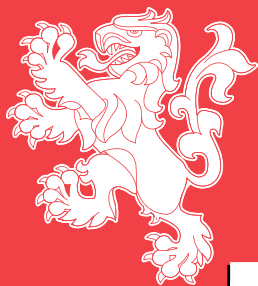


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GANG WAR MR BIG WANTS RIVALS DEAD



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OF FIRE
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and Daniel

EXCLUSIVE

BY **JOHNPAYL CLARK**

THE "Mr Big" behind an explosive gang war is offering a £100,000 bounty to take down his enemies.

The Dubai-based hood is "desperate to kill" and his targets include Mark Richardson and Steven "Bonzo" Daniel.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Edinburgh, Fife & Borders

Mostly cloudy skies with a cool feel. Max 12C (54F). Winds ENE at 7-9mph. UV index: 4.

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Mostly cloudy skies with a chilly feel. Max 11C (52F). Winds ENE at 3-5mph. UV index: 4.

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Inverness & Moray

Mostly cloudy skies. Max 13C (55F). Winds NE at 4-6mph. UV index: 4.

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Overcast skies with a mild feel throughout. Max 13C (55F). Winds NE at 4-6mph. UV index: 4.

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Sun rises: 5.49am

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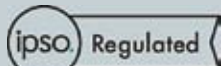
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Passengers 'ignore' ScotRail booze ban



DECISION Fiona Hyslop

THE SNP's booze ban on ScotRail services is being widely ignored by passengers as the policy is "unenforceable", trade union chiefs have warned.

Passengers used to be allowed to drink alcohol on trains on the network before 9pm.

But the Scottish Government introduced a "temporary" ban in

BY CHRIS MCCALL

November 2020 and have since refused to lift it despite other Covid restrictions being ditched.

Other rail providers such as LNER and Avanti West Coast have no alcohol restrictions.

Appearing before Holyrood's transport committee, two railway

union chiefs were quizzed on the policy's impact.

Gordon Mackay, the Scotland organiser for the RMT, described the ban as "unenforceable" and that it was being "ignored".

Kevin Lindsay of Aslef said Transport Secretary Fiona Hyslop was "listening" to unions - and there was an "ongoing debate" in the Scottish

Government about the ban being removed.

Critics of the ban claim it deprives the publicly-owned operator of money and penalises law-abiding passengers.

A Scottish Government spokesman said previously: "Safety is considered an important factor in our deliberations on this matter."

STUC BOSS WARNING TO LABOUR..

Raise your game to halt right-wing rise

EXCLUSIVE
BY PAUL HUTCHEON

SCOTLAND'S top trade unionist has claimed Nigel Farage's Reform UK is like a "gateway drug" to fascism.

STUC general secretary Roz Foyer also warned Labour it could be a one-term government unless it delivers the change it promised.

She added that she could not give Keir Starmer's administration a grade higher than five out of 10 for its performance so far.

Foyer made the comments on the eve of John Swinney's summit today of civic and political leaders to combat the rise of Reform.

Polls show the anti-immigration party is a contender to return MSPs at the 2026 Holyrood poll and could even win the next UK general election.

Foyer told the Record: "It's no surprise we have that situation because the economy hasn't been working for people for quite a long time."

"We have had a lot of people really struggling and it's at times like that when the far right can get a foothold."

She added: "Reform are

Foyer gives Starmer 5 out of 10 so far and brands Reform 'gateway drug' to fascism



WORRY Foyer, left, gave Starmer little praise and warned that voters could turn to Reform's Farage, below right



a symptom of a bigger and wider problem.

"They are a bit like the gateway drug to where we could end up in terms of the rise of fascism."

"We need to remember lessons from a century ago when we had the Great Depression and we ended up seeing the rise of fascism across Europe."

Foyer hopes the summit will not be a "talking shop"

but a moment when underperforming politicians look in the mirror.

She said parties like Reform rise when voters struggle and governments do not deliver for working people.

Although she welcomed the Labour Government's planned reforms to boost employment rights, she said: "Outwith that, I am quite disappointed and

concerned about some of the direction of travel we have seen from our new UK Labour Government."

She added: "We have seen a complete failure to address the redistribution of wealth through any kind of meaningful wealth tax."

Foyer hit out at planned cuts to international aid and social security benefits and said she worries Labour might be

a single-term government. She added: "I really think they are failing to see how critical it is that they deliver the change they promised, and do it quickly."

Asked to give Labour a mark out of 10, she said: "It certainly wouldn't be higher than five, based on what I have seen so far."

"It is certainly not a pass mark."

GREEN MSP SLAMMED OVER COURT BLAST PAGE 10

ENERGY COST FORCING CUTBACKS



DILEMMA Heating or eating

MORE than two-fifths of households are cutting spending on food and other essentials as a result of rising energy bills, research has found.

A third of households in Scotland are finding it

BY KATRINE BUSSEY
difficult to afford their energy bills, the Scottish Climate Survey for 2024 revealed.

More than half (51 per cent) of those who rent are struggling with the cost

along with 49 per cent of those in households whose income is less than £26,000 a year and 46 per cent of disabled people.

The research published by the Scottish Government added that 42 per cent of

households were cutting back spending on essentials to pay for energy.

It also noted that less than five per cent of households have a heat pump, with cost and a lack of interest the barriers.

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ELEGANT Jerry and Georgia model Burberry outfits for campaign

Famtastic...

Jerry and brood's style shoot

BY **KENZI DEVINE**
JERRY Hall introduces yet another generation to the family business of fashion.

Daughters Georgia and Lizzy were already catwalk queens like Jerry and now their sons Dean and Eugene are getting in on the act. The boys were seen with

Jerry, 68, Lizzy, 41, and Georgia, 33, modelling Burberry gear ahead of US Mother's Day on May 11.

Jerry beamed with her girls, daughters of ex Mick Jagger, plus Eugene, four, and Dean, seven months.



MODEL SON
Eugene & Lizzy



MOTHERS' LITTLE HELPERS Lizzy looks on as mum Jerry cuddles her son Eugene while Georgia hugs baby Dean

EXCLUSIVE DUBAI-BASED HOOD SET TO

Desperate

» Mr Big offers £100k to murder gangland rival

» Notorious clan members in crosshairs

BY **JOHNPAUL CLARK**
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THE Dubai-based "Mr Big" orchestrating a gang war in Scotland is "desperate to kill" and is offering a £100,000 bounty for the first murder of his rivals.

An underworld source says the hood, who has masterminded a series of attacks in recent weeks and is believed to be a former Rangers ultra, is "livid" nobody has been killed during the current crime war.

His hit-list includes some of the most feared crime clan members in the country, including the families and closest associates of arch enemies Mark Richardson and Steven "Bonzo" Daniel.

Mr Big's enforcers, a faceless group going by the name of Tamo Junto, announced last weekend they were moving on to "phase two" in their vendetta against the Edinburgh and Glasgow kingpins.

The source has now warned attacks will escalate from firebombs intended to damage businesses and properties linked to the pair as Mr Big calls for "direct violence".

Speaking to the Record, the source said: "Phase two in this feud is going to be about direct violence and nothing else.

"Mr Big is desperate to kill someone from the Richardson and Daniel mobs, and is livid it hasn't happened yet. The firebombing campaign was just a way to hurt them financially – but he wants blood now.

"His main Edinburgh targets are Richardson, his brother Dale and his right-hand man David Togher.

"In Glasgow, he wants Bonzo Daniel and Jamie Daniel's sons Francis Green and Zander Sutherland.

"They are his high-profile

TARGETS
Zander Sutherland, below, and Steven 'Bonzo' Daniel, main



£100,000 targets and he wants them now. Mark and Zander are both locked up, so they could be more difficult to bring down.

"But there is a lot of money on offer and one of their own could set them up for the cash.

"As for the rest of them, the cops can't protect them because they don't have the manpower.

"The Dubai player's crew are just biding their time.

"The targets are being watched very closely and as soon as one of them comes out of hiding, they will strike.

Nobody is safe. Mr Big wants people dead and he is the type of person who gets what he wants."

Richardson's brother Dale, 36, was almost killed in a previous vendetta against the kingpin in 2021.

George Baigrie, a known enemy of Richardson, 37, set upon his younger sibling with a machete at a Tesco store on Gracemount Drive in the capital.

He was rushed to hospital and underwent a 10-hour operation after an artery was sliced in the attack, which could have caused him to bleed to death.

Richardson's right-hand man

Togher was jailed for six years after he slashed violent heroin baron Sean "Lugs" McGovern in a broad daylight street attack in Edinburgh city centre in 2016.

Togher, 40, stalked the ex-soldier while he was on home leave from jail and pounced after McGovern left his girlfriend's car.

Along with an accomplice, they ran up to McGovern, 42, and hacked at his face and head before running back to a getaway vehicle and fleeing the scene.

While the war first broke out after Richardson's crew stole £500,000 from

ESCALATE MOB FEUD

for a kill



GANG BOSS Mark Richardson

Kingpin puts bounties on two targets

BY **JOHNPAUL CLARK**

MOB boss Mark Richardson has named two key targets after he hired a track-and-trace hit squad to find those waging war on his crew.

Last week, we reported Richardson, currently behind bars at HMP Low Moss, ordered his Edinburgh foot soldiers to assemble a squad to hunt thugs who targeted homes and businesses linked to him in a series of firebomb attacks.

The kingpin, 37, has now placed bounties on the two gangland hoods from the Milton and Possilpark areas of Glasgow.

Ian Donnelly and Jordan Lyon, both in their 20s, are believed to have been involved in a series of firebombings and shootings which have rocked Scotland's two largest cities.

A source close to Richardson told how their names are linked to jailed gangster James "The Don" White - who is understood to be working closely with the Dubai-based Mr Big wreaking havoc in the ongoing turf wars.

A £25,000 bounty has now been put on the heads of both Donnelly and Lyon as Richardson battles to take back control.

The source said: "The Richardson organised crime group has now identified the main individuals involved in the recent attacks on his mob.

"He'll pay a £25K bounty to anyone who can find Donnelly and Lyon."

Donnelly was jailed after a horrifying attack on Steven "Bonzo" Daniel's mother-in-law in 2020.

He was one of three thugs who targeted Jeanette Connell outside her home as they hunted for a man who was not at the property amid heightened tensions between the Lyons and Daniel crime families. The gang left her in a bloodied heap after she was battered over the head with a baton.

In 2021, Lyon pled guilty to smashing into police van and causing it to spin across the road as he raced through Glasgow at 100mph. He also admitted to driving while disqualified, driving without insurance and being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

White was caged for almost 10 years in 2023 and is believed to have made £126million from selling drugs.

He was a key lieutenant in an international crime gang led by brothers James and Barry Gillespie that operated in Brazil, Italy, Netherlands, Russia and the United Arab Emirates.

When the Gillespies vanished around five years ago, White took over.



CARNAGE
Our stories of firebomb attacks that have rocked crime families



Mr Big in a cocaine deal, Mr Big is also targeting the Daniel crime clan in Glasgow due to their association with the Edinburgh mob boss.

Steven "Bonzo" Daniel is believed to be the head of the family following his uncle Jamie's cancer death in 2016.

He was left with grotesque facial wounds during a gangland attack by rival members of the Lyons crew in 2017.

His £340,000 home in Bishopbriggs, near Glasgow, was rammed with a

car in 2022, causing considerable damage to the property.

Bonzo, 45, is currently in hiding abroad after the same property was firebombed by Mr Big's enforcers on

“ He's the type of person to get what he wants

SOURCE ON MR BIG WANTING TO KILL A GANG RIVAL

April 14, Jamie Daniel's son Francis "Fraggle" Green, 42, was jailed for three-and-a-half years for attacking a grandmother, Susanne Simpson,

in the Cairn Bar in Balornock in 2011.

Susanne had been involved in a rammy with Francis's sister, Kelly-Bo, partner of murdered Daniel clan enforcer Kevin "Gerbil" Carroll.

After Kelly-Bo left the pub and phoned for back up, Fraggie arrived with three other men and launched a vicious attack on the woman, who suffered a fractured cheekbone, scalp damage and bruising.

In 2017, gangland thugs opened fire on Fraggie's fortified house

at a village in the north of Glasgow in what was described as a tit-for-tat attack.

The incident happened only a month after Lyons enforcer Ross Monaghan who shot while dropping his daughter off at school.

Jamie Daniel's youngest son, Zander Sutherland, was arrested in Norway last year after spending months on the run from jail.

Sutherland, 36, was on home leave from Castle Huntly serving 13-and-a-half years for heroin dealing, when he absconded due to threats on his life.



EXCLUSIVE TORY BY-ELECTION

Farage puts his rich friends first

NIGEL Farage's Reform Party is currently polling at levels which could put them in with a chance of winning the next general election.

And it looks highly likely the party will return a raft of MSPs at next year's Holyrood election.

But Farage offers no real solutions to the problems faced by working families in Scotland. He blames immigrants and vulnerable groups for society's ills – from poor housing and low wages to NHS waiting lists.

You'll rarely hear him blame the UK's troubles on the grotesque inequality that sees workers made poorer while the rich get richer.

That's because he is a millionaire himself – a former private schoolboy who became a wealthy commodities trader and property tycoon.

His entire political career has been designed to protect the super-rich and advance his own interests.

That's why the Record welcomes John Swinney's anti-Reform summit which is taking place today.

The First Minister recognises the threat that right-wing extremism poses – not just to minority groups but to all working people.

It is fitting that the summit comes as we publish an open letter on Page 11 today by World War II veterans warning that we must not allow extremist hate to take root again in Europe.

From 1939 to 1945 all decent people fought to keep democracy alive in the face of Nazi aggression.

And as we navigate uncertain times in the 21st century, the lessons from history are clear.

Decent people must once again take on the rise of right-wing extremism.

And our politicians must also provide hope for a better, more prosperous future for all our people.

That, after all, is the real key to stopping the far-right.

RAISE YOUR GAME ON RIGHT WING - PAGE 2

Stay on course

ONE of Scotland's claims to fame is as the home of golf.

And it is a proud boast that the sport, in Scotland at least, is a game for all the people. Generations of youngsters have traipsed along to their local council course to play for a few quid.

And experienced golfers have often enjoyed some of the world's best courses for a modest sum.

However, with 18 holes costing more than £500 at some venues, the sport is starting to look more out of reach.

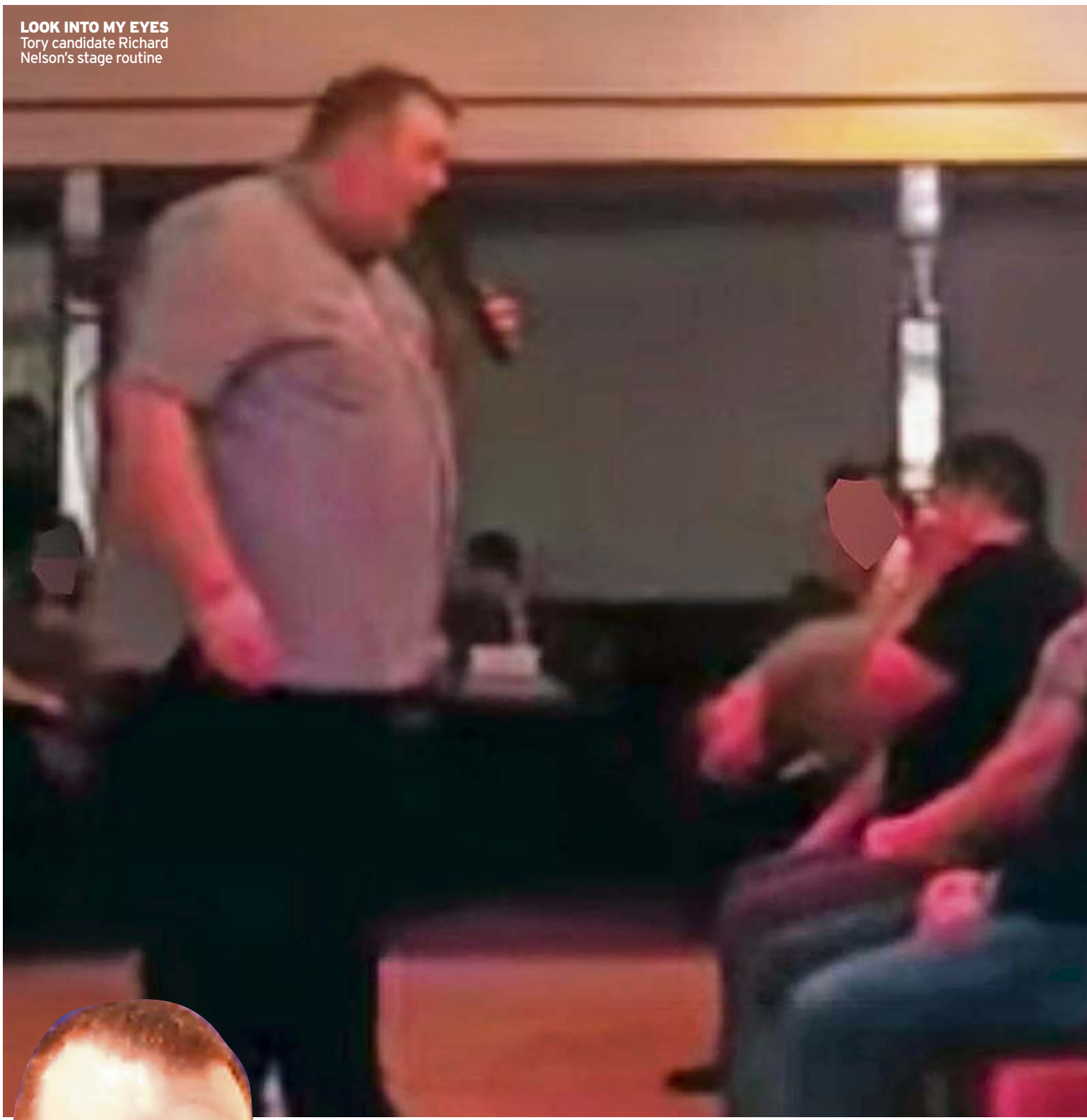
That is why the custodians of golf at St Andrews deserve praise for an initiative offering cheap rounds for Scots.

Tourists from around the world would pay a month's wages to play the Old Course. Yet we can now get a round for just £42.50.

That's a fairway to heaven.

FOUR COURSE DEAL - PAGES 12&13

LOOK INTO MY EYES
Tory candidate Richard Nelson's stage routine



'HARD-WORKING'
How the Tories described their candidate, Richard Nelson, for the late Christina McKelvie's seat in Holyrood

Hypnotist got his punters to jump around like

THE Tory candidate in a crucial Holyrood by-election is a foul-mouthed hypnotist who shouts abuse at his punters.

Richard Nelson humiliated one man by mocking him as an "a***hole" and made others believe they had soiled themselves.

Another routine sees him convincing audience members under his influence that they are being handed parts from a dead body.

Nelson, a South Lanarkshire councillor, was unveiled last week as the Tory candidate in a by-election caused by the death of the SNP's Christina McKelvie.

But he also has a side-job as a so-called comedy hypnotist where he turns the air blue during his bizarre routine.

Last night his Labour rivals said only a hypnotist could convince anybody to vote Tory. MSP Paul O'Kane said: "It would take a talented hypnotist to make people forget the

BY PAUL HUTCHEON

damage this morally bankrupt Tory party did to our country.

"Between the Tories selecting a hypnotist and the SNP failing to rule out the use of zero-hour contracts, the people of Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse haven't been left with much of a choice in this by-election."

Most of Nelson's hypnosis comedy shows are no longer on social media – but some clips have been given to the Daily Record.

At a show in Penicuik, Midlothian, Nelson hypnotised a group of men who jumped around like kangaroos when the music started. The men took their seats when the music stopped and Nelson unleashed a verbal tirade against them.

"A***hole, sit doon," he can be heard saying. He added: "What are you daeing? What you daeing, you d***? I'm in the middle of a show, here. A***holes. You and all."

The same routine of the music starting and stopping was followed again by Nelson laying into the men: "You, d*** heid, sit on your seat."

He also said: "What are youse pair of d***s

CANDIDATE'S BIZARRE SIDELINE

Trancing his luck

“Time will tell if he can help the Tories snap out of the trance Farage has them in”

AN SNP SOURCE ON RICHARD NELSON

kangaroos and cursed at them

daeing?” He continued: “You, you idiot. An imbecile. That’s what you are, an imbecile. A f***ing d***.”

He resumed the verbal attack: “An a***hole, that’s what you are. An a***hole.

In a separate show in Carluke, he managed to get members of the audience to believe they had soiled themselves.

He told his hypnotised audience members: “When I count to the number three... you will imagine the person next to you has done the most disgusting fart that you have ever smelt in your entire life. It will be stinking. It will be f***ing reeking.

“The next time you hear that [farting] noise you’ll imagine the person next to you has just not farted, they’ve actually followed through and s*** themselves. The smell has got stronger.”

Later on in the Carluke gig he has locals jumping around like kangaroos. He tells them: “You will act like a kangaroo every time you hear that piece of music. Now when the music stops, you’ll wonder what on earth and f*** you are doing, I’m going to be shouting abuse at you. You’re not

going to be happy with me.” The plot of another show involved members of a hypnotised group giving first aid to an imaginary person.

“Wait a minute, oh for f***’s sake, her f***ing heid’s hinging aff,” Nelson said.

He pretended to put the person out of their misery and said: “Dead.”

Nelson added: “I’ll tell you what I will dae with it. I’ll scrape it off aff the ground.”

He handed the imaginary body parts to the group, telling them: “You can have the heid.”

The Tory candidate’s sideline has raised eyebrows among political opponents.

An SNP source said: “Time will tell if this amateur hypnotist can help the Tories snap out of the trance Nigel Farage has set them under.

“His bizarre hobby aside, he’s taken the meaning of nailing your colours to the mast to a new level – with social media awash with footage of his foul ‘blue language’.

“Folk in Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse deserve a serious MSP to represent them in Holyrood – the SNP is

the only party offering that.” In a post on X last week, the Conservatives boasted: “Richard is already a hard-working local councillor and would make a fantastic MSP.”

Nelson, who represents the Larkhall ward in South Lanarkshire, declares himself to be a “hypnotist” on his council register of interests.

The row over Nelson’s selection is the latest blow for under-fire Scottish Tory leader Russell Findlay.

Party councillors have jumped ship to Nigel Farage’s Reform UK and MSP Jamie Greene recently defected to the Lib Dems.

A party source speculated that the Tories could “lose their deposit” in the June 5 by-election.

Opinion polls also show Farage making inroads into the Tory vote for the next Holyrood election.

A Scottish Tory spokesman said: “We don’t have an issue with this in the context of a comedy show. Hopefully his powers of persuasion translate to politics.”



HEART OF GOLD Joe

3 in court on ‘family man’ murder rap

BY RYAN CARROLL

THREE people yesterday appeared in court charged with murder after a man was found dead on a street.

Joe Buchanan, 35, was found dead in Douglas, Lanarkshire, on April 13.

Emergency services were called after reports of a disturbance but he was pronounced dead shortly after their arrival.

Christopher Mullen jnr, 21, Christopher Mullen snr, 40, and Ryan Mullen, 41, were arrested in connection with his death.

The trio were all charged with murder when they appeared at Airdrie Sheriff Court.

They made no plea and were remanded in custody to appear again at court within eight days.

Joe was described by his family as a man with “a heart of gold”.



BUSY Hilary Swank

Swank: I get great roles now I’m 50

BY CHARLOTTE McLAUGHLIN

OSCAR winner Hilary Swank has said that she has “more offers” of work than ever since turning 50 last July.

The Million Dollar Baby actress said in the May edition of Women’s Health UK: “Most people might be like, ‘Aren’t you worried that you’re now 50 and there’s not a lot of jobs?’

“I’m like, ‘No, I have more offers now than I’ve ever had’. It’s an exciting time.”

Demi Moore, 62, Cate Blanchett, 55, and Nicole Kidman, 57, are among women earning box office hits and critical praise for their central roles.

Swank gave birth to twins in 2023 at the age of 48 after reportedly freezing her eggs.

She said: “It was the right time for a myriad of reasons.”

ABUSIVE
The wannabe MSP for Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse



SCATHING Labour MSP Paul O’Kane has slammed Nelson’s selection

POPE LIES IN STATE AHEAD



PAPAL SEAL
Pope Francis's
rooms closed



PENSIVE A nun
mourns in St
Peter's Square



AT PEACE Pope Francis laid out in his private chapel



Intense feelings of occasion & sorrow

From **MATTHEW YOUNG**
in Vatican City

THE eyes of the world have turned towards this famous square in Rome, to St Peter's Basilica where the Holy Father will lie in state, and to the conclave of men who will decide the future of the Church.

But it is the women who seemed yesterday to embody the spirit and the emotion felt by millions of Catholics around the world at the death of the Pope.

The nuns who walk the famous cobbles, clutching rosary beads, their varied habits signifying the humility, purity, poverty or devotion most cherished by their order.

And then in contrast there is the bustle, the noise and the chaos of thousands of tourists, worshippers, locals, and the international media swarming into the Vatican.

But even amid the sadness at a revered figure's passing, practical decisions have to be made.

With Catholics from all over the world expected to queue for access to St Peter's Basilica to see the Pope lying in state, cardinals yesterday morning filed into the Vatican for their first meeting since the Pope's death a little more

than 24 hours earlier. These are men well used to organisation as well as more spiritual matters and their first decision - when the Holy Father's funeral will take place - was managed in just over an hour.

The funeral has been scheduled for 10am on Saturday at the Vatican. Francis will be buried at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in central Rome.

The conclave to elect a new Pope should begin no fewer than 15 and no more than 20 days after the death, and this first meeting was the first step towards that secretive gathering.

“It is a rather strange but also a very special moment to be in Rome

ELLA VOOGT DUTCH
TOURIST YESTERDAY

The cogs of this historic process, refined over centuries, are well and truly turning.

With emotional prayers heard in St Peter's Square each night in Francis's memory, it feels almost too soon. But this is how the Vatican deals with such bereavements.

Scaffolding providing huge platforms that will stage TV broadcasters from around the world is being built, portable toilets



REST Matthew Young in basilica where Francis will be interred

have been installed and mini-prefabs are being prepared for the massive media presence.

The grief is global - mourners have been photographed all over the world, including in East Timor and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

For tourists, it is a sorrowful but undeniably interesting time to be visiting.

Dutch couple Ella Voogt and Arjan Emmens, both 51, were on a day visit from Tuscany. They watched in bewilderment at the growing crowds and marvelled at the

mixed senses of occasion and grief in the atmosphere.

“Intense is the word, I think,” said Ella. “It’s a strange but a very special moment to be here in Rome,” added Arjan.

“This is history. I cannot imagine what it will look like tomorrow.”

A visitor who gave her name only as Grace, 33, who lives in Ireland, is on holiday with her sister Gift, 36. Gift flew from their native Tanzania to meet Grace in Rome for Easter, and both were shocked by the situation they found.

“Yesterday we just came straight out of the Airbnb, we hadn’t seen any news so we had no idea what had happened,” said Grace. “Then we got a call saying the Pope had died. We couldn’t believe it.”

Jostled by crowds, she added: “Today is already a lot busier than yesterday!”

The day after Easter Sunday, La Pasquetta, is a national holiday in Italy and is usually a day when Italians escape from cities to the countryside.

Because of this break, there is a suggestion here that we can expect a surge of mourners soon. So today will be even busier as flocks of the faithful are drawn to bid Francis a final goodbye.



VIGIL Mourners at
Tasitolu Esplanade
in Dili, East Timor



THOUGHTS
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OF SATURDAY'S FAREWELL

Heir of respect

Prince William to represent King in Rome as Francis is laid to rest

BY MATTHEW YOUNG at the Vatican

PRINCE William will join world leaders and hundreds of thousands of pilgrims on Saturday for the funeral of Pope Francis.

Kensington Palace yesterday announced the Prince of Wales is to represent his father King Charles, who visited the pontiff earlier this month.

Keir Starmer, US president Donald Trump, Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky and France's Emmanuel Macron will also be at the service in Vatican City, expected to be watched by millions on television globally.

The PM yesterday reiterated his praise for Francis, who he called a champion of the "downtrodden and forgotten" after his death at 88 was announced on Monday.

Starmer said: "What we've seen in the last 24 hours is an outpouring of grief and love for the late Pope that I think reflects the high esteem in which he was held."

A first picture of Francis was released by the Vatican yesterday, showing him in an open coffin in the chapel of Casa Santa Marta, where he lived.

The Pope spoke his final words to the personal nurse who cared for him during his illness, before dying from a stroke and heart failure.

Massimiliano Strappetti sat by his side when he was in hospital with double pneumonia and kept watch during his last weeks at home.

Officials said Strappetti helped Francis plan the popemobile tour of St Peter's Square on Easter Sunday, when Francis delivered his final message.

The Pope had apparently asked him: "Do you think I can manage it?"

He later said to the nurse: "Thank you for bringing me back to the Square."

William's attendance at the **MOURNER Prince William**



SECURITY Police in St Peter's Square in Vatican City yesterday Pictures: PHILIP COBURN

Pope's funeral comes after the King and Camilla had a private meeting with Francis on their state visit to Italy, 12 days before he died.

The prince is not known for his Christian faith, and, unlike his father and grandmother, is not a churchgoer.

Charles as the Prince of Wales went to Pope John Paul II's funeral on behalf of his mum the Queen in 2005, who never attended a pontiff's funeral.

Tony Blair was in office and postponed calling a general election for 24 hours.

The Pope's funeral is to take place outdoors at St Peter's Square at 10am local time, before he is buried at the

Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica. Dean of the College of Cardinals, Giovanni Battista Re, will lead the service.

At the end, he will deliver the final commendation – a concluding prayer in which the Pope will be formally entrusted to God – and the body moved to his final resting place.

Francis will be buried, as he requested, in a simple wooden casket, unlike his predecessors who were in the traditional three nesting coffins made of cypress, lead and oak.

One thousand extra police have been drafted in for the huge security operation to control the areas around the Vatican and the safety of pilgrims during the funeral.



LAST WORDS Pope with his loyal nurse



WATCH OVER

Christ figure above coffin of late Pope





BUSY Ambulances at A&E

A&E waits branded dangerous

BY **KATRINE BUSSEY**

THE Scottish Government has come under fire over the number of patients experiencing “dangerously long waits” in A&E, despite figures showing an improvement.

Data for the week ending April 13 showed of the 26,867 cases dealt with at accident and emergency, more than two thirds (68.6 per cent) were seen and either admitted, transferred or discharged within four hours.

That is up from 67.1 per cent the previous week, and is higher than the weekly average of 64.7 per cent achieved in 2024.

Health Secretary Neil Gray noted there has been a 4.2 per cent increase in performance in Scotland’s A&E departments since the same time last year.

But Public Health Scotland figures show the four-hour target was missed for 8436 patients in the week ending April 13.

Some 2507 patients spent eight hours or more in A&E over the course of the week, with 1040 there for a minimum of 12 hours.

Both Labour and the Tories raised concerns.

Scottish Conservative health spokesman Dr Sandesh Gulhane said: “It is intolerable that with the winter peak long gone over 1000 people every week are waiting more than 12 hours to be seen in A&E on the SNP’s watch.”

Labour health spokeswoman Jackie Baillie said: “The SNP cannot become complacent while thousands of Scots are still facing dangerously long waits for urgent care.”

Sturgeon in her Hay day

NICOLA Sturgeon is set to appear at the “world’s largest philosophy festival” ahead of her new memoir.

The former first minister has been announced as one of the speakers at the How The Light Gets In event at Hay-on-Wye, near Hereford, next month.

Trade war to trigger UK rate cuts



TIT FOR TAT
Donald Trump has fuelled uncertainty

THE Bank of England is forecast to make three rate cuts this year amid financial turmoil from Donald Trump’s trade war.

The International Monetary Fund warned the UK was likely to suffer a spike in inflation, fuelled by higher energy and water bills, and average 3.1 per cent this year.

It expects the economy to grow by just 1.1 per cent this year, compared with its previously forecast 1.6 per cent, then rise by 1.4 per cent in 2026, down from its last estimate of 1.5 per cent.

A sharp slowdown would pile pressure on the Bank of England to cut its base rate from the

current 4.5 per cent in a bid to boost spending by households and businesses.

The IMF says the Bank could afford three rate cuts this

BY **GRAHAM HISCOCK**

year to 3.75 per cent. Chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas said: “That seems appropriate given that some of this uptick in inflation we expect to be relatively transitory.”

He added the Bank’s base rate was likely to settle around three per cent. Lenders have begun to reduce rates in anticipation of further cuts. Nationwide is cutting mortgage rates as low as 3.89 per cent from today.

The IMF warned the US would be among the countries hard hit by the ongoing uncertainty and ramping up of tit-for-tat tariffs with China.

It slashed its forecast for the US economy this year by 0.9 percentage points, to 1.8 per cent.

Chancellor Rachel Reeves, who is attending the IMF’s spring meeting this week and also hopes to make a deal with the White House, seized on the upgrading of UK growth forecasts – by 0.1 per cent – for 2028 and 2029.

Trump appeared to pressure Jerome Powell, the chair of America’s Federal Reserve, to cut interest rates by calling him a “major loser”.



DEALS Jerome Powell & Reeves



GREEN MSP SLAMMED OVER COURT BLAST

APPALLING



ANGER Roddy Dunlop, below, slammed comments by Maggie Chapman, above



A GREEN MSP has refused to apologise for branding the UK Supreme Court “bigoted” and “hateful” following its ruling on the legal definition of a woman.

Maggie Chapman, an outspoken advocate of trans rights, made the remarks at a rally in Aberdeen last weekend.

It comes after justices unanimously ruled the terms “woman” and “sex” in the 2010 Equality Act “refer to a biological woman and biological sex”.

This means transgender women can be excluded from single-sex spaces if “proportionate”.

It followed a legal challenge against the Scottish Govern-

Lawyers’ fury at Chapman remarks after gender ruling

BY **CHRIS MCCALL**

ment over its plan to make it easier for adults to change their legally-recognised gender.

Chapman told the protest: “And we say not in our name to the bigotry, prejudice and hatred that we see coming from the Supreme Court and from so many other institutions in our society.”

Chapman, deputy convener of Holyrood’s Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, refused to apolo-

gise when speaking to reporters yesterday. She claimed her comments were “not aimed at individual judges”.

But asked who her comments were directed at, she said: “Our institutions function in a society where sexism is rife, where power dynamics are not equal, we know that, we see that in our daily lives.”

“It stands to reason then that the laws we make come from the same society, where those structures of inequality are

held.” But her views have sparked fury from the Scots legal community. The Faculty of Advocates said they were “appalling comments to come from any elected politician”.

Roddy Dunlop, its dean, added: “For Ms Chapman to claim that [judges] were swayed by ‘bigotry, prejudice and hatred’ is outrageous.”

“We are talking about the apex court of these islands, in this instance made up of a bench which included two of Scotland’s finest legal minds, as well as two women.

“No sensible person could read their dispassionate analysis and conclude that they were swayed by such matter.”

PM ‘ADULT FEMALE’ U-TURN

KEIR Starmer has said a woman is an “adult female” as he welcomed the UK Supreme Court’s judgment on the issue.

The PM said he was “really pleased” with the clarity the ruling offered, in a U-turn on his earlier position, confirmed by

Downing Street. Speaking in 2022, before he entered No10, Starmer said “a woman is a female adult, and in addition to that trans women are women, and that is not just my view – that is actually the law”.

But asked yesterday to repeat

his statement that “trans women are women”, he said: “I think the Supreme Court has answered that question.” Asked if he does not believe a transgender woman is a woman, he added: “A woman is an adult female, and the court has made that absolutely clear.”



ANSWER Keir Starmer



AGONY Calum Inglis

Jail tragedy family meet legal chief

BY SARAH WARD

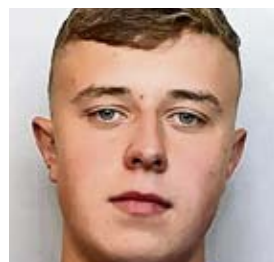
THE country's most senior law officer will meet the family of a man who say their son died in jail after testing positive for Covid.

Calum Inglis, 34, was serving a short sentence at HMP Addiewell in West Lothian when he tested positive for Covid in October 2021.

He was asthmatic and unvaccinated, and died 12 days later, his family allege. They claim that in the last four days of his life, he repeatedly asked in vain for medical help.

The family and their lawyer Aamer Anwar will meet Lord Advocate Dorothy Bain today at the Crown Office in Edinburgh.

A Scottish Prison Service spokesman said: "Our thoughts continue to be with the family and loved ones of Mr Inglis."



PRISON Blake Holmes

Scot stashed drugs haul in Irn-Bru can

BY EMILY CARUBIA

A REVELLER was jailed after he was found with MDMA, ketamine and cocaine inside an Irn-Bru can outside a dance music festival.

Blake Holmes, of Dalkeith, Midlothian, attended the Creamfields Music Festival near Liverpool in August 2023.

After a police search, his backpack was discovered to have a folding lock knife in it, along with a pack of Irn-Bru cans.

One of the cans, which officers spotted had a false base, had drugs inside with an estimated street value of £1990.

Holmes, 20, had earlier pled guilty at Chester Crown Court to two counts of possession with intent to supply, and possession of a knife. He was sentenced to 32 months in prison.

NEVER FORGET ..NEVER AGAIN



CELEBRATIONS VE Day joy in Trafalgar Square, London

BY ADAM ASPINALL

WORLD War II veterans have written a moving open letter to the British public in which they issue a rallying cry to remember the dangers of fascism.

In the letter, published today, two weeks ahead of the 80th anniversary of VE Day on May 8, the veterans implore us "to remember what happened isn't just about honouring the fallen – to remember is also our best hope of avoiding it ever happening again".

Reading from the letter, Colin Bell, 104, who was an RAF fighter pilot with 608 Squadron, said: "Remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice... remember how it took all of us coming together across classes, religions, nations and races to prevail."

Mohammad Hussain, 95, who fought in Italy with the 8th Indian Division, said: "This anniversary provides an opportunity to also recognise and remember those who sacrificed their lives from Commonwealth countries.

"I hope future generations look back on our collective pursuit of peace and build on our shared values to create a better world."

Celebrities are showing their

Veterans' open letter to Britain



PLEAS Veterans Colin Bell and Mohammad Hussain



support. Dragons' Den TV star and businesswoman Deborah Meaden, said: "Every business has a story to tell,

whether through local ties, historical involvement, support for veterans, or being from a sector that played its part in the war effort.

"Businesses will play a key part in the 80th anniversary commemorations by bringing together communities, customers, clients and their employees to demonstrate the reasons why it mattered then, matters now, and into the future."

The Together Coalition has launched VE Mail to connect children with the few remaining World War II veterans.

So far, more than 800 schools and youth organisations, with almost 30,000 children, have signed up through together.org.uk.

Writer Stephen Fry said: "Let our Second World War veterans know how highly you value them and how we are all thinking of them with pride and gratitude as this great anniversary comes round."

Athlete Sheli McCoy, also known as Gladiator Sabre, said: "Celebrating



JOY Record's VE Day edition in 1945

"I hope that future generations look back at our pursuit of peace"

MOHAMMAD HUSSAIN
WW2 VETERAN

THE LETTER

Almost 80 years ago, something remarkable happened.

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Few of us who fought in that war are still with us today. But those of us who are ask only one thing.

That you remember.

Remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Remember the danger of authoritarianism and fascism.

Remember how it took all of us coming together across classes, religions, nations and races to prevail.

Remember that peace and democracy don't just happen, they need to be maintained.

So please join us in celebrating this VE Day and VJ Day later this summer.

Please join in community celebrations on the 5th of May, the ongoing work in schools and the formal commemorations on the 8th of May.

But however you take part – please take a moment to remember as well.

To remember what happened isn't just about honouring the fallen – to remember is also our best hope of avoiding it ever happening again.

Colonel Joe Peterburs, Flight Lieutenant Colin Bell, Sergeant Major Rajinder Singh Dhatt, Sergeant Mohammad Hussain, Sergeant Ruth Brook Klauber, Naik (Lance Corporal) Mirza Khan, Commando John Eskdale, Bombardier Tom Jones, Private Mervyn Kersh, Jean Green, WRN

VE Day honours our Second World War veterans' resilience and ensures that their stories are passed on to future generations.

"It's such a wonderful opportunity to bridge the gap between their generation and ours."

Gurkha campaigner Joanna Lumley said: "This might be one of our last opportunities for our youngest generation to hear first-hand from surviving veterans and is a chance to ensure we don't forget those stories."

Experts' plea to Swinney on right to die legislation

FIRST Minister John Swinney is being urged to “protect vulnerable and marginalised Scots” by speaking out against plans to legalise assisted dying.

Lib Dem MSP Liam McArthur has brought forward legislation at Holyrood, which aims to give terminally ill adults the right to request help to end their life.

MSPs on the Health

BY **KATRINE BUSSEY**

Committee have been scrutinising the plans and the FM has been urged to state his views on the matter.

A group of experts and academics, which includes Dr Miro Griffiths of the Better Way campaign against assisted dying, have written to Swinney.


They said: “As experts in medicine, disability, sociology, law and other fields,

we believe ‘assisted dying’ is inherently unsafe, and practically unworkable.

“We would urge you to protect vulnerable and marginalised Scots and maintain your opposition to this practice.”

The Health Committee will publish a report on the Bill before a Holyrood vote.

Swinney said last year he was “actively and carefully” considering his position.



VIEW **S** FM John Swinney

CHARITY OPENS FOUR

Ordinary golfers get chance to follow in footsteps of legends at St Andrews for just £42.50



SALES PITCH
Punters can enter ballot

IT IS one of the most famous sporting arenas in the world - as well as one of the most ancient.

But despite its top-tier credentials, ordinary golfers could enjoy a round over the Old Course in St Andrews for just £42.50 – provided they're Scottish.

The course is one of the most popular to play and remains open to the public through a daily ballot, though it is beyond the budget of most, with normal summer fees set at £340.

However, the St Andrews Links Trust, which manages golf across seven courses in the Fife town, will open up 179 tee times to 716 Scottish golfers between May and October at a discounted price.

For those looking to follow in the footsteps of legends, the deal is in place at the Old, Castle, Jubilee and Eden courses.

Alan Tait, a former European Tour player, said he welcomed the move to make Scotland's most famous courses accessible to more than just wealthy tourists.

He said: “It makes me proud that there is that demand, that people from all over the world want to come to our beautiful

BY **DOUGLAS DICKIE**


country and play these amazing golf courses.

“But we just need to be careful that we don't overstep the mark because we don't want the Americans to stop coming and we certainly don't want it priced where Scottish people can't play their own courses in Scotland.”

The deal is part of the trust's “Drive” initiative to promote golf participation



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EXCLUSIVE FAIRWAYS TO ALL SCOTS COURSE DEAL

Green fees reduced by 87.5%

BETWEEN May and October this year, 179 tee times will be made available at the reduced price on four St Andrews courses.

It means 716 golfers with Scottish postcodes will have the chance to play St Andrews' four courses at an 87.5 per cent reduction on the regular high season green fees.

The full price of a round at the Old Course is currently £340 but will be reduced to £42.50.

Rounds on the neighbouring Castle course will cost £22.50 - down from £180 - during the promotional period.

Green fees on the Jubilee course will be £18.75 (down from £150) and £9.50 (down from £75) on the Eden course.

Places on the Old Course are limited, with just 11 tee times available on one date - May 21.

The only stipulation is that the player is a Scottish resident.

Some of the other dates have specific criteria - for example, places on the Eden course on certain dates in May and June will be limited to groups such as the Armed Forces.

Players can sign up to be entered into a two-ball ballot by visiting standrews.com/drive.

“We will ensure one of the country's top golfing assets is available to the public

NEIL COULSON CHIEF OF ST ANDREWS TRUST

by encouraging players of all ages and abilities to get involved in the sport.

Bosses have been conducting an ongoing review of access to the St Andrews courses.

The trust says that, as a registered charity, it has a duty to “buck this global trend” of increasing green fees.

To launch the initiative, 11 tee times will be made available on May 21 across the Old Course, which has

hosted the Open Championship a record 30 times.

Players are being encouraged to sign up in a two-ball ballot, and successful applicants will be paired up and allocated a tee time. Neil Coulson, chief executive of St Andrews Links Trust, said:

“As the Home of Golf, St Andrews Links Trust takes its responsibility to the sport incredibly seriously.

“That is why we are so excited to launch a new initiative offering golfers across Scotland the opportunity to play our historic and iconic courses at a lower price.

“Widening access to golf is a key

objective for us, and over the coming years we hope we can continue to provide opportunities to golfers of all ages and abilities.

“Golf has become increasingly popular in recent years and, with this, demand for our courses has surged to unprecedented levels.

“We will continue to ensure that our ticket holders and visitors have the best experience possible, while

ensuring that one of the country's most precious golfing assets is available for the public too.”

A week of tee times will be provided on the Eden Course from May 27 to June 3, with themed days to target those working in the Armed Forces and frontline emergency services, as well as volunteers and disabled golfers.

All applicants must be resident in Scotland.

Turnberry Open would have issues.. and Trump is one of them

GOLF bosses believe Turnberry is stuck in the Open Championship wilderness after they revealed controversy surrounding Donald Trump is a factor in whether the competition returns to the course.

The Open has not been staged at the Ayrshire venue since 2009.

New R&A chief Mark Darbon confirmed the governing body would love to take the tournament back, but said there are challenges regarding the site - and the US president who owns the course.

BY CRAIG SWAN

When asked if Trump's involvement was the major factor, Darbon said: “I think the key issue for us at the moment is these logistical and commercial challenges.

“We're trying to explore ways to get around those and to mitigate for the future.”

But he added, referring to Trump: “Of course, when it comes to a championship like this, we also want the focus to be on the golf. So that's a factor, too.” With 16 years having

passed since Turnberry last staged the showcase, it's clear it would face issues in meeting the modern requirements of hosting a top event.

Darbon is hopeful the obstacles could be overcome.

He said: “Turnberry's a wonderful golf course and I think some of the recent improvements there have made it even better.

“Where we have some challenges is around the logistical and commercial challenges.

“I think the last time we were

there, in 2009, we had just over 120,000 people. We just said we're going to have close to 280,000 here [at Portrush] this summer.

“The road, rail and accommodation infrastructure presents some challenges if we wish to scale our operation there.

“But we've got a good dialogue with the ownership group and we'll continue to look at feasibility as we move forward. We'd love to return at some stage.”



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CHATS Sharon Osbourne

Sharon axes shows at the last minute

EXCLUSIVE
BY MARK JEFFERIES

SHARON Osbourne has cancelled a talk show stage tour at the last minute.

The former X Factor judge, 72, was due in Scandinavia this week for a series of four shows she titled Cut the Crap.

Advertising the show, a venue in Finland said: "She'll be interviewed by Danish model and actress Brigitte Nielsen.

"Sharon promises to reveal everything about the most challenging years of her eventful life."

The Folketeateret venue, in Norwegian capital Oslo, said the sudden cancellations are thought to be due to a "family issue".

Sharon is due to join husband Ozzy, 76, for his last gig on July 5, when Black Sabbath reunite at Villa Park, Birmingham.



SURGERY Tina Knowles

Bey's mum in clear after cancer op

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN

BEYONCE'S mum Tina Knowles is now cancer-free after surgery for stage 1 breast cancer.

The fashion designer, 71, has told how she missed a mammogram screening due to the pandemic and forgot to reschedule.

When she finally had the scan last year doctors found two tumours, one of which was malignant, and diagnosed stage 1 cancer.

Tina had a lumpectomy to remove the cancer from her left breast and said that her singer daughters, Beyonce, 43, and Solange, 38, had visited her before the surgery.

Tina, who writes about it in new memoir Matriarch, is now cancer-free.

She told Gayle King on US TV: "Thank God it was still very small and hadn't spread."

BEAST MOLESTED MUM AND CHILD

Keep the monster who abused us behind bars



TRAUMA
Charlene and Venus have struggled since revealing abuse



SICK Shaun Nolan was jailed for more than six years

A MUM and her child who endured horrific abuse from the same man have demanded their attacker is kept behind bars.

Charlene Cummings, 36, was groomed by Shaun Nolan after they met working at a takeaway when she was just 14 and he was 34.

Two years later, they had Chantelle, who now goes by the name Venus.

In August of 2015, Shaun began sexually abusing and raping his own child – abuse Venus would endure for more than five years.

All the time, Venus struggled with Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) – a condition NHS medics say can be brought on in response to threatening situations. It would leave Venus with bouts of paralysis and wheelchair-bound for half a decade.

Charlene and Venus, now 19, are waiving their right to anonymity to speak out about the "monster" who lived under their roof after they were told he is eligible for parole and could be released just three years into his six years and eight months sentence.

Venus said: "For the longest time I thought it was normal, I thought it was just a normal thing to experience.

"It was when I was around 11 that I started being like, 'This doesn't feel right'. I remember when I was 13, I was reading a book and someone got raped in that book and it kind of

Pair speak out after learning pervert could be freed halfway through term

BY CHLOE GOODALL

clicked in that moment that what was happening to me wasn't right.

"I kind of tried to ignore it. Until I actually told someone, I didn't really acknowledge what was happening and when I did acknowledge it, I went into downward spiral."

Once Venus realised what they were going through something no child should experience, the teen gathered the courage to speak up, writing what happened to them on a Post-it note and handing it to their teacher. A fearless act that would put an end to the relentless abuse.

That same day, Nolan was arrested.

A "devastated" Charlene said: "After Venus disclosed their own abuse, I contacted police. I was feeling that something wasn't right with myself, being underage. I was only 14 and he was 34. It was said to me, 'You realise yourself you've been abused and been groomed from a young age?', and to be honest I never knew any different because I was only 14 myself."

Officers arrested Nolan after they discovered he had sexually abused Charlene between June 2002 – when

she was 14 – and June 2004. A charge he would later plead guilty to at Edinburgh High Court.

Since coming forward, Venus and Charlene are still deeply impacted by the trauma they went through.

Venus has tried several times to take their own life and has been diagnosed with depression and complex PTSD.

Charlene added: "It's devastating. To be honest, he's a f*****g monster. You bring your kids into this world to love and protect them and he has done the worst thing possible."

While Nolan was sentenced and placed on the sex offenders register, his victims refuse to believe he has changed. Charlene said: "We're just looking for the justice we deserve and for the full sentence to be served.

"No mum, no child should ever walk this journey but this is our life and speaking out and reclaiming our story is going to, hopefully, help hold him further accountable."

A spokesperson for the Parole Board for Scotland said: "The Parole Board for Scotland does not comment on individual cases."

Organiser of fatal river trip was unqualified, court told

BY **GEORGE THOMPSON**

THE owner of a tour company whose paddleboarding trip led to four deaths was not qualified for it, a court heard.

Paul O'Dwyer, 42, Andrea Powell, 41, Morgan Rogers, 24, and Nicola Wheatley, 40, all died on the River Cleddau in Pembrokeshire in October 2021 when their paddleboards went over a weir.

The tour was organised by former police officer Nerys

SENTENCING Nerys Lloyd



Bethan Lloyd, 39, and led by Mr O'Dwyer. Lloyd, of Aberavon, south Wales, admitted four counts of gross negligence manslaughter in March.

Prosecutor Mark Watson KC told a sentencing hearing yesterday: "Although they had undertaken a course earlier in the year, this was a basic, entry-level course."

It was unsuited to a river tour with hazards such as a weir, he added. The Swansea crown court hearing continues.

Town death riddle probe

A PROBE has been launched after a man was found dead in a town street yesterday.

Emergency services raced to a report of an unresponsive man on Kilmarnock's Orchard Street at 5.25pm.

Medics pronounced him dead at the scene.

Police, who are treating the death as unexplained, will remain at the scene today.

Inspector Martin Lawrie said: "Extensive enquiries are ongoing."

HOST LINEKER

BY **MARK JEFFERIES** and **DANIEL ORME**

GARY Lineker says he sensed the BBC wanted him to leave Match of the Day when he was negotiating a new contract last year.

The presenter, 64, and the corporation jointly announced in November that he would be stepping down from the channel's flagship football programme.

Asked in a new BBC interview why he would choose to leave given his successful tenure, Lineker said: "Well, perhaps they want me to leave. There was the sense of that."

The former Leicester City, Everton, Barcelona, Spurs and England striker, who will still host coverage of the 2025/26 FA Cup and 2026 World Cup, added: "It's time. I've done it for a long time, it's been brilliant."

"I always wanted one more contract, and I was umm-ing and ahh-ing about whether to do three years [more]. In the end, I think there was a feeling that, because it was a new rights period, it was a chance to change the programme."

The BBC did not comment on that suggestion yesterday. But at the time Lineker's exit was announced, director of sport Alex Kay-Jelski described him as a "world-class presenter".

A trio of hosts – Kelly Cates, Mark Chapman and Gabby Logan – will replace him on MOTD.

In a wide-ranging interview with journalist Amol Rajan, Lineker spoke about the 2023 social media posts that led to him being briefly suspended. The BBC went into crisis mode when his MOTD

"I don't regret my tweets because I was right. But I didn't want to damage the BBC"

GARY LINEKER ON 2023 SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS THAT LED TO HIS SUSPENSION

co-stars refused to appear on the show in solidarity with him.

Lineker had written a post comparing the then-government's asylum policy with 1930s Germany. Lineker now says he did not regret taking the position he did but that he would not do it again because of the backlash and "damage" to the BBC.

He said: "I don't regret saying them publicly, because I was right – what I said, it was accurate – so not at all in that sense. Would I, in hindsight, do it again? No, I wouldn't, because of all the nonsense that came with it. It was a ridiculous overreaction that was just a reply to someone that was being very rude. And I wasn't particularly rude back."

He added: "But I wouldn't do it again because of all the kerfuffle that followed, and I love the BBC, and I didn't like the damage that it did to the BBC... But do I regret it and do I think it was the wrong thing to do? No."

Asked about the

HERO Celebrating a 1990 England goal



ORDEAL Michelle, George & Gary

Son's illness led to coffin nightmares

TEARFUL Gary Lineker recalled how he used to dream of a "little white coffin" at a time when he feared his young son would die from leukaemia.

In the BBC interview, he said it was one of the hardest times of his life but it also changed him for the better.

Son George was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia as a baby and given a low chance of survival, but he went on to fully recover.

Reflecting on the drama, Gary asked doctors to look at baby George in late 1991, when they saw a little bump on his forehead.

Gary said: "I'll never forget this. They looked at each other and they turned to us, and they went,



PROUD FATHER With George

'I'm sorry, but I think this is something much more serious'.

"We were told he might not make it through the night. It was incredibly dark. It was frightening."

"I used to have dreams about him being in a little white coffin. It's horrible. I'm getting upset now."

Gary and wife Michelle were in and out of hospital with him for seven months while George had chemo. Gary said the

experience changed him,

adding:

"I was encapsulated in my sport."

Children change you anyway but an experience like that gives you a bit more perspective.

"It changed me towards being more empathetic."

Businessman George, 33, is Gary's oldest son.

rules, Lineker questioned why he had to be "impartial", saying he was a freelancer, and the rules were for "people in news and current affairs – they have subsequently changed".

He said that this "left me, who always gave these honest opinions about

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ON LEAVING MATCH OF THE DAY

Gary: I got the feeling the BBC wanted me gone

Presenter recalls a 'sense' that a shake-up was being planned



FRONT MAN Gary Lineker, left, with pundits Alan Shearer and Ian Wright in 2018

things", having to be impartial which, he said, "didn't make any sense", and called it a freedom of speech issue.

He said: "This is the mistake... the BBC tries to appease the people that hate the BBC, the people that always go on about the licence fee, attack the BBC. They worry way too much about that, rather than worry about the people that love the BBC, which is the vast majority."

"Why shouldn't I have an opinion on things? I'm a bloody footballer who has turned into a sports presenter."

Lineker's posts, which sparked a row about BBC presenters expressing political views on social media, led to enhanced rules for BBC flagship presenters, including a ban on making attacks on political parties.

Earlier this year, Lineker condemned – along with more than

500 other media figures – the withdrawal by the BBC of the documentary Gaza: How to Survive a Warzone.

The programme was pulled after it emerged the child narrator, Abdullah, is the son of Ayman Alyazouri, who has worked as Hamas's deputy minister of agriculture.

Lineker told Rajan the corporation had "capitulated", adding that he does not see Abdullah's contribution as an issue, and maintaining that the corporation should not have admitted to "a number of serious failings in their commissioning and editorial processes".

Lineker also said that the football industry needs to rethink its responsibility when it comes to taking money from

gambling firms for sponsorship. He said: "I know people [for whom] it becomes an addiction, it can completely destroy their lives."

"There's talk about taking [logos] off the shirts but you see it on the boards around the ground everywhere."

"I think football needs a long, hard look at itself about that, I really do."

On a lighter note, Lineker said when he presented Match of the Day in his pants after his beloved Leicester City



Gary Lineker
@GaryLineker

There is no huge influx. We take far fewer refugees than other major European countries. This is just an immeasurably cruel policy directed at the most vulnerable people in language that is not dissimilar to that used by Germany in the 30s, and I'm out of order?

ROW His response when called out for saying the Tories' policy was 'beyond awful'



COSY CHAT Star speaking to BBC's Amol Rajan, left

won the 2015/16 Premier League title he had not trained extra hard in the gym but "hadn't eaten all day".

He exercises with a personal trainer several times a week and also goes to pilates classes.

Lineker is the co-founder of Goal-hanger Podcasts, which make the successful The Rest is History series and its spin-offs about Politics, Football, Entertainment and Money.

He said that rather

“Football needs a long hard look at itself about gambling firm sponsorship”

GARY LINEKER ON CONCERNS ABOUT LINKS TO INDUSTRY

than make more TV shows, in the future he will enjoy travelling at weekends and focus "more on the podcast world".

He said: "It's such a fun business and it's just been so incredible."

Lineker has been the BBC's highest-paid on-air talent for seven consecutive years and was estimated to have earned £1.35million in the year 2023/24, according to the BBC annual report published in July.

When he stepped down, it was reported that he was open to staying on MOTD but was not offered a deal. Along with the FA Cup and World Cup, he will continue with the MOTD Top Ten podcast.

The Rest Is Football podcast will also be streamed on the BBC Sounds app.

Nationwide cuts its rates

BRITAIN'S biggest building society Nationwide is cutting mortgage rates as low as 3.89 per cent from today.

Rates will fall by up to 0.25 percentage points on selected two, three and five-year fixed rate deals from its first-time buyer and home mover ranges.

HSBC UK and First Direct announced affordability calculation changes.

First Direct's Liam O'Hara said: "It'll benefit the majority of our customer base."

Get into right frame of mind

VIEWING works of art can boost well-being, a study has revealed.

And the benefit can be gained in a hospital setting as well as an art gallery.

Works which formed part of the review included The Scream by Edvard Munch, The Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh and other pieces of modern and contemporary art.

The review was conducted by Trinity College Dublin, the University of Vienna and Humboldt University of Berlin.

'WHISKY' MATURES IN LOCH NESS

Sinking a dram

A SCOTTISH drinks manufacturer has found a new way of developing spirits - by maturing casks of "whisky" deep below the surface of Loch Ness.

Domhayn - the Gaelic word for "deep" - was plunged 702ft below the surface of the loch waters on Valentine's Day.

The Stirlingshire-based company's inaugural release comes from a 2010 single malt barley spirit, bottled at natural strength 55.5% ABV.

With only six bottles existing, legally the spirit can't be called whisky, since its unique production of submersion in water alters its molecular profile.

The process enhances and smooths spirit, creating unique flavour profiles compared to those achieved by traditional maturation.

One of the bottles will be

BY ROSALIND ERSKINE

auctioned on Friday as the world's first legitimate in-cask submerged spirit.

Founder James Patterson was watching wild swimmers take a celebratory dram after a dook in Loch Ness when the idea struck.

He said: "This is about pushing the boundaries of how we understand spirit maturation."

"We know the environment a cask matures in has a huge impact, but no one has explored the application of pressure like this before."

"When we retrieved the cask, the difference was undeniable."

"Given its uniqueness, we expect collectors and enthusiasts to be curious about how this method compares to conventional maturation."

The first bottle will be available online on Friday at Whisky Auctioneer.

Process alters the molecular profile of drink

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James Patterson and, below, bottle of Domhayn



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SLEEP For brain function

You snooze, you win, kids study shows

BY STORM NEWTON

YOUNGSTERS who go to bed earlier and sleep for longer periods have greater brain function and may perform better in tests.

Even 15 minutes more sleep leads to differences, say experts.

Researchers from the University of Cambridge and Fudan University, in Shanghai, looked at more than 4000 11-14 year-olds, in three groups, who had been given FitBit devices.

The group that slept the longest (seven hours and 21 minutes) had the largest brain volume and best brain function.

The group that slept for the shortest time (seven hours and 10 minutes), had the smallest volume and poorest brain function.

When given cognitive tests, the group that slept the longest performed best.



RATION Boer War chocolate

Queen Vic's secret chocs up for sale

BY FILIPA GASPAR

A 125-year-old chocolate bar, part of a batch given to soldiers by Queen Victoria, is to be sold at auction.

The chocolate was sent to every British soldier fighting in the Boer War in South Africa in 1900 to boost morale, an auction house in Bristol said.

The queen commissioned J S Fry & Sons, Cadbury Brothers and Rowntree and Co, to undertake the production of the 120,000 special tins which were designed to be secreted away in fighting soldiers pockets.

Still in its original tin and with some of its foil wrapper, the specimen is expected to sell for over £250 at auction in June.

Militaria specialist Lucy McCourt at Auctioneum Ltd said: "This is a remarkable survivor."

EXCLUSIVE HANGING ON FOR 'MIRACLE'

Battling Ariana's asthma jags plea

BY VIVIANNE AITKEN
Health Editor

A MUM is pinning her hopes on a "miracle" treatment which could prevent her little girl's death from asthma.

Ariana Boyle's mum, Sammi Gilmour, fears she will lose her daughter as a result of severe attacks that have hospitalised her more than 50 times.

The seven-year-old, from Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, has severe brittle asthma and the only thing that may save her from the terrifying episodes, in which she is unable to breathe, is a treatment called biologic injections.

The injections use antibodies, produced from cells in a laboratory, which can target specific cells in the body to help stop lung inflammation.

They are only given to the most serious cases of asthma, like Ariana's, where there is a possibility of fatal consequences.

Before the treatment can begin, however, it is necessary to undergo months of observations to ensure the correct medicine is given.

Ariana's treatment is expected to start next month.

Sammi, 29, said:

"Her asthma is getting worse and I am afraid if it can't be brought under control she will lose her life."

Ariana is currently in hospital being treated for a serious attack after she was re-admitted just 24 hours on from her previous discharge.

Last September, after a particularly bad episode in which she turned blue and had to have CPR, Sammi thought she had lost her.

Following the emergency dash to hospital, medics agreed Ariana should have the potentially life-saving injections.

Since then, she has had several more hospital admissions with life-threatening episodes including one when she was out playing with her

Family fears little girl could die as agonising wait for injections goes on



HOPES
Ariana Boyle has been hospitalised more than 50 times



FAMILY Sammi and Robert with Ariana, Oliver and baby

brother, Oliver. Ariana regularly has bronchial spasms where she can't breathe – sometimes up to 20 a day – but her inhalers normally help.

Sammi said: "That night in September she was just coughing like she was having a

normal spasm. I walked through to give her inhaler but by the time I got there she was completely blue.

"I have never seen anyone this colour. The life just drew from her eyes. There was nothing there."

After CPR from both her dad, Robert, 33, and her

mum, Ariana was rushed to Wishaw General. It was thought she may have to be placed on a ventilator but intravenous aminophylline – a relaxant for the bronchial tubes – stabilised her condition.

Ariana was a year old when she was diagnosed with asthma. But Sammi said: "Every year

it just seems to be getting worse and worse. It used to be when she was younger her asthma was only really bad in the winter and cold months, but for the past two years it is all year round.

"There is only so much someone's lungs can take with what she has been through already."

The family are pinning their

hopes on the biologic injections, which have "worked wonders" with other asthma sufferers, but know there are no guarantees.

The longed-for injections may mean she could be weaned off her current steroid regime. Those drugs have a punishing effect on her body, causing vomiting, stomach pains and

even fluid on the brain but, without them, her asthma would be even worse.

Sammi said: "I wish she could get the injections a bit quicker. She is getting worse. I don't think a lot of people believe someone can be so unwell with asthma. But asthma does still take lives."

Joseph Carter, head of Asthma + Lung UK Scotland, said: "We are calling for greater support, diagnosis and

treatment for people who have severe asthma and for greater access to biologics across Scotland."

A spokesman from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde said: "We have been supporting Ariana and her family for a number of years and have planned to begin new treatment as soon as possible."

"She's getting worse. I'm afraid she'll lose her life"
SAMMI GILMOUR ON DAUGHTER ARIANA'S PLIGHT

Leaving the light on is top eco-sin

BRITs' top eco-sins include leaving the engine running while stationary, not donating old electronics and clothes, and heating the home during summer.

A poll of 2000 adults revealed the habits considered worst for the environment – with leaving lights on in an empty room coming out on top.

Back Market, which commissioned the research, found 46 per cent of people still buy plastic bottled water.

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Loving husband killed at beauty spot

BY EVE BEATTIE

A DAD has died in a climbing accident in Glen Nevis.

Experienced climber Steven Pollok, 37, was described as a "loving husband", "treasured dad" and "respected colleague and friend".

His former employer Alvance British Aluminium, where the dad of two worked as an electrical engineer, led tributes.

It said: "We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of our friend and former colleague, Steven Pollok, who tragically lost his life in a climbing accident in Glen Nevis.

"Even after moving on to new opportunities, Steven remained a valued friend and trusted voice to many of his former colleagues.

"Steven brought not only expert knowledge and professionalism to his work, but also warmth, humour and genuine friendship. He made a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of working with him.

"He wasn't just a colleague – he was a brilliant friend and his presence will be profoundly missed.

"His loss will be deeply felt across our teams and our thoughts are with his family and friends during this incredibly difficult time. So greatly respected. So dearly missed."

A funeral notice, posted by Manson



DAUNTING Glen Nevis

and MacBeath Funeral Directors, described him as "a loving husband to Sarah, a treasured dad to Millie and Hamish, a cherished son to Stuart and the late Christine, a caring brother to Andrew and Yvonne and brother-in-law to Lisa, Dionne and Paul, a much-loved uncle, a dear relative and a very good friend to many. Forever in our hearts."

Friends paid their respects on social media.

Darren Quigg said: "So sorry to read this. Thoughts go out to all Steven's family and friends, he was a great guy."

Wilma Mitchell Fraser added: "Steven was such a lovely man. Fly high Steven, big hugs to you all."

Claire Delaney wrote: "So so sorry to hear this! Thinking of all the family at this heartbreaking time."

Martyn Cameron added: "RIP Steven. A top bloke with a wickedly dry sense of humour."

“He made a lasting impression on all who knew him”

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LOVED UP Faithful people

Couples love relationships in Glasgow

BY DAN WARBURTON

GLASGOW couples can rest easy after it came second among cities where people are least likely to cheat.

A study of 2000 Brits, commissioned by Netflix to mark the launch of show *Cheat: Unfinished Business*, saw Sunderland top the survey with 83 per cent having never strayed.

Glasgow was second with 76 per cent and Liverpool third with 75 per cent.

The cheating capital of the UK was revealed as Nottingham, with 41 per cent most likely to cheat.

Reasons for straying include being bored in the relationship (27 per cent) and falling out of love with a partner (26 per cent).

Show relationship expert Paul C Brunson said: "These findings expose the complicated reality of modern relationships."



BOOST HMP Oakwood

Inmates buy into prison supermarket

BY HOLLIE BONE

THE first in-prison supermarket is doing a roaring trade in Britain's largest jail.

Food chain Iceland launched the store last month to help prisoners adjust to the outside world.

Inmates at HMP Oakwood, in Staffordshire, earn Monopoly-style money to buy groceries, including Chicago Town pizzas and Ben & Jerry's ice cream that are unavailable on the prison wing.

The store is part of a "marketplace" which includes a coffee shop with inmate baristas, a green-grocer and a leisure shop.

Iceland's Ellen Herickx, who used to work at HMP Stocken in Rutland, said of prisoners: "They're less likely to reoffend, they're less likely to mess up because they've got structure, routine and stability."

I thought gout was only for old men but I've been living quite a lavish life...

BY JEN PHARO

JOSIE Gibson says she ended up with gout after filming travel show *Around the World in First Class*.

Josie had a health MoT for her upcoming TV challenge, *The 1970s Diet*, which found she had developed the inflammatory disease.

She said: "I kept saying to the nurse, 'My toes keep hurting'."

"I thought gout was only for old men... but I have been living quite a lavish life."

She explained: "Before I filmed this show, I caught a lot of flights, I drank a lot of champagne, I ate a lot of rich food, and I had little sleep. That's how I ended up getting gout."

In *The 1970s Diet*, which airs on Channel 5 later this year, Josie, 40, immerses herself in the food, drink and health culture of the decade to see whether our lifestyles were actually healthier back then.

Back in 1970 only about 10 per cent of British people were classified as obese. That figure has now tripled.

Josie said: "I was surprised by that. I think of the 1970s and I think of Madeira cake, trifles, Angel Delight... it doesn't scream healthy, not to me!"

To measure her results on the show, Josie travels to Kingston University to have her weight recorded, and discovers she weighs 16 stone.

Weight can be a sensitive subject but Josie was happy to jump on the scales for the sake of the experiment.

Josie said: "If I'm taking on this experiment, then I'm showing it all."

"If you don't show the experiment, what's the point?"

By Josie's own admission she has tried every diet going and been every dress size between an 8 and a 22.

However, she is not willing to try weight-loss injections, even though many of her pals are using them.

She doesn't judge her famous pals and says everyone is entitled to make their own choices.

She said: "If you know about the side-effects and then you want to weigh it up, that is down to you."

On her upcoming show Josie was also shocked to discover that dress sizes have secretly become bigger over the years too.

When she went vintage clothes

Josie Gibson on her health MoT findings after over-indulging on fizz and rich food



FIRST CLASS
Josie Gibson on her high flying show



FLOAT MY BOAT Josie's pool feast and drink on TV

“Madeira cake, trifles, Angel Delight... it doesn't really scream healthy eating to me!”

JOSIE GIBSON ON THE FOOD TRENDS OF THE SEVENTIES

"But he was like, 'No, you're at a superior fitness rate.'"

For her next TV show, Josie is hoping to investigate various new DIY wellness trends to see which ones work.

Josie said: "I would like to do a biohacking experiment."

"I would love to do that. I don't know whether I should have given my idea away but I'd like to experiment being a biohacker. You've got to be careful being a biohacker because there is so much stuff. How do you know what's good and what's bad?"

shopping, nothing in her size fitted because clothes manufacturers have been slowly making sizes more generous, just to spare our feelings.

She said: "I was absolutely devastated. I didn't know about vanity sizing."

However, tests did show that Josie is

very fit despite living with a bit too much weight.

She said: "It was nice to know that even though I was overweight, I was at a supreme fitness level."

"I was expecting to have a low fitness level, even though I've always exercised."

Green lobby raps beavers release delay

CONSERVATIONISTS have criticised Scotland's nature agency for delaying a decision on plans to release beavers in Glen Afric in the Highlands.

The Scottish Wildlife Trust called into question the "transparency and consistency" of Nature Scot's process for beaver translocation.

The owner of the only private site to have reintroduced the animals in Scotland accused the agency of "cowardly stalling".

GAZA BLITZ KILLS 26



AGONY After brutal strike

AT LEAST 26 Palestinians have been killed across Gaza in Israeli attacks, including 11 believed to have been burned to death.

Bodies were pulled out of the rubble of a housing complex in the southern city of Khan Younis after an attack which killed nine, including a two-year-old girl and her parents.

Her grandfather Awad Dahliz said: "They had nothing to do

Grandad of two-year-old girl slams Israeli attacks

BY CHRIS HUGHES

with anything. What is the fault of this innocent child?"

A further 60 Gazans were wounded in the attack and rescuers were trying to rescue survivors buried under the wreckage.

It is not known if the 11 who reportedly burned to death

included the nine in the multi-storey home.

Gaza's health ministry said: "A number of victims remain under the rubble and on the roads, unable to be reached by ambulances and civil defence crews."

Yesterday's pre-dawn strikes hit a local authority building with a garage containing nine bulldozers provided by Egypt and Qatar

during a recent ceasefire. A separate strike in the built-up Jabaliya refugee camp killed three children and their parents, according to the Gaza health ministry's emergency service.

About 1200 people were killed when Hamas-led militants attacked Israel in October 2023. Palestinian officials say at least 51,266 have been killed in the war.

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'Stalkers' in the dock over Maddie family

BY DAN WARBURTON

A WOMAN accused of stalking the family of missing Madeleine McCann smiles as she leaves court.

Karen Spragg, 60, is alleged to have made calls, sent letters and gone to the home of Kate and Gerry McCann.

Spragg, of Caerau in Cardiff, was granted conditional bail after denying the stalking charge yesterday.

She appeared at Leicester Crown Court with Polish national Julia Wandel,

23, who previously falsely claimed to be Madeleine. Wandel is accused of making calls, and sending a letter and messages to the McCanns.

She is also said to have gone to their family home twice and messaged Sean and Amelie, siblings of Madeleine, left, who went missing from her holiday apartment in Portugal in 2007.

Wandel also denied stalking but was remanded in custody. Both women are due to stand trial on October 2.



HUGS Spragg greeted as she leaves court yesterday



IDENTITY CLAIMS Julia Wandel, 23



PIONEER

Dizzee Rascal

Rap's Dizzee in slick move as plasterer

BY CHARLIE WATTON

RAPPER Dizzee Rascal is now a qualified plasterer. The pioneer of the grime genre, whose real name is Dylan Kwabena Mills, has completed a £1495 course. The 40-year-old, who has had five No1s, enrolled at the Able Skills Construction Training in Dartford, Kent, during the pandemic. Trainees can either do Monday to Friday over four weeks or six weekends with a nine-day block. Dizzee, who was convicted of assaulting his ex-fiancée in 2022, received a City and Guilds Certificate in Plastering. He said people on the course were confused about him enrolling. The dad of two said: "For some reason I felt like I needed to learn to do stuff. It was wicked."



ABSENT

Baron Mancroft

Speeder case for Tory peer following ban

BY TONY PALMER

A TORY peer has received three penalty points on his licence for speeding, just two months after he completed a driving ban. Benjamin Mancroft, 67, was filmed doing 26.8mph in a 20mph zone in his Mercedes in July. Baron Mancroft did not attend his trial at Lavender Hill magistrates court. He had asked for an adjournment, emailing: "I don't live in London." The hearing went ahead. Mancroft, whose London address is in South Kensington, was convicted of speeding on the A4 in Earl's Court. He was fined £220 plus £200 costs and an £88 victim surcharge. The court heard his licence had been returned on February 14 following a six-month ban for accumulating 12 points.



Busy J-Lo is fully booked



JENNIFER Lopez is the height of understated fashion at the launch of her friend's book *Climbing in Heels*. J-Lo, 55, wore jeans and a chic little jacket for the launch party of the novel by her agent and buddy Elaine Goldsmith-Thomas at a book store in New York. The singer said: "Proud of my girl... I watched her write this book over the past few years, but I know it was truly a lifetime in the making." Jen was on a break from filming rom-com *Office Romance* for Netflix in New York, where she was seen alongside her stunt double in an identical hoodie.



GIRLS IN THE HOODS J-Lo and double

Glitter may be in jail for years before his next parole chance

Paedo 'lacks empathy' for victims

EXCLUSIVE
BY JEREMY ARMSTRONG

GARY Glitter could remain in jail indefinitely, without being granted another Parole Board hearing.

The pop paedophile, 80, was automatically released from prison in February 2023, halfway through a 16-year sentence. But he was recalled just six weeks later to HMP The Verne, a specialist sex offender prison in Dorset, for allegedly viewing downloaded images of children. Glitter, real name Paul Gadd, is having an "initial assessment" by a parole expert but is not guaranteed another hearing before the board, due to his record and the lack of empathy shown for his victims. His 16-year sentence for sexually abusing a girl under the age of 13 ends in February 2031. The Parole Board member will examine reports from prison and proba-

tion staff, details of the sentence, and relevant information such as his behaviour behind bars. The review helps to determine if a case needs a hearing or can be decided on written evidence. But the member can also rule that a prisoner is not suitable to be freed. Any new consideration is likely to take place at the end of the year. The Parole Board last denied Glitter a hearing in January last year, due to his lack of empathy for his victims and his refusal to take sex offender courses. If he is refused again, he will be considered for parole every two years. Glitter was declared bankrupt last month. He refused to pay £508,000 in damages awarded by the High Court last year to a woman he raped when she was 12. A county court ruled a trustee can now take over his assets, including his £2million London penthouse, and use them to pay the victim.



DISGRACED Star in police mugshot

JENNY FROM THE WRITER'S BLOCK J-Lo with author pal Elaine



Puppy love is ideal bond for dog owners

DOG owners rate their bond with their pet as more satisfying than relationships with their friends, partner and even their children.

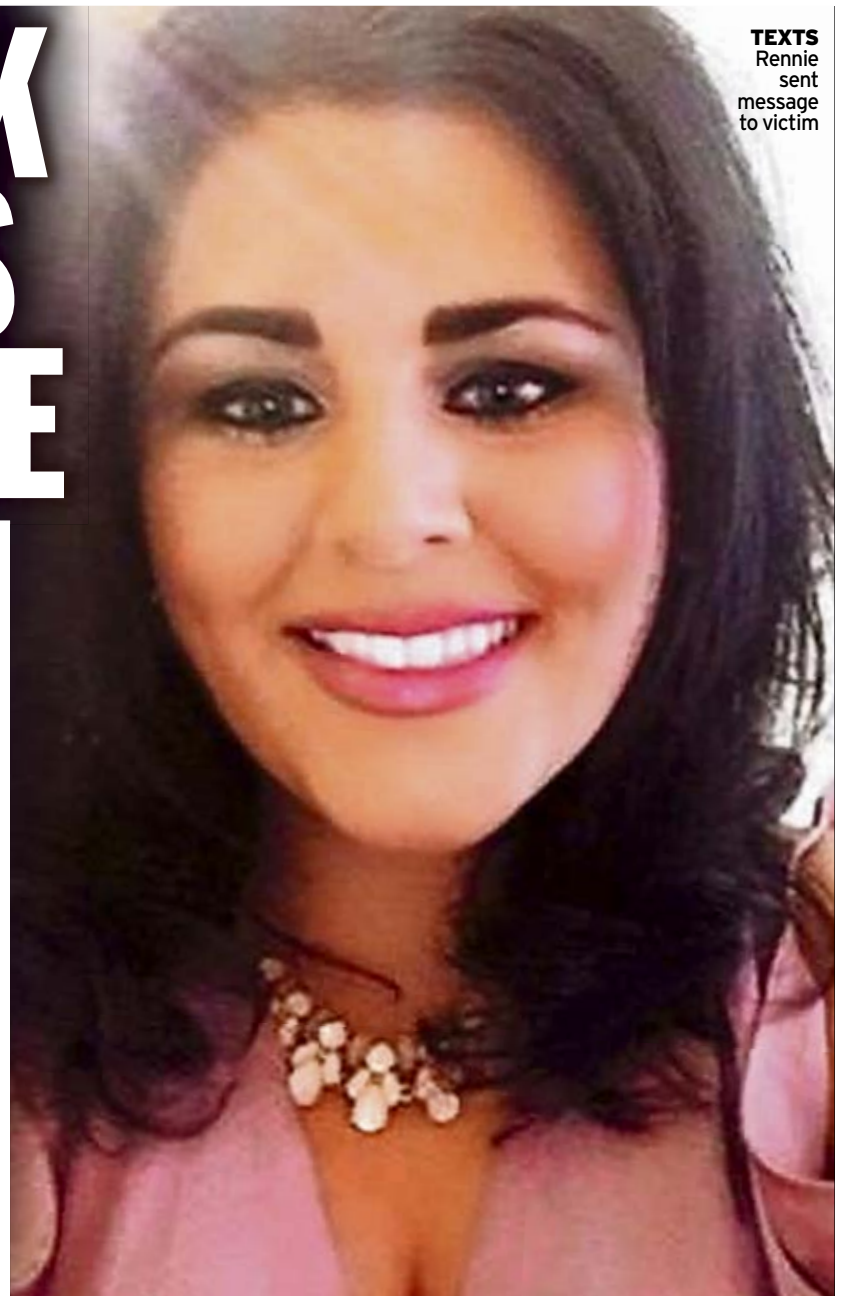
Owners feel their dog loves them the most while also being their best source of companionship, according to a study.

Researchers in Hungary said the findings not only help us understand how dogs fit into their owners' social lives but may also reveal where people turn to dogs to fill emotional gaps.

EX-NURSE CAGED FOR ANOTHER 100 DAYS

STALKER BACK IN JAIL.. DAYS AFTER RELEASE

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'Prolific' catfish scammer guilty of breaching non-harassment order

A FORMER nurse dubbed "one of Britain's most prolific cyberstalkers" is back in jail for contacting her victim just days after being released from prison.

Adele Rennie, 34, from Kilmarnock, used a voice-changing app to pose as a male pharmacist in a "catfishing" scam after matching with a woman on dating platform Tinder in August 2023.

But just 11 days after her release from a 28-month sentence, she breached a non-harassment order by contacting the woman while pretending she thought the victim was someone else.

Rennie, who is to be the subject of a three-part BBC true crime series *The Catfish Next Door*, was jailed yesterday for 100 days by Sheriff George Jamieson.

It is the fourth time the ex-NHS nurse at Crosshouse Hospital, in Ayrshire, has been sent to prison for catfishing crimes.

She was released on licence on January 13 this year and, on January 24, told a social worker she had contacted some friends using contacts from her Apple Watch, retrieved by her niece.

Roz Welsh, prosecuting at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court, said Rennie had contacted a male she knew as Gordon.

Police discovered the number matched a smartphone Rennie was given after being freed. The message read: "Hiya Gordon, I'm probably the last person you thought you'd be hearing from but over

BY CAMPBELL THOMAS

the last 14 months I've stripped myself back. I've done a lot of soul-searching, realisation, healing some wrongs and during that you kept popping up.

"I never really gave you a chance and put my demons/insecurities on others, you being one of them.

"I'm sure you were shocked when you seen I got the jail. Yes, I done terribly wrong but there's a lot more to it than just her side.

"I'm not that girl. I just want to say sorry. I hope you're doing well and you bagged yourself a lovely gal and got that HGV licence you were after. Adele x"

But her victim replied: "You know full well who you have texted and it's not Gordon. Don't text me again."

Rennie feigned surprise and claimed: "It's down as Gordon, sorry."

Miss Welsh added the victim felt "very uneasy and worried she was in danger".

Rennie was jailed in 2017 and 2019 for similar crimes involving women.

At a hearing last year, Rennie had admitted four charges of stalking, coercing a person into looking at a sexual image, and two charges of breaching her sex offender notification requirements.

She was given a year-long supervised release order, placed on the sex offenders register for 10 years, given a sexual harm prevention order for five years and banned from contacting her victim for that period.



VOTED IN Rev Scott Rennie

Local kirk divided by gay snub

BY ALASTAIR McNEILL

A BITTER row has erupted within the Church of Scotland over a decision to bar gay candidates from a minister vacancy.

Earlier this year Kinross, Orwell and Fossoway churches united to form Kinross-shire Parish Church, which is searching for a new minister.

But there has been ill-feeling after elders voted against allowing gay candidates to apply for the post.

A Kirk insider said: "Many of the members are extremely upset, especially those who have friends or family who are gay, as their local church's stance seems to be that, if you are gay, you are not good enough."

"There is unrest within the congregation as it is felt that the views expressed by a subset of elders is not representative of the views of the wider congregation."

"Other members of the church are now considering whether they wish to be associated with a church that holds hurtful views."

In 2013, the Kirk's General Assembly narrowly agreed to allow congregations to vote on admitting gay and lesbian ministers.

It followed a four-year controversy after gay minister Scott Rennie was voted minister-elect at Aberdeen's Queen's Cross Church in 2009.

The Church of Scotland said: "The Church has affirmed its traditional doctrine on marriage but permits congregations to depart from it as a matter of liberty of opinion."

Wiping away lack of sleep

PARENTS get through an average of 5238 baby wipes and 3365 nappies, and sleep for four hours a night during their baby's first year.

A survey of parents who had a child in the last 10 years found they took 6689 photos of their new arrival – just over 18 per day.

They also received 13 gifts from loved ones or colleagues, Asda revealed.

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CONTRAST The change in Alana's jaw before and after surgery is marked

Rare surgery restores mum's jaw to the way it should have looked

BY IOAN YOUNG

A WOMAN who has lived with the jaw of a child since she was hurt in a bicycle accident when she was 10 has undergone a rare reconstructive surgery.

Mum-of-three Alana Brownie, 39, is one of a handful of people across Britain with idiopathic condylar resorption.

The accident when she was a girl meant her lower jaw failed to develop.

Alana, of Sauchen in Aberdeenshire, says her self-esteem and confidence suffered as she grew older and her lower jaw failed to develop further.

But after a 13-hour operation carried out by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Dr Moorthy Halsnad, Alana finally feels comfortable in her own skin.

She said: "After 25 years of not knowing who I was meant to be, I can now I look in the mirror and I'm beginning to get used to the person looking back at me."

The condition stops the lower jaw growing and maturing, causing issues with eating, sleeping and breathing.

It can be caused by arthritis, or by serious jaw trauma in childhood and almost always affects girls and women.

Alana said: "When you're constantly hiding behind long hair, avoiding mirrors



GRATEFUL Alana with Dr Moorthy Halsnad after the op

and standing at the back for photos. It takes a toll."

After waiting six years, Alana got to work with Dr Halsnad, the only surgeon in Scotland carrying out the complex operation, which involves double joint replacements. He performed the procedure in February, after preparatory work that involved 3D tech and new jaw joints.

Dr Halsnad said: "I am feeling confident that Alana can look in the mirror and see who she was meant to be."

Alana, eight weeks into recovery, said: "There are no words I can say to thank Moorthy and his team for fixing me, something I can never repay him for."

“There are no words to thank Moorthy & the team

ALANA BROWNIE ON HER SURGERY

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Police weed out drug farm after 'wilful' fire at salon



FIREBOMB At beauty salon

POLICE have launched an investigation into a cannabis farm found after the fire-bombing of a salon.

A blaze broke out at the House of Vain by Regan salon on Greenhead Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow, late on Sunday.

Neighbouring properties were evacuated "as a precaution" and the road shut as 999 teams tackled the fire. There were no

BY **JOHNPAUL CLARK**

reported injuries. Officers discovered a weed crop within a property but it is understood not to have been in the salon.

Police Scotland have launched a probe after confirming the fire is being treated as wilful.

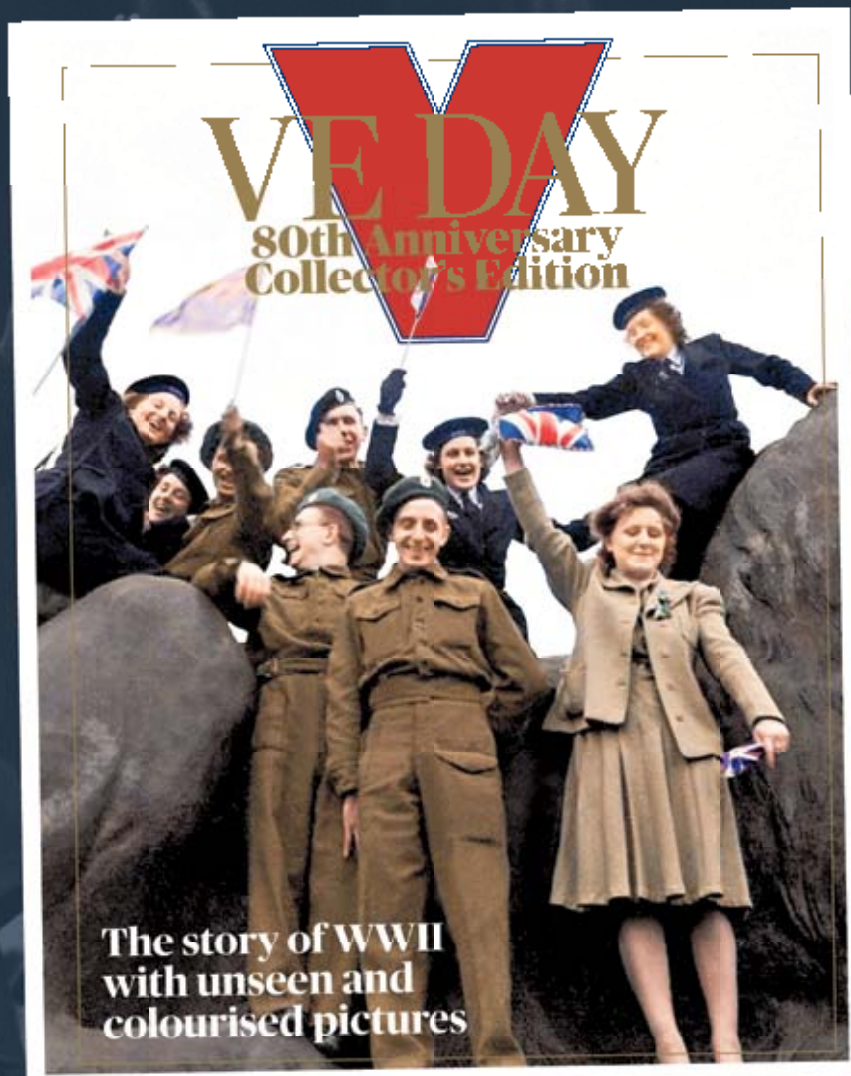
On the drugs found, a spokeswoman said: "Inquiries are at an early stage following the

discovery of a cannabis cultivation."

The salon's owner took to social media to inform clients of the blaze and shop closure, adding: "I won't let anybody wake up thinking they have taken anything from me or ruined anything for me."

"I'm going to be back better than ever, an excuse for a new shop front and it's business as usual."

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ROLE IS A FRILL
Natalie loves new part in the ITV soap



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It's amazing to be part of this storyline. It's heartbreaking for all three

NATALIE ANDERSON ON CORONATION STREET LOVE TRIANGLE

HER WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Being in Coronation St is an honour but at home I'm just Mum and that's how I like it

BY CHRISTINE SMITH

WHEN Danielle Silvertown walks in on undertaker Todd Grimshaw enjoying a passionate clinch with her husband Theo in tonight's Corrie, her world falls apart.

Danielle has been married to the scaffolder – dad to her two kids – for 19 years with no idea he was gay.

In fact, she had just accused Sarah Platt of having an affair with him and nearly threw beer over her in The Rovers.

It has been a dramatic start for actress Natalie Anderson – she only stepped on to the cobbles for the first time two weeks ago and her character has already lost her mum.

Now she's caught up in the 2025 equivalent of the Ken and Deirdre Barlow and Mike Baldwin love triangle.

Natalie, 43, said: "Danielle knows their relationship can be quite tempestuous but she loves Theo. She absolutely adores him. So to then walk in and see Theo in a passionate embrace with Todd is a huge shock.

"Suddenly her whole life feels like a lie and it understandably makes her question if she can even trust any of the happiness they had.

"Was their love a lie all along – to the point of the children, even? It's a colossal thing to find out." Natalie's

own child, son Freddie, 12, is unfazed by his mum's tangled love life in Corrie.

She said: "He's nearly a teenager and part of the TikTok generation. It all goes over his head – unless, of course, I was in a Marvel movie.

"I am just a mum to him but that's the way I want it to be."

Since having Freddie with husband of 17 years James Shepherd, Natalie has only taken on acting roles that can work around her home life – even rejecting parts if the schedules look too demanding.

She is delighted the Corrie role fit, saying: "It's been such an honour."

She added: "My career, ever since I had Freddie, has been about balance: family first and whatever fits around my family, then I can do it.

"I feel happiest when I am really present with Freddie and doing the best job I can as a mum.

"When jobs have come along, my husband and I talk about whether we can make it work with family life.

"With Corrie, I knew the times and dates early on, so I knew I could make it work. Ultimately, you have such a short window of time being a mum when they are at home with you and I want to be around."

Natalie may be new to Weatherfield but she is no stranger to TV – this is her 30th year in the industry. Her first



SUPPORTING ACT With son Freddie, role was aged 14, playing Francesca in 1996's kids' drama The Biz, starring Paul Nicholls.

Natalie played nurse Stella Davenport in ITV's The Royal from 2005 to 2008, Alicia Metcalfe in Emmerdale from 2010-2015 and Lexi Calder in Hollyoaks in 2021, appeared alongside Liam Neeson in the 2022 action movie Memory and with Michelle Keegan last year in Fool Me Once.

She has also been on the West End in Wicked, auditioned for Simon Cowell on Pop Idol in 2001 and won ITV show Your Voice Sounds Familiar in 2013, landing £100,000 for baby charity Bliss.

That show, she said, in which

celebrities had to sing as a different star each week, was one of the hardest things she has ever done, adding: "I had a 10-month-old baby, I was working on Emmerdale full-time and I was also learning to be a new person every week for the Saturday live shows. I don't know how I did it."

Joining the Coronation Street cast turned into a reunion for Natalie, who bumped into two former The Royal colleagues on her first day on set – Amy Robbins, who plays Daisy's scheming mum Christina, and Tony Maudsley, who plays undertaker George Shuttleworth.

Natalie said: "The first person who walked in my dressing room was Amy. It was like being transported to 20 years ago. Then we saw Tony in the Green Room. It has definitely been one of my highlights of being on Corrie."

Getting the chance to work on the ITV soap, "telling stories that are so impactful on our audiences", the actress describes as amazing.

She revealed that she, James Cartwright, who plays her on-screen husband Theo, and Gareth Pierce, who plays Todd, have all found the affair storyline very emotional to film.

The actress, who grew up in Bradford, hopes the scenes will go

down as an all-time classic Corrie plot. She said: "This is the stuff I would watch when I was younger. I grew up watching Ken and Deirdre and Mike and now it's amazing to be part of this storyline in Corrie.

"It's heartbreaking for all three."

Although she remains tight-lipped about Danielle's next move after discovering her husband's infidelity, Natalie will say a rocky road lies ahead.

She said: "There is so much to explore with Danielle and that's part of the joy of the job. I don't think anyone is a villain in this storyline because they are all coming at it from their own unique place.

"I love how Danielle is so layered and there is so much scope with her character. You also have to remember she has just lost her mum, so she is grieving too.

"She is a shape-shifter and you never know what you are going to get next."

Although if the actress had her way, Danielle, Theo and Todd would all become friends.

She added: "They would find a way to navigate through it and co-parent together. But let's see what happens."

■ Coronation Street airs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8pm. Episodes can be downloaded on ITVX



DRINK Danielle & Theo out with fake pair Todd & Sarah



EMMERDALE As barmaid Alicia in 2010



SINGER Auditioning for Pop Idol in 2001, aged 19

YOUR MONEY

Don't get hurt picking the wrong travel insurance

WITHOUT PROPER COVERAGE, TRAVELLERS MAY FIND THEMSELVES SIGNIFICANTLY OUT OF POCKET DUE TO UNFORESEEN EVENTS, ILLNESSES OR INJURIES

MANY of us may be eager to book a last-minute spring holiday deal or plan a week-long summer getaway, but recent research indicates that a significant number of people are hesitant to fork out for the additional cost of travel insurance.

Aviva's latest How We Live report, conducted by Censuswide between November 8 and 15, 2024, surveyed 4000 individuals aged 16 and over across the UK. The findings revealed that despite the risks of travelling abroad without sufficient cover, 11 per cent of travellers still choose not to take out a policy before setting off.

Commenting on these statistics, Carolyn Scott, head of home and travel underwriting at Aviva, said: "The number who continue to forgo this remains worryingly high.

"Travelling without insurance can leave people not knowing how to get assistance, and potentially facing significant medical bills in the event of illness or injury while overseas.

"Even before a trip starts, our figures

show the average cost of cancelling a holiday is more than £900 if something unforeseen happens in the lead up. To ensure travellers are properly protected, insurance should be purchased as soon as a trip is booked."

So, why is travel insurance essential, and how can you ensure you choose the best coverage for your needs?

What is travel insurance, and what does it cover?

"Travel insurance provides financial protection against unforeseen circumstances while you are abroad," said Grant Winter, compliance expert at Good to go travel insurance.

"It ensures that you have access to emergency medical treatment to avoid any unexpected costs, whether it's travel insurance for medical conditions, for minor injuries, or serious emergencies.

"Travel insurance also typically provides repatriation back to the UK by air ambulance if necessary, and emergency accommodation for a travel companion to stay with you while you are in hospital."

What types of insurance policies are available?

The two main types of travel insurance are single-trip and annual multi-trip.

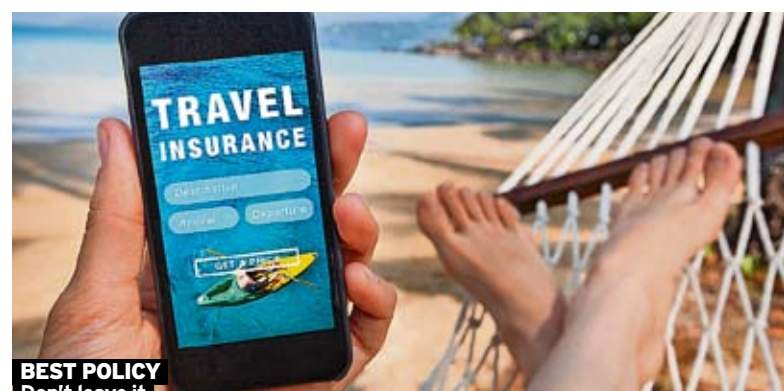
"A single-trip policy covers you for one holiday, ending when you come home," said Winter. "Whereas, annual travel insurance covers you for a full year from the date the policy starts.

"If you travel more than twice a year, whether for long holidays or short weekend breaks, a yearly travel insurance policy could save you time and money."

Also, if you travel at short notice, having an annual travel insurance policy could give you the peace of mind of knowing you're covered, he adds.

Why is travel insurance important, even for short or domestic trips?

"Experiencing health issues on holiday that require medical treatment can be an extremely stressful time," said Winter. "However, the situation can only be made worse if you suddenly find out you're not



BEST POLICY
Don't leave it late to get cover

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EMERGENCY
Hospital care could cost a fortune

WORST CASE SCENARIOS
It's vital to consider the risks of any upcoming travel and get suitable cover

ARE THE PRICIEST POLICIES ALWAYS THE BEST CHOICE?



EXPENSIVE
Some activities will push up cover costs

SHOULD you always go for the priciest policies, or can you get solid cover for less? Grant Winter suggests it's a balancing act that requires you to take various factors into account.

"The cost of travel insurance can vary significantly and it is typically based on your age and medical history, as well as the duration and destination of your trip," said Winter. "Travel insurance can be more expensive depending on what you need covering."

"For example, protection for dangerous sports and hazardous activities, like skiing and scuba diving, can increase the price of your travel insurance. Choosing a more affordable plan is fine if you aren't taking part in these activities while you are away."

NO GO
Cancellations mean a major financial hit

covered by your insurer, potentially leaving you with a bill for hundreds or even thousands of pounds."

How much medical coverage should you ideally have?

"Travel insurance covers your medical expenses and emergency treatment while you are away; we would generally recommend having at least £2million in medical coverage if you are travelling to Europe, and at least £5million of coverage for other destinations worldwide," said Winter.

When is the best time to purchase travel insurance?

The sooner the policy is in place the sooner you can relax about your trip.

"I would recommend purchasing your travel insurance as soon as you know the dates for your trip so that cancellation cover starts straight away," advised Winter.

What are some red flags to watch out for when comparing policies?

"It can be confusing to know what you do and don't need to declare on your travel insurance, especially when it comes to past medical conditions, or ongoing diagnoses," said Winter.

What your insurance does and does not cover can vary significantly depending on how comprehensive your policy is, so it's important to choose a policy that is right for you.

"Most policies will exclude cover for pre-existing medical conditions, unless they have been declared to the insurer, this highlights the importance of declaring your medical history accurately," added Winter.

"Some providers can decline cover altogether to people with certain medical conditions or over a certain age, meaning people over 65 or those living with medical conditions can find it difficult to find cover."



EXPENSIVE Cost of Christmas

It's never too early to save for Christmas

BY RECORD REPORTER

NOW that Easter has gone, attention is turning to saving for summer holidays, Halloween and Christmas.

Head of financial support at Santander, Mark Weston, supports customers who are at risk of, or are already in arrears.

This includes helping with budgeting and optimising finances – even if customers are not in financial difficulty.

"Christmas is typically a big expense period and I'd say that it's always good that customers save as much as they can and start as soon as they can for these type of things," he said.

Head of savings at HSBC UK Lloyd Robson said he encourages customers to have an always-on approach to budgeting and saving, to plan for large annual events such as Christmas and also important life events like having children, buying a house or retirement.

"Depending on your financial circumstances, and your current savings priorities, saving for Christmas now may help alleviate financial stress further down the line," he said.

"In addition, you can make your money work well for you, as anything you save between now and December will earn interest to contribute further to your saving goals."

"It's really important for people to budget and know how much money they have and how much they're spending each month."

"This helps them get to grips with what their expenses are and will determine how much they can afford to save."

"It's the small things, like how much you might spend on coffee each month."

"I'd advise customers to open a savings account. From researching, they can decide what type of savings account they want and what is most appropriate for them – whether that's a normal savings account or an ISA where they can take advantage of tax-free interest."

ASK AN EXPERT



HEADSCRATCHER Councils are required to offer repayment options on your bill

Don't tax yourself about arrears, you have rights

I'M STRUGGLING to keep up with my council tax payments and I'm not sure what to do. Is there any help available?

YES, there is help available and it's important to act quickly to avoid extra charges and legal action.

Council tax arrears are considered a "priority debt", meaning they should be addressed before other debts to prevent more severe enforcement actions, such as bank or wage arrestment. Councils can also seize benefits or take further measures to recover the owed amount, which could lead to you losing your home or tenancy if left unresolved.

The good news is you don't have to face this alone. Councils are required to offer repayment options, so don't hesitate to contact them for help.

You may also be eligible for a council tax reduction (CTR), which could lower your bill if you're on a low income or receiving certain benefits.

If you've missed a payment, don't ignore the reminders. Councils will send a first reminder notice and a second if another payment is missed.

If payments aren't made by this point, they may issue a final notice and take further action, such as deductions from your income or bank accounts.

However, even if you're in arrears, it's still possible to arrange a payment plan.

It's always better to act early to prevent things from getting worse. For free, confidential advice, contact moneyadvice.scot. They can help assess your finances, negotiate payment plans, and even pause enforcement.

They can also assist with understanding your rights and offer guidance on any additional support

available. Visit www.moneyadvice.scot or call 0808 196 2316 for support.

I'M thinking of getting a smart meter installed. Are there any benefits?

Yes, there are several benefits. These devices provide real-time data on your energy usage, helping you take control of your bills.

Some smart meters come with an accompanying device allowing you to see exactly how much energy you're using and when.

This can help you adjust your habits to save money, or pinpoint appliances that are using up a lot of power and costing you more than they should be.

Some energy suppliers offer cheaper tariffs for smart meter users, such as lower rates for charging electric vehicles in off-peak hours.

With a smart meter, you also won't need to worry about receiving estimated bills.

The meter automatically sends accurate usage data to your supplier, ensuring your bills reflect what you've actually used.

While some have concerns about privacy, you can rest assured that only billing data is shared with your supplier, and you can even control how often your meter sends updates.

Smart meters can also provide more accurate insights if you're trying to reduce your energy consumption or compare your usage to similar households.

Overall, a smart meter helps you manage energy use more effectively, potentially lowering costs, and offering peace of mind with accurate bills.

If you have questions, advisers at energyadvice.scot can help with meter and billing information. Call 0808 196 8660 or visit www.energyadvice.scot.



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with Russell Grant

STARS



Aries

March 21-April 20

MONEY and friendships do not make a happy mix. If you lend money to a friend, do so with the expectation you aren't likely to get it back any time soon. You could be tempted to share too much about your financial situation with someone outside the family. This is not the best idea.

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




Taurus

April 21 - May 21

IT'S important to feel good about yourself and to enjoy happy, sociable moments. At the same time, be cautious of being overly optimistic and confident in your dealings. Your communication skills shine but be aware of when to keep certain opinions or desires to yourself.

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



Gemini

May 22 -June 20

YOU'LL be surprised when a new gadget is be introduced to your home or workplace. This might look quite daunting and complicated at first but don't worry, you will have it all figured out soon enough. Not only this but you will start to wonder how you ever got by without it.

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Cancer

June 21 -July 22

AN INVITATION to get involved in a local event should be considered seriously. While this will not be easy, you may enjoy the challenges that arise. Someone close is starting to feel neglected due to your focus on outside activities but overall, friendships are likely to be positive and bright.

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



Leo

July 23 - August 22

YOUR aim now is to direct your energy towards the most beneficial and enjoyable pursuits. Although the efforts you put in now may not yield immediate results, persevere. They will have a lasting impact so keep going as you are, even if they don't pay off immediately.

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



Virgo

Aug 23 - Sept 22

YOU still have a few things to sort out that need your immediate attention. When there are tasks which you need to complete, you find it difficult to rest. Even so, once you've ticked a couple of these items off your to-do list, this should help the rest of the week go more smoothly.

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Libra

Sept 23-Oct 23

SOME welcome good news will relate to a legal or property matter. You will have reason to feel proud of everything you have accomplished recently. There have also been some exciting developments happening behind the scenes and soon these will be brought out into the open.

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Scorpio

Oct 24 - Nov 22

BE MINDFUL as the day begins that your intuition may not be as sharp as it usually is. Your judgment is slightly clouded which suggests that it would be wise to steer clear of making any important decisions. If new opportunities do arise, take time to explore them carefully.

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



Sagittarius

Nov 23 - Dec 21

A JOINT effort can help you bring to life all those great ideas that have been rolling around in your mind. You have a visionary spirit but turning some thoughts into reality has been challenging due to doubts of those around you. Having the backing of an executive will make a difference.

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Capricorn

Dec 22 -Jan 20

YOU have bags of confidence and this is because you are starting to see results for your past efforts. It seems everything is going your way, making each day feel like an exciting adventure. You have plenty on your mind and decisions to make to ensure everything turns out perfectly.

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



Aquarius

Jan 21 - Feb 19

IT MAY not be as easy as you expected to get a housemate or partner to understand your perspective especially when discussing future aspirations. This might be because of the way you are putting your thoughts across. Listen to their questions and think carefully about your response.

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



Pisces

Feb 20 - Mar 20

IF YOU'VE been thinking about writing your life story, a screenplay or a blog, words will flow effortlessly. Most people will urge you to share your thoughts but it will be some negative comments that prey on your mind. Don't let the naysayers get to you. They are just a small group.

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DEAR COLEEN

Husband resents the time I spend with my children

Dear Coleen

I'M A woman in my 60s and eight years ago I married for the second time to a man whose circumstances were very similar to my own. It felt like a match made in heaven.

We'd both been widowed and both have grown-up children who we adore, and now we have two grandchildren too.

When we first got married things were great. We didn't have the usual issues with kids in a blended family because our children were older and had their own lives, and they were all happy for us and got on well together.

My issue now is that my husband seems resentful of the time I spend with my family. In the past, we've seen more of his kids, as they live nearby, but my daughter recently relocated nearer to us so I've been seeing much more of her and my granddaughter, which is lovely.

My husband seems to get irritated if I spend time with them and he's been quite rude to my daughter when she's been at the house, mumbling a "hello" before disappearing.

I feel hurt and let down, especially as I've always been gracious and accommodating to his kids. What would you advise?

Coleen says

I DON'T think there's too much debate about this one – I think that your husband needs to



grow up and realise what he's jeopardising. It sounds like a bit of jealousy creeping in now you're spending more time with your daughter, and it also feels slightly controlling. There's one rule for him and another for you, and it's very immature.

Don't shy away from tackling it – ask your husband why he's behaving like this and make sure he knows you've picked up on his unwelcoming attitude when your daughter and granddaughter visit.

You're not doing anything out of the ordinary by wanting to see your family, so I'm guessing

it's his insecurities coming into play and that's what you need to confront and discuss.

It sounds like you had a pretty easy transition into blending your families, maybe because your kids were older and not around at home that much.

Now that you're both grandparents, perhaps that's shifted the dynamic a bit because there's a bit more expected of you both.

I would be strong and make it clear that you won't tolerate this kind of behaviour because it's such a special time in your lives and it's important to make the most

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WORDS OF WISDOM

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TODAY'S TV

with EMMA BULLIMORE

EMMERDALE

STV, 7.30pm

SARAH is furious about Kammy's dirt bike race. She tells him their relationship is over if he goes ahead with it, but he and Jacob are determined to see it through.

Billy tries to make amends with Ross, and then takes flowers to Dawn. But his apology isn't enough, and Billy and Dawn realise they need to talk to the kids about their divorce. As Billy comes to terms with living apart from his children, Kim offers him a place to stay.

WARNING Todd is told to keep his distance



CORONATION STREET

STV, 8pm

THEO leaves the factory in a rage, telling Todd to stay away from him.

Meanwhile, Danielle wants answers from Sarah, who is fed up of playing piggy in the middle. Sarah tells Kit about her history with Todd.

Lauren is relieved to hear that Frankie will soon be discharged from hospital, but she feels sick when a nurse brings over a parcel with a prison stamp on the label.

And Brian declares his love for Julie, but how will she react?

EASTENDERS

BBC1, 7.30pm

PHIL is worried for Nigel as he searches for him around the Square.

Eventually he enlists Linda's help and they track him down but bringing him

home isn't straight forward. Linda tries to keep Phil calm as they persuade Nigel back indoors.

Nigel gets emotional during a heart-to-heart. He tells Phil he just can't face the thought of

staying alive and allowing his dementia to worsen. But Yolande inspires Phil to come up with a new plan.



WORRIED Phil

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Your favourite weekend magazine has celebrity interviews, real-life stories plus recipes, fashion and a brilliant TV guide

PICK
of the
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WORLD IN MOTION

The teams set off on their big adventure



RACE ACROSS THE WORLD

BBC1, 9pm

STUFF a sleeping bag into your oversized rucksack, as it's time for another adventure.

After a recent celebrity version, we're back to the civilian series, and five teams of two will be navigating their way from the Great Wall of China to the southern tip of India.

Miles from cosmopolitan Beijing, the language barrier is an immediate

challenge for the explorers, who have just £1000 to spend on transport, accommodation and food for the entire trip.

Confident sisters Elizabeth and Letitia are quick out of the blocks, but teen couple Fin and Sioned find themselves going round and round in circles, trying to find a bus stop.

Meanwhile, 60-year old Caroline is hoping the expedition will be her chance to prove she is more than a

housewife, and she's relying on her son Tom, an experienced traveller, to lead the way.

They're up against 60-something brothers Brian and Melvyn, who live very different lives and haven't spent any extended time together since childhood. They hope they'll find some common ground again on their travels.

Lastly, Yin and Gaz, who have been in each other's lives for decades

as business partners and spouses, hope that their strong bond will get them to the finish line first.

The first checkpoint on their 14,000km journey is Huangling village, and the teams can choose to board the high-speed trains down the coast or take the scenic route through the countryside. Whichever direction they go in, emotions will bubble over as overwhelming tiredness and homesickness soon set in.

RINGING ENDORSEMENT Hannah Fry discovers the story of smart doorbells



DOORBELL: THE SECRET GENIUS OF MODERN LIFE

BBC2, 8pm

WHETHER they're installed for home security, or just to talk to the postman as you're running down the stairs, smart doorbells are everywhere.

Hannah Fry is investigating the technology inside the casing, revealing just how clever these mini tech marvels really are.

She meets Ring doorbell inventor Jamie Siminoff who made the first prototype in his garage after missing one too many deliveries. When his

wife pointed out that the 'doorbot' made her feel safer in their home, he realised he was on to something and took his product to Shark Tank (the US version of Dragons' Den).

While no one invested, the publicity alone was enough to launch the business, leading Jamie to eventually sell his product to Amazon for one billion dollars.

Hannah examines how the sophisticated camera gives such a clear image despite changes in weather (and visits from spiders!), and how the device's origins lie in Soviet spy tech.

BUILDING MONACO'S SUPERHOMES

Channel 4, 10pm

PROPERTY renovation guru Guy Phoenix is hoping to cash in on the super-rich residents of glamorous Monaco for his latest project.

After purchasing a fixer-upper two bed flat for a mere £16million, he's gutting the inside, installing the biggest kitchen in the neighbourhood and creating a luxury bathroom, which he hopes will boost the value to £22million.

You can certainly see the appeal of

this apartment with a stunning view over the bay, but this project won't be easy.

For a start, Guy doesn't speak any French, which is causing problems with his suppliers.

Then there are Monaco's strict building laws, which mean his team can't make any construction noise before 9am, nor can it last for more than six hours without the neighbours banging on the door.


Guy is paying thousands of pounds every day on loan interest, materials and labour, so speed is of the essence.



MONTE CARLO OR BUST Developer Guy Phoenix

SARA WALLIS IS AWAY

Today's TV previews are on the previous page	<div>BBC ONE</div> <p>6.00am Breakfast News headlines.</p> <p>9.30 Rip Off Britain A look at dangerous cosmetics for sale.</p> <p>10.15 Dr Xand's Con or Cure</p> <p>10.45 Animal Park A capybara is introduced to a new mate. (R)</p> <p>11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Properties in Cumbria and south and west London. (R)</p> <p>12.15pm Bargain Hunt Christina Trevanion presents from Leominster, Herefordshire. (R)</p> <p>1.00 BBC News at One; Weather</p> <p>2.00 Scam Interceptors</p> <p>2.30 Politics Scotland A round-up of political news and events at Westminster and Holyrood.</p> <p>3.15 Expert Witness A 3D-scanning expert. (R)</p> <p>3.45 The Bidding Room Dealers bid for a quilt, an Italian chair and a last supper carving.</p> <p>4.30 The Finish Line Simon, Nicola, Josh, Ryz and Becca compete in the quiz. (R)</p> <p>5.15 Pointless Quiz, hosted by Alexander Armstrong and guest co-host Mel Giedroyc.</p> <p>6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather</p> <p>6.30 Reporting Scotland</p>	<div>BBC TWO</div> <p>6.15am Gareth Malone's Messiah Amateurs are challenged to sing Handel's Messiah. (R)</p> <p>7.15 Bargain Hunt (R)</p> <p>8.00 Sign Zone: Celebrity Antiques Road Trip (R)</p> <p>9.00 BBC News Headlines.</p> <p>10.00 LIVE Snooker: The World Championship Coverage of the morning session on day five from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, featuring the conclusion of a first-round match and the start of another.</p> <p>11.15 Politics Live The latest from Westminster and beyond.</p> <p>1.00pm LIVE Snooker: The World Championship Seema Jaswal presents coverage of the afternoon session on day five, featuring the conclusion of a first-round match and the start of another.</p> <p>6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Dianne Buswell, Jenny Eclair, Adam Gemili and Owain Wyn Evans. (R)</p> <p>6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo travels from Dudley to the town of Smethwick.</p>	<div>STV</div> <p>6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.</p> <p>9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.</p> <p>10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.</p> <p>12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity interviews and topical debate.</p> <p>1.30 ITV News; Weather</p> <p>1.55 STV News; Weather</p> <p>1.59 STV Pollen Count</p> <p>2.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Richard Ayoade, Katie McGlynn and Joe Swash. (R)</p> <p>3.00 Jeopardy! New players Reena and Seb take on the reigning champion.</p> <p>3.59 STV Weather Central</p> <p>4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz with a £10,000 jackpot.</p> <p>5.00 The Chase Contestants Neil, Sheila, Kate and Joe work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers. (R)</p> <p>6.00 STV News at Six; Weather</p>	<div>CHANNEL 4</div> <p>6.25am Cheers Four episodes. (R)</p> <p>8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond Double bill of the comedy. (R)</p> <p>9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R)</p> <p>11.10 Undercover Boss USA (R)</p> <p>12.05pm Channel 4 News</p> <p>12.10 The Great House Giveaway Transforming a bedraggled 1960s semi in St Helens. (R)</p> <p>1.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Featuring a mother and son hoping to restore a historic windmill in Lincolnshire. (R)</p> <p>2.10 Countdown Tanni Grey-Thompson joins Susie Dent.</p> <p>3.00 A Place in the Sun Seeking a home in Fuerteventura. (R)</p> <p>4.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? Willie and Paul who run a crazy golf course in Spain take a swing at a new idea. (R)</p> <p>5.00 Chateau DIY At Chateau La Grande Maison, Ben and Billie want to transform an old hallway into a lounge area.</p> <p>6.00 A Place in the Sun Leah Charles-King helps Claire and Judy find their dream holiday home in Chania, Crete.</p>	<div>5</div> <p>6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.</p> <p>9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.</p> <p>11.30 Storm Huntley Debate.</p> <p>12.30pm Vanessa Discussions on relationships, parenting, gossip, fashion and more, presented by Vanessa Feltz.</p> <p>1.40 5 News at Lunchtime</p> <p>1.45 Home and Away John checks in on Dana. (R)</p> <p>2.15 FILM Love, Lies and Alibis (2023, PG) A private investigator thinks she has met the love of her life in an unexpected encounter, but she soon realises all is not what it seems. Thriller, with Lanie McAuley and Matthew MacCaull. ★★</p> <p>4.00 The Cruise: Fun-Loving Brits at Sea The guests visit Messina, the third largest city in Sicily, where they enjoy a walking tour, rice based street food arancini and the lakes of Ganzirri. (R)</p> <p>5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.</p> <p>6.00 Police Interceptors Officers join the National Police Air Service to stop two suspects (R); 5 News Update</p>
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7	<p>7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Roman Kemp present the magazine show, with stories of interest plus celebrity guests.</p> <p>7.30 EastEnders Phil and Linda frantically search for Nigel as Yolande and Jean confirm that they haven't seen him.</p>	<p>7.00 The Hairy Bikers Go North The tour of Yorkshire continues in Leeds, as Simon King and Dave Myers visit the Kirkgate market before riding to Skipton. There they meet Sam and his family who are making skyr, an Icelandic dairy product. (R)</p>	<p>6.30 ITV Evening News A round-up of the day's headlines and talking points from the UK and around the world; Weather</p> <p>7.30 Emmerdale Drama from the Dales. Aaron is left outraged, Charity confronts Kammy, and Billy apologises to Ross.</p>	<p>7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.</p>	<p>7.00 Shop Smart, Save Money Gaby Roslin, Ortis Deley and a panel of guests test three different models of vacuum cleaners at different price points, and Georgie Barrat gives advice on shopping for mortgages; 5 News Update</p>
8	<p>8.00 The Repair Shop Luthier Julian Wallis works on a damaged mandriola – a 12-string variation of the mandolin – that once belonged to folk musician Vin Garbutt. Other items are two rattan chairs and a pilot's cap.</p>	<p>8.00 Doorbell: The Secret Genius of Modern Life Hannah Fry takes a look at the rise of the doorbell, heading to Los Angeles to get the low-down on the ding-dong from market leaders Ring. She also looks at the history of the device.</p>	<p>8.00 Coronation Street Theo tells Todd that he has destroyed his family and he needs to fix it, while Daisy suggests a fresh start to Daniel, Brian lays his heart on the line, and Eileen berates George for his bad advice.</p>	<p>8.00 Worst House on the Street Carl and Lynn have bought a bungalow in Leeds, in the hope of being mortgage-free for retirement. But they need help from Stuart and Scarlett to turn it around quickly so that they can move in.</p>	<p>8.00 Murder Scene: The Incident Room Investigating the murder of 63-year-old Gurmail Singh, who was killed by four teenagers in 2010. The young assailants attacked him at his corner shop in the suburb of Huddersfield.</p>
9	<p>9.00 NEW Race Across the World Starting at the Great Wall of China, five pairs take on a race of over 14,000km across Asia with the lowest budget in the show's history, just £1,000 per person. Narrated by John Hannah.</p>	<p>9.00 Saving Lives in Cardiff An operation to cure 59-year-old Ceri's extreme facial spasm has challenging results for surgeon George, and a six-week-old baby needs an urgent operation to allow him to feed again.</p>	<p>9.00 Celebrity Big Brother The reality show in which famous faces move in together, ready to have their every word and move recorded for the enjoyment of the viewers, continues. With highlights from the past 24 hours.</p>	<p>9.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud catches up with a couple who, in 2017, set out to build a hypoallergenic home. Motivated by the allergies of their two boys, they hoped that the house would alleviate their symptoms.</p>	<p>9.00 The Feud With Emma's life in chaos and no other option left, she takes control and pursues the ultimate truth. A disgruntled Nick is accosted by each of the Shelbury Drive women as one by one they beg to check out his CCTV. Last in series.</p>
10	<p>10.00 BBC News at Ten A round-up of today's headlines.</p> <p>10.30 Reporting Scotland</p> <p>10.40 Debate Night Topical debate on the big issues affecting Scotland and beyond. Members of the public have an hour to put their questions to a panel of politicians and other public figures about the biggest stories and the things they care about the most. (R)</p>	<p>10.00 Upstart Crow Greene hits on a new way to destroy Will's reputation. The players need another box-office smash, and as luck would have it, Will does have an idea for a comedy. David Mitchell stars. (R)</p> <p>10.30 Newsnight; Weather</p>	<p>10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather</p> <p>10.30 STV News; Weather</p> <p>10.39 STV Pollen Count</p> <p>10.40 Scotland Tonight Current affairs show which tackles the issues behind the headlines from a Scottish perspective.</p>	<p>10.00 Building Monaco's Superhomes Luxury property developer Guy Phoenix buys and renovates a £16million apartment in Monaco, the biggest investment and financial risk he has ever taken.</p>	<p>10.00 Ambulance: Code Red A 52-year-old man complains of neck and shoulder pains after being thrown off his motorbike and a 40-year-old epileptic woman has collapsed with a dangerously low breathing rate. (R)</p>
11	<p>11.40 Scotcast Martin Geissler hosts talk on Scotland's biggest news stories. (R)</p>	<p>11.00 Make Me Perfect: Manufacturing Beauty in China A look inside China's booming cosmetic surgery industry and how the surge in demand has led to a shortage of qualified practitioners and licensed clinics.</p>	<p>11.05 Peston Political magazine show hosted by Robert Peston, featuring major interviews with MPs, topical guests and cultural figures.</p> <p>11.55 G'wed The countdown for a legendary party called Scousechella is on. (R)</p>	<p>11.05 24 Hours in A&E Double bill. A roofer receives treatment after falling off a two-storey building onto concrete; a 38-year-old is rushed in to A&E after coming off his motorbike at high speed and a skydiver has landed badly. (R)</p>	<p>11.05 Skin A&E Dr Spierings struggles to see the acne a patient has hidden with make-up. Dr Nelson is shocked by a patient's DIY attempt to treat a cyst and Dr Sheraz tackles a stubborn lipoma. (R)</p>
12 midnight	<p>12.10am Pointless Celebrities. JJ Chalmers, Jeanette Kwakye, Gareth Locke, Ollie Locke, Josh Jones, Fatiha El-Ghorri, Georgie Barrat and Josie d'Arby compete in the star-studded charity quiz show. (R) 12.55 Blankety Blank (R) 1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead 1.35-6.00am BBC News</p>	<p>12.00m't Pilgrimage: The Road Through the Alps. Celebrities go on a pilgrimage through the Alps. (R) 1.05 Snooker: World Championship Extra 3.05 Sign Zone: Interior Design Masters with Alan Carr (R) 4.05 Sign Zone: The Watermelons: Myanmar's Military Moles (R) 4.30-6.15am This Is BBC Two</p>	<p>12.30am Gallagher Premiership Unleashed. Action from the 14th round of fixtures. 12.55 Shop on TV 3.00 Holiday Homes: Mis-sold and Misled? Tonight. People losing money after buying caravans on holiday parks. (R) 3.25 The Dry (R) 3.50 Unwind with STV 5.05-6.00am 99 to Beat (R)</p>	<p>1.00 The Piano. Claudia Winkleman, Mika and Jon Batiste bring the search to Brighton Station. (R) 2.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) 2.50 Love My Face (R) 3.45 Grand Indian Hotel (R) 4.40 Jamie's Comfort Food (R) 4.50 Location, Location, Location (R) 5.45-6.25am Countdown (R)</p>	<p>12.05am Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) 1.00 PlayOJO Live Casino Show 3.00 Friends: double bill (R) 3.50 Secrets of the Imperial War Museum (R) 4.40 The Wonderful World of Chocolate (R) 5.30 Entertainment News 5.40 Paw Patrol (R) 5.50-6.00am Pip and Posy (R)</p>

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6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **10.00** Dress to Impress **12.00noon** Dinner Date **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Supermarket Sweep **3.00** Hart of Dixie **4.00** Gilmore Girls **5.00** Dinner Date

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase** Alexander Armstrong, Natasha Hamilton and Jamie Laing take part on the gameshow.

7.00 **Deal or No Deal** Gameshow, hosted by Stephen Mulhern.

8.00 **The 1% Club** Quiz show.

9.00 **Family Guy** Double bill.

10.00 **Celebrity Big Brother: Late and Live** Celebrity Big Brother content with AJ Odudu, Will Best and celebrity guests.

11.05 **Family Guy** Stewie attempts to combat ageing with plastic surgery.

11.35 **American Dad!** Animation.

12.05am **American Dad!** **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.35** Extraordinary **2.10** World's Funniest Videos **2.35** Unwind with ITV **3.00** Teleshopping **4.30** Unwind with ITV **5.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Teleshopping **7.30** Unwind with ITV **7.40** Backyard Builds **8.10** Billie and Greg: The Family Diaries **9.10** Gary Barlow's Wine Tour **10.10** Buying and Selling **11.10** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.05pm** Billie and Greg: The Family Diaries **1.10** The Only Way Is Essex **2.10** Dinner Date **3.10** Scott's Vacation House Rules **4.05** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **5.00** The Real Housewives of New York City

6.00 **Buying and Selling** A home that has become a renovation nightmare.

7.00 **Million Dollar Listing: LA** The Altmans struggle with their work-life balance.

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

9.00 **The Bardsley Bunch** Tanya wants to see if she should have a hysterectomy.

10.00 **The Only Way Is Essex** Reality.

11.00 **The Fortune Hotel** Gameshow.

12.00m't The Only Way Is Essex **1.00** Backyard Builds **1.30** Teleshopping **2.30-6.00am** Unwind with ITV

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7.05pm **LIVE** **MOTD: Women's Super League** Chelsea v Crystal Palace (kick-off 7.15pm). Coverage of the top-flight match taking place at Kingsmeadow, as the teams meet for the third time in this campaign.

9.30 **Just Act Normal** Double bill. The siblings navigate life with Dr Feelgood while dodging Leo's suspicions; the siblings hire a fake Jackie to fool Ms Jenkins and Tiana clashes with Shanice while juggling work, studies and family.

10.45 **Suits** Double bill. Daniel Hardman creates a buzz at Pearson Specter Litt; Hardman prepares for his takeover of the firm.

12.10am Ashley Cain: Into the Danger Zone. Meeting the young men involved in Colombia's illegal gold mining. **1.10** Brickies **2.10** High: Surviving a Dubai Drugs Bust **2.40-3.55am** Just Act Normal

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7.00pm **LIVE** **Snooker: The World Championship** Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the evening session on day five from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, featuring the conclusion of a first-round match.

10.00 **The Lakes** Double bill. As Lucy's lies turn public opinion against him, Danny sets out to find the truth behind the tragedy. John Simm stars; Danny faces up to a traumatic inquest. Last in series.

11.40 **Mark Lawson Talks to Jimmy McGovern** The broadcaster interviews the TV and film writer, covering such topics as his memories of working-class Liverpool and the impact of Catholicism on his life.

12.40am Mick Jagger: My Life as a Rolling Stone. Documentary profile. **1.40** Keith Richards: My Life as a Rolling Stone **2.40-3.40am** Mark Lawson Talks to Jimmy McGovern

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6.00am Home Shopping **9.00** Entertainment News on 5 **9.10** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order

6.00 **NCIS** Triple bill. Ziva returns and informs Gibbs his life is in danger; Gibbs and Ziva's rogue investigation takes an unexpected turn; the body of a marine lieutenant is found hidden under a lorry.

9.00 **Criminal Minds** Double bill. The agents track down a child abductor; a killer targets a member of the team, while Morgan questions his future.

11.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Stone asks Benson to investigate a sexual assault from his past that he feels guilt and uncertainty about, while Rollins considers a proposal from Al.

12.00m't Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: triple bill **2.45** The Good Wife. Legal drama. **3.35** Car Pound Cops **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Cannonball **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.00** Railroad Australia **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.00** James May's Cars of the People **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Hairy Bikers Everyday Gourmets

6.00 **Rick Stein's Cornwall** Double bill.

7.00 **Would I Lie to You?** Unseen material from the comedy panel show.

7.40 **Richard Osman's House of Games** Double bill. With Hannah Cockcroft, Neil Morrissey and Rhys Stephenson; with Sarah Kendall and Jay McGuinness.

9.00 **QI XL** Extended edition. With Ross Noble, Kathy Lette and Sue Perkins.

10.00 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Steph McGovern hosts an extended edition of the quiz from October 2019, with Miles Jupp and Camilla Long.

11.00 **8 Out of 10 Cats** Panel show.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **2.00** Survivor South Africa **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Teleshopping **7.25** At Home with the Braithwaites **8.20** Doctors **9.35** Holby City **10.35** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Eldorado **3.15** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **4.20** At Home with the Braithwaites **5.25** Keeping Up Appearances. Suburban comedy.

6.00 **Birds of a Feather** The sisters need some cash for Christmas.

6.40 **Last of the Summer Wine** Double bill.

8.00 **Annika** Double bill. Morgan starts working at a remote Scottish eco-resort; a brutal murder on Glasgow's canals hits close to home. Last in series.

10.00 **New Tricks** A skeleton uncovered in the foundations of a swimming pool is identified as a young lottery winner, who was reported missing 17 years ago.

11.20 **Bergerac** A film crew revives memories of the Nazi occupation.

12.20am Taggart **3.10** Holby City **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **8.00** The Simpsons **9.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Married at First Sight Australia **12.30pm** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Young Sheldon **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** The Simpsons **5.00** The Big Bang Theory

6.00 **The Big Bang Theory** Sheldon tries to hide his friendship with Penny.

6.30 **The Simpsons** Homer takes Ned Flanders' advice and starts praying.

7.00 **Hollyoaks** DI Banks covers his tracks.

7.30 **Married at First Sight Australia**

9.00 **First Dates** Sixty-one-year-old finance worker and raver Sandra is looking for love.

10.00 **Gogglebox** TV opinions.

11.05 **Naked Attraction** Singletons Cathy and Adam each choose a date.

12.10am First Dates **1.15** Married at First Sight Australia **2.40** Gogglebox **3.35** The Goldbergs **4.25** The Neighborhood **5.15-6.00am** Modern Family

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8.55am Heir Hunters **11.00** A New Life in the Sun **12.00noon** A Place in the Sun **2.35** Come Dine with Me: five episodes

5.15 **Four in a Bed** Five episodes.

7.55 **Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It** Phil Spencer and Kirstie Allsopp help Lexie and Ed from Nottingham decide whether to renovate their four-bed house or sell it and move elsewhere.

9.00 **24 Hours in A&E** Double bill. A 40-year-old woman arrives having been knocked over while crossing a road; a woman is rushed to A&E after being flung from a go-kart at speed.

11.05 **Emergency Helicopter Medics** Mountain-biker Ivan sustains a serious head injury in a fall in a remote part of a forest. Elsewhere, a four-year-old needs strong pain relief when he breaks his thigh bone, and a farmer fractures his hip.

12.10am Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.15** 24 Hours in A&E. Documentary. **3.25-3.50am** Food Unwrapped

VARIATIONS

BBC SCOTLAND **7.00pm** Reporting Scotland **7.30** Scotland's Home of the Year **8.00** The Tales of Para Handy **8.50** Beechgrove Repotted **9.00** Debate Night **10.00** River City **10.30** Martin Compston's Scottish Fling **11.00** Scotcast **11.30pm-12.00m't** David Wilson's Crime Files

BBC ALBA **6.00am** Alba Today **5.00pm** Oscar & Ealasaid **5.15** Meaban is Moo **5.20** Boban is Fuigheag **5.25** Boban is Fuigheag **5.30** Gasta a' Ghraineag **5.40** Paddington agus an Nollaig **5.55** Stoiridh **6.00** Clann Na Cruinne **6.20** Proiseact Ploigh **6.40** Bogaisean is Gumbalan (Bottersnikes and Gumbles) **6.50** Alba Eagalach **7.00** Am Piano (The Piano) **7.15** Binneas – Na Trads **7.30** SpeakGaelic **8.00** An La (News) **8.30** Lios Mhairi **9.00** Fergie, The Ceilidh King **10.00** Na Trads: An Tobar **10.30** Bannan (The Ties That Bind) **11.00** The Sandyford Murder – Sgeulachd Jessie McLachlan **11.45** Binneas – Na Trads **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

ENGLAND As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** Regional News; Weather **2.30** Expert Witness **3.00-3.45** Escape to the Country **6.30** Regional News; Weather **6.55-7.00** Party Election Broadcast **10.30** Regional News; Weather

10.40 How to Win the Champions League **11.25** Pointless Celebrities **12.10am** Blankety Blank **12.50-6.00am** BBC News

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Newsline; Weather **2.30** Expert Witness **3.00-3.45** Escape to the Country **6.30-7.00** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.30** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.40** How to Win the Champions League **11.25** Pointless Celebrities **12.10-12.50am** Blankety Blank

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC2 except: **10.00-10.30pm** **NEW** Hardy Bucks **11.00** Kinahan: The True Story of Ireland's Mafia **12.00m't-1.05am** Make Me Perfect: Manufacturing Beauty in China

BORDER As STV except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Border **6.00** ITV News Lookaround **6.20-6.30** Party Election Broadcast **10.30** ITV News Border **10.45** Peston **11.40** G'wed **12.10-12.35am** Gallagher Premiership Unleashed

UTV As STV except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV Live **6.00-6.30** UTV Live **10.30** UTV Live **10.45** Peston **11.40** G'wed **12.10-12.35am** Gallagher Premiership Unleashed



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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT
6.00am Sky Sports News. Headlines. **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans. Today's early stories.
10.00 **LIVE** **Tennis** The Madrid Open. Coverage of day two of the WTA 1000 and ATP 1000 event, a clay-court tournament that takes place at Park Manzanares in Madrid, Spain.
3.00pm **LIVE** **IPL** Sunrisers Hyderabad v Mumbai Indians. From Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium.
7.00 Sky Sports News. The latest headlines.
7.30 **LIVE** **Premier League** Arsenal v Crystal Palace (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the top-flight match at Emirates Stadium, as the teams meet for the third time in this campaign.
10.45 Eubank Snr v Benn 1990. Chris Eubank v Nigel Benn. A chance to see the first bout between the rivals from November 1990, which was for the WBO World Middleweight title. **11.45pm-6.00am** Sky Sports News

SKY SPORTS CRICKET
6.00am IPL **10.10** Ashes Greats **10.30** Best of ICC WT20: double bill **11.00** IPL: four episodes
2.50pm **LIVE** **IPL** Sunrisers Hyderabad v Mumbai Indians. From Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium.
7.00 **LIVE** **Pakistan Super League** Multan Sultans v Islamabad United. Coverage of the T20 match at Multan Cricket Stadium. Full coverage of the match is available on Sky Sports Mix.
8.00 Best of ICC WT20 **8.15** Best of ICC WT20 **8.30** Best of ICC WT20 **8.45** Best of ICC WT20 **9.00** IPL **10.00** IPL **11.00** Pakistan Super League Highlights **12.00m't** IPL **5.10** Ashes Greats **5.30-6.00am** Best of ICC WT20

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL
6.00am Retro League One **8.45** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.00** 1983: When Aberdeen Ruled Europe
12.00noon WSL **12.30** EFL Highlights **2.00** Bundesliga Highlights Show **3.00** EFL Highlights **5.00** WSL **5.30** EFL Highlights **7.00** WSL. Action from West Ham United v Manchester United. **7.30** EFL Highlights **7.45** EFL Highlights **8.00** EFL Highlights **8.15** EFL Highlights **8.30** EFL Highlights **8.45** EFL Highlights **9.00** Bundesliga Highlights Show. Action from the German top flight. **10.00** EFL Highlights **10.15** EFL Highlights **10.30** EFL Highlights **10.45** EFL Highlights **11.00** EFL Highlights **11.30** EFL Greatest Games **12.00m't** EFL **3.00** EFL Greatest Games **4.00-6.00am** EFL Cup Retro

SKY SPORTS GOLF
6.00am Ladies European Tour Golf **7.00** LPGA Tour Golf **10.00** US Women's Open Golf **11.00** Women's PGA Championship
12.00noon LPGA Tour Golf **1.00** US Women's Open Golf **2.00** LPGA Tour Golf **3.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **4.00** LPGA Tour Golf
6.00 Ladies European Tour Golf **7.00** PGA Tour: The Cut **7.30** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **8.00** PGA Tour Golf **9.00** DP World Tour Golf **9.30** PGA Tour: The Cut **10.00** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **10.30** PGA Tour Golf **11.30** Golf's Greatest Holes **12.00m't** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **12.30** PGA Tour: The Cut **1.00** PGA Tour Golf **2.00** LPGA Tour Golf **3.00-6.00am** PGA Tour Golf

TNT SPORTS 1
6.00am Isuzu UTE A-League **7.00** Premier League Review **8.00** Premier League Stories **8.30** Premier League Netbusters **9.00** UEFA Women's Champions League **10.00** Cliff Diving World Series **11.00** UEFA Champions League Magazine **11.30** Premier League Reload
11.45 **LIVE** **Men's Cycling World Tour** The Fleche Wallonne. The one-day race in Belgium.
3.45pm Original Documentary. Asking what the future holds for cycling in the battle against global warming. Reshmin Chowdhury meets cyclists to discuss how it can force change.
4.00 **LIVE** **Women's Cycling World Tour** The La Fleche Wallonne. Coverage of the one-day race.
5.15 Original Documentary **5.30** Serie A – Full Impact **6.00** TNT Sports Reload
6.30 **LIVE** **Snooker World Championship** Coverage from the third session on day five.
10.00 Discovery Golf. The latest news. **10.30** The Rugby Review. Matchweek 14. **11.15** TNT Sports Reload **11.30** MLB Plays of the Week **12.00m't** **LIVE** **MLB** Chicago Cubs v Los Angeles Dodgers (Start time 12.00m't). Coverage of the National League match from Wrigley Field.
3.15 TNT Sports Reload **3.30-6.00am** UEFA Champions League – Classics

TNT SPORTS 2
6.00am The WRC Magazine **6.30** Marathons **7.30** AFL **10.30** Men's Cycling Pro Series
11.30 **LIVE** **Men's Cycling Pro Series** Coverage of stage three of the Tour of the Alps, a 143.7km route from Sterzing to Innichen.
1.30pm NBA **3.00** Ultimate Pool **4.30** MLB Highlights **5.30** MLB Plays of the Week **6.00** **LIVE** **MLB** CleCleveland Guardians v New York Yankees (Start time 6.10pm). The American League match from Progressive Field.
9.15 NBA **10.45** Ultimate Pool **12.15am** TNT Sports Reload **12.30** Discovery Golf **1.00** NBA **2.30** **LIVE** **NBA** Houston Rockets v Golden State Warriors (Tba-off 2.30am). Game two from the first round of the Western Conference play-offs.
5.00-6.00am Inside the NBA

Entertainment & Factual



Live Premier League Sky Sports Main Event, 7.30pm
There's a London derby at the Emirates Stadium as Arsenal host Crystal Palace. Jean-Philippe Mateta (left) has been in good form for the visitors this season.

9.00 **FILM** **I Am Jackie O** (2020/12) Profile of Jackie Kennedy Onassis. **★★★★** **10.40** The Ghost of Richard Harris **1.00am** The Warhol Effect **3.00** Laurie Lee: The Lost Interview **4.00** Sky Arts from Hay **5.00** Inside Art: Van Gogh at the Courtauld Gallery **5.30-6.00am** Inside Art: Linda McCartney Retrospective

U&GOLD
7.15am Last of the Summer Wine **8.20** Keeping Up Appearances **9.00** I Didn't Know You Cared **9.40** Hi-de-Hi! **10.20** Open All Hours **11.00** Last of the Summer Wine **12.20pm** Keeping Up Appearances **1.00** I Didn't Know You Cared **1.40** Dad's Army **2.20** Open All Hours **3.00** Hi-de-Hi! **3.40** Last of the Summer Wine **5.00** I Didn't Know You Cared **5.40** Keeping Up Appearances **6.20** Hi-de-Hi! **7.00** Open All Hours **7.40** Dad's Army **9.00** The Fast Show **9.35** Bottom **10.15** Absolutely Fabulous **10.55** dinnerladies **11.40** Miranda **12.20am** The Fast Show **1.00** Bottom **1.40** dinnerladies **3.00** Miranda **3.30-4.00am** The Fosters

U&YESTERDAY **Freeview 27**
6.10am Great Continental Railway Journeys **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** WW2 – Battles for Europe **11.00** The World at War **12.00noon** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** WW2 – Battles for Europe **5.00** The World at War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Great Continental Railway Journeys **8.00** Great Coastal Railway Journeys **9.00** Great Canal Journeys: Asian Odyssey **10.00** Bangers & Cash. Derek heads to County Durham. **12.00m't** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.00-3.00am** Abandoned Engineering

U&ALIBI
7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Father Brown **10.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00noon** The Mentalist **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Father Brown **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body of Proof **7.00** The Mentalist **8.00** Death in Paradise **9.00** **NEW** I, Jack Wright. Mystery drama series about the aftermath of a businessman's apparent suicide. **10.00** Father Brown **11.00** The Mentalist **12.00m't** Body of Proof **1.00** Elementary **2.00-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY MAX
6.00am Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** Manifest **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** Supergirl **12.00noon** Manifest **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Magnum P.I. **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** Supergirl. Alex confesses a secret. **6.00** Stargate SG-1

Radio

CHOICE Loud
Radio 4, 3.30pm
BBC health and science correspondent James Gallagher investigates how our noisy world is damaging our health. He spends two days in Barcelona – one of the noisiest cities in Europe – to meet the people whose health is being ruined by noise and the scientists and doctors trying to turn down the volume.

BBC RADIO 4
FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** Life Changing **9.30** Invisible Hands **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** The Today Debate **11.45** Conflict and Co-operation: A History of Trade **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Like and Subscribe: How YouTube Changed the World **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: The Interrogation **3.00** Money Box Live **3.30** Loud **4.00** When It Hits the Fan **4.15** The Media Show **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** The Ultimate Choice **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** AntiSocial **8.45** The Prophets of Profit **9.00** The Long View **9.30** All in the Mind **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: One Came Back **11.00** DMs Are Open **11.15** The Skewer **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00m't** News **12.30** Conflict and Co-operation: A History of Trade **12.48** Shipping Forecast

BBC RADIO 2
88-91MHz 6.30am The Scott Mills Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Trevor Nelson **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** The Good Groove with DJ Spoony **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Pick of the Pops **4.00-6.30am** Bronwen Lewis

BBC RADIO 3
90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **3.00** Choral Evensong **4.00** Composer of the Week: Verdi **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: Erland Cooper's Mythic Mountains **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

8.00 Friends: The Reunion. The show's stars reminisce about the comedy. **10.00** Joe Lycett's United States of Birmingham **11.00** Hacks **11.30** An Idiot Abroad 2 **12.30am** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **1.30** Road Wars **3.00** Magnum P.I. **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC
6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** Boardwalk Empire **10.00** Billions **12.00noon** Game of Thrones **1.00** My Brilliant Friend **3.40** Boardwalk Empire **5.50** Billions **7.55** Game of Thrones **9.00** The Last of Us **10.10** Gangs of London **11.15** Homicide: Life on the Street **12.15am** Succession **1.25** The Baby **2.00** **NEW** Penelope **3.20** The Pacific **4.20** Game of Thrones **5.20-6.00am** In Treatment

SKY WITNESS
6.00am Sun, Sea and A&E **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Stop, Search, Seize **10.00** UK Border Force **11.00** Bull **12.00noon** The Good Doctor **1.00** The Cleaning Lady **2.00** Chicago Med **3.00** Caught on Dashcam **4.00** Nothing to Declare **8.00** FBI: Most Wanted **9.00** The Equalizer. Crime drama. **10.00** Fire Country **11.00** The Rookie **12.00m't** FBI **1.00** FBI: Most Wanted **2.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **3.00** The Good Doctor **4.00** Highway Patrol **5.00-6.00am** Road Wars

SKY COMEDY
8.00am Silicon Valley **9.15** The Conners **10.15** Veep **11.25** Flight of the Conchords **12.35pm** Curb Your Enthusiasm **2.00** Veep **3.10** Flight of the Conchords **4.20** Silicon Valley **5.35** The Office (US) **6.35** The Conners **7.35** Curb Your Enthusiasm **9.00** The Righteous Gemstones **9.50** Micky Flanagan: If Ever We Needed It **11.00** Entourage **12.10am** Divorce **12.45** Sex and the City **2.05** Girls **3.15-5.00am** Silicon Valley

DISCOVERY
6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Alaskan Bush People **9.00** Last Chance Garage **11.00** Wheeler Dealers: Dream Car **1.00pm** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **3.00** Gold Rush **5.00** Deadliest Catch **6.00** Wheeler Dealers: Dream Car **7.00** Junkyard Empire **8.00** Hoffman Family Gold **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** **NEW** Filthy Fortunes **11.00** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **12.00m't** Mountain Monsters **1.00** Gold Divers **2.00** Filthy Fortunes **3.00** Texas Metal **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
8.00am Disaster Autopsy **9.00** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report **10.00** Destruction Decoded **11.00** Pirates: Behind the Legends **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** Construction Fails **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** World War II: Secrets from Above **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Destruction Decoded **9.00** Hitler's Last Stand **10.00** No Man Left Behind **11.00** Air Crash Investigation. Aviation catastrophes. **12.00m't** Car S.O.S **1.00** Ancient X Files **2.00** Food Factory **2.30** Abandoned **3.20** Food Factory USA **4.10-5.00am** Secrets of the Zoo: Keeper Tales

1.00 As BBC World Service **5.00** News **5.04** Yesterday in Parliament **5.32** Weather **5.34** Shipping Forecast **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Farming Today

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE
693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Naga Munchetty **2.00pm** Matt Chorley **4.00** 5 Live Drive **7.00** 5 Live Sport **7.30** 5 Live Boxing **9.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** Tony Livesey **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

BBC RADIO SCOTLAND
FM: 92-95MHz, MW: 810kHz 6.00am Good Morning Scotland **9.00** Mornings **12.00noon** Lunchtime Live **1.30** The Afternoon Show **3.30** The Afternoon Show **4.00** Drivetime **6.00** Get It On with Bryan Burnett. Music request show. **8.00** The Quay Sessions with Roddy Hart. Live performances from across the musical landscape. **10.00** Vic Galloway. New releases and classic album cuts. **12.00m't** Scotcast. Discussing Scotland's biggest stories. **12.30-6.00am** As BBC Radio 5 Live

TALKSPORT
1053/1089kHz 6.00am talkSPORT Breakfast with Alan Brazil **10.00** Jim White and Simon Jordan **1.00pm** Hawksbee and Jacobs **4.00** talkSPORT Drive with Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent **7.00** GameNight. Arsenal v Crystal Palace (kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00am** Extra Time with Paul Ross **5.00-6.00am** Early Sports Breakfast

Movies

FILM4
11.00am **The Golden Voyage of Sinbad** (1974/U) Fantasy adventure, starring John Phillip Law and Tom Baker. **★★★★**
1.10pm **The Long Ships** (1963/PG) Viking adventure, starring Richard Widmark. **★★**
3.45 **The Guns of Navarone** (1961/PG) Second World War drama, starring Gregory Peck, David Niven and Stanley Baker. **★★★★★**
6.55 **The Greatest Showman** (2017/PG) Musical drama, starring Hugh Jackman and Michelle Williams. **★★★★★**
9.00 **Bullet Train** (2022/15) Comedy thriller, starring Brad Pitt and Joey King. **★★★★**
11.35 **Terminator Salvation** (2009/12) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Christian Bale. **★★**
1.45-3.40am **Millie Lies Low** (2021/15) Comedy drama, starring Ana Scotney. **★★★**

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE
6.40am **Babes** (2024/15) See 2.10am. **★★★★★**
8.30 **I'll Be Right There** (2023/12) Comedy, with Edie Falco and Jeannie Berlin. **★★★★★**
10.15 **Sneaks** (2024/PG) Animated comedy, with the voice of Anthony Mackie. **★★★**
12.00noon **Transformers One** (2024/PG) Animated sci-fi adventure, featuring the voice of Chris Hemsworth. **★★★★**
2.00pm **Twisters** (2024/12) See 8.00pm. **★★★★**
4.10 **Touch** (2024/15) Romantic drama, starring Egill Olafsson and Koki. **★★★★**
6.20 **The Parenting** (2024/15) Horror comedy, starring Brandon Flynn and Nik Dodani. **★★★★**
8.00 **Twisters** (2024/12) Standalone disaster sequel, starring Daisy Edgar-Jones. **★★★★**
10.10 **Smile 2** (2024/18) Horror sequel, starring Naomi Scott and Rosemarie DeWitt. **★★★**
12.30am **The Parenting** (2024/15) See 6.20pm. **★★★★**
2.10 **Babes** (2024/15) Comedy, starring Ilana Glazer and Michelle Buteau. **★★★★★**
4.10-6.00am **My Penguin Friend** (2024/PG) Drama, starring Jean Reno. **★★★★**

SKY CINEMA DRAMA
4.05pm **Charlie Wilson's War** (2007/15) Fact-based political drama, starring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts. **★★★★★**
5.55 **Lee** (2023/15) Drama, starring Kate Winslet and Andy Samberg. **★★★★★**
8.00 **One Life** (2023/12) Drama, starring Anthony Hopkins and Lena Olin. **★★★★★**
10.00 **Calvary** (2014/15) Drama, with Brendan Gleeson and Chris O'Dowd. **★★★★★**
11.55 **Out of Africa** (1985/PG) Drama, with Meryl Streep and Robert Redford. **★★★★★**
2.45am **High Noon** (1952/U) Western, with Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly. **★★★★★**
4.25-6.20am **Golda** (2023/12) Drama, with Helen Mirren and Zed Josef. **★★★★**

SKY CINEMA FAMILY
4.00pm **Cats & Dogs** (2001/PG) Comedy, with Jeff Goldblum and Elizabeth Perkins. **★★★**
5.35 **Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore** (2010/U) Comedy sequel, starring Chris O'Donnell and James Marsden. **★★★**
7.00 **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (2008/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser and Josh Hutcherson. **★★**
8.35 **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (2012/PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Dwayne Johnson and Michael Caine. **★★★**
10.15 **Muppets from Space** (1999/U) Family comedy, starring F Murray Abraham. **★★★★★**
12.00m't **A Tiger's Tail** (2014/U) Family drama, with Will Spencer and Greg Grunberg. **★★★★**
1.25am **Big Fat Liar** (2002/PG) Comedy, with Frankie Muniz and Amanda Bynes. **★★**
3.00 **Ghost Squad** (2015/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Will Spencer. **★★★**
4.30-6.00am **Little Vampire** (2020/U) Animation, featuring the voices of Louise Lacoste and Camille Cottin. **★★★**

TALKING PICTURES TV
4.40pm **The Texan** 1950s Western series.
5.15 **Sherlock Holmes and the Woman in Green** (1945/PG) Mystery, starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. **★★★★**
7.00 **Z Cars** Vintage police drama.
8.00 **Manhunt** Second World War drama.
9.05 **Maigret** Double bill of the mystery series.
12.00m't **Lost Lagoon** (1957/U) Drama, starring Jeffrey Lynn and Leila Barry. **★★★★**
1.35am **The Shakedown** (1960/12) Thriller, with Terence Morgan and Hazel Court. **★★★**
3.25 **Mutiny** (1952/U) Nautical adventure, with Mark Stevens and Angela Lansbury. **★★**
5.00-6.00am **London Entertainers** (1951/U) Documentary about the Festival of Britain, a national exhibition held throughout the United Kingdom in the summer of 1951. **★★★★**

GREAT! MOVIES
5.00pm **Garage Sale Mysteries: The Art of Murder** (2017/PG) Whodunit, starring Lori Loughlin and Eva Bourne. **★★★★**
7.00 **Sue Thomas: FBEye** Double bill.
9.00 **Aliens** (1986/18) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Sigourney Weaver. **★★★★★**
12.15am **Settlers** (2021/15) Sci-fi drama, with Sofia Boutella and Jonny Lee Miller. **★★**
4.00-6.00am **Mistaken** (2008/15) Thriller, with Lana Parrilla and Benedicte Decary. **★★★★**

FINANCE

Artbreaker for stranded staff

HOBBYCRAFT STORES FACE CLOSURES

NEARLY a quarter of arts and crafts chain Hobbycraft's stores could close under plans to slash costs.

Owner Modella Capital – which recently announced the takeover of WH Smith's high street arm – said nine stores would shut by mid-July, with between 72 and 126 job losses.

But reports say another 18 will only remain open if store landlords can be persuaded to cut the rent bill. Hobbycraft insisted the wider shake-up, through a company voluntary arrangement, would safeguard at least a further 99 stores and more than 1800 jobs.

The restructuring will also result in a number of management roles being made redundant, along with jobs in its Bournemouth head office and a distribution centre in Burton on Trent.

Alex Willson, Hobbycraft chief executive, said: "Very sadly, the strength

of our offering has not made us immune from the challenges faced by the retail sector in recent years. Closing stores is always a last resort and this has been an extremely difficult decision.

"Making these changes is sadly a necessary action to enable us to keep our doors open to crafters up and down the country."

It comes as Modella is poised to launch an overhaul of The Original Factory Shop, the discount chain it bought just two months ago. According to Sky News, as many as between 30 and 40 outlets could close, resulting in hundreds more layoffs.

The cull will raise questions about possible closures among the 480 WH Smith stores – which have 5000 workers – that Modella is buying and rebranding as TG Jones. Sources said it was too early to know whether the new owners would keep all high street shops.



HARD TIMES
Craft chain

24-CARAT INVESTMENT

THE price of gold has topped a record high of \$3500 an ounce amid uncertainty caused by Donald Trump's trade war.

The precious metal's value has rocketed on the back of Trump's trade tariffs, subsequent stock market slumps and fears of a slowing global economy.

Adrian Ash, director of research at BullionVault, said: "At the moment, the typical first deposit is £300." And the jump in prices should also boost the value of gold jewellery people might be looking to sell.



MARKS & Spencer has apologised after its stores were impacted by a "cyber incident" in recent days.

Customers have been told they could face delays to their click and collect orders after the attack.

The high street chain had to make "minor, temporary changes" to its store operations to protect customers and the business.

M&S chief executive Stuart Machin said: "It was necessary to temporarily make some small changes and I am sincerely sorry for any inconvenience."

FTSE 100			up 52.9 at 8328.6			Oil = \$67.96		
Aberdeen.....	139.0	0.6	HSBC.....	800.3	11.3	Shell PLC.....	2432.0	-6.9
Anglo American.....	2034.0	9.5	Imperial Brands.....	2995.0	24.0	Smith & Nephew.....	980.0	-3.5
AB Foods.....	2204.0	10.0	International Airline Grp..	252.8	3.9	Smiths WH.....	888.0	-42.9
Admiral Group.....	3230.0	28.0	IDS.....	365.6	0.0	Standard Chartered.....	1022.5	6.0
AstraZeneca.....	10140.0	16.0	ITV.....	78.8	3.3	Taylor Wimpey.....	113.9	0.9
Aviva PLC.....	538.2	11.6	JD Sports.....	76.6	1.6	Tesco.....	359.9	5.3
BAE Systems.....	1705.5	-9.9	Kingfisher.....	271.1	2.7	Unilever.....	4881.0	75.0
B&M European.....	326.1	3.3	Land Securities.....	581.5	5.0	United Utilities.....	1116.0	4.0
BAT.....	3195.0	31.0	Legal & General.....	249.8	2.2	Vodafone.....	72.2	1.7
Balfour Beatty.....	431.0	-0.3	Lloyds.....	71.3	1.0	Whitbread.....	2537.0	0.0
Barclays.....	280.0	2.7	Marks & Spencer.....	409.5	-1.7	Reach PLC.....	73.5	0.6
BR Land Co.....	384.4	1.0	National Grid.....	1093.0	14.0	Holiday£		
BP.....	358.9	-0.3	NatWest Group.....	459.7	1.0	Euro.....	1.167	
BT.....	168.2	2.5	Next.....	12130.0	80.0	Australian Dollar.....	2.088	
Capita Group.....	12.4	-0.6	Ocado.....	287.9	-10.0	Bulgarian Lev.....	2.282	
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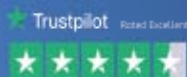
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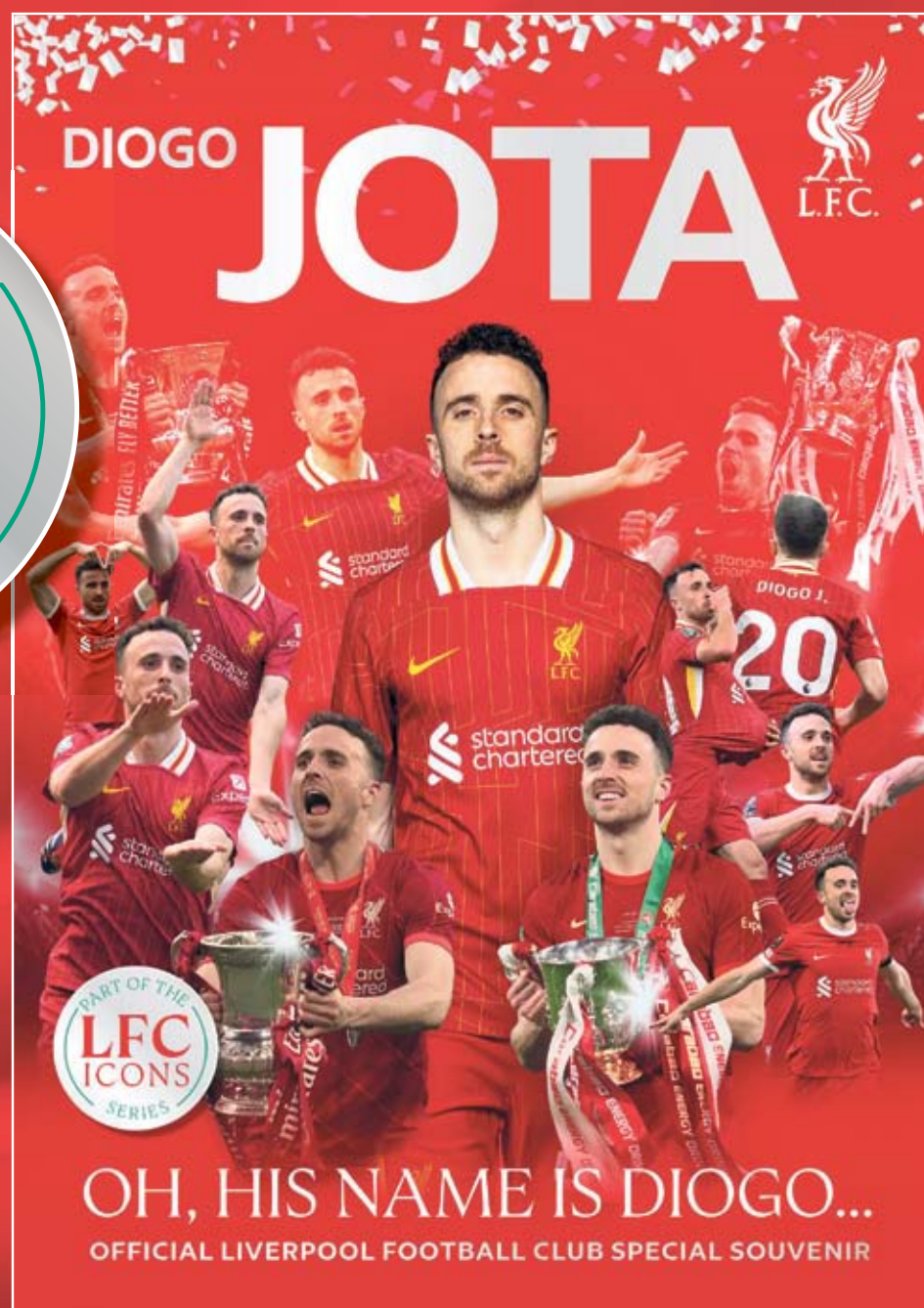
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2.38 MORE COKO	MORE COKO
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3.30 TOMMYS CHARM	TOMMYS CHARM
4.10 MANALA	VARINIA
4.40 CAPTAIN TOMMY	CAPTAIN TOMMY
5.15 UPTOWN LASS	JORAH D'ALMA

GOING: Good-Good to Soft in places.
COURSE: Right-handed oval course of 1m 4f, nine fences per circuit. 450yd run-in. Hurdle course is undulating and runs outside chase course.

2.38 FEATHERS' HURDLE (4)
Winner £4,357 (7 run) 1m 7f 169yds

1	1112 MORE COKO (44) (H) W P Mullins (IRE) 5 12-0 (BFD).....	B Hayes 127
2	2-213 DON'T MIND IF I DO (83) A King 5 11-9 (BF).....	T Cannon 25
3	4-351 STAR ARTIST (36) H Morrison 6 11-9.....	J J Burke —
4	3-004 JAGER TIME (17) F O'Brien 6 11-2.....	Fern O'Brien (7) —
5	8 REGAL CAVALIER (26) M Young 5 11-2.....	D Noonan —
6	P13250 BRENIDAS ASKING (41) K Bailey & M Nicholls 7 10-9 (CD).....	N Andrews (10) 116
7	6 SILK BIRD (10) M Young 5 10-9.....	Tabitha Worsley (3) —

BETTING: 4-7 More Coko, 7-2 Don't Mind If I Do, 5 Bendas Asking, 10 Star Artist, 66 Jager Time, 100 Regal Cavalier, 200 Silk Bird.
2024: DADDY LONG LEGS 5 11 9, Mr Patrick Mullins 1-7 Fav (W P Mullins), 7 ran.
MORE COKO 1-5lav (11-12, Mr P V Mullins) Raced wide, led, headed after 5th, chased winner, went left and bad mistake next, went left and awkward 7th, no chance with winner after next, struggling and well beaten when went left 2 out and last, eased run-in, 2nd of 5, 201 behind Old Cowboy (11-0) at Plumpton 2m 4f nov hdl (4) gd in Mar 5m 10.73s.
DON'T MIND IF I DO 8-15lav (11-8, Tom Cannon) Held up in mid-division on inside, took keen hold, did not fluent 3rd, headway and switched right before not fluent 2 out, 3rd and no impression from last, 3rd of 7, 4l behind Champagne Chic (11-2) at Wincanton 1m 7f nh nov hdl (3) hvy in Jan 3m 57.60s.
STAR ARTIST 9-2 (11-6, J J Burke) Chased leader, ridden to challenge 3 out, upsides 2 out, led narrowly last, idled but kept on well flat, won at Exeter 2m 1f mdn hdl (4) gd in Mar beating Devan Dude (11-6) by 2 1/4l, 3 ran 4m 07.61s.
JAGER TIME 40-1 (10-10, Fern O'Brien) Chased leaders in modest 3rd, not fluent 4 out, lost position home turn and pushed along, tailed off, 4th of 6, 47l behind Tutti Quanti (11-10) at Ffos Las 2m nh nov hdl (4) gd 3m 47.96s.
REGAL CAVALIER 66-1 (11-6, Mr F Guy) Took keen hold, midfield, shaken up 3 out, ridden and weakened from 2 out, 8th of 12, 38l behind Sir Galahad (10-7) at Wetherby 2m mdn hdl (4) gd in Mar 3m 33.00s.
BRENIDAS ASKING 200-1 (11-4, Thomas Bellamy) Led until 2 out, weakened final bend, 18th of 23, 42l behind Air Of Entitlement (11-4) at Cheltenham 2m 11 nov hdl 6m 2 (1) gs in Mar 4m 46.26s.
SILK BIRD 150-1 (11-4, David Noonan) Took keen hold in rear, bumped 2nd out, outpaced after 3 out, weakened next, 6th of 7, well behind Keep On Cobbling (11-4) at Stratford 2m mdn hdl (4) gd 3m 57.30s.

3.08 HEATH FARM MEATS HANDICAP HURDLE (4)
Winner £4,753 (8 run) 2m 7f 174yds

1	9-1F17 KITESURFER (197) J Snowden 6 11-10.....	J A Anderson (3) 113
2	6731P9 BUTLER'S BRIEF (26) (P) A Ralph 10 11-7.....	D Noonan 110
3	P36124 THE BOLD THADY (151) (P) T N Mulholland 8 11-5.....	Harriet Tucker (7) 108
4	49-536 SWIFT JET (39) R Phillips 7 11-4.....	S Twiston-Davies 107
5	5523 DOCTOR MIDAS (26) Miss H Knight 5 11-4.....	Paul O'Brien 107
6	136643 THANKYOURLUCKYSTAR (32) A Ralph 9 11-4 (C).....	J J Burke 107
7	9-4443 GASKIMANI (2) David Dennis 6 11-3 (D).....	Doubtful 106
8	2-4PP3 MIKIMOTO (38) (V) M Keighley 6 11-2.....	J Best 105

BETTING: 3 The Bold Thady, 4 Thankyourluckystar, 9-2 Doctor Midas, 5 Mikimoto, 6 Swift Jet, Kitesurfer, 16 Butler's Brief.
2024: PORTER IN THE PARK 7 10 11, J A Anderson(5) 9-2 (E Lavelle), 11 ran.
KITESURFER 9-2 (11-7, G Sheehan) Towards rear, never showed, 7th of 9, well behind Ballinrubber Bay (12-0) at Huntington 3m 1f hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd in Oct 5m 58.41s.
BUTLER'S BRIEF 80-1 (11-6, C Gethings) Led, headed before 2 out, weakened before 2 out, 9th of 13, 25l behind Blue Hop (11-10) at Wetherby 2m 5f hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd in Mar 5m 12.42s.
THE BOLD THADY 12-1 (10-11, D A Kidd) Held up off the pace in rear, only 5th jumping the last, ran on into 4th run-in, never going pace to get involved, 4th of 9, 3l behind Jalisco Star (10-10) at Ascot 3m nov hcp 0-115 (4) gd in Nov 6m 13.55s.
SWIFT JET 33-1 (10-13, Finn Lambert) In rear, awkward 2nd, pushed along and tailed off after 4 out, 6th of 9, 48l behind The Jukebox Kid (11-2) at Uttoxeter 2m 4f nov hdl (3) gs in Mar 5m 13.42s.
DOCTOR MIDAS 25-1 (11-5, Brendan Powell) Chased leaders, ridden and weakened before 2 out, 3rd of 5, 21l behind Elysian Knight (11-12) at Fontwell 2m 6f nh nov hdl (4) gd in Mar 5m 35.14s.
THANKYOURLUCKYSTAR 9-2 (10-9, Murray Dodd) In rear, in touch, awkward 7th, not fluent 8th and pushed along, left in 3rd after 3 out, hit 2 out, soon ridden and weakened, 3rd of 5, 14l behind Andy Amo (11-4) at Bangor-on-Dee 2m 7f hcp hdl 0-125 (3) gd in Mar 5m 37.81s.
MIKIMOTO 9-1 (11-7, James Best) Disputed lead, pushed along and headed before 2 out, plucked on, 3rd of 8, 7l behind Groovy Blue (11-7) at Market Rasen 2m 5f mdn hdl (4) gd in Mar 5m 18.97s.

3.38 CREST HOTELS HANDICAP CHASE (4)
Winner £5,281 (7 run) 2m 7f 171yds

1	5P344/ FUJI FLIGHT (745) V Williams 10 11-11.....	C Deutsch 120
2	212-52 TOMMYS CHARM (97) Kerry Lee 7 11-11.....	R Patrick 120
3	-32P2P PLANET LEGEND (97) (P) Dr R Newland & J Insole 6 11-6.....	L Scott (3) 115

4 6-2U4 SUPERVISOR (52) V Williams 11 11-4 (CD)..... N Fox (3) 113
5 42224P ALMAZHAR GARDE (25) (P) T C Longsdon 10 11-3 (C,D).... Paul O'Brien 112

6 2F35U1 ULTRA BEAT (27) (V) H Daly 7 11-3 (D)..... S Sheppard 112
7 P5-036 CARRIGEEN CASTLE (85) M Hammond 9 11-2 (D)..... A Stevens (3) 111

BETTING: 7-4 Ultra Beat, 2 Tommys Charm, 7 Fuji Flight, 8 Planet Legend, 10 Supervisor, 14 Carrigeen Castle, Almazhar Garde.
2024: HORACIO APPLES' 7 11 4, Jonjo O'Neill Jr 10-1 (O Greenall & J Guerriero), 9 ran.

FUJI FLIGHT 7-1 (11-5, Charlie Deutsch) Mid-division, pushed along before 14th, headway 16th, led 18th, forged clear before 4 out, ridden and reduced lead approaching 2 out, headed before last, no extra, 4th of 9, 6l behind Truckers Lodge (11-5) at Ffos Las 3m 4f hcp chs 0-135 (3) st in Apr '23 7m 25.34s.
TOMMYS CHARM 11-2 (11-10, Sam Twiston-Davies) Chased leader, close 2nd before 4 out, pushed along and in lead before 2 out, headed last, kept on run-in (limited comments due to fog), 2nd of 6, 3/4l behind Ideal Des Bordes (11-11) at Wincanton 3m 1f nov hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in Jan 6m 45.96s.
PLANET LEGEND, did not finish, 12-1 (10-5, Oliver Boyden) Mid-division, chased leaders 5th, lost position 4 out, ridden and tailed off next, pulled up, in a race won by Phantomtheopoints (11-13) at Wincanton 3m 1f hcp hdl 0-130 (3) gs in Jan, 11 ran 6m 25.30s.

SUPERVISOR 17-2 (11-3, Ned Fox) Chased leaders, not fluent 1st or 11th, closed on outside 14th, outpaced 3 out, no impression 2 out, 4th of 5, 15l behind Northern Poet (11-8) at Doncaster 3m cond hcp ch (3) gd in Mar 5m 56.40s.
ALMAZHAR GARDE, did not finish, 18-1 (12-0, Paul O'Brien) Off the pace towards rear, tailed off and pulled up before the last, in a race won by Konfusion (11-2) at Uttoxeter 3m hcp chs 0-115 (4) gd in Mar, 11 ran 6m 15.37s.
ULTRA BEAT 3-1 (11-13, Stan Sheppard) Disputing 4th, left in close 3rd at 15th, went 2nd after 3 out, led 2 out, stayed on well, won at Southwell 3m hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd in Mar beating Jar Du Desert (11-4) by 1 1/2l, 7 ran 6m 28.60s.
CARRIGEEN CASTLE 14-1 (11-2, B S Hughes) In rear, not fluent 2nd, some headway when slow 13th, well beaten 4 out, tailed off, 6th of 8, 3/4l behind If Not For Dylan (10-12) at Newcastle 2m 7f hcp chs 0-125 (3) st in Jan 6m 16.20s.

4.10 CROSS ON THE GETAWAY MARES' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
Winner £4,225 (14 run) 2m 5f 55yds

1	2-4116 ROCKOLA (76) A King 5 12-0 (D).....	T Cannon 100
2	342452 VERSACE TWENTYONE (28) Sheila Lewis 6 12-0.....	J Brace (5) 100
3	4-4744 GAME ON BABE (44) F O'Brien 6 11-7.....	Fern O'Brien (7) 93
4	9-9565 BRIERY BUTTERFLY (62) H Daly 6 11-3.....	S Twiston-Davies 89
5	674014 NOBODY'S PERFECT (28) Billy Aprahamian 6 11-3 (BF).....	K Brogan 89
6	945 AMBERELLI (63) M Keighley 5 11-0.....	Mr Daire McConnell (7) 86
7	7377PR BROOMFIELD GALE (4) (T) Daisy Hitchins 7 10-13.....	Mr Robbie David (7) 85
8	2-863 MANALA (55) D Skelton 6 10-11.....	C J Todd 83
9	67-70P ICI LA REINE (21) (B) Mrs M Rowley 7 10-9.....	Shane Quinlan (3) 81
10	-72355 MISS PEARL (33) Sheila Lewis 9 10-7.....	H Kimber 79
11	RP45 EDNA E MODE (25) (V) R Stephens 4 10-7.....	J J Burke 89
12	104002 VARINIA (22) (P) T S Edmunds 6 10-2.....	H Reed 72
13	1370FPF LAKE'S ADVENTURER (23) H Dickinson 6 10-2.....	J Best 70
14	0888P DONTWORRYWEGOTTHIS (76) (P) Georgie Howell 6 10-2.....	Tabitha Worsley (3) 59

BETTING: 9-2 Broomfield Gale, 6 Versace Twentyone, Manala, V Varinia, Nobody's Perfect, 8 Game On Babe, Rockola, 12 Briery Butterfly, 16 Others.
2024: MUSIQUE DE FEE 5 11 9, Jonathan Burke 20-1 (G Nicholls), 8 ran.

4.40 REES JONES, 1619 OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (4)
Winner £3,388 (6 run) 2m 7f 171yds

1	-PP112 CAPTAIN TOMMY (22) (P) T Fred Timmis 11 12-6 (CD).....	Mr H Crow (5) 122
2	-110PP YCCS PORTOCERVO (20) (P) Dr R Newland & J Insole 10 12-6.....	Miss G Andrews 131
3	13-32P HAVEN'T TIME (40) Miss S McQueen 11 12-2 (D).....	Miss L M Turner 117
4	/PPP7- ASHTOWN LAD (396) (P) O Greenall & J Guerriero 11 11-12 (D).....	Mr Kevin Healy (7) 130
5	/2-3P4 JEFFERY'S CROSS (51) D Skelton 9 11-12.....	Mr Sean O'Connor (5) 113
6	-727U6 JIMMY THE DIGGER (51) H Daly 12 11-12 (C).....	Mr A Jones (7) 110

BETTING: 5-2 Yccs Portocervo, 3 Ashtown Lad, 4 Captain Tommy, 5 Haven't Time, Jeffery's Cross, 14 Jimmy The Digger.
2024: GO ON CHEZ 8 11 12, Mr H Myddelton(7) 13-8 Fav (O Greenall & J Guerriero), 5 ran.

5.15 SUZUKI 'KING OF QUADS' OPEN NH FLAT RACE (4)
Winner £3,268 (6 run) 1m 7f 169yds

1	1-JORAH D'ALMA (716) F O'Brien 6 11-3.....	Mr B Sutton (5) —
2	MADAJOVY D Skelton 5 11-3.....	C J Todd —
3	4 NOT AT THAT PRICE (27) C Longsdon 5 11-3.....	D Bass —
4	83 UPTOWN LASS (46) N Henderson 5 10-10.....	S Twiston-Davies —
5	6 SUPREME SHOT (52) O Greenall & J Guerriero 4 10-9.....	H Brooke —
6	94 THE EGYPTIAN GINGE (39) N Twiston-Davies 4 10-9.....	Mr J Neild (7) —

BETTING: 11-4 Jorah D'alma, 7-2 The Egyptian Ginge, 9-2 Not At That Price, Madajovy, Uptown Lass, 14 Supreme Shot.
2024: HELL HOUND 5 11 3, Jonathan Burke 25-1 (N Mulholland), 16 ran.

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5.25 LEAGUE OF FRIENDS MUSGROVE HOSPITAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4)
Winner £4,955 (4 run) 2m 3f 1yds

1	FF-215 HANDLETHEKETTLE (194) J Snowden 6 11-12.....	G Sheehan 117
2	2-6124 JACKPOT DES BORDES (32) (P) P Nicholls 6 11-12 (C)....	F Ginglell 117
3	96 BARA TARA (30) F O'Brien 5 11-5.....	T Broughton (5) —
4	0/6-PP HECTOR'S HOPE (44) C Down 7 11-5.....	B Carver —

BETTING: 4-5 Handlethekettle, 11-10 Jackpot Des Bordes, 20 Bara Tara, 100 Hector's Hope.
2024: MEATLOAF 5 11 12, Harry Cobden 5-2 (P Nicholls), 13 ran.
HANDLETHEKETTLE 11-1 (11-10, G Sheehan) Prominent, hit 3rd, not fluent 4th, pushed along and dropped away before 2 out, 5th of 7, 35l behind Flying Fortune (10-7) at Chepstow 2m 3f nov hdl 0-2 (1) st in Oct 4m 45.67s.
JACKPOT DES BORDES 15-2 (11-2, H Cobden) Led until 2nd, prominent, every chance 2 out, 4th and no extra flat, 4th of 9, 9l behind Kallium (11-4) at Newbury 2m 3f (3) gd in Mar 4m 31.50s.
BARA TARA 8-1 (11-6, J J Burke) Always in rear, ridden and tailed off before 2 out, 6th of 7, well behind Zaochen Enki (10-10) at Wincanton 1m 7f NH mdn hdl (4) gd in Mar 3m 34.23s.
HECTOR'S HOPE, did not finish, 250-1 (11-6, Nick Schofield) Towards rear, behind from 3rd, tailed off from 4th, pulled up 3 out, in a race won by Fasol (11-6) at Taunton 2m mdn hdl (4) gd in Mar, 14 ran 4m 01.61s.

6.00 MARTIN ELDRED COMPLETES ALL GB RACECOURSES MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
Winner £4,753 (6 run) 2m 7f 198yds

1	5-6PP4 MA BELLE NOIRE (29) (B) T H Fry 8 12-0.....	C P O'Shea (7) 100
2	7-376 ZARHANYA (95) M Keighley 7 11-9.....	F Keighley (10) 95
3	-4P122 JACKSBAR (8) D Skelton 6 11-6 (BF).....	T Durrell (3) 92
4	-77PP1 CHABADATKA (160) Anthony Charlton 6 11-6 (C)....	R Dingle 92
5	7P-451 BRECCIA (21) (P) T Stephens 7 10-8.....	Sean Houlihan 80
6	-24344 LUNA RUN (27) (P) E Williams 6 10-2 (BF).....	Isabel Williams (3) 73

BETTING: 9-4 Jacksbar, 3 Chabadatka, 9-2 Breccia, 6 Zarahanya, 13-2 Luna Run, 8 Ma Belle Noire.
2024: HARKANGEL 6 10 3, David Noonan 33-1 (T R Grettton), 14 ran.
MA BELLE NOIRE 12-1 (11-7, C P O'Shea) Mid-division, closed up to track leaders after 7th, pushed along before 2 out, stayed on one pace, 4th of 9, 5l behind Elusiveness (10-13) at Taunton 3m (5) gd in Mar 6m 01.87s.
ZARHANYA 33-1 (11-4, S Bowen) Held up in midfield, not fluent 6th, soon ridden, tailed off before 2 out, 6th of 12, 46l behind Northern Air (11-4) at Taunton 2m mdn hdl (4) gs in Jan 4m 08.92s.
JACKSBAR 15-5lav (11-2, Harry Skelton) Held up in rear on outside, closed after 4 out, pushed along before 2 out, went 2nd last, no impression on winner, kept on, 2nd of 8, 2l behind Aazza (11-2) at Southwell 3m mrs hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd 6m 45.20s.
CHABADATKA 22-1 (10-11, Rex Dingle) Led until 2nd, chased leader until outpaced and lost place before 4 out, driven along and struggling in rear after 4 out, switched left and rallied out wide run-in, strong run final 110 yards, led towards finish, won at Taunton 2m 3f mares hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gd in Nov beating Linda Moon (12-0) by 2/4l, 6 ran 4m 43.80s.
BRECCIA 14-1 (10-10, C Gethings) Took keen hold, held up in rear, mistake 4 out, good headway to lead before 3 out, mistake and ridden 2 out, bad mistake last, soon pressed, kept on well, comfortably, won at Exeter 2m 2f nov sell hdl (4) gd at beating Denzil (10-5) by 1 1/2l, 5 ran 4m 36.10s.
LUNA RUN 15-5lav (11-2, Isabel Williams) Mid-division on outside, pushed along and outpaced 3 out, slightly hampered 2 out, kept on from last, 4th of 11, 6l behind The Dark Edge (11-10) at Warwick 3m 2f nov hcp hdl (5) gd in Mar 6m 19.72s.

6.30 CHARLES CLARK MEMORIAL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
Winner £4,753 (12 run) 2m 3f 1yds

1	19F-14 JUKEBOX ANNIE (146) Claire Hitch 6 11-12 (C).....	Sean Houlihan 94
2	-P494P BOBBY'S FORTUNE (40) (P) E Williams 6 11-11.....	A Wedge 93
3	4-5804 LUSSO MILAN (30) M Gillard 6 11-6.....	F Gillard 88
4	/28P-P ELUSIVE ENEMY (322) A Gibbons 6 11-4.....	J Turner (5) 86
5	32 LARA KALEO (20) C Boulbee-Brooks 4 11-3.....	C Iles (5) 95
6	P31475 BRUCE GOBBLER (29) K Woolcott 6 10-13.....	Mr J Newman (5) 81
7	460769 STAGE SHOW (48) Alexandra Dunn 5 10-7.....	G Sheehan 75
8	6686 BRADMAN (30) K Bishop 4 10-7.....	J Tidalb (5) 85
9	786252 SEVENOFUS (13) (P) T C Gray 9 10-7.....	Elizabeth Gale (7) 75
10	-943P3 KARAKOY (14) (T) R L Lewellyn 5 10-7.....	L Harrison 75
11	-7830P DEAL EM HIGH (141) D Hamer 8 10-5.....	R Dunne 71
12	-93P33 PINK EYED PANTHO (37) (T) D Brace 5 10-5.....	T Durrell (3) 70

BETTING: 3 Lara Kaleo, 9-2 Bruce Gobbler, 5 Sevenofus, 8 Karakoy, Jukebox Annie, 10 Bobby's Fortune, 12 Lusso Milan, Pink Eyed Pancho, 16 Others.
JUKEBOX ANNIE 20-1 (10-7, Gearoid Harney) Chased leaders, lost ground on rivals before 5th, no impression after, modest 4th from 2 out, 4th of 13, 26l behind Jackpot Des Bordes (11-0) at Taunton 2m nov hdl (4) gs in Nov 4m 06.10s.
BOBBY'S FORTUNE, did not finish, 18-5 (11-6, Adam Wedge) Midfield, mistake 3rd, not fluent 5th, ridden in rear before 8th, pulled up before 3 out, in a race won by Busy Being Busy (12-0) at Fakenham 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gs in Mar, 6 ran 4m 56.81s.
LUSSO MILAN 40-1 (10-13, Thea Gillard) Held up in rear, ridden and minor headway before 2 out, kept on same pace approaching last, 4th of 7, 30l behind Zaochen Enki (10-10) at Wincanton 1m 7f NH mdn hdl (4) gd in Mar 3m 34.23s.

**4.55: 1, JAN STEEN (C Lee) 3-10 Fav; 2, Bring It On 14-1; 3, Helicat 50-1. 4 ran. 4½l, 3½l. (K R Burke).
Tote: Win £1.30; Exacta: £5.00. Trifecta: £13.10. CSF: £5.65. NR: Armeeq.
5.30: 1, TEROOMM (S De Sousa) 5-6 Fav; 2, Parole D'oro 2-1; 3, Four Fifty 9-2. 6 ran. ¾l, 7½l. (R Varian).
Tote: Win £1.84; Pl £1.10, £1.40. Exacta: £2.80. Trifecta: £4.20. CSF: £2.72.
6.00: 1, JEZ BOMB (S Gray) 4-1; 2, Mount King 9-2; 3, Wilde And Dandy 20-1. Also: 7-2 Fav Coolree. 8 ran. 1¾l, ns. (S England). Tote: Win £5.00; Pl £1.60, £1.80, £2.20. Exacta: £23.30. Tricast: £314.70. Trifecta: £349.80. CSF: £21.34. NR: Power Of Zeus.
6.30: 1, SUPER HIT (P Mulrennan) 28-1; 2, Swift Salian 2-1 Fav; 3, Harlem Nights 4-1. 8 ran. nk, 2l. (Darryll Holland). Tote: Win £29.80; Pl £6.50, £1.30, £1.70. Exacta: £89.90. Tricast: £290.24. Trifecta: £377.00. CSF: £85.60. NR: Bellasia.
7.00: 1, PERFECTLY TIMED (W Cox) 28-1; 2, Kitesune Power 9-2; 3, Ludo's Landing 11-1. Also: 5-2 Fav Cavern Club. 10 ran. nk, ¾al. (A Watson). Tote: Win £30.90; Pl £6.30, £2.00, £3.00. Exacta: £133.80. Tricast: £1494.30. Trifecta: £3574.60. CSF: £151.13.
7.30: 1, AGAINST THE WIND (T Eaves) 3-1 Fav; 2, Nad Alshiba Green 11-2; 3, Naana's Sparkle 13-2. 10 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. (K Ryan). Tote: Win £4.00; Pl £1.70, £2.00, £2.20. Exacta: £21.90. Tricast: £95.63. Trifecta: £127.70. CSF: £19.60. NR: Convo.
8.00: 1, DUMFRIES (JP Sullivan) 11-1; 2, Lumenbourg 6-1; 3, Emerald Amy 7-4 Fav. 13 ran. ¾al, ns. (R Carr). Tote: Win £12.40; Pl £3.40, £2.30, £1.30. Exacta: £78.40. Tricast: £178.78. Trifecta: £384.00. CSF: £74.52.**

4.20: 1, KATS BOB (W Pyle) 9-2; 2, Lord Abama 4-1; 3, Inanna 13-2. Also: 11-4 Fav Abate. 9 ran. 2l, nk. (R Carr). Tote: Win £5.50; Pl £2.40, £1.50, £1.80. Exacta: £24.70. Tricast: £116.13. Trifecta: £178.00. CSF: £22.61.

**4.55: 1, JAN STEEN (C Lee) 3-10 Fav; 2, Bring It On 14-1; 3, Helicat 50-1. 4 ran. 4½l, 3½l. (K R Burke).
Tote: Win £1.30; Exacta: £5.00. Trifecta: £13.10. CSF: £5.65. NR: Armeeq.**

5.30: 1, ROSE OF KALANISI (K Buckley) 3-1 Fav; 2, Anamanda 10-3; 3, Winds Of Winter 4-1. 14 ran. nk, 1¾l. (Conor Maxwell (IRE)). Tote: Win £4.00; Pl £1.90, £1.70, £1.60. Exacta: £18.70. Tricast: £43.08. Trifecta: £84.60. CSF: £13.66.

4.00: 1, THE JAD FACTOR (D McMenamin) 9-2; 2, Toombridge 13-2; 3, Cracking Destiny 10-1. Also: 2-1 Fav Instinct Dainay. 9 ran. 6l, 1¾l. (A M Thomson). Tote: Win £5.50; Pl £2.00, £1.90, £2.50. Exacta: £33.40. Tricast: £280.30. Trifecta: £198.20. CSF: £34.62.

4.12: 1, MAGIC WAVE (J Hamilton) 15-2; 2, Fingal's Hill 11-4 Fav; 3, Foster's Island 5-1. 6 ran. nk, 2¾l. (M Wallford). Tote: Win £8.50; Pl £3.80, £1.90. Exacta: £33.30. Trifecta: £129.90. CSF: £28.35.

4.45: 1, HEROIQUE DE MAULDE (H Brooke) 7-1; 2, Super Citizen 7-2; 3, Jamesieconn 5-2 Fav. 8 ran. 3¼l, 2¼l. (O Greenall & J Guerriero). Tote: Win £8.70; Pl £2.30, £1.40, £1.40. Exacta: £34.90. Tricast: £78.79. Trifecta: £134.00. CSF: £33.09.

5.20: 1, ABBEY SCOPE (D McMenamin) 15-2; 2, Jimmy Hurdstrom evens Fav; 3, Chanorony Point 3-1. 7

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INTENTIONS

GO WEST (2.48) is the path to profit in the Gold Castle Novices' Hurdle at the Perth Festival.

Paul Nicholls' raider improved again over 2m 4f when hammering **Old Cowboy** at Kempton. The seven-year-old forged clear so he can deny some promising opponents up four furlongs.

KEVIN'S PRIDE (1.48) can stand tall for John McConnell in the maiden hurdle.

The gelding improved

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again when chasing home **Promontory** over three miles at Limerick.

The six-year-old didn't stay that distance so can resume winning ways dropped in trip.

Lucinda Russell excels here so I'm on **RATTLING ROAD** (2.18) in the novices' chase.

The eight-year-old was narrowly denied a hat-trick by the progressive **Zealand** at Newcastle. The gelding looks

open to more progress so can go one better this afternoon in a trappy contest.

FUN FUN FUN (3.18) can boost Willie Mullins' title challenge in the Maid Of Perth Chase. The trainer can double up with **HAY MEADOW** (4.22) in the mares' handicap hurdle.

The bay got her act together when hosing up from **That'll Do Moss** in an Ayr novice.

The five-year-old remains nicely unexposed so can cash in on an attractive mark. Olly

Murphy targets this meeting so I'm on **VOCITO** (3.48) in the Capercaillie Chase.

The gelding coasted to victory from **Koenigsstern** on a return to fences at Plumpton.

That is excellent form so the seven-year-old can shrug off a 7lb penalty after a break.

The in-form trainer can strike again with **HAPPY INDEX** (5.32) in the lucky last.

The hurdler stayed in top gear with a terrific third behind **Despereaux** at Taunton. That

looked a strong handicap so the mare can claim this slightly weaker contest.

BOLLIN NEIL (5.00) can extend Tim Easterby's superb run in the amateurs' hurdle.

The nine-year-old continued his revival with a fine second to **Forest Blaze** at Hexham.

The gelding still looks fairly treated so can claim this less demanding handicap.

TEES AGGREGATES (2.30) looks solid for Adrian Nicholls in the sprint at Catterick.



GREEN FOR GO Nicholls

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1.48 KEVIN'S PRIDE	KEVIN'S PRIDE
2.18 RATTLING ROAD	NEXT LEFT
2.48 GO WEST (NAP)	MISTER MEGGIT (NB)
3.18 FUN FUN FUN	FUN FUN FUN (NAP)
3.48 VOCITO	VOCITO
4.22 HAY MEADOW	BISHOP HILL
5.00 BOLLIN NEIL	HENRYSBROTHERJACK
5.32 HAPPY INDEX	HAPPY INDEX
GARRY'S DOUBLE: GO WEST (NAP, 2.48 Perth) & Vocito (3.48 Perth).	

1.48 WELCOME TO THE PERTH FESTIVAL MAIDEN HURDLE (4)

Winner £4,357 (12 run)

2m 4f 35yds

1	55 COLVIN (20) S Crawford (IRE) 6 11-6.....	Mr S Connor (7)	—
2	23208 DRUMLEE MYTH (71) S McParlan (IRE) 6 11-6.....	Mr N McParlan (3)	—
3	12-34 FRISBY (72) (T) P Neville 7 11-6 (BF).....	B Hughes	108
4	263432 HIGHLAND FASHION (32) (P) I Duncan 6 11-6.....	A Doyle (3)	111
5	1222 KEVIN'S PRIDE (22) J McConnell (IRE) 6 11-6 (BF).....	J J Stevin	115
6	1-23 SAINT MALINAS (65) (T) Miss P Robson 6 11-6.....	Craig Nichol	107
7	1643 SCARLET JET (71) N Alexander 5 11-6.....	B Lynn	102
8	78965 SEEYAINTHESUNINN (35) (H) M Hammond 5 11-6.....	Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	—
9	53462 LILLOO D'ORES (15) (T) G Hamner 8 10-13.....	J Hogan	89
10	1-2 MARY STANFORD (193) (T) L Russell 6 10-13.....	P W Wadge	—
11	4/66 PERFECT POLI (517) (T) Lizzie Quinlan 7 10-13.....	Sean Quinlan	—
12	P21-2 THEATRE LIGHT (15) S Corbett 7 10-13.....	N Moscrop	—
BETTING:	9-4 Kevin's Pride, 5 Mary Stanford, 11-2 Saint Malinas, 6 Highland Fashion, 8 Theatre Light, 10 Colvin, 12 Scarlet Jet, Frisby, 14 Others.		
2024:	MONTY SEARLE 8 11 6, Miss Ella Herison (7) 11-1 (N Hawke), 6 ran.		

2.18 GS GROUP BALNAKEILLY NOVICES' LIMITED HANICAP CHASE (3)

Winner £7,922 (9 run)

2m 4f 20yds

1	122223 DARE TO SHOUT (32) (T) A Hamilton 8 11-12 (BFD).....	D McMenamin	132
2	41322 DENEMETHY (50) (T) F O'Brien 7 11-3.....	J Hogan	123
3	3P615 BOIS GUILLBERT (36) L Russell 6 11-2.....	P W Wadge	122
4	7PF31 OSTEND (28) (T) A Ralph 7 11-2.....	Ciaran Gethings	125
5	4-4112 RATTLING ROAD (69) (T) L Russell 8 11-0 (D).....	Jack Power (5)	120
6	633223 BASHERS REFLECTION (39) (P,T) B Case 8 10-13 (D).....	J Quinlan	119
7	34-377 INOX ALLEN (53) (T,V) L Russell 7 10-13 (D).....	A Doyle (3)	119
8	51353P CARCACI CASTLE (31) (P,T) A M Thomson 9 10-8.....	L Dobb (7)	114
9	422463 NEXT LEFT (26) (P) D Skelton 9 10-8 (D).....	H Skelton	114
BETTING:	10-3 Rattling Road, 11-2 Ostend, 6 Bashers Reflection, Dare To Shout, 7 Next Left, Denemethy, 8 Bois Guillbert, 10 Inox Allen, 16 Carcaci Castle.		
2024:	IOUPEY COLLOGNES 6 11 7, Bryony Frost 11-5 Fav (P Nicholls), 6 ran.		
DARE TO SHOUT	15-8fav (10-10, Darryl McMenamin) Raced in 3rd until before 4th, 3rd again next, not fluent 15th, dropped to 4th next, 3rd again 3 out, outpaced turning in, ridden and no extra between last two, 3rd of 5, 12l behind Cadell (10-3) at Kelso 3m 2f hcp chs (2) gs in Mar 6m 54.00s.		
DENEMETHY	9-4 (12-0, J J Burke) Pressed winner, slow 7th, ridden after 2 out, given every chance flat, held towards finish, 2nd of 4, nk behind Homme D'un Soir (11-6) at Market Rasen 2m 1 f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in Mar 4m 17.30s.		
BOIS GUILLBERT	9-4 (11-9, P W Wadge) Well off the pace in rear, good headway out wide edging left approaching 5 out where went right, pushed along and outpaced before 4 out, soon beaten, last of 5, 16l behind Do Your Job (11-2) at Wetherby 2m 3f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Mar 5m 04.45s.		
OSTEND	4-1 (10-13, C Gethings) Made all, went right 6th, hit next, came clear and in command turning in, unchallenged, won at Market Rasen 2m 3f hcp chs 0-130 (3) gd in Mar beating Issar D'Airy (11-9) by 21l, 4 ran 4m 47.60s.		
RATTLING ROAD	15-8 (12-0, D R Fox) Led, driven along flat, headed close home, 2nd of 5, and behind Yealand (11-12) at Newcastle 2m 4f nov hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in Feb 5m 24.10s.		
BASHERS REFLECTION	7-1 (10-2, J M Quinlan) Held up in mid-division inside, headway from 3 out, went modest 3rd before the last, no chance with leading duo, 3rd of 10, 18l behind Bad (11-2) at Kempton 2m 4f hcp chs 0-150 (2) gd in Mar 5m 04.00s.		
INOX ALLEN	18-1 (11-5, D R Fox) Mid-division, ridden and no progress 2 out, 7th of 10, 12l behind Bold Light (11-0) at Kelso 2m 5f hcp hdl 0-150 (2) gs in Mar 5m 11.98s.		
CARCACI CASTLE	did not finish, 11-1 (11-10, Ryan Mania) Rear mid-division, pushed along 4 out, no response, pulled up before 2 out, in a race won by Raffles Wonder (10-8) at Carlisle 2m hcp chs (2) gd in Mar, 10 ran 4m 04.38s.		
NEXT LEFT	11-1 (12-0, Harry Skelton) Disputed lead, ridden and headed 3 out where mistake, soon lost position, rallied into 3rd approaching last, no match for leaders run-in, 3rd of 12, 10l behind Joe Cotton (10-10) at Fontwell 2m 3f hcp chs (2) gd in Mar 4m 54.84s.		

2.48 BRITISH EBF GOLD CASTLE 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (LISTED) (1)

Winner £22,780 (14 run) 2m 7f 207yds

1	1-1311 DEDICATED HERO (95) A M Thomson 6 11-7.....	R Mania	128
2	11211P INTENSE APPROACH (40) J McConnell (IRE) 6 11-5 (D).....	J Bowen	133
3	8-1145 ROYAL INFANTRY (19) D Skelton 6 11-5.....	H Skelton	134

GOING: Good to Soft-Good in places.
COURSE: Right-handed course of 1m 2f with tight turns, eight fences per circuit, 283yd run-in.

4	-11423 BALLYGUNNER CASTLE (17) W P Mullins (IRE) 6 11-2.....	Rachael Blackmore	134
5	0/5111 GO WEST (22) P Nicholls 7 11-2.....	H Cobden	128
6	11-115 HORACES PEARL (18) F O'Brien 7 11-2.....	C Brace	135
7	31-146 JIG'S FORGE (40) B Pauling 6 11-2 (D).....	B R Jones	132
8	1-12 JUPITER DES MOTTES (46) L Russell 6 11-2 (BF).....	P W Wadge	121
9	2-17 KISS WILL (42) W P Mullins (IRE) 5 11-2.....	P Townend	—
10	-14232 MINELLA RESCUE (19) G Hamner 7 11-2.....	J Hogan	134
11	110-14 MISTER MEGGIT (19) (T) J & A O'Neill 7 11-2.....	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	135
12	-31413 ROARING CONQUEST (67) O Murphy 6 11-2 (D).....	S Bowen	126
13	200-14 YOU OUGHTA KNOW (17) (T) W P Mullins (IRE) 7 11-2.....	D E Mullins	130
143420P1	GALE MAHLER (11) (P,T) A Keatley 6 11-0.....	B Hughes	128
BETTING:	4 Mister Meggit, 11-2 Kiss Will, 6 Horaces Pearl, 8 Ballygunner Castle, 10 Intense Approach, 12 Go West, Minella Rescue, Jig's Forge, Royal Infantry, 14 Others.		
2024:	SOUNDS RUSSIAN 9 11 2, Brian Hughes 5-1 (Ruth Jefferson), 6 ran.		
DEDICATED HERO	6-1 (11-4, Ryan Mania) Chased leader, not much room on rails and dropped to close 4th 3 out, switched right and pushed along 2 out, ridden and rallied to dispute lead final flight, led narrowly run-in, ran on well, on top at finish, won at Haydock 2m nov hdl G2 (1) stf in Jan beating Clonairna (10-11) by 1/2l, 7 ran 3m 57.48s.		
INTENSE APPROACH	did not finish, 14-1 (11-7, James Bowen) Midfield, chased leaders 3rd, lost place approaching 2 out, soon weakened, pulled up, in a race won by Jasmin De Vaux (11-7) at Cheltenham 3m nov hdl G2 (1) gs in Mar, 20 ran 5m 44.88s.		
ROYAL INFANTRY	28-1 (11-7, Harry Skelton) Held up in rear, headway after 8th, mistake 3 out, well held 2 out, 5th of 9, 28l behind Salvador Mundi (11-7) at Aintree 2m nov hdl Grade 1 (1) gd 3m 56.84s.		
BALLYGUNNER CASTLE	9-2 (11-3, Rachael Blackmore) Tracked leaders, ran freely, 2nd halfway, headway to dispute lead entering straight, pushed along after 2 out and headed early run-in, soon 3rd and kept on one pace, 3rd of 8, 1 3/4l behind Mr Percy (11-3) at Fairyhouse 2m 4f nov hdl G2 (1) gd 4m 51.50s.		
GO WEST	8-11fav (12-0, H Cobden) Made all, went clear from 2 out, mistake late, easily, won at Kempton 2m 5f nov hdl (4) gd beating Old Cowboy (11-4) by 25l, 3 ran 5m 39.41s.		
HORACES PEARL	4-1 (11-7, C Brace) Took keen hold towards rear, not fluent 6th, outpaced briefly after 8th, edged right 3 out, struggling when stumbled 2 out, plugged on one pace from last, 5th of 9, 9l behind Honesty Policy (11-7) at Aintree 2m 4f nov hdl Grade 1 (1) gd 4m 55.83s.		
JIG'S FORGE	125-1 (11-7, Ben Jones) Held up in mid-division, took closer order approaching 3 out, prominent 2 run, ridden and gradually faded before last, 6th of 20, 19l behind Jasmin De Vaux (11-7) at Cheltenham 3m nov hdl G2 (1) gs in Mar 5m 57.13s.		
JUPITER DES MOTTES	8-15fav (11-7, D R Fox) Midfield, ridden and chased winner before 3 out, stayed on and briefly pressed winner for lead before last, kept on one pace run-in, 2nd of 5, 5l behind Crest Of Fortune (11-7) at Ayr 2m 4f nh nov hdl (4) stf in Mar 5m 40.99s.		
KISS WILL	50-1 (11-7, Mr P W Mullins) Mid-division, pushed along 3 out, no impression, well beaten after 2 out, 7th of 11, 38l behind The New Lion (11-7) at Cheltenham 3m 5f nov hdl Grade 1 (1) gs in Mar 5m 11.07s.		
MINELLA RESCUE	50-1 (11-8, S Bowen) Behind, headway on outside from 3 out, not fluent 2 out or last, switched left flat, stayed on well, went 2nd close home, 2nd of 13, 2l behind Julius Des Pictons (11-9) at Aintree 3m 11 nov hdl Grade 1 (1) gd 6m 11.86s.		
MISTER MEGGIT	7-2 (11-8, Jonjo O'Neill Jr.) Held up rear of mid-division, headway after 4 out, went 2nd going well and jumped left from 3 out, led after 2 out, dived left and mistake late, ridden and headed flat, lost 2 places close home, 4th of 13, 2/4l behind Julius Des Pictons (11-8) at Aintree 3m 12 f nov hdl Grade 1 (1) gd 6m 11.86s.		
ROARING CONQUEST	2-1 (11-2, S Bowen) Chased leaders, went 2nd after 4 out until before 2 out, soon lost place, kept on again from last and went 3rd flat, 3rd of 6, 9l behind Battle Born Lad (11-2) at Haydock 3m nov hdl Grade 2 (1) gs in Feb 6m 20.30s.		
YOU OUGHTA KNOW	13-2 (11-3, S F O'Keefe) Towards rear, headway into 5th 4 out, 4th early straight, ridden and no impression after 2 out, slight mistake last and no extra run-in, 4th of 8, 17l behind Mr Percy (11-3) at Fairyhouse 2m 4f nov hdl G2 (1) 4m 51.50s.		
GALE MAHLER	9-1 (11-3, B S Hughes) Tracked leaders, challenged 2 out, soon led, jumped right and hampered rival last, stayed on to come clear flat, won at Ayr 2m 4f nh nov hdl (2) gs beating Chart Topper (11-10) by 3l, 3 ran 5m 11.35s.		

3.18 QUILTER CHEVIOT FAIR MAID OF PERTH MARES' CHASE (LISTED) (1)

Winner £18,509 (6 run)

2m 7f 180yds

1	6P-141 FUN FUN FUN (31) (H) W P Mullins (IRE) 7 11-2.....	P Townend	148
2	151P1P AUTUMN RETURN (50) Ruth Jefferson 8 11-0 (C).....	J Hamilton	122
3	2-262U COCO MADEMOISELLE (6) D Skelton 7 11-0 (BFD).....	H Skelton	123
4	13611F EL ELEFANTE (53) L Russell 7 11-0 (C).....	P W Wadge	136
5	227231 PAGGANE (55) W P Mullins (IRE) 6 11-0.....	H Cobden	135
6	6P1512 SPACE VOYAGE (30) (B,T) O Murphy 8 11-0 (BFC,D).....	S Bowen	130
BETTING:	Evans Fun Fun Fun, 5-2 El Elefante, 6 Paggane, 10 Coco Mademoiselle, 12 Space Voyage, 33 Autumn Return.		
2024:	APPLE AWAY 7 11 0, Derek Fox 9-4 (L Russell), 5 ran.		
FUN FUN FUN	7-4fav (10-7, P Townend) In touch, improved to lead before 2nd, increased advantage before 8th, clear after 9th, reduced lead before 10th, asserted at 12th, not fluent 4 out, kept on well run-in, very easily, won at Limerick 3m 11 nov chs Grd 3 (1) in Mar beating Harry Des Ongrais (11-0) by 13l, 5 ran 6m 40.00s.		
AUTUMN RETURN	16-1 (12-0, Jamie Hamilton) Held up in rear, headway before 8th, not fluent next, closed from 3 out, led before last, clear flat, stayed on, won at Market Rasen 2m 5f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in Mar beating Jar Du Desert (11-0) by 3l, 7 ran 5m 34.10s.		
COCO MADEMOISELLE	did not finish, 9-4fav (12-0, Harry Skelton) Held up in rear, closing from 15th, chasing leaders and going well when not much room, stumbled and unseated rider 3 out, in a race won by Minniemu (11-2) at Cheltenham 3m 1f (2) gd, 13 ran 6m 32.81s.		

EL ELEFANTE, did not finish, 4-1 (10-9, P W Wadge) Handy, mistake and fell 12th, in a race won by Grey Dawning (11-5) at Kelso 2m 7f 1st chs (1) gs in Mar, 4 ran 5m 52.67s.
PAGGANE 15-8 (11-7, P Townend) Tracked leaders, 3rd halfway, slight mistake 4 out, pushed along and closer 2 out, ridden and headway to lead last, kept on well run-in, won at Clonmel 2m 4f mrs beg chs hvy in Feb beating Karia Des Blaises (11-3) by 2 1/4l, 7 ran 5m 35.20s.
SPACE VOYAGE 6-4fav (12-4, Beau Morgan) Held up in rear, in touch with leaders 17th, soon pushed along, headway to chase winner 2 out, kept on same pace before last, no impression run-in, 2nd of 4, 3 1/2l behind Moviddy (11-0) at Wincanton 3m 1f (4) gd in Mar 6m 24.56s.

3.48 PHIL NELSON CAPERCAILLIE HANICAP CHASE (3)

Winner £8,714 (7 run)

2m

1	212323 PAY THE PIPER (23) (P) A Hamilton 10 12-0 (D).....	B Hughes	134
2	95U3P4 ETALON (11) (T) D Skelton 8 11-12 (D).....	H Skelton	132
3	192332 PARISENCORE (117) N Richards 9 11-10 (BFC,D).....	D McMenamin	130
4	453-38 PRINCE ESCALUS (277) (T) J & A O'Neill 10 11-8 (D).....	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	128
5	4-3P72 NETYWEILL (53) L Russell 8 11-6 (D).....	P W Wadge	126
6	115131 VOCITO (156) (T) O Murphy 7 11-0 (D).....	S Bowen	120
7	0P56P7 SWORD OF FATE (31) L Kerr 12 10-2 (CD).....	C Maggs (5)	91
BETTING:	9-4 Parisenore, 3 Vocito, 9-2 Etalon, 5 Netyweill, 6 Pay The Piper, 10 Prince Escalus, 100 Sword Of Fate.		
2024:	GUNSLIGHT RIDGE 9 11 13, Sean Bowen 6-4 JIFav (O Murphy), 5 ran.		
PAY THE PIPER	6-1 (11-13, Sean Quinlan) Chased leaders, pushed along 2 out and held, 3rd of 6, 14l behind Fingal's Hill (11-0) at Newcastle 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-135 (3) gd in Mar 5m 03.19s.		
ETALON	8-1 (10-12, Harry Skelton) In touch in mid-division on outside, closed to lead after 4th, jumped right next, not fluent 4 out, headed 3 out, no extra last, 4th of 7, 15l behind The Other Mozzie (11-1) at Ayr 2m prem hcp ch (1) gs 4m 02.73s.		
PARISENCORE	11-8fav (11-2, Danny McMenamin) Led but pressed, ridden and stayed on run-in, headed close home, 2nd of 4, nk behind Harper's Brook (11-8) at Wetherby 1m 7f hcp chs 0-150 (2) gs in Dec 3m 59.40s.		
PRINCE ESCALUS	18-1 (11-5, Jonjo O'Neill Jr.) Soon tracking leaders, led briefly before 3 out, ridden and headed before next, weakened between last two, 8th of 16, 19l behind Sure Touch (11-13) at Market Rasen 2m 5f prem hcp ch (1) gd in Jul 5m 21.58s.		
NETYWEILL	16-1 (11-8, P W Wadge) Prominent, pushed along and disputed lead jumping last where not fluent, soon headed, ridden and stayed on one pace run-in, 2nd of 6, 1 3/4l behind Gallie George (10-0) at Kelso 2m 1f hcp chs 0-135 (3) gs in Mar 4m 15.72s.		
VOCITO	13-8 (12-0, K Brogan) Made all, jumped well, pushed along after 3 out and went clear home turn, kept on well, comfortably, won at Plumpton 2m 1f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Nov beating Koenigsstern (11-6) by 11l, 4 ran 4m 18.93s.		
SWORD OF FATE	66-1 (10-2, C O'Farrell) Led, headed 4 out, soon weakened, 7th of 10, 30l behind Raffles Wonder (10-8) at Carlisle 2m hcp chs (2) gd in Mar 4m 04.38s.		

4.22 BIG BOPPERS 50TH BASH MARES' HANICAP HURDLE

Winner £4,753 (14 run)

2m 4f 35yds

1	U13315 JUMPING SUSIE (71) (T) J McConnell (IRE) 7 12-0.....	B Bromley (5)	120
2	522926 SUNDAY SOLDIER (46) (T) D Killahena & G McPherson 7 11-13 (D).....	R McLernon	119
3	PP-344 LITTLE MISS DANTE (118) O Murphy 7 11-11.....	S Bowen	117
4	145-UP MELLIFICENT (46) (T) Lizzie Quinlan 8 11-5 (D).....	Sean Quinlan	111
5	-10451 HAY MEADOW (47) (T) L Russell 5 11-5 (C,D).....	Conner McCann (7)	111
6	-14341 PARISIAN FASHION (23) R Menzies 6 11-1 (D).....	William Maggs (5)	107
7	7824P1 LIZZIE LUNA (32) Ewan Whillans 5 10-13 (D).....	Craig Nichol	88
8	332F33 BISHOP HILL (23) (H) L Russell 6 10-11.....	P W Wadge	103
9	202-30 WEDNESDAY ADDAMS (56) (T) B Case 6 10-7.....	J Quinlan	99
10	-89653 MAGNOLIA (56) (T) M Hammond 6 10-7.....	B Hughes	99
11	2132-3 DONSO STAR (342) R M Smith 7 10-6.....	Ben Smith (7)	98
12	6-0P41 FEACH AMACH (12) (P,T) A Nicol 5 10-3 (D).....	J Thompson	95
1382P5PP	SANTA CLARITA (12) (P) M Young Jnr 7 10-2 (D).....	P J Kavanagh (3)	88
14	88804 BLEU LAGUNE (1) S Crawford (IRE) 5 10-2.....	C Maggs (5)	87
BETTING:	9-2 Feach Amach, 5 Parisian Fashion, 6 Jumping Susie, Donso Star, 13-2 Hay Meadow, 10 Little Miss Dante, 12 Bishop Hill, 14 Magnolia, 16 Others.		
2024:	SPACE VOYAGE 7 11 11, Sean Bowen 11-2 (O Murphy), 6 ran.		
JUMPING SUSIE	18-1 (10-11, B W Hawher) Soon prominent, disputed at times, dropped to 4th 5 out, 5th and weakened next, 5th of 6, well behind Oscars Brother (11-0) at Cork 3m 1st nov hdl (4yo+) (1) gd in Nov 5m 59.60s.		
SUNDAY SOLDIER	8-1 (11-12, Nick Slater) Prominent, headway to press leader going okay 3 out, soon ridden and kept on same pace, no extra after last, 6th of 11, 39l behind Ruby Island (11-6) at Ayr 2m 5f mrs hcp hdl 0-120 (4) stf in Mar 5m 58.86s.		
LITTLE MISS DANTE	13-2 (11-3, S Bowen) Wore red hood to post, in rear, in touch, held before last (limited comments due to fog), 4th of 8, 7l behind Lavida Adiva (11-7) at Aintree 2m 4f (4) gs in Dec 5m 14.75s.		
MELLIFICENT	did not finish, 28-1 (11-8, Sean Quinlan) Held up in mid-division, never nearer, pulled up, in a race won by Ruby Island (11-6) at Ayr 2m 5f mrs hcp hdl 0-120 (4) stf in Mar, 11 ran 5m 58.86s.		
HAY MEADOW	15-2 (10-0, D R Fox) Led, headed before 3 out, led again 2 out, clear flat, stayed on, won at Ayr 2m 4f mares NH nov hdl (4) stf in Mar beating That'll Do Moss (11-7) by 4 1/2l, 5 ran 5m 42.90s.		
PARISIAN FASHION	1-1fav (11-0, William Maggs) Made all, led but pestered, forged on home turn, faced challenge 3 out, shaken up and asserted before last, ridden out and kept on well run-in, eased towards finish, won at Newcastle 2m 4f mdn hdl (4) gd in Mar beating Wendywildo (11-5) by 2 1/2l, 6 ran 5m 04.39s.		
LIZZIE LUNA	did not finish, 12-1 (10-12, Craig Nichol) Not fluent 1st, off the pace towards rear, tailed off and pulled up before 2 out, in a race won by Leeloopa (10-11) at Kelso 2m mrs nov hcp hdl (4yo+) (2) gs in Mar, 12 ran 4m 03.45s.		
BISHOP HILL	11-4 (11-5, P W Wadge) In rear, in touch, headway and closed up before 4 out, went 2nd home turn, pressed leader 3 out, no extra before last, ran on one pace flat, 3rd of 6, 5l behind Parisian Fashion (11-0) at Newcastle 2m 4f mdn hdl (4) gd in Mar 5m 04.39s.		

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS 11-1 (11-3, J M Quinlan) Mid-division, ridden and weakened before 3 out, last of 10, well behind Our Bill's Aunt (11-1) at Wetherby 2m 4f mares hcp hdl 0-110 (4) stf in Feb 5m 16.20s.
MAGNOLIA 16-1 (11-2, C O'Farrell) Held up in rear, headway final bend, went 3rd from 3 out, no extra flat, 3rd of 10, 14l behind Our Bill's Aunt (11-1) at Wetherby 2m 4f mares hcp hdl 0-110 (4) stf in Feb 5m 16.20s.
DONSO STAR 11-2 (10-5, Ben Smith) Mid-division, pushed along before 2 out, ridden in 4th after 2 out, kept on same pace, 3rd of 10, 12l behind Singapore Trip (11-9) at Perth 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-115 (4) gs in May 5m 03.28s.
FEACH AMACH 9-2 (10-6, Joshua Thompson) Raced in 4th, led on long run before 2 out, clear from 2 out, galloped on strongly, (hurdles in back straight omitted both circuits due to low sun, 6 hurdles jumped in total), won at Sedgfield 2m 4f mrs hcp hdl (0-105) (5) gd beating Lillistar (10-9) by 16l, 9 ran 4m 49.00s.
SANTA CLARITA, did not finish, 28-1 (10

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3.32	TROIA	TROIA
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2.00	RACINGTV.COM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (6)	5f
Winner £3,926 (13 run)		
1 (6)	78-235 GLORY FIGHTER (24) P Midgley 9 10-0 (CD).....	Warren Fentiman (5) 65
2 (10)	13-858 BIRKENHEAD (27) (P) P Midgley 8 9-13 (CD).....	O McSweeney 64
3 (5)	5000-8 HURT YOU NEVER (11) Adrian Nicholls 6 9-13 (D ²).....	J Nicholls (7) 64
4 (11)	1415-0 CROCODILE POWER (15) S Spencer 7 9-11 (C ³).....	A Jary (3) 62
5 (1)	6279-4 LET'S GO HUGO (26) O Pears 5 9-9 (CD).....	Tom Kiely-Marshall (3) 60
6 (12)	2-2495 FORTUNATE STAR (21) D Carroll 5 9-8 (CD).....	Z Wheatley 59
7 (3)	1575-7 REFUGE (209) (T) M & D Easterby 8 9-7 (D ²).....	Archie Young (3) 58
8 (7)	5263-1 KYBER CRYSTAL (21) (T) R Menzies 6 9-6 (D ²).....	Kaiya Fraser 57
9 (8)	6570-0 LANGHOLM (14) (P,T) M Dods 9 9-6 (C ²).....	Rhys Elliott (8) 57
10 (13)	7152-2 JAMIE'S CHOICE (14) T Waggett 5 9-3 (BF,D ²).....	W Pyle 54
11 (9)	323406 DASH GORDON (11) (P,T) M Appleby 4 8-12 (D ²).....	Mr Mason Paetel (7) 49
12 (2)	2615-6 IFONLYTHEYCDTALK (15) (P) T Easterby 4 8-11 (D).....	Amie Waugh 48
13 (4)	658-68 GOLDEN PROSPERITY (14) (P) T Coyle & K Wood 6 8-9 (CD).....	A Breslin 44
BETTING: 9-2 Kyber Crystal, 5 Jamie's Choice, 7 Fortunate Star, 8 Let's Go Hugo, Glory Fighter, Dash Gordon, 10 ifonlytheycuttalk, 12 Birkenhead, 14 Others. 2024: OBJECT 5 9-9, A Fiedling (10) 10-3 Fav (T Easterby), drawn (4), 8 ran.		

2.30	BET AT RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O)	5f
Winner £4,711 (10 run)		
1 (9)	7067-2 JM JHINGREE (189) (H) J Goldie 9-9 (D).....	P Mulrennan 75
2 (5)	21332- J STREET (228) I Furtado 9-9 (CD).....	Joanna Mason 75
3 (7)	615-65 ROCK N ROLL ROCKET (84) D Loughnane 9-7 (D).....	Rossa Ryan 73
4 (6)	35221- BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU (217) B Haslam 9-7 (D).....	J Hart 73
5 (3)	80230- COMMANDER ATKINSON (131) (P) G Oldroyd 9-6.....	P J McDonald 72
6 (10)	9341- I'M NEXT (189) T Easterby 9-6 (D).....	D Allan 72
7 (1)	2163- MILITARY GIRL (264) M Dods 9-3 (CD).....	C Beasley 69
8 (1)	1366-2 TEES AGGREGATES (14) Adrian Nicholls 9-0 (D).....	H Shaw 66
9 (4)	443-22 LUCIUS AURELIUS (14) K Ryan 8-13.....	T Eaves 65
10 (2)	7551-7 INDY'S ANGEL (204) P Kirby 8-9 (BF).....	C Hardie 61
BETTING: 4 Tees Aggregates, 5 Lucius Aurelius, 11-2 Beaujola's Nouveau, 6 Jm Jhingree, I'm Next, 8 Military Girl, 10 J Street, 12 Rock N Roll Rocket, 16 Others. 2024: VINCE LAMOUR 9-6, David Allan 8-13 Fav (T Easterby), drawn (4), 7 ran. JM JHINGREE 17-2 (9-3, Jason Hart) Wore hood to post, led, ridden along 2f out, headed over 1f out, kept on until no extra final 110yds, 2nd of 6, 1 3/4 behind I'm Next (8-9) at Nottingham 5f 2yo hcp 0-80 (4) hvy in Oct 10 04.0s. J STREET 12-1 (9-2, Ethan Jones) Raced in third, chased leaders home turn, took second inside final furlong, ran on but no chance with card winner towards finish, 2nd of 4, 4 behind Star Of Mehmetas (9-9) at Wolverhampton 5f 2yo in Sep 1m 02.69s. ROCK N ROLL ROCKET 16-1 (9-3, R Kingscote) Held up towards rear, headway on inside 2f out, ridden and kept on inside final furlong, never going pace to challenge, 5th of 12, 3 behind Trouble Man (8-6) at Kempton 6f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) pol in Jan 1m 12-11s. BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU 9-4 (9-0, Jason Hart) Pressed leader, pushed along to lead over 1f out, card final furlong, ran on well, won at Beverley 5f 2yo mdn (5) gd in Sep beating Mu Lu Land (9-5) by 1 3/4l, 9 ran 1m 02.22s. COMMANDER ATKINSON 10-3 (9-7, Billy Garrity) Mid-division near side rail, pushed along 3f out, soon lost place, behind halfway, tailed off, 2nd of 12, 20 behind Solvency (9-9) at Southwell 5f 2yo hcp 0-75 (5) in Dec 58.29s. I'M NEXT 17-2 (9-4, D Allan) Close up, shaken up to challenge over 1f out, soon led, ridden inside final furlong, kept on well, won at Nottingham 5f 2yo hcp 0-80 (4) hvy in Oct beating Jm Jhingree (9-3) by 1 3/4l, 6 ran 1m 04.0s. MILITARY GIRL 6-1 (8-13, Rhys Elliott) Took held early, prominent, pushed along over 2f out, stayed on well inside final furlong, 3rd of 6, 1 1/2 behind Winchurch (9-7) at Musselburgh 5f hcp 0-75 2yo (5) gf in Aug 58.73s. TEES AGGREGATES 12-1 (9-6, Harrison Shaw) Stumbled start, towards rear, headway over 1f out, led well inside final furlong, headed post, 2nd of 14, hd behind Barmyblade (8-5) at Catterick 5f hcp (5) gd 1m 01.01s. LUCIUS AURELIUS 4-1 (9-4, T Eaves) Prominent, led over 4f out, headed over 1f out, kept on, no impression on winner final 100 yards, 2nd of 7, 2 1/4 behind Green Pursuit (9-7) at Catterick 6f hcp 0-70 5yo (5) gd 1m 13.53s. INDY'S ANGEL 11-4av (9-4, Aiden Brookes) Held up towards rear, headway when not clear run 2f out, never able to get on terms with leaders, 7th of 12, 2 1/4 behind River Blackwater (9-9) at Newcastle 6f 2yo hcp 0-80 (6) in Jan 14.02s.		

3.00	DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (5) Winner £4,212 (7 run)	1m 4f 13yds
1 (3)	NOT NOW NATHANIEL (H) D McCain 5 9-9.....	P Mulrennan —
2 (6)	7-4 BELGRAVIAN (18) A Balding 3 8-10 (BF).....	P J McDonald —
3 (1)	DUBAIA D Muenisier 3 8-10.....	Warren Fentiman (5) —
4 (7)	6 BRAVE EMERALD (16) T Easterby 3 8-8.....	JP Sullivan —
5 (5)	CAYMAN DANCER C Johnston 3 8-8.....	J Fanning —
6 (4)	3 DODDINGTON GUY (22) D Muenisier 3 8-8.....	Enzo Crublet (3) —
7 (2)	23- TRALEE GIRL (180) M Bell 3 8-3.....	Jay Mackay (7) —
BETTING: 9-4 Tralee Girl, 5-2 Belgravian, 5 Not Now Nathaniel, Cayman Dancer, 6 Dubaia, 16 Doddington Guy, 50 Brave Emerald. NOT NOW NATHANIEL 3-1 (11-2, Charlie Maggs) In rear, in touch, not jump fluently throughout, pushed along and no impression 3 out, last of 3, 7 behind Ascending Lark (12-1) at Ludlow 2m mrs hcp hrl 0-120 (4) gd in Mar 3m 51.50s. BELGRAVIAN 5-2av (9-2, Jason Watson) Chased leaders on inner, ridden along 2f out, pluggd on same pace from over 1f out, 4th of 9, 5l behind Quebella (8-13) at Wolverhampton 1m 11 nov stks (5) 1m 48.87s. DUBAIA Wooded gelding out of Gargotiere. BRAVE EMERALD 22-1 (8-2, Amie Waugh) In rear, pushed along early, some headway 2f out, never dangerous, 6th of 11, 30l behind Converger (9-0) at Redcar 1m 2f nov stks (5) gd 2m 03.87s. CAYMAN DANCER Sea The Moon colt out of Cay Dancer. DODDINGTON GUY 33-1 (9-3, D Egan) Slowly into stride, in rear and ran green at times, went 4th over 2f out, went 3rd over 1f out, kept on, no impression on front pair, 3rd of 7, 10l behind Nobleman (9-5) at Wolverhampton 1m 4f 3yo mdn stks (5) 2m 39.10s. TRALEE GIRL 3-1 (9-0, Daniel Muscutt) In touch with leaders, ridden over 2f out, kept on inside final furlong, went 3rd near finish, 3rd of 9, 2 3/4 behind Eazy On The Eye (9-0) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f 2yo mdn fl (5) in Oct 1m 48.84s.		

3.32	EBF FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5)	7f 6yds
Winner £4,050 (4 run)		
1 (4)	14- TROIA (194) E Walker 3 9-9.....	P Mulrennan 95
2 (2)	31 MAGNA GRECIA STAR (32) J Tate 3 9-7 (D).....	Rossa Ryan —
3 (3)	MARSH MEADOW A Keatley 3 9-0.....	S James —
4 (1)	INVINCIBLE RUBY I Jardine 3 8-12.....	M Tabiti (5) —
BETTING: 4-7 Troia, 2 Magna Grecia Star, 10 Marsh Meadow, 33 Invincible Ruby. TROIA 22-1 (9-2, Saffie Osborne) In rear group, headway under pressure over 2f out, kept on willingly final furlong, not pace to challenge, 4th of 10, 5l behind Merrily (9-2) at Newmarket 7f 2yo fl Grp 3 (1) gs in Oct 1m 25.53s. MAGNA GRECIA STAR 5-2 (8-13, Rossa Ryan) Tracked leader, challenged turning in, soon in front, clear when one reminder inside final furlong, ran on strongly, won at Wolverhampton 7f fl mdn stk (5) in Mar beating Havana Joy (9-1) by 5l, 9 ran 1m 27.47s. MARSH MEADOW Raven's Pass filly out of Tea Cup. INVINCIBLE RUBY Invincible Army filly out of Satwa Ruby.		

4.04	EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV HANDICAP (5)	7f 6yds
Winner £4,449 (10 run)		
1 (8)	34538- RED MIRAGE (169) J & S Quinn 7 9-9 (CD).....	J Hart 74
2 (10)	9040-4 ANIMATE (14) G Harker 5 9-8 (C,D ²).....	S James 73
3 (7)	56858- SPEEDING BULLET (182) P Midgley 4 9-6 (D).....	P J McDonald 71
4 (1)	99925- CAPITAL GUARANTEE (211) D O'Meara 5 9-4 (BF,D ²).....	D Tudhope 69
5 (3)	5-5830 OUTRUN THE STORM (24) R Fahey 7 9-4 (D).....	Oslin Orr 69
6 (2)	0289-3 ANOTHER BAAR (19) A Keatley 5 9-3.....	O McSweeney (3) 68
7 (4)	16870- JENNI (24) S Spencer 4 9-3 (D).....	A Jary (5) 68
8 (9)	05008- LEAP DAY (294) (P) T Easterby 5 9-2.....	D Allan 67
9 (6)	48750- MISEMERALD (194) P Kirby 4 9-1 (D).....	C Hardie 66
10 (5)	086040 PETRA CELERA (24) Roger Fell 4 8-11 (C,D ²).....	C Beasley 62
BETTING: 3 Animate, 4 Another Baar, 9-2 Capital Guarantee, 7 Red Mirage, 10 Speeding Bullet, 12 Jenni, Petra Celera, Outrun The Storm, 14 Others. 2024: RED MIRAGE 6 9 11, Jason Hart 10-3 Fav (J & S Quinn), drawn (9), 12 ran. RED MIRAGE 7-1 (9-13, Jason Hart) Handy, ridden and weakened 2f out, 8th of 9, 7l behind Ey Up Its Jazz (8-10) at Redcar 7f hcp 0-75 (5) st in Nov 1m 26.50s. ANIMATE 9-1 (9-9, S.H James) Held up in mid-division, headway over 1f out, switched right inside final furlong, stayed on, went 4th close home, 4th of 11, 3 1/2l behind Mister Sox (9-2) at Catterick 6f hcp 0-75 (5) gd 1m 13.19s. SPEEDING BULLET 4-1 (9-10, Oslin Murphy) Held up towards rear, pushed along over 2f out, well beaten over 1f out, 8th of 9, 8l behind River Clever (9-5) at Kempton 7f hcp (5) pol in Oct 1m 24.67s. CAPITAL GUARANTEE 5-2lav (9-2, D Tudhope) Led and set decent pace, ridden and edged right over 1f out, soon headed, lost 2nd and weakened quickly inside final furlong, 5th of 7, 10l behind Captain Corelli (8-1) at Beverley 7f hcp (4) gd in Sep 1m 33.52s. OUTRUN THE STORM 20-1 (8-8, Cam Hardie) Close up, pushed along and quickly outpaced well over 2f out, weakened tamely, last of 14, 14l behind Stannage (9-8) at Doncaster 7f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Mar 1m 25.85s. ANOTHER BAAR 8-1 (9-3, O McSweeney) Held up in rear, smooth headway over 2f out, ridden and kept on entering final furlong, went 3rd close home, no extra near finish, 3rd of 7, 1 3/4 behind Cinderella (9-9) at Leicester 7f hcp (5) gf 1m 25.10s. JENNI 50-1 (8-7, Cam Hardie) Chased leaders, outpaced over 2f out, soon dropped away, 13th of 15, 10l behind Alzhair (9-8) at Doncaster 7f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Mar 25.34s. LEAP DAY 10-1 (8-10, Sean Kirrane) Chased leaders, outpaced 3f out, weakened inside final furlong, last of 8, 8l behind Langholm (9-5) at Thirk 7f hcp 0-70 (5) gs in Jul 1m 27.40s. MISEMERALD 33-1 (9-0, William Pyle) Raced wide and always towards rear, 16th of 18, 16l behind On The River (10-0) at York 7f app hcp 0-80 (4) st in Oct 1m 28.57s. PETRA CELERA 28-1 (10-11, Miss Amy Collier) Mid-division, pushed along 2f out, no progress, 14th of 21, 12l behind Hartwood (10-11) at Doncaster 1m am hcp 0-70 (4yo+) (5) gd in Mar 1m 41.92s.		

4.35	RACING TV PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,926 (8 run)	1m 4f 13yds
1 (3)	8640-2 MAGNETIC NORTH (14) (V) R Menzies 10 9-9 (D ²).....	C J Orr (3) 63
2 (5)	6770 AN BRADAN FEASA (16) Jack Jones 5 9-9.....	J Peate 63
3 (6)	/313-1 STELLARMASTERPIECE (14) M Hammond 5 9-6 (CD ²).....	A Brookes (3) 60
4 (8)	51-754 LAWMAINS BLIS (T) J Candlish 7 9-6 (D ²).....	G Wood 60
5 (4)	0720-8 SOMEBODYCOMEGETHER (32) (V) J Bedi 5 9-0.....	D Costello 54
6 (7)	36/00- DUBAI VENTURE (187) Miss T. Jackson 4 8-8.....	Joanna Mason 48
7 (1)	92430- SASSY GLORY (117) (P) M Walford 4 8-8.....	Rhys Elliott (5) 48
8 (2)	73796 RAJAWALI (89) (T) B Rothwell 5 8-5.....	F McManoman 43
BETTING: 7-4 Stellarmasterpiece, 2 Magnetic North, 9-2 Lawmans Blis, 7 An Bradan Feasa, 12 Sassy Glory, 25 Somebodycomether, 33 Dubai Venture, 50 Rajawali. 2024: CORSICAN CAPER 4 8 6, Joanna Mason 10-3 Jifav (K Frost), drawn (8), 10 ran. MAGNETIC NORTH 9-1 (9-2, C J Orr) Led, headed over 10f out, stayed handy, ridden 2f out, kept on inside final furlong, just held, 2nd of 8, nk behind Stellarmasterpiece (8-12) at Catterick 1m 4f hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 42.98s. AN BRADAN FEASA 150-1 (10-2, Dylan Hogan) Always towards rear, 10th of 14, 21l behind Gladus (9-1) at Kempton 1m mdn stks (5) pol 1m 40.10s. STELLARMASTERPIECE 10-3 (8-12, Aiden Brookes) In touch in mid-division, closed over 2f out, led over 1f out, edged left well inside final furlong, held on, won at Catterick 1m 4f hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 42.98s. LAWMAINS BLIS 28-1 (9-11, Sean Quinlan) Mid-division, pushed along and carried wide turning in, soon ridden and stayed on same pace, weakened inside final furlong, 4th of 7, 4l behind High Court Judge (9-0) at Wolverhampton 1m 4f hcp 0-65 (6) in Feb 4m 03.41s. SOMEBODYCOMEGETHER 40-1 (9-3, Shay Farmer) Held up in touch, pushed along over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 8th of 9, 9l behind Darius (9-7) at Wolverhampton 1m 6f app hcp 0-60 (6) in Mar 3m 06.68s. DUBAI VENTURE 100-1 (9-12, Miss S L Bowen) Dwell, mid-division, lost touch 2f out, 13th of 14, 22l behind Ines of Wolves (10-11) at Redcar 1m 2f app hcp (6) st in Oct 2m 14.41s. SASSY GLORY 10-1 (9-1, S.H James) Led 2f, steadied 3rd 8f out, pushed along and towards rear over 2f out, (limited comments due to poor visibility), last of 12, 43l behind Moon Over Thea (9-3) at Wolverhampton 1m 4f hcp (6) in Dec 2m 37.32s. RAJAWALI 200-1 (9-7, Faye McManoman) Towards rear, outpaced over 2f out, well beaten over 1f out, 6th of 7, 23l behind Tuscan Star (8-4) at Southwell 1m mdn stks (5) in Jan 1m 43.10s.		

5.10	NORTHALLERTON HANDICAP (5)	5f 212yds
Winner £4,711 (9 run)		
1 (3)	50431- SOUL SEEKER (217) (P,T) P Kirby 8 9-9.....	C Hardie 75
2 (7)	1626-7 DAYTONA LADY (14) (P) R Carr 5 9-7 (D).....	JP Sullivan 73
3 (1)	49-383 MOJOMAKER (11) (B,T) D Loughnane 6 9-5.....	Rossa Ryan 71
4 (9)	00808- RUNNING COOL (309) T Easterby 5 9-2 (D).....	D Allan 68
5 (8)	2546-3 SACRED FALLS (14) (P) K Scott 5 9-2 (BF,D ²).....	A Hart 68
6 (12)	1228-2 PROTEST RALLY (14) (P) L Bailey 5 9-1 (D).....	B Garrity 67
7 (5)	00975 TWELFTH KNIGHT (25) P Midgley 6 9-0 (D ²).....	P J McDonald 66
8 (2)	20616- QUERCUS (176) (P) Mrs A Duffield 8 8-8 (CD ²).....	J Fanning 60
9 (4)	54730- DREAM DEAL (247) (T) T Easterby 6 8-5 (CD).....	Amie Waugh (3) 57
BETTING: 3 Soul Seeker, 7-2 Protest Rally, 4 Sacred Falls, 5 Mojomaker, 10 Quercus, 12 Daytona Lady, Twelfth Knight, 16 Dream Deal, 20 Running Cool. 2024: TRAILER BAY 7 9 7, J Gilligan 3-1 Jifav (C Allen), drawn (6), 5 ran. SOUL SEEKER 4-1 (9-12, Jason Watson) Edged left start, made all, ridden over 1f out, clear inside final furlong, unchallenged, won at Sandown 5f hcp 0-70 (5) gd in Sep beating Salfar Dream (9-11) by 2 3/4l, 6 ran 1m 01.04s. DAYTONA LADY 28-1 (9-9, D Sullivan) Towards rear, not much room over 1f out or entering final furlong, no impression, 7th of 11, 6l behind Mister Sox (9-2) at Catterick 6f hcp 0-75 (5) gd 1m 13.19s. MOJOMAKER 10-3 (9-1, William Pyle) Mid-division, pushed along and headway 2f out, pressed leaders over 1f out, no extra inside last, 3rd of 9, 2l behind Wreck It Ryley (9-6) at Thirk 6f hcp 0-75 (5) gd 1m 10.27s. RUNNING COOL 14-1 (9-10, D Allan) Raced wide, close up, ridden and came near side 2f out, weakened final furlong, 8th of 9, 6l behind Animate (9-11) at Catterick 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gs in Jun 1m 13.66s. SACRED FALLS 3-1lav (9-3, Jason Hart) Slowly into stride, towards rear, headway over 1f out, went 3rd inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 11, 1 3/4l behind Mister Sox (9-2) at Catterick 6f hcp 0-75 (5) gd 1m 13.19s. PROTEST RALLY 9-1 (9-1, D Tudhope) Prominent, led over 2f out, headed inside final furlong, no impression on winner towards finish, 2nd of 11, 1 1/2l behind Mister Sox (9-2) at Catterick 6f hcp 0-75 (5) gd 1m 13.98s. TWELFTH KNIGHT 25-1 (9-9, D Sullivan) Towards rear, ridden keenly tracking leaders, pushed along over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 5th of 10, 7l behind Oriental Prince (9-5) at Newcastle 6f hcp 0-68 (5) in Mar 1m 14.47s. QUERCUS 9-2 (9-11, J Fanning) Prominent, led over 3f out, headed over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 6th of 10, 7l behind Muddy Lynn (9-1) at Newcastle 6f hcp 0-52 (6) in Oct 1m 14.55s. DREAM DEAL 5-1 (9-7, J Garrity) Raced wide, close up, ridden and weakened final furlong, 11th of 12, 10l behind One Of Our Own (9-7) at Catterick 6f hcp 0-65 (6) gf in Aug 1m 11.35s.		

LINGFIELD SKY SPORTS RACING.

	GARRY OWEN	PA
4.50	DUBAI IMMO	CRAFTER
5.20	ANNSAR	GREY PHOENIX
5.50	CERULEAN SUMMER	CERULEAN SUMMER
6.20	GHAIIYYA	GHAIIYYA
6.50	SHE WENT WHOOSH	SPRING
7.20	NEWFANGLED	NEWFANGLED
7.50	PHOENIX MOON	JUST TEN HIGH

GOING: Standard.
COURSE: (AW) Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f, 2f run-in. (Turf) Left-handed undulating course of 1m 4f, 3f run-in, races up to 7f are run on the straight course.
DRAW: AWT-Little effect. TURF: High best on straight.

4.50	DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,775 (12 run)	1m 2f
1 (8)	752/00 JOYCEAN WAY (49) G & J Moore 4 11-2.....	Mr Ben Pollard (5) 67
2 (5)	-84420 CRAFTER (30) M Loughnane 7 11-0 (BF,CD).....	Miss Tilly Evans (5) 65
3 (3)	-49454 PALAZZO PERSICO (19) (V) E Dunlop 4 10-11.....	Mr William Dunlop (7) 64
4 (11)	6605-0 CATHEDRAL PEAK (24) D Cunha 4 10-11.....	Mr F Yarham 62
5 (9)	RO452- BEAULD AS BRASS G Baker 5 10-11.....	Mr S Walker 62
6 (2)	043267 ROI DE BAVIERE F O'Brien 4 10-9.....	Miss Remie Morgan (7) 60
7 (1)	547445 VISIBILITY (9) S Dixon 8 10-8 (D ²).....	Mr F Tett 59
8 (6)	8/244- YARBOROUGH (313) G & J Moore 4 10-7.....	Mr Jude Fernandes (7) 58
9 (10)	8350-1 DUBAI IMMO (20) P Butler 6 10-6 (D ²).....	Miss Ella Smart-Jones (5) 57
10 (7)	08158- CHICO DULCE (253) M Madgwick 5 10-1 (CD).....	Miss S Bowen 52
11 (4)	/890-6 SENSEOFENTITLEMENT (46) P Butler 5 10-0.....	Miss Michelle Bryant (5) 51
12 (12)	0P-866 STAR OF SUSSEX (66) P Butler 5 9-11.....	Miss M Trainor (5) 45

BETTING: 3 Dubai Immo, 7-2 Beauld As Brass, 6 Palazzo Persico, 7 Crafter, 8 Visibility, 10 Yarrowburgh, Roi De Baviere, 12 Cathedral Peak, 16 Others. JOYCEAN WAY 66-1 (9-3, T P Queally) Held up in mid-division, ridden over 2f out, no headway, last of 13, 15l behind Dingle (9-8) at Kempton 1m hcp (4) pol in Mar 1m 38.86s. CRAFTER 16-5lav (9-4, J Mitchell) Chased leaders on outer, pushed along 3f out, weakened well over 1f out, 10th of 11, 16l behind Obsidian Knight (9-5) at Lingfield 1m 2f hcp 0-70 (5) pol in Mar 2m 05.04s. PALAZZO PERSICO 17-2 (9-9, A J Farragher) Dwell, in rear, headway on outer over 2f out, soon ridden, went fourth towards finish, 4th of 9, 2 1/4l behind Jimmy Mark (8-10) at Bath 1m 4f hcp 0-65 (6) gf 2m 29.22s. CATHEDRAL PEAK 14-1 (10-11, Mr Fletcher Yarham) Mid-division, weakened over 1f out, 15th of 21, 18l behind Hartwood (10-11) at Doncaster 1m am hcp (0-70) (4yo+) (5) gd in Mar 1m 41.92s. BEAULD AS BRASS 10-1 (9-9, James Davies) Started very slowly, detached in last pair, going well looking for room 2f out, headway chasing leaders over 1f out, went 2nd and stayed on inside final furlong, no extra final 100 yards, 2nd of 13, 3/4l behind Solanna (9-7) at Kempton 1m 3f hcp 0-80 (6) pol in Dec 4m 44.66s. ROI DE BAVIERE (8) 7th of 8, 28l behind Rose Dote (9-7) at Marseille-borely(FR) 1m 5f 3yo hcp gs in May, Fern O'Brien) 4m 23.41s. VISIBILITY 9-2 (8-7, J P Sullivan) Mid-division, ridden 2f out, progress over 1f out, short of room final furlong, no extra close home, 5th of 9, 2l behind Phone Tag (8-12) at Pontefract 1m hcp 0-75 (5) gd 1m 45.93s. YARBOROUGH 11-1 (8-12, Callum Shepherd) Held up in 4th, closer on inside 10f out, pushed along over 2f out, ridden inside final 2f, weakened soon after, 4th of 5, 6l behind Cook And Bull (9-8) at Sandown 1m 6f 3yo hcp 0-70 (5) gf in Jun 3m 09.70s. DUBAI IMMO 28-1 (9-0, Ashley Lewis) In touch with leaders, led 2f out, ridden final furlong, ran on well and always leaning into towards finish, won at Chelmsford City 1m 2f app hcp (0-55) (6) pol beating It's Tim (9-1) by 1 1/4l, 11 ran 2m 05.93s. CHICO DULCE 12-1 (9-7, William Carson) Raced wide early, off the pace in last trio, never involved, 8th of 9, 21l behind Thursday (9-8) at Lingfield 1m 2f hcp 0-55 (6) gf in Aug 2m 05.37s. SENSEOFENTITLEMENT 150-1 (10-2, Miss Michelle Bryant) Raced keenly, never better than mid-division, 8th of 8, 17l behind Meadram (10-11) at Chelmsford City 1m 2f hcp 0-60 (6) pol in Mar 2m 08.00s. STAR OF SUSSEX 33-1 (9-1, Rhys Clutterbuck) Slowly into stride and awkwardly away, behind most of way, 6th of 9, 7l behind Venus Slipper (9-0) at Lingfield 1m 2f hcp (0-55) (6) pol in Feb 2m 08.21s.		
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SNOOKER CRUCIBLE LATEST

THE END OF MY WORLDS

Higgins almost quit title bid after dad-in-law's heart attack

FAMILY MAN John Higgins almost pulled out of this year's World Championship.

The Scottish legend, 49, is a red-hot contender for the title having won two of the last three events heading to the sport's spiritual Sheffield home.

But the Wizard of Wishaw's preparations were disrupted after wife Denise's father suffered a heart attack in the week leading up to the tournament.

Higgins choked back tears following his 10-7 first-round victory over Joe O'Connor after a testing time off the table.

And he revealed he was willing to sacrifice his chances of a famous fifth Crucible crown to be by his wife's side.

Thankfully his father-in-law was released from hospital over the Easter weekend and is now recuperating back at home.

Asked if he considered withdrawing from the showpiece, the third seed replied: "That would definitely have been in my thinking."

"It was the most emotional I've ever felt coming to play with everything that's

BY NEIL GOULDING

gone on in the last few days. My father-in-law's not been great.

"Luckily he's back home, he got back home over the weekend. He's resting and recuperating."

"I knew he was OK and my wife was OK so I could come down then. I was so emotional with everything it took out of me. I was in tears coming over for my match in the morning. You're just thinking different things."

Denise and son Oliver were both in the crowd roaring on Higgins, who is bidding to become the oldest world champion in history, as he kicked off his title tilt with a nervy win.

It invoked memories of years gone by when his dad John Snr, who died in 2011, used to make the annual pilgrimage to the Crucible with him.

And the 33-time ranking-event winner, who faces Xiao Guodong in the last 16 tomorrow, added: "It was good to have Oliver and Denise down with me given everything. I've been around for so long and got so many years experience. I came here when I was 18-19 with my dad so when you fast forward it's almost 31 years and I'm a father with my son the same age."

"I'm still competing at the top level and I've got those memories and I'm thinking about sitting with my own dad, just like I was sitting with Oliver having dinner."

"I look the exact same as my dad, I probably talk like my dad and walk like my dad. I came out a different player in the evening. I came out like I wanted to make him proud."

EMOTION
Higgins salutes fans after opening win but faced a family crisis

Eight's so great for Rocket

STEVE DAVIS thinks Ronnie O'Sullivan winning an eighth world title on his return to the sport would be the crowning glory of his illustrious career.

O'Sullivan, right, has not played since January due to "stage fright".

But he took an overnight 5-4 lead against Ali Carter in the first round and six-time champion Davis said: "If he were to win the World Championship this year, it would be his greatest ever

achievement." Reflecting on the session, the Rocket said: "I feel alright, it's pretty much what I expected, probably a little bit better."

Zak Surety became the first player to make four centuries on Crucible debut during a 10-7 loss to Ding Junhui, while Shaun Murphy leads Dan Wells 7-2.

Sheffield a shot in the arm after all Ben's bother

BEN WOOLLASTON almost passed out at the wheel of his car two weeks before returning to the Crucible.

Woollaston, 37, has struggled with severe fatigue since his Covid vaccine in 2021 and spent long spells bedridden.

He can't even kick a football with his two sons without being wiped out afterwards. The

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qualifier couldn't dream of returning to the game's biggest stage when his condition was at its unbearable worst.

But he will face close pal Mark Selby today and revealed: "One doctor said it was chronic fatigue but I've never got to the bottom of it. I've been a lot better with it but last week and the week

before I had a few real bad turns. I was driving with [wife] Tatiana and I had to pull over straight away because I was seconds from passing out."

"I felt as bad as I did a couple of years ago. It's got to be the vaccine. I was perfect before that. I passed out 15 or 20 minutes after it. I couldn't really stand on my feet for six months. I was the fittest

I've been before the vaccine. I was two stones lighter. Now I can't do any exercise. If I play football with the kids for 10 minutes I have to lay in bed for an hour."

It feels like a second debut for the world No.44, who made his only other Crucible appearance 12 years ago. And Woollaston added: "I don't think there will be any pressure on me."



WARRIORS DEAL McKay

Josh wants to be latest kilted Kiwi

RUGBY

JOSH MCKAY says he'd love the chance to play for Scotland if they want him.

The New Zealander has put pen to paper on a new three-year deal with Glasgow. That will see the 27-year-old become eligible to play for the national team next November when he passes the five-year residency mark.

The full-back said: "I'd love to play for Scotland one day if they wanted to pick me. That would be awesome."

"It would be a huge achievement personally for the career."

"It's still a long way away and a lot can happen between now and then."

"I just want to be the best I can be for Glasgow. And if something comes of that then that's awesome."



TRUSTS PETCH Raducanu

Emma likes to keep it all informal

TENNIS

EMMA RADUCANU is back in action at this week's Madrid Open with an "informal", ad-hoc team now in place.

The British No.2 has not played since reaching the quarter-final in Miami almost a month ago, when Andy Murray's former coach Mark Petchey was in her corner.

Petchey will now juggle his punditry duties with coaching Raducanu in Madrid. "We haven't made anything formal. It's pretty informal for now but is something that's going really well," Raducanu said.

"He's someone I feel I can trust because I've known him so long."

Meanwhile, Scot Jacob Fearnley beat Hugo Dellien 7-5 6-1 to qualify for the men's singles in Madrid.



VACCINE GRIEF Woollaston

GOLF OPEN SEASON

IT'S A MAD PORTRUSH TO SEE RORY

Over a million wanted to watch hero go for glory in own backyard



OPEN & SHUT CASE
McIlroy a massive draw on home soil realises Darbon, below



HEADS UP Schauffele

I'll have a Xander at taming the Slam man

BY NEIL MCLEMAN

OPEN champion Xander Schauffele has praised Rory McIlroy for completing a career Grand Slam – but warned he aims to “take him down” at Royal Portrush.

US PGA champion Schauffele won his second Major of 2024 at Royal Troon last summer.

But the world No.3 lost to McIlroy in a play-off for the 2019 WGC-HSBC Champions in Shanghai.

And the new Masters champion shot a final round 65 to overtake the American to win last year's Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow – the venue for next month's US PGA.

So Schauffele wants to end his personal losing streak against McIlroy. He said: “Thinking back to Quail, I got the brunt of a firing Rory McIlroy hitting it further and straighter than everyone, chipping and putting it better than everyone. We kind of saw what that looked like in birdieing, I don't know, what felt like every hole on the back nine.”

“Looking back to China, played in a play-off against him. Lost. So I don't really know any other heads-up moments that we've had.”

“But he's accomplished the Grand Slam which is big congrats to him. He already was but is going to go down as one of the greats that I've ever played against. Any chance you can get to, sort of, take him down or have a go, it's always a good time.”

McILROY MANIA is set to hit the sold-out Open at Royal Portrush with record crowds for the biggest sporting event in Northern Ireland history.

Superstar Rory's Grand Slam success has elevated excitement levels to fever pitch around his return home for the 153rd Championship in July.

In excess of 41,000 more than 2019 will attend The Open at Portrush, taking the attendance to a stunning 278,000 over the week, the second largest in the history of the event behind

“I think we had just under 1.1m applications for tickets this summer

R&A's MARK DARBON REVEALS OPEN DEMAND

BY CRAIG SWAN

only the 290,000 who went to St Andrews three years ago.

Over a million people applied for tickets to the largest-ever sporting event held in Northern Ireland and it is expected to generate more than £213million.

McIlroy's magical Masters triumph at Augusta is perfectly timed as his home support turns out in droves

hoping to see him emulate Shane Lowry's home success from six years ago.

The 2014 champion missed the cut at Portrush last time but Mark Darbon, chief executive of

the R&A, said: “Rory's remarkable win last weekend further whets the appetite for what's to come and we can't wait for what promises to be some incredible golf here this July.”

“It was an amazing, emotional win and we're delighted to see Rory etch his name in the history books.”

“We know he's super excited to return here, he has some unfinished business on this course so he'll be very focused on performance and we look forward to welcoming him.”

“We have huge demand for the Open Championship and it's something we're very proud of.”

“I think we had just under 1.1million applications for

tickets this summer. We looked to increase the capacity from 2019 and we're up just over 40,000 since that event. So it's a long time in the planning and we're excited to enable more people to come and watch what we think will be a brilliant championship.”

“I don't think we had to do anything significant in terms of an evolution to our plans.”

“We were confident in the demand for this wonderful championship and we've been planning on an increased attendance.”

“So I think it just gives us a great run into our event and the championship season to follow this summer.”

“I think we would expect him to be very focused on performance when he's

here.” This summer's Open will be Darbon's first after taking over the role from Martin Slumbers.

He said: “It's just 13 Thursdays until the first tee shot will be hit here this summer and we're all very much looking forward to what we think will be another memorable championship.”

“The course is shaping up really nicely and we expect it to provide a brilliant challenge for the best golfers in the world.”

“To that end, I wanted to acknowledge the great relationship we have with Royal Portrush Golf Club and to express our thanks for the hard work their teams are doing to help prepare us for what lies ahead.”

Long Eubank and Benn rivalry has father to go

CHRIS EUBANK JR promised not to let down his absent father as he vowed to uphold his family's name against Conor Benn.

The sons of legends will meet in the third instalment of the Benn-Eubank rivalry in London on Saturday night.

Chris Eubank Sr beat Nigel Benn in their first meeting in 1990 before they fought to a controversial draw

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three years later. And while Benn was last night supported by his dad as he faced off with his opponent from a distance, there was no sign of Chris Sr after he branded the fight a “disgrace”.

But his son nevertheless vowed to do his old man proud in front of 60,000 fans at the Tottenham

Hotspur Stadium. He said: “I want to keep that Eubank name that little bit in front of the Benn name.”

“I'm not greedy, it doesn't have to be miles but we have to be on top. They can't get a win over us.”

“I have to respect my father's legacy, his history and what he achieved in his career. I can't let him down, I can't let myself down and I can't let my fans down. This

is a deeply important and personal fight for me and I can't wait.”

Benn said: “It's always personal, every opponent I fight. If you're trying to put your hands on me and render me unconscious, it's never business. This one just has a little more history to it.”

“I badly want to get my hands on him. As soon as I get my hands on him, he'll know what's up.”



SONS UP Eubank Jr, far left, poses with Conor Benn, second right

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE



JUMP FOR JOY Nunes celebrates his winner after Villa's Rashford nets from the spot, top right

City win big top-five duel thanks to last-gasp strike

HIGH NUNE

MATHEUS NUNES blasted home in the 94th minute to rescue Manchester City at the death - and breathe life into their Champions League charge.

The Portuguese midfielder arrived at the back post to smash in Jeremy Doku's low cross, sending the Etihad into raptures and Pep Guardiola into wild celebrations.

City had taken the lead early through Bernardo Silva before Marcus Rashford levelled from the spot after a VAR check. With both sides squandering chances in a tense second half, it looked destined for a draw - until Nunes had the final say.

The win moved City up to third, four points clear of Villa in seventh, and stopper Ruben Dias said: "It's a massive step for us. This means everything."

"They are on the run with us to this top five and it was a special game. Four games to go and they will be massive."

Goal hero Nunes said: "It's

» MAN CITY...2 ASTON VILLA...1

ANDY DUNN AT THE EMIRATES

perfect timing. It couldn't have come at a better time. Every three points now until the end of the season is going to be very important."

It was a win that stretched City's run to 15 straight Premier League home wins over Aston Villa, but it was anything but straightforward.

Villa nearly tore up the script inside 18 seconds when Rashford, starting ahead of Ollie Watkins, smashing a post after racing onto a low ball.

That jolted Guardiola's men into gear, and they soon took control. Their pressure told in the seventh minute when Silva struck, drilling past Emiliano Martinez after a goalmouth scramble to give City the lead.

But Villa didn't fold. They hit back with purpose and were handed a golden

chance when VAR ruled Dias had tripped Jacob Ramsey. Rashford made no mistake from the spot, sending Stefan Ortega the wrong way to level it at 1-1 after just 18 minutes.

The game opened right up, with both sides trading chances, with Kevin De Bruyne forcing a smart save from Martinez with a header, while Rashford was denied by a superb Ortega stop after racing clear.

City continued to see more of the ball, with De Bruyne and Mateo Kovacic controlling the tempo in midfield.

But Villa were dangerous on the counter and stuck rigidly to Unai Emery's tactical plan.

The second half followed a familiar script with City dominating the ball, Villa dangerous on the break.

James McAtee curled one

effort just wide, and De Bruyne stung Martinez's palms with a thumping drive.

At the other end, Rashford rounded Ortega after a slick counter - but from a tight angle, he could only fire into the side-netting.

City thought they'd won it on 80 minutes when Omar Marmoush found the net, only for the flag to go up for offside.

That sparked Guardiola into action and Doku's arrival in the final stages proved to be the turning point.

With the match drifting into stoppage time and the hosts piling bodies forward, it was the Belgian who delivered. Skipping past his man down the left wing, he fizzed a low cross across the six-yard box.

It looked set to evade everyone until Nunes arrived at the far post and lashed home.

Villa's Yuri Tielemans said: "It's so frustrating to lose in the last minute of a game where we fought really hard."

ROMERO EYES SPAIN SWITCH

BY ALAN SMITH

CRISTIAN ROMERO has rocked Tottenham by claiming he is open to leaving this summer.

And the Spurs vice-captain, who was subbed at half-time of their latest defeat to Nottingham Forest on Monday night, says he is particularly keen on a move to Spain.

Argentina defender Romero, who has two years left on his deal, been linked with a switch to Atletico Madrid.

The 26-year-old said: "I'd love to play in La Liga. I'd love to, honestly."

"We'll see after the championship is over. The truth is, I haven't spoken to my agent yet but I'm open to anything."

"My goal is always to



QUIT HINT Cristian Romero

grow and go to new places to continue developing.

"Above all else, I try to take one day at a time."

"There are two months left until the end of the season and I'm always thinking about performing at my best."

"We're in the Europa League semi-finals. I'd like to win it."

UNITED WANT £40M VICTOR

BY DAVID McDONNELL

MANCHESTER UNITED are pushing ahead with a deal to sign £40million Napoli striker Victor Osimhen this summer.

Boss Ruben Amorim has made Osimhen - currently on loan at Galatasaray - his top target.

United have struggled for goals this season and Amorim sees the 25-year-old as the perfect player to solve that problem.

As well as his proven scoring prowess - he has 29 goals from 34 games this season - Osimhen is heading into the last year of his Napoli contract.

That means the Italians must sell or risk losing him for nothing next year.

United are also looking at Ipswich striker Liam



TARGETED Victor Osimhen

Delap, who would cost £30m this summer. Wolves attacker Matheus Cunha is another a target.

United will look to sell players to help fund the rebuild of Amorim's squad, with loan trio Marcus Rashford, Jadon Sancho and Antony all to go along with Alejandro Garnacho and Casemiro.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

MAN CITY.....2 ASTON VILLA.....1

B Silva 7 Rashford 18 (pen)

M Nunes 90 HT: 1-1

HOW THEY STAND

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Liverpool.....	33	24	7	2	75	31	79
Arsenal.....	33	18	12	3	61	27	66
Man City.....	34	18	7	9	66	43	61
Bournemouth.....	33	18	6	9	53	39	60
Newcastle.....	33	18	5	10	62	44	59
Chelsea.....	33	16	9	8	58	40	57
Aston Villa.....	34	16	9	9	54	58	57
Bournemouth.....	33	13	10	10	52	40	49
Fulham.....	33	13	9	11	48	45	48
Brighton.....	33	12	12	9	53	53	48
Brentford.....	33	13	7	13	56	50	46
Crystal Palace.....	33	11	11	11	41	45	44
Everton.....	33	8	14	11	34	40	38
Man Utd.....	33	10	8	15	38	46	38
Wolves.....	33	11	5	17	48	61	38
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CHAMPAGNE corks will be popping on Merseyside tonight if Crystal Palace beat Arsenal to confirm Liverpool's coronation as Premier League champs.

McBookie make Mikel Arteta's men 2/5 hot favourites, with the Eagles 13/2, but those odds look a little off. This

MR FIXIT

is Arsenal's last game before their Champions League semi with PSG so Arteta will probably rest most of his big hitters.

BTTS looks good at 11/10 with McBookie while Gunners winger Ethan Nwaneri is 5/4 at

William Hill to score or assist and that looks pretty good for a punt.

There's a big clash in Milan tonight as AC and Inter square off in the second leg of the Coppa Italia semi-final.

Inter are going for glory in Serie A and the Champions League so

this competition means more to Milan. They're 6/4 at McBookie to reach the final and that looks decent value as the cup represents their last chance for silverware.

Super singles: Nwaneri goal or assist (5/4, W Hill), AC Milan to qualify (6/4, McBookie).



ST JOHNSTONE

CELTS WIN PROVES WE BELONG IN TOP FLIGHT

Semi shocker can't derail our bid for survival says ace Clark

BY KEITH JACKSON

HALFWAY through Sunday's Hampden horror show against Celtic, even the St Johnstone fans had given up on their team.

But Nicky Clark insists the Perth outfit proved that they are capable of pulling off a great escape to stay in the top flight when they toppled the runaway league leaders just a couple of weeks earlier at McDiarmid Park.

Yes, it may have sparked Brendan Rogers into firing the champions up for the run-in – and sending Saints crashing out of the Scottish Cup semis in a blaze of goals.

But Clarke is adamant that win on home soil has laid down the perfect green-print for Premiership survival.

He said: "We spoke about it this morning. We were all looking forward to Sunday and it didn't go the way we had planned so we're disappointed on that side of things.

"But, listen, that's in the past and we've got more important things coming up with the five league games. All our mindset is now on that. We had a good session this morning and we're looking forward to Motherwell because we need to get off to a good start.

"We've shown since January time that we are more than capable of



THE GREEN PRINT
Balodis nods home the winner in that shock victory over the Hoops



STILL IN IT
Striker Clark believes Saints have what it takes to beat drop once again

putting results together. You just need to look back to the Celtic game at home. Yes, we rode our luck at times and Big Fish (Andy Fisher) in goals was magnificent. But we showed we could stand up to it and play well. We need to take confidence from that match into these next five games.

"We showed the way we can play when the manager first came in. Then we went on a really bad run in December when we didn't win any games in seven.

"We're probably where we are now because of that

but we're more than capable, with the boys we've got in the dressing room, to perform well and get the results needed in the next five games."

Saints have been written off going into the post-split games - with debate raging over which of the other teams will be dragged into a play-off.

Clark said: "We can use that as motivation, although I don't think we need much more than keeping this club in the Premiership. It's not just the football side that it affects, it affects people upstairs, in the kitchen staff and other people

behind the scenes that nobody really knows about.

"Take one game at a time and concentrate on ourselves, don't look elsewhere. We need to win our games because if we don't then it doesn't really matter what anyone else does."

Saturday's trip to Fir Park might bring flashbacks to the final-day drama of last season, when Clark helped Saints stay up with the opener in a 2-1 win.

He said: "It was huge. We can take experience from that. We know what it takes to get out of the situation we're in and we're more than capable."



DROP BATTLE Wimmer

O'Donnell: Well pulled a Wimmer out the hat

BY KEITH JACKSON

MOTHERWELL rolled the relegation dice when they plucked Michael Wimmer out of the air for the relegation run-in.

But Stephen O'Donnell believes that mid-season gamble is about to pay out big time when the club seals top-flight survival.

Another three points against St Johnstone on Saturday will all but ensure the Steelmen step clear of the danger zone.

Well ace O'Donnell, 32, expects Wimmer to cash in on that status over the summer as the German puts phase two into action.

He said: "Whenever it's someone you don't know there is a risk but it's a risk with anyone. If you go for somebody safe that knows the league, and you get relegated, it's a disaster because he's meant to know how it works here.

"Yes, it was a wee bit of an eye raiser because he wouldn't have an in-depth knowledge of the full squad.

"He wants to change things but he's not been daft with trying to change things too quickly.

"Even when he changed our days off he waited to do it for a couple of weeks until there was a break. It tells me he's an experienced man. He knows football."

O'Donnell anticipates key signings in the summer.

The former Scotland man said: "He can only be judged when he gets his own people in. We need to do everything to stay in the league so he's recruiting as a Premiership manager."

James bagsies job at Baggies

JAMES MORRISON has 180 minutes to convince the West Brom board he's the man to replace Tony Mowbray as full-time boss.

The Scotland coach will lead Baggies for the final two games in the English Championship against Cardiff City and Luton.

The 38-year-old played 341 times for Albion as a player before stepping in to a staff role in 2019.

Robbie Chalmers

Family ties fire up Conor's bid for three-in-a-row

CONOR McMENAMIN can't wait to get properly stuck back in – and he's hoping his dad will be in the stands to see it.

The St Mirren star made his long-awaited comeback in last weekend's 3-2 win over Ross County, a result that sealed a top-six spot for the Buddies.

It was the Northern Irishman's first outing since December,

BY FRASER WILSON

with an Achilles injury cutting his season to just nine games.

But McMEnamin's toughest battle has come off the pitch – watching dad Andrew fight serious heart problems.

Now the 29-year-old hopes his dad, mum Esther and daughter Daisy will be in the stands this weekend as Saints chase a third

straight win over Rangers for the first time since 1980.

McMenamin said: "Dad hasn't been over since last year. He has been in and out of hospital.

"He's going for tests and hopefully gets the all-clear and can be here Saturday. He's really looking forward to it – with them all coming, it gives me a boost."

The 2-1 Boxing Day win in

Paisley was followed up with a 2-0 victory at Ibrox in February that saw Philippe Clement axed.

Asked about three-in-a-row, McMEnamin said: "Yeah, that's the aim. It's going to be really challenging, they're a really good team, really good players, but we're expecting to win.

"We'll have a game plan and the manager will set us up well."



FIGHTING FIT McMEnamin

I'LL STAY AT KILLIE IF WE STAY IN PREM

BY FRASER WILSON

KYLE VASSELL admits his Rugby Park future depends on whether Kilmarnock are still a Premiership club next season.

But as the captain prepares to return from four months of injury hell, he has no doubt Derek McInnes' side WILL beat the drop.

Vassell hasn't kicked a ball since January 2 after picking up a calf injury in the 2-0 win over St Mirren.

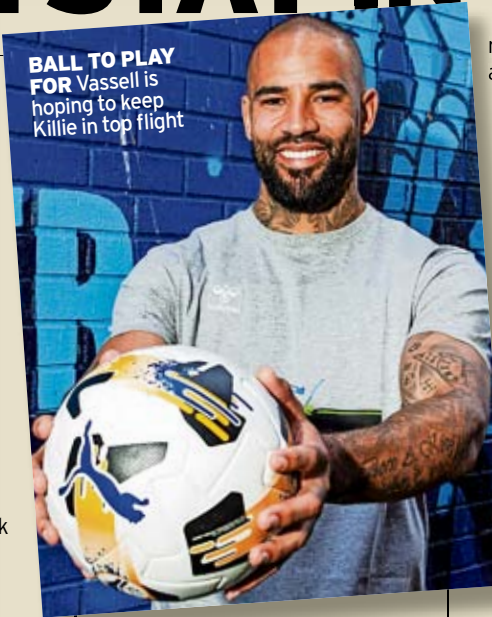
In that time the Ayrshire club have missed out on the Premiership's top six.

But the striker could be back to lead the line for the visit of fellow relegation scrappers Ross County on Saturday.

And the 33-year-old insists he'd love to stick around beyond the summer.

He said: "The club have been brilliant. I've been honest and said I want to wait on the contract stuff until I get back fit because trying to deal with loads of things at once is not good for my mind.

"I don't work well that way. I feel like we're almost there. I just need to



get back on the pitch, play some minutes and then we will see what happens. Am I confident we'll beat the drop? Yes, 100 per cent. I couldn't be more confident.

"I back every single boy in the dressing room and I back myself to get out of this and to be safe.

"We want to do it as early as we can so we can enjoy a couple of games this season. The club want

me to stay here and I want to stay as well.

"I would probably say that my future depends on whether Kilmarnock are in the top flight next season, although I have no doubts that we will be in the Premiership.

"It's a verbal agreement, not a written one as I haven't signed a contract, and we are definitely in the right place.

"I'd like to stay here. My kids were born in Kilmarnock so we have roots here and I've really enjoyed my time here."

Killie - who qualified for Europe after finishing fourth last season - are currently ninth in the table and six points ahead of bottom club St Johnstone.

But they are just one point clear of second-bottom Dundee with five games remaining.

Vassell said: "Every team in the bottom six could go down so we are all in a relegation battle for the next five games.

"That's frustrating as well because we should comfortably be in the top six in the table with the squad we have."



ABERDEEN

I'M A MAN OF MY THIRDS

Mitov tells Dons to park Cup bid and focus on league spot

DUNDEE'S FINAL FIGHT

TONY DOCHERTY insists his Dundee team must treat every game as a cup final if they want to drag themselves away from the Premiership drop zone.

The Dark Blues go into the split second bottom of the table and face Hearts

at Tynecastle on Saturday knowing a win will take them three points behind the seventh-placed Jambos.

Boss Doc said: "They are five cup finals and there's no other way of saying it.

"I've always said it's about performance. If we get that

level of performance then that will lead to us picking up points.

"That will enable us to be successful in this last period of the season.

"Mentality and spirit comes into it as well at this stage of the campaign."

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PREMIERSHIP PRIORITY

TABLE BID

Aberdeen
No.1 Dimitar
Mitov wants
another
route into
Euro group
stage action

BY SCOTT BURNS

DIMITAR MITOV insists Aberdeen need to put the Scottish Cup Final out of their minds for now - because the fight for third is the most important thing.

The Dons can look forward to a Hampden showcase against Celtic after seeing off Hearts in the semis.

Before that there is work to be done after the top-six split.

Aberdeen could claim European group-stage football by winning the Cup - but if Celtic were to get their hands on the trophy it would go to third place in the Premiership.

Jimmy Thelin's side are currently fifth, three points behind Hibs ahead of their trip to Pittodrie.

Mitov admitted: "I think when you keep winning and you don't lose games - especially on the big occasions like Saturday - it only gives belief to the boys.

"It's amazing. You know, happy, but the job's not finished.

"We've got one more game [the final] to go and we can't think about it too much, we can't be too happy about it.

"We now need to recover and concentrate on Hibs in the league.

"The most important thing is to forget about it, we don't care about the Cup Final.

"The only thing we care about is Hibs.

"We recover, go back to training and all eyes on Hibs because they're a top team.

"I feel like if we go out there and we perform at our best, it's going to be a really enjoyable game."

The 10-
times
capped



FINAL PUSH Dons boss Jimmy Thelin

Bulgarian had been out since the end of March with a shoulder injury suffered on international duty against the Republic of Ireland.

Mitov admitted he was a "pain in the a**" to the medical team trying to push himself for Hampden. It worked out and he made his comeback against the Jambos.

He joked: "Yes, I was pushing. I was training like crazy, you know, being in the gym, doing all the rehab as possible.

"I was just being a pain in the a**", if you want me to say that, sorry, to the physios, just to get me back for that game.

"Thankfully we managed to do it. It was really helpful that the manager put his trust in me and put me in goal."

The former St Johnstone star hasn't had the best of luck this season but is hoping all the future breaks go for him as he targets glory with the Dons.

He said: "[It has been] very difficult because the run we go into after the split, we're playing against top teams and there's a lot to play for.

"Obviously, there is the Cup Final and trying to finish as high as possible in the league.

"As any football player, you want to play in them, big games, you want to be

involved. For me it's just been a very unlucky season with injuries and stuff because if you look back at my history, I've never been injured in my career.

"Just all of a sudden something happened, I don't know where.

"Listen, I'm happy to be back, happy to be helping the team and hopefully that was it and there is no more."

Aberdeen were being lorded as potential title challengers after their perfect start under Thelin before their form deserted them for months.

But they have now lost just one game in the last nine and look to be coming together at the perfect time for a big finish.

Mitov said: "This group of guys, you know, having the highs from early in the season to having the lows in mid-season and then getting on a high again.

"That just shows character, that shows just growing together.

"The manager has been big into this, bringing up this philosophy of never giving up and always wanting to be better, always wanting to improve.

"You can see that the team is playing better and better.

"And when we play together more and more games, the team is only going to improve.

"So yes, I've been really happy for everybody involved with the football club."

Mitov, 28, reckons the Dons were too open during their dip and claims that has been addressed.

Thelin was busy in January, bringing in defensive reinforcements, and the keeper said: "First and foremost, we had to stop getting chances created against us because we were conceding way too many.

"Bringing new players into the defence also helps a lot.

"We know we have quality in our front players.

"Kevin [Nisbet] has been firing, [Leighton] Clarkson has been really good too.

"They are players that can win games for us.

"As long as we give them a solid base at the back, that everything is solid and calm, we can give them the opportunity to go up there and win us games."

The most important thing is to forget about it, we don't care about the Cup Final

DIMITAR MITOV ON DONS' LEAGUE FOCUS



DEAL SORTED Lewis Miller

Boss Gray: More Miller time good for Hibeers

BY FRASER WILSON

DAVID GRAY insists there's more to come from Lewis Miller after Hibs triggered an extension to the full-back's contract.

Record Sport revealed the Australia star was close to agreeing to lengthen his stay in Leith by a further year after playing a huge role in the Easter Road side's resurgence.

And that clause has now been activated, meaning the 24-year-old will remain with the club until at least the end of the 2025/26 campaign.

Miller joined from Central Coast Mariners in the summer of 2022 and has gone on to make 83 appearances for Hibs while also winning his first cap.

He's now played 12 times for the Socceroos and netted in World Cup qualifying victories over China and Indonesia this season.

This season he has made 37 appearances for Hibs, scoring three goals and getting three assists.

And boss Gray said: "This decision makes complete sense. Lewis has been working really hard on his game, he's a very coachable player and he has seen the rewards from that so far this season.

"He has shown with his performances for us and on the international stage that he's developing as a player.

"He's a good character and is keen to progress. We look forward to continuing our journey together."

Easter Road sporting director Malky Mackay added: "Lewis is a valuable asset for the club, which is why triggering his contract extension is important.

"He has performed well for us and his national team, and has a number of attributes that make him well suited to the modern game. Lewis' sole focus will now be on continuing his excellent run of form."

SAINTS BELONG UP TOP

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PAY DAYS Steve Clarke

SCOTS CLUBS COIN IN UEFA CAP CASH

A TOTAL of £2.4million has been awarded to 13 Scottish clubs for releasing their players for international competitions.

Celtic took the biggest chunk from UEFA's initiative with £882,958.

The Hoops' total is

roughly double that of Old Firm rivals Rangers who were given £443,119.

Eleven Premiership sides benefited, while second-tier clubs Dunfermline (£6k) and Livingston (£12k) also earned payments.

The money is not just for

releasing players to Steve Clarke's Scotland squad but to all national teams.

Clubs received an equal share for each player released for each Nations League and Euro qualifier match, as well as a fixed amount of money per

player each day during the final tournament.

Here is the full list of how much Scottish clubs earned from UEFA...

Aberdeen - £138,299

Celtic - £882,958

Dundee - £12,572

Dundee United - £75,436

Dunfermline - £6,286

Hearts - £355,041

Hibernian - £59,720

Kilmarnock - £37,718

Livingston - £12,572

Motherwell - £260,815

Rangers - £443,119

St Johnstone - £37,718

St Mirren - £78,579.

BOSS CLEARS THE DEC FOR A MOULT EXIT

BY SCOTT BURNS

JIM GOODWIN has confirmed Louis Moulton will join Declan Gallagher in departing Dundee United this summer.

The United boss has spoken to the experienced pair and told them their contracts won't be renewed beyond this season.

The duo have played a major part in getting newly promoted United into the top six and pushing for European football.

Goodwin admitted it was a difficult decision to tell the former Scotland cap and English frontman they wouldn't be getting new deals but knows they want to leave on a high.

Goodwin said: "The difficult part of my job is making decisions on people's careers and livelihoods.

"I had a good chat with Decky, he has been a revelation for us in the two years he has been here.

"He's probably exceeded what we expected him to do in the Premiership for us this season after playing such an important role in our Championship win.

"If it wasn't for Decky this season we wouldn't be in the position we're in.

"It's never easy when you're dealing with good people as well but in football you always have to freshen things up and bring in new players.

"Obviously we have Sam Cleall-Harding coming through so we need a pathway for him as well.

"We have been working hard since January trying to identify targets in key areas."

Goodwin wants to be as fair to the players as possible and to give them time to get their next move sorted.

He doesn't expect Moulton and Gallagher to be short of offers and options in the



LEAVE ON A HIGH Moulton



REVELATION Gallagher

summer. "Decky and Louis will have plenty of clubs after them this summer on the back of what they've done for Dundee United," the Irishman said.

"You always want to be fair to players and give them time to find something else but also be mindful of still having a job to do here.

"Both of them are great professionals who will keep working hard – and want to leave the club on a high.

"Louis scored a huge amount of goals for us last season and had some assists as well.

"He's had to be patient at times this season due to the form of Sam Dalby.

"Louis has been a big part of the group and has scored some important goals for us this season.

"He's another top pro. We took a chance on him when he signed because he had not played a lot of football (at Burton Albion). "It worked out well for both parties and he's made a great contribution to Dundee United."

Houston we don't have a problem for Toy move

TOYOSI OLUSANYA has completed his medical and is expected to complete his Houston Dynamo move before the Major League Soccer signing deadline.

Record Sport broke the story last week that St Mirren had accepted a £200,000 bid from Dynamo for their striker.

The 27-year-old flew out to the United States at the

start of the week to finalise his move.

Personal terms have been agreed and the club have set the wheels in motion for a visa.

The deal is set to be rubber-stamped by MLS and will then go through the Transfer Matching System before the American primary window closes tomorrow.



CELTIC



STORIED CELTS
Forrest and skipper McGregor have amassed silverware



I'VE GOT A NOSE FOR TREBLE

Scales says clean sweep so special for Celts... especially as he's never done it

PRIZE GUYS
Scales hails last season's Scottish Cup win with hero Adam Idah

FOR serial Celtic winners Callum McGregor and James Forrest, lifting silverware has become an act almost as routine as brushing their gnashers.

This weekend at Tannadice should end with the latter claiming a Premiership winners' medal – a 26th major honour to nudge Forrest ahead of the great Bobby Lennox and become the club's most decorated servant.

With 23 senior trophies, captain McGregor could be next to draw level with the Lisbon Lion should his side, as expected, go on to wrap up yet another domestic clean sweep.

But it's worth remembering there are others at Parkhead still to cut their Treble teeth now looking ahead to the remaining four weeks of the season with a

BY ANDY NEWPORT

fresh excitement. Liam Scales is one of them.

The Irishman moved to Celtic in 2021, six months after McGregor and Forrest had helped round off an unprecedented Quadruple Treble triumph.

He was on loan at Aberdeen when Ange Postecoglou's side swept the board again in 2023.

Last year's return to the Hoops line-up ended with a Double triumph but now Scales is desperate to complete the set.

A regular barb that has been thrown at a support spoiled by a decade and more of dominance is they have become blasé about their team's success.

But there's no way Scales is taking the opportunity on offer over the next month for granted.

"Of course winning a Treble is

still special, definitely – it would be my first one," he insisted.

"I was on loan when the boys won it most recently so it would be massive for me.

"It means the world to me and I know maybe other players have won it before, it probably still means the world to them to win a Treble. It's amazing.

"Does it say something about the level of success we've had that any campaign where we don't win anything is looked at as a disappointment? Yes, 100 per cent. It's exactly because of all the success we've had in the last 10 or 15 years, it's become almost the norm to win Trebles.

"That's just the expectation and that's OK. The expectation is there because we've won it in the past and we have to just live with it and try to live up to it. I

don't think we feel an extra burden to do it though. We've got a brilliant manager, a brilliant captain who has been through it all before.

"And a lot of players now who have won Trebles here as well. So I think we're all experienced at winning and that helps.

"There's obviously a long way to go to get the Treble."

"The league's a lot closer but in a cup final anything can happen when it's going to be a tough game.

"So you just want to take it game by game. We want to do as well as we can in the last five league games to give us the best rhythm going into the final."

Scales' old Pittodrie side will make life tough for the defending champions when they meet at Hampden on May 24. But Celtic

IN WITH A SNIFF

LIAM DEMANDS
A FLYING FINISH

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LIAM SCATES EYES UP HIS
MAIDEN TREBLE

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after defeats to Hibs, Rangers and St Johnstone. But the Hoops need only a point at Tannadice this weekend to wrap up a fourth successive crown with four games to spare.

Brendan Rodgers' men have hit back in style after their shock slip-up at McDiarmid Park, where they were stunned by Simo Valakari's relegation-threatened St Johnstone.

Since that defeat, the Hoops have smashed in 10 goals across two ruthless wins – the latest a five-goal demolition of the Perth side at Hampden that booked their spot in the Scottish Cup Final.

Now Scales wants Celtic to finish the season with a flourish.

With five Premiership games still to play, the Irish defender says it's all about building momentum ahead of their May 25 showdown with Aberdeen.

Asked if the aim was to go full throttle until Cup Final day, Scales said: "Yeah, definitely. I think we just hit sort of a bit of a lull.

"And it happens in the season at certain stages.

"So now that that's gone and we've put it behind us, it's really important to get up and kick on for the rest of the year because we can make it a really enjoyable four or five weeks."

Aberdeen will be dreading a repeat of the hammering they took the last time they faced Celtic at the National Stadium – a ruthless six-goal rout in the League Cup semi-final that saw Rodgers' side at their blistering best.

On that day, the Hoops ripped through Jimmy Thelin's men with a scintillating attacking display that left the Dons



FINAL OPPONENT Thelin

shell-shocked and sent Celts cruising into the final.

But Scales has warned that nothing can be taken for granted. He pointed to last season's Scottish Cup semi-final against the Reds as a stark reminder of what can happen if they drop their levels.

On that occasion, Celtic needed penalties to squeeze through after being held to a chaotic 3-3 draw.

It's a warning shot that will be ringing in the Parkhead dressing room as they look to avoid any slip-ups on the road to another potential Treble.

He said: "In the League Cup this year, we had a good game against them. That's in our minds.

"But there's also that one from last season where it could have gone either way. If we're not at it, we know what they can do.

"We need to be at our best every week to win games. We definitely don't want it to go like last year's Scottish Cup semi.

"Definitely not. It was a mad game. Aberdeen are a good side. If we're not quite 100 per cent at it, especially in a cup final at Hampden when it's not like we've got home advantage, then anything can happen in the Cup.

"We know that and we know we need to be at our best."

Burke has his eyes on
another lucrative deal

OLIVER BURKE could be set for another big move after turning down two new deals at Werder Bremen.

The 28-year-old has been tipped for a Scotland recall after scoring six Bundesliga goals for Werder this season.

Ex-Celtic loan striker Burke is out of contract at the end of the season.

But Burke – once

Scotland's most expensive player and previously costing a combined outlay of £28million when RB Leipzig and West Brom signed him – is in no rush to commit his future to the club.

Burke said: "Of course every player wants to know what will happen to him but I'm completely relaxed about it."

will look to McGregor to yet again act as their Mount Florida lucky charm.

It was the skipper who got the Hoops going after a sticky opening in Sunday's semi-final joust with St Johnstone, with his 10th strike of the season opening a floodgate on the way to an eventual 5-0 skelping.

And he will now be looking to extend his remarkable personal record at the National Stadium next month. The 31-year-old has won 14 from 14 when it comes to major finals at the home of Scottish football – eight League Cups and six Scottish Cups.

Chuck in another four Youth Cup triumphs and it's easy to see why Celtic will be feeling so assured with the former Scotland ace leading the way.

"Yes, he's a machine," said

Scales. "Week in, week out as well. He never slows. It's great to play under his leadership.

"I really enjoy it. He's probably the best man for the role. He's just so experienced now. Week in, week out, he's brilliant.

"And he's on fire this season, especially from the distance he scored at the weekend. That's the sort of quality he has.

"He's brilliant at linking the game. He's brilliant at the rough side of the game. In and around the box, he's a major threat. His all-round game is brilliant.

"You can see the form he's in this season. It's hard to stop him. He drives us on."

Celtic have certainly been motoring since a shock misfire at McDiarmid Park earlier this month. They

responded to that Saints defeat by putting five past Kilmarnock and another five on Simo Valakari's stunned Perth outfit at Hampden as they gained revenge for that league loss.

Scales said: "Sometimes you just need a wake-up call to bounce back. That's what we've done as a group."

"Sunday could not really have gone any better. I think we started well and

we just needed the first one to go in. In the final third, for the first 20 minutes or so, we were sort of naively forcing it.

"Then once the first one went in, it settled us. And from there, we were really good.

"Was what happened at McDiarmid on our minds in that first half? Not really.

"I think we put that past us last week against Killie. And the pitch today was obviously a lot better.

"It was a lot easier for us to move the ball around. We knew if we kept knocking on the door eventually we were going to score."

MAD FOR IT Scales and Daizen Maeda





RANGERS

ELLAND ROAD BLUEPRINT POINTS WAY

BY GRAEME YOUNG

PARAAG MARATHE has guaranteed giddy Leeds fans they are primed after sealing Premier League promotion – as Rangers were clued in on what's coming their way.

A consortium comprising San Francisco 49ers Enterprises and Andrew Cavenagh stand on the brink of seizing control at Rangers two years after taking the reins at Elland Road.

Cavenagh was flanked by former Leeds transfer guru Greitar Steinsson – who now holds a similar role within the 49ers Group – on his visits to Scotland in recent months.

The English Football League have a rule that prevents holding majority stakes in more than two British clubs – but that barrier has been removed after Leeds won promotion to the Premier League.

A 6-0 demolition of Stoke on Monday sealed the deal in style for Daniel Farke's men.

And now chairman Marathe – lauded in NFL circles for his ability to creatively work the salary cap to the 49ers' benefits – insists Leeds will not be operating under restrictions on their return to the top flight.

Marathe will oversee stadium improvements to Elland Road with capacity set to rise to above 50,000.

And Marathe's list of pledges will prick the ears



PLEDGES Paraag Marathe of Rangers fans, with Cavenagh and Steinsson set to outline their vision at Ibrox.

The Leeds United supremo said: "The Premier League is where Leeds belongs and our goal is to establish a long-term presence there.

"With that in mind, we have been quietly preparing the club for this moment. After a long season of hard work both on and off the pitch, we are returning to the Premier League! To Daniel Farke and the squad – thank you for your relentless pursuit of this achievement.

"You have been exemplary throughout the campaign and have rightly earned your place in Leeds United history. You represent everything it means to play for this club, and we're incredibly proud.

"To our amazing supporters – we would not be in this position without you. Thank you for bringing the passion and energy that carried us throughout the season."

Thelwell front runner for director of sport

FROM BACK PAGE

the summer, with would-be American owner Andrew Cavenagh edging closer to concluding a takeover of the boardroom.

Englishman Thelwell is being tipped to make the move north now that his time as director of football at Goodison is almost up.

The 51-year-old will step away from the Premier League club when they move to their new stadium as part of restructuring behind the scenes.

We understand sources on Merseyside were denying yesterday that

their man might be on his way across the border. But Thelwell's name later leaked out as a candidate for the position as the clock ticks down on his Everton contract.

Thelwell joined from New York Red Bulls in March 2022 and has been credited with helping to stabilise Everton's financial position.

He has also held similar positions at Wolves, Derby County and Preston.

It's understood Stewart met with his preferred candidate in Glasgow earlier this week.

Rodgers factor set to play a huge part in new Ibrox gaffer hunt for Cavenagh and the 49ers

GERS MUST FIND THE BOSS WHO CAN BEAT BRENDAN

BIG-NAME BATTLE
Gerrard and Rodgers go head to head at Celtic Park in 2018

WHEN Rangers' new American owners eventually congregate in the Blue Room to discuss a new manager, there should be one name on their lips.

Brendan Rodgers.

Some Ibrox diehards might be choking on their pancakes and maple syrup reading that. But bear with me.

As 49ers Enterprises appear to edge closer to a £100million takeover, it's the question every fan is asking.

Who will they choose as gaffer? One major bookie said last week they're on the verge of closing the market with Steven Gerrard a heavy odds-on favourite. Jose Mourinho's name won't go away.

When **Record Sport** asked him about managing in Glasgow one

» ANALYSIS

BY SCOTT McDERMOTT



day, before Gers' Europa League tie with Fenerbahce, he refused to rule it out.

Interim boss Barry Ferguson can't be completely ignored either, given a couple of terrific European results and an Old Firm win at Parkhead.

And of course there are plenty others in the frame. But when Andrew Cavenagh, Paraag Marathe and Greitar Steinsson get round to choosing their man, it's the guy on the other side of the city who should be at the forefront of the conversation.

Celtic's manager is key in all of this. Because, to put it bluntly,

Rangers must appoint someone who is good enough not just to take Rodgers on – but beat him.

And we're not talking about two or three campaigns down the line here. It has to happen NEXT season. The Rangers fans, and presumably their new owners, will demand that.

It could well be the Northern Irishman's last season here.

Going into the final year of his current contract, Rodgers' future will become a hot topic over the summer.

Make no mistake, it would be a result for Rangers if he decides he has done enough at Celtic

second time around. But if that's the case he'll be determined to go out on a high which will mean securing five-in-a-row and yet another domestic Treble.

Rangers have to find someone capable of stopping that juggernaut. And recent history tells you that it won't be easy.

A simple factor often gets forgotten about when you evaluate Celtic's dominance for the best part of a decade.

And it's that they've had an elite-level manager at the helm for a huge chunk of it.

Of course, there was an element of fortune to it.

On both occasions they've appointed him, Rodgers was available and at a juncture in his career when Celtic was right.

Also, given his background, he had the club at heart. He was

TALL ORDER



BOOTROOM

DAILY POLL

WOULD Thomas Frank leave Brentford in order to manage Rangers under the 49ers?

QUICK QUIZ ?

- 1 When did Ruud van Nistelrooy retire as a player - 2009, 2012 or 2014?
- 2 Which F1 team did Lewis Hamilton start his career with?
- 3 Who won the German Darts Grand Prix in Munich on Monday night?
- 4 Which sporting body has Andy Anson as chief executive?
- 5 GB will play this year's Billie Jean King Cup finals in which country?
- 6 At last year's Olympics Emma Finucane won medals in team sprint, sprint and keirin. Which one was gold?
- 7 When did France last win the Women's Six Nations?
- 8 Which player is leading goalscorer in La Liga this season?
- 9 In Super League, Hull KR and St Helens share which home colours?
- 10 Which Major golf tournament will be held at Quail Hollow in May?

ON THIS DAY



2012: Rangers owner Craig Whyte was banned for life from any involvement in Scottish football by the SFA.

TV SPORT

FOOTBALL: Premier League - Arsenal v Crystal Palace (Sky Sports, 7.30pm); LaLiga - Athletic Bilbao v Las Palmas (Premier Sports 2/LaLigaTV, 6pm), Celta Vigo v Villarreal (Premier Sports 1/LaLigaTV, 6pm), Getafe v Real Madrid (ITV4/Premier Sports 1/LaLigaTV, 8pm), Alaves v Real Sociedad (Premier Player/LaLigaTV, 8.30pm); Coppa Italia semi-final second leg - Inter Milan v AC Milan (Premier Sports 2, 8pm).

TENNIS: Madrid Open (Sky Sports Tennis/Sky Sports Main Event, 10am).

SNOOKER: World Championship (BBC Two, 10am & 1pm/TNT Sports 1, 6.30pm).

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They don't need to match him tactically. They need to outwit and outmanoeuvre Celtic's boss

aware of the landscape and the demands here. But, above all else, he's a top coach who knows what he's doing. He makes players - and teams - better.

Gerrard apart, Rangers simply haven't had that. And that's the big dilemma for the American owners should the takeover go through as expected.

They need to be sure that whoever they put in charge can live with Rodgers.

They don't just have to match him tactically, they need to outwit and outmanoeuvre him.

They must have the ability to get players to buy into his methods then show a relentless hunger for success. Just like Rodgers has. And on top of all that, is personality.

If the new man at Ibrox can't handle the media in Scotland or

cope with the pressure of this environment, Rodgers won't break sweat again.

When you take that into consideration, maybe Gerrard ticks the boxes. He's British, has been here before and won a title - and knows Rodgers inside out.

It's easy to see why some bookies have stopped taking bets. You'd think his superstar status and profile would appeal to the Americans.

Rangers fans - in the main - would take him back because he's the guy who stopped 10-in-a-row and won 55. And, of course, he's out of work.

Mourinho, as daft as it sounds, would be a gamble for them.

His record is incredible and he'd be box office. He certainly wouldn't be fazed by taking on Rodgers and Celtic. But it's hard

to get away from a nagging doubt that the Special One is yesterday's man.

So who else could they go for?

Rangers have gone down the foreign route with the likes of Pedro Caixinha, Gio van Bronckhorst and Philippe Clement.

They also tried the up-and-comer in Michael Beale.

None of that really matters. They just need to appoint a top-tier manager who is proven at the highest level if they want to go toe-to-toe with Rodgers and

BOX OFFICE
But Mourinho could be seen as yesterday's man



Celtic next term. That will take proper clout - and cash. Who could they realistically attract?

Could they somehow tempt a Thomas Frank, for example, away from Brentford to spearhead their Rangers project?

Probably not, as he's in the Premier League and courting interest from big clubs around Europe. But surely, they have to aim high? This appointment has to be a statement of intent.

That's when we'll find out just how serious Cavenagh and Co are about toppling Celtic.

To do that, they'll have to see off Rodgers. So when they get round to talking names at Ibrox, he should be a huge part of the discussion.



HEARTS



GUTTED Striker Kabangu

Elton will suck it and see about staying on

BY ALAN MARSHALL

ELTON KABANGU insists he's happy at Hearts despite admitting their disappointing ending to the season "sucks".

The on-loan Union Saint-Gilloise striker's short-term deal expires at the end of the season – with the Gorgie outfit having an option to buy.

Given the 27-year-old has scored eight goals in 15 games, Hearts boss Neil Critchley is likely to want to trigger that transfer.

Kabangu and the Jambos now only have pride to play for in their remaining five games after Saturday's Scottish Cup semi-final defeat to Aberdeen came just a week after they failed to make the top six.

But Kabangu admits his time at Tynecastle has been a successful one on a personal level.

The Belgian said: "I'm happy to be here. I enjoy the club, my team-mates, the staff, the direction, the fans. So what happens in the future, we will see this after the five games."

Hearts were up against it at Hampden after having Michael Steinwender sent off just before the break. Cammy Devlin then received his second yellow just two minutes before Oday Dabbagh scored an extra-time winner in the 2-1 victory.

Kabangu added: "We deserved maybe more than the late goal.

"We started the game very well, a strong team.

"So it sucks, it sucks and it's repetitive season.

"It happens on crucial games, Saturday, last week, two weeks ago, so it's painful again. We were the better team."

**FIND A
BRODGE
BEATER**

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Tynecastle board are claiming this shocker of a season is down to bad refereeing decisions?

It's toe-curling, embarrassing, excruciating GARBAGE



LOSING the Scottish Cup semi-final to Aberdeen was just another painful blow for Hearts fans in a season full of gut-wrenching disappointments.

But if that was bad then the statement that followed two days later from Tynecastle blaming the officials was absolutely excruciating. Downright EMBARRASSING.

My toes are curling just writing about it now.

The Hearts board know they've got it badly wrong and they're just trying to deflect everything like it's not their fault. Do they think that fans are stupid enough to believe that garbage?

They are actually trying to con their own supporters by claiming decisions have cost them this year.

No, they've not. They need to take responsibility and own the failure. I know Andrew



YOUR VOICE OF THE JAMBOS EVERY WEEK IN RECORD SPORT

RYAN STEVENSON

McKinlay apologised to the fans last week. But that should have been the final word. Not more blame-throwing a few days later.

They had two days to think about things after the semi-final and they've decided it was a good idea to come out with that statement?

Just hold your hands up and say, 'As a board, we've f***ed up this year. It won't happen again.' End of.

To then argue that Hearts are second bottom out of the "not getting decisions" table – it's a "poor old me" tale and if that's what Hearts are hanging their hat on then it speaks volumes.

It screams of a board that are

embarrassed by the fact that 22,000 fans travelled through to Hampden and were impeccable and sang the full game but in the end were left disappointed. Again.

The season has been a disaster from the get-go. The recruitment wasn't good enough last summer, handing Steven Naismith a new contract then firing him two months later was bizarre.

And finishing in the bottom six and failing to make a cup final is nowhere near good enough.

I get the initial anger on Saturday from the players' and manager's perspective. If I was in the dressing room I would

be raging at losing two men. Emotions run high because it's a semi-final and they had so many fans there.

But the facts of the matter are: Michael Steinwender deserved to be sent off just before half-time and Cammy Devlin's second yellow card was also the correct decision.

I don't like it because he has tried to win the ball and just mistimed it. But in this day and age it is a booking.

I think the rules are wrong but John Beaton was absolutely right. The referee has to follow the rules. He did that.

I can't believe the anger over Steinwender's red. It was a stonewall decision as Topi

Keskinen was racing clean through and nobody was going to catch him.

He should have let him go and hoped Craig Gordon made the save. Either way they'd still have 11 men on the park.

Cammy's unlucky. He's knackered and is trying to clear the ball. He doesn't see the boy coming in off his blind side. But it's a booking.

At the end of the day Hearts could still defend the goal better. They will admit that in their debrief.

Hearts dug in well but I reckon Neil Critchley was too negative with his decisions after the first red card.

At half-time he puts on two centre-halves on and takes two strikers off. You're basically saying, 'Let's hang on for 75 minutes for penalties.'

I understand there's an air of caution about it but still have a bit about you where you just

MAROON JIBE

Hotline

» FRASER WILSON ANSWERS YOUR CALLS

HEARTS have come out swinging at the officials over their Scottish Cup semi-final defeat to Aberdeen.

Tynecastle chiefs want answers from the SFA after ref John Beaton sent off Michael Steinwender and Cammy Devlin – before adding a third after the full-time whistle as he flashed red at Jambos assistant boss Mike Garrity.

Hotline callers, however, have already made up their minds on the matter.

Willie Mercer, Dumfries, said: “Once again the outcome of a cup game at Hampden has been influenced by the inept performance of the match officials. The first red card for Hearts is debatable on the basis that there was a defender capable of covering. The second booking for Devlin was a disgrace, he had his eyes fully on the ball and the Aberdeen player nicks in just as he goes to play it, making the contact accidental.

“Too often now games have been won and lost through the ineptitude of our referees and I have no doubt that Beaton and his match officials did Hearts out of a place in the final.”

But **Ian Urquhart** isn't impressed with the Jambos' claims. He emailed: “All season we have had to listen to what Hearts were going to do this season, first it was split the Old Firm, then get third, then top six and win the Scottish Cup.

“Now it's the referee's fault for cheating. What a lot of nonsense that lot talk. The sooner they realise they are an average team in the bottom half of the league for a reason the better. At this stage they still could be in a relegation scrap. Third team in Scotland? They're not even the third biggest in Edinburgh.”

And Hibe **Neil Renton, Leith**, couldn't help

QUOTE OF THE DAY

‘Maybe Hearts should print off loads of copies of their statement and use them to paper over the cracks at Tynie. They're in freefall’

chipping in. He said: “I had to check that it wasn't April 1 when I read Hearts' statement. Maybe they should print off loads of copies of their statement and use it to paper over the cracks at Tynie. The Gorgie mob are in freefall and they're at fault – not officials.”

Celtic cantered into the final with a 5-0 win over St Johnstone and Brendan Rodgers now stands on the brink of a historic third domestic Treble as boss.

Gordon Ashley, Ayr, said: “There is only one choice for manager of the year. Rodgers has re-established Celtic as Scotland's top European club and the only one competing at the top level.

“He's also made us the world's most successful football club and if he completes the Treble will make this our greatest season since Lisbon. Case closed.”

But **Stephen Johnstone, Ardentinnny**, argued: “Celtic fans are being disrespectful to Aberdeen as the Scottish Cup is still to play for. Rodgers claiming a historic Treble? They should wait and not count their chickens before they hatch.”

Stephen Mulhern, Dumbarton, said: “That was a five-star performance against a side that have had a fantastic Scottish Cup record in recent years. Even with Daizen Maeda playing out wide when I believe his best position is centre-forward, he still weighed in with two goals. However, despite his goal, Adam Idah still flatters to deceive and if Kyogo is open to a move back next season Rodgers should prioritise this.”

Scott McAdam, Glasgow, took aim at regular caller Alan Flett when he said: “What a performance from the champions. No doubt we will be told we are playing no one by Alan Flett and few others. But it will be great to see title No.55 done and a cup final to look forward to. Over at Ibrox I hear they are leaving a phone box for the fans to get in so they can enjoy all the dead rubbers they have left.”

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The board know they've got it wrong and are just trying to deflect everything like it's not their fault

TAKE IT AS RED Devlin and Steinwender, top, were rightly sent off says Ryan

NEGATIVE NEIL Critchley opted not to go for broke at Hampden

go and have an actual pop at winning the semi.

It's fair to say the pressure has ramped up on the manager but I still think he deserves to get the summer window and a crack at next season.

Then it's time to deliver.

Listen, the last couple of weeks I've questioned his decisions at vital times.

Between Neil and his coaching staff and the players they had done well to get themselves into positions where they could have made it a memorable season.

But in the last three games they've let themselves down.

At key moments the gaffer has made wrong decisions which he'll hopefully learn from because, if you think about it, he's not had the experience of managing a club at this level.

So I'll give him the benefit of the doubt.

But the last three games,

Dundee United, Motherwell, and then the semi-final, have been massively disappointing.

Top six and a cup final was in Hearts' hands and they blew it leaving them with a grim end to the season in the bottom half of the table.

Every game matters because you're representing a club the size of Hearts.

But it's incredibly deflating. Going into training every day, knowing that there's nothing to play for, the players will look back with regret.

They could have been in the top six against Rangers, Celtic and the biggest game against Hibs, with a cup final to look forward to.

It's not just a tiny bubble that has burst – it's a massive one.

But this is what they deserve for a season that has continually

failed to deliver. The players, management and the board now have a responsibility in the last five games to give the fans something to shout about, not the other way round about.

Go and win the five games. It still won't be good enough overall. But it's the least they can do.

HOW BIZARRE McKinlay said sorry to fans but it's been shaky since Naismith exit

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SCALES AND POLISH

Liam: Let's finish with a flourish



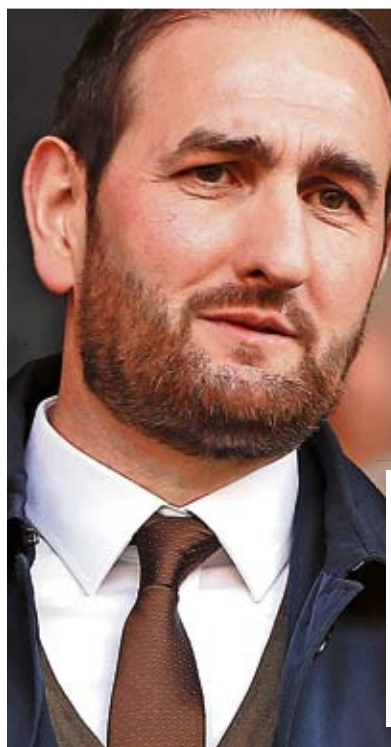
BY ANDY NEWPORT

LIAM SCALES insists Celtic are determined to finish with a flourish as they close in on their Treble target.

The Parkhead side have been accused of limping over the Premiership finishing line

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KEV MAY BE GOOD SPORT AT RANGERS



RANGERS are on the brink of securing a new director of sport before the end of this week.

And Everton's Kevin Thelwell, left, is understood to be a front runner for the role. We broke the news on

BY KEITH JACKSON

last night's *Hotline Live* online show that Ibrox chief executive Patrick Stewart had identified the man he wants to head up a major shake-up of the club over

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Hearts hero Stevo: Blaming refs for flop season is EMBARRASSING... Tynie board caused this

SHAMEFUL CON JOB

FORMER Hearts star Ryan Stevenson says the Tynecastle board's attack on referees is embarrassing and has accused them of trying to con the fans.

Jambos chiefs let rip in a blistering statement on Monday two days after they lost to Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup semi, having had Michael Steinwender and

BY FRASER WILSON

Cammy Devlin sent off. And Hearts are demanding SFA answers over John Beaton's decision to book Devlin twice, saying they want an acknowledgment he got it wrong.

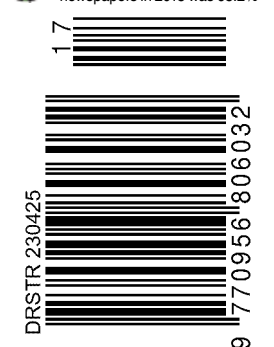
But Stevenson blasted: "That statement is embarrassing. They are actually trying to con their own supporters by claiming refereeing decisions have cost them this year."

RYAN'S RAGE - PAGES 54&55

MAROONED
Steinwender and Devlin saw red at Hampden

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EXTRA PUZZLES

BIG X SUDOKU

The rules for Big X Sudoku vary only slightly from the standard sudoku rules. The 9x9 sudoku at the centre of the X shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outer sudoku. None of the 9x9 sudokus can be solved individually, you must cross-reference between the intersecting grids.

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KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9. Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it. No number may be used more than once in any one block.

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KILLER SUDOKU

Normal Sudoku rules apply, plus, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dots) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

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HONEYCOMB

All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

- 1 Dye
- 2 Position
- 3 Carved
- 4 Limp
- 5 Keg
- 6 Plaster
- 7 Doze
- 8 Barked
- 9 Decease
- 10 Sieve
- 11 Vituperate
- 12 Judgement

WORD WHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:
20 words, good; 25 words, very good; 30 or more, excellent.

FUTOSHIKI

Insert the numbers one to five in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the “greater than” ($>$) and “less than” ($<$) signs.

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1	3			>

EXTRA PUZZLES

GOGEN

Insert letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction. Insert all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all the listed words are spelt out in this way.

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CRAB
FLEXING
GLIDE
HOPED
JUMP
SQUELCH
TACKY
TALE
VIEW

ABCD EFGHIJ KLMNOPQR STUVWXY

2

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BLENDS
CINDER
FROST
JAY
LENGTHWAYS
MYSTIQUE
POSTING
ROMP
STINK
TAXI
VINE

AB CDEFGHIJ KLMNOPQR STUVWXY

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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16725
65864
21963

gives a Genoese explorer
gives a map book
gives a body of water

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97365482

gives an African country
gives a Eurasian country
gives a Latin American country

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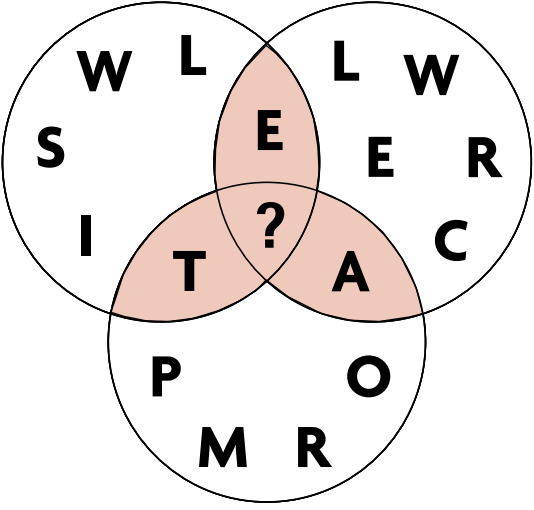
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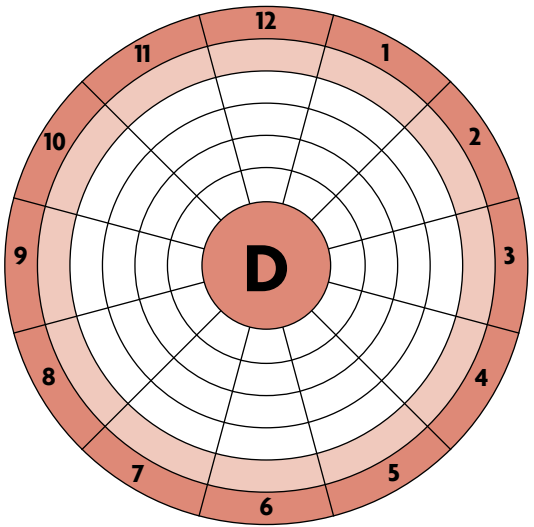
CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words, names or terms on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter D in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer ring will spell out a famous person. Hint: late Hollywood actor.



1. Protective device

2. Sewing strand

3. Embrace

4. Looked at

5. Happy

6. Large number
7. Frank

8. Lined up

9. New

10. Ran away to marry

11. Left

12. Came close

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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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	7	+53	+1/6 of this	-18	÷4	-8	Squared	+10	4/7 of this	-11	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE	108	÷6	+10	×5	-108	÷8	+6	Squared	+43	÷13	ANSWER
ADVANCED	57	+216	2/3 of this	-12	30% of this	-33	Squared	+12	5/8 of this	-11	ANSWER

The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.

Pond	▼		▼	Scheme	▼	Verge	▼	Adult males	▼	Set light to	▼	Wireless	▼	Food grain	▼	Make with wool	▼
Ordered back		Destiny		UK city				Teaching	▶								
	▶							Extreme	▼								
Number		As well	▶			Spirit	▶			Demand		Cloth pigment		Hasten		Place of worship	
		Fiddle	▼			Age	▼										
▶								Not straight	▶	▼		▼		▼		▼	
Sweet treat	Bird of prey		Pine tree fruit		Port side		Number	▶			Not me!	▶				Cloak	Scan a book
	▼		▼		▼		Rotate	▼			Birds	▼					▼
▶								Her	▶				Blemish Secret agent	▶	▼		▼
Solitary	▶					Remove knot	▶					Mould, form	▶				
Two-bed room																	
▶				Spruces	▶				Card game	▶				Legume	▶		
Got on one's knees	▶					Bird homes	▶					Relent	▶				

Beginning in the top left-hand corner, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

T	M	U	H	E	H	Y	L	A	Y	E	L	O	L	D
O	O	C	T	R	R	M	P	R	L	I	O	G	F	O
F	O	H	I	E	N	E	A	I	D	O	W	A	R	T
A	G	N	G	N	O	R	F	I	R	O	H	E	N	A
O	O	I	R	C	N	R	E	D	D	G	D	A	D	R
D	T	H	U	E	O	E	C	N	A	Y	A	E	V	E
E	B	O	T	L	S	A	W	O	R	K	I	R	O	F
K	I	N	E	B	L	I	W	E	L	H	N	D	N	S
D	N	O	C	N	O	N	K	N	D	T	I	W	E	S
S	E	G	O	N	I	S	I	E	K	I	L	L	S	O
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S	S	L	O	V	E	R	H	E	H	O	R	I	F	T

BIG X SUDOKU

[illegible]

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F	L	X	P	Q
G	I	E	U	M
N	V	D	W	J

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5	1	2	3	4
3	2	4	1	5
4	5	1	2	3
1	3	5	4	2

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	2	8	1			7	2	9	
	1	5		2	1		6	1	
		6	2	1		1	7	2	
	2	3	1		1	2	3		
	1	4		1	2		5	1	
		1	2	3		1	8	2	
		7	1			2	1		

K	N	E	L	T	N	S	T	S		I	E	D
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E	C	H	O	L	A	T	E	S	H	E	S	A
R	C	H	O	L	A	T	E	S	H	E	S	A
T	R	E	V	E	N	T	E	I	N	D	I	R
I												
M	F	P	E	M	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	K

1 Colour, 2 Locate, 3 Etched,
4 Hobble, 5 Barrel, 6 Render,
7 Drowse, 8 Woofed,
9 Demise, 10 Sifter, 11 Reville,
12 Ruling.

CLOCKWORD
1 Shield, 2 Thread, 3 Enfold,
4 Viewed, 5 Elated, 6 Myriad,
7 Candid, 8 Queued,
9 Unused, 10 Eloped, 11 Exited,
12 Neared. Steve McQueen.

The letter represented by the question mark is N. Winslet, Lawrence, Portman, all 21st Century Best Actress Oscar winners.

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3	5	6	2	4	7	9	8	1
9	7	8	3	6	1	4	2	5
8	4	2	9	1	5	6	3	7
7	1	5	8	3	6	2	9	4
6	9	3	7	2	4	1	5	8
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1	8	9	4	5	3	7	6	2
5	6	7	1	2	8	4	3	9

9. 11. 1999

11=E, 2=W, 3=H, 4=U, 5=L, 6=X,
7=J, 8=D, 9=G, 10=S, 11=C, 12=Z,
13=Q, 14=R, 15=M, 16=T, 17=A,
18=P, 19=N, 20=F, 21=K, 22=V,
23=Y, 24=I, 25=O, 26=B

21=C, 2=W, 3=H, 4=B, 5=R,
6=A, 7=K, 8=O, 9=J, 10=V, 11=L,
12=T, 13=N, 14=E, 15=I, 16=S, 17=F,
18=M, 19=Y, 20=U, 21=Q, 22=P,
23=Z, 24=G, 25=X, 26=D

1 CONSTABLE
2 GERANIUMS

Too much of a good thing,
Neither rhyme nor reason,
Cruel to be kind, Star-crossed
lovers, The green-eyed mon-
ster. Foregone conclusion,
Blinking idiot, Short shrift,
Wild-goose chase, Brave new
world, Kill with kindness,
Forever and a day, Good rid-
dance, Fair play, Lie low, Heart
of gold

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.

- 62986277 gives a sport
- 75389123 gives a sports official
- 18427 gives a sports prize
- 1

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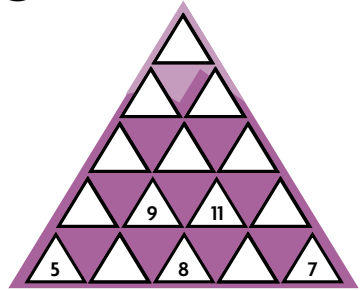
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SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



ANSWERS

NINER MANDIBLES SUMMIT UP 76 WORDSQUARE CLIENTELE EVENS 2717, 3215, 1328, 5439
WORD LADDER One possible solution is: JUNK, BUNK, BANK, BARK, BARE, BARD, YARD.

WORDSQUARE

C	E	I
L	E	N
L	T	E

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.

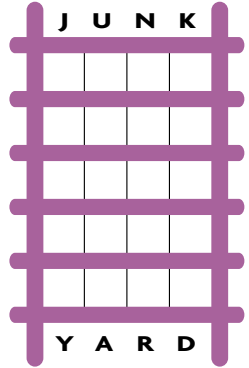
Target:
12 – good;
16 – very good;
20 or more – excellent

EVENS

Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column. Only even numbers may be placed in grey squares.

WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time (but not the position of any letter) to make a new word – and move from the word at the top of the box to the word at the bottom using the exact number of rungs.



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11	10	10	29	

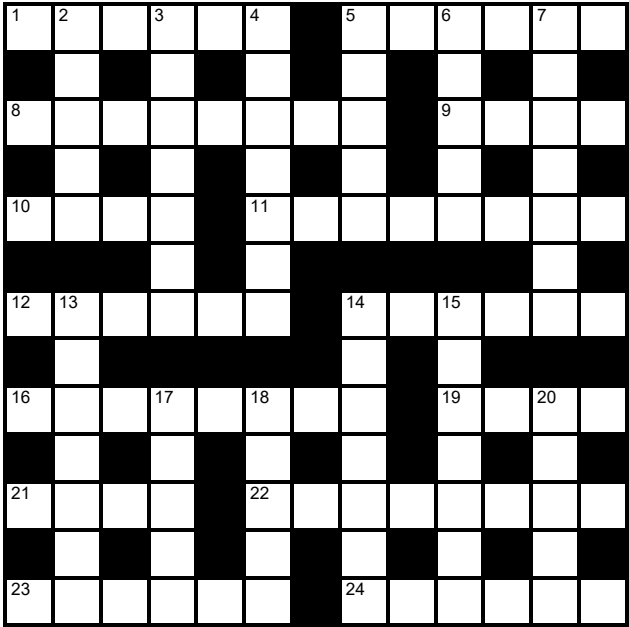
WEE THINKER

Across

- 1 Waddled, not initially puzzled (6)
- 5 Points to identical seed (6)
- 8 What you can buy with a bit of change in your purse (8)
- 9 Course interior that belongs to you and me (4)
- 10 Fix part of shoe, say (4)
- 11 Young bird finding new singlet, possibly (8)
- 12 One involved in a replay? (6)
- 14 Prances possibly heartlessly, yet with taste (6)
- 16 In a way, indications as to where one may drink (3,5)
- 19 Elevator gets raise (4)
- 21 This is beneath one (4)
- 22 Upset concerning act (8)
- 23 Rise, like money (6)
- 24 Metal not worth much (6)

Down

- 2 Score point after key cue broke (5)
- 3 Where it shouldn't be too hard to find a pub (7)
- 4 New errand takes one next to the sink (7)
- 5 Looks for joins, say (5)



- 6 After school, Harold has only some fish (5)
- 7 Collier takes artist back to seaman (7)
- 13 Dance for soldiers and surgeons (7)
- 14 Caught bird is inside tank (7)
- 15 Discreet as a nameless MP (7)
- 17 Resentful about time in shop (5)
- 18 Exult over the unfortunate goal that happened to be on time (5)
- 20 Fellow to race round to see play (5)

SUDOKU

EASY

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MEDIUM

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ANSWERS

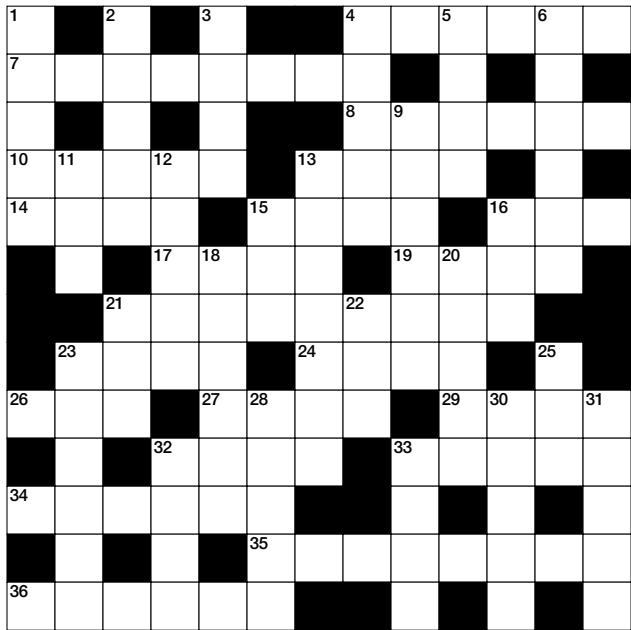
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9	5	7	2	6	3	4	8	1

EASY

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6	2	8	7	4	1	6	5	9
6	4	9	8	9	6	7	1	5
7	9	1	2	6	5	4	8	3

MEDIUM

QUICKIE



Across

- 4 Floor covering (6)
- 7 Draw near to (8)
- 8 Attack (6)
- 10 Session of overindulgence (5)
- 13 Immoral habit (4)
- 14 Deception (4)
- 15 Roman emperor (4)
- 16 Metallic element (3)
- 17 Tense (4)
- 19 Plunder (4)
- 21 Dutch port (9)
- 23 Ring of light (4)
- 24 Corrode (4)
- 26 Ram (3)
- 27 Dingy (4)
- 29 Long-eared mammal (4)
- 32 Paradise (4)
- 33 Muslim religion (5)
- 34 Vulgar (6)
- 35 Rescue craft (8)

Down

- 1 Draconian (5)
- 2 Musical drama (5)
- 3 Bird of peace (4)
- 4 Seat (5)
- 5 Stratagem (4)
- 6 Evoke (6)
- 9 Chides (6)
- 11 Fizzy drink, informally (3)
- 12 Praise lavishly (5)
- 13 Old soldier (7)
- 15 Pistachio, e.g. (3)
- 16 Male cat (3)
- 18 On bad terms (2,4)
- 20 Solemn pledges (5)
- 21 Knock (3)
- 22 Chafe (3)
- 23 Quality of being funny (6)
- 25 Underwear item (3)
- 28 Spools (5)
- 30 Give out (5)
- 31 Containing nothing (5)
- 32 Therefore (4)
- 33 Mountain goat (4)

CARTOONS

THE PERISHERS



SHUGGIE AND DUGGIE



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

WEE THINKER ACROSS: 5 Sales, 8 Economist, 9 Limited, 10 Proud, 11 Helps, 13 Please, 16 Typing, 18 Slime, 20 Porch, 22 Sorting, 24 Eradicate, 25 Speed.

DOWN: 1 Healthy, 2 Formally, 3 Font, 4 Wind up, 5 Stoppers, 6 Ludo, 7 Sandy, 12 Slighted, 14 Scimitar, 15 Beagles, 17 Gasbag, 19 Spins, 21 Rose, 23 Ruin.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 1 Cha-cha; 7 Bull's-eye; 8 Cute; 10 Frugal; 11 Module; 14 Bag; 16 World; 17 Beer; 19 Bidet; 21 Fated; 22 Sinew; 23 Dead; 26 Satin; 28 Her; 29 Clones; 30 Locate; 31 Apes; 32 Rickshaw; 33 Notify.

DOWN: 1 Confab; 2 Cougar; 3 Abel; 4 Allowed; 5 Recur; 6 Ceded; 8 Cube; 9 Tag; 12 Dot; 13 Llarna; 15 Kites; 18 Equal; 19 Ban; 20 Dew; 21 Finesse; 22 Sin; 23 Deceit; 24 Eras; 25 Dreary; 26 Scarf; 27 Torch; 28 Hop; 30 Lawn.