Evelina say 'ciao' they wanted to give her a cuddle."

Alex shares their adventures on

Facebook and Instagram, @globe_trotting_babies. Now home and job hunting, she is planning a two-month road trip along the US East Coast, before which there will be trips to Tunisia, Algeria and Egypt, all, of course, with her children.

"I can't wait to go on more adventures with them," she added. "They are fearless now and their confidence and language skills have soared.

"They are global citizens now."

Parents say it's hot too much for us

MORE than half of UK parents say they cannot afford a holiday this summer, a survey suggests.

The poll for Action for Children found a holiday is beyond the budget for 51 per cent of parents.

A third of the 2021 adults surveyed (32 per cent) say they are worse off this year compared to last summer.

Over a quarter (27 per cent) plan to take unpaid leave or go off sick to cover childcare, with seven per cent considering quitting.

Action for Children chief Paul Carberry said: "Every year we see the financial and emotional strain the summer holidays can have on families, particularly those on low-incomes."



AUCTION The glasses

Lennon lenses

ROUND blue-tinted specs given to a man by John Lennon are to go on sale.

The glasses, handed to a visitor at Abbey Road studios in 1968, could fetch up to £3000. It is not clear who they belonged to at the time.

They will be sold in Surrey on July 31 along with 33 photos taken at the Beatles recording studio.

Woman, 72, dies after crash horror

A PENSIONER has died following a three-vehicle crash.

The 72-year-old woman was driving a Volkswagen Golf which collided with a Vauxhall Corsa and a Land Rover Discovery on the A71 in Galston, Ayrshire, about 5.25pm on Saturday.

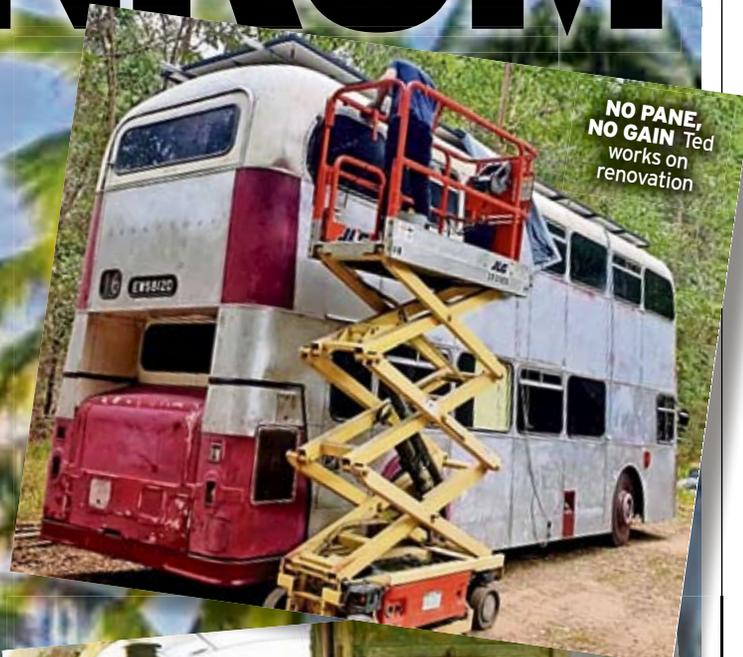
The 37-year-old male Corsa driver was taken to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow where his condition is serious but stable.

Police Scotland's Sergeant Andrew Coutts said: "Our thoughts are with the family of the woman who died. Inquiries are ongoing to establish the full circumstances."

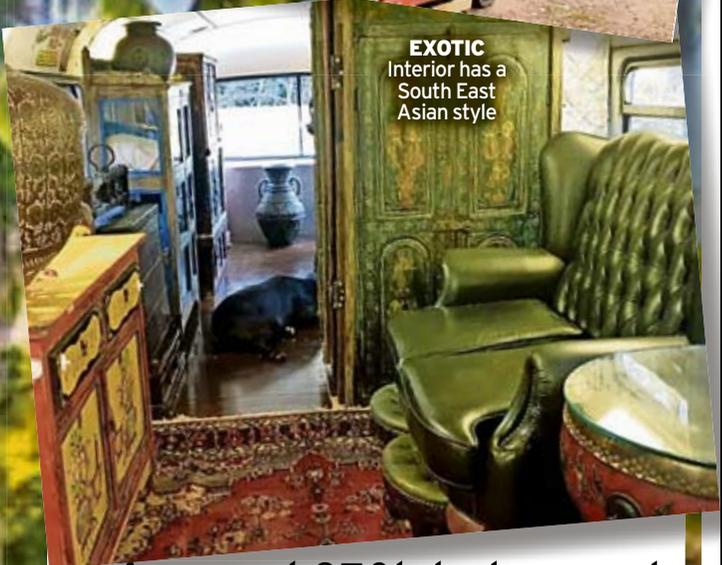
OZ COUPLE MAKE EDINBURGH BUS THEIR HOME FARE DINKKUM



ALL ABOARD Kim and Ted snapped bus up after seeing it on Gumtree



NO PANE, NO GAIN Ted works on renovation



EXOTIC Interior has a South East Asian style

Pair spend £50k to buy and gut Lothian double decker

A COUPLE have turned an Edinburgh bus into their new home in Australia.

BY **CARA BLACKHALL** and **JOHN-PAUL CLARK**

Eight months ago, Kim Ricardo, 58, and Ted Dwight, 61, decided to renovate the retro service 16 double-decker after spotting it for sale online.

They bought it for £18,277 and spent a further £31,332 to give it a new interior.

She said: "We were initially looking for a single-decker but saw this one and were instantly hooked."

"It was in a pretty sorry condition. But we love it, the more we went into the history, we realised how amazing it was."

The bus was sold off in the 1980s and bought by the owners of a berry-picking farm near Dundee, to ferry workers from their accommodation. It was then restored by two

enthusiasts in 1993 before becoming an exhibit in Dunfermline's Vintage Bus Museum.

It was later bought by a buyer in New South Wales, Australia, who had it shipped over in 2014. Kim and Ted made their purchase last year after seeing it on Gumtree.

The couple work as caretakers of six holiday homes set over 300 acres in exchange for a space to park the Lothian bus up.

The exterior has been restored, while the inside has been remodelled in a South East Asian style. They kept several original features, including the sign which still lists stops in Tollcross, Princes Street and Leith Walk.

Ted, said: "We tried to keep as many original features as possible. Now we have a beautiful, moveable flat that we can drive anywhere."

“It was in a pretty sorry condition, but it had us hooked

KIM RICARDO ON EPIC BUS JOURNEY

Bladder pacemaker teen free to follow eco dreams

AN OUTDOORSY girl has become the first teenager to receive a bladder "pacemaker".

Due to a rare condition Jenny Allan, 17, could not urinate and had to self-catheterise every few hours but now has "freedom" to pursue her dream of being an ecologist.

She had an electrical stimulator, similar to a pacemaker, implanted in

BY **ELLA PICKOVER**

her lower back. It corrects wrong, or unwanted, nerve messages in the bladder which can cause urinary incontinence or an inability to empty the bladder.

Jenny, of Thanet, Kent, said: "I'm a very outdoorsy person and will be studying ecology at university in September, and hope to get a job in that field.

"If I'm lucky I could end

up trekking through a rainforest or counting penguins in the Antarctic.

"This operation has meant I won't need to self-catheterise six times a day.

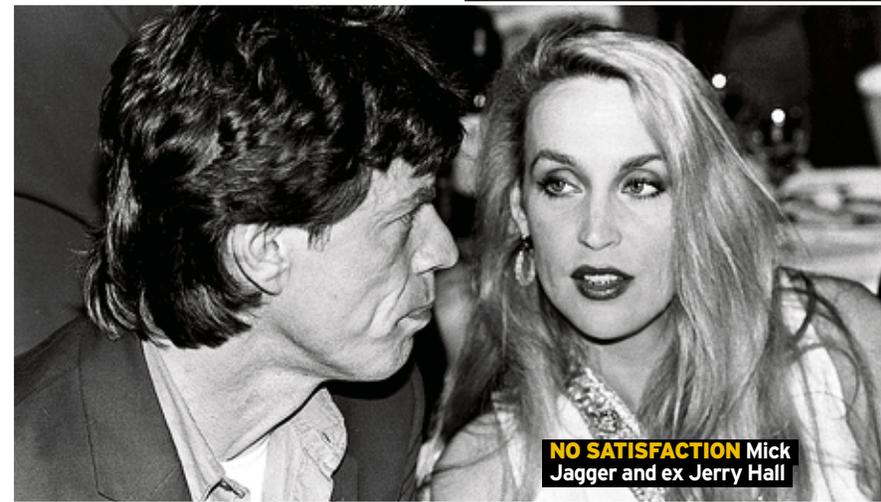
"The operation has allowed me to have a whole new freedom."

Bladder neuromodulation, done at the Evelina London Children's Hospital, has been available to adults for 20 years.



LIFE-CHANGING Jenny

RARE IMAGES



NO SATISFACTION Mick Jagger and ex Jerry Hall

BY **FRAN BOWDEN**

LIGHTS, camera, action! Flashbulbs pop as celebs rub their beautifully-toned shoulders on the red carpet of the Cannes Film Festival.

Photographer Richard Blanshard first visited in 1976 as a 22-year-old rookie then spent two decades as an official snapper.

And unlike the flawlessly posed red carpet pictures of the internet era, Richard's portfolio includes candid personal shots of the stars working hard and partying hard.

Many appear in his book, Cannes Uncut: The Golden Years, and were taken at a time when the festival was the chief showcase for promoting or raising money for a film.

Richard recalled: "I was assigned to photograph Muhammad Ali when he visited Cannes to launch Freedom Road.

"He never once declined to have a picture taken. He was a wonderful character but his entourage was a scary bunch."

In 1976, Richard was sent to snap Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly and set up a dark-room in a caravan. But he said: "As I tried to print the negatives, there was no power. The gardener had cut through a cable."

Essex-born Richard worked round the clock to produce images for daily trade mags at the French festival. He said: "They had to be under everyone's hotel door for 7am.

"Back then, with no internet, the only way to let the world know you were in Cannes was by being photographed."

Richard, 69, remembered Johnny Depp being "effortlessly cool", and Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone "trying to upstage one another".

Of a 1987 appearance by Prince Charles and Princess Diana, he said: "When I look at the images now, it's clear their relationship wasn't in a great place."

Other famous ex-couples he photographed include Rolling Stone Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall and Hugh Grant and Liz Hurley.

He also captured Grace Jones's strong cheekbones, and shot a casual Paul Newman and a young Sharon Stone.

Richard said such images would be harder to capture now: "It is all choreographed. Stars arrive in blacked-out limos for their red carpet moment, then leave immediately after."

● Cannes Uncut: The Golden Years is published by History Press in September, £45: history.press.co.uk



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Muhammad Ali was never camera-shy, says Richard

Film festival's glory years are captured in new book



TAKING THE MICK
Jagger with Arnie



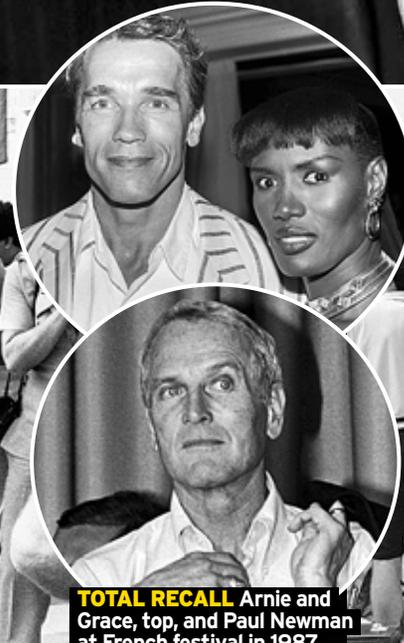
ROYAL TENSION
Charles and Diana in 1987



STROLLING
Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire at 1976 festival



CANNES DO ATTITUDES
British stars Finola Hughes & Joan Collins



TOTAL RECALL Arnie and Grace, top, and Paul Newman at French festival in 1987



RELAXED
A smiling Sharon Stone back in 1990

LIFE live it well

LEGALEYE

LEGALLY speaking, what is "next of kin"?

WE ALL know what it means but does it have any legal significance? As ever, the answer is... yes and no.

As aged parents or elderly relatives need increasing measures of care, medical attention, and benefits, they are often incapable of arranging things themselves.

It therefore falls on the younger family to do the running around, sign forms, and move money.

In law, the fact that someone is a daughter, a nephew, or a cousin of an infirm senior citizen is not a basis for legal authority to act.

"But I'm the next of kin" is the plaintive response to being told that property authorisation is needed to get things done.

However, without a formal Power of Attorney (PoA) or a court order of guardianship, blood connections are not a basis for legal power.

The same is true in the opposite direction - a parent may be next of kin to an adult child, but once over 16 (or 18 for some purposes), parental relationships are just the remnant of authority over an actual child.

In adults, if a relative passes away, next of kin can be a weak basis for dealing with authorities. You can register the death, arrange the funeral, and report to DWP.

But any attempt to close bank accounts or move money will likely fail. Why? Because financial institutions, the sheriff court (where the deceased person's estate is lodged for Confirmation) or HMRC work under the law, which only recognises certain levels of authority.

For deceased persons, that comes either from a will or the default law of intestacy. In both arenas, only the executor holds the legal right of administration, so only they can negotiate with formal institutions.

If there is no family or will-appointed executor, a creditor owed money by the deceased has to



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petition the court to be appointed executor in order to get paid.

It matters not that, in life, the person trusted and relied on the next of kin. Verbal interactions and promises are not sufficient in law to base authority.

There is a quasi-exception to the next of kin limitation. If someone is in receipt of state benefits, the DWP will recognise the position of an appointee of the claimant.

This is classically a next of kin, though it can be someone else if more appropriate.

The appointee can be in the communication loop, sign forms, receive and administer the financial benefit of the relation, and do almost everything as if appointed under a continuing (financial) PoA.

The moral is prevention is better than cure. Instead of struggling to have a voice heard as next of kin, or being frustrated at officials refusing to deal with you even though you did everything for your mother, make sure there is a Power of Attorney for helping during life, and a will to expedite the estate after death.

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

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MIDLIFE can be a perfect storm for women who often find themselves juggling the challenges of menopause with caring for ageing parents and demanding teens, all while holding down stressful jobs.

But Gabby Logan, 51, has written a midlife bible to support women every step of the way, drawing on her podcast The Mid Point and the wisdom of its stellar range of expert guests.

And woven through the experts' insights are Gabby's personal experiences of the curveballs midlife has thrown at her.

She wryly described The Mid Point as "the most self-serving podcast in the charts" and, likewise, said of her book, *The Midpoint Plan: Taking Charge of Your Health, Habits and Happiness to Thrive in Midlife and Beyond*, "I wanted to write the book I needed when I was heading into this midlife period. It was so unbelievably beneficial, getting free advice!"

More than any other chapter, she wishes she could have read about perimenopause before she found herself in the thick of it in her mid to late 40s.

UNFAMILIAR

She said: "I didn't have big dramatic symptoms, I wasn't getting hot flushes in bed.

"But I wasn't able to collect names in my brain as quickly, or adjectives that I'd normally immediately use. I was aware that I was feeling a bit slower.

"A few times on live telly, I failed to recall the correct word or name and bluffed my way through. It was unfamiliar and unpleasant. But I just thought I was getting older and I had to accept that."

It was podcast guest Mariella Frostrup who suggested the perimenopause might be responsible. "She led me down the path of finding out about my own perimenopausal journey so she was massively impactful.

"Realising that it was all part of perimenopausal package was quite a good thing. When I decided to go down the HRT route, I felt better within days."

Gabby learned she had underestimated the power of hormones. "Hormones feed into your health, mental health and physical well-being. I had no idea how much those hormones drop off. I had no idea how those hormones are through your whole body, all your receptors, every organ."

Though HRT has been linked to breast cancer, menopause specialist Dr Louise Newson highlighted the research that debunked the claim on *The Mid Point*.

Now, Gabby exercises her brain just as she trains her body - reading challenging books, doing puzzles and memory tests, or playing sports requiring hand/eye coordination.

She says she also experienced "low-level anxiety" around the same time that she became aware of her brain fog, but the country was also in the thick of the pandemic.

"So it was a combination of fears," she explained. "But I wasn't responding in the same way I probably would have done before. I was never a big worrier but I felt myself being more anxious, finding things that weren't massively problematic more of a problem."

To her relief, her marriage to former Scotland rugby

From tackling changing hormones and improving sleep to boosting your nutrition and exercise, **Gabby Logan's** guide to midlife will leave you feeling better than ever

The midpoint plan



STRONG
With husband Kenny

player Kenny Logan has survived the midpoint unscathed. "I annoy Kenny, and he annoys me," she said, but these are just niggles. She added frank disagreements are a sign of emotional honesty.

"From all the relationship experts who've been on different episodes, the thing that comes through is communication. I feel lucky that Kenny and I have always had really good lines of communication.

"But I can see how they could get eroded in people's busy lives. I talk about hugs and intimacy and touch. It could be a minute in the morning and a minute in the evening.

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NEW BOOK
Gabby believes we can embrace the midlife stage

you just give your partner a kiss and a hug goodbye, it becomes a habit again.”

Gabby's experts also emphasise the importance of finding the fun in relationships. She added that she and Kenny never go to bed on an argument, and cites two duvets as the secret to a happy marriage.

Kenny has also appeared on *The Mid Point*, talking about his experience of prostate cancer. In 2021, he heard Davina McCall on Gabby's podcast, talking about libido and hormones declining with age, and booked a general well-man check even though he was symptom-free.

This led to early diagnosis which Gabby acknowledges came as a shock, and, in 2022,

his prostate was removed. It was, she admitted, a “tough” period.

Afterwards, Kenny struggled to get an erection. “We had to work out other ways of enjoying sexual relations until that functionality returned,” says Gabby. But happily, he has since made a full recovery.

The guest who had the biggest impact upon Gabby was psychotherapist Julia Samuel. This is in part because Gabby's brother Daniel died suddenly of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy aged 15 in 1992. In the wake of this devastating loss, Gabby felt compelled to honour him by putting maximum effort into everything she did.

“Julia has been an amazing source of wisdom. Loss isn't just death,” said Gabby. “People dealing with relationship separation, feeling that when their children are getting older, they're losing something of themselves – all of that stuff is really relevant in this period of life.”

REDISCOVERY

So Gabby urges midlife people to discover new hobbies, or to rediscover old pleasures that got lost amid the demands of parenting. And she's enjoying leading by example now that her twins Reuben and Lois are 19.

“Last night, I went and played padel tennis with a group of women. I wouldn't have done that 10 years ago because I'd be thinking, ‘I've got to pick up one of the kids’.

“Or at five o'clock, my husband and I might have finished our work for the day and we'll say, ‘Right, let's go and play nine holes of golf’. Which we wouldn't have done before. He'd have been taking my son to rugby, I'd have been taking my daughter to horse riding.”

A teenage gymnast, Gabby has always been fit. These days, she enjoys variety in her exercise regimen. “I've liked strength training since my early 30s but now I understand why weights are vital for women. I might run one day, do a bit of Pilates, or do strength training.

“I did a half marathon recently. I hadn't done a half marathon since my 30s and I did it in the same time, practically.”

Sports scientist and Olympian Greg

Whyte shared heartening insights into exercise on the podcast. “You don't have to expect yourself to massively decline in age,” said Gabby.

“Greg talks about increasing the intensity as you get older, rather than feeling you should slow down. The more you do, the more you can do as you get older.”

Over the years, she has come to appreciate her body more.

“After having babies, I started to see my body differently. Looking back, I realise how much time was wasted on wanting the thighs of a Vogue model.

“The change is gradual. It's that realisation of, ‘Oh, actually I feel so much better eating really good food and exercising and not denying myself’.

“Not thinking I failed or it's summer again and

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SUPPORT
At a charity function with Clare Balding and Davina McCall

guess what – my body's not like Gisele's. That self-flagellation that used to go on.”

Now, her diet is focused on health, not weight. “There's a movement to eat 30 vegetables in a week and I've been doing that for a while, with nuts and seeds supplementing those.”

The change was inspired by a personal trainer who, in 2019, suggested she wear a glucose monitor to see how food impacted her blood sugar levels.

“That has definitely helped my gut health. I very rarely feel any kind of bloating or discomfort in my stomach.”

SELF-CONFIDENCE

But the guests her listeners most want to hear from are sleep experts. “In midlife, people have a lot of sleep issues. It's all about consistency of wake-up time, not worrying if you get to bed late, it's about getting up at the same time to keep your circadian rhythm regular.”

The need for a good night's sleep is the reason why Gabby now only drinks alcohol on special occasions.

But in her view the biggest midlife change stems from greater self-confidence.

“It's feeling confident in your decisions and listening to your gut. Those things come with age and experience.

“And women are more prone to being people pleasers which in midlife you feel more confident about not being – saying no and not feeling like you've got to give a million different reasons.”

“You can't do everything. You have to make sure you've got enough energy left for the people you love.”

Her key message is you're never too old to future-proof your body, and *The Midpoint Plan* aims to support us all embrace midlife. “It's about being able to do the things you want to do, so you can be well, and the best version of yourself that you can.”

■ The Midpoint Plan by Gabby Logan, £22, (Piatkus) is out now

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STILL GOT IT
Gearing up for a half marathon

BEAUTYBUYS

This month's new beauty offerings include body products by brilliant budget brand The Ordinary, Finishing powder, liquid blush and Vitamin C SPF 50.

Fiora Jackson picks the best



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The Ordinary Squalane + Amino Acids Lip Balm **£8.50**



The Plasma Lip Compound Tinted in Tulle and Idol **£60**



Hourglass Unreal Liquid Blush **£38**



Rare Beauty True to Myself Tinted Pressed Finishing Powder **£30**



RMS Beauty Redimension Hydra Setting powder **£33.56**



Margaret Dabbs Intensive Hydrating Foot Lotion with Grapefruit and Rosemary **£30**



Paula's Choice 5% Vitamin C Sheer Moisturizer SPF 50 **£46**



Aries March 21-April 20

YOU can't ignore how restless you feel and that's because you need a change in activity. Before you can even think about taking time off, you must meet certain deadlines. In order to clear this work quickly, get on behind the scenes. This will also enable you to achieve a great deal.

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Taurus April 21 - May 21

YOU'RE coming up with some profitable ideas. You should try to develop these the moment they pop into your head. This is your chance to experiment with new possibilities that unleash your creativity. Trust your instincts. When you follow your passion, success will come naturally.

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Gemini May 22 - June 20

YOU shouldn't be procrastinating when it comes to setting goals. Focus on finding ways to improve your career or financial status. Acquiring new skills and qualifications could help you land a better job. Joining forces in a business venture with a friend or colleague is a good step.

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Cancer June 21 - July 22

BE watchful and alert in a competitive setting in order to safeguard your own interests. One way to stay one step ahead of your competitors is to stay behind the scenes. Keep an eye on all that is happening around you. This cautious approach will also be useful in family situations.

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Leo July 23 - August 22

YOUR partner or a housemate has some strong opinions about your friendships, community commitments and goals. You don't necessarily agree with them. It is starting to feel as if you are going in different directions. A heart to heart conversation might help.

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Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

IT'S a good idea to exercise more care and caution when handling long-term matters. A change in circumstances will mean adjustments need to be made and this is entirely out of your hands. All you can do is accept the delays and rearrange your schedule. Focus on short-term goals.

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Libra Sept 23-Oct 23

IF someone you work with or live with cannot be trusted, you might feel you have no choice but to end a relationship or shared obligation. Now you have discovered that a certain person has been plotting against you, you are faced with the predicament of how to address this problem.

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Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

YOU'VE had time to think about what you are going to do with a legacy, inheritance or insurance pay-out. You might take this chance to establish long-term financial stability. Whether it's buying a house or setting up a retirement account or trust fund, take this first step in investing.

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Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

YOU accept the need to join forces with someone to reach a goal that can only be achieved through a joint effort. You might wonder how much trust you can put in a friend or colleague. The longer you spend in each other's company, the more confident you will feel they are a perfect match.

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

YOU'RE exhausted from working long hours at the office or fulfilling heavy family obligations. Remember, life is also about having fun and relaxing. If you keep going as you are, burnout is likely. You need to start prioritising your health and tell your boss and others you need a different pace.

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Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

MAKING criticisms and negative comments about your partner's friends will lead to tension. Your remarks are likely to be discussed when you aren't around. Disputes at home will mean plans are altered and you won't be happy. Consider your words carefully to prevent upset.

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Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

KEEP your thoughts positive and refuse to give up even if it feels like everything is going wrong. Successful people are the ones who keep on going until they overcome obstacles. Be patient and keep reminding yourself of your long-term objectives. This kind of focus will take you far.

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DEAR COLEEN

I don't want to go to my cheating cousin's wedding



Dear Coleen

I HAVE a cousin who's getting married for the second time and her fiancé is someone she had an affair with when they were both married to other people. It's an utter shambles and her mum (my mother's sister) can barely show her face in the village!

Their exes are well-known and liked in our community, and everyone knows how badly they were treated by my cousin and her husband-to-be.

They seem to have no shame, though, and have sent out invites to their wedding with a note asking for cash.

Apparently, they need to buy furniture, as their ex-partners took most of it in the divorces.

I don't want to go to this wedding, as I'm not happy for them to be honest and I certainly don't want to give them cash for new furniture for their love nest.

My mum wants to turn down the invite, too, but says she can't as she needs to be there for her sister. Surely it's perfectly reasonable to decline the invite and not buy them anything?

I think they've behaved appallingly and hurt a lot of people, and I don't want to celebrate that.

Coleen says

OK, you might not love my response, but here's my first thought: yes, they've hurt people and obviously went

about things the wrong way, but it must have been the right thing for them because they're getting married.

When the affair came out there were probably a lot of people who said it wouldn't last and they'd blown their lives up for a fling, but they've proved the relationship is genuine.

On a grander scale, maybe it's a bit like Charles going on to marry Camilla. Hear me out! At first, all I could think about was Diana and all the people they'd hurt, but theirs is clearly a genuine love story and they've proved how well suited they are.

I'm only using this analogy to help you think about your cousin's situation from a different angle. I'm also pretty sure she and her fiancé are sorry about things. As for asking

for cash, it might have been better to ask for vouchers, but I still think it's better than wasting money on a kitchen appliance they'll barely use, and it also means you can give as much or as little as your budget (or your spirit of generosity) allows.

Life hurts sometimes and people aren't perfect, but their exes will move on if they haven't already and I'm sure will look back at some point and feel relieved they got out of those relationships, even though it hurt at the time.

I'm not condoning what they did – an affair is never a good response to a relationship that's struggling – but they're making a proper commitment to each other and are clearly in it for the long haul. Finally, don't worry about the local gossips!

“They hurt people and I don't want to celebrate that”

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DAILY PRAYER

“LET not your heart be trouble - believe in God, believe also in Me.”

St. John 14:1

Phillips' translation: “You must not let yourselves be distressed - you must hold on to your faith in God and to your faith in Me.”

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TODAY'S TV



with SARA WALLIS

EMMERDALE

STV, 7.30pm

BOLSTERED by Mandy's support, Ella considers telling Liam about her pregnancy. Meanwhile, he opens up to Chas about his concern over Ella's return to the village.

Tracy thinks Ella is not suitable for the receptionist role.

Elsewhere, Billy finally confesses to Dawn that Kim took the rap when he broke the social bubble and came home drunk.

And Charity is very concerned to hear about Tom's job interview in Wales and their sudden departure from the village. Unable to shake her anxiety, she calls Cain.

EASTENDERS

BBC1, 7.30pm

MONEY troubles are mounting for Reiss as Debbie's care home calls to complain that he still owes them. If he doesn't pay soon, she will be moved.

Planning to scam her, Reiss lies to Sharon about an outstanding VAT receipt, but he quickly backtracks after she becomes emotional about Keanu.

Elsewhere, it's the day of Dean's plea hearing and Linda is struggling to cope.

And Kat and Alfie try to discipline Tommy, but they're furious when he skips school for the Boxing Den.



TRAILBLAZER Sophie Morgan wants disabled passengers to be treated the same as others

The wings of change

SOPHIE MORGAN'S FIGHT TO FLY

Channel 4, 9pm

FROM wheelchairs being broken to a passenger having to drag himself along the aisle to use the plane's toilet, this is a shocking insight into the discrimination against disabled travellers.

TV presenter, adventurer and activist Sophie Morgan has been campaigning hard for changes in legislation after suffering terrible treatment that sadly affects so many

others. Sophie, who has used a wheelchair since suffering a spinal cord injury after a car crash when she was 18, says she once had her wheelchair broken after a flight.

She said: "I was literally shaking, I was so upset. Your life stops when your wheelchair is broken."

"I have to travel the world for my job but almost every flight is a battle."

"Airlines and airports regularly discriminate against disabled travellers."

"They are left stranded on planes,

abandoned, treated like second-class citizens."

One disabled passenger says: "We're treated like luggage, like cattle."

In this eye-opening documentary, Sophie, who has founded the Rights On Flights campaign, sends a group of disabled travellers undercover to expose the horrifying service and regular challenges they can experience when flying.

Determined to inspire change, Sophie visits both the White House

PICK of the DAY

and Downing Street and becomes the first British female paraplegic to take a zero-gravity flight.

Sophie also opens up about her devastating accident in 2003, describing what happened and how she nearly died.

She said: "I came back for a reason. Change is needed. Well-behaved women seldom make history. I'm not going to be well behaved, I'm going to make a fuss."



DISCOVERY Stu finds Mason injured

CORONATION STREET

STV, 8pm

TOYAH heads off for her hospital appointment alone. She is shocked when Nick turns up.

With Mason's release on his mind, an anxious Dylan arrives for his shift at Speed Daal. Stu is shocked to find a bloody and battered Mason near the precinct.

Meanwhile, Abi returns from Essex and makes it clear to Kevin she just wants to forget all about Stefan.

And Billy calls the family together for a meeting where Paul plays them a pre-recorded message telling him that he's dying.

INVESTIGATION Will Mellor visits some of the sub-postmasters



SURVIVING THE POST OFFICE

BBC1, 8.30pm

THE wrongful convictions of hundreds of Post Office workers due to faulty software has been one of Britain's biggest miscarriages of justice to date.

Twenty-five years on from the first convictions for theft and fraud, the ITV drama Mr Bates vs The Post Office ignited mass public interest in the scandal.

In this film, actor Will Mellor, who played a victim in the drama, travels across England to meet some of the

real-life sub-postmasters whose lives have been torn apart by injustice.

After being wrongly accused of theft, many of them lost not only their savings but also their livelihoods.

As the country wakes up to the full scale of the scandal, Will finds out what's happened to the people involved, as well as their families.

He discovers that many of them want to take back control of their lives. And for some, facing the past proves a troubling experience, while for others it heralds a liberating new step forwards.

THE BATTLE TO BEAT MALARIA

BBC2, 8pm

MORE than 200 million people fall ill and 600,000 die of it every year, making malaria among the world's deadliest diseases.

The vast majority of those fatalities are young children - an average of one child every minute. A terrifying statistic, but medical science may now be at an exciting turning point.

With access to key scientists on four continents, this documentary tells the inside story of the development of a

new malaria vaccine that could save millions of lives.

It is hoped that the new vaccine, developed by many of the same team behind the Oxford/AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine, will be the first to meet the World Health Organisation's target of 75 per cent efficacy.

Immunologist Professor Katie Ewer, part of the vaccine team, says: "It's more personal to me because it's children. You'd have to be a very hard-hearted person not to be moved by a death toll of 400,000 kids a year dying in Africa, under the age of five, from malaria."



VACCINE Science at a turning point, inset, Professor Katie Ewer

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★★★★ Very Good
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BBC ONE

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Rip Off Britain (R)
10.15 Expert Witness (R)
10.45 Close Calls: On Camera (R)
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Property auctions in Coventry, Folkestone and Maidstone. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Charlie Ross visits the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds, while Izzie Balmer and David Harper assist the teams in Wetherby.
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
2.00 Rick Stein's Cornwall The chef visits a deer farm near Bodmin Moor. (R)
2.30 Animal Park A pygmy goat goes into labour. (R)
3.00 Escape to the Country Briony May Williams helps a retired couple who live just outside Belfast move closer to their family in Herefordshire.
3.45 The Repair Shop The experts restore a barber's chair. (R)
4.30 The Finish Line Quiz. (R)
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 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites Highlights. (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Rick Stein's Food Stories (R)
8.30 Sign Zone: Great Coastal Railway Journeys (R)
9.00 BBC News
12.15pm Politics Live
1.00 Impossible Quiz. (R)
1.45 Make Me a Dealer (R)
2.30 The Customer Is Always Right (R)
3.15 Coastal Defenders The dive team try to clear shellfish that are blocking a ship's pipes. (R)
3.45 B&B by the Sea Shirley Ballas is the next well-known face to check in to the villa. (R)
4.15 Cornwall: This Fishing Life Changes for Cornwall's biggest fishing port. (R)
5.15 Flog It! From Powderham Castle near Exeter. (R)
6.00 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes Sara Davies takes Robson gorge-walking. (R)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo travels from Stockholm to the Arctic Circle. (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 Celebrity interviews and topical debate.
1.30 ITV News; Weather
1.55 STV News; Weather
2.00 Cooking with the Stars Emma Willis and Tom Allen host the celebrity cookery competition. (R)
3.00 Tenable Five golfing friends from Shropshire answer a series of Top 10 list questions for the chance to win £125,000 in the quiz show hosted by Warwick Davis. (R)
3.59 STV Weather Central
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the popular arcade-themed quiz show. (R)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.25am Cheers Double bill. (R)
7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.05 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.05 Paris 2024 Paralympics: Meet the Athletes (R)
11.10 Undercover Boss USA (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News Summary Headlines.
12.10 A New Life in the Sun (R)
1.10 Car S.O.S A 1929 Rolls-Royce Doctors Coupe. (R)
2.10 Countdown Katharine Merry is in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun (R)
4.00 NEW The Great House Giveaway Joiner Grant and lettings agent Kelly are paired up to transform a three-floor period terrace in Llanymynech.
5.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? With gite owners in France. (R)
6.00 Come Dine with Me The first host in Swansea is postal worker Rachel. (R)
6.30 The Simpsons Bart feels neglected when Homer and Lisa bond over the book, To Kill a Mockingbird. (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 Mackenzie battles trust issues. (R)
2.15 FILM Stolen Baby: The Murder of Heidi Broussard (2023, 12) Premiere. Fact-based drama about Heidi Broussard, who was kidnapped and murdered by her friend Magen Fieramusca, who then faked a pregnancy and tried to pass off Heidi's baby as her own. Starring Anna Hopkins. ★★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Entertainer Rocking Stephanie is a huge fan of music legend Shakin' Stevens, and has a new look to debut at her gig. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.
6.00 Police Interceptors A suspect heads onto the M1, weaving all over the road at more than 120mph (R); Followed by 5 News Update



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7.00 The One Show Live magazine show, hosted by Alex Jones and Jermaine Jenas.
7.30 EastEnders Reiss comes up with a new plan as his money troubles mount and Linda struggles to cope on the day of Dean's plea hearing.

7.00 Today at the Test England v West Indies. Action from day five of the second Test in the three-match series. The last time these two teams met in a Test series was back in 2020, when the series took place behind closed doors.

6.00 STV News at Six; Weather
6.30 ITV Evening News A round-up of the day's headlines; Weather
7.30 Emmerdale Billy finally confesses to Dawn, Rose's behaviour alarms Billy, and Charity is concerned.

7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines.
7.55 Paris 2024 Paralympics: Meet the Athletes Boccia player Claire Taggart talks about her love of the game and why she thinks it's the most inclusive sport in the world.

7.00 Traffic Cops A look at incidents involving alcohol or drug abuse. Andy Swift is on the trail of a driver who has allegedly failed to stop after a collision and the officer suspects the driver has been smoking cannabis. (R); 5 News

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8.00 Panorama In-depth current affairs report covering a story behind the headlines.
8.30 Surviving The Post Office Will Mellor meets some of the real-life sub-postmasters whose lives have been torn apart by the scandal.

8.00 The Battle to Beat Malaria Documentary telling the inside story of the development of a new malaria vaccine that could change the very nature of the fight against the disease. Filmed with access to key scientists on four continents.

8.00 Coronation Street Leanne tackles Rowan about his past, Nick joins Toyah at a nerve-racking appointment with her consultant, Stu encounters a bloodied and battered Mason, and Joel ushers Lauren out of his flat.

8.00 Jamie: What to Eat this Week Jamie Oliver picks the first of the season's tomatoes, combining them with some early potatoes and chorizo in a sauce to make a delicious sticky chicken traybake. Plus, a creamy rice pudding.

8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders Outside Newcastle, PC Brian Camsell stops a car with suspected cloned number plates, with the driver claiming to have bought the car that morning for cash – with no receipt.

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9.00 The Jetty Ember is forced to confess to her family that human bone fragments were found in the boat hut, while a new development propels her into dangerous territory. Crime drama, starring Jenna Coleman. Last in series.

9.00 The Turkish Detective Suleyman goes undercover as a rubbish collector to try to find the serial killer before they strike again, while Ayse turns to an unlikely source for help.
9.45 QI XS Highlights featuring clips on the theme of travel. (R)

9.00 Long Lost Family Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell present the story of Sue Stalley, who was a teenager when she became pregnant and whose mother was so ashamed she would not allow her to keep her son.

9.00 Sophie Morgan's Fight to Fly Sophie Morgan sends a group of disabled travellers to expose the shocking service they can experience when flying. Sophie also becomes the first British female paraplegic to take a zero-gravity flight.

9.00 Police: Suspect No 1 Documentary. In Hull, people are terrorised by a knife-wielding intruder and less than 24 hours later, the same victims are targeted again, but this time by two attackers, and left traumatised.

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10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.30 Reporting Scotland
10.40 We Hunt Together Double bill. Haunted by visions from her past, Freddy makes a deadly confession that leaves her with no way out. Lola and Jackson investigate a shocking new lead, which throws up more questions; with the Birdman in their sights, Freddy, Jackson and Lola race to unmask the killer once and for all. Psychological thriller, with Eve Myles and Hermione Corfield. Last in series.

10.00 Spent Mia struggles to keep a roof over her head using a high-end hustle, but a welcome distraction comes in the shape of David, the rabbi's brother, who takes her on a date. Michelle de Swarte stars.
10.30 Newsnight Analysis.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather
10.30 STV News; Weather
10.45 Goodwood Festival of Speed Highlights A celebration of motor racing from its beginnings to the present from Goodwood Estate in West Sussex.

10.00 Celebrity Gogglebox A rolling cast of famous faces watch Five Star Kitchen: Britain's Next Great Chef, The 1% Club, Hijack, Antiques Roadshow, The Yorkshire Vet, 90 Day Fiance UK and This Morning. (R)

10.00 999: Police Hour of Duty The return after a break of the documentary following Derbyshire police. After a two-day manhunt, officers track down a man suspected of carrying out a series of terrifying armed robberies. (R)

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12.10am The Weakest Link. Olympic and Paralympic special of the quiz show, featuring Greg Rutherford, Sally Gunnell, Pete Reed, Sam Quek, Tessa Sanderson, Will Bayley, Jade Jones and Rhona Martin. Last in series. (R) **12.55** Weather for the Week Ahead **1.00-6.00am** BBC News

12.20am Sign Zone: Countryfile. Charlotte Smith and Sean Fletcher present from Hengistbury Head in Dorset. (R) **1.15** Sign Zone: The Bidding Room. People try to sell items to five dealers. (R) **2.00** Sign Zone: The Jetty. Ember offers to help Riz. (R) **3.00-6.30am** This Is BBC Two

12.35am Shop on TV **3.00** Family Fortunes. Gino D'Acampo hosts the game show, with the Joneses of Liverpool going up against the Bakers of Nottingham for a chance to win the £30,000 jackpot prize. (R) **3.50** Night Vision **5.05-6.00am** Jimmy's Taste of Florida (R)

1.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. An upmarket bistro in the Chicago suburbs. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons: double bill (R) **2.45** Becoming Elizabeth (R) **3.45** Grand Designs (R) **4.35** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (R) **4.55** Frasier: double bill (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

12.05am Traffic Cops (R) **1.00** PlayJO Live Casino Show **3.00** Riot in the UK: Caught on Camera (R) **3.50** Inside the Balmoral: Scotland's Finest Hotel (R) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R) **5.10** House Doctor (R) **5.35** Entertainment News on 5 **5.40** Milkshake! Monkey (R) **5.45-6.00am** Paw Patrol (R)

12 midnight

ITV2 Freeview 6

6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Family Fortunes **2.00** Supermarket Sweep **3.00** Charmed **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Dress to Impress. With flight attendant Iyren.

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase** Stephen Mulhern hosts a charity edition, with Beverley Callard, Kirsty Gallacher and Stephen K Amos taking part.

7.00 **The Masked Singer US** Past and present contestants take part.

9.00 **Love Island** After eight weeks of flirting, fighting and fun in the Spanish sun, the finish line is now in sight.

10.05 **Family Guy** Animated triple bill.

11.35 **American Dad!** Stan is forced to issue Roger with an ultimatum.

12.05am **American Dad!** **12.35** Shopping with Keith Lemon **1.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.35** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Unwind with ITV **6.30** Teleshopping **7.00** Unwind with ITV **7.20** Be Beautiful **7.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.35** Making It Home with Kortney & Dave **9.35** Buying and Selling **10.30** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **11.30** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **12.25pm** The Real Housewives of Orange County **1.15** The Only Way Is Marbs **2.15** 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 **Making It Home with Kortney & Dave** **7.00** **Million Dollar Listing: LA** **8.00** **Dinner Date** Robbie from Hampshire. **9.00** **Emergency Nurses: A&E Stories** Lou celebrates his last-ever shift. **10.00** **The Real Housewives of Miami** **10.55** **The Only Way Is Essex** **11.40** **Loaded in Paradise** **12.45am** Unwind with ITV. Daily escape to calm the mind. **1.00** Teleshopping **2.00-6.00am** Unwind with ITV

BBC3 Freeview 23

7.00pm **Celebrity MasterChef** The finalists serve up pies.

8.00 **Gavin & Stacey** Bryn tries to organise a surprise for Gwen.

8.30 **Ghosts US** Trevor's brother Jeremy checks into Woodstone.

8.50 **The Catch Up** Headlines.

8.55 **Ryan Tricks on the Streets** **9.00** **Paddy & Molly: Show No Mersey** Double bill. Paddy tries to find out if having a baby is as tough as fight camp; Molly and Ellis visit a fertility clinic. Last in series.

10.00 **The Instagram Effect** The story of the social media giant and how it became a dominant force.

10.50 **Pobl Bachyn** Welsh folklore.

11.00 **Him & Her** Double bill.

12.00m't Gavin & Stacey **12.25** Paddy & Molly: Show No Mersey **1.25** Hunting the Catfish Crime Gang **2.25** Sky High Club: Scotland and Beyond **2.55-3.55am** Him & Her

BBC4 Freeview 24

7.00pm **Coastal Path** Paul Rose walks the South West Coast Path.

7.30 **Railway Walks with Julia Bradbury** A look back at a Dorset line that ran from Weymouth to Portland.

8.00 **Art of France** Andrew Graham-Dixon examines French art.

9.00 **Rebuilding Notre-Dame** Rebuilding the cathedral in Paris.

10.00 **Paris** Art historian Sandrine Voillet presents a guide to Paris.

11.00 **Private Life of a Masterpiece** The identity of the models behind the lovers of Rodin's sculpture The Kiss.

11.50 **Art on the BBC: Michelangelo: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly** How TV has influenced our understanding of Renaissance giant Michelangelo.

12.50am Coastal Path **1.20** Railway Walks with Julia Bradbury **1.50** Rebuilding Notre-Dame **2.50-3.50am** Art of France

5 USA Freeview 21

6.00am Home Shopping **9.00** NCIS **11.55** Entertainment News on 5 **12.00noon** Law & Order **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent

6.00 **NCIS Triple bill.** A woman claims to have witnessed a murder; a US Marine is found dead near cliff; a bartender wakes up next to a corpse.

9.00 **NCIS: Hawai'i** The team investigates the mysterious shooting of a Marine while on horseback, who believes he was probably snared by a hunter. Vanessa Lachey stars.

10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Double bill. A PR executive is found dead in a fountain; a businessman is found drugged, stripped, tied up, and branded.

12.00m't Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill **1.55** Law & Order **2.50** Criminal Minds **3.35** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

U&DAVE Freeview 19

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

6.00 **Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey** The chef ends his adventure in Bangladesh.

7.00 **Would I Lie to You?** Panel show.

7.40 **Richard Osman's House of Games** Double bill. Trivia-based games.

9.00 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Jo Brand hosts, with guests Reginald D Hunter and Charlene White.

10.00 **Have I Got a Bit More 2023 for You** A compilation of the popular news quiz that looks back at the big news of 2023.

11.00 **Taskmaster** With Katherine Ryan.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** Big Zuu's Big Eats **2.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA: four episodes **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

U&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. Chris gets weekend leave.

6.00 **Waiting for God** Comedy. Tests confirm Tom has prostate trouble.

6.35 **Are You Being Served?** Job cuts are imminent at the store.

7.20 **Last of the Summer Wine** Barry yearns for adventure.

8.00 **The Brokenwood Mysteries** Kristin leads the inquiry into a 1970s-themed party where partygoers turn up dead.

10.00 **New Tricks** A dead girl's voice on a cassette tape prompts the team to reopen her murder investigation.

11.00 **Silent Witness** Nikki questions her judgement in a case from her past.

1.15am Footballers' Wives **2.50** Classic Holby City **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4 Freeview 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes

7.00 **Hollyoaks** Tony wants to do something special for Diane.

7.30 **Celebrity Come Dine with Me** First to host this week is Anthea Turner.

8.00 **Below Deck** Fraser confronts Camille.

9.00 **Gogglebox** The critics opinions on Britain's Got Talent and One Night Stand.

10.00 **Naked Attraction** Featuring singletons from Glasgow and Edinburgh.

11.05 **First Dates** Diners include an Italian restaurant-owner and a plumber's mate.

12.05am The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.00** Modern Family **2.50** Below Deck **3.40** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **4.30** The Neighborhood **5.20-6.00am** 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: five episodes **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 **Car S.O.S** Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw restore a small car.

7.55 **Grand Designs** Converting a cowshed into a three-bedroom home.

9.00 **Help! We Bought a Hotel** The transformation of an Italian palazzo into a classy hotel starts to pay off.

10.00 **Jobs from Hell: Caught on Camera** A change to watch real-life footage of challenging situations in the workplace.

11.05 **24 Hours in A&E** A patient has broken his leg playing American football, while a resident at a neurological hospital is examined for signs of a stroke.

12.10am Help! We Bought a Hotel **1.10** Jobs from Hell: Caught on Camera **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.20-3.50am** Food Unwrapped. Perfectly shelled walnuts.

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** Paramedics on Scene. A team is called to a serious mountain-bike crash in the Borders. **8.00** Life on the Bay **8.30** Janey and Ashley Get a Real Job **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 Agency: Unfiltered **11.30pm-12.00m't** The Agency: Unfiltered

BBC ALBA **6.00am** Alba Today **5.00pm** Treubh an Tuathanais (Big Barn Farm) **5.10** Na Clangairean **5.25** AH-AH/No-No **5.35** Su Pìc (Peek Zoo) **5.45** Daolag-bhreas is Seillean **5.50** Meaban is Moo **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** Trusadh (Compelling Stories). Life as a young parent. **10.00** An Clo Mor **10.30** Hugh Dan **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. The latest headlines; Weather **10.30-10.40pm** Regional News; Weather

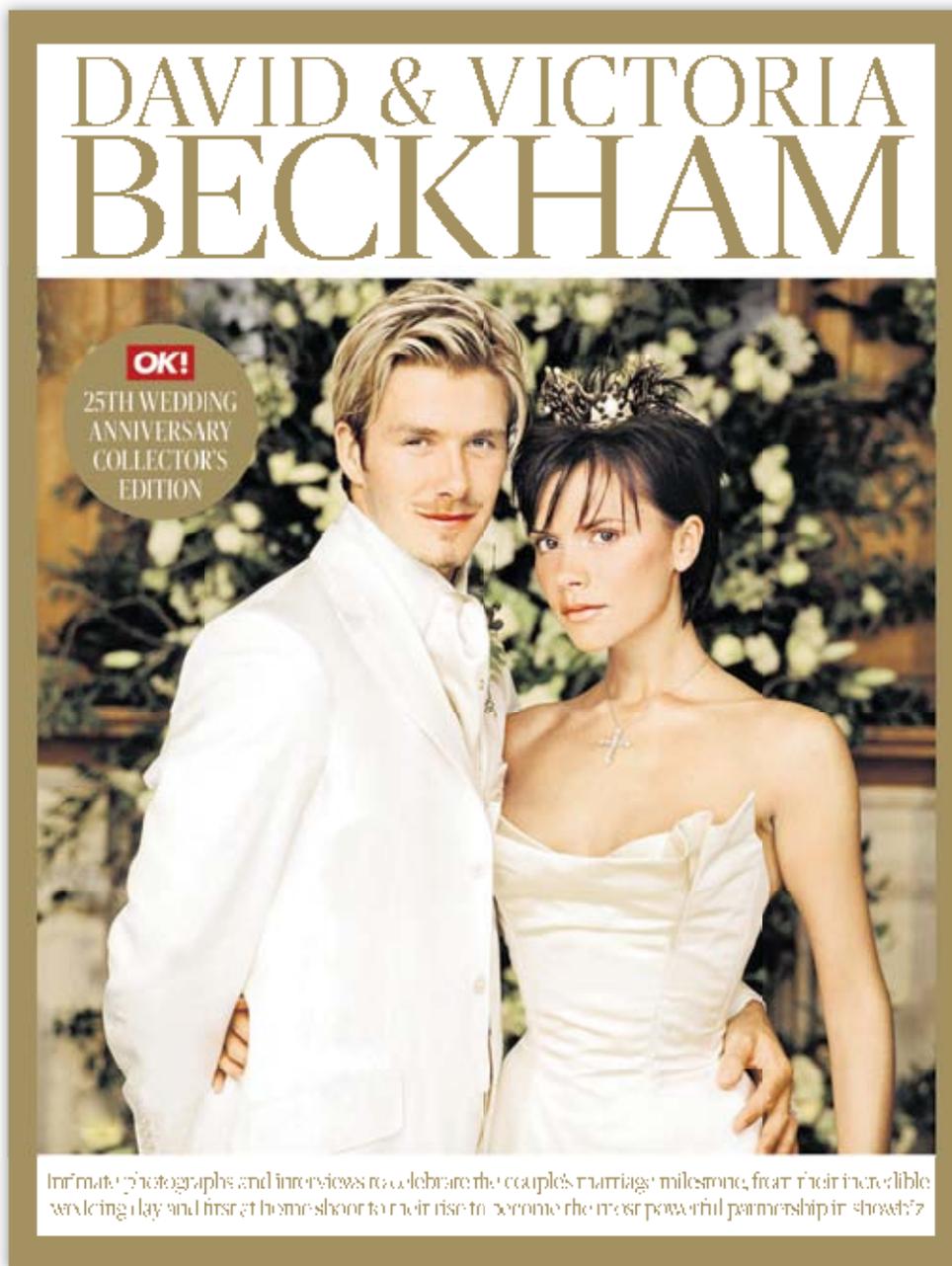
NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm BBC Newsline; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.30** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.40** True North - Rhys McClenaghan: Chasing Gold **11.10** We Hunt Together **11.55** We Hunt Together **12.45am** The Weakest Link **1.30-6.00am** BBC News

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC2 except: 10.00-10.30pm Peatall. Paula has her hands full with two cockapoos. Last in series. **11.05** Spent **11.35** The Apartheid Killer **12.50-1.15am** Weather Watchers with Barra Best

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 **12.35-3.00am** 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 headlines. **10.30-10.45** UTV Live **12.35-3.00am** 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 Sports Fans 10.00 Test Cricket Bitesize 10.15 LIVE Test Cricket England v West Indies. Coverage of day five of the Second Test in the three-match series, held at Trent Bridge. The last time these two teams met in a Test series was back in 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic meant that the series had to take place behind closed doors, with the hosts winning the series 2-1. The final Test in this series starts on Friday, as the series heads to Edgbaston in Birmingham. 7.00pm LIVE Tennis Coverage of the day's action on the WTA and ATP Tours, as the season continues with a number of clay and hard-court tournaments around the world. 10.00 Sky Sports News 10.30 Back Pages Tonight 11.00pm-6.00am Sky Sports News

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am Vitality T20 Blast Cricket 7.00 Test Cricket 8.00 Test Cricket Bitesize 8.15 The Hundred Bitesize 8.30 Test Cricket 9.25 Stuart Broad - My Greatest Spells 9.50 Best of England v Windies 10.00 Test Cricket Bitesize 10.15 LIVE Test Cricket England v West Indies. Coverage of day five of the Second Test in the three-match series, held at Trent Bridge. The last time these two teams met in a Test series was back in 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic meant that the series had to take place behind closed doors, with the hosts winning the series 2-1. The final Test in this series starts on Friday, as the series heads to Edgbaston in Birmingham. 7.00pm Every Ball Counts 7.30 Every Ball Counts 8.00 Test Cricket 9.00 Every Ball Counts 9.30 Every Ball Counts 10.00 Test Cricket 11.00 Test Cricket Bitesize 11.15 Secrets of Success 12.00m't Test Cricket 1.00 T20 Blast 2010 4.00 Inside Southern Brave 5.00 The Hundred Bitesize 5.15 The Hundred Bitesize 5.30 The Hundred Bitesize 5.45-6.00am The Hundred

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am Retro League One 8.00 EFL Cup Highlights 8.30 EFL Trophy Football 9.00 EFL Greatest Games 10.00 EFL Cup 11.00 EFL 12.00noon Bundesliga Highlights Show 1.00 WSL 1.30 Women's Championship Show 2.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 2.30 Championship Season Review 3.30 EFL Goals 5.30 EFL Greatest Games 6.00 Bundesliga 6.30 Bundesliga Highlights Show 7.30 WSL 8.00 Women's Championship Show 8.30 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 8.45 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 9.00 Championship Season Review 10.30 EFL 12.00m't EFL Highlights 1.00 EFL 2.00 EFL Highlights 3.00 EFL Greatest Games 4.00-6.00am Championship Retro

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am T100 Triathlon World Tour 6.30 The Football's On 8.30 International Rugby Union 10.00 AFL 4.00pm T100 Triathlon World Tour 4.30 Major League Cricket Highlights 5.00 MLB 6.00 LIVE MLB New York Yankees v Tampa Bay Rays (Start time 6.05pm). The American League East match from Yankee Stadium. 9.15 MLB Plays of the Week 9.45 Born Racers 11.00 WWE Raw Highlights 12.00m't WWE 1.00 LIVE WWE Monday Night Raw 4.15 What Went Down 4.45 UEFA Champions League - Stories of the Finals 5.00-6.00am Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am UEFA Champions League 6.30pm LIVE Ultimate Pool Coverage of Group 6 of the Ultimate Pool Pairs Cup, which takes place at the Players Pool & Snooker Lounge in Newcastle-under-Lyme. 9.30 Fight Week 10.15 Tom Aspinall's Fight Lab. The Interim UFC Heavyweight Champion previews UFC 304 at Co-op Live in Manchester, which will see him defend his title against Curtis Blaydes in the co-main event. 11.15 UFC Fight Flashback. A look back at the best of the action from the UFC 278 rematch between Kamaru Usman and Leon Edwards as they fought in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA for the welterweight title. 12.45am Major League Cricket Highlights. Los Angeles Knight Riders v MI New York. 1.15 LIVE Major League Cricket San Francisco Unicorns v Washington Freedom. Coverage of the T20 match from Grand Prairie Stadium in Grand Prairie, Texas. 5.15 Crouchy and Cole 5.45-6.00am What I Wore

EUROSPORT 1

6.30am Snooker: Shanghai Masters 8.30 Cycling: Tour de France 9.30 Tour de France - The Breakaway 10.00 Climbing World Cup 12.00noon Snooker: Shanghai Masters 2.00 Cycling: Tour de France 3.00 Tour de France - The Breakaway 3.30 Olympic Games: The Power of the Olympics. Stories concerning the Games. 4.00 Climbing World Cup 6.00 Snooker: Shanghai Masters 8.00 Cycling: Tour de France 9.00 Ultra Trail: World Tour 10.00 Cycling: Second to None 10.45 Skateboarding: Concrete Dreams 11.00 Climbing World Cup 1.00am SailGP 2.00 Snooker: Shanghai Masters 4.00-6.00am Olympic Games: La Vie Sportive

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Emmerdale 7.00 Classic Coronation Street 8.05 Agatha Christie's Poirot 10.30 The Royal 11.35 Heartbeat 1.40pm Classic Emmerdale 2.40 Classic Coronation Street 3.50 Inspector Morse 6.00 Heartbeat 8.00 Vera 10.00 Unforgotten 11.50 The Royal 12.40-2.30am Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am World of Sport 6.10 Minder 7.10 The Professionals 8.15 Dempsey and Makepeace 9.15 The Champions 10.20 Kojak 11.25 The Protectors 12.00noon Tour de France Highlights 1.00 Made in Britain 1.35 The Champions 2.40 Kojak 3.45 Minder 4.50 The Professionals 5.55 BattleBots 7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special 8.05 FILM The Living Daylights (1987/PG) 8.55 10.45 FILM The World's End (2013/15) 8.55 12.50am Motorsport UK 1.45 Auto Mundial 2.15 Motorsport Mundial 2.40-3.00am Unwind with ITV

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am 22 Kids & Counting 9.00 Happy Campers: The Caravan Park 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 Text Scams: Don't Get Caught Out 9.00 Ambulance: Code Red 10.00 My Wife, My Abuser: The Secret Footage 11.35 999: Critical Condition 12.35am Cold Case Killers 1.35 Skin A&E 2.25 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts 3.10-4.00am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Cruise TV 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 Edinburgh Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 NEW The Derbyshire Auction House 10.00 The Repair Shop 11.00 Help! My House Is Haunted 1.00am The Dead Files 2.00 Teleshopping 4.00-6.00am Salvage Hunters

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! 9.30 Outback Truckers 10.30 FILM Ride a Crooked Trail (1958/U) 8.55 12.20pm FILM Mutiny on the Bounty (1962/12) 8.55 4.00 Outback Truckers 5.00 Traffic Cops 6.00 Trucking Heavy 7.00 Police Interceptors 9.00 FILM Sudden Impact (1983/18) 8.55 11.25 FILM Ambushed (2013/15) 8.55 1.25 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera 2.25 Trucking Hell 3.25 Car Pound Cops 3.50-4.00am Entertainment News on 5

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Andrea Bocelli: The Journey 7.15 The South Bank Show Originals 7.45 The Joy of Painting 8.55 Tales of the Unexpected 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Discovering: Brad Pitt 12.00noon The Joy of Painting 1.00 Tales of the Unexpected 2.00 Brunelleschi's Impossible Dome 4.00 Discovering: Matt Damon 5.00 The Joy of Painting 6.00 Tales of the Unexpected 7.00 Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir

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 11.00 Rock Show with Daniel P Carter 1.00am BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 1 with Alyx Holcombe 2.00 Radio 1's Future Alternative 3.00 Radio 1 Relax 4.00 Radio 1 Pop Anthems 5.00-6.57am Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Dean McCullough

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Breakfast Show 9.30 Gary Davies 12.00noon Jeremy Vine 2.00 Scott Mills 4.00 Sara Cox 6.30 Sara Cox's Half Wower 7.00 Jo Whitley's Shiny Happy Playlist 7.30 Jo Whitley 9.00 The Blues Show with Cerys Matthews 10.00 Trevor Nelson's Magnificent 7 10.30 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation 12.00m't OJ Borg 2.30 One Hit Wonders with OJ Borg 3.00 Class of '84 3.30 Class of '84 4.00-6.30am Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast 9.30 Essential Classics 1.00pm Classical Live 4.00 Composer of the Week: Silvestre Revueltas 5.00 In Tune 7.00 Classical



The Cleaning Lady Sky Witness, 9pm As Arman and Nadia plan their most dangerous scheme yet, Thony (Elodie Yung, left) begins to question her alliances. Meanwhile, Garrett zeroes in on a suspect in Maya's death.

8.00 Battle of the Bagpipes 9.00 Andre Rieu: Romantic Paradise 10.45 Andre Rieu: Welcome to My World 11.45 Classic FM Live 1.45am Academy of Ancient Music: Vivaldi's Four Seasons 3.15 FILM Janine Jansen: Falling for Stradivari (2021/U) 8.55 4.10 Cheltenham Literature Festival 5.10-6.00am The Art of Architecture

GOLD

7.10am The Fosters 8.05 Only Fools and Horses 8.40 Keeping Up Appearances 9.20 Ever Decreasing Circles 10.00 Are You Being Served? 10.40 Porridge 11.20 Last of the Summer Wine 12.40pm Keeping Up Appearances 1.20 Ever Decreasing Circles 2.00 Porridge 2.35 Dad's Army 3.15 Are You Being Served? 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine 5.20 Porridge 6.00 Keeping Up Appearances 6.40 Dad's Army 8.00 Blackadder II 8.40 Only Fools and Horses 9.20 The Young Ones 10.05 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV 10.45 Blackadder II 11.30 Only Fools and Horses 12.10am The Young Ones 12.55 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV 1.35 The Cockfields 2.10 The Two Ronnies 2.55-4.00am Hi-de-Hi!

U&YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Space Shuttle: Triumph and Tragedy 7.10 Underground Worlds 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 4.00 The Buildings That Fought Hitler 5.00 Secret Nazi Bases 6.00 Antiques Roadshow 7.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 8.00 Abandoned Engineering 9.00 Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen 10.00 Bangers & Cash 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00m't Great British Railway Journeys 1.00-3.00am Secrets of the Railways

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. Crime drama series. 9.00 Father Brown 10.00 Pretty Hard Cases 11.00 Elementary 12.00m't CSI: Vegas 1.00 Murdoch Mysteries 3.00-4.00am Clarice

SKY MAX

6.00am NCIS: New Orleans 7.00 SEAL Team 8.00 The Flash 9.00 Stargate SG-1

Radio

CHOICE

Gary Davies Radio 2, 9.30am Gary sits in for Vernon Kay, and all this week he will be joined by award-winning singer-songwriter Delta Goodrum who will be sharing her Tracks Of My Years. Delta is a and one of the highest-selling Australian artists in history, and she will be performing at Radio 2 In The Park in Preston this September.

Mixtape 7.30 BBC Proms 2024. A live concert from the Royal Albert Hall, with Ryan Bancroft conducting the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in Zemlinsky's The Mermaid and Schoenberg's Pelleas and Melisande. 10.00 Night Tracks. Late-night listening. 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 Policing Protest 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 God Next Door 4.00 Donald Trump and Black America 4.30 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather 6.00 News 6.30 Mark Steel's in Town 7.00 The Archers 7.15 Front Row

11.00 NCIS: New Orleans 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 9.00 Mr Bigstuff 10.00 The Walking Dead 12.00m't Warrior 1.00 The Force: North East 2.00 Road Wars 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Fish Town 7.55 Six Feet Under 10.05 Gomorrah 12.15pm Game of Thrones 1.25 The Sopranos 3.35 Six Feet Under 5.45 Gomorrah 7.45 Game of Thrones 9.00 House of the Dragon 10.20 The Last of Us 11.25 House of the Dragon 12.45am Succession 1.55 The Leftovers 2.55 Game of Thrones 4.05-6.00am Fish Town

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Bondi Rescue 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 The Rookie 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't For Life 1.00 The Good Doctor 2.00 NEW Elsbeth 3.00 The Force: North East 4.00 Paramedics Australia 5.00-6.00am Sun, Sea and A&E

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace 9.00 The Conners 10.00 In the Long Run 10.30 How to Make It in America 11.40 Ballers 12.50pm The Comeback 2.10 How to Make It in America 3.20 Ballers 4.30 In the Long Run 5.00 Will & Grace 6.00 The Office (US) 7.00 The Conners 8.00 Will & Grace 8.50 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 9.35 Stewart Lee, Basic Lee: Live at the Lowry 11.35 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 12.20am Sex and the City 1.30 Real Time 2.40 Silicon Valley 3.50-5.00am The Comeback

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 World Tour 12.00noon Wheeler Dealers 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 Fish or Die 8.00 Wheeler Dealers World Tour 9.00 Shorty's Dream Shop 10.00 NEW Last Chance Garage 11.00 NEW Chasing Glory: Road to Paris 2024 12.00m't Mysteries of the Deep 1.00 Shorty's Dream Shop 2.00 Last Chance Garage 3.00-4.00am Rock Rush

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Food Factory USA 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 WW2: Hell Under the Sea 11.00 Nazi Megastructures 12.00noon Car S.O.S 1.00 Pacific War Megawrecks: Drain the Oceans 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 12.00m't Banged Up Abroad 1.00 Wicked Tuna 2.00 Lords of War 2.30 Made in a Day 3.20-4.10am Food Factory

Movies

FILM4

11.00am Against the Wind (1948/PG) Thriller, starring Simone Signoret. 8.55 12.55pm The Wrong Box (1966/U) Black comedy, starring Ralph Richardson. 8.55 3.05 Barnacle Bill (1957/U) Comedy, starring Alec Guinness and Irene Brown. 8.55 4.50 The Bedford Incident (1965/PG) Cold War thriller, starring Richard Widmark. 8.55 6.55 Gifted (2017/12) Drama, starring Chris Evans and Lindsay Duncan. 8.55 9.00 Top Gun: Maverick (2022/12) Pete 'Maverick' Mitchell gets called back to the Top Gun academy, where he must train a new band of recruits for a deadly mission. Action drama, starring Tom Cruise. 8.55 11.35 The Hunt (2019/15) Horror thriller, with Betty Gilpin and Hilary Swank. 8.55 1.20-3.50am Bandits (2001/12) Comedy crime adventure, starring Bruce Willis. 8.55

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.05am Deep Sea (2023/PG) See 2.00pm for details. 8.55 8.10 Uproar (2024/12) See 4.00pm for details. 8.55 10.15 Please Don't Destroy: The Treasure of Foggy Mountain (2023/15) Comedy, starring Martin Herlihy and John Higgins. 8.55 12.00noon Mean Girls (2024/12) See 8.00pm for details. 8.55 2.00pm Deep Sea (2023/PG) Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Brian Flaccus and Angela Malhotra. 8.55 4.00 Uproar (2024/12) Drama, starring Minnie Driver and Rhys Darby. 8.55 6.00 Anyone But You (2023/15) Romantic comedy, starring Sydney Sweeney. 8.55 8.00 Mean Girls (2024/12) Musical adaptation of the cult classic, with Angourie Rice. 8.55 10.00 LaRoy, Texas (2023/15) Comedy crime caper, starring Steve Zahn. 8.55 11.55 Eileen (2023/15) Thriller, with Thomasin McKenzie and Anne Hathaway. 8.55 1.40am Drift (2023/15) Drama, starring Cynthia Erivo and Alia Shawkat. 8.55 3.20 Manodrome (2023/15) Thriller, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Adrien Brody. 8.55 5.00-6.00am Sky Cinema Preview-July 2024

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

4.10pm Aisha (2022/15) Drama, starring Letitia Wright and Josh O'Connor. 8.55 5.55 BlackBerry (2023/15) Comedy, starring Jay Baruchel and Glenn Howerton. 8.55 8.00 Oppenheimer (2023/12) J Robert Oppenheimer leads the Manhattan Project to develop an atomic weapon before Hitler and end the Second World War. Biopic, starring Cillian Murphy. 8.55 11.05 Meet Joe Black (1998/12) Drama, starring Brad Pitt and Anthony Hopkins. 8.55 2.10am West North West (2015/15) Drama, with Hanae Kan and Sahel Rosa. 8.55 4.25-6.25am Der Kaiser (2022/PG) Drama, starring Klaus Steinbacher. 8.55

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm Goosebumps (2015/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Jack Black. 8.55 5.50 Scooby-Doo (2002/PG) Comedy adventure, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. 8.55 7.25 Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004/PG) Comedy adventure, with Sarah Michelle Gellar and Matthew Lillard. 8.55 9.05 Despicable Me 3 (2017/U) Animated sequel, with the voice of Steve Carell. 8.55 10.50 Patch Adams (1998/12) Drama, with Robin Williams and Monica Potter. 8.55 1.00am Robo-Dog (2015/PG) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Campion. 8.55 2.40 Blithe Spirit (2020/12) Comedy, starring Isla Fisher and Dan Stevens. 8.55 4.25-6.05am Pups United (2015/U) Family adventure, starring Matthew James Roberts and Kristin Carey. 8.55

TALKING PICTURES TV

4.05pm The Thief (1952/PG) Spy thriller, starring Ray Milland and Martin Gabel. 8.55 7.00 The Footage Detectives Documentary. 8.00 Enemy at the Door Seventies drama. 9.05 Ten Little Indians (1989/PG) Agatha Christie murder mystery, starring Donald Pleasence and Brenda Vaccaro. 8.55 10.55 Nightbeat (1947/PG) Drama, starring Anne Crawford and Maxwell Reed. 8.55 12.50am Reel Stories: The Projectionists 2.00 Mairnet Classic detective stories. 4.00-5.00am Justice Legal drama.

GREAT! MOVIES

5.05pm Disaster Zone: Volcano in New York (2006/PG) Thriller, starring Costas Mandylor and Michael Ironside. 8.55 7.10 The Forger (2012/12) Crime drama, starring Josh Hutcherson. 8.55 9.00 Unbreakable (2000/12) Drama, starring Bruce Willis and Samuel L Jackson. 8.55 11.20pm Acts of Violence (2018/15) Crime drama, starring Bruce Willis. 8.55 1.10am April's Flowers (2019) Thriller, starring Jennie Garth and Angelica Bridges. 8.55 4.00-6.00am The Threat Next Door (2023/PG) Thriller, starring Shiva Negar. 8.55

RECORD READERS Your letters

X WORD
Winners will be announced next week.



CHOSEN ONE JD Vance

Vance into the fire

WE now have DJ as the prospective US president and JD for the vice-president role.

I know who Donald J Trump is but I'm not as familiar with JD.

He came from a very poor background, eventually becoming a millionaire and was well respected by his local community.

The only puzzling item is that with the concerns about age of the main candidates I would have thought that JD Clampett, patriarch of The Beverly Hillbillies, was too old for the role but then again he has already lived in a big house with a "concrete pond".

Maybe the election has finally found a good Republican candidate in the form of JD Vance.

Dennis Fitzgerald, Melbourne

Craziness sells bigly

THE strange world of populist politics gets stranger by the week.

Here in the UK, we appear, at least for now, to have put the populism of the likes of Boris Johnson behind us for the saner figure of Keir Starmer and the Labour Party.

Yet in the US the crazy folk have doubled down on Donald Trump, the man who sowed the division that led to him being shot at in the first place.

To make matters even more bizarre, his devoted followers are sporting bandages on their ears, just like their non-fallen hero.

The general public love a confident huckster and are happy to snap up whatever snake oil he offers. God help the USA when Trump gets back in.

Keith Hogan, by email

Inclusion policy in classes is dragging schools down

MORE than 16,000 assaults on teachers last year in Scottish schools is the latest shocking report, leaving many teachers with the fear of things getting completely out of control.

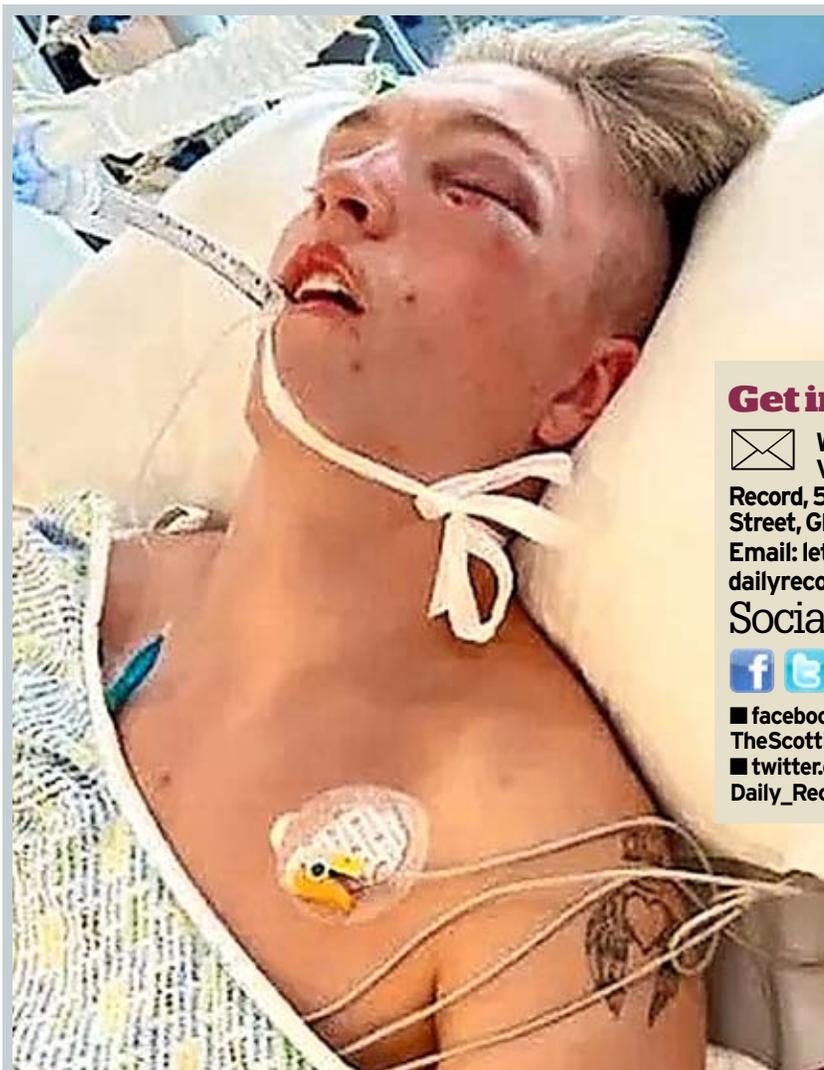
The current SNP policy of maintaining inclusion in our schools is completely hopeless and is in effect a charter for delinquent children to continue to assault both teachers and other pupils.

Successive SNP education secretaries have dithered and ignored teachers' concerns about classroom assaults as teacher numbers have reduced as class sizes have increased.

The current SNP Education Secretary Jenny Gilruth has completely ignored concerns from the teacher unions about the crisis of violent attacks on teachers in Scottish schools.

She has also done little to satisfy teachers that she has any plan to reduce the violence in Scottish schools.

Dennis Forbes Grattan, Aberdeen



BATTERED Lee Paton lies in a coma in hospital after he was attacked at TRNSMT

Pull the plug on party festivals

TIME has come to end the TRNSMT festival in Glasgow.

All you hear from this event is thuggish and violent behaviour, with some of the honest ones

caught up in the atmosphere of the music violently attacked and Lee Paton ended up in a coma.

Drugs and alcohol are the main contributor and the predators who seek

out and sell these drugs to the vulnerable.

So it's time to pull the plug on these festivals before it's too late.

Stephen Johnstone, Hyndland, Glasgow

risk by shielding him from possibly more gunshots.

What does this lunatic do? Starts jumping about like a jack in the box. Not only possibly giving the sniper a bigger target while not giving a second thought to the safety of his security.

Disgraceful behaviour that speaks volumes about the man's priorities.

William Hamilton

IT BEGGARS belief that a young man was able to get on a roof near Donald Trump. About five men could have prevented it happening.

And maybe now the Americans

will do something about their gun laws.

Gordon McIlwraith, Kilmarnock

Where are the leaders?

I FEEL sorry for normal Americans, the ones who just want a good, decent leader and to be left to get on with their lives, stepping in to assist other countries when threatened, like Ukraine.

Instead they are going to have the choice as their leader of an elderly man who is clearly decades past his best and another elderly man who is so divisive and aggressive that he attracted a

would-be assassin's bullets. What happened to the people of stature, the great figures of the past?

Where are the Barack Obamas, the Ronald Reagans, the Franklin Roosevelts these days?

Heck, even George W Bush's time in office doesn't seem so bad now and, Richard Nixon, all is forgiven.

We can only hope some good comes of the present circumstances because

while an election in a foreign country should have no impact on our lives here, the actions of the president of the USA really do matter all around the world.

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Guns kill

THE US has had cowboys and Indians, Union and Confederate and now Democrats and Republicans and still people are allowed to carry guns.

With so much division in the world we must wonder what is going to happen next as Russia and Israel ignore pleas for ceasefires and continue to kill innocent people.

Jim Fotheringham, Milton of Balgonie, Fife

Keep the 2-child cap

I AGREE with the two-children benefits cap and I believe I am not in the minority.

People should not have children if they cannot afford to keep them.

It's the parents who need educated in contraception, in cooking and budgeting.

All around me I see young single mothers (unfortunately) with numerous children to different fathers who are nowhere to be seen.

Mobile phones and cigarettes in hand, feeding their children with takeaways being delivered to the door. They are in poverty through their parents' choices.

Elizabeth Wood, by email

Speak up for Ally

RE: THE letter from Janet Marshall about not being able to understand what Ally McCoist was saying in his Euros commentary.

He's much better, by far, than the inane drivel coming from English commentators such as Guy Mowbray.

Karl Edwards, Argyll

Letter of the week

£50

Every Saturday we will pick the best letter received during the week and award a £50 prize. Please include your full name, address and phone number in order to be eligible.

● This week's winner is Dennis F Grattan of Aberdeen.

Trump stirs up anger

WHILE it was terrible that Donald Trump was nearly assassinated perhaps now he will be more careful with his language.

He was at fault when a mob tried to break into the Congress and used the word "fight" when he told them to stop.

The people of the USA often claim it is the world's best country and yet they still adhere to a law which gives everyone the right to own a gun.

Do they not realise it was the 1776 Declaration of Independence when this law was made and of course things were so much different then?

Perhaps the time has come for them to think again.

Andrew Hiddleston, Roslin, Midlothian

★★★

I COULDN'T believe the actions, or maybe I shouldn't have been surprised by anything egotistical Trump will do for publicity.

There are six or seven Secret Service men and women putting their lives at

SNP education secretaries have ignored teacher concerns about classroom assaults DENNIS GRATTON

OLYMPICS



MUIR OF SAME Hoggkinson and Reekie are getting Laura, below, all excited

MEDAL DETECTOR

Laura backing British track pals for glory

LAURA MUIR can foresee medals galore on the track at the Olympic Games after watching the young stars she's inspired create history on Saturday.

BY MARK WOODS

tune-up for the 1500m in Paris, sees the possibility of Hodgkinson and Reekie duelling for gold at the Games.

She said: "To see the two of them run those times is fantastic. I know they're very similar and it's so great to have such talented athletes.

"And you add Phoebe into that as well and it's very, very exciting. I'm so chuffed."

Fifteen days ago in Paris, the Dundee Hawkhill Harrier slashed her own UK 1500m record to 3:53.79 but had to bow to rival Faith Kipyegon as the Kenyan re-wrote the quickest time in history once again.

And the marks could be shattered again in the Olympic final, claims the Tokyo silver medalist, who jetted back to her pre-Games base in the Swiss mountains last night.

Muir said: "I'm in all the

competitions. I can see it. It's great. We're all running world records and personal bests all over the shop so it's really exciting to be part of that.

"I've maybe got a second or two left in me as well. In Paris, I finished the race and I've never ran 3:53 before. But it felt a very smooth 3:53.

"I thought 'wow, there's a little bit left to come' which is really exciting."

Reekie, 26, is reassured that her brush with coronavirus won't plague her chances of challenging for the Olympic podium.

She pushed Hodgkinson all the way to the finish line with the third-fastest time in the world this year - the perfect tonic following a fraught few weeks feeling ill.

"Keely's an amazing athlete," she said. "And I wanted to see how close I could get to her. I'm really happy to know I'm going to line up to try and win."



COMEBACK Reid

GRACE BACK FROM END

HALF of Grace Reid's life has been devoted to small leaps of faith that end with a sink, then a swim.

And the diving star has got a spring back in her step, pulling away from the edge of quitting to now stand on the brink of becoming an Olympian for the third

time at Paris 2024. Reid confesses she was a "zombie" on the flight back from Tokyo in 2021 when all the fun had gone out of competing.

The 28-year-old said: "If I'd ended my career after Tokyo, it would have haunted me. I'm proud that I've come through that."

RECORD RACING

WINDSOR SKY SPORTS RACING.

Table with columns GARRY OWEN and PA, listing race numbers and names like JOHN'S DRAGON, FLEETWATER, etc.

GOING: Good to Firm. COURSE: Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f, straight final 5f, 6f races start on an extension to the straight. DRAW: Low best up to a mile.

Table for 5.18 DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP NURSERY (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £4,397 (10 run) 6f 12yds. Lists race numbers and names like BALZARINI, RAN AMOK, etc.

SIXTIES CHIC 13-2 (9-5, Charles Bishop) Held up in last trio, good headway near side of group over 1f out, strong run inside final furlong, led inside final 100 yards, snugly, won at Newbury 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gf in Jun behind Starproof (9-1) by 3/4l, 12 ran 1m 10.88s.

Table for 5.50 EBF FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £3,672 (16 run) 6f 12yds. Lists race numbers and names like CASTRO AURUM, DUBAI MAGIC, etc.

WATCHYA 9-1 (9-13, P Cosgrave) Led, ridden over 1f out, headed close home, 2nd of 7, 12 behind Fahrenheit Seven (9-4) at Epsom Downs 6f hcp (4) gs 1m 10.63s.

Table for 6.20 DOWNLOAD THE RACING APP 43 NOW MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (DIV 1) (5) Winner £4,320 (10 run) 1m 2f. Lists race numbers and names like LION WAIT, CALUMET, etc.

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (4) Winner £8,505 (6 run) 1m 2f. Lists race numbers and names like NAAEY, MOTHER MARY, etc.

Table for 6.50 DOWNLOAD THE RACING APP 43 NOW MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (DIV 2) (5) Winner £4,320 (9 run) 1m 2f. Lists race numbers and names like DUBAI HARBOUR, BE LIKE PUMPKIN, etc.

WARREN HILL 8-1 (9-2, Aidan Keeley) Towards rear far side of centre group, still plenty to do when merged over 3f out, switched right and ridden over 1f out, no extra final furlong, 15th of 24, 8l behind Doha (8-11) at Foyat Ascot 1m hcp (2) gf in Jun 1m 38.24s.

Table for 7.20 FITZDAIRES SPRINT SERIES HANDICAP (4) Winner £5,653 (16 run) 6f 12yds. Lists race numbers and names like SIXTIES CHIC, SUPREME KING, etc.

WATCHYA 9-1 (9-13, P Cosgrave) Led, ridden over 1f out, headed close home, 2nd of 7, 12 behind Fahrenheit Seven (9-4) at Epsom Downs 6f hcp (4) gs 1m 10.63s.

Table for 7.50 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (4) Winner £8,505 (6 run) 1m 2f. Lists race numbers and names like NAAEY, MOTHER MARY, etc.

WARREN HILL 8-1 (9-2, Aidan Keeley) Towards rear far side of centre group, still plenty to do when merged over 3f out, switched right and ridden over 1f out, no extra final furlong, 15th of 24, 8l behind Doha (8-11) at Foyat Ascot 1m hcp (2) gf in Jun 1m 38.24s.

Table for 8.20 DOWNLOAD THE FITZDAIRES APP NOW HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,768 (13 run) 1m 2f. Lists race numbers and names like SHALFA, NEW DAYRELL, etc.

WARREN HILL 8-1 (9-2, Aidan Keeley) Towards rear far side of centre group, still plenty to do when merged over 3f out, switched right and ridden over 1f out, no extra final furlong, 15th of 24, 8l behind Doha (8-11) at Foyat Ascot 1m hcp (2) gf in Jun 1m 38.24s.

BETTING: 11-2 Sixties Chic, 7 Watchya, Nogo's Dream, 8 Bona Fortuna, 10 Sky Warrior, Supreme King, Grenham Bay, 12 Betties Bay, Lahina Bay, 14 Others.

RECORD RACING

Big winners tipped this week at www.dailyrecord.co.uk/racing

I'VE A NOVELLO NAP

NOVELLO LAD (4.15) can call the tune for Paul Midgley on Racing TV Raceday at Ayr.

The sprinter built on some sterling efforts when cosily dismissing **Wichahpi** at Doncaster. The gelding is nicely unexposed on turf so can defy a 4lb hike for his in-form yard.

DESERT QUEST (2.30) can keep on track for Ewan Whillans in the staying event. The gelding overcame a

BY GARRY OWEN

poor start to finish third behind **Red Force One** at Ayr. That was a strong contest so the consistent six-year-old can score down in trip.

ZAPHEA (3.40) rates the safest option in the Western House Handicap. Iain Jardine's filly can atone for her poor recent effort at Hamilton.

CONCERT BOY (4.50) can be pitch-perfect in the Racing TV Handicap. Katie Scott's bay

bounced back with a good second to **Makalu** over track and trip. That is fine form so the four-year-old can triumph for a trainer hitting form.

HEY LYLA (5.25) can top the charts for Charlie Johnson in the last. The filly flopped when seventh to **Noodle Mission** on the Chelmsford all-weather.

However, she had been thriving on turf so she can atone in this more suitable test. **TRAILBLAZER (2.10)**

can lead his rivals in a merry dance at Cartmel.

Adam Nicol's hurdler defied odds of 25-1 when routing **Game Beaaa** at Perth. The five-year-old won with authority so he can show that success was no fluke.

CITY DERBY (3.20) should sparkle in the Champagne Louis Roederer Hurdle.

Lizzie Quinlan's horse underlined his liking for this track when outbattling **Where's Bunny**. The gelding

was staying on strongly so can shrug off a 3lb penalty upped in trip.

ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN (4.30) is the smart choice in the Strathmore Hotels Chase.

Ben Haslam's gelding relished returning to fences when caning **Do No Wrong** here. The 10-year-old looks well treated in this sphere so can make light of an 8lb rise.

OVER MILK WOOD (5.00) can land the odds in the Bowness Bay Handicap Chase.



AWARD WINNER Midgley

AYR RACING TV.

GARRY OWEN	PA
2.30 DESERT QUEST	IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU
3.05 MANAGING DIRECTOR	HAMMER THE HAMMER (NB)
3.40 ZAPHEA	LA BOO
4.15 NOVELLO LAD (NAP)	NOVELLO LAD
4.50 CONCERT BOY	PEMBROKESHIRE
5.25 HEY LYLA	ALPINE SIERRA

GARRY'S DOUBLE: NOVELLO LAD (NAP, 4.15 Ayr) & Trailblazer (2.10 Cartmel).

COURSE: Left-handed oval course of 1m 4f, races of 1m 3f start on a chute, straight 6f track.

2.30 EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,187 (7 run) 1m 5f 26yds

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	Shay Farmer (5)	74
2	9-2423 IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU (13) (P)	4 9-8
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	S Feilden	73
3	-32708 AYR POET (14)	9 8-13
(3)	J Goldie (C ²)	
	Lauren Young (7)	64
4	90/95- KONDO ISAMI (357)	6 8-11
(1)	R M Smith	
	R Kavanagh (5)	62
5	98-435 TILSITT (7) (T)	7 8-11
(7)	R M Smith (BF,C ³)	
	Rhys Elliott (5)	62
6	8-3656 GLASSES UP (14)	9 8-9
(2)	R M Smith (C ⁷)	
	Archie Young	60
7	256223 DESERT QUEST (39)	6 8-5
(4)	Ewan Whillans (CD)	
	Liam Wright	56

BETTING: 9-4 It's All About You, 10-3 Desert Quest, 4 Tilsitt, 11-2 Glasses Up, 6 Ravenscraig Castle, 12 Ayr Poet, 33 Kondo Isami.

2023: GOLDEN SHOT 4 9 11, Morgan Cole 9-4 (Sir M Prescott), drawn (4), 9 ran.

RAVENS CRAIG CASTLE 10-1 (8-6, A Mullen) Chased leaders, went 2nd over 8f out, every chance over 2f out, weakened from over 1f out, last of 5, 10l behind Sea King (9-9) at Ayr 1m 5f hcp 0-95 (3) of 2m 48.90s.

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU 6-1 (10-4, O J Orr) Led, switched to inside rail after about 1f, headed over 2f out, kept on, no impression on winner inside final furlong, lost 2nd close home, 3rd of 7, 4l behind Free Speech (9-0) at Pontefract 1m 4f hcp (5) st 2m 46.44s.

AYR POET 9-1 (9-9, Lauren Young) Soon behind, some progress inside final furlong but no chance, 8th of 11, 8l behind We Still Believe (9-9) at Ayr 1m 2f hcp 0-65 (6) of 2m 08.25s.

KONDO ISAMI 125-1 (9-0, P Mathers) Slowly away, close up in rear, pushed along over 3f out, ridden over 2f out, soon weakened, last of 5, 25l behind Paddy The Squire (9-1) at Ayr 1m 2f hcp 0-90 (3) st Jun 23 2m 15.96s.

TILSITT 4-1fav (8-11, Rhys Elliott) Chased winner until over 1f out, stayed on one pace inside final furlong, lost 3rd towards finish, 5th of 11, 4l behind Aviemore (9-8) at Ayr 1m 2f hcp 0-75 (5) of 2m 07.76s.

GLASSES UP 9-2 (9-13, Connor Beasley) Led, headed over 8f out, prominent, losing place when short of room inside final furlong, 6th of 11, 4 1/2l behind We Still Believe (9-9) at Ayr 1m 2f hcp 0-65 (6) of 2m 08.25s.

DESERT QUEST 4-1 (8-11, Rowan Scott) Stumbled badly start, always last, pushed along and outpaced over 4f out, soon ridden, went remote 3rd 3f out, 3rd of 4, 8l behind Red Force One (8-10) at Musselburgh 2m hcp (5) of Jun 3m 28.93s.

3.05 IRISH EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2-Y-O) 5f Winner £4,860 (5 run)

1	4 HAMMER THE HAMMER (11)	9-7
(5)	K Ryan	
	T Eaves	—
2	LEXINGTON BLITZ	9-7
(4)	R Cowell	
	P J McDonald	—
3	53 MANAGING DIRECTOR (16)	9-7
(2)	B Smart	
	M Russell	—
4	20 MOTAWAHIJ (30)	9-7
(1)	K R Burke	
	Doubtful	—

GOING: Good-Good to Firm in places.

DRAW: Middle to high numbers are favoured on the straight course.

LONGEST TRAVELLER: Wild Mountain (4.15) Ireland; Lexington Blitz (3.05) trained at Newmarket. Round trip of 720 miles.

1ST TIME BLINKERS: 5.25 Wildfell.

1ST TIME HOODS: None.

5 STRONG WARRIOR 9-7
R Fahey
Oisín Orr

BETTING: 6-5 Hammer The Hammer, 15-8 Managing Director, 11-2 Strong Warrior, 7 Lexington Blitz.

2023: DOROTHY LAWRENCE 9 2, Daniel Tudhope 2-11 Fav (K R Burke), drawn (4), 6 ran.

HAMMER THE HAMMER 4-1 (9-7, S A Gray) Tracked leader, ridden and every chance over 1f out, kept on same pace, lost 3rd final strides, 4th of 11, 7l behind Chancellor (9-7) at Doncaster 6f 2yo mdn (5) gs 1m 12.96s.

LEXINGTON BLITZ Invincible Spirit colt out of Broken Time.

MANAGING DIRECTOR 12-1 (9-7, Harry Russell) In touch in mid-division, headway over 2f out, 3rd final furlong, no impression on winner, kept on, 3rd of 13, 3 1/2l behind Uncle Don (9-7) at Beverley 5f 2yo mdn (5) gd 1m 03.92s.

STRONG WARRIOR Mehmas colt out of Camisole.

3.40 SUMMER STAYCATIONS AT WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,664 (8 run) 5f

1	(1) 196317 ZAPHEA (9) I Jardine 9-11 (BF,D ³)	A Mullen 67
2	(7) 926-79 CLASSY CLARETS (16) R Fahey 9-11	Oisín Orr 67
3	(2) -34594 LA BOO (31) (V) M & D Easterby 9-9	Joanna Mason 65
4	(5) 9-6676 TAYGAR (16) M Dods 9-6 (D)	P Mulrennan 62
5	(8) 613208 PINPOINT (11) (P) Ewan Whillans 9-3 (CD)	P J McDonald 59
6	(3) 475400 BETTER (16) P Midgley 9-1	D Nolan 57
7	(6) -67268 LADY OF THE GARR (16) T Waggett 8-5	A Elliott 47
8	(4) 785- SHATIN VENTURE (32) Miss L Perratt 8-4	Rhys Elliott 47

BETTING: 9-4 La Boo, 5-2 Zapha, 5 Taygar, Pinpoint, 12 Classy Clarets, 16 Lady Of The Garr, Better, 20 Shatin Venture.

2023: BOROUGH 9 2, William Pyle (7) 9-2 (I Jardine), drawn (5), 8 ran.

ZAPHEA 3-1fav (9-11, Mark Winn) Took keep hold, soon led, headed over 1f out, soon ridden and no extra, faded inside final furlong, 7th of 8, 10l behind Lady Calia (9-9) at Hamilton 5f app hcp (6) gs 58.70s.

CLASSY CLARETS 40-1 (9-4, Billy Garrity) Chased leader until ridden over 1f out, weakened final furlong, 9th of 13, 6l behind Rayat (9-13) at Nottingham 6f hcp 0-75 (5) of 1m 14.06s.

LA BOO 17-2 (9-7, P Mulrennan) Soon led, joined 3f out, pushed along and headed over 1f out, no extra towards finish, 4th of 10, 1 3/4l behind Ingleby Archie (9-6) at Redcar 5f mdn hcp 0-70 (5) of Jun 56.60s.

TAYGAR 16-1 (9-9, Connor Beasley) Held up in mid-division, headway when not clear run inside final furlong, never troubled leaders, 6th of 12, 5l behind Persian Blue (9-9) at Beverley 5f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 04.84s.

PINPOINT 20-1 (9-4, D Nolan) Rear mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, no real progress, 8th of 13, 10l behind Runinwilid (9-9) at Carlisle 6f hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 12.64s.

BETTER 33-1 (9-1, Mark Winn) Held up in mid-division, ridden 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 10th of 12, 8l behind Persian Blue (9-9) at Beverley 5f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) of 1m 04.84s.

LADY OF THE GARR 25-1 (8-10, A Elliott) Slowly away, soon chasing leaders, led over 1f out, headed entering final furlong, no extra, 8th of 11, 6l behind Golden Rainbow (9-11) at Carlisle 5f hcp 0-60 (6) gd 1m 01.07s.

SHATIN VENTURE 200-1 (9-0, J P Sullivan) Midfield, ridden and weakened 2f out, 5th of 7, 10l behind Almarada Prince (9-10) at Hamilton 5f 2yo nov stk (4) gd in Sep. 57.98s.

4.15 JOIN RACING TV NOW HANDICAP (6) 6f Winner £3,664 (10 run)

1	(1) 805158 NEWYORKSTATEOFMIND (13) R Carr 7 10-3 (D ³)	T Eaves 66
2	(5) -60772 ROSENPUR (10) (H) J Candlish 4 10-2	C Lee 65
3	(6) 34-179 JKR COBBLER (7) I Jardine 5 10-1 (C ³)	A Mullen 64
4	(9) 59-331 NOVELLO LAD (24) P Midgley 3 9-13 (D)	D Nolan 64
5	(10) 644732 RAMON DI LORIA (7) Ewan Whillans 6 9-10 (BF,D)	P J McDonald 59
6	(2) 6-0411 ETERNAL SUNSHINE (14) J Goldie 4 9-9 (D)	P Mulrennan 58
7	(3) 343415 PIPER'S FORT (26) K Scott 3 9-4 (D)	S James 58
8	(7) 00-067 WILD MOUNTAIN (31) (B) P J McKenna (IRE) 5 9-3 (D)	Oisín Orr 52
9	(8) 105218 NAZCA (61) Miss L Perratt 5 8-12 (D ³)	J Fanning 47
10	(4) 45-046 EARN YOUR STRIPES (7) (P) R M Smith 6 8-11 (CD)	P Mathers 44

BETTING: 11-4 Eternal Sunshine, 10-3 Novello Lad, 4 Ramon Di Loria, 8 Rosenpur, 12 Piper's Fort, Nazca, 14 Wild Mountain, 16 Newyorkstateofmind, Earn Your Stripes, Jkr Cobbler.

2023: SEE MY BABY JIVE 7 9 4, Daniel Tudhope 9-2 JFav (D Whillans), drawn (11), 13 ran.

NEWYORKSTATEOFMIND 16-1 (9-13, J P Sullivan) Towards rear, effort and switched left over 1f out, soon weakened, 8th of 9, 8l behind Emperor Caradoc (9-12) at Pontefract 5f hcp (5) st 1m 04.67s.

ROSENPUR 20-1 (9-10, K T O'Neill) Raced wide in mid-division, headway over 2f out, ridden chasing leaders and hung left over 1f out, stayed on into 2nd towards finish, no chance with winner, 2nd of 12, 2 1/4l behind American Star (9-11) at Chester 7f hcp 0-70 (5) gs 1m 30.43s.

JKR COBBLER 8-1 (9-8, A Mullen) Slowly away, always in rear, well beaten final 2f, last of 9, 7l behind My Harrison George (9-8) at Ayr 1m hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 42.21s.

NOVELLO LAD 5-4fav (9-7, D Nolan) Held up in rear, headway over 1f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, ran on, won at Doncaster 6f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) of Jun beating Wichahpi (9-6) by 1/2, 11 ran 1m 13.40s.

RAMON DI LORIA 3-1fav (9-12, Rowan Scott) Held up behind leaders, effort over 3f out, chased winner over 2f out, held inside final furlong, kept on, 2nd of 11, 1l behind Sound Of Iona (9-9) at Ayr 5f hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 11.02s.

ETERNAL SUNSHINE 4-1 (9-4, P Mulrennan) Chased leader, closed over 2f out, led inside final furlong, won going away, won at Ayr 6f hcp 0-60 (6) of beating One Of Our Own (9-6) by 3/4, 9 ran 1m 11.19s.

PIPER'S FORT 7-2 (9-7, Joshua Bryan) Chased leaders, ridden inside final 2f, weakened over 2f out, 5th of 6, 6l behind Mullins Beach (9-7) at Ffos Las 6f hcp (6) gd in Jun 1m 11.06s.

WILD MOUNTAIN 14-1 (8-7, K J Leonard) Slowly into stride, towards rear, pushed along in 7th on outer 2f out, soon ridden, no impression, 7th of 8, 10l behind Red Heel (9-1) at Down Royal 7f hcp 50-80 gd in Jun 1m 29.11s.

NAZCA 11-2 (8-8, Tommie Jakes) In touch, pushed along halfway, never on terms, 8th of 10, 8l behind Warminster (9-5) at Ayr 6f hcp 0-60 (6) of in May 1m 10.83s.

EARN YOUR STRIPES 20-1 (8-9, Andrew Breslin) Tracked leaders, ridden 3f out, no extra inside final furlong, 6th of 11, 6l behind Sound Of Iona (9-9) at Ayr 6f hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 11.05s.

4.50 RACING TV HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,664 (13 run) 7f 50yds

1	(10) 1-7740 END ZONE (30) (B) R Fell & S Murray 7 10-1 (CD)	C Lee 61
2	(5) 700978 TARJAMAH (24) (P) T Waggett 4 9-13	T Eaves 59
3	(4) 336624 PEMBROKESHIRE (14) (H) I Jardine 4 9-13 (D)	A Mullen 59
4	(2) 12234 THE GAY BLADE (4) (H) J Goldie 5 9-13 (D ³)	Archie Young 54
5	(1) 303U78 GOBI SUNSET (19) (P) I Jardine 7 9-11 (C,D ²)	Shay Farmer 57
6	(11) 588392 CONCERT BOY (7) K Scott 4 9-9 (D)	S James 55
7	(8) -17988 ZEBRA STAR (7) R M Smith 4 9-9 (CD)	P Mathers 55
8	(9) 895213 DRAKEHOLES (113) Miss A C Hamilton 5 9-7 (D ²)	D Nolan 53
9	(12) 12234 BRAES OF DOUNE (7) (P) J Goldie 6 9-5 (C)	P Mulrennan 51
10	(6) 309088 RHASIDAT (17) P J McKenna (IRE) 3 9-0 (D ²)	Oisín Orr 53
11	(7) 632388 DARKER (30) (B) R Carr 5 9-0	Joanna Mason 43
12	(13) 000777 ONTHEBUNNY (7) (E) Miss L Perratt 4 9-0	T Jakes 53
13	(3) 266744 ZACHARY (7) (H) C Johnston 3 8-13	J Fanning 52

BETTING: 4 Braes Of Doune, 5 The Gay Blade, 11-2 Concert Boy, Pembrokeshire, Drakeholes, 15-2 Zachary, 10 Gobi Sunset, 16 Darker, 20 Others.

2023: JKR COBBLER 4 9 8, Andrew Mullen 11-4 (I Jardine), drawn (4), 10 ran.

END ZONE 20-1 (9-11, Johnny Peate) Chased leaders, outpaced over 2f out, well beaten when hampered entering final furlong, 10th of 13, 9l behind Jumeira Vision (9-3) at Redcar 1m hcp 0-65 (6) of Jun 1m 36.63s.

TARJAMAH 28-1 (9-9, R Havlin) Soon led, ridden and headed over 1f out, weakened final furlong, last of 8, 15l behind Baylerbeyi (9-13) at Doncaster 1m hcp 0-70 (5) of Jun 1m 39.54s.

PEMBROKESHIRE 7-2 (9-9, A Mullen) Mid-division, headway over 3f out, pushed along over 2f out, edged right over 1f out, kept on inside final 100 yards, 4th of 9, 4l behind Eternal Sunshine (9-4) at Ayr 6f hcp 0-60 (6) of 1m 11.19s.

THE GAY BLADE 5-1 (9-8, A Mullen) Midfield, driven along over 2f out, made good headway over 1f out, pressed leader final furlong, ran on well to join leader final 100yds, won at Hamilton 6f hcp (6) of deadweighting with Stormy Pearl (9-9), 9 ran 1m 09.90s.

GOBI SUNSET 13-2 (9-4, Mohammed Tabti) Held up in mid-division on inside, angled out turning in, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and weakened inside final 2f, 8th of 10, 8l behind Code Purple (9-3) at Musselburgh 7f hcp 0-60 (6) gd 1m 28.47s.

CONCERT BOY 14-1 (9-9, S H James) Held up towards rear, closed over 3f out, went 2nd inside final furlong, stayed on, no impression on winner, 2nd of 7, 1 1/4l behind Makalu (9-11) at Ayr 7f hcp 0-60 (6) gd 1m 30.27s.

ZEBRA STAR 20-1 (9-10, P Mathers) Sweating, tracked leaders, ridden and weakened over 2f out, 8th of 11, 12l behind Sound Of Iona (9-9) at Ayr 6f hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 11.05s.

DRAKEHOLES 3-1 (9-10, P Mulrennan) In touch, pushed along 3f out, ridden and headway over 1f out, every chance inside final furlong, ran on, 3rd of 12, 3/4l behind Monsieur Fantaisie (9-7) at Southwell 7f hcp 0-52 (6) in Mar 1m 27.89s.

BRAES OF DOUNE 9-1 (8-4, Amie Waugh) Not much room start, towards rear, switched left and headed over 1f out, pressing leaders inside final furlong, no extra close home, 4th of 9, 3/4l behind My Harrison George (9-8) at Ayr 1m hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 42.21s.

RHASIDAT 40-1 (9-5, J M Sheridan) Mid division, 7th halfway, pushed along over 2f out, briefly short of room over 1f out, soon no extra and kept on one pace inside final furlong, 8th of 13, 9l behind Eruption (10-2) at Bellestown 5f hcp 47-65 gd 58.65s.

DARKER 9-1 (9-9, J P Sullivan) Held up towards rear, raced keenly, pushed along 3f out, hung left 2f out, soon weakened, 8th of 11, 8l behind Going Underground (9-6) at Ayr 7f (6) of Jun 1m 29.46s.

ONTHEBUNNY 40-1 (8-11, Aiden Brookes) Mid-division, headway over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, last of 7, 4 1/2l behind Makalu (9-11) at Ayr 7f hcp 0-60 (6) gd 1m 30.27s.

ZACHARY 28-1 (8-12, Jason Hart) Went to post early and earplugs removed at start, led early, chased leader, ridden over 2f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 4th of 7, 2 1/4l behind Makalu (9-11) at Ayr 7f hcp 0-60 (6) gd 1m 30.27s.

5.25 RACING TV PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,187 (7 run) 1m

1	854610 HALE END (26) (P)	4 9-11
(2)	M Dods (D ³)	
	S B Kirrane	77
2	249606 WILDFELL (11) (B)	4 9-9
(3)	R Fell & S Murray (D)	
	C Lee	75

3	267-17 HEY LYLA (32)	4 9-8
(1)	C Johnston (C,D)	
	J Fanning	74
4	548722 HELTER SKELTER (9) (V)	4 9-4
(5)	R Menzies	
	D Nolan	70
5	737768 TRAIS FLUORS (24)	10 9-2
(4)	Miss L Perratt (D ⁵)	
	T Jakes (5)	68
6	0-9354 ALPINE SIERRA (15) (H)	6 9-1
(6)	J Goldie (CD)	
	P Mulrennan	67
7	06-775 CISCO DISCO (16) (V)	6 9-0
(7)	R Fahey (D)	
	Oisín Orr	66

BETTING: 2 Heltter Skelter, 4 Alpine Sierra, 9-2 Hey Lyla, 6 Hale End, 15-2 Cisco Disco, 10 Wildfell, 12 Trais Fluors.

2023: GAINSBURG 5 9 1, Jason Hart 10-1 (D Bourke), drawn (1), 8 ran.

HALE END 12-1 (9-8, Connor Beasley) Mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 14th of 17, 14l behind Orbaan (9-12) at Carlisle 1m hcp 0-85 (4) of Jun 1m 36.70s.

WILDFELL 18-1 (9-10, J F Egan) Slowly away, in rear, pushed along 3f out, never on terms, 6th of 9, 7l behind Chareney (9-6) at Doncaster 7f hcp 0-80 (4) st 1m 26.22s.

HEY LYLA 15-2 (9-5, J Mitchell) Chased leader until approaching halfway, chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, hung left and weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 12, 6l behind Noodle Mission (9-9) at Chelmsford City 1m hcp (4) pol in Jun 1m 37.88s.

HELTER SKELTER 6-1 (9-7, Andrew Slattery) Held up in last pair, pushed along and headway on inside under pressure inside final 2f, went 2nd inside final furlong, strong challenge close home, just failed, 2nd of 9, ns behind Gainsbourg (9-4) at Hamilton 1m hcp (4) gs 1m 45.91s.

TRAIS FLUORS 18-1 (9-8, Tommie Jakes) Held up in last trio, headway chasing leaders 3f out, weakening when slightly hampered inside final 2f, 8th of 12, 6l behind Cheshire Dancer (9-5) at Newcastle 1m hcp (4) in Jun 1m 41.82s.

ALPINE SIERRA 11-1 (9-4, P Mulrennan) Chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, plugged on same pace, 4th of 8, 6l behind Born Ruler (10-4) at Ayr 1m 2f hcp 0-80 (4) gd 2m 06.59s.

CISCO DISCO 14-1 (9-4, Ryan Sexton) Chased winner until over 3f out, outpaced when not much room and switched right over 1f out, not much room inside final furlong, no impression, 5th of 8, 3 1/2l behind Classy Boy (8-13) at Carlisle 1m hcp 0-80 (4) gd 1m 40.25s.

TOP TRAINERS: Jim Goldie 72-637 (11.3%), Iain Jardine 48-423 (11.3%), R Mike Smith 35-433 (8.1%), Richard Fahey 30-301 (10.0%), Kevin Ryan 24-199 (12.1%), Michael Dods 23-

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1.40	SKYJACK HIJACK	BELLBIRD
2.10	TRAILBLAZER (NB)	FLASHTHELIGHTS
2.45	JOLIE COEUR ALLEN	REACH FOR THE MOON
3.20	CITY DERBY	DALILEO
3.55	LIPA K	FORCING BULL
4.30	ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN	CARDAMON HILL
5.00	OVER MILK WOOD	DR SANDERSON

1.40 HENRY CAVENDISH 10TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £3,248 (10 run) 2m 6f 31yds

1	564P-1 BELLES BENEFIT (24) (P) B Case 8 11-10 (CD).....	H Bannister 98
2	133-97 DEFENCE WITNESS (29) A M Thomson 5 11-10.....	R Mania 98
3	37-23 SKYJACK HIJACK (24) J Candlish 6 11-8.....	Sean Quinlan 96
4	34-318 PATEEN (22) (T,V) J Bedi 12 11-5 (CD).....	A Anderson (5) 93
5	325-33 BALKOTIC (22) (T,V) M Hammond 8 11-5.....	J Thompson (7) 93
6	0000-2 JIMLI'S CAVE (22) R K Watson (IRE) 6 11-4.....	G Sheehan 92
7	514-54 SECRET SECRET (22) (H,T) J Moffatt 8 11-3 (CD).....	Charlotte Jones (3) 91
8	3-154 BELLBIRD (31) D McCain 4 11-3.....	B Hughes 96
9	455-73 PALM BEACH (18) J E Dixon 7 11-2.....	Mr John Dixon (7) 90
10	3P-703 AGILULF (15) A Nicol 5 11-2.....	B Lynn (3) 90

BETTING: 72 Belles Benefit, 4 Jimli's Cave, 112 Skyjack Hijack, 13-2 Balkotic, 7 Secret Secret, 12 Bellbird, Palm Beach, Pateen, Agilulf, 16 Defence Witness.
2023: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged track.

2.10 BURLINGTON STONE HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £3,248 (10 run) 2m 1f 46yds

1	1F3-35 ARTISTE D'AINAY (46) (T) T Ellis 6 11-10 (BF).....	Mr J Andrews (3) 100
2	8/17P SHUIL DONN (39) (H,T) Paul Collins 8 11-10.....	B Hughes 100
3	9223-1 TRAILBLAZER (8) (P) A Nicol 5 11-10.....	D R Fox 100
4	09-842 RESTANDBETHANKFUL (2) (T) Lizzie Quinlan 8 11-10 (D ²).....	Sean Quinlan 100
5	-44123 MALANGEN (8) Miss L Harrison 9 11-9 (D ²) P J Kavanagh (3) 99	
6	9-43 NATCHEZ TRACE D Carroll 7 11-8.....	R T Dunne 98
7	53-613 FLASHTHELIGHTS (17) (P,T) N C Kelly (IRE) 8 11-6.....	Mr Oran McGill (7) 96
8	53-617 LUCKY LOVER BOY (33) (P,T) O Greenall & J Guerrero.....	9 11-3 (D ²) H Brooke 93
9	4-12F8 FOR THREE (29) (P,T) S England 10 11-3 (BFD).....	J England 93
10	1053P60 THE NAVIGATOR (2) Sayer 9 11-2 (D ²).....	D McMenamin 92

BETTING: 5-2 Trailblazer, 7-2 Flashtheights, 11-2 Restandbethankful, 13-2 Malangen, 15-2 Natchez Trace, 10 Artists Dainay, 14 For Three, Lucky Lover Boy, 20 Others.
2023: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged track.

2.45 WOMENS COMMUNITY MATTERS MAIDEN HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) Winner £3,921 (12 run) 2m 1f 46yds

1	FAIRMAC (T) L Russell 6 11-4.....	D R Fox
2	4-4C REACH FOR THE MOON (20) J Snowden 5 11-4 (BF).....	G Sheehan
3	P- THUNDER GAP (215) (T) M Barnes 7 11-4 Conor Rabbit (5).....	B Hughes
4	52U A DAY TO DREAM (20) (P) O Pears 4 11-0.....	H Cobden
5	CAVERN CLUB James Owen 4 11-0.....	Craig Nichol
6	06U INOUE (13) (H) Paul Robson 4 11-0.....	Charlotte Jones (3)
7	P-F5 BABY EVIE (22) (T) J Moffatt 5 10-11.....	D McMenamin
8	9858-6 FLEXI LADY (209) G Boanas 5 10-11.....	D McMenamin
9	2333-6 JOLIE COEUR ALLEN (55) (H) B Haslam 5 10-11 (BF).....	R McLernon 113
10	9-4 READY TO SHINE (P) J Camacho 5 10-11.....	Doubtful 113
11	203-3 STORM SPIRIT (H,T) M Hammond 5 10-11.....	J Thompson (7)
12	P-4 RAINCLOUD (22) M Chapman 4 10-7.....	P J Kavanagh (3)

BETTING: 11-8 Jolie Coeur Allen, 9-4 Cavern Club, 6 A Day To Dream, 7 Reach For The Moon, Fairmac, 25 Storm Spirit, 50 Baby Evie, 100 Inoue, 150 Others.
2023: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged track.

3.20 CHAMPAGNE LOUIS ROEDERER HANDICAP HURDLE (4) Winner £4,146 (14 run) 3m 1f 83yds

1	3141-1 TOWNHILL (27) (P,T) T Lacey 6 12-0 (D).....	Doubtful 110
2	23-111 SAINT BIBIANA (22) (T) G Nicholls 7 11-13 (CD).....	L Williams 109
3	PP-221 BOOMSLANG (24) R Menzies 7 11-11 (C).....	R Chapman 107
4	D-2P52 DYNAMITE KENTUCKY (24) (B) Dr R Newland & J Insole.....	9 11-9 (D) L Scott (5) 105
5	44P-44 OUR LAURA B (58) B Haslam 6 11-8.....	R McLernon 104
6	3235-5 SHANTOU SUNSET (24) J Moffatt 10 11-7.....	L Norcel (10) 103
7	84-211 CITY DERBY (22) (P) Lizzie Quinlan 8 11-6 (C ²) Sean Quinlan 102	
8	44-123 DALILEO (8) Miss L Harrison 9 11-0.....	P J Kavanagh (3) 96
9	6-9532 STARLYTE (24) (T) L Russell 7 11-0.....	P W Wadge (3) 96
10	532-34 LADY MENDOZA (8) (P) R Menzies 7 10-13.....	N Mascrop 95
11	720-85 NATIVE FIGHTER (22) (V) J Moffatt 10 11-0 (CD).....	Charlotte Jones (3) 93
12	722/44 SHANTOU CHAMPAGNE (24) P & M Bowen 7 10-7.....	S Bowen 89
13	35PP77 MONTICELLO N Mechie 10 10-2.....	William Maggs (5) 73
14	14PU-PP8 ROBERT D'ORES (29) (P) G Bewley 7 10-2.....	J Bewley 72

BETTING: 10-3 City Derby, 4 Boomslang, 9-2 Saint Bibiana, 13-2 Dynamite Kentucky, 10 Starlyte, Dalileo, 16 Shantou Champagne, Our Laura B, Lady Mendoza, 20 Others.
2023: No corresponding race.

GOING: Soft-Good to Soft in places.

COURSE: Left-handed, sharp and undulating track of 1m, with a 4f run in there. There are 6 fences and 4 hurdles per circuit.
TOP TRAINERS: James Moffatt 33-182 (18.1%), Ben Haslam 18-78 (23.1%), Samantha England 16-66 (24.2%), Donald McCain 15-105 (14.3%), Dianne Sayer 14-74 (18.9%), George Bewley 8-56 (14.3%), Peter & Michael Bowen 8-68 (11.8%), Noel C Kelly 6-46 (13.0%), Gary Hammer 6-46 (13.0%), Rebecca Menzies 5-60 (8.3%).
TOP JOCKEYS: Charlotte Jones 25-104 (24.0%), Brian Hughes 20-141 (14.2%), Jonathan England 16-56 (28.6%), Sean Bowen 16-78 (20.5%), Richie McLernon 15-68 (22.1%), Sean Quinlan 14-90 (15.6%), Danny McMenamin 8-64 (12.5%), Henry Brooke 6-65 (9.2%), Jonathan Bewley 6-44 (13.6%), Derek Fox 5-42 (11.9%).
TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): J Moffatt won the 2.45 in '14, '15 and '17.
1ST TIME BLINKERS: None.

3.55 WEATHERBYS HAMILTON NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (3) Winner £6,205 (6 run) 2m 1f 61yds

1	5F-1-U LIPA K (48) O Greenall & J Guerrero 6 11-10 (BFD ²).....	H Brooke 121
2	23P-51 CARCACI CASTLE (29) (P) A M Thomson 8 11-9 (D).....	R Mania 120
3	PP-51 FORCING BULL (13) (T) D McCain 7 11-1 (D ²).....	B Hughes 112
4	11-332 THE GYPSY DAVEY (18) E Williams 6 10-12.....	A Wedge 109
5	7434-9 TORONET (14) L Morgan 5 10-6.....	G Sheehan 103
6	4815-6 CUZZO D MATHAN (24) (V) J Moffatt 6 10-5 (CD).....	Charlotte Jones (3) 102

BETTING: 2 Carcaci Castle, 9-4 Lipa K, 5-2 Forcing Bull, 15-2 The Gypsy Davey, 20 Cuzzo Du Mathan, 25 Toronet.
2023: No corresponding race.

LIPA K, did not finish, 6-5lav (11-3, Henry Brooke) Held up towards rear, not fluent 8th, closed on leaders from home turn, every chance when blundered badly and unseated rider 2 out, in a race won by The Big Lense (11-0) at Southwell 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gs in Jun, 6 ran 5m 36.90s.
CARCACI CASTLE 6-1 (11-11, Ryan Haslam) Mid-division in 4th, headway into 2nd 2 out, led approaching last, ridden and readily drew clear run-in, won at Hexham 2m hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Jun beating Findthehit (12-0) w 2/3, 4f, 6 ran 4m 00.63s.
FORCING BULL 6-1 (11-4, B S Hughes) Led narrowly early, headed before 5th (usual 7th as open ditches omitted), led again 7th, quickened 3 out, ridden to assert before 2 out, went further clear after last, stayed on well run-in, won at Uttoxeter 2m 4f nov hcp chs 0-120 (4) sit beating Get Up Mush (11-11) by 9l, 4 ran 5m 09.56s.
THE GYPSY DAVEY 5-2 (11-13, Adam Wedge) Led, ridden and headed 3 out, kept on, no chance with easy winner, 2nd of 6, 13l behind Planned Paradise (11-11) at Perth 2m 4f hcp chs 0-110 (4) gd 4m 52.71s.
TORONET 14-1 (12-0, Adam Wedge) Raced wide, soon chasing leaders, pushed along after 4 out, weakened soon after, 9th of 14, 40l behind Robber's Bridge (10-10) at Worcester 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd 4m 57.75s.
CUZZO DU MATHAN 22-1 (11-6, Charlotte Jones) Not much room 1st, soon in rear, 5th and outpaced last, no impression, 6th of 7, 21l behind Sean Og (10-11) at Cartmel 2m 5f nov hcp chs 0-115 (4) gd in Jun 5m 19.60s.

4.30 STRATHMORE HOTELS HANDICAP CHASE (4) Winner £4,832 (10 run) 3m 1f 107yds

1	454-58 COQOLINO (22) B Haslam 9 12-2.....	N F Houlihan 122
2	P7-031 ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN (24) (P) B Haslam 10 11-12 (CD).....	R McLernon 118
3	229-73 WASDELL DUNDALK (8) Miss L Harrison 9 11-11.....	L Scott (5) 112
4	1327-1 NO REGRETS (75) (V) N Richards 10 11-9.....	Sean Quinlan 115
5	P2P-2 MOTION IN LIMINE (51) (B,T) Dr R Newland & J Insole 9 11-6.....	L Scott (5) 112
6	544-27 WHERE'S BUNNY (2) J Moffatt 9 11-1.....	P J Kavanagh (3) 107
7	-81133 ELLEON (24) (P,T) S England 9 11-1.....	J England 107
8	37-612 CARDAMON HILL (18) (P) Sayer 7 11-1.....	B Hughes 107
9	166-37 JELSKI (24) (P) J Moffatt 10 11-1 (CD).....	Charlotte Jones (3) 107
10	34-122 HAPPY DU MESNIL (24) (P) O Greenall & J Guerrero.....	7 10-13 (BF) H Brooke 105

BETTING: 4 Ilikedwayurthinkin, 9-2 Happy Du Mesnil, No Regrets, 13-2 Where's Bunny, Cardamon Hill, 8 Motion In Limine, Eleon, 12 Wasdell Dundalk, 20 Others.
2023: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged track.

5.00 BOWNESS BAY HANDICAP CHASE (5) Winner £3,617 (12 run) 2m 5f 34yds

1	5-3413 DR SANDERSON (2) B Haslam 10 12-0 (BFD).....	R McLernon 100
2	146-8 ANIMORE (29) H Burns 11 12-0 (D).....	R Mania 100
3	14-0-8 GRAND SOUFFLE (54) J Moffatt 8 11-12 (C).....	Charlotte Jones (3) 98
4	4-2312 SEAN OG (2) D Sayer 6 11-11 (BFD).....	Sean Quinlan 97
5	4PP-P2 BREAKING THE ICE (2) (P) G Bewley 9 11-9 (C).....	J Bewley 95
6	54-61D GOING MOBILE (29) (P,T) S England 9 11-5 (BF).....	J England 91
7	4-4610 THE KING OF MAY (22) (P) B Ellison 10 11-5.....	Craig Nichol 91
8	5-5141 OVER MILK WOOD (37) G Hammer 8 10-13 (D).....	J Hogan (3) 85
9	74-4U6 INTO THE SUNSET (13) D McCain 7 10-12 (C).....	B Hughes 84
10	10224-U9 BENSINI (31) (V) R Llewellyn 8 10-11.....	Charlie Price (3) 83
11	07-570 JUDICIAL REVIEW (19) (P) T J Moffatt 6 10-4.....	D McMenamin 76
12	1P4-4P KARAPIRO DOUG (71) (P) D Brooke 8 10-3.....	Miss P Brown (7) 75

BETTING: 15-8 Dr Sanderson, 7-2 Over Milk Wood, Sean Og, 13-2 Going Mobile, 12 Into The Sunset, 20 Grand Soufle, Bensini, The King Of May, 25 Others.
2023: No corresponding race.

BEVERLEY RACING TV.

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6.00	SENSORIUM	KENSINGTON HOPE
6.30	GOLDEN RAINBOW	GOLDEN RAINBOW
7.00	TROPEZ POWER	DISTINCTION
7.30	RUM RUNNER	RUM RUNNER
8.00	TWILIGHT JAZZ	CUBANISTA
8.30	CHICAGO GAL	CHICAGO GAL
9.00	BOHEMIAN BREEZE	CAKEWALK

6.00 RACING TV EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) (2-Y-0) Winner £4,050 (12 run) 5f

1	(1) BONNIE'S BOY R Fahey 9-7.....	Ryan Sexton
2	(2) 303 SENSORIUM (23) D Cunha 9-7.....	R Clutterbuck 77
3	(9) 6 ANDALPROFIT (37) N Tinkler 9-5.....	R Scott
4	(12) 7 CAUSIN A COMMOTION (26) K Ryan 9-5.....	S Gray
5	(4) 50 SOLAR BIRICZ (68) B Ellison 9-5.....	B Robinson
6	(11) THE VOOMINATOR Craig Lidster 9-5.....	J Hart
7	(5) OCEAN FALLS T Easterby 9-3.....	D Fentiman
8	(3) 924 STIRRUP CUP (19) T Easterby 9-3.....	D Allan
9	(10) 6 INDY'S ANGEL (21) P Kirby 9-2.....	B Garrity
10	(6) KENSINGTON HOPE K P De Foy 9-2.....	David Egan
11	(7) JEANY MAY N Tinkler 9-0.....	F McManoman
12	(8) NOVAMAY M Dods 9-0.....	C Beasley

BETTING: 13-8 Sensorium, 3 Stirrup Cup, 5 Bonnie's Boy, 8 Kensington Hope, 12 Novamay, 14 Causin A Commotion, 16 The Voominator, 20 Andalprofit, 25 Others.
2023: AIRMAN 9 7, Olin Orr 8-11 Fav (R Fahey), drawn (5), 10 ran.

6.30 JAIMIE KERR MEMORIAL HANDICAP (6) Winner £4,004 (12 run) 5f

1	(6) 401311 GOLDEN RAINBOW (16) (T,V) R Menzies 5 9-9 (D ²).....	C Rodriguez 62
2	(1) 212513 TOPTIME (39) S Bowring 6 9-7 (D).....	R Clutterbuck 60
3	(10) -36021 JACK OF CLUBS (6) M Dods 4 9-7 (CD).....	C Beasley 55
4	(4) 823555 LOTUS ROSE (25) R Fell & S Murray 5 9-6 (D ²) J Peate (3) 59	
5	(3) 0-0045 REFUGE (34) (T) M D Easterby 7 9-5 (D ²).....	B Garrity 58
6	(11) 1-2002 EXCEED (16) (T) N Tinkler 4 9-5 (D).....	R Scott 57
7	(9) 3RRR-9 IMPERIOUSITY (13) S A Harris 4 9-4 (D ²).....	Laura Pearson 57
8	(12) 016122 MRS TRUMP (25) P Midgley 4 9-3 (BFD).....	Mark Wins (3) 56
9	(7) 6-4426 OPAL STORM (25) R J Rothwell 4 9-0 (D) A Brookes (3) 53	
10	(2) 777 GIMCRACK WARRIOR (437) D Carroll 4 8-13.....	Z Wheatley (3) 52
11	(5) 665422 VARIETY ISLAND (6) (V) S Whitaker 5 8-9.....	A Breslin (3) 48
12	(8) 660872 GOLDEN PROSPERITY (1) (P) Tony Coley & Kaine Wood.....	5 8-7 (D) JP Sullivan 46

BETTING: 9-2 Golden Rainbow, 11-2 Toptime, 6 Mrs Trump, Jack Of Clubs, Variety Island, 8 Exceed, 12 Refuge, Lotus Rose, 14 Others.
2023: No corresponding race.

7.00 SKYBET GO-RACING-IN-YORKSHIRE SUMMER FESTIVAL HANDICAP (4) Winner £6,621 (11 run) 7f 96yds

1	(4) 3-0577 MASTER RICHARD (10) Mrs A Duffield 5 10-3 (D).....	O McSweney (3) 86
2	(7) 201198 ENOLA GREY (16) G Tutty 4 10-0 (D).....	R Scott 83
3	(1) 715332 TROPEZ POWER (19) (V) J & S Quinn 5 10-0 (D).....	J Hart 83
4	(6) 0320-0 GOLDEN SANDS (44) (H,P) M Appleby 5 10-11 (C).....	A Rawlinson 80
5	(5) 59-000 CAPITAL GUARANTEE (17) D O'Meara 4 9-10 (D ²).....	Jason Watson 79
6	(11) 517107 CLIFFCAKE (44) S Bowring 6 9-5 (CD).....	R Clutterbuck 74
7	(8) 12-356 GRESSINGTON (44) E Bethell 3 9-3 (D).....	C Rodriguez 79
8	(9) 70-244 PARK STREET (6) Miss T Jackson 5 9-3 (BFD).....	B Garrity 72
9	(3) 291511 DISTINCTION (13) (V) J Mackie 6 9-1 (C ²).....	C Beasley 70
10	(12) 64-072 UGO GREGORY (6) (P,T) T Johnston 8 9-0 (CD).....	D Allan 69
11	(10) -37038 SECRET WORLD (16) C Easterby 3 8-11 (D).....	F Norton 73

BETTING: 11-4 Tropez Power, 5 Master Richard, 6 Distinction, Ugo Gregory, 13-2 Gressington, 7 Park Street, 14 Secret World, 16 Cliffcake, 20 Others.
2023: ON THE RIVER 4 9-8, Cam Hardie 5-1 (H Bethell), drawn (2), 8 ran.

MASTER RICHARD 14-1 (9-1, Rowan Scott) Slowly into stride and bit awkwardly away, soon mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, not clear run and angled out 2f out, ridden and stayed on same pace inside final furlong, weakened inside final 110 yards, 7th of 18, 5l behind Tolstoy (8-2) at York 7f hcp 0-95 (3) gs 2m 25.15s.

ENOLA GREY 33-1 (10-2, Rowan Scott) Held up in rear, headway on inside over 1f out, no impression, weakened inside final furlong, 8th of 9, 6l behind Moonspirit (9-11) at Beverley 1m flls hcp 0-85 (4) gd 1m 46.56s.

TROPEZ POWER 11-2 (9-8, Jason Hart) Raced keenly in mid-division, smooth headway over 2f out, ridden to lead narrowly inside final furlong, headed towards finish, 2nd of 10, n behind Little Boy Blue (9-5) at Epsom Downs 7f hcp 0-85 (4) gd 1m 23.00s.

GOLDEN SANDS 12-1 (9-10, Alistair Rawlinson) Keen, led, ridden and headed over 1f out, soon weakened, last of 13, 20l behind Billyb (9-5) at Beverley 7f hcp 0-80 (4) f in Jun 1m 31.95s.

CAPITAL GUARANTEE 28-1 (9-11, C Lee) Raced wide early, bit keen tracking leaders, pushed along and weakened quickly over 2f out, last of 11, 21l behind Topanga (9-5) at Haydock 7f hcp 0-85 (4) gd 1m 26.64s.

CLIFFCAKE 22-1 (9-4, Rhys Clutterbuck) Tracked leader, ridden to lead over 1f out, headed just inside final furlong, no extra, 7th of 13, 7l behind Billyb (9-5) at Beverley 7f hcp 0-80 (4) gd in Jun 1m 31.95s.

GRESSINGTON 4-1 (9-6, Callum Rawlinson) Led, headed 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 6th of 9, 10l behind Dashing Darcy (9-10) at Haydock 1m 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Jun 1m 43.72s.

PARK STREET 11-4fav (10-4, Phil Dennis) Went to post early, held up towards rear, ridden 3f out, headway over 2f out, went 4th of 10f, switched left inside final furlong, kept on, unable to get on terms, 4th of 10, 4l behind Blufferonthebus (9-6) at Beverley 7f hcp 0-70 (5) st 1m 35.82s.

GOING: Good to Firm-Good in places.

COURSE: Right-handed, sharp, oval course of 1m 3f, 3f uphill run-in. The 5f course bends right at halfway and is uphill and testing, especially on soft ground.
DRAW: Low best over 5f.
TOP TRAINERS: Tim Easterby 45-519 (8.7%), Richard Fahey 38-253 (15.0%), David O'Meara 27-214 (12.6%).
TOP JOCKEYS: David Allan 27-249 (10.8%), Connor Beasley 22-164 (13.4%), Rowan Scott 17-161 (10.6%).

DISTINCTION 7-1 (9-10, Connor Beasley) Held up in mid-division, not much room 2f out, headway over 1f out, soon switched right, led inside final furlong, stayed on, won at Pontefract 1m hcp 0-75 (5) sit beating Mulciber (8-13) by rkr, 9 ran 1m 49.60s.
UGO GREGORY 5-1 (10-4, D Allan) Led, headed over 6f out, chased leader, led again over 1f out, headed towards finish, 2nd of 10, 1/2l behind Blufferonthebus (9-6) at Beverley 7f hcp 0-70 (5) sit 1m 35.82s.
SECRET WORLD 15-2 (8-9, Archie Young) Held up in touch in mid-division, headway over 3f out, outpaced and no impression over 1f out, last of 8, 4 1/2l behind Classy Boy (8-13) at Carlisle 1m hcp 0-80 (4) gd 1m 40.25s.

7.30 TOMAHAWK STEAKHOUSE HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6) Winner £4,004 (10 run) 7f 96yds

1	(9) 80-646 GORDONSTOUN (77) (V) L Bailey 6 9-12 (D ²).....	Doubtful 55
2	(10) 1019-5 ELLETARIA (17) (P) J Wainwright 5 9-9 (D ²).....	Ryan Sexton 52
3	(2) 840761 RUM RUNNER (17) G Harker 9 9-6 (CD).....	C Beasley 49
4	(3) 09508-8 TIMELY CHANCE (270) Stoph Hollinshead 3 9-5.....	D Costello 55
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WORLD OF SPORT ALL THE LATEST

Judd on Shang-high after Masters victory

JUDD TRUMP got his season off to winning start at the Shanghai Masters.

The Juddernaut, 34, pocketed the £210,000 top prize after demolishing Shaun Murphy 11-5.

The World No.2 had lost in the Shanghai final three times before but after making it fourth time lucky Trump said: "It's special to win in Shanghai for the first time."

"Shanghai's my favourite city in China. It's one of the tournaments

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when I first turned professional that I got to.

"I got to three finals before and never won one. So it's special."

"The age of the crowds in China are so much younger than in the UK and I like playing in front of crowds that I can maybe inspire to play snooker."

Trump hit 10 centuries en route to the title and said: "I played pretty good all tournament."



CONFIDENT Townsend

TOONY LOOKS FOR A BIG FINISH

GREGOR TOWNSEND is confident Scotland can round off their tour in style against Uruguay - despite losing almost half a team.

Because the game takes place outwith the international window means six of his squad

RUGBY

can't play, while co-captain Sione Tuipulotu headed home to see new son TJ after Saturday's 52-11 win over Chile.

But Townsend, who saw his side run in eight tries in

Santiago, is sure a team made up of only Glasgow and Edinburgh players will still be too good for Uruguay.

He said: "This was always going to be the toughest game, but we believe we'll have a strong

team to finish the tour on a high.

"Sione is going to go back, just with the new family. So it was great that he was able to play against Chile on Saturday, captain the team and finished having played well."

Windies Bash-ed as England take series

BEN STOKES hailed England's fight as they beat West Indies by 241 runs to seal a 2-0 win in the Test series.

The Windies were stunned after off-spinner Bashir took 5-41 to bowl them out for 143.

Shoaib Bashir became the first spinner since 2006 to take five wickets in a Test at Trent Bridge.

Delighted England skipper Stokes said: "The way we fought back after that first wicket was

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impressive. It has been a great start after a long break between Test series.

"We've played some good cricket but I still think we can get better. I'm really looking forward to the next four matches."

● Mark Watt will miss Scotland's crunch World Cup League 2 clash with Oman today after being cleared to join his new Oval Invincibles team-mates.

Take one for the team



TOP ORDER Piastri lifts trophy and is hailed by Norris, left

Lando stands aside to let pal be an Oscar winner

OSCAR PIASTRI became the seventh winner of the F1 season as team orders denied Lando Norris victory in a bad-tempered Hungarian Grand Prix.

The Aussie got the better of team-mate Norris at the start to take the lead but lost it again as the Brit got the preferred pit strategy.

McLaren told Norris to give the place back and spent 20 laps begging the reluctant 24-year-old to follow their orders. With just three laps to go he finally obeyed and Piastri raced to his first F1 victory.

Norris said: "It hurts but it was fair to give the position back. I don't want to come across as a guy who's

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BY DANIEL MOXON

not fair. Oscar has done a lot for me in the past and helped me in many races.

"He drove a better race than I did, got a good start - a better start. He deserved it and it was the right thing to do."

"It hurts any time you give away a win, but I shouldn't have had it in the first place."

An aggrieved Max Verstappen spent the entire race turning the radio airwaves blue.

He fumed about Red Bull's lack of pace, their "s***" strategy then Lewis

Hamilton after they collided, sending his car flipping up into the air.

The Dutchman finished fifth and accused his old rival of moving in the braking zone.

But Hamilton declared it "a racing incident" and the stewards agreed, deciding no penalty was necessary, meaning two Brits joined an Aussie on the podium.

Verstappen earned criticism after spending the afternoon shouting at his Red Bull colleagues but asked if he had a response critics, he said: "They can all f*** off."

Melbourne-born ace Piastri said: "It's very, very special. This is the day I dreamt of as a kid."

HOW THEY FINISHED...

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- 2 L Norris (GB) +2.141
- 3 L Hamilton (GB) +14.880
- 4 C Leclerc (Mon) +19.686
- 5 M Verstappen (Hol) +21.349
- 6 C Sainz Jr. (Spa) +23.073
- 7 S Perez (Mex) +39.792
- 8 G Russell (GB) +42.368
- 9 Y Tsunoda (Jpn) +1:17.259
- 10 L Stroll (Can) +1:17.976
- 11 F Alonso (Spa) +1:22.460
- 12 D Ricciardo (Aus) +1 Lap
- 13 N Hulkenberg (Ger) +1 Lap
- 14 A Albon (Tha) +1 Lap
- 15 K Magnussen (Den) +1 Lap

DRIVERS' STANDINGS

- 1 Verstappen (Red Bull) 265pts
- 2 Norris (McLaren) 189
- 3 Leclerc (Ferrari) 162
- 4 Sainz Jr. (Ferrari) 154
- 5 Piastri (McLaren) 149
- 6 Hamilton (Mercedes) 125
- 7 Perez (Red Bull) 124
- 8 Russell (Mercedes) 116
- 9 Alonso (Aston Martin) 45
- 10 Stroll (Aston Martin) 24

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ERA END Rafa lost to Nuno

It might finally be Nadal over for legend

RAFA NADAL was blown away in his first final for two years - then hinted his career is close to the end.

The 22-times Grand Slam singles champion saw his hopes at the Swedish Open dispatched 6-3 6-2 by Nuno Borges of

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Portugal. The 38-year-old, playing the tournament for the first time since 2005, told the crowd in Bastad: "You made me feel great. I don't know if I'll be back here playing, probably not."

CYCLING: Tadej Pogacar showed his class to finish his historic Tour de France triumph in style.

The Slovenian finished the Tour with a sixth stage victory and became the first man to win cycling's two biggest races in the

same year since Italian Marco Pantani in 1998.

DARTS: Luke Humphries won his first World Matchplay title, denying Michael van Gerwen his fourth, with an 18-15 victory over the Dutchman in Blackpool last night.



PREMIER SPORTS CUP WEEKEND ACTION

I'M MINDING HOW I GROW



LENN MANAGER
Miller says he's ready to be a leader and showed it on the pitch

Miller reckons he's Well ready to be real leader for Steelmen

» CLYDE.....1 MOTHERWELL.....3
GORDON PARKS AT NEW DOUGLAS PARK

LENNON MILLER admits the little boy of last season has now become a man after being handed the keys to Motherwell's midfield.

The precocious 17-year-old was the stand-out as the Fir Park side made heavy weather of a Group G win over Clyde, continually misfiring in front of goal.

Moses Ebiye's early opener for Well was levelled by Lee Hamilton before Miller won and converted a penalty with Filip Stuparevic's late curler settling the issue.

But it was Miller's authority and creative spark that caught the eye as he insists he's come of age amongst experienced peers.

He said: "Last season, I was probably kind of tentative like a wee boy but this season I have kind of grown up and I have got the leadership skills."

"It can be hard to show that as a young boy coming into the first team. It's tough because there are so many experienced players there and you are a young boy."

"But they all respect the young boys and as a young boy you need to help them as well as them helping you."

"Obviously playing games is going to come with confidence, and scoring the odd goal is going

to boost that as well, so I'm feeling confident.

"Playing a little bit further forward against Clyde, I should probably have scored more than the one but that will come during the season hopefully."

Rangers have been credited with having a watching brief over a teenager whose maturity belies his tender years.

And the Light Blues or any other interested parties in attendance on Saturday would have witnessed a player with the rarest of attributes.

It's the vision, touch and ability to see the early pass which is setting this kid apart but he also believes being able to cope with some robust Bully Wee man marking was also a learning curve.

He said: "It's part of the game. A lower-league opposition is going to be right up for it."

"They are going to be up for second balls and they are going to be challenging you, that's part of the game, but it's part of the game I enjoy."

"It was a different challenge for me and a different challenge for everybody, because they were probably a bit more direct than what we will face in the league."

"It's a challenge that we should have stepped up to better, and we could have dealt with better."

"Fair play to Clyde, they threw balls in our box and made it uncomfortable for us, and we were lucky to get through the other side."

"But look, we came out the other side unscathed and got the three points."

ROUND-UP

DIAMOND KNOWLEDGE

RHYS McCABE reckons his Airdrie side's late 4-3 win away at Dumbarton was a lesson learned.

Despite Lewis McGrattan's goal, the Sons led 3-1 through Finlay Gray and James Hilton's double - but strikes from Rhys Armstrong, Terrell Agyemang and Ben Wilson helped the Diamonds remain top of Group A.

McCabe said: "It's a lesson learned, because we got away with it in terms of snatching one so late on but we are capable of doing that to any team. We made it harder than we would have liked but we've got to credit Dumbarton for that."

Partick Thistle were the day's big winners, bagging a six-goal haul in their mauling of Edinburgh City.

Despite drawing a blank in the first half at Meadowbank, Scott Robinson, Brian Graham, Harry Milne, Ricco Diak, Wasiri Williams and Kyle Turner were all on target in the second period in the capital.

Aidan Nesbitt bagged a double as five-star Falkirk brushed off Buckie 5-1.

After Ryan Fyffe's own goal gave the Bairns the lead, Buckie responded through Andrew MacAskill but Nesbitt's brace added to Sean Mackie and Ryan Shanley strikes.

Goals from Steven Bradley, Kyle MacDonald and Euan Henderson earned Hamilton a 3-0 victory at Stranraer.

Robbie Muirhead struck the winner in Livingston's 1-0 home win over Dunfermline.

Adam Brooks, Keith Bray and Luis



ON TARGET Airdrie's Armstrong, Jags' Diack



Longstaff all netted in the first half as Inverness beat Bonnyrigg Rose 3-0 in the Highlands.

Peterhead came from behind to beat Elgin 4-2 at Balmoor.

Despite Ben Armour's opener, Elgin went ahead through Jack Murray and Dajon Golding. Caleb Goldie levelled proceedings before Jason Brown struck twice.

Goals from Tommy Goss, Josh Dixon and Josh Todd guided Annan top of Group D following their 3-0 success at Arbroath, who had Scott Stewart sent off early on.

Alloa picked up their first win after beating Brechin 3-1.

Scott Taggart, Kevin Cawley and Luke Rankin netted for the Wasps before Marc Scott hit back.

Forfar were 3-1 penalty shoot-out winners over Cove after a 1-1 draw, with Connor Scully cancelling Blair Malcolm's opener.

GOGIC: BUDDIES HAVE TO KEEP COOL IN ICELAND

ALEX GOGIC has warned his St Mirren team-mates not to take their European tie for granted.

The Buddies travel to Iceland to take on Valur FC in the UEFA Conference League second qualifying round on Thursday night.

BY KYLE GUNN
Gogic has previous continental experience with Hibs and wants to go further this time around.

He said: "I was with Hibs when they played in the competition in 2021 and we were out in two

rounds so it did not feel like we really experienced Europe."

"Hopefully this time we can do well, go as far as we can. To get to the group stages is the dream but we have to take it step by step. We need to focus on the

game in Iceland first and then on the home league."

"Hopefully we can do what we have to do and then get a decent draw in the next round."

"It will be a great experience for us all. Some of the boys have

never played in Europe. For some it will be the best thing they do in their career."

"We have to push hard in the games and make sure to enjoy every moment because you never know what comes tomorrow."



EURO DREAMS Alex Gogic



IT'S MILLER TIME Lennon won and converted his side's second from spot



PREMIER SPORTS CUP

FORBES MAKES LIST AS DEADBALL HERO

BRANDON FORBES made a dream Dundee United debut on Saturday as he scored a wonder goal free-kick to seal the win over Ayr just four minutes after coming off the bench.

It was an unforgettable moment of joy for the youngster who admitted he had fallen out of love with the game before a successful spell with Renfrewshire boys outfit Thorn Athletic.

The teenager won the Scottish Youth Cup with the club last year, bagging a second-half hat-trick in the final, and admits he owes a debt of gratitude to founder Mark McGee and manager Steven McKnight for helping him.

Now, after opening his goal account for United in stunning fashion, he is determined to kick on again at United.

The 18-year-old said: "I played for Rangers from maybe seven years old until I was about 10. I took a year break then went to Partick Thistle.

"I went back to my boys club Thorn Athletic in Renfrewshire for a year or two just before I came to Dundee United.

"We won the Scottish Cup and I am good pals with Mark and Steven. That's where I came through and they helped me a lot in between pro academies.

"I had kind of fallen out with football and lost a lot of confidence but playing with your friends and at that kind of level, you can get your confidence back with one game, never mind 10 or two

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» AYR UNITED.....1

BY NEIL ROBERTSON

years. So I just built it up until we won the Scottish Cup and that's where I kicked on."

Forbes certainly showed plenty of confidence against Ayr.

The home side took the lead when a first-half free-kick from David Babunski flew over the head of Ayr keeper Harry Stone and into the top corner.

The visitors' Marco Rus scored a fine equaliser after the break, cutting in from the left before hitting a clinical finish.

But Forbes had the final say, smashing a fantastic free-kick from 30 yards off the underside of the bar and into the back of the net to the absolute joy of the home support and his own family.

Forbes added: "I was actually going to cross it but Ross Graham was screaming, 'Hit it! Hit it!'

"That was a one-in-a-lifetime type of thing. I'm just buzzing."

Meanwhile, Rus admitted he had mixed feelings about opening his account for Scott Brown's Honest Men after joining the club from Coventry.

The midfielder said: "It is my first competitive goal for Ayr but bitter-sweet as we didn't come away with anything.

"The gaffer is a massive name in football, not just Scottish football. He played in a similar position to me so it's good to be coached by him."



MASTERPLAN Former Hibs ace Allan, left, and Kelty boss Tisdale

SHOCK Kelty players pile on Flatman after opener



LONG-TERM WOE Strain's on as signing is crocked

JIM GOODWIN has confirmed that summer signing Ryan Strain suffered a significant hamstring tear during Dundee United's win over Stenhousemuir last week.

The Tannadice boss, who has been linked with a move for striker Jort van der Sande from Dutch side ADO den Haag, said: "It's not a short-term injury and could be a number of weeks, but we do need to wait and see how much progress is made over the next two to three weeks.

"It doesn't need surgery at the moment, that's the information we are getting from the specialist.

"But it is a significant tear in the muscle."



PORTUGUESE WOE Raymond

SAINTS A REAL RAY OF

ANDRE RAYMOND has revealed how he considered quitting football after being JAILED in Portugal.

St Johnstone's new signing overstayed his welcome in Europe after representing an academy

» ST JOHNSTONE..2
» MORTON.....0

BY FRASER MACKIE

team from Trinidad & Tobago in a Spanish tournament.

Raymond was close to earning a deal at Braga but,

after returning home to gather documents, he was then refused entry back into Portugal.

The left-back was locked up before being booted out of the country.

After Saints saw off Ton thanks to a double from

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WEEKEND ACTION

STANDARD ISSUE



Levitt insists it's just not good enough as League One Jambos stun shot-shy Hibeers

DYLAN LEVITT insists Saturday's embarrassing Premier Sports Cup loss at Kelty Hearts fell well short of the standards required at Hibs.

But the midfielder hopes their humbling in Fife was just a minor bump in the road as David Gray's side look to seal progression to the knockout stages next weekend.

Hibs were left to rue their failure to find the net after a host of good chances either side of the break.

After dominating large spells, the League One outfit notched the only goal just before the hour mark through Callum Flatman.

A section of Hibs fans booed their team off at the end but Levitt insists the players are acutely aware that they let everyone down.

He said: "The boys know that that wasn't good enough and we will review it on Monday."

"We will go through the game and pick out bits, but as a whole that's not good enough for this club. It seemed we were getting in the right positions but we just weren't clinical enough."

"We are at a massive club and you have to take pride every time you step on the pitch. The new boys know that and when you come to these

» KELTY HEARTS...1 HIBS...0
DARREN JOHNSTONE AT NEW CENTRAL PARK

places, you need to be at the highest level.

"It doesn't matter who you are playing against, it's about getting three points and getting down the road."

"It's not a great day for the new signings as well, asking them to go through that."

"Moving forward, we need to take positives from the first two cup games into Wednesday and Saturday."

"It was very frustrating and disappointing. We didn't move the ball quick enough but we created a few chances and if we could have taken them, it would have gone a lot different."

"But as soon as you concede, you are chasing it and then time-wasting and everything comes into it. Overall, it wasn't good enough from the team."

Gray made six changes to the side that thrashed Queen's Park 5-1 with Harry McKirdy making his first competitive start since April 2023.

The forward looked lively in the first half before being replaced at the break and went close to scoring himself.

Last season was effectively a write-off for the 27-year-old after he underwent heart surgery but Levitt is delighted

to see his team-mate back involved. He added: "Harry had a little knock a week or so ago but he's trained well and looked sharp."

"He got himself into good positions and wanted to make things happen. I was buzzing to see him back."

Levitt was also grateful to be back in the starting XI and, despite a setback, reckons the future is bright under new boss Gray.

He said: "I have enjoyed working with the gaffer from day one. He laid down what he wants from everyone and had a real good three or four weeks now."

The victory for Kelty goes down as the biggest in their history but boss Michael Tidser took no credit for the winning goal as the part-timers worked a short corner.

Flatman bulleted home a header in the 58th minute from Luke McCarvel's cross.

Tidser said: "They've got big boys, strong and powerful so I always say 'go and work it for yourself, use your imagination'. We caught them off guard and it's a great header from Callum. Overall just really delighted."



BOOTROOM

DAILY POLL

SHOULD Rangers sell James Tavernier to Turkish outfit Trabzonspor?

QUICK QUIZ ?

- 1 Keely Hodgkinson won an Olympic silver medal over which distance?
- 2 In what year did Bradley Wiggins win the Tour de France?
- 3 Which team did Harry Brook make his Test debut against in 2022?
- 4 Where did Justin Rose finish during his first Open Championship in 1998?
- 5 Ray Reardon was oldest world snooker champ at 45 until his record was broken by which player in 2022?
- 6 In darts, who won the women's world matchplay title in 2023?
- 7 In what year did Fernando Alonso win his last Formula One Grand Prix?
- 8 Who is Motherwell's all-time leading scorer in the league?
- 9 What year did Rafael Nadal reach his first Grand Slam final?
- 10 Jude Bellingham scored his first England goal against who?

ON THIS DAY



2007: Irishman Padraig Harrington won The Open at Carnoustie after beating Spain's Sergio Garcia in a play-off.

TV SPORT



- CRICKET:** Second Test - England v West Indies day five (Sky Sports Cricket and Sky Sports Main Event, 10.15am).
- TENNIS:** WTA and ATP Tour (Sky Sports Tennis, 11am and Sky Sports Main Event, 7pm).
- HORSE RACING:** Live action from Cartmel, Ayr, Beverley and Ballinrobe (Sky Sports Racing, 1pm).
- BASEBALL:** Major League - New York Yankees v Tampa Bay Rays (TNT Sports 1, 6pm).
- POOL:** Ultimate Pool Pairs Cup - Group Six action (TNT Sports 2, 6.30pm).

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SUNSHINE FOR ANDRE AFTER DAYS IN JAIL

Benjamin Mbunga Kimpioka, Raymond explained: "Because wed been away for so long, I ended up staying for four months instead of three."

"I went back home to get documents and then back to Portugal for pre-season with Braga, but they didn't let me

in and threw me in jail. I was in there two days; it was a horrible experience. I was allowed a 15-minute phone call and locked in a cell.

"I wouldn't want anyone to go through it. They sent me back to Trinidad and I had to

spend three months out of Europe before I could go back. Braga moved on and signed another left-back. That left me without a club. I felt like giving up football again."

Raymond had been studying physiotherapy in the United States before his Euro

dramas began. Mum wanted him back to college but dad encouraged him to stick with football.

The 23-year-old played for Portuguese lower-league sides, most recently Vilar de Perdizes. That plan has paid off with nine caps and a

switch to the Scots top flight.

Raymond said: "I spent the last few months of the season watching the team, looking at players, the style of play and atmosphere. The Scottish league is a top league. I will grow as a person here."

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PREMIER SPORTS CUP WEEKEND ACTION

THE BOYS CAN COUNT ON ME

GEORGE HARMON'S Ross County career has so far featured two grim relegation battles - and two wild survival parties.

The young man who hit the crucial last-gasp leveller against Partick Thistle at the climax of season 2022/23 had no hesitation in signing up for more.

Harmon agreed a new two-year deal in the summer as payback for the form he has shown in 74 matches since stepping up from National League South action with Oxford City.

Success for Don Cowie's side, this time around, would be avoiding another end-of-season nail-biter, but Harmon is ready for whatever the new campaign brings.

Fresh from striking Saturday's winner against Raith Rovers after Callum Smith wiped out Jordan White's opener for County, the 23-year-old Englishman said: "It was an easy choice for me to come back. I'm really settled up

» ROSS COUNTY .2 » RAI TH ROVERS .1

BY ALASDAIR FRASER

here and the club has been really good to me.

"They gave me an opportunity and hopefully I've done enough to repay them.

"I want to kick on even more now, get more games under my belt and keep my performances as high as possible.

"There's still more in me - I'm not the finished article, I'm only 23.

"I just want to keep working hard every day, and as long as I keep putting in the work, who knows what the limit is."

Frustrated Raith boss Ian Murray said: "We're hopefully still in the qualifying reckoning. We're going to need the nine points, though, I'm sure of that.

"Nothing changes. We'll go out on Saturday [at home to Hamilton] and try to win the game.

"It is our last before the league campaign kicks off and everyone will be excited for it."

MORRIS DANCER

New gaffer has Shayden flying for Dons again



TUNE UP Clarkson, above, is the DJ for Dons and, left, McGrath hails his strike



WING KING Morris rattles home the fourth for Dons

SHAYDEN MORRIS reckons Aberdeen are already dancing to Jimmy Thelin's tune - with a little help from a dressing room boom box and DJ Leighton Clarkson.

The Pittodrie winger is enjoying a new lease of life under the Swedish boss who he insists has taught him more in a few weeks than he's learned in years.

Morris produced a brilliant strike in Saturday's 4-0 win over Lowland League champions East Kilbride for his first-ever Dons goal after two injury-hit years in the north east.

And the 22-year-old says he is loving life under a manager that has got him back in tune thanks to a little belief - and some pumped-up dressing-room vibes.

To be fair, anyone within 50 yards of Palmerston and K Park on the last two Saturdays couldn't have failed to notice the beats booming out the away changing quarters.

And the ex-Fleetwood man - who has made just 36 appearances in two years having suffered two hamstring tears - said it's all down to the new boss.

He said: "The culture he has brought in... even after games we are all dancing in the changing room after every win. The subs, everyone, even if you've not played. He has built that

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FRASER WILSON AT K-PARK

culture for us and we're loving it. Leighton is the DJ. We have a song that whenever we win we build that culture. What song? I don't even know what it's called!

"We are learning a lot too. I have learned so much in just a few weeks from him than I have in a few years. He's told me that he knows what I can do and to keep showing it every day.

"It gives you a whole different level of motivation when you hear that it's a fresh start for everyone.

"I like how he plays. I like his beliefs in the game and it's a great chance for me.

"It's not been easy. I've been waiting for the chance. I love playing on the wing so I've been waiting to get back out there and have someone believe in me.

"I'm enjoying it. I'm confident

and I feel like the manager believes in me. He has given me a fresh start and yeah, I'm happy to be playing well."

Morris' blistering pace on the wing is a key asset to the Dons and he used it to deadly effect when he took a cross-field ball down with one touch before blazing a trail into the box and firing high past David Wilson for the Dons' fourth at EK.

Yet the Englishman barely got a look-in after returning from a second hamstring injury last season.

He was hung out to dry by Neil Warnock after being subbed 30 minutes into a 3-3 draw against Motherwell after being started in defence.

But having been restored to his natural position - and looking good on both flanks on Saturday - Morris is ready to fly again.

He said: "I feel very fit and strong now.

"There's been a few injuries and setbacks but I've stayed strong.

"I just want to keep the confidence high and whatever the manager thinks or how he wants to play, I'm happy just

to be there and on the pitch as much as I can.

"I learned the hard way to strengthen my hamstrings - do more in the gym, keep them strong and I have that side of it sorted. Now I feel strong.

"I've had two surgeries, that's helped. Now every day I do stuff to stay on top of them... ice baths, extra gym, it's horrible! But these moments - scoring a goal, assists - make it all worth it."

Aberdeen toiled in the opening period as EK got in their faces and posed a few problems of their own with ex-Hibs kid Joao Balde heading a glorious chance over and Broque Watson firing wide.

But Nicky Devlin eased the Dons' nerves when he slotted home Gavin Molloy's low cross after 27 minutes.

Jamie McGrath doubled the lead with a glorious strike seven minutes later when Morris found him inside the box and the Irishman dinked a wonderful effort over Wilson.

The game was over as a contest shortly after the break when Clarkson - excellent in the No.10 role - produced his own piece of magic to fire a 25-yard free-kick into Wilson's top left hand corner.

And Morris put the seal on the win with his own stunning effort to ensure Thelin's Pittodrie debut on Tuesday is a top-of-the-group clash with Airdrie.



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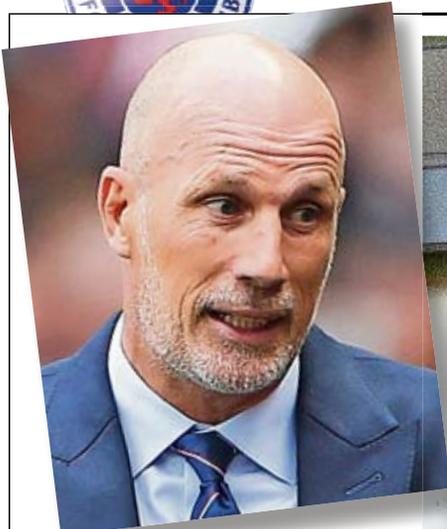
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RANGERS MAKING SENSE OF THE CHAOS



Problems mounting for Gers & Bennett will soon have to front up

OVER TO YOU Clement & Bennett, main AN utter calamity of a close season might have begun with a missing cargo of steel.

But pretty soon Rangers chairman John Bennett is going to have to front up for the rabbit hole that his club is in danger of disappearing down.

And he's going to require balls of titanium if he's to come through it unscathed.

It's impossible not to feel some sympathy for Bennett who has been left horribly exposed by the amateurism of Michael Beale and James Bisgrove – a manager and a chief executive who weren't worthy of the roles and responsibilities they were given.

Even so, the buck stops with Bennett for appointing them in the first place, and now he's the man who has to fix the mess they have left behind.

It's also completely understandable if he's not comfortable being thrust into the spotlight having spent his entire business career operating in the background while overseeing investment portfolios worth billions of pounds.

“Titanium balls may not be enough for Bennett to emerge unscathed

But even though the numbers might have been

huge, nothing he experienced in the financial game will have prepared him for the high-profile nature of the role he took on in April of last year.

There's a heavy emotional toll to be factored in too.

Bennett is a lifelong Rangers supporter, so the thought of being held personally responsible for all manner of catastrophes at the club he loves is bound to sting him in a manner which is hard to imagine.

When he did reluctantly break cover a couple of weeks ago to confirm that Rangers would have to be rehoused at Hampden Park for an unspecified period of time, Bennett was also attempting to reconnect with a fan base which is currently teetering on the brink of a full-scale revolt.

But given that the one thing they needed to hear was the one thing he couldn't tell them, Bennett was always going to be on a hiding to nothing.

The word he used was "certainty". Bennett went as far as to say that Rangers "crave" it.

And yet without having the first idea of when his stadium might actually



LIFE IN BEAR PIT



GROUND TO HALT Work at stadium has been held up while Cantwell, surprisingly, doesn't seem to be a first pick for boss



Brendan Rodgers summed it up as basic "long-ball" stuff last season while coming within a few injury-time seconds of making it four wins from four against his latest rival from across the city.

If nothing much has changed tactically or stylistically between then and now, then questions should be asked of Clement's own vision for this team.

Although, with rumours circulating that his name is in the frame to become the next Belgium national boss, perhaps he might not stick around long enough to answer any of them.

He could also be invited to explain exactly what the problem is between himself and the most talented attacking player in his dressing room as, from the outside looking in, it appears very much like Todd Cantwell's days will be numbered for as long as Clement remains in position.

Why hasn't Clement managed to get the best out of the Englishman and why does it feel as if the pair have been constantly at loggerheads since the start?

While we're at it, why is a creator of Cantwell's quality being pushed to one side when Scott Wright and Rabbi Matondo are the ones left to pick up the slack?

Also, now that Clement is just 12 days away from curtain up in Edinburgh, is the manager really still convinced that he shouldn't have thrown the kitchen sink at signing Lawrence Shankland from Hearts during the January transfer window?

Did he realise at that point that Rangers couldn't come up with the cash to strike a deal – or, in fact, did he have misgivings over Shankland's energy levels and ability to trigger a high-tempo press from the front?

Because if Clement truly believed that his team was better equipped to win the title with Cyriel Dessers leading the line, then his judgment is fatally flawed.

Of course, it's never too late for a change of heart and there's even time for Clement to reconsider his position on Shankland before the season begins.

But first, of course, he'll have to sell before he can buy.

And amidst all of this foggy confusion, chairman Bennett will have to deliver on his promise to bring the fans up to speed on the big stadium delay before the month is out.

If they don't like what they hear over the next fortnight, then titanium grade balls might not be enough to cut it.

» KEITH JACKSON

SCOTLAND'S MOST INFLUENTIAL SPORTS COLUMNIST



be reopened, Bennett had no way of providing what he knew was required.

There is nothing even remotely certain about Rangers right now.

On the contrary, with less than two weeks to go before the season kicks off, the picture is one of chaos.

On the pitch as well as off it.

Yes, Bennett has been left holding the baby where the stadium reconstruction work is concerned.

Bisgrove made sure of that when he bolted for Riyadh, having given assurances that the Copland Road project would be completed on schedule before he left for the airport.

No wonder the board felt bruised and betrayed when they discovered they would be forced to evict their team and its followers from their own home.

Bennett took it upon himself to provide a solution and, given the immense scale of the complexities involved, it seems reasonable to

assume he'll have been entirely consumed by it.

But if he takes a moment to put his foot on the ball he might also realise that there's an even bigger stink hurtling its way down the pipeline.

Because, as angry as the club's supporters will be over being made homeless, they will be apoplectic should their team also be found unfit for purpose when the new campaign begins.

And, the closer it comes to the big kick-off, the more legitimate their concerns appear to be.

For a start, manager Philippe Clement has already clicked into self-preservation mode.

By insisting that he's been blind-sided by the

lack of funds available to him this summer, the Belgian hasn't just kicked a can down the road – he's volleyed it straight into the boardroom and ramped up the heat on those inside.

That might protect his own reputation and safeguard his relationship with the fans.

But it smacks of a wider sense of dysfunctionality and makes Clement look like a man getting his excuses in early.

And yet, almost 10 full months into the job, it is still unclear as to what exactly Clement is doing to arrest the decline of his side.

There's certainly no sign of an identity or even a suggestion of his preferred style of play.

Celtic boss



SAUDI'D OFF Bisgrove left a problem behind



RANGERS

United boss Ten Hag in no rush to get shot of Scott

BY ANDY NEWPORT

MANCHESTER UNITED boss Erik ten Hag is not desperate to sell Scotland star Scott McTominay.

The Old Trafford midfielder is a key man for Steve Clarke's national team but has drifted in and out of the United line-up in recent months.

That's sparked speculation McTominay, 27, could move on this summer.

Fulham have already failed with an opening bid of £40million while London rivals Tottenham are also rumoured to be weighing up a move.

But Ten Hag is adamant he doesn't want to lose the versatile star.

He said: "We have very good players so there will always be an interest from other clubs.

"Scott scored 10 goals last season and also performed very well for Scotland, so there will be an interest.

"But we want to keep him because he is a very important player for our squad. He can contribute



WANTED MAN McTominay

as we saw last season. He can play in a more advanced role and he is a highly interesting player for our team."

Ten Hag watched a youthful United side sweep past Rangers with a 2-0 win at Murrayfield.

Ex-Gers loan flop Amad Diallo curled a clinical low finish past Jack Butland for the opener with Joe Hugill sealing the win.

Diallo is best remembered in Glasgow for being hooked 45 minutes into his Old Firm debut as Gers were floored 3-0 by Celtic in February 2022.

But Ten Hag said: "Amad has made very good progress and showed assets for what is to come."

Missing the Euros for a second time left me gutted but it was good for my body to get a break and recover

Refreshed Souttar is ready to put Scotland snub behind him and hit new heights for Gers this season



AXED Scotland boss Clarke left Souttar out of his Euro 2024 squad

JOHN SOUTTAR certainly didn't think so at the time.

But six weeks on from having his Euros dream snatched away, the Rangers star admits sitting out this summer's Scotland action might be a blessing in disguise.

The 27-year-old defender was left heartbroken after being cut from Steve Clarke's squad just 24 hours before the national team flew out to Germany.

It was the second tournament in a row in which the luckless centre-back was overlooked amid concerns over his fitness.

It's three years since the then-Hearts ace missed out on Euro 2020 after battling back from a third devastating Achilles rupture.

He joined Gers 12 months after that let down but saw his first season at Ibrox wrecked by another ankle injury.

It looked, though, that Souttar was over the worst of his troubles

BY ANDY NEWPORT

this season as he registered 43 run-outs for club and country.

But a knock sustained at Celtic Park, just a month before Clarke confirmed his squad, was enough to put a doubt in the Hampden boss' mind, leaving the Light Blues ace as the odd man out as the selection was trimmed to 26 men.

However, having put his feet up while Scotland were making an early exit, a refreshed Souttar is now looking on the bright side.

He said: "Obviously it was disappointing not to be involved at the Euros but then again it was good for my body to get a break.

"I played a lot of football last year and this has been the first time I've really had the chance to have that break and let my body recover from last year.

"So I'm feeling good and

looking forward to the start of the season. I wouldn't call what happened a blessing.

"But looking back maybe it will be a good thing getting that rest and letting my body recover because I played a lot of football compared to previous years.

"So fingers crossed that, in the long run, I'll be looking back thinking it was a good thing."

Missing out on the party atmosphere generated by the sozzled Tartan Army was a huge blow.

But Souttar insists

he's shaken off the hurt disappointment of not being in Germany.

He added: "It's part of football. There are going to be disappointments whether it's in games or life. It's about how you handle that.

"Then it's about how you bounce back from it. It just motivated me to get better.

"I spent the summer looking back on my season and looking at improving where I can.

"I was obviously part of the training camp so I was close to making the squad. I was as close as you can be.

"But it was a decision, one way or the other, that I wasn't to be involved.

"Again, that's football and I'll handle that and move forward and hopefully continue to get

SUCKER PUNCH Souttar can't block United clincher

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RECHARGING THE BATTERIES



TIGHT GRIP Gers ace Souttar grabs onto Manchester United new boy Leny Yoro in Saturday's friendly loss

better. Last year was a big one for me to play as much football as I did. I got my confidence back. "Now this year is about kicking on. I want to play as much football as I can, get fitter and take things from there."

Clarke may have decided he can do without Souttar but Rangers boss Philippe Clement looks set to build his backline around the former Dundee United stopper.

With Connor Goldson the main man in defence last season, Souttar was forced to shift across to the left-hand side of the centre-back pairing.

But he's been back in his preferred slot on the right for most of pre-season so far and appears to be the leading contender to start there when Gers kick off the season against his old Jambos side at Tynecastle in a fortnight's time. He said:

"Before last year I'd never really played on the left. I was mostly on the right but at a club like Rangers, I'll play anywhere.

"It doesn't matter if the gaffer asked me to play right-back or centre-back or wherever. I'm sure everyone else in the dressing room would say the same.

"It's a bit more natural for me coming out on my right foot but I'll play right or left, as long as I'm on the pitch I won't be complaining."

Souttar might not be the complaining type but there are plenty around Ibrox willing to have a moan about the current state of the Light Blues heading into the new season.

Five new recruits have arrived but only Connor Barron looks up to the level required so far.

And Clement admits he can't make any more of the additions he is desperately in need of until

he shifts out some of the deadwood from his dressing room.

That has set off alarm bells for the support but Souttar is refusing to panic as he knows things can change quickly.

Speaking after Saturday's 2-0 loss, he said: "I've been part of pre-season when you think you're flying, or times when you think you're not. It then goes the opposite way when the season starts.

"It's hard to judge in pre-season when people don't see the training you do.

"The games are good when there are a lot of fans. But they can become quite false because boys have got fatigue in their legs.

"Maybe you can press for 20 minutes but when the season starts it's normal to do it for 70, 80, 90 minutes.

"You need fatigue to work back to full fitness but we'll be in good shape in two weeks."

NO PANIC IF TAV LEAVES

FROM BACK PAGE

Philippe Clement having to sell before he can buy, Tavernier could be the first to exit. His departure would send shockwaves through the Ibrox support, but Souttar insists Clement's players can handle the upheaval.

Quizzed on the Tavernier transfer talk, the Scotland stopper said: "I don't think it's a disruption at all. It's part of football.

"In every transfer window there are going to be people linked with going, that's just one of the things being part of Rangers.

"It's just important that the boys here concentrate on playing and training. Anything else will take care of itself."

Hotline

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WE'RE almost a fortnight out from the big Premiership kick-off but already the Ibrox faithful are worrying that Philippe Clement's Rangers rebuild is creaking.

Five signings have come in so far but only Connor Barron appears to be a stick-on to start against Hearts at Tynecastle on August 3.

And any further reinforcements will very much depend on Clement's moves to clear out some of the deadwood in his squad.

Gavin MacLeod, Bearsden, said: "We were told at the end of last season that we needed a rebuild - something the fans have said for years.

"The same faces, with the same complaints. Now, we've shipped out a couple but the squad remains full of deadwood that, unsurprisingly, we can't shift.

"But the manager's comments that our whole 'rebuild' plan hinges on these guys shipping out is even more baffling.

"Surely the board gave him some indication that money was available?"

Kevin Kean, Inchinnan, added: "Already this early it's looking like Rangers are in a bit of a mess.

"The squad is totally undefined, there's no money and guys like Sam Lammers, Ianis Hagi and others are not wanted. If things continue like this, Rangers might struggle to get third!"

Skipper James Tavernier is being lined up for a move to Turkey with Trabzonspor keen to reunite him with his ex-Rangers team-mates Borna Barisic and John Lundstram.

Tavernier is the highest-scoring British defender of all time with 125 goals and has 129 assists for Gers.

And Jimmy Mac, Glasgow, said: "Would

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Where will we get a 20+ goals player if we sell Tavernier? We must keep Tavernier and give him his well earned testimonial"

anyone at Rangers care to inform us, the supporters, the life blood of the club, where we will get a 20+ goals per season player if we sell Tavernier?

"We don't even have a proper striker. What we have witnessed during pre-season in attack is diabolical to say the least!

"We must keep Tavernier and give him his well earned testimonial next season."

David Gray suffered the first bump in the road as Hibs boss as his Leith outfit crashed to defeat against League One Kelty Hearts.

That came on the back of big wins against Elgin City and Queen's Park and left the Hibs punters fuming.

And Willie Wood, Penicuik, said: "That result firmly lies at the manager's door. It's two weeks until we start the league campaign and we are still three or four quality players short.

"Any injuries between now and then to key men will put the pressure on Gray. The fans will cut Gray some slack but the board who will get the brunt of it.

"It will be Ben Kensell's head on the chopping block if we have another nightmare like last season."

John Scott, Grassmoor, added: "It's been interesting reading online reaction to Hibs' defeat.

"The vast majority are raging at David Gray making six changes to the team that hammered Elgin City and Queen's Park.

"A few happy clappers made the point that it's a pre-season game and everyone is going over the top.

"I also took note of the observation of the real fans who attended the game, who have pointed out the number of support staff in attendance.

"It seems those upstairs think we're Manchester City but without the players to match. Polish and the brown stuff comes to mind. It's extremely disheartening and, sadly, very predictable."

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CELTIC

KASPER'S HART FELT LOWDOWN

BY MICHAEL GANNON

KASPER SCHMEICHEL got the Celtic lowdown from former Hoops hero Joe Hart.

But the incoming keeper didn't need a crash course in the club as he even got a taste when he was on holiday.

Schmeichel, 37, headed to the USA after a family holiday in Italy.

And while he leaned on Hart for info before he signed, there were plenty of well-wishers every step of his way across the Atlantic at the weekend.

He said: "I'm not surprised, I played in Scotland many years ago and know the size of Celtic."

"I came off holiday and there were Celtic fans at the hotel I stayed at."

"Even when I flew there were Celtic fans on the way to watch the game. It's incredible to see but it shows the size of the club."

"I've spoken to Joe many times during the time he was here."

"Now he's retired and become a pundit. He only had good things to say. I started to follow Celtic



RARING TO GO Schmeichel

closer when he joined and saw the admiration the fans had for him.

"He got an incredible send-off and it was fully deserved. They're big shoes to fill."

Schmeichel met more fans in Washington on Saturday and watched Celts clobber DC United 4-0.

And with glamour friendly clashes against former club Man City tomorrow evening and Chelsea at the weekend, Schmeichel told Celtic TV: "I can't wait. It's been a whirlwind, I just want to get back to playing football."

"Trophies, trophies, it's what football's about. That's one thing I love about this club, that's the mentality, you have to go out and win every competition."

It's not a burden for Matt to be at Celtic

“There's no change in his demeanour. He respects and knows the privilege it is to play for this club”
Brendan Rodgers

RUNNING THE SHOW O'Riley, after scoring against DC, is fully focused on job at Celtic says Rodgers, below



Rodgers praises 'first-class attitude' of O'Riley

FROM MICHAEL GANNON IN THE US

the privilege it is to play for Celtic. He knows what Celtic has given him and the development that's come from being here. So it's not a burden for him to be at Celtic.

"Clearly he's developed into a fantastic player and when you do that at a club like Celtic, there'll always be speculation and interest."

"But while he's here, we'll always work on improving him, developing him."

"He's also of that nature. He's got a first-class attitude and that's why we've been really comfortable with

the situation he's in. He can captain the team the other night and he's a fantastic professional."

Rodgers must be tempted to lock O'Riley in a Parkhead cupboard and refuse to let him out until September 1.

By that time he could do with a few new faces as well. The clock is ticking until the Premiership kick-off but the influx of new recruits has yet to happen beyond incoming keepers Kasper Schmeichel and Viljami Sinisalo.

Paulo Bernardo and Adam Idah

outfit were not at full strength, it was about 30 degrees and the strange part-grass, part-plastic pitch looked like a worn-out carpet at a dodgy nightclub.

Yet O'Riley glided over it, running the show, scoring a couple of goals and looking like a guy who is 100 per cent committed to the jersey.

It didn't go unnoticed by his gaffer. Rodgers said: "Yeah, his attitude is first class. There's absolutely no change in Matt's demeanour or happiness. He respects and knows

the situation he's in. He can captain the team the other night and he's a fantastic professional."

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IT'S a bittersweet experience for Celtic fans right now watching Matt O'Riley strut his stuff for the side.

The playmaker could be forgiven for allowing his thoughts to drift elsewhere, with fevered transfer speculation that would send most heads into a spin.

Everyone knows O'Riley is being pursued by a host of clubs around the continent. There's the concrete interest from Atalanta in Italy but a host of others waiting in the wings to enter into a bidding war.

Hoops fans are almost resigned to losing the 23-year-old this summer if a record-breaking offer lands in the Parkhead inbox.

But in the meantime, it's been business as usual for the player.

Perhaps it's a case of enjoying him while they can but boss Brendan Rodgers is adamant O'Riley's focus is still fully on the job at Celtic until he's told otherwise.

The midfielder was at it again at the weekend, with another five-star display in the 4-0 canter against DC United.

It could have been a night for the pipe and slippers. The MLS



CLOSER TO DEAL Bernardo

BREN: I'M HUNTING

FROM BACK PAGE

Hyeon-gyu and Rocco Vata. He said: "My ideal scenario was to have three, to have Kyogo, one other one and bring through a young player."

"That was the role we came up with for Rocco. It's difficult for a club of this size to have three No.1 strikers. "But I also think for development I

want to bring in someone young, maybe a player from within.

"Rocco was that but he's moved on. So we may have to look elsewhere. But three is a good number. Two, I'd say to be No.1 strikers and one we can nurture and develop."

Rodgers is chasing a number of targets and has been linked with

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ON TOUR



First White House – now a power house

MATT O'RILEY loved seeing the White House – now he's relishing the chance of meeting a power house. The Celtic ace has been lapping up the American tour with the Hoops squad getting to visit some of Washington's main sites before the 4-0 friendly win against DC United. They've moved on to North Carolina – and are on a collision course with Manchester City in Chapel Hill tomorrow night. O'Riley said: "Washington was great fun as well as hard work on the pitch. The club

BY MICHAEL GANNON has put on some really nice events, going to the baseball, the White House were really cool experiences. "It should be fun [against Man City]. It's always good to play the top teams." O'Riley was handed the captain's armband against DC and the in-demand playmaker said: "First and foremost, Callum McGregor will always be our captain. "But at the same time, it's always a proud honour to wear the armband at a club like this."

could return but Celtic fans are in a holding pattern – sweating on O'Riley and waiting for new arrivals. **But this is still a strong squad right now. Luis Palma and Nicolas Kuhn have come back looking sharp after showing flashes last term.** Others, such as Cameron Carter-Vickers and the Scotland squad guys are about to get back to business. It was a slick display in America's capital at the weekend and Rodgers has been pleased with the pre-season progress. He said: "We were really dynamic in the game. I knew the

pitch was going to be a challenge. I challenged the players beforehand to show their technical qualities and their first touch. "Their technique and the way they dealt with that, I was really pleased with. "A lot of the players have come back looking sharp. It's also a year down the line from coming in, so the guys are very clear on how we want to work and how we want to play." It was still a bounce game and an opportunity to give some kids a flavour. Young left-back Colby Donovan, 17, ran himself into the ground in a bid to impress. On the other side,

Matthew Anderson – back from a loan spell in Austria – looked the part and the 20-year-old could be in for a big 12 months. Rodgers said: "Very good. Colby's really aggressive, strong. Once he develops physically and understands the game even more he'll be a good player. He works very hard. He has personality, which you need to play for Celtic. "I've seen that as a young player. He'll grow and develop. That was a nice step for him, to be in the first team and perform to a high level. "Matthew's had opportunities to work on the loan. He showed that he's progressed. He was a

real attacking threat and probably unfortunate not to score in the first half. "I was very pleased for both of them. It was a good exercise. I can see each week and each game the tempo and technical quality improving." It wasn't just about the football in DC, of course, with thousands of Celtic fans making the most of seeing their side Stateside. It's something not lost on Rodgers and he said: "They came from all around the Americas to be here. Some flying in from Europe as well. It was a really nice night. "That's what makes Celtic as a club. It's renowned worldwide. That iconic nature of the club is based totally around the supporters. The supporters travel everywhere in the world. They're friendly, they're humble, they always enjoy themselves. "We're honoured to play and protect the great history of this club while trying to create our own history within this team. That's all for the supporters."

FOR TWO NEW STRIKERS

moves for Venezia midfielder Tanner Tessmann and Royal Antwerp winger Michel-Ange Balikwisha. And Celts are edging closer to bringing Paulo Bernardo in on a permanent deal from Benfica. Rodgers remained tight-lipped on transfer talk but said:

"You can see the players that are here are developing well, working well and playing some fantastic football." Rodgers, who confirmed keeper Benji Siegrist is heading for the exit, on his way to Neil Lennon's Rapid Bucharest, is looking for his squad to step up their prep

against Manchester City tomorrow. Cameron Carter-Vickers and Daizen Maeda are set to make pre-season bows along with new No.1 Kasper Schmeichel. He added: "Two fantastic preparation games against two world-class clubs and I'm really looking forward to them."

THE MONDAY JURY



KEITH JACKSON



ANDY NEWPORT



MICHAEL GANNON

1 RANGERS must sell before they can buy – but which positions should Philippe Clement then prioritise?

He needs a fully functioning No.9. Cyriel Dessers doesn't lack effort but continues to look like a competition winner. Rangers also need to add quality and experience in midfield having lost Ryan Jack and John Lundstram.

The lack of quality in the final third is alarming and no wonder the fans are in a panic. Danilo's return should spare the punters having to watch Dessers stumble around but Gers need better quality down the flanks to mount anything like a challenge to Celtic.

Most of them. There's still huge work required with this squad. Clement could do with additions at centre-back, centre-mid and centre-forward, as well as in the wide areas. It's a fairly daunting task as it won't be easy shifting guys on decent wages.

2 AND what does Celtic boss Brendan Rodgers need in the transfer market before the big kick-off?

Now the goalkeeping situation has been sorted out Rodgers will be looking to beef up his options at left-back and he should also be in the market for a new centre-half. With money to spend, he may go big for an upgraded winger into the bargain.

He needs to sort out another striker to challenge Kyogo. That may well be Adam Idah but that's been rumbling away all summer and a deal still doesn't appear to be any closer. Beyond that, a new centre-back, left-back and attacking midfielder would come in handy.

Not as much as Rangers but there's still plenty required. Rodgers needs two new strikers and two midfielders if Matt O'Riley goes. Competition at left-back and centre-half would be handy too.

3 ERIK TEN HAG says he wants to keep Scott McTominay – but is it time for the Scotland star to consider a move?

Not if he's going to get more regular game time. McTominay might not be fully appreciated by the Manchester United fans but he was one of their biggest contributors last season, whenever he was out there on the pitch.

The Old Trafford punters are a fickle bunch but they should be thanking McTominay for digging them out of a hole at times last term. His Dutch boss, though, seems to be appreciative of his efforts. I reckon the boyhood Red Devils fan will stick it out at United.

McTominay is at a huge club that should be competing for silverware. He plays a big role and I wouldn't be in a hurry to jump ship just yet.

4 THE Olympics get underway this week. Can Andy Murray end his tennis career with a third gold medal?

Murray's got the heart to give it a go but his body is no longer able or willing. The brilliance of Carlos Alcaraz is ushering in a change of the guard at the top end of the sport.

Given the adventures the great man has led us on down the years you'd love to see it happen. But Sir Andy's body is beginning to fail him and sadly we're likely to see the curtain come down on an astonishing career in the early rounds.

It would be an incredible way to sign off an unbelievable career. But we have to be realistic. Our Andy is battling Father Time, it's the fifth set and he's facing match point.



THE OPEN

BOB'S BINNED ROTTEN WEEK DOWN COAST

BY CRAIG SWAN

BOB MacINTYRE admits a terrible Open week has gone straight in the bin.

The Scot was unable to mount a genuine challenge for the Claret Jug as he struggled to master windy Royal Troon.

MacIntyre was buffeted out of contention to finish the 152nd Championship at nine-over par.

The Oban star put plenty into his emotional Genesis Scottish Open success the previous week and the subsequent celebrations took a toll on his efforts.

Asked to reflect on his four days in Ayrshire, MacIntyre said: "Brutally honest, terrible. We won't be back here in a hurry.

"There's certain golf courses that suit left-handers and right-handers and this one didn't suit the left-hander with a more southerly wind.

"To be honest, it has just gone straight in the bin. If we got the usual westerly wind, it was probably perfect for a left-hander, whereas this week it was absolutely brutal for me.

"Last week is the one we'll reflect on because there's no real point in reflecting on this one when it's been absolute carnage from start to finish.

"Preparation wasn't the best, obviously, coming off of last week, but we'll sit back and reflect and look to see where we can keep improving and just keep moving forward.

"Physically I'm fine, but mentally I'm gone. Sunday night probably took a lot out of me.

"It was worth it. You've

Lefty hails Scots hero as a star he can cheer

PHIL MICKELSON has hailed Bob MacIntyre as a tremendous talent – and he can't wait to have a fellow Lefty to cheer.

The Scot had an Open Sunday with Mickelson having described him as his hero on the eve of their final-day Troon outing.

The US star was fulsome in his praise of MacIntyre after he beat him on the



STRUGGLED MacIntyre

got to celebrate special wins. That was outrageous."

MacIntyre will now take a break and draw breath before his next outings as he said: "I'll take two weeks off, I'll go play the final four in America, come back after that and play the end of the year in Europe.

"Irish, Wentworth, I don't know what else, plus Madrid, Dunhill. But I don't want to overplay, as well. I want to put my feet up.

"Right now, I'm fresh off a disappointing finish. Top 20 in the world is good. I've got ambitions in the game that I want to go further than 16th in the world.

"Playing in these tournaments is what you need to do and competing in them. Sixteenth in the world is great, but there's a long way to keep going."

MacIntyre did get to enjoy a day out with his hero Phil Mickelson and it was an experience that he was able to savour as he sauntered the fairways.

He explained: "It was great. To get to play with an idol, someone that you've shaped your golf game around. If it wasn't watching my dad play golf, it was watching Phil. It was cool to get chatting to him."

day by two and said: "He's tremendous. It's great to see another left-handed player and then to have the success he's had.

"In the Ryder Cup, he played great and won a few times now. To win his national championship was really cool. He's just a tremendous player – it's fun to have another good young lefty to pull for."

IT'S PRIDE BEFORE A BAWL

Justin chokes back tears after his big push comes up just short

DOWN AND JUST OUT
Rose lines up a putt on the 14th as he comes so close to winning The Open for the first time in his career



JUSTIN ROSE admits he went from joy to tears after his heartbreaking Open defeat at Royal Troon.

The English star was determined to leave the final day on the Ayrshire coast with no regrets as he attempted to live his dream.

After 26 years competing at The Championship, the 43-year-old was right there as a contender to take home the prize.

Rose kept fighting and he kept scrapping. His birdie on the last playing alongside Xander Schauffele summed up his attitude and quality throughout the week.

There was a pride at his performance, thrills as that putt dropped in front of an adoring public who have grown to treat him as part of Open furniture.

Then there was the agony. The realisation that it just wasn't enough.

Just like 2018 at Carnoustie, it was a tied-second finish and the Claret Jug stayed just out of his reach. Rose couldn't hide his

BY CRAIG SWAN

contrasting feelings as the reality of his brush with silverware began to sink in.

When asked how he was after missing out, Rose said: "Two emotions. Guttled when I walked off the course and it hit me hard because I was so strong.

"I really played the way I wanted, I got off on the front foot, played my way right into the tournament early doors. I felt and did a lot of the hard things really well.

"Midway through the back nine momentum-wise, Xander got it going. I hit a couple of really good putts that didn't fall and then suddenly the lead stretched.

"I left it all out there and I am super proud of how I competed here.

"That 18th was an important putt. I won second place. I won points. I won prizes, FedExCup points, all that stuff, too.

Then I walk 10 steps on and I'm choking back tears. It's such an amazing stage.

"For me, that's the best look in golf, those two long grandstands that you walk down and the big yellow leaderboard.

"That's what I associate as a magic moment and that's the deal I made with myself – to come off with no regrets.

"Obviously, I'll have a few more

chances, of course, but you know that this is a great opportunity. You want to walk off the course going: 'I didn't squander that'. I feel like I had opportunities.

"Given the fact I haven't really been in contention much this year, it gives me a lot of heart."

Rose's display proves he's still got it. No one had fewer bogeys over the four days. Schauffele's six was one more than his victim.

He said at the start he had the horsepower to compete and proved it again, just as he did when chasing him at the US PGA Championship at Valhalla back in May.

Rose said: "Valhalla probably shouldn't suit me that well. It's a bomber's paradise but I was in the hunt right there as well.

"The two major championships this year have been my two best weeks. That's what I'm gunning for is to have these big

CLARET HUG Rose graciously greets winner Schauffele's hand



NEW BELIEF Ferguson

German glory had Ewen right at home

EWEN FERGUSON claimed that new-found belief helped him finish top Scot at The Open.

The 28-year-old feared he was heading home to Glasgow at halfway until he produced a birdie at his 36th hole to make the cut with a shot to spare.

But his recent experience of winning the BMW International Open in Germany – his third DP

BY JIM BLACK

World Tour victory – boosted his confidence to get the job done at Royal Troon.

Ferguson, who finished four shots ahead of amateur ace Calum Scott and five better than Bob MacIntyre at Royal Troon, said: "Munich was big for me with so many people watching and the strong calibre of

the field. I remember looking up at the leaderboard and seeing Thomas Pieters and Patrick Reed on it and thinking 'I can't be the one surely to get over the line here', but I did and that has given me big belief.

"Making the cut here gave me such a spring in my step. To get over that first hurdle in a Major was great and then to be bogey-free yesterday was super impressive."

SO NEAR YET SO FAR



HURTING Shane Lowry let it slip

Shane left gutted by near miss

BY CRAIG SWAN

SHATTERED Shane Lowry was left devastated as his Open glory bid came up short.

The 2019 champion was in control of the tournament at halfway, but a dismal Saturday back nine in awful conditions damaged him severely.

But the Irishman has vowed to carve out more cracks at a second Claret Jug, starting when he returns to the scene of his triumph at Royal Portrush next July.

Lowry said: "I had a great chance of winning and it's going to hurt for a few days. Those nine holes [on Saturday], I'm probably going to rue them for a while.

"I just wanted to go out and give myself a chance and I promised I'd fight for every shot and that's what I did.

"Unfortunately, it's not good enough and it's very disappointing."

Lowry got back to within a shot of the lead at one point but that was as good as it got.

He added: "I gave myself a lot of chances, but you need to hole everything, especially to beat someone like Xander in the form he's in.

"The critics will say I probably should have won from where I was Saturday afternoon, but it's not easy to win tournaments like this.

"I did everything I could. I feel like I played unbelievable all week, like I hit the ball as well as I've ever done.

"Unfortunately, I came up short. I thought if I could birdie the last, you never know, and I managed to leave it four feet short. A bit stupid.

"Hopefully over the next five to 10 years, I give myself a few chances. All I want is [to win] one more.

"But onwards and upwards to the Olympics, try to win a medal for Ireland and get on from there."

JIM BLACK'S OPEN DIARY

WEATHER IS WINNER

IT'S time to reflect on The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of Open week.

The Good has to be the fact that the 152nd Championship produced a packed Sunday leaderboard featuring several world stars.

They say the cream invariably rises to the top and it did, with the exception of a couple of shock casualties.

The Bad was most definitely the weather which was generally rank rotten for all four days.

Grey skies, high winds and rain combined to leave spectators cold and wet, but the autumn-like conditions failed to dampen the spirits of tens of thousands who braved the elements.

The Ugly was the sight of star names and past champions being humbled by the conditions.

Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy led the exodus after posting rounds of 79-77 and 78-75, respectively.

Two-time US Open champion Bryson DeChambeau was another big-name casualty on nine over, one behind 2016 Open champion, Henrik Stenson. Francesco Molinari, champion in 2018, and Cameron Smith, winner of the 150th Open, also didn't hang around.

THE attendance figures at Troon were the third highest ever.

A total of 258,174 turned up - an increase of just over 85,000 on 2016.

The record was set at St Andrews two years ago when

290,000 paid to be part of the 150th Open, with Hoylake 12 months ago the second highest at 261,000.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE'S absence from his hometown Open meant it was a slightly calmer affair.

Monty's Open outbursts are the stuff of legend, most notably at Muirfield in 2002 when he completely lost it with the media.

Sitting joint sixth at halfway after rounds of 74 and 64, Monty shot 84 on the Saturday in some of the worst conditions in tournament history.

While Tiger Woods offered a dignified response to his highest-ever score as a professional - 81 - Monty ranted and raved.

But he clearly still has the Open bug and he provided advice and coaching for delighted youngsters at the Golf Foundation stand. Monty also played a "fun" golf game with the kids. Normally, he doesn't do fun!

AIRCRAFT taking off and landing at neighbouring Prestwick Airport faced a potential new hazard when a large Open promotional banner broke free in the strong winds and refused to be caught.

I am half expecting to read about The Open having landed in New York!



FUN GUY Monty

OPEN BITE

MATT FITZPATRICK has bumped Olympic gold up his priority list. The Ryder Cup ace toiled at Troon to end a disappointing Major term. The Englishman failed to make a Top 20 in the big four events and has now put a focus on Paris. He explained: "It's something different, something I haven't done before and I'm looking forward to that experience. "It's really exciting. It would probably be right under a Major."

time moments in my career. I felt like the Ryder Cup in Rome was one of them a few months back.

"I'm looking for those big-stage moments and this was it.

"It's the inner battle. You want it, but you've got to not want it too much in order to not impede your performance. That's always a dance.

"I would say life's been harder for sure the last five, six years in terms of parenting and kids getting older, obviously more entrenched.

"They're less mobile. They can't travel as much. There's more demands on us as a family.

"I have a feeling we're going to come through the other side where in the not too distant future it's going to get easier where the kids don't want to know you anymore. Dad, crack on, do what you need to do.

"I'm coming to a good stage of my career again and hopefully I can find a nice balance again and compete.

"I've put a lot of time and effort and resources into my health and wellness and hopefully I can stretch that out. This increases that hunger."

Rose paid tribute to victor Schauffele and added: "It doesn't surprise me, though.

"He's got all the weapons, all the attributes that make him a great player and a great champion.

"He's obviously now learning that winning is easy. He has a lot of horsepower, do you know what I mean?"

"One of his most unappreciated weapons is his mentality. He's such a calm guy.

"I don't know what he's feeling, but he certainly makes it look very easy.

"He plays with a freedom, which kind of tells you as a competitor that he's probably not feeling a ton of the bad stuff.

"He's got a lot of runway ahead and a lot of exciting stuff ahead."

Schauffele ended the night with a lifetime of memories and a photo album of success. Rose didn't get one to add to his snap with 2016 winner Henrik Stenson.

But he hopes to go one stage further and get his kids Leo and

Lottie a real one with the Claret Jug one day. Rose added: "We took a photograph together on the 18th green where the pin was with the clubhouse in the background.

"I just wanted it for my own records and memory, being there with my mate where he won.

"I remember that we took that I was like: 'Wouldn't it be cool if I could do the double?'"

"That would be nice. The kids are always proud of me. As I get older, it would be kind of cooler to share that with them as well."

Calum going by the book to seal PGA dream

CALUM SCOTT is heading straight back to college as he hunts a dream ticket to the PGA Tour.

The Nairn youngster soaked up his Silver Medal success and got emotional at Royal Troon.

Scott secured the prize for top amateur to follow in the spikemarks of superstars such as Tiger Woods and Rory

BY CRAIG SWAN

McIlroy. The 20-year-old from Nairn has sights set high and said: "There's been a bunch of Silver Medal winners that go on to do incredible things.

"I've got a year left at college. This puts me in a good position going forward, like maybe for starts or something in regards

to events. The opportunities that college has with the PGA Tour, it's a no-brainer to go back and try to compete for that PGA Tour card because that's the peak, where you want to be.

"It's just a really cool accolade to have. To join some big names. It does a lot for my amateur career and kind of helps me the next year or so as

I transition into pro golf. It's just a really cool accolade to have to join some big names."

Scott had shots to spare as he made the celebratory march up the last and said: "My caddie James told me to soak this in. I did the last 100 yards walking and I got emotional. I still had two putts to hit. It's amazing, it's a memory I'll have forever."



SILVER MEDAL Scott



THE OPEN

XANDER: I'M SPEECHLESS

FROM BACK PAGE

enormity of that Scottish history hit the honoured 30-year-old as he gazed at the cherished silverware following his two-shot triumph.

Schauffele pointed to the trophy when asked about seeing his name on it having won in the Home of Golf and said: "I was just informed, just on the tip there, dating back to the first Open at Prestwick.

"If you start looking at it, which I will definitely have time to tonight, it will all really sink in and settle in.

"I'm pretty speechless. If I sat in a room by myself with this, I would just stare at it and gaze and really try to take it all in."

Schauffele backed up his USPGA Championship win at Valhalla in May to make it two in 2024 and says spending preparation time in Scotland was key to his success.

The 2022 Scottish Open champion was back at The Renaissance last week to hone his links skills and adjust and he said: "It's essential. Just the time zone itself is a big thing to overcome.

"Then when you move along to the fescue and the deep bunkers and the finer sand, then you talk about the wind and the greens being slower, literally everything is completely different than what we do over in the States.

"If you can just give yourself an extra week to try and acclimate, it's a no-brainer."

Having won his first Major across the Atlantic, Schauffele's victory at Troon cemented his place in the game's folklore.

It was put to him that winning at the Home of Golf makes him the complete player and he smiled and said: "I don't know if that's true or not but I'm definitely going to believe that's true because here we are. To me it's big.

"Like we just talked about, it's a completely different style of golf. It makes you play shots and have different ball positions.

"There's so many different variables come



INSPIRING 2016's Stenson

into play. It truly is an honour to win this.

"To me winning the Scottish Open was big because it meant my game could travel. So to double that up and win a Major in Scotland is even cooler.

"I like challenges in general. If you tell me I can't do something, I'm going to try and do it."

"A kid growing up in San Diego, to tell him you can't play in the wind and rain, that would be sort of the peak there for a kid there on the West Coast in 75 degrees and five-miles-an-hour wind. It's a really cool thing for me and my team."

Schauffele blasted a blistering 65 to finish two clear of Justin Rose and Billy Horschel.

The success means America holds all four Major crowns with the Troon victor having his two alongside Masters champ Scottie Scheffler and US Open winner Bryson DeChambeau.

Players from the US have also won seven of the last eight Troon stagings and Schauffele said: "I've been in Scotland for two weeks.

"The fans have been amazing and made it feel like a second home for me. I can't wait to come back.

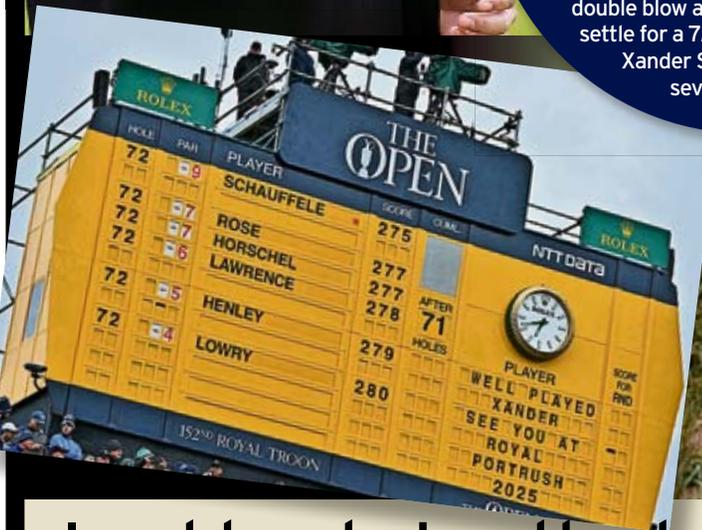
"I was able to watch the 2016 highlights of Phil (Mickelson) and Henrik (Stenson) to motivate myself for this week. I guess that paid off pretty nice.

"I don't know how you guys manage this weather and make the course look as good as it does."

Schauffele is now halfway to a career Grand Slam and said: "I'm one step closer and still have a long way to go. But if you don't see yourself doing it, you're never going to do it."



WINNING PAIRING
Schauffele with caddy Kaiser and, below, the scoreboard on the 18th



FRENCH WINE ONLY
Schauffele celebrates with trophy

OPEN BITE

WORLD No.1 Scottie Scheffler was one of only nine players to finish under par at the 152nd Open. The 28-year-old American was chasing a seventh victory - and took inspiration from Arnold Palmer reaching that same number in Ayrshire in 1962. But Scheffler's dream was shattered when he ran up a double-bogey six before another double blow at the last forced him to settle for a 72 - eight shots behind Xander Schauffele in joint seventh overall.

I got back Jon the ball

JON RAHM went from Open outsider to contender in the space of just seven holes at Royal Troon yesterday. The Spaniard began his final round trailing leader Billy Horschel by six shots. But by the time he had bagged his fourth birdie with 11 holes still to play, Rahm sensed that a third Major might just be within his grasp. Rahm, 28, said: "I wanted to keep it going, because, yes, at four-under, I thought if I could get close to the lowest round of the week, which was six-under, it would be a great round. "But once you turned into that left-

to-right wind on the back nine, it wasn't helping as much as it has the last few days. It's a little bit longer. "I played well but just didn't strike my iron shots good enough to give myself birdie looks. "I had a lot of long putts for birdie, and then the few closer ones that I had I didn't make. But I did make two really lengthy par putts on the last two holes, so it all evens itself out. "The one thing I keep thinking about is the fact that I didn't birdie a single par-five all week."

JUSTIN'S PRIDE BEFORE A BAWL

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AMERICAN DREAM

XANDER SCHAUFFELE admitted he got chills after an electrifying final day led him on "the coolest" victory march through Royal Troon.

But the calm Californian revealed his breezy exterior belied a burning intensity that's driven the impressive 30-year-old to a stunning second Major of the year.

Billed as an epic final-day shoot-out on the Ayrshire coast, Schauffele looked like he barely broke sweat as he surged over the line with the best round of the day.

Having claimed the USPGA Championship in May with a final-day 65, Schauffele became just the second man after Jack Nicklaus to do it twice in a Major.

Asked where the victory ranked, Schauffele didn't hesitate and said: "At the very tip top. Best round I've played."

As the rest scrapped and fought, the Olympic gold medallist was never flustered.

In fact, he was almost serene as he revealed decades of headache had hammered home the importance of keeping a clear head.

He said: "There's calmness and super-stressful moments when you're trying to win a Major. I felt them in the past, the ones I didn't win, and I let them get to me. A long time ago I just kept tracking my rounds where I got truly deep-down angry and my mistakes started compounding."

"I get angry. I've never broken a club but I've gotten pretty p**d off on property."**

"Everyone in my family knows how competitive I am. I may not be the guy running around fist pumping but that's just who I am. I kind of know how I need to be to perform at a high level."

"The same way I don't get really angry, I also don't let myself get too over the moon."

"If I'm snapping a club, that would be the same as me running around fist pumping. It would take too long for me to adjust before my next shot to hit a good one."

"I've kind of embraced this sort of SoCal (Southern California) laid-back kid but there's a fire burning deep within - maybe brighter than ever - or you wouldn't have a couple of Majors sitting by your side."

Having that first win

GRAND XAND FINISH

That was my greatest round says super-cool champ

BY CRAIG SWAN

helped as he said: "I had some feeling of calmness. It's a dream come true to win two Majors in one year. It took me forever to win one, to have two now is something else."

"That walk up 18 truly is the coolest with the yellow leaderboards and the fans and the standing ovation. It really is one of the coolest feelings I've ever had in my life. I got chills walking down. It's an honour. I've always dreamt of doing it."

"Long ago, I decided to take golf seriously when I was about 13. I sat down with my dad when I was maybe 15 and 16 and we started to really hash out goals and dreams."

"I was on the couch with my dad a lot watching other guys win Majors and big tournaments."

"Me and my dad have watched that walk up 18 pretty much every year until I've played in The Open. It's definitely something that we've both dreamt of."

He laughed at suggestions his celebrations wouldn't quite be of Bob MacIntyre levels and smiled: "Not being Scottish, it will be low key. I don't drink a whole lot ever. My

family and most of my team are here. I'm just curious to see what my dad is going to pick as the first drink out of this."

That was soon answered by a delighted Stefan Schauffele, who said: "Of course it is a Claret Jug. The name says it. Red wine. We are trying to find good wine. I am half-French. No beer!"

And with the wine choice confirmed, Schauffele Jr said: "I can't wait to enjoy this with my family. It feels like it's all worth it. My wife's here, both my parents, my brother, and my uncle. They're all here. My caddie Austin Kaiser, he's one of my best friends but it's a team thing. No one better to share it than Austin because he deserves it as well."

Schauffele was the boss at Troon and he said: "There's a lot of parts of my job that I don't like but the freedom is just being outside."

"It's one of the coolest jobs in the

world. You get to be outside in the sun. I don't have to sit at a desk. I'm my own boss."

"It's all part of the process. It is an incredible feeling to be up here with the Claret Jug. It is just a result at the end of the day and I really do believe that. Sometimes things go your way and sometimes they don't. I felt like

I really controlled a lot of it. I kind of grabbed onto it and there was no chance I was going to let go of it. I was pretty aware of that and really wanted to make sure I did that."

"For the most part, all those tough losses in the past or those moments where I let myself slip up and dream too early on that back nine, I was able to reel myself in today and make sure that didn't happen. I feel very honoured."

"Hearing your name called with 'Open Champion' right after is something I've dreamt of for a very long time."

Claret Jug. The name says it. Red wine. We are trying to find good wine. I'm half-French. No beer!"

SCHAUFFELE SNR

HORSCHEL: I KEPT ON FIGHTING

JOINT runner-up Billy Horschel morphed into Rocky Balboa in a desperate late bid to deny Xander Schauffele the Claret Jug.

The American fought tooth and nail to try to land his first Major at the age of 37 after leading by one shot overnight.

A closing salvo of three straight

BY JIM BLACK

birdies for a 68 wasn't enough. But Horschel said: "It's what's in my DNA - I'm always going to fight until the end."

"I was very close and I should feel disappointed because I had a chance to win a Major. I was in a really good position but I just didn't

play and made a few too many mistakes when I didn't need to. But when I look back on this, I'll be very happy with what I did this week."

"I did a lot of great things that I can take on to the next few years of Majors and hopefully one of these will be my time to step through the door and hold one."



MISTAKES Guttled Horschel

HOW THEY FINISHED

(Gbr & Irl unless stated, par 71)

(a) denotes amateurs

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BRENDAN I'm hunting TWO new strikers



ON FRONT FOOT Rodgers has number of targets



NO PANIC Gers star Souttar

We'll just Tav to move on says Souttar

BY ANDY NEWPORT

JOHN SOUTTAR insists Rangers don't have to panic at the prospect of losing captain James Tavernier.

Free-scoring skipper Tav's nine-year stint at Ibrox looks to be coming to a close as Turkish outfit Trabzonspor prepare a second bid.

And it was rumoured last night that Cypriot side Aris Limassol had joined the race for stopper Connor Goldson too. With gaffer

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BRENDAN RODGERS has revealed he's determined to bolster Celtic's attack with TWO new strikers.

The Hoops boss hopes to bring loan star Adam Idah back to Parkhead despite Norwich playing

BY MICHAEL GANNON

hardball over the hitman. But Rodgers admitted he'll need another frontman to add to the squad after the departures of Oh

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THE OPEN

CHAMPIONSHIP

Champ Xander proud to have claimed Claret Jug up the road from birthplace of The Open



PRECIOUS Schauffele plants a smacker on Claret Jug after grabbing victory



BY CRAIG SWAN

XANDER SCHAUFFELE was speechless at winning a Claret Jug beside the birthplace of The Open.

The American star produced a magical final-day burst to win the 152nd Championship.

Schauffele's success at Royal Troon came next door to where the first Open was played at Prestwick in 1860.

And the

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JACKSON ON GERS

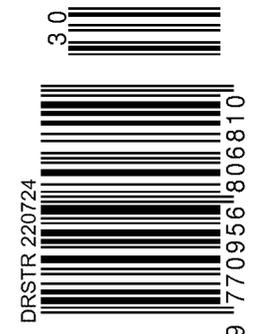
Chairman Bennett will have to front up on his club's plight... and soon



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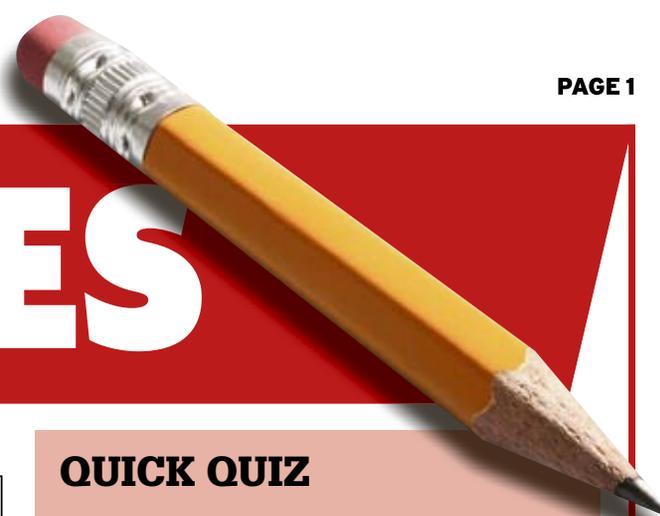
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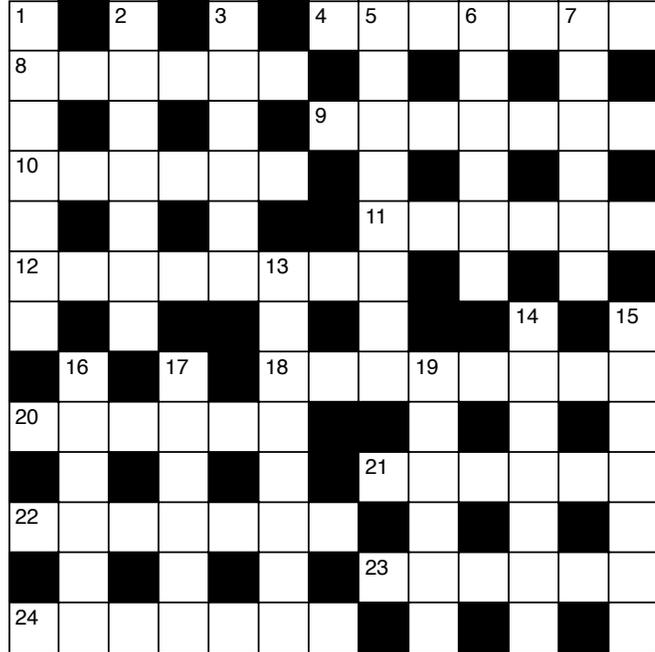


THE SCHAUFFE OF LEGENDS

EXTRA PUZZLES



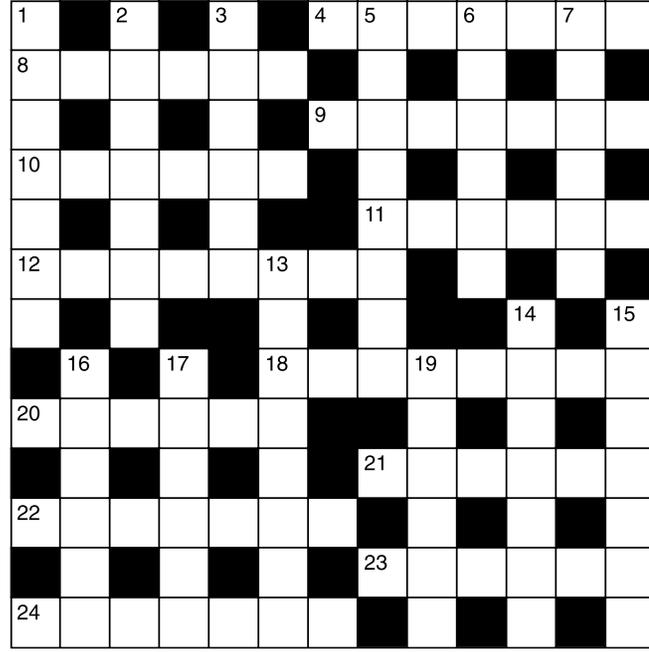
GK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Tourist resort in Switzerland at the end of Lake Maggiore (7)
 - Georges, French painter who developed Cubism with Picasso (6)
 - Geoffrey, England cricketer who played in 108 Tests from 1964-82 (7)
 - 'The — Bums', 1958 novel by Jack Kerouac (6)
 - European kingdom whose capital is Oslo (6)
 - Mammal such as the impala, springbok or dik-dik (8)
 - Alan, author of Saturday Night and Sunday Morning (8)
 - Town in central Italy which contains the remains of Hadrian's Villa (6)
 - Large feline mammal, Panthera onca, similar to the leopard (6)
 - European republic whose capital is Vienna (7)
 - Third sign of the zodiac (6)
 - Fascist movement founded in Spain in 1933 (7)

- DOWN**
- Port in the Cote d'Ivoire on the Gulf of Guinea (7)
 - Card game for two to six players (7)
 - 'Three Men on the —', 1900 novel by Jerome K. Jerome (6)
 - Daniel, Irish nationalist leader and orator who died in 1847 (8)
 - Alberto, 1953 world Formula 1 motor racing champion (6)
 - 7 and 15. Character in Guys and Dolls who marries Adelaide (6,7)
 - New York home of Sing Sing state prison (8)
 - Island in the West Indies whose capital is Castries (2,5)
 - See 7.
 - Cud-chewing mammal of the Andes similar to the llama (6)
 - Wife of Brutus in Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare (6)
 - Peter, England Test cricketer who took a hat-trick against the West Indies in 1957 (6)

QUICKSTART



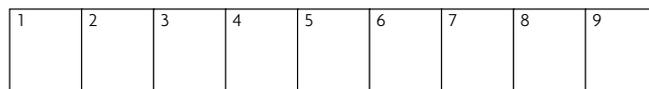
- ACROSS**
- Scold (7)
 - Logic (6)
 - Muslim ascetic (7)
 - Unfurl (6)
 - Likely (6)
 - Ironmongery (8)
 - Stance (8)
 - Harm (6)
 - Coil (6)
 - Companion (7)
 - Gap (6)
 - Excuse (7)

- DOWN**
- Thirst (7)
 - Conflict (7)
 - Empty (6)
 - Unrivalled (8)
 - Disclose (6)
 - Offend (6)
 - Addendum (8)
 - Tingle (7)
 - Surround (7)
 - Steam (6)
 - Attic (6)
 - Weaken (6)

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.

- 95294573 gives a traditional roofer
 13724573 gives a religious minister
 426732628 gives a film crew member



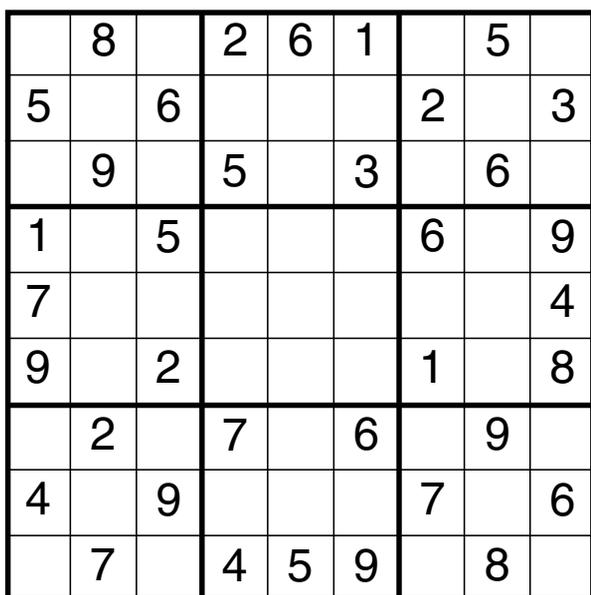
QUICK QUIZ

- With which musical instrument was Pablo Casals chiefly associated?
- Which great Italian operatic tenor died in 1921?
- Which British actor starred in Brief Encounter, Mutiny on the Bounty and Ryan's Daughter?
- Which French composer wrote the opera Carmen?
- By what name was painter Domenikos Theotokopoulos known?
- From which desert does the khamsin wind that blows over Egypt come?
- Of which European country was Enver Hoxha leader from 1954 to 1985?
- What colour is a female blackbird?
- Which British archaeologist discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in collaboration with Lord Carnarvon?
- Who was the fifth wife of Henry VIII and the second to be beheaded?
- In which sport do riders compete on motorcycles without brakes on dirt tracks?
- Which former poet laureate who lived in the Lake District wrote The Prelude?
- What is the second longest river in Europe after the River Volga?
- Which island off the coast of Wales is called Ynys Môn in Welsh?
- What is the motto of the SAS?
- What is the name of the seat in the House of Lords used by the Lord Speaker (and previously by the Chancellor)?
- By what name is an elk known in North America?
- What name is given to scurf that forms on the scalp and comes off in small white scales?
- In the Old Testament, who was the first king of Israel?
- Which film actress starred in the films Gentlemen Prefer Blondes and The Misfits?

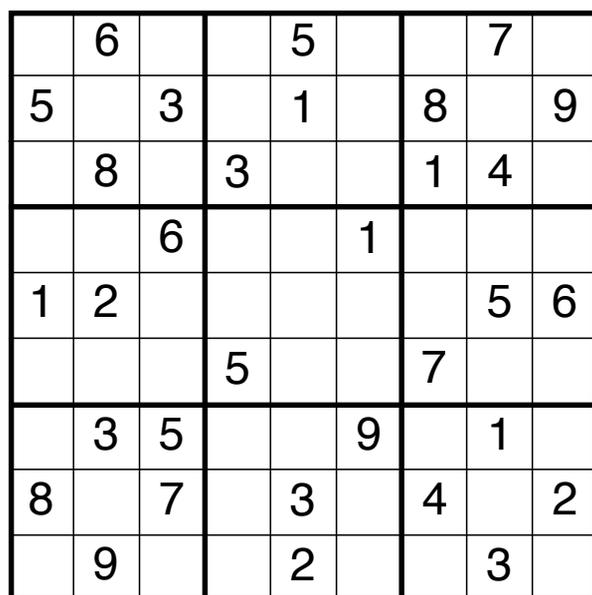
SUDOKU

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.

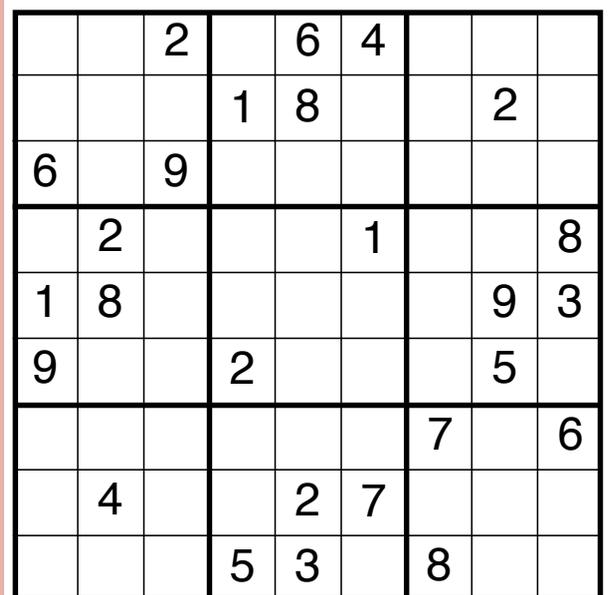
Easy



Medium



Hard



EXTRAPUZZLES

FILL IN

When you've completed the puzzle, rearrange the shaded squares to spell out a type of bird. We've given you one word to start you off.

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3 LETTERS

- BUY
- FOP
- INK
- LIE
- ORE
- OVA
- PAY
- RED
- SEE
- SOY

EVEN

- HALO
- HILL
- IRON
- LACE
- OATH
- ONCE
- POLO
- RARE
- ROLL
- SELF

4 LETTERS

- AGUE
- AJAR
- BASH
- BIRD
- CURL
- DODO
- DOER
- EDGE
- ERGO

5 LETTERS

- BURPS
- POSSE
- SATYR
- TOPAZ

7 LETTERS

- COINAGE
- EARRING

WORDSEARCH

Find the listed words and phrases in the grid below. Words can run forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

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E	W	M	X	P	A	K	H	K	B	T	S	U	B	G

SEIZE

- ABDUCT
- APPREHEND
- ARREST
- BAG
- BUST
- CAPTURE
- CATCH
- COLLAR
- CONFISCATE
- CONQUER
- ENSNARE
- GRAB
- GRASP
- HOOK
- IMPRISON
- OBTAIN
- PINCH
- SNATCH
- SWEEP
- TRAP

CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

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H													
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J													
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30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's Challenge. Genius players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

BEGINNER	19	x3	+20	5/7 of this	-10	÷5	+31	85% of this	-17	x4	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE	18	+97	2/5 of this	-37	Squared	+63	2/3 of this	-12	÷4	+40	ANSWER
ADVANCED	17	x13	-207	Squared	-38	÷2	+317	÷9	+10	x6	ANSWER

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.

5287334 gives a large animal

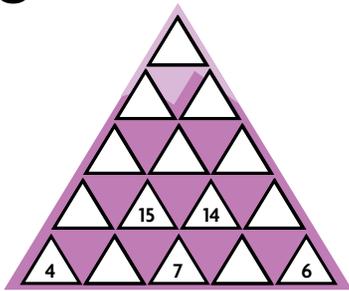
9456 gives a small animal

8721 gives a bird

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?



ANSWERS

NINER LIFE GUARD SUMMIT UP 12 WORDSQUARE BUSHINESS EVENS 1472, 3194, 2351, 4286
WORD LADDER One possible solution is: BEND, BOND, BONE, BORE, TORE, TORN, TURN.

WORDSQUARE

N	S	B
S	U	S
H	E	I

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one nine-letter word.

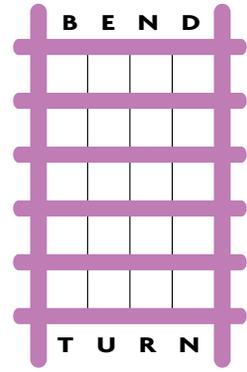
Target:
 9 – good;
 12 – very good;
 15 or more – excellent

EVENS

Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column. 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.



				14
				17
				11
				20
10	10	29	13	

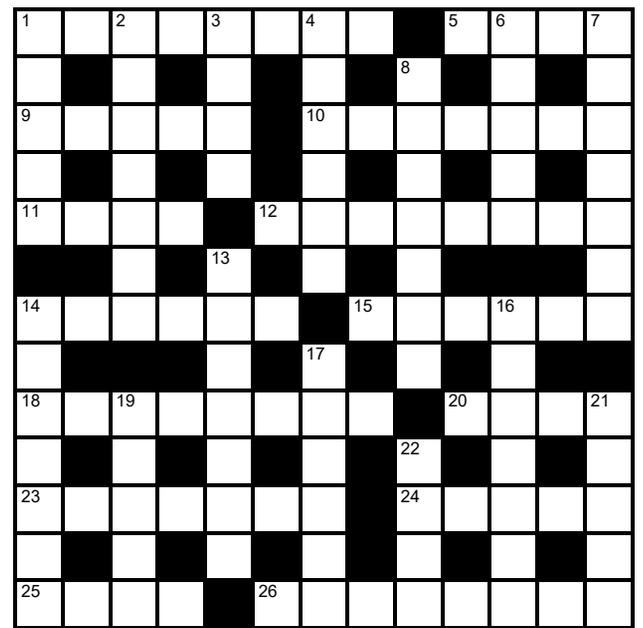
WEE THINKER

Across

- 1 It's a treat, on occasion, to have leisure (4,4)
- 5 Second cat in bad air (4)
- 9 Managed to unite policeman and journalist (5)
- 10 Thanks raven flying to restaurant (7)
- 11 Look for join, say (4)
- 12 Left code out showing a loss of nerve (4,4)
- 14 Done for when discarded by a girl (6)
- 15 Looked for celebrity journalist (6)
- 18 With little cash around, CID involvement is by mere chance (8)
- 20 Race round some area (4)
- 23 Picture of one mother with drink, Eastern (7)
- 24 Learner always has a crowbar (5)
- 25 Hugs, oddly, in stream (4)
- 26 Engineers look for inquiry (8)

Down

- 1 Concentrate on what a lens does (5)
- 2 Quick to demonstrate (7)
- 3 Smart time to carry out DIY (4)
- 4 Suggestion gets doctor into trouble (6)
- 6 Join in an emergency (5)



- 7 Allowed force and shouted (7)
- 8 I tidy van after trip with no end of passion and eagerness (7)
- 13 Often drilling with part of plant (7)
- 14 Coping in glade, somehow (7)
- 16 Get back engineers' insurance (7)
- 17 We hear a letter gets an extension (6)
- 19 Seafood right inside taxis (5)
- 21 Soil from planet (5)
- 22 Prompt student included evidence (4)

SUDOKU

EASY

2			7	1			6
	9		3	6	2	5	
3			2			1	7
8				3	7		9
	7		6	4			
1		6		8		3	2
	8			9			3
	3		7	5		2	
4			8		6		5

MEDIUM

	3			8	9		
			1			6	8
1	5		4	6			
		6			1		3
5	4		6		1		9
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	7		3	5		8	6
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		9	4	1			3

ANSWERS

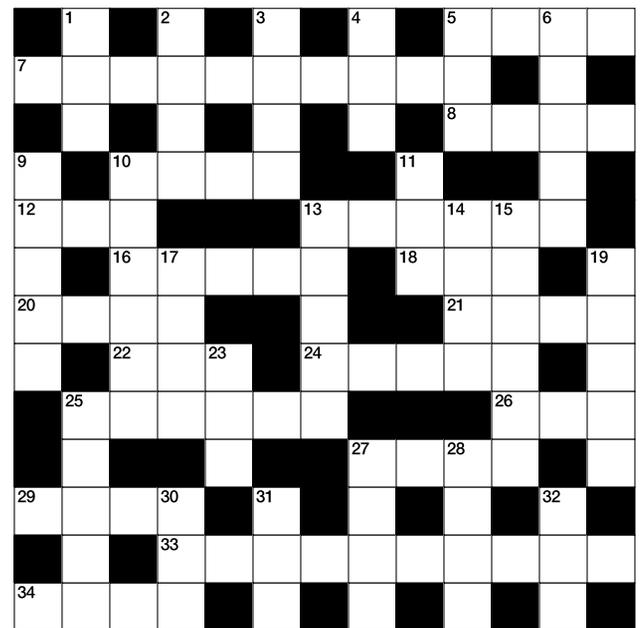
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EASY

9	8	2	1	7	6	9	8
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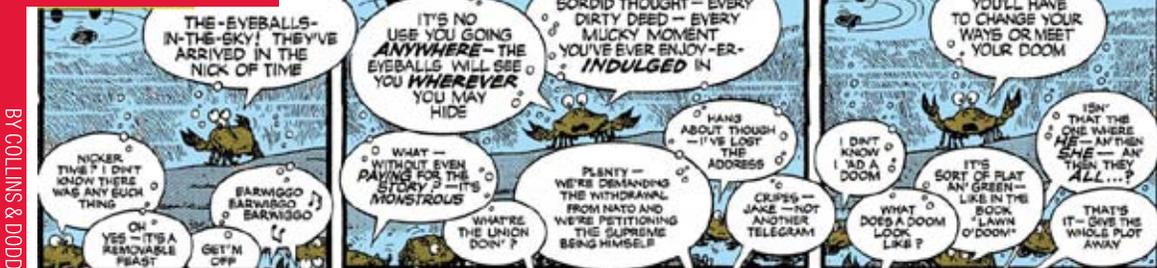
MEDIUM

QUICKIE



CARTOONS

THE PERISHERS



SHUGGIE AND DUGGIE



FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS

WEE THINKER ACROSS: 7 Obtains, 9 Agape, 10 Degas, 11 Contort, 12 Gladden, 14 Wags, 17 Gets, 18 Casting, 20 Matilda, 22 Pesto, 23 Lanky, 24 Spatial.

DOWN: 1 Hot dogs, 2 Stagnate, 3 Pins, 4 Barn owls, 5 Taco, 6 Berth, 8 Second-class, 13 Displays, 15 Gainsaid, 16 Ignoble, 19 Smile, 21 Tang, 22 Peal.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 4 Donate; 7 Decorate; 8 Nickel; 10 Larva; 13 Mime; 14 Time; 15 Camp; 16 Bed; 17 Noun; 19 Ajar; 21 Curtailed; 23 Fuse; 24 Gnaw; 26 Rib; 27 Glen; 29 Emit; 32 Woos; 33 Slope; 34 Friend; 35 Gendarme; 36 Centre.

DOWN: 1 Adult; 2 Scorn; 3 Area; 4 Denim; 5 Nice; 6 Teeter; 9 Impala; 11 Aim; 12 Venus; 13 Manages; 15 Cut; 16 Bad; 18 Oregon; 20 Jewel; 21 Cub; 22 Inn; 23 Fierce; 25 Rip; 28 Lodge; 30 Mourn; 31 Teepee; 32 Wept; 33 Side.