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Harry in strip row

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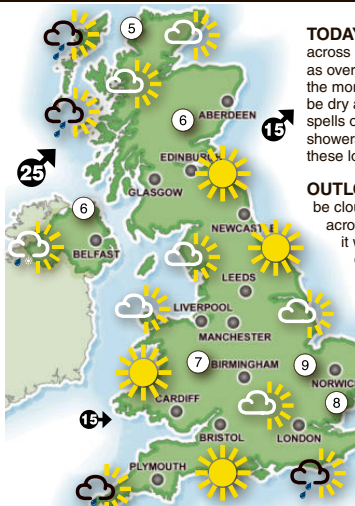


A YOB who bit a police officer dodged a prison term because he didn't have his false teeth in. Wojciech Samp was

by JERRY LAWTON spared being locked up despite it being his fourth attack on a cop. Full story: Page 15

Cop biter spared jail as he had no teeth

TODAY'S WEATHER



TODAY: A wet start across south-east England as overnight rain clears during the morning. Elsewhere will be dry and bright with lengthy spells of sunshine, but a few showers for western areas, these locally wintry and heavy.

OUTLOOK: Tomorrow will be cloudy with showery rain across Scotland. However it will be largely dry elsewhere with sunny spells but showery rain in the south later. Largely dry on Wednesday.



WEATHER ABROAD

Barcelona	sunny	19
Dublin	fair	5
Majorca	sunny	18
Miami	fair	21
N York	sleet	2
Paris	drizzle	9
Rome	cloudy	16

POUND ABROAD

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Australia	1.87 dollars
Czech Rep	27.30 korunas
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Saturday, February 29

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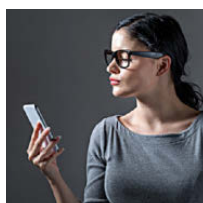
SET FOR LIFE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27: 02, 19, 29, 31, 40. LIFE BALL: 10
THUNDERBALL: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29: 01, 03, 06, 10, 37. T-BALL 10Wives held
over barrel

★ COUPLES compete to win a £150 barrel of ale in the 13th annual UK wife-carrying race. Dozens of trusting pairs tackled the tough 415-yard

course in Dorking, Surrey, yesterday. ★ Those carried can in fact be male or female, with the last duo getting a Pot Noodle and dog food.

APPREHEND
YOUR THIEF

Public can play detective via smartphone



TECH: Online reports

A POLICE phone app will allow crime victims to carry out their own inquiries.

They will be able to report minor offences like burglaries without having to speak to officers or visit the nick.

The app will allow them to gather evidence, interview witnesses and identify suspects.

Police chiefs believe it will

by JERRY LAWTON

make it quicker and simpler to report crime.

But critics say the MyPolice app will encourage the public to perform tasks traditionally carried out by law enforcers such as sending in crime scene photos or gathering witness statements.

Senior officers admit in documents linked to the scheme:

"Self-serving public can reduce the demand on policing."

Victims' Commissioner Dame Vera Baird QC said app users were expected to become "do-it-yourself" detectives.

She said: "When someone reports a burglary you cannot treat it in the same way as filling in a tax return."

Sources say it is hoped to roll out the system nationwide.

The National Police Chiefs' Council said the project was a "positive" development but had been temporarily put on hold through lack of funding.

A spokesman said it should be a "reporting tool and nothing more" as "investigative work would always be carried out by officers".

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Patel is called out

LABOUR leadership hopeful Keir Starmer has called on Priti Patel to explain allegations of bullying against her.

The Home Secretary was accused by her department's former permanent secretary Sir

Philip Rutnam of creating a climate of fear. He is now claiming constructive dismissal.

Sir Keir said Ms Patel "has a duty to come to Parliament to explain the allegations made about her conduct".





BAD HABIT: Sykes

Melanie itching for cure

MELANIE Sykes has said she has been suffering from an itchy ear for years.

The 49-year-old, who rose to fame in the 90s as the face of Boddingtons Bitter, said she has eczema in her right ear and was always scratching it.

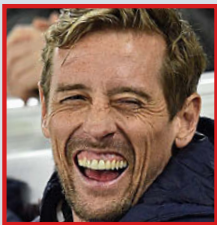
Speaking on the Paul O'Grady Show on Radio 2, Melanie said it was not a "sexy look" and she was desperate to stop doing it.

She added: "It's gross, I've had it for so long now I don't realise I'm doing it, so I've started doing it in front of people and it's just not a good look for me. It's not sexy."

DON'T MISS

Just Jane

The nation's top agony aunt P34



CONFESSION: Peter

Crouch: Mini bar the goal

FORMER England striker Peter Crouch says the first thing footballers do when they get to a hotel is check the mini bar.

The 39-year-old confessed that managers normally ensured these were empty or locked "so there's no temptation".

Speaking on his That Peter Crouch Podcast, last week, the ex-Spurs and Liverpool star said: "The first thing you'll do is check the mini bar, literally the first thing you do."

"Sometimes they've forgotten (to empty or lock the mini bar) and everything's in there."



★ IN her ripped denim and camouflage bikini, Emma is keeping her sporting prowess firmly under wraps.
★ "I love skiing," reveals ice-cool Emma, 25, from Surrey. "If it snows here, I'll be ready."
★ Let's hope there's another cold snap on its way!

Emma

Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

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Nessa's tour to make a tidy sum



LAUGHS: Ruth will take the show around the UK

RUTH STAGE SHOW

GAVIN & Stacey's Ruth Jones is heading out on a one-woman UK tour.

■ by JACK ANDREWS

The actress is embarking on seven-date jaunt this year to tie in with the launch of her new book.

Her publishers said: "Ruth will be touching on the difference between writing for the small screen and a novel; the art of creating unforgettable characters, her inspirations; the many theories on the fishing trip, and beyond." Welsh star

Ruth, 53, announced the dates following the popularity surge since Gavin and Stacey's return at Christmas.

A tour insider said: "The interest for tickets has gone through the roof."

The award-winning TV writer co-scripted the series with James Corden and co-starred opposite his Smithy as Nessa.

The tour kicks off at north London's Alexandra Palace Theatre on May 10.

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Choc's occurring?

FANS of the BBC series can get a sweet reminder of the show as Cadbury has released special Barry Island bars. Local shopkeeper Vimal Kabraria suggested it to a chocolate maker rep at a trade fair.

And now they've gone on sale at the seaside town's Post Office, yards from the TV home of Nessa, Stacey, and Uncle Bryn.

The £5.99 treats include a seafront shot.



BEN ICE SPELL BROKEN

MAGICIAN Ben Hanlin did a disappearing act last night as he was booted off Dancing on Ice.

He and partner Carlotta Edwards missed out on a place in the final. They

faced the dreaded skate-off against Paralympian Libby Clegg and her partner Mark Hamretti in the ITV competition - and the judging panel voted to save Libby instead of Ben, right.



Holiday pair axe ordeal

A DEBT collector subjected two holidaymakers to an axe attack after going to the wrong address.

Ashley Drew smashed his way into a cottage while the couple watched TV on the first night of their trip.

The 29-year-old had been sent by an illegal lender to collect £3,000 in Welcombe, Devon.

He and another attacker, who has never been traced, slapped the man around the face, threatened the couple and left them bound with gaffer tape.

Drew, of Exmouth, admitted aggravated burglary and was jailed for six years, nine months by a judge at Exeter Crown Court.

Fury at leap in killings

CRIMINALS monitored by private probation staff killed a person every four days on average last year.

The total of deaths for 2019 soared to 84 from 42 in 2015, the year Chris Grayling ushered in changes as Justice Secretary.

Since then 309 murders have been committed by offenders monitored by private companies.

Nadine Marshall, from south Wales, whose son Conner, 18, was one of the victims, said: "The lessons just aren't being learned."

A Ministry of Justice spokesman said: "We are bringing all offender management back under the National Probation Service."

Rescue moggie thrives

A PERSIAN cat found starving and ill has turned into a "diva" after being given a new home.

Celeste was found aged three with her fur matted and infections in both ears.

She suffered seizures and her kidneys were enlarged when she was rescued from a garden in Lhanbryde, Moray.

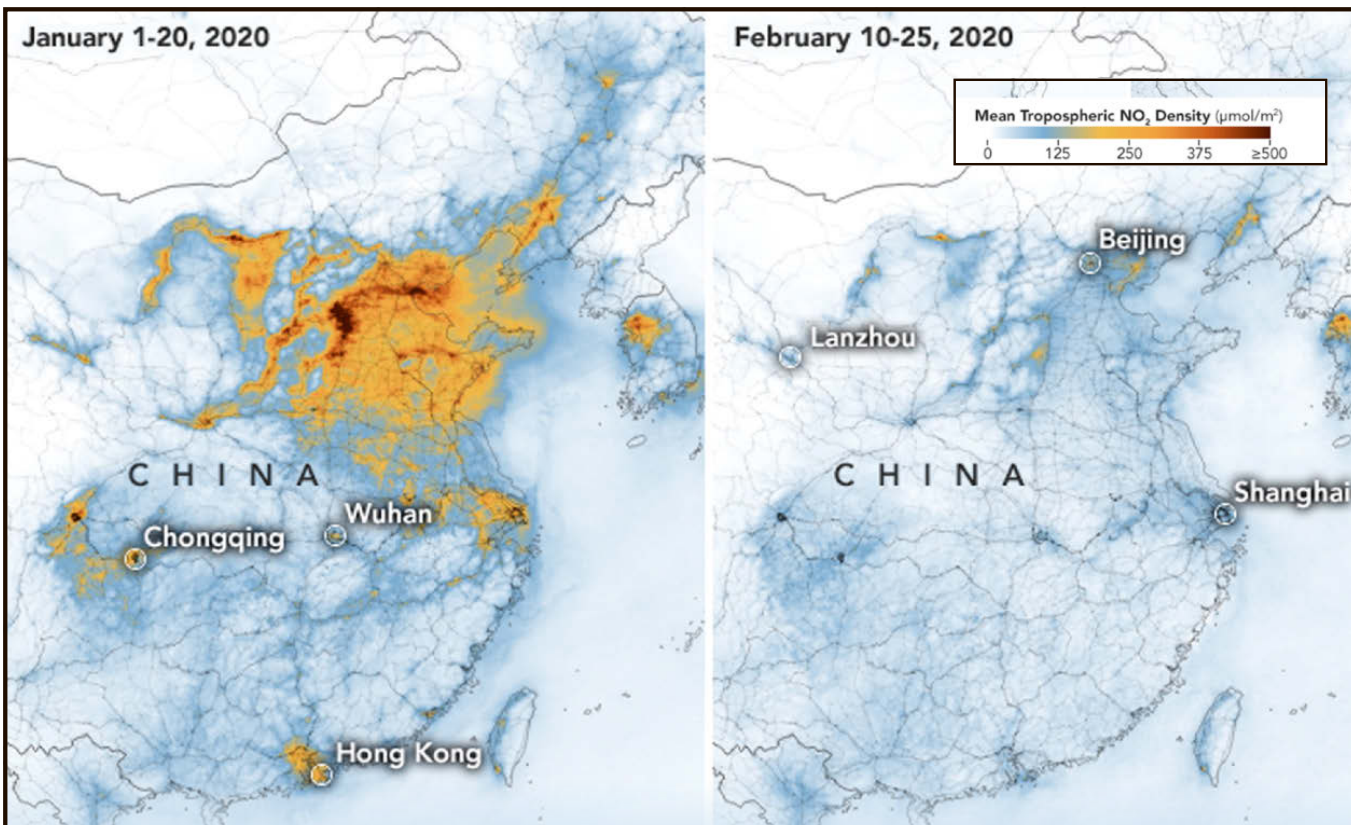
After six months at a Scottish SPCA rescue centre, she found a new home.

Rescue officer Michelle Mann said: "She soon came out of her shell and showed her sweet side. She became a bit of a diva too."

"I'm over the moon to say that Celeste found her loving forever home with a family that had experience with Persian cats."

WARNING TO OVER-60s AS PM

BEST TO KEEP



CLEAR WE GO

NASA images show how the virus outbreak shutdown is helping to save the planet by clearing pollution above China.

Covid-19 started in the city of Wuhan, which was placed in lockdown from January 23 with millions of people put in

quarantine. Since then residents have not been allowed to leave the area and businesses were ordered to close to reduce the spread of the disease. The space agency said factory closures and travel restrictions had played

a part in the drop in nitrogen dioxide in the atmosphere.

Fei Liu, air quality chief at Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Centre, said: "This is the first time I have seen such a dramatic drop-off over such a wide area for a specific event."



Ron's on hold

JUVENTUS have stopped training and put their under-23 players in quarantine after their last opponents tested positive for coronavirus.

The Italian club, whose star player is Cristiano Ronaldo, pictured, made the decision after three players and the manager of Serie C side Pianese, who the youngsters beat 1-0, fell ill with the virus.

FRENCH MISS

THE French are set to stop kissing in a bid to control the spread of coronavirus.

Health secretary Olivier Veran recommended a temporary ban as his government also outlawed gatherings of more than 5,000 people.

Planting a kiss on both cheeks to greet someone or say goodbye is common in France.



PECK OFF: French President Emmanuel Macron with wife Brigitte



Paddy gel yell

PADDY McGuinness slammed a shop for taking advantage of the coronavirus outbreak and bumping up the price of hand sanitiser.

The Take Me Out host, above, who lives in Cheshire, tweeted: "Found out a shop nearby has put the price of hand sanitizer up from 99p to £4.99! How do these people sleep at night?"

FINALLY DRAWS UP BATTLE PLAN

FIIR INDOORS

Queen hit in elderly alert

by JACK ANDREWS

SIMON Cowell, Jeremy Corbyn and the Queen are some of the prominent Brits who could be left housebound by an over-60s coronavirus warning.

World Health Organisation experts have told everyone over that age to avoid crowded areas including trains, buses and supermarkets to avoid catching the disease.

The advice came after Health Secretary Matt Hancock said an emergency "battle plan" would be drawn up at a Cobra meeting today.

The age-related warning could see Her Majesty, 93, and Prince Charles, 71, confined to chambers, unable to fulfil official duties.

MPs such as the 70-year-old Labour leader and the former PM, Theresa May, 63, would have to avoid Parliament - throwing important political business into jeopardy.

Gigs would be left without headline acts with ageing stars The Who and Bryan Ferry due to perform from this month.

Music mogul Simon, who turned 60 last year, may be forced to skip Britain's Got Talent auditions.

Screen legend Dame Joan Collins, who is 86, posted an Instagram selfie wearing a mask, captioned: "Prepared!"

Britain could be brought to a standstill as fears of infection intensify. PM Boris Johnson has been slammed for his slow reaction to the outbreak.

Plans announced yesterday by Mr Hancock include banning big events and restricting public transport.

Cities could be locked down in a Wuhan-style quarantine.

Closing schools indefinitely and cancelling hospital operations are now realistic options to battle the killer bug, admitted Mr Hancock.

He said: "We don't take anything off the table at this stage because you have to make sure you have all the tools available if that is what is necessary."

He admitted a report that half a million people could die from a pandemic in the UK was a "reasonable worst-case scenario".

And he confessed a pandemic may be "inevitable" as the first deaths were reported in the US, Australia and Thailand.



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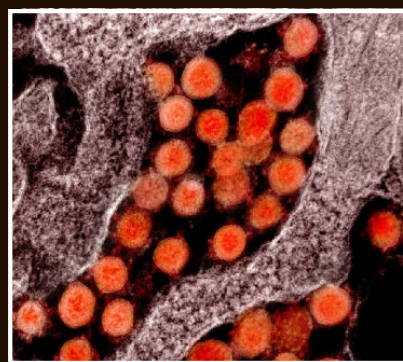


BUG RISK: Joan Collins dons mask



BIG TEST: Boris learning about the problem - but struggling, right

Pictures: REUTERS/PA



Johnson 'confident'

BORIS Johnson visited a leading medical lab to discuss attempts to limit the spread of coronavirus.

On the trip to the Public Health England centre in Colindale, north London, the Prime Minister said: "It's vital that people understand that we do have a great plan to tackle the spread of coronavirus."

"And I am very, very confident that in the NHS we have the professionals who will be well able to cope with it."

Health officials fear that in the worst case scenario as many as one in 10 people could end up in hospital.

Companies could tell millions of staff to work from home.

And retired doctors and nurses might be asked to return to work.

Dr Susan Crossland, president of the Society for Acute Medicine, warned that a major outbreak of coronavirus would bring "immense stress" to the NHS.

THIRTEEN new positive tests yesterday saw the biggest jump the UK has had in one day.

The total number of confirmed cases in Britain shot up to 36.

Two of those infected are primary school teachers. One works at Willow Bank Infant School in Woodley, Berks, and the other at St Mary's School in Tetbury, Glos. Both schools have said they are carrying out a deep clean.

Chief medical officer, Professor Chris Whitty, confirmed four people diagnosed - two from Surrey and two from West Sussex - are part of a "family cluster".

One of the new patients, from Essex, has not been abroad and it is not clear where they

UK CASES RISE TO 36

contracted Covid-19. A Tayside resident who had recently returned from Italy became the first to be diagnosed in Scotland.

Other new cases were in London, West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester and Hertfordshire. Most of these patients had recently been in Italy or Iran, two countries which have been among the worst hit.



DAILY STAR Says

Police app not our job

COPS have developed an app so people can solve their own burglaries.

It smacks of policing on the cheap.

The dubious tech would let people report crimes without ever speaking to an officer.

Perfect – just what we pay our taxes for.

You will have to play Inspector Morse, gathering evidence on your smartphones using the MyPolice app.

And you would even be asked to interview witnesses and identify suspects.

This is the police's job. They should be doing this work, not the public.

We need more bobbies on the beat. Real cops who will physically be there for us when we are victims and catch the crooks.

That is the only way to truly turn the tide on crime.

Pay us all back, Meg

DUCHESS Meghan is demanding a role in a superhero movie.

The determined royal runaway is clearly keen to get herself back on Hollywood's payroll.

That's good.

Because it means she'll be able to finally pay back the £2.4million taxpayers' cash spent doing up Frogmore Cottage.

After all, she was very keen to tell the world she and Prince Harry would repay it.

But it's all gone quiet since.

Experts reckon she will be able to name her price for a movie now she's ditched the Queen.

We recommend starting with a job that pays £2.4m.

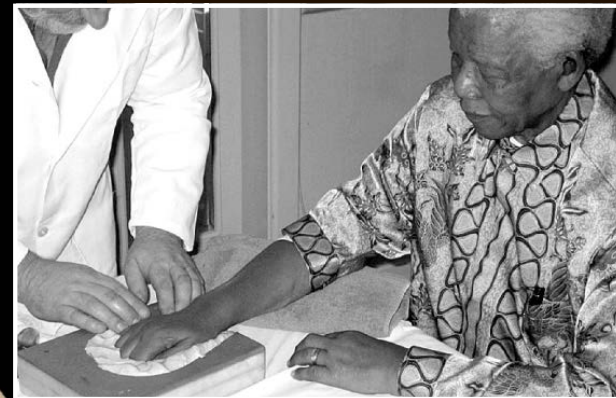
Be a real superwoman, Meg. Get the job and pay us back!

Red faced

NUDISTs want Harry Redknapp to join them in stripping off.

The thought is too much to bare!

Pictures: BNPS



It's Nelson Hand-della

★ **GOLD** casts of Nelson Mandela's hands are on sale for £7.5million. The four models were made out of pure gold in 2002. They and were initially sold to raise funds for the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.



Pretty amazing

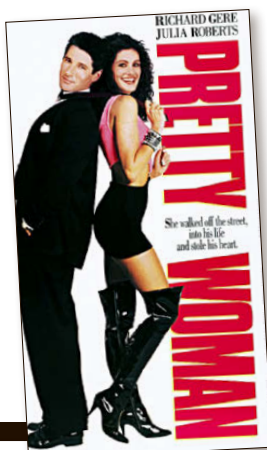
★ A NEW *Pretty Woman* musical has opened in London to the delight of fans of the original film.

★ The blockbuster movie starred heart-throb Richard Gere and launched the career of Julia Roberts – and is still hugely popular 30 years on. Here **NADINE LINGE** reveals 12 fairytale *Pretty Woman* facts.



FALLING IN LOVE: Richard Gere and Julia Roberts in the *Pretty Woman* movie

- 1 The film was originally set to be a dark drama called 3000, after the amount Edward (Richard Gere) pays Vivian (Julia Roberts). In it, she was a drug addict and Edward didn't fall in love with her at the end but chucked her out of his car and drove off.
- 2 While the poster is one of Hollywood's most iconic, it actually featured Roberts's head superimposed on to her body double for the film, Shelley Michelle. Gere's hair is also black and it's grey in the film.
- 3 Neither Ferrari nor Porsche wanted their cars used in the film – they did not want to



be associated with picking up hookers. Instead, Edward is attempting to drive a Lotus when he meets Vivian.

4 In the scene where Gere plays the piano, the actor is attempting to drive a Lotus when he meets Vivian.

5 During the scene where Edward is lying on the floor of Vivian's penthouse, watching repeats of *I Love Lucy*, director Garry Marshall had to tickle Roberts's feet to get her to laugh.

6 Edward and Vivian go to the opera to see *La Traviata*, which is about a prostitute who falls in love with a wealthy man.

7 The scene where Edward flips the necklace box down on Vivian's fingers like it is biting her was improvised by Gere. And Roberts's surprised laugh is genuine.

8 The necklace itself was so valuable (£200,000) that the

jewellery shop which provided it sent its own security guard to stand next to director Marshall during filming.

9 John Travolta auditioned for the part of Edward while Al Pacino and Burt Reynolds turned it down. Those also considered included Christopher Reeve, Denzel Washington and Daniel Day-Lewis.

10 Eighties favourite Molly Ringwald turned down the part of Vivian because she was uneasy playing a prostitute, while Daryl Hannah felt it was degrading

to women. Winona Ryder auditioned but was rejected for being too young.

11 Roberts was so nervous about the sex scenes, a vein popped out on her forehead. It had to be massaged away by Gere and director Marshall.

12 Deleted scenes include Vivian putting ketchup on her posh steak meal, a romantic sunset horse ride and a scene where Edward nearly gets into a fight with a gang who were trying to take drug money from Vivian.

● To buy tickets go to pretty-woman-the-musical.com

NEW PAIR: Strictly star Danny Mac and Aimie Atkinson in the musical





PRANK: Gascoigne

Gazza is trout of order

PAUL Gascoigne hid two fish in team-mate Ally McCoist's car and stank it out for weeks.

Gazza, who played with the Scotland striker for Rangers, hid one trout under a liftable armrest, which was easy to find, but put the other under the spare wheel in the boot.

The prank was revealed by Gary Lineker on his Behind Closed Doors podcast with Danny Baker.

Gary said: "McCoist comes and goes, 'Oh God it stinks of fish.' He finds the obvious fish and he gets rid of it, but obviously the smell lingers. So, I think it was a week or two later... and the smell got worse."

"Classic Gazza that. He's smart Gazza."

Baker piped up: "What a pro - an amateur would just put one fish in."

Gazza also played the prank on striker Gordon Durie, hiding one fish in an "obvious place" and the other in the boot.

FACT OF

THE word "berserk" is from Berserkers - the name of Viking warriors who wore bear or wolf skins and howled in battle like wild animals.

THE DAY

Kids get net rules

MODERN parents are more likely to teach their children not to send rude photos than to learn their address by heart or avoid running near roads.

New rules for staying safe online, such as not opening links in emails or giving your address over the web, are replacing traditional warnings over traffic and stranger danger.

Internet security company ESET, which commissioned a study of 2,000 parents, said: "Staying safe nowadays has a whole new meaning."

FLOATING AN IDEA

THE Black Swimming Association is urging ethnic minorities to visit pools after finding they were half as likely to swim as whites.

NAKED FURY OVER UNBAREABLE HARRY



RiRi's just so flashy

★ RIHANNA sets pulses racing in this lacy pink corset.

The Diamonds singer looked sultry as she showed off her cleavage and toned legs.

★ The 32-year-old pop and fashion icon matched her elegant lingerie with fluffy white heels from her Savage x Fenty lingerie brand.

The singer from Barbados posted the sexy snap for her 352,000 Instagram fans along with fire and love-heart emojis.



DOGGED: Harry & beloved pets Lou Lou & Barney

Nudists slam him for calling them 'weird'

EX-JUNGLE king Harry Redknapp has been challenged to strip off and join a nudist colony.

■ by PETER DYKE

life can be. The group's Andrew Welch said: "We are not strange or weird or eccentric."

Naked bathers have gone to war against the former football manager after he called them "strange" on his ITV show Sandbanks Summer.

"Folk from all walks of life such as politicians, judges and teachers are into naturism."

Viewers saw Harry sail past Studland Bay in Dorset, near his seaside home, and get a shock when he spotted a group of nudists on the beach.

"Sadly, we are fighting decades, if not a century of social conditioning whereby people with stiff upper lips think it is wrong to get naked. It isn't."

The horrified star said in last week's episode: "It is very strange. But no thank you. You will not get me over there for all the money in the world."

"We have get-togethers, have a swim, sunbathe, play games or have a barbecue."

Now British Naturism enthusiasts have taken Harry to task about their lifestyle.

"We want Harry to come and see how liberating it is."

They have laid down a challenge for him to take off his clothes and join them on the sands to see how "liberating"

The show's producer Isobel Williams admitted: "Harry was lovely to work with and game for almost anything - except meeting naturists."

Harry did not respond to requests for comment.

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COCKY: Members of British Naturism challenged Harry

SHOW'S DECKED OVER FLAG FAIL

SINGER Anne-Marie has distanced herself from Japanese flag headbands worn by Ant and Dec for her performance on ITV's Saturday Night Takeaway.

The rising sun emblem was used by Japan's navy during World War Two, when the country was allied with Nazi Germany.

Anne-Marie, 28, who has a black belt in karate,

said: "I sincerely apologize to all those affected and hurt by my appearance on a UK TV."

"I want you to know I had nothing to do with the costumes. Education on this part of the history wasn't done and I am also hurt by the pain this signifies for so many."

ITV has been contacted for comment.



OUTFITS: With hosts

New dad stab hell

A FATHER was stabbed to death on his way to work a night shift just 15 minutes after leaving his newborn baby at home.

A murder investigation has been launched after the 24-year-old was found with stab injuries inside a silver VW Polo in Hendon, north-west London, on Saturday night.

STRIKE ON SCREEN

A FILM marking 35 years since the end of the miners' strike has been made by the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign.

Bright



An ice little pad

THIS house was completely encased in ice after a bitter storm blew in.

The unbelievable winter scene was in Hamburg, New York State.

Other homes fell victim to the frosty weather around Lake Erie, with the shoreline covered in

by ROBIN COTTLE

ice and debris at the weekend. Some residents said the town resembled the hit movie Frozen such was the extent of the chill.

Local Ed Mis said: "I had to go out of a secondary door and chisel my way back in."



Pictures: GETTY



— THE — BACON ROLL



Three rashers of delicious bacon
in a soft white roll

Served until 11am. Subject to availability. ©2019 McDonald's

at end of tunnel

WARMER SUNNIER DAYS ARE ON WAY

■ by ROBIN COTTLE

THE sun is finally on its way following the wettest February on record.

Four consecutive weekend washouts will be replaced by brighter times, forecasters say.

"Above average" temperatures are on the way after the country was battered by storms Ciara, Dennis and Jorge.

The Met Office long range forecast says: "By the middle of March, conditions are likely to turn more widely settled, with more prolonged dry spells.

"Temperatures mostly above average, with overnight frost and fog giving way to mild days."

But severe weather warnings are still in place this week with yellow alerts for ice this evening in much of northern England.

Snow could also be on the way, according to forecasts.

The Met Office said up to a foot of the white stuff is predicted in some places. The outlook for



PAWS FOR BREATH: Dogs at Camber Sands, East Sussex

tomorrow to Thursday reads: "Remaining rather cold with sunny spells and showers by day, along with night frosts.

"Chance of more persistent rain, hill snow and strong winds affecting southern parts later."

The Met Office confirmed that there was an average rainfall of 202.1mm last month, smashing the mark of 193.4mm set in 1990.

England had more than 200% of its average February rainfall, with some areas getting a month's worth in 24 hours.

The storms have left councils facing "disastrous" cuts to public services to cover bills in the millions of pounds for massive damage to roads and bridges.

One couple, Catherine and Kevin Lorryman, fear their house in Snaith, East Yorks, will have to be demolished after it was submerged.

Mr Lorryman said: "It's a nightmare."

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DELUGE: Homes in Snaith, East Yorks, are devastated. Below, inside flooded home in the town. Bottom, a resident walks in East Cowick, East Yorks



SHOCK: Catherine and Kevin Lorryman and their flooded bungalow in Snaith





LIFE TERM: killer

Bamber blames his sister

JEREMY Bamber claims police have been withholding a suicide note which proves his sister carried out the mass murders for which he is serving life.

Bamber was jailed in 1986 after being found guilty of murdering his parents, sister and her six-year-old twin boys.

But he claims his sister Sheila, 28, who had been diagnosed with schizophrenia, was the killer.

The murders in Essex were dramatised in ITV's *White House Farm*.

Bamber, 59, hailed investigating officer Det Sgt Stan Jones's recent admission that Sheila had left a suicide note – as revealed by the Daily Star.

In a blog he wrote: "For me, the article dated 13 February 2020 that was published in the Daily Star online has to be one of the most important things that has come to light in 2020."

Mayor's loot lost

THIEVES took a lord mayor's jewellery – including a solid gold ceremonial chain worth £50,000.

They raided council offices in Bristol in the early hours and nabbed two safes that were supposed to keep valuables secure.

TRAFFIC JAMMED

★ A MAN dubbed "the Blackpool Tower" squeezes his huge frame into one of the smallest cars on the road.

Lydon Sutcliffe is 7ft 1in but gets around in his mum's 5ft-high Smart Fortwo.

★ The 32-year-old Blackpool resident hit 6ft when he was just 10 years old – but his struggles with height issues have pushed him to help others as a disability support worker and university counsellor.



HEADING OUT: Lydon in his mum's car and, right, towering over 5ft 1in pal Colette Halstead

Pictures: SWNS



ON THE ROCKS: Boozy breaks are out of style

Unisex 'sten dos' beat wild lash-ups

BRIDES and grooms are shunning traditional stag and hen dos in favour of joint parties.

Tourism chiefs are reporting traditional "last night of freedom" lash-ups are being ditched for merged celebrations known as "sten dos".

Holiday firms say bookings for mixed breaks have risen by 200% with many choosing locations in the UK.

Rob Reaks, of tour operator Red7, said: "Mixed groups tend to do different stag and hen activities during the day before coming together in the evening."

Short trips are replacing the boozy parties traditionally held a few days before or even the night before a wedding.

StagWeb, based in Bath, says the rise in mixed parties is driven by millennials who do not want to split up their friendship groups.

Daisy Hoban from Leeds organised a "sten do" with her now husband Dan.

She said: "Our friend-

ship groups were really quite close and largely the same people.

"When it came to planning a hen and stag do it seemed bizarre, as doing it separately meant a lot of our friends wouldn't have been there.

"Neither me nor my husband wanted a typical stag or hen – it's just not our thing."

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by ROBIN COTTLE

BAT BRUTE IS CAGED

A MAN who attacked a woman with a baseball bat, threatened her with a samurai sword, and said he would burn down her house and bury her in the garden was jailed for three years.

Matthew Pithers, 36, of Canterbury, Kent, admitted assault and threats to kill.

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PRISON: Whiting

2 deny beast kill bid

TWO lags have denied the attempted murder of Sarah Payne's killer Roy Whiting.

Kevin Hyden, 40, and Richard Prendergast, 39, are accused of trying to kill him at HMP Wakefield.

They both also denied malicious wounding with intent in a video link hearing at Leeds Crown Court and were sent for trial.

Whiting was jailed for life in 2001 for murdering eight-year-old Sarah.

THE GOLDEN YEAR

Can you guess the year from these five clues?

1. Tony Blair wins by a landslide to become PM.
2. The first Harry Potter book is published in the UK.
3. Sunderland's Stadium of Light and Bolton Wanderers' Reebok Stadium both open.
4. The world mourns as Princess Diana is killed in a car crash in Paris.
5. Tinky-Winky, Dipsy, Laa Laa, Po! The Teletubbies make their TV debut.

No Googling! Answer in tomorrow's paper. Friday's year: 1980

Car's left on hoard shoulder

A CAR broke down because the exhaust was full of nuts stored by a squirrel.

Mechanic Daniel Patten-den, 22, picked up a Mini Cooper S for his boss, but the engine cut out.

It was towed back to the garage in Duns, Scottish Borders, where Daniel noticed nuts behind the car.

He said: "There were hundreds of them. We made sure it was clear and now it's running spot-on."

SIR BOB'S ENDLESS GRIEF FOR PEACHES



Fab £400k guitar

★ A GUITAR once owned by Beatles John Lennon and George Harrison was last night valued at £400,000 on The Antiques Roadshow. Its owner, named as Ray, above, on the BBC show, was given the instrument, seen on George's left, because he could play it better than the Beatles.

★ Ray said: "I played a few notes and he said, 'Yeah you're definitely getting more out of it than I am'."



SHOP PRICE MOTTO AT RISK



FAMOUS: High street store

JOHN Lewis might ditch its famous "Never Knowingly Undersold" price match promise as internet sales continue to hit the high street icon.

New boss Dame Sharon White plans to review the pledge which guarantees shoppers the same price if a product is found cheaper elsewhere.

The business has been using the

■ by PAUL DONNELLEY

slogan for 95 years – since it was launched in their Peter Jones outlet in Sloane Square, London, in 1925.

John Lewis does not apply the promise to online-only retailers or to its sister shop Waitrose.

Profits have tumbled but have been helped by Waitrose performing well.

Rats singer Geldof relives the sorrow of losing daughter

■ by ROBIN COTTLE

SIR Bob Geldof has revealed his "bottomless grief" over the death of his daughter Peaches.

The mum-of-two died from a heroin overdose in April 2014 and the rocker told how attending the funeral of his friend's son last week had brought back the "unbearable" pain of losing his child at the age of 25.

Sir Bob said: "I went to the funeral of my mate's son, and he didn't want me to come for fear I'd relive it but I had to be there for him because it's unbearable.

"Time doesn't heal, time accommodates, it's ever present. You're driving along and you're at the traffic lights and for no reason whatsoever, the person in question inhabits you and I'll cry.

"Once you understand the nature of this, because it is boundless and it is bottomless, the grief and the abyss is infinite."

Boomtown Rats star Sir Bob, 68, was chatting to Irish comedian Tommy Tiernan about his grief.

Peaches was found dead in her home in Wrotham, Kent, following a long battle with addiction.

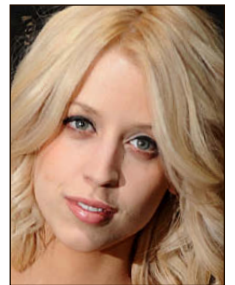
Her mum Paula Yates also died from a heroin overdose 14 years before.

Speaking at the time of Peaches's death, Bob said: "She was the wildest, funniest, cleverest, wittiest and most bonkers of us all."

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MOURNING: Sir Bob



OVERDOSE: Peaches

Craig regret over his tragic brother

RED Dwarf star Craig Charles regrets not chatting to his estranged brother Dean before he went on I'm A Celebrity.

Dean tried to call the actor but he did not answer and he tragically died while Craig was on the reality show.

The 55-year-old, inset, said: "If I could have one last conversation with anyone it would be my brother Dean. "He tried to get hold of me just before I went

into the jungle. We'd not spoken for a few years, there was a family falling out. And I just thought, 'I'll leave it, go and do the jungle thing, and I'll come out and we'll all be together for Christmas.'

"So I had to get on a plane straight away. He was so far away. And it took so long to get back. I'd have loved to have had a conversation with him. "I'd have loved to have made up."



DRAKE DROP

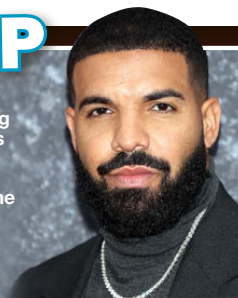
FANS were surprised by **DRAKE** dropping two new singles.

The Canadian star joked that he "leaked" his own music as he released the tracks with no prior notice.

And he's not afraid to get controversial

in When To Say When by mentioning **Michael Jackson's** Neverland home.

Meanwhile, in Chicago Freestyle he borrows lyrics from fellow rapper **Eminem's** hit Superman.



WIRED

RADIOHEAD singer **Thom Yorke** will join the **Massive Attack** Sunday line-up at All Points East in London. The frontman was personally asked by the group to join them on May 24 as a special guest.

WORLD



Script writing through pain



NOTHING is off the table if **The Script** are working on new music, no matter how personal.

The band are in the middle of a UK and Irish arena tour but can't wait to get back in the studio.

And frontman **Danny O'Donoghue** is not afraid to show his vulnerability, telling his bandmates everything.

He told me: "I pride myself, and us as a

NEW SONGS ARE RAW

band, in talking about the unsayable and just being so open.

"It's what we have always done, no embarrassment, and as a man I feel manly enough to say 'yes I am vulnerable'."

"I mean our first single was called We Cry!"

Album *Sunsets & Full Moons* deals with the death of Danny's mother

and some of it is too difficult for him to play back.

He said: "There is stuff I couldn't listen to - I had to walk out of the room. I couldn't talk about it, I couldn't talk about the idea of the video and that's when you know you need to release it."

The boys played London's O2 Arena at the weekend and they have a

unique way of making each gig feel special.

Script guitarist **Mark Sheehan** said: "I still don't expect that there will be an audience waiting for us."

"We treat every release and every tour like this is our comeback."

Danny laughed: "Yeah, but we come back every two years!"



INTRODUCING

AFTER racking up 130million streams thanks to co-writing credits for the likes of **Charli XCX**, **Bebe Rexha** and **Alicia Keys**, **Ingrid** is no music biz newbie.

But the US singer only recently stepped into the spotlight and is wowing the world with her dulcet country pop tones.

She doesn't regret taking her time, though, saying:

"I wasn't ready to be an artist. When you're in your early twenties, you're still figuring things out."

Eventually she moved to Nashville to perfect her craft.

She added: "Learning how to write here helped me to be able to go into a room with **Akon**, a boyband or anyone."

Check out her great debut LP *Lady Like* on March 27.

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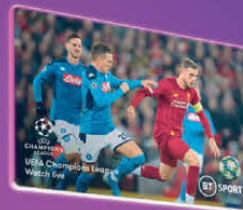
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JAMES CABOOTER'S

RED

with SAM MAYERS

All week

Rebecca Nile trip

THE X Factor star **Rebecca Ferguson** is getting a serious pop makeover thanks to **Nile Rodgers**.

The unlikely pair have been making music together as she aims to reinvent herself with a more upbeat sound.

Nile said: "We just did a monster with her. Friends of mine were in the studio crying."

Nile, who plays **The Big Feastival** in August with **Chic**, has a lot of new music coming out.

He added: "I was just working with **Thundercat**, in the last couple of days I did **Adam Lambert** and I work with a lot of UK artists."



Katy is Orland chilled out

KATY PERRY is laid-back for a bride-to-be. This year KP weds **Orlando Bloom** and she spilled: "I call myself a 'bridechilla' as opposed to a 'bridezilla'."

"It's not about the party - it's about the coming together of people who will hold us accountable when things get really hard. Because it's really great then it's really hard. Those are the facts when you're with someone who challenges you to be your best self."

Her new music is inspired by self help. Katy said: "With the next album there's a big focus on mental health, true happiness and how to get there."



Picture: GETTY

HALSEY HASSLE

HALSEY is sick of being accused of not writing her own songs.

Fans keep calling her out because **Ashley Frangipane** is credited on her records, without realising that is her real name.

The singer spilled: "I get a lot of s--- sometimes"

"People are like, 'She's writing all of Halsey's songs', and I'm like, 'OK none of y'all can read.'"

The American star has vowed never to perform **Castle** all the way through after once suffering major technical issues in New York.

Halsey added: "It's superstitious for us now. I stop the song in the middle of the first chorus and start the whole song over."

STAR OLD STYLE

IT'S good to see that **Harry Styles** isn't just playing at being a 1970s rock star but is living the life too.

The former **One Direction** singer emerged from a heavy night partying looking a little dishevelled. He was wearing a lime-green suit jacket and blue flares following a successful gig in New York.

Marc Bolan and **David Bowie** would have been proud of him.

Picture: SPLASH

THERE will never be catfights between **Doja Cat** and fellow female rappers. The rising star, whose new single **Say So** has the UK charts purring, hates being pitted against the likes of **Nicki Minaj** and **Cardi B**.

Doja - real name **Amalratna** - said: "We are all just being pit together, and it's the f---ing dumbest thing. 'I am trying to be the best I can be, and rap the best I can, do all I can do and all I'm seeing is people getting pitted.'"

Last week **Doja** delighted fans by releasing the **Say So** music video, which includes the viral **TikTok** dance.

No jail for doc killer

A DRIVER who killed doctor on a motorbike has avoided a prison sentence.

Nazila Sanei, 51, hit Dr Amin Alamshah, 38, in Cricklewood, north London, in March last year. He admitted causing death by careless driving, and got a suspended 28-week term and two-year road ban at Harrow Crown Court.

GOLD RETRIEVER

A METAL detectorist reunited Kate Gough, 32, with a family heirloom gold ring nine years after she lost it in a field in Telford, Shrops.

Help in Hard Times



DICKENS: boost

■ by BERNY TORRE
CLASSIC works of literature by writers such as Charles Dickens improve mental health better than self-help books, experts say.

Reading "challenging language" boosts your brain and can help treat depression, dementia and chronic pain.

Tests show self-help reads don't "ignite" parts of the brain linked with memory and emotion.

Professor Philip Davis, who has

BOOKS BEAT CHRONIC PAIN

published the findings from the Liverpool University study in his new book, said great literature "frees emotions and imagination" that make you feel "more alive".

The academic, who penned Reading for Life, said: "If you're just scanning for information, you go fast, it's very easy, it's automatic. But when literature begins to do

something more complicated than that, the brain begins to work."

The study attached brain scanners to people reading classic texts such as Dickens' *Hard Times*.

A participant with dementia who was given a book stunned researchers by speaking for the first time in months.

Prof Davis said "you could see

the brain coming to life" and called for "wider promotion" of reading in care homes.

Laura Prime, 51, of Crewe, Cheshire, said her depression and anxiety problems improved after joining a reading group.

Laura said: "I often tell people that I read myself better."

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Virus scare after holiday

Dear James,

I PICKED the wrong time to go to Italy for a holiday as I ended up in a coronavirus hotspot!

I'm just back home but I'm wondering if it'll be safe for me to go back to work.

I don't have any symptoms but I am now wondering if I should "self-isolate" as a precaution.

I'm not sure what to say to my boss, though - and would I get paid?

Marie, Southend

James says:

The latest advice from the Department of Health And Social Care is that if you are returning from a quarantined area you should self-isolate when you get back.

But this doesn't address the issue of what to do workwise. If you are ill then you are entitled to



PRECAUTIONS: Should she self-isolate in wake of outbreak?

sick pay at the very least, but the law doesn't make specific provision for self-isolation. If you stay away from work but you aren't sick you may not get paid.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock has sent guidance to UK employers, telling them anyone who follows government guidelines on self-isolation should be entitled to take time as sick leave.

Top tip
IF your employer won't accept you need to take time off work to self-isolate, perhaps it's time to look for another job.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACAS

THE Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service - or Acas - is a public body with a mission of improving "organisations and working life through the promotion and facilitation of industrial relations practice".

While Acas handled a lot of trade union issues, most of its work now

involves handling small individual cases of employees claiming their employer has denied them a legal right.

The idea is to have an independent, impartial organisation which doesn't side with either party to help both sides reach a suitable, mutually acceptable resolution.

GOT A QUESTION FOR JAMES?

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DIFFICULT: Freeman

Martin's 'cool it' appeal to dads

MARTIN Freeman says men should not be too hard on themselves for failing to live up to modern-day parenting standards.

The Sherlock actor, 48, plays a stressed-out dad in the new comedy *Breeders*.

He suggested it was difficult for men to be as hands-on as they would like to be because dads had not been very involved in parenting in the past.

The dad-of-two said: "I had a reasonably happy childhood, but neither my dad nor my stepdad, who were both great people, really lovely men, were expected to bring up their kids in the way we're trying to bring ours up now."

"We've tried to fast forward about a 1,000 years in a generation."

"We should relax. We shouldn't be amazed when it falls down."

Freeman has admitted he has smacked his children and at times called them "little f****ers".

Sky *Original Breeders* starts on March 12 at 10pm with a double bill on Sky One and NOW TV.

WORD OF

Anthropomorphic: Human in form or nature. For example dressing up a group of monkeys as the Blues Brothers for entertainment...

THE DAY

Hope of tonic for patents

A NEW drug is giving fresh hope to Parkinson's sufferers, scientists say.

The medicine, NLX-112, has been shown to improve symptoms for patients who live with twitchy movements brought on by Parkinson's drug levodopa.

Dr Arthur Roach, the research director at Parkinson's UK, said it is hoped the new drug "can tackle dyskinesia, which can make everyday tasks such as eating, writing and walking, extremely difficult".



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



Monkey business

THESE photos of monkeys in masks and dressed up like The Blues Brothers, above, have sparked an animal rights backlash.

Activists want to put a stop to the use of macaques in traditional stage shows in Japan.

The full story is in the March edition of *National Geographic*, which is out today.



Pictures: JASPER DOEST/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

YOB WHO WOULD NOT GUM QUIETLY



ATTACK: But Samp dodged jail term

by JERRY LAWTON
Chief Crime Correspondent
A THUG bit a cop while being led to a cell – but avoided jail because he did not have any teeth.

Wojciech Samp, 35, had his dentures out yet still decided to sink his gums into the police officer's wrist.

The cop escaped unscathed and a judge said the fact the bite did not cause any injury stopped him sending Samp straight to jail.

Sheriff William Summers said: "If it had I would have unhesitatingly imposed a lengthy custodial sentence."

"Officers should be able to go about their business without being subject to that sort of abuse."

It was Samp's fourth attack

Cop biter did not have dentures in

on a police officer in the past four years.

The judge said he had given "careful and anxious" consideration to his fate over what were serious charges.

Samp had been arrested after threatening to torch a six-storey temporary housing block that had a council worker inside.

Officers attended, arrested him and took him to the Kittybrewster custody suite in

Aberdeen. Lynzi Souter, prosecuting, told Aberdeen Sheriff Court: "When there he threw his head towards an officer in an attempt to headbutt him."

"Some time later, while at the charge bar, the accused's behaviour meant he was being taken to a cell."

"While being taken to a cell he bit the officer on the wrist. No injury was caused."

Andrew Ormiston said in mitigation that Samp, whose

address was given as care of his solicitor's office, had no recollection of the bite, but added: "He wears dentures. At that point he didn't think he had his dentures in."

The lawyer added: "It's clear that Mr Samp has, in the past, had difficulties with alcohol consumption."

Samp admitted behaving in a threatening or abusive manner and assaulting a police officer. He was handed an 18-month supervision order and told to carry out 180 hours of unpaid work.

A police source said: "It may have turned out to have been more of a suck than a bite, but it was nasty either way. The thought of it really turns your stomach."

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HOT SPOT: Entries

Baker's a pasty master

AMATEUR baker Vanessa Farr has claimed a top prize at the World Pasty Championships.

She impressed the judges in the prestigious Cornish category.

Gongs were awarded to professionals, amateurs and juniors at Cornwall's Eden Project.

Savvy Vanessa, who also won the prize in 2017, is from Bristol but bakes her pasties in Padstow to make them Cornish.

She said: "It's amazing and hilarious to be crowned champion once again. Consistency is key."

"There's so much variation in the Open Savoury categories, but the Cornish categories only allow a finite number of ingredients and you can only make little tweaks to improve."

More than 40 judges tasted nearly 200 pasties from Cornwall and beyond – including entries from Canada and the US.

Hotel job 'run' plea

HOTEL chain Travelodge is recruiting 4,000 new staff and hopes to attract "school run" parents.

The housekeeping jobs at their 573 UK hotels will feature flexible working hours designed to fit around school times.

ABSENT MINDED



Meg is Si high

★ **FORMER reality star Megan McKenna** shows off a new look as she cuddles up to Simon Cowell.

Essex girl Megan, 27, who won X Factor: Celebrity, posted photos of herself and the music mogul, 60, at his Malibu mansion.

★ **She has recorded a new album with Syco, Cowell's label, and posted on Instagram: "Can't explain how excited I am."**

Missing dads 'fuel rise in knife crime'

ABSENT fathers are to blame for the surge in knife crime, according to Britain's top anti-violence police officer.

Dr Jackie Sebire said it was easy to attribute drugs, funding cuts and social media for the blade epidemic.

The assistant chief constable of Bedfordshire Police explained: "It's not only about public services."

"It's absent fathers, absent capable guardians in the community, it's lack of role models."

"I don't think we talk enough about those drivers around serious violence because it is easier to talk about drugs and social media."

■ **by JERRY LAWTON**
Chief Crime Correspondent

lead on serious violence – added that some parents did not even collect their kids from police stations.

She said: "The worst thing is when mum and dad won't come or actually they're too busy to come."

"That's the saddest thing that I see when they have no care – whether it's mum or dad – and we have to get the appropriate adult services because they can't be bothered."

Dr Sebire believes that many teens don't even fear going to prison. She added: "They don't care if they are going to be sentenced."

"What they care about is that moment. There is this normalisation of violence as part of youth culture."

Dr Sebire – the National Police Chiefs' Council's

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CRIME COP OUT

A VILLAGE is demanding "more policing" after 63 crimes in a year resulted in only one prosecution.

And to make matters worse residents in Aldbourne, Wilts, pay a total of about £160,000 a year for policing through council tax.

Parish councillor Brian Hill, 71, said: "I think that number (one prosecution) speaks for itself."

He added: "We would like there to be more policing. I have never seen a police officer in the village wandering around having a chat."

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SUPPORTER: Izzard

Eddie's dream of SAS

EDDIE Izzard has revealed he wanted to join the SAS as a schoolboy.

The cross-dressing star admitted he is still obsessed with the military but abandoned his ambition to join up when he discovered his sexuality.

He said: "I was going to be in the military when I was a kid. I wanted to be in the special forces."

"Now, being a transgender guy, no. But that was where I was at then."

Izzard, 58, has said he would have liked to have been involved in the D-Day landings and raises cash for veterans to return to Normandy.

He said: "I was planning to do officer training and then do the marines or paras and then join the SAS. But then there was this feminine side and I wanted to express that."

"I still run my life on a military basis. I strategise and plan 50 years ahead."

On one trip to Normandy to remember the landings, he said: "What the veterans did in June 1944 was a beautiful thing, beating fascism. It was so important then and it remains so even today."

STAR
THE soundtrack of car noises, such as brakes and gear changes, is the perfect way to get sleepy toddlers to nod off, a study by car maker Nissan has found.

BURST

Drop-off a rip-off

DRIVERS taking a passenger to Stansted airport will have to pay £5 to stop for a couple of minutes.

The Essex airport has increased the charge by £1 for the second time in less than a year, making it the UK's most expensive.

It also has the UK's worst currency exchange rates, it was revealed recently.

LARGE SCALE LOSS

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BOXERS WEIGH IN AT AGES 84 & 75

Olympic veteran John back in ring

EXCLUSIVE

■ by ANTONY THROWER

A BOXER who fought at the 1968 Olympic Games is preparing to step back into the ring at the age of 75 to take on an 84-year-old opponent.

John McGonigle represented Britain in Mexico in the men's fly-weight division.

But more than 30 years after John's last bout he is set to pull on his gloves for an exhibition match against Mick Auberbach, nearly 10 years his senior.

A grandad of six and great grandad of two, John started boxing at nine years old and had more than 100 amateur bouts.

He said: "I don't know if I've bitten off more than I can chew. He's a couple of stones heavier than me. I'm going to have to move around."

John added: "Boxing has been good to me. It has kept me young. I have a scrapbook full of memories."

Meanwhile, opponent Mick only had his first fight five years ago.

He said: "I had been going to the gym for years and I wasn't really



KEEN: Mick, right. Above, John in the 1968 GB Olympic team



interested in boxing until my son Mark started. I went to the gym with him and decided to give it a go.

"I've had five fights now and it's a thrill to get in there in front of people and raise money for charity."

Promoter Neil Tidman, who will stage the fight in Bulkington, Warks, on April 11, said: "John is an amateur referee and still very active."

He goes running and hits the bags at my gym.

"He offered to referee the fights on my show, but Mick was bother-

ing me to get on the show and I thought: 'They could box each other in an exhibition.'

"They both went for it. They are both in unbelievable condition for their age."

"Mick, he would fight every week if he could. He's asked to go on another show the week after mine."

Neil added: "Every time someone new comes to the gym Mick makes friends with them and then starts sparring with them."

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FIGHTING ON: John ready for boxing return



★ **BOXING** hero Tyson Fury shows off his amazing transformation.

Fury, 31, last week battered Deontay Wilder to become heavyweight champion of the world for the second time.

★ But his form is a far cry from in 2018, when he had to re-apply for his boxing licence after it was stripped following drug and personal problems.

He used social media to post the before and after shots that show how he worked his way back to being a lean, mean fighting machine.

■ **VICTORY:** Tyson after beating Deontay Wilder in Las Vegas

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In YOUR face Dawn French!

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LIAR: The ITV thriller returns for Series 2

DAWN French has come under fire for telling top telly writers **Jack and Harry Williams** they would never be a success.

The talented brothers have penned ITV drama *Liar*, starring Downton Abbey's Joanne Froggatt and Fantastic Four actor Ioan Gruffudd, which starts its new series tonight.

And the pair are also the brains behind hits such as *The Missing*, *Cheat*, *Rellik*, *Baptiste* and *The Widow*.

However, when they were starting out they tried their hand at comedy. Jack

■ by **PETER DYKE**

worked on a pilot sitcom with Vicar Of Dibley star Dawn and then drafted in Harry to help.

Jack said: "She went, 'One word of advice. Don't work with your brother again.'"

"So f*** you, Dawn, you're doing panto and we're doing all right."

"In your face!" The second series of *Liar*, starting tonight at 9pm on ITV, will see the drama turn into a big whodunit as fans try to work out who killed Gruffudd's character at the end of the last series.

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BAD ADVICE: Dibley star



BULLIED: Clarkson

Jezza's prickly time as a child

MOTORMOUTH Jeremy Clarkson was bullied as a lad because his jeans had hedgehogs pics on them.

The 59-year-old former Top Gear presenter said his mum Shirley, who died in 2014, made him wear them because she could not afford brand names.

He also said he loved tucking into roast heart rustled up by his dad Edward, who died in 1994.

Jezza said: "My dad was a fanatical cook - he would rise at six to start cooking and I still yearn for some of the things he made.

"Tripe in milk sauce. And his roasted heart was one of the cornerstones of my childhood.

"Alongside Mungo Jerry, being bullied and the hedgehog-print jeans my mum made because Levi's were too expensive. And which were the root cause of much of the bullying."

He said three sheep on his own Cotswolds farm are due for slaughter, adding: "I feel sad in some ways, but I'm cheered by the fact that I can have their hearts."



Parents fess up to faves

ONE in 10 parents admits to having a favourite child.

Just over half, 51%, said they were girls, and 46% were boys, while 3% of parents refused to say.

The youngest was top with 53% of mums and dads, while the eldest was next favourite with 25%, and a middle kid with 18%.

The YouGov poll of 6,242 parents also found that favourites were more likely in families with three or more children or with parents who had split up.



Picture: BACKGRID

CHRIS A GOOD SPORT

★ **REAL Housewives** Of Cheshire beauty Christine McGuinness shows off her amazing figure outside her gym.

★ Paddy McGuinness's missus sported sexy workout threads as she smiled for photographers at the Cheshire fitness centre. We bet they were left panting for more.

VICTIM OF AXEMAN SO FULL OF KINDNESS

Ryan helped mentally ill

■ by JERRY LAWTON
Chief Crime Correspondent

A RACING driver hacked to death by an axeman devoted his life to helping people with mental health problems.

Ryan Lowry, 36, was chased down a street and then killed by an attacker he knew, police confirmed.

The victim was "full of kindness, strong principles and humour", his family said.

A 31-year-old man arrested on suspicion of murder has been detained under the Mental Health Act.

Police said he had vandalised several empty cars before reporting the attack himself and fleeing.

Help

Ryan was a car enthusiast and co-founder of the Campaign Against Living Miserably All Porsche Trophy racing series, which raises money for mental health causes.

He had competed in motorsport events and ran a business selling used cars. The attack happened in Partington, Gtr Manchester.

His family said: "It's hard to believe how something like this can happen to someone like Ryan, who did not have a bad bone in his body."

A spokesman for CALM said that Ryan "died trying to help another near his home."

Det Chief Insp Colin Larkin, said: "The arrested man and Ryan were known to one another and police are working hard to understand the reason for this horrific attack."

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■ **KILLED: Ryan.**
Below, police at attack scene



MAID FOR FUN IN THE BEDROOM

FRENCH maids, Playboy bunnies and firefighters are our favourite erotic fantasy costumes.

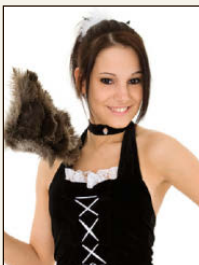
Half of us admit dressing up in saucy costumes to spice up our sex lives, with the top 10 also including nurses, superheroes and police officers.

More unusual choices were binmen and pub landlords, the poll for End of Tenancy Cleaning found.

Adam Crozier, 41, of Hastings, East Sussex, dressed as a sailor for a girlfriend who liked Richard Gere's character in *An Officer and a Gentleman*.

He said: "I felt like a right plonker. I looked more like Popeye than Richard Gere."

A boss at the cleaning firm said: "While a regular cleaning costume might not be popular, the highest-rated costume for the bedroom was a French maid."



FANTASY: favourite

Stab teen is 'critical'

A MAN has been arrested after a teenager was stabbed in the chest in a city centre brawl.

The 19-year-old victim is said to be in "a critical condition" in hospital.

The attack, in which another 19-year-old sustained a minor neck injury, happened in Liverpool at around 4am yesterday.

A short time later a man aged 20 was arrested on suspicion of assault.

Midlifers' lung crisis

MIDDLE-age spread could give you lung disease.

A study of nearly 4,000 adults from across Europe over 20 years found those who piled on the pounds had weaker breathing.

Dr Judith Garcia-Aymerich of the Barcelona Institute of Global Health said: "The negative effects of overweight and obesity on lung function can be reversed by weight loss."



UNDER WRAPS: Staff prepare the giant T-Rex

FOOT IN THE DOOR: Workers take delivery of a diplodocus leg

DO DUTY

■ by PAUL DONNELLY

MPs will be pressed this week to back new beer tax plans to help save pubs.

Pressure group Campaign for Real Ale will demand politicians apply a preferential rate of duty on beer sold in boozers.

They want to help landlords fight off competition from cheap super-market alcohol.

Camra activists will lobby at an event in Westminster tomorrow, claiming many venues are "fighting for their survival".

The group wants the Government to live up to its Brexit promises and take back control since it is no longer constrained by EU red tape.

Chairman Nik Antona, right, said: "There is significant support for our proposals for a preferential rate of duty for beer sold on tap in pubs and



CHEERS: Campaigners say pubs could be rescued by beer tax cut

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★ A SAFARI park is showcasing 20 life-size animated dinosaurs.

The models including velociraptors, a diplodocus and a T-Rex, will be installed in a 1,200 square yard area of woodland at Blair Drummond Safari Park near Stirling.

★ They are controlled with infrared sensors and have a range of noises. Park boss Gary Gilmour said: "The detail in our dinosaurs is incredible."



FEARSOME: Staff member in T-Rex jaws



WINGED TERROR: Worker with pteranodon

AND SAVE PUBS

Beer fans make tax plea to MPs

we look forward to talking to more MPs about our economic research.

"Recent beer duty freezes and business rates reliefs, while welcome, are merely sticking plasters.

"Far too many pubs are still fighting for their survival.

"A cut in duty for draught beer is possible now we have left the EU.

"The Government should take full advantage of this opportunity to show its commitment to this great British institution."

Research has shown that 6,000 pubs have called last orders permanently in Britain since 2010.

Actor-turned-Tory MP Giles Watling said: "Pubs are important

community assets and we need to do all we can to protect them.

"Unfortunately, previous freezes in beer duty, while welcome, have also allowed the supermarket to continue undercutting the pub with cheap alcohol. That was because of single market rules, which equalised rates between pubs and supermarkets.

"Now we have left the EU, I want to change that and differentiate the rate of duty so that it finally benefits and supports our pubs."

Last year, Camra, which was

founded in Ireland in 1971 and now boasts more than 192,000 members, claimed pubs were closing at a rate of one every 12 hours.

Its backers include the Duke of Edinburgh, who sent a letter of support, and Prince Charles, who has been pictured with a pint of real ale in his hand.

The group's experts reckon pubs contribute £23.1 billion to the UK economy each year, with 900,000 jobs depending on the pub and brewing industry.



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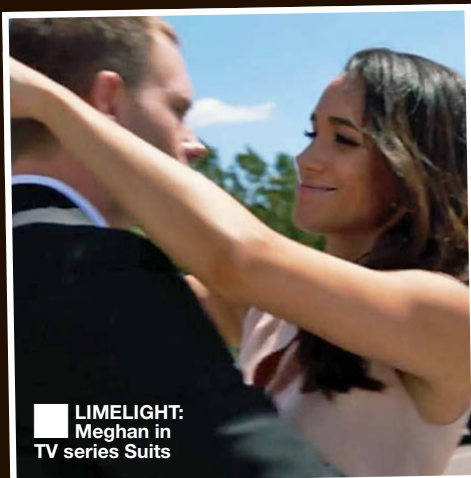
PUBS will be legally forced to sell alcohol-free beer on draught.

A health report in Bristol recommended that all bars should have at least one zero alcohol option on draught to "reduce consumption".

Now the city is set to be the first in Britain to enforce the move.

But Laura Willoughby, co-founder of Club Soda, which encourages careful drinking, claimed any effort to force pubs to stock alcohol-free options could misfire.

She said: "Forcing a venue to do this before they have enough volume of sales will lead to wastage."



LIMELIGHT:
Meghan in
TV series Suits

MEG, YOU AIN'T NO SUPERHERO

Duchess snubbed for film role

■ by BERNY TORRE
THE Duchess of Sussex has been snubbed by a Disney boss after she asked her agent to find her a superhero role in a blockbuster movie.

Meghan, 38, wants to return to acting after she and Harry, 35, quit as working royals last month.

She previously landed voiceover work with Disney after Harry was filmed touting her to a studio boss.

Now a source said the ex-Suits star's agent, Nick Collins, has been busy trying to secure an offer with the Marvel owners for a role in a superhero franchise, such as Avengers.

The source said: "He has said she wants her return to acting to be part of a cast in something like a superhero film."

"He's actively seeking such a movie. Meghan is planning a series of meetings in Hollywood. Word is out she's looking for a superhero film."

"She knows she can't carry a film as an actress."

"People won't be able to get past the fact she's Meghan Markle. But she's determined to act again."

Yet a top film executive said: "Meghan needs Disney more than Disney needs Meghan."

"She's a controversial figure. There have been reports of a deal but that's not true."

Harry and Meg, who have said they want financial independence, last month appeared at a bank event held in Miami, Florida.

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DREAM PART: How Meg might look as Black Widow from Avengers



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STAR BURST
ROLLER coaster fan Aimee Williams, 23, proposed to her boyfriend on leap day by unveiling her T-shirt saying "Marry me?" while they were on a ride in Blackpool.

Ciggie tot risk

MUMS who quit smoking during the early stage of pregnancy still damage their baby's long-term health.

Researchers who studied 1.4million mothers found that newborns' growth was stunted by a similar amount as babies born to women who smoked throughout.

Isabell Rumrich, of Eastern Finland University, said: "This stresses the importance of quitting smoking already before pregnancy."

Pervert jail over pictures

A CREEP who stole intimate images of a woman and posted them on porn websites has been jailed.

Tom Horwood secretly copied the snaps from the victim's computer.

Her home address was also included, saying that people could visit for sex.

Horwood, 33, from Ramsgate, Kent, admitted stalking and making indecent images of a child, and was jailed for 22 months at Maidstone Crown Court.

Abbie Brookes of Kent Police said: "Horwood's callous actions have had a devastating and profound impact on the victim, who has been left feeling humiliated and embarrassed."

Climber in horror plunge

A CLIMBER survived an avalanche, a 1,000ft fall and six hours of freezing temperatures.

Michael Snaith and a friend were on a Scottish mountain when the weather turned against them.

He said: "It was a tough climb. The weather turned for the worst despite no previous warning."

But fortunately Michael, of Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, and his pal were saved by rescuers on Beinn an Dothaidh, Argyll and Bute.

He is now planning to raise funds for Scottish Mountain Rescue by taking part in a long-distance triathlon in Estonia on August 22.

Women closing let gap

THE number of women buy-to-let investors has increased slightly to almost half the total.

Women now account for 47% of the 2.5million buy-to-let investors in the UK, up from 46% over the past year, narrowing the gender gap in doing so.

Stephen Ludlow of estate agent ludlowthompson said: "The buy-to-let sector has a reputation of providing stable, long-term returns.

"Buy-to-let continues to build increasing interest amongst investors who value income and long-term growth.

"It may not be long before we see a 50/50 gender split amongst buy-to-let investors."



Picture: SWNS

RAVEN ABOUT MY PAL

★ **ANIMAL** lover Elliot Manarin is best friends with his pet raven Loki.

The 33-year-old has cared for his seven-year-old pal in captivity since the bird's previous owner died.

★ The film-maker, who volunteers at Coda Falconry in Waltham Abbey, Essex, said: "He is a unique individual bursting with so much character."

"There is so much going on in their minds we don't really give them credit for."

No Disney for bullied dwarf lad

CASH GIVEN TO CHARITY



EMOTIONAL VIDEO: Bullied Quaden

■ by PAUL DONNELLEY

THE family of a boy who was bullied over his dwarfism has turned down a crowd-funded trip to Disneyland.

Quaden Bayles made headlines worldwide when his mother posted a video of him in which he said he wanted to take his own life.

In the clip, the nine-year-old says: "I want to die right now. Give me a knife, I'm going to kill myself."

US comedian Brad Williams, who was also born with dwarfism, set up an appeal to send Quaden and his mum Yarraka, 35, to Disneyland.

The fund had reached £355,000 by the weekend.

But now the family, from Brisbane, Australia, have decided to donate the money to two local charities.

Quaden's aunt, Mundanara, said: "This little fella has been bullied. We want the money to go to community organisations that really need it."

Trolls had accused the family, who are Aboriginals, of exaggerating Quaden's problems and the clip has now been deleted.

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THE BRAINBOX



- 1 Which actress and Strictly star plays Trixie Franklin in BBC drama Call The Midwife?
- 2 Which football team is former England star Steve McManaman playing for in the picture?
- 3 What is the stage name of the Brit-Ghanaian rapper and Star In The Hood born as Kwasi Danquah?

- 4 Who cried a lot when she won the Best Actress Oscar in 1999 for her role in Shakespeare In Love?
- 5 What is the name of the day after Shrove Tuesday?

ANSWERS:

1 Helen George; 2 Real Madrid; 3 Tricky Strider; 4 Ash Wednesday; 5



QUESTION 2

BRAINS OF BRITAIN

We asked you to name a comedy duo:

- 1 Morecambe & Wise
- 2 Cannon & Ball
- 3 Ant & Dec
- 4 The Two Ronnies
- 5 Little & Large
- 6 Hale & Pace
- 7 Laurel & Hardy
- 8= Vic & Bob, Zig & Zag, Abbott & Costello, Corbyn & Abbott, Mark & Kyle, Lilo & Stitch, French & Saunders

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KATE FERDINAND REVEALS

Gym giving me a brain wave

FITNESS queen Kate Ferdinand does 500 sit-ups a week to get her sexy curves.

And the reality TV star, wife of former footballer Rio, admits she loves exercising to boost her mental health.

Kate, 28, has become an Instagram fitness sensation, with 1.1million followers, and regularly posts videos of workouts with her husband.

But she insists she's not as gym-obsessed as people might assume.

"I'm a lot more relaxed than people think," says Kate. "Everyone thinks I'm this regimented person who has to go to the gym at 4am every day but I'm not."

"I love working out, I love feeling active and it's really good for my mind, but I also have a day off and I don't beat myself up about it. I don't cry if I don't do it."

But former Towie star Kate, who says she has been going to the gym since she was "13 or 14", also admits that her new "sensible attitude" is a recent development. She says: "I used to feel like something terrible would happen if I didn't work out and it used to really take over my life."

"I suffer with anxiety and I added to that

EXCLUSIVE BY NADINE LINGE

by thinking I would get anxious if I didn't work out.

"It's something I've only learned recently but the world isn't going to end if I don't go to the gym today."

"Last year I had an injury and Rio and everyone else were really worried about me because they knew I wasn't good when I didn't work out."

"I just thought, 'This is pathetic'. But I've only just got this sensible attitude - it's my 2020 mantra."

There's no denying Kate works hard to get that toned figure - including a punishing 100 ab exercises per session.

She says: "I work out four or five times a week, doing a mixture of high-intensity interval training and weights depending on how I am feeling. I do squats and lunges and I feel my bum is getting there - it's a work in progress."

"At the end of every workout, I do an ab finisher, which has five ab exercises - 20

of each one is good for your body."

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VEALS HOW KEEPING FIT HELPS HER TO BE HAPPY

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so 100 in total. I think the best the bicycle crunch, which is for the obliques on the side of body."

has teamed up with sports Dare 2b to launch a fitness which she models here.

says: "There's everything - crop or when you're feeling good want to get your stomach out, tops for when you've had a e the night before. I'm really with it.

the bum-sculpting leggings believable - they give you a If I feel good, I always have a workout."

also admits to being competi- th ex-England defender Rio.

Goals

e's working hard then I think I do a bit better," she says.

o works the hardest? Obviously both going to say ourselves but both hard workers. We're on me level and we've got the goals, so it works. We both have here we can't be bothered and tivate each other."

e Kate loves Jennifer Lopez - ok like her when I'm 50 I'll be ' she says - she also has a more ing fitness inspiration.

Instagram star laughs: "I know nds crazy but I'll look at old ctures of myself and be my own motivation rather than striving to be like someone else.

"I'll look at videos of myself

and think, 'I can't wait to get back to that.' You can only compare yourself to the best you can be."

But that confidence in herself has been hard-earned.

"I'm softer on myself than I used to be," says Kate. "As women we always have days where we don't feel good.

"I feel much more confident but I think I will always have days where I'm not 100%. But I don't let that affect my overall mood."

Kate says she loves chocolate, sweets and Chinese takeaways but just eats them in moderation.

"I try to make it a lifestyle rather than a diet," she adds. "If I fancy some wine gums I will have them - I just won't eat three packs.

"My life revolves around the next meal. I go, 'What's for lunch?' and Rio goes, 'We've just had breakfast, Kate.' But I enjoy eating.

"When I was younger, I tried every fad diet and it would always end up with me bingeing at the end and being unhappy because I've gained double the weight. Now it's not about the weight - it's about how I feel."

Kate also has some more recently learned advice as a wife and stepmother to Rio's three kids.

"Just make some time for you," she says. "I always get caught up in trying to make other people happy.

"But don't always worry about everyone else all the time - you need to make yourself happy."

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HAVING A BALL: The 28-year-old loves working out, especially with husband Rio, far left

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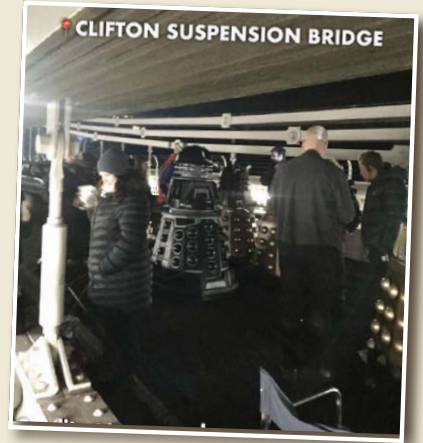
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CELEBS
CLOSE
TO THE
VEG...

HERE are **Good Morning Britain** presenters Piers Morgan and Susanna Reid along with **This Morning** hosts Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby after undergoing a vegetable makeover in the name of art. Their portraits – made of onions, peppers, sweetcorn and cabbage – are part of ITV's **Eat Them To Defeat Them** campaign to encourage children to have a more healthy diet. We are celeb veggies... get us out of here!

XMAS WITH
THE DALEKS

CHRISTMAS has come early – at least in terms of news about it – for all of you **Doctor Who** fans.

Following last night's cliffhanger to end the latest series, the show will be back for a festive special with the Time Lord's best-known enemies and Captain Jack Harkness (John Barrowman).

The BBC is not saying just yet whether the episode called **Revolution Of The Daleks** will air on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

It was filmed last year with some scenes featuring the exterminators on the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol, above.

Showrunner Chris Chibnall revealed: "There will be Daleks. There will be exterminations. Thrills, laughter, tears."

"You know – the usual. See you at the end of the year."

GLOBE RACE
RUNS RISKS

FILMING for BBC Two's **Race Across The World** was thrown into chaos after the contestants landed in dangerous territory.

The travellers – who have to whizz around the globe without taking any flights or having a phone to help them – headed through Latin America, where some areas were dogged by conflict.

Stephen Lambert, executive producer on the show that starts on Sunday at 8pm, said: "There were some hairy border crossings. We had to re-route because of some of the conflicts."

"Ecuador, in particular, was so bad. But no-one was hurt. Their health and safety was of paramount importance."

I'M TOO SEXY...

A WOMAN visits E4's **The Sex Clinic** tonight and reveals she needs nookie 11 times a day.

The 31-year-old mum of two called Tracey says that this is causing problems with her boyfriend.

And she tells the doctors: "He says I am a sex addict."

"I'm horny in the shower and he wants to watch the cricket."



HORNY: Tracey

Media Stormz!

Star plays newsman



ED FIRST: Stormzy as Kolawale in the new show

GRIME artist Stormzy rarely has a kind word to say about the media.

He whinged about them for driving Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex out of the UK and accused them of twisting his words when he said Britain was "100% racist".

So we wonder what author Malorie Blackman was thinking when she penned a role for him in the new BBC One drama **Noughts + Crosses**.

Media hater Stormzy has a cameo as a newspaper editor called Kolawale

and, amazingly, he has called it "a dream come true".

His character does not appear in Malorie's books and she wrote it especially for the TV adaptation.

An insider said: "It's a bit like a vegetarian playing a meat eater."

Noughts + Crosses centres on lovers Sephy Hadley and Callum McGregor (Masali Baduza and Jack Rowan), who live in an alternative world where white and black people are segregated.

It launches on Thursday at 9pm on BBC One.

LOVE TRIANGLE RULES

A BBC Two drama that starts this month is about a man in a three-way relationship with his two female housemates.

And the new show – which is called **Trigonometry** – features some X-rated scenes for viewers.

But on set there was nothing raunchy about them as the cast were told to treat the sex romps like they

were having lunch, actress Ariane Labed explained.

She said: "It was so easy. We'd talk about the way we were going to eat in a scene the same way we talked about how we were going to have sex."

Pictured are the show's stars Thalissa Teixeira, the nearest of the three, as Gemma, Ariane playing Ray and Gary Carr as Kieran.



	BBC One	BBC Two	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	6.00 Breakfast Headlines. 9.15 Britain's Housing Scandal 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer From southeast London. (R) 11.00 Wanted Down Under (R) 11.45 NEW Saved on Camera Stories of bravery captured on phones, CCTV and dashcams, beginning with two boys who are rescued from a rising tide and saved by a total stranger. 12.15 Bargain Hunt Items at an antiques fair in Peterborough. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.30 BBC Local News; Weather 1.45 Doctors Daniel and Zara have fun trying to keep a secret, while a determined Bear makes his return. 2.15 NEW Jimmy McGovern's Moving On A man just released from prison neglects to tell his new girlfriend he is fitted with a tag and has a 7pm curfew. Drama, starring Tom McKay and Angel Coulby. 3.00 Escape to the Country 3.45 NEW Money for Nothing Sarah Moore visits Wallyford Recycling Centre in East Lothian. 4.30 NEW Ready Steady Cook Rylan Clark-Neal hosts a revival of the culinary duel in which two chefs create a meal in 20 minutes. 5.15 Pointless Quiz show, hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (R) 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 BBC Local News; Weather	6.00 Flog It! From Blackburn. (R) 6.45 Bargain Hunt From Kent. (R) 7.30 Sign Zone: Best Home Cook The contestants produce an ultimate Sunday brunch. (R) 8.30 The Week in Parliament 9.00 BBC News at 9 Headlines. 10.00 Victoria Derbyshire 11.00 BBC Newsroom Live 12.15 Politics Live Updates. 1.00 Hardball Quiz show. (R) 1.45 Best House in Town (R) 2.30 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip In Weymouth. (R) 3.00 Red Rock Paudge is enraged when he suspects Tony Doyle has been abusing Aoife Burke. (R) 3.45 The Great Interior Design Challenge Three hopefuls must transform a bedroom each in a modernist former leisure centre. (R) 4.45 Portillo's State Secrets Michael Portillo trawls through the National Archives. (R) 5.15 Flog It! In Dover Castle, Jonathan Pratt discovers a Lalique figure and James Lewis finds a collection of Chinese snuff bottles. 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Trivia-based quiz show. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo sets off on the first leg of a journey across Northern Ireland to Argyll and Bute, beginning by travelling from Newry to Portadown. (R)	6.00 Good Morning Britain Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne invite Piers Morgan into their Los Angeles home to discuss their recent struggles and Ozzy's life-changing diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. 9.00 Lorraine Entertainment, lifestyle and fashion news. 10.00 This Morning A mix of celebrity chat and lifestyle features. 12.30 Loose Women Topical studio discussion from a female perspective. 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News 1.55 Local News; Weather 2.00 Judge Rinder Criminal barrister Robert Rinder takes on real-life cases in a studio courtroom. 3.00 Tenable Five friends from London with a shared love of music and dance tackle questions about top 10 lists, then try to score a perfect 10 in the final round. Hosted by Warwick Davis. (R) 4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. 5.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh asks the questions as contestants must work as a team to take on the ruthless quiz genius. 6.00 Local News; Weather 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather	6.30 Cheers Double bill. (R) 7.25 The King of Queens (R) 8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond Double bill of the sitcom. (R) 9.10 Frasier Double bill. (R) 10.10 Undercover Boss Canada (R) 11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA In California. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary 12.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R) 1.05 Posh Pawn Documentary. (R) 2.10 Countdown Word game. 3.00 A Place in the Sun Husband and wife Steve and Dawn are searching for a holiday home in Mijas, southeastern Spain. (R) 4.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? Catching up with the owners of a unique B&B in rural France, and revisiting a dive centre as its managers attempt to attract more customers. 5.00 Come Dine with Me Four contestants from the Liverpool area compete to win the cash prize. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons Homer wakes up to find he and the world around him are made of Lego. It seems like a great existence – but he cannot quite shake the feeling that something is not right. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks Warren is on the warpath after Liam's latest stunt. Meanwhile, Darren is starting to feel defined by his failures, and Diane struggles to keep a secret. (R)	6.00 Milkshake! Children's shows. 9.15 Jeremy Vine Talk show. 11.15 Paddington Station 24/7 A lorry rips the safety barriers off a level crossing. (R) 12.10 5 News at Lunchtime 12.15 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords The story of Lesley and Mark Irwin, who fell foul of a single mother and confidence trickster. (R) 1.10 Access Showbiz news. 1.15 Home and Away See 6.00pm. 1.45 Neighbours See 5.30pm. 2.15 FILM Famous and Fatal (2019/PG) Premiere. After saving 10-year-old Jack from an attempted kidnapping, Casey Wright is hired as a home-school teacher by the boy's celebrity father Sam Austin, but she soon becomes the target of the star's crazed stalker. Thriller, starring Sarah Roemer and Jon Prescott. ★★ 4.00 Friends Double bill. (R) 5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines. 5.30 Neighbours Finn struggles to subdue his anger about the Mardi Gras party, and Terese's plan to promote the Wedding Expo has unforeseen consequences. (R) 6.00 Home and Away Ryder needs to convince Colby of his innocence, but Jade has stacked things against him, and the news that his former colleague Lance has been murdered spurs Robbo into action. (R) 6.30 5 News Tonight Headlines.
	 THIS COUNTRY: An infamous Mucklowe family member returns to the village, 10.35pm	 MURDER 24/7: The Police investigate a double stabbing in Colchester's homeless community, 9pm	 LIAR: Joanne Froggatt reprises her role as Laura, who, once again, finds herself drawn into Andrew's destructive path, 9pm	 PRISON: Lexi struggles with admitting the truth to her son, 9pm	 NEIGHBOURS: Terese's plan to promote the Wedding Expo has unforeseen consequences, 5.30pm
7 pm	7.00 The One Show Presented by Alex Jones and Matt Baker. 7.30 Coronavirus: Everything You Need to Know A panel of experts and reporters around the world answer questions on the coronavirus outbreak, including latest health advice.	7.00 Coastal Path Paul Rose explores the north Cornish coast, touring Tintagel Castle and visiting St Ives. (R) 7.30 Mastermind Specialist subjects include the life and works of John Lennon and the Back to the Future trilogy.	7.00 Emmerdale April receives an unwelcome message, Tracy clashes with Cara, and Billy is offered a new job. 7.30 Coronation Street Daniel bags up Sinead's belongings, and Alya seeks the true story behind Yasmeen's tears.	7.00 Channel 4 News The latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of topical political developments and current affairs. Plus, a look at the day's leading sports stories as well as up-to-the-minute weather reports.	7.00 Premiership Rugby Highlights Action from the 12th round of fixtures, including Harlequins v Exeter Chiefs, Bath v Bristol Bears, Gloucester v Sale Sharks, and London Irish v Wasps; 5 News Update. Headlines.
8 pm	8.00 EastEnders Keegan and Tiffany have a run-in with a burglar at their flat, and Suki's lies come close to unravelling. 8.30 Spying on the Scammers – Panorama Journalist Rajini Vaidyanathan reports on criminal call centres in India.	8.00 Only Connect Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts, as the Orwellians take on the Turophiles in the quarter-final. 8.30 University Challenge Jeremy Paxman asks the questions in the sixth of the quarter-final matches.	8.00 NEW St Davids – Britain's Smallest City The busiest tourist season in the Pembrokeshire city's history. 8.30 Coronation Street Adam and Sarah prepare to tie the knot, and Yasmeen's absence sends Geoff into a panic.	8.00 Starbucks & Nespresso: The Truth About Your Coffee – Dispatches A report on children picking coffee beans used by two major brands. 8.30 Food Unwrapped Matt Tebbutt hopes to discover what makes sweets sour.	8.00 Traffic Cops On the outskirts of Chesterfield, Jim Payne responds to a call for backup from colleague PC Tom Strachan, who is surrounded by a mob following a report of dangerous driving; 5 News Update.
9 pm	9.00 The Split Secrets come out and lies unravel as Hannah deals with the fallout from her anniversary Party, while the Noble Hale Defoe team attends a prestigious awards ceremony, where Ruth is given a lifetime achievement award.	9.00 Murder 24/7 The police investigate a double stabbing in Colchester's homeless community that leaves one victim dead and the other seriously injured. Detectives search for witnesses, but people are reluctant to talk.	9.00 NEW Liar Three weeks after his disappearance, Andrew's body is found on the Kent marshes and it's declared he was murdered, leaving Laura once again drawn into his destructive path. Thriller, starring Joanne Froggatt.	9.00 Prison The concluding edition explores the emotionally charged difficulties of being a mother in prison. Featuring Lexi who is trying to figure out how to tell her young son why she is in jail as now he is getting older he has started to ask questions.	9.00 Warship: Life at Sea As Iranian forces take control of the British-flagged oil tanker Stena Impero, HMS Duncan is ordered to the Persian Gulf. After arriving, the Duncan escorts a tanker through the Strait of Hormuz
10 pm	10.00 BBC News at Ten 10.25 BBC Local News 10.35 This Country An infamous Mucklowe family member returns to the village, causing Kerry to re-evaluate her living arrangements, and Kurtan helps Len get back on his feet.	10.00 Inside No 9 Seven disparate characters share their stories with a camera, their fates inevitably and unknowingly set for a head-on collision. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather Analysis of the day's events, presented by Emily Maitlis.	10.00 ITV News at Ten 10.35 Local News; Weather 10.45 Tyson Fury: The Gypsy King The opening instalment in a three-part documentary following the boxer as he prepares for his rematch with Deontay Wilder. (R)	10.00 Baghdad Central Zubeida Rashid offers to help Khafaji find Sawsan, but when they discover her supposed whereabouts it appears that she has fled. Meanwhile, a murder in the Green Zone wrecks Parodi's investigation.	10.00 Monster Warship of WWI: The Mighty Dreadnought Charting the history of the warship from the dawn of the 20th century to the present day. This episode focuses on the history of the turbine-powered, big-gun dreadnoughts. (R)
11 pm	11.05 Young, Welsh and Pretty Minted Gonth makes a new friend who shares his passion for fast cars. 11.35 Live at the Apollo Jon Richardson introduces stand-up routines by Sara Pascoe and Nathan Caton. (R)	11.15 Hospital An 81-year-old has been left with a hole in his heart after suffering a heart attack, and faces a complex procedure that carries a high mortality rate, and a 28-year-old who suffers from a congenital heart disease. (R)	11.45 All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite All the action from the latest edition of the weekly AEW event, featuring all of the biggest stars on the roster, including Adam Page, Chris Jericho, Cody and Jon Moxley. Plus, backstage gossip.	11.00 Emergency Helicopter Medics An appearance at a charity event in Suffolk is cut short by an emergency, a worker at a wind farm suffers a cardiac arrest, and Stephen breaks his thigh while off-road motorbiking in the Pennines. (R)	11.05 FILM Run All Night (2015/15) A disillusioned hitman turns against the crime family he works for to protect his estranged son from assassination. Action thriller, starring Liam Neeson, Ed Harris and Joel Kinnaman. ★★
12 midnight	12.20am A Question of Sport With England striker Ellen White, Great Britain 400m runner Perri Shakes-Drayton, former Everton midfielder Leon Osman and Grand National-winning jockey Mick Fitzgerald. (R) 12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead 12.55-6.00am BBC News. The day's headlines	12.15am Sign Zone: The Farmers' Country Showdown First-time farmers Paige and Kingsley show their sheep at the Isle of Wight show. (R) 1.00 Countryfile. The team visits the annual snowdrop festival in Shaftesbury, Dorset. (R) 2.00 Secrets of the Museum (R) 3.00-6.30am This Is BBC Two	12.35am Teleshopping 3.00 James Martin's French Adventure. The chef visits the port of Marseille, where the fishermen are selling fresh seafood from their boats, and buys sea bass for an outdoor cook on the waterside. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05-6.00am Judge Rinder. Real-life cases. (R)	12.00m't Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Trobiano's in Great Neck, New York. (R) 12.55 Hunted (R) 1.50 The Supertvet. A Bengal cat with a broken back. (R) 2.45 Liberty (R) 3.55 Come Dine with Me (R) 4.50 Location, Location, Location (R) 5.50-6.30am Countdown (R)	1.15am The 21.co.uk Live Casino Show 3.15 The Hotel Inspector: Checking In, Checking Out (R) 4.00 Tattoo Distasters UK (R) 4.45 House Doctor (R) 5.10 Nick's Quest. Nick Baker swims with a great white shark off South Africa's Western Cape. (R) 5.35-6.00am Wildlife SOS (R)

(R) REPEAT

Dave

- 6.00 **Teleshopping** Buying goods.
 7.10 **Cops UK: Bodycam Squad**
 8.00 **American Pickers**
 9.00 **Storage Hunters UK**
 10.00 **American Pickers**
 12.00 **Cop Car Workshop**
 1.00 **Top Gear** With Hugh Grant.
 2.00 **Border Force: America's Gatekeepers** Documentary.
 3.00 **Sin City Motors** Motoring.
 4.00 **Top Gear USA Special**
 5.00 **Top Gear** With Simon Pegg.
 6.00 **Taskmaster** Gameshow.
 7.00 **Room 101** Double bill.
 8.20 **Have I Got A Bit More Old News For You** Quiz show.
 9.20 **QI** Comedy panel game.
 10.00 **The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan**
 11.00 **Meet The Richardsons**
 11.40 **Mock The Week** Quiz show.
 12.20 **Taskmaster 1.20** Jon Richardson: Ultimate Warrior
 2.25 As 10pm 3.15 Zapped 4.00-6.00 Home Shopping

Drama

- 6.00 **Teleshopping** Buying goods.
 7.10 **Soldier, Soldier** Drama.
 9.00 **The Bill** Police drama.
 10.00 **Classic Holby City** Drama.
 11.00 **Classic Casualty** Drama.
 12.00 **The Bill** Police drama.
 1.00 **Classic EastEnders** Soap.
 2.20 **London's Burning** Drama.
 3.20 **Monarch Of The Glen**
 4.20 **Bergerac** Detective drama.
 5.20 **Bread** Carla Lane's comedy.
 6.00 **Hi-de-Hi!** Classic comedy.
 6.40 **As Time Goes By** Sitcom.
 7.20 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
 8.00 **Dalziel & Pascoe** The detective duo hunt for a child killer.
 10.00 **New Tricks** The team reopens a 17-year-old murder case.
 11.15 **Waking The Dead** DS Boyd investigates whether a woman who confessed to the murder of her husband could be innocent.
 1.40 **The Bill** 2.40 London's Burning. Drama with the Blue Watch team. 4.00-6.00 Shopping

Gold

- 6.00 **Teleshopping** Buying goods.
 7.25 **You Rang, M'Lord?** Sitcom.
 8.20 **The Good Life** Comedy.
 9.00 **Porridge** Prison comedy.
 9.40 **Hi-de-Hi!** Classic comedy.
 10.20 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
 12.20 **Keeping Up Appearances**
 1.00 **Porridge** Prison comedy.
 1.40 **Hi-de-Hi!** Classic comedy.
 2.20 **The Good Life** Sitcom.
 3.00 **Keeping Up Appearances**
 3.35 **Dad's Army** War comedy.
 4.20 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
 6.20 **The Good Life** Sitcom.
 7.00 **Porridge** Fletcher yearns for a bit of peace and quiet.
 7.40 **Dad's Army** Triple bill.
 9.40 **Live At The Apollo** Stand-up.
 10.40 **Peep Show** Double bill.
 11.40 **Upstart Crow** Sitcom.
 12.20 **Black Books** 12.55 **Black Books** 1.30 **Black Books** 2.00 **Peep Show** 2.25 **Live At The Apollo** 3.15 **Harry Hill's TV Burp** 4.00-6.00 Home Shopping

Yesterday

- 6.00 **Ronnie Kray And The Pervert Peer** Documentary.
 7.10 **Impossible Railways**
 8.00 **Forbidden History**
 9.00 **Hunting Down The Nazis**
 10.00 **The Making Of A Nazi**
 11.00 **Underground Worlds**
 12.00 **Impossible Railways**
 1.00 **Secrets Of Althorp**
 2.00 **Walking Through History**
 3.00 **Underground Worlds**
 4.00 **Impossible Railways**
 5.00 **Secret Nazi Bases**
 6.00 **Nazi Victory: Post-War Plan**
 7.00 **Underground Worlds**
 8.00 **Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys** From Cuba.
 9.00 **Bangers And Cash**
 10.00 **Trains That Changed The World** America's rail network.
 11.00 **The Two Ronnies** Double bill.
 12.40 **Nazi Victory: The Post-War Plan** 1.40 **Ronnie Kray And The Pervert Peer** 2.35 **Natural Curiosities** 3.00-6.00 Shopping



LIAR:
ITV, 9pm

HotTV CHOICE

with Mike Ward



Katherine Kelly joins ITV drama **LIAR** tonight (9pm) as it kicks off its second run.

She's playing a copper, brought in to investigate the murder of multiple rapist Andrew Pondscum (Ioan Gruffudd).

Joanne Froggatt's Laura, who fell victim to this man in series one, has been desperately trying to move on with her life, but the discovery of Andrew's body (he's had his throat slashed) and the subsequent need for the cops to find who finished him off, means that's not going to be an option for now. "He's dead and he's still

playing games with me," Laura cries, insisting she's not his killer. Also back is **JIMMY**

McGOVERN'S MOVING ON, BBC One's fine daytime drama (2.15pm), with five fresh standalone stories going out between now and Friday. Today's stars Tom McKay as Joe, a cabbie who's just out of jail – the victim of a gross injustice – and who strikes up a promising friendship with single mum Lisa (Angel Coulby).

They've met down the local swimming pool and hit it off almost at once, but for how long

can Joe hide his past from her, bearing in mind his ankle tag and strict 7pm curfew?

Finally, have you ever wondered how pre-packed, ready-shelled walnuts stay in one piece, bearing in mind that if ever you crack a walnut open yourself, the nut comes out in 458 separate bits?

Don't lie, course you have. But Helen Lawal from **FOOD UNWRAPPED** (8.30pm, Channel 4) doesn't want you losing sleep over this a moment longer, so she's off to California to solve the mystery.

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Andy Lea's telly movies

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ALICE CREED

★★★★ (2010) Horror Channel, 10.50pm
 Brilliant acting and a very twisty plot power this taut, low budget British thriller. Gemma Arterton is Alice Creed, a resourceful rich girl kidnapped and held for ransom by two men (Eddie Marsan and Martin Compston). As the plot thickens, we're never sure who is manipulating whom.

JOURNEYMAN ★★★ (2017) Film4, 11.35pm Actor Paddy Considine's second film as a writer-director doesn't land the punches you expect from a boxing movie. Considine puts his heart and soul into the role of Matty, a middleweight champion who suffers a unexplained brain injury in his final fight. Also starring Jodie Whittaker, Paul Popplewell, Tony Pitts and Anthony Welsh.

★★★★★ Don't miss it ★★★★★ Good
 ★★★ Average ★★ Time filler ★ Garbage

VARIATIONS

BBC One Variations Wales: 7.30-8.00 X-Ray: Lucy Owen visits Monmouth to find out how to make homes more flood resilient. **8.30** Flooded Out Of My Home: The aftermath of the worst flooding to hit Wales in 40 years. **9.00-10.00** Hidden: Karl Lewis admits the accusations he brought against Ellis were false. **10.35** The Split: Hannah deals with the fallout from her anniversary party. **11.35** Spying On The Scammers – Panorama: A report on fraudsters operating call centre scams in India. **12.05** This Country: An infamous Mucklowe family member returns to the village. **12.35** Live At The Apollo: With Jon Richardson, Sara Pascoe and Nathan Caton. **1.20-6.00** BBC News **Scotland: 7.30-8.00** Arctic Academy: Cameras follow a group of young Scots on the school trip of a lifetime. **Northern Ireland: 8.30-9.00** The Chronicles Of Erne: Amy Burns from RSPB NI travels to island reserves. **10.35** There's No Place Like Tyrone: New series. Neil agrees to let his sister Ruth direct the music video. **11.05** Spying On The Scammers – Panorama: A report on fraudsters operating call centre scams in India. **11.35** BBC Arts NI Presents – Borders: Ryan Vail and Elma Orkstra join forces for the multi-media project Borders. **12.05** This Country **12.35** Young, Welsh And Pretty Minted **1.10** Live At The Apollo **1.55-6.00** BBC News **BBC Two Variations Wales: 11.15** New Voices From Wales: New series. The world of MMA fighter Oban Elliott. **11.30** Rugby Union: PRO14 Highlights **12.30-1.00** Coast **Northern Ireland: 10.00-10.30** Beidh Aonach Amaraich: A visit to Ould Lammas Fair in Ballycastle. **11.15-12.15** Rugby Union PRO14 Highlights: The latest fixtures. **ITV Variations ITV Border Scotland: 8.00-8.30** Border Life **STV: 10.40** Scotland Tonight **11.10** Tyson Fury: Gypsy King **12.05** Broadchurch **1.00-5.05** ITV Nightscreen **UTV: 10.45-11.45** View From Stormont **ITV Wales: 8.00-8.30** Wales This Week **10.45** Sharp End **11.15** St Davids – Britain's Smallest City **11.45-12.35** Tyson Fury: Gypsy King **S4C 6.00** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Ysgol Ddawns Anti Karen **12.30** Heno **1.30** Nyrhys **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Ysgol Ni: Maesincla **4.00** Awr Fawr: Timpo **4.10** Awr Fawr: Nos Da Cyw **4.15** Awr Fawr: Do Re Mi Dona **4.30** Awr Fawr: Digbi Draig **4.45** Awr Fawr: Cacamwnci **5.00** Stwnsh: Pat A Stan **5.05** Stwnsh: Mwy O Stwnsh Sadwrn **5.25** Stwnsh: Sgorio **5.50** Stwnsh: Ffeil **6.00** Cerys Matthews A'r Goeden Faled **6.30** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Dan Do **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Ffermio **9.30** Ein Byd: Cocen **10.00-11.45** Clwb Rygbi

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MOVIES

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SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.00am The 2020 Top Ten Show
6.15 UFO (2018) (12) 8.00 Tell It To The Bees (2018) (15) 10.00 Hot Air (2018) (15) Drama, starring Steve Coogan.
Noon The 2020 Top Ten Show
12.15 Godzilla: King Of The Monsters (2019) (12) 2.30 Killers Anonymous (2019) (15) 4.15 American Woman (2018) (15) Drama, starring Sienna Miller.
6.15 UFO (2018) (12) Sci-fi action thriller, starring Gillian Anderson. 8.00 Godzilla: King Of The Monsters (2019) (12) Fantasy sequel, with Vera Farmiga.
10.15 Mapplethorpe (2018) (18) Premiere. Biopic of the controversial photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, which traces his rise to fame in the 1970s through to his death in the late 80s. Starring Matt Smith.
12.10am Killers Anonymous (2019) (15) Crime mystery thriller, starring Gary Oldman.
1.55 Extracurricular (2018) (18) Thriller, with Keenan Tracey.
3.35 Tell It To The Bees (2018) (15) Drama, with Holliday Grainger.
5.30 The Hurricane Heist: The Eye Of The Storm

SKY CINEMA COMEDY

7.05am We're The Millers (2013) (15) 9.00 Last Vegas (2013) (12) 10.50 All About Steve (2009) (12) 12.35pm Little Monsters (2019) (15) 2.15 We're The Millers (2013) (15) With Jason Sudeikis.
4.10 Last Vegas (2013) (12) Starring Michael Douglas.
6.00 Trading Places (1983) (15) Starring Dan Aykroyd.
8.00 Identity Thief (2013) (15) An executive goes in search of the con-woman living off his credit cards, planning to bring her to justice personally. Comedy, starring Melissa McCarthy.
9.55 Little Monsters (2019) (15) With Lupita Nyong'o.
11.35 All About Steve (2009) (12) With Sandra Bullock.
1.15am Dirty Cars (2018) (18) With Guillaume Canet.
3.20 Trading Places (1983) (15) 5.20 Our Man Flint (1966) (PG) Starring James Coburn.

SKY CINEMA ACTION

6.00am Ghost Rider (2007) (12) 8.00 Gunfight At The OK Corral (1957) (PG) 10.15 The 2020 Top Ten Show 10.30 Hotel Artemis (2018) (15) 12.15pm Mortal Engines (2018) (12) 2.30 Escape Plan 3 (2019) (15) 4.15 Ghost Rider (2007) (12) Starring Nicolas Cage.

SPORT

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Live Women's ICC World T20 Cricket. Australia v New Zealand.
7.30 Good Morning Sports Fans 10.00 Football Centre 11.30 Ref Watch Noon Sky Sports News 5.00 Sky Sports News At 5 6.00 Carabao Cup Final Highlights 7.30 Live EFL - Midlands derby v Nottingham Forest (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the Championship clash from Riverside Stadium. The sides shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw in December's reverse fixture. However, Forest will be hopeful of an away win to enhance their chances of promotion this time around, given Boro are currently struggling at the other end of the table.
10.00 The Debate 11.00 Live Test Cricket. New Zealand v India. The fourth day of the second and Final Test in the two-match series from Hagley Oval.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6.00am PL Greatest Games 7.00 PL Legends: Robbie Fowler 7.30 Goals On Sunday 9.00 Premier League Highlights 10.00 Premier League Years Noon Premier League Highlights 3.30 Best PL Goals: Newcastle v Liverpool 4.00 Premier League Highlights 5.00 Soccer AM: The Best Bits 5.30 Premier League 100 Club 6.00 Premier League Highlights 7.00 Premier League Review 8.00 Gary Neville's Soccerbox 9.00 Premier League Review 10.00 The Debate 11.00 PL Best Goals 14/15 Midnight The Debate

RADIO

RADIO 1 (FM: 97.6-99.8 MHz) 6.30

The Radio 1 Breakfast Show With Greg James. **10.00 Clara Amfo. 12.45 Newsbeat. 1.00 Scott Mills. 4.00 Nick Grimshaw. 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.00 Nick Grimshaw. 7.00 Radio 1's Future Sounds With Annie Mac. 8.00 Radio 1's Power Down Playlist With Annie Mac. 9.00 Rickie, Melvin And Charlie. 11.00 Radio 1's Indie Show With Jack Saunders. 1.00 Radio 1's Drum & Bass Show With Rene LaVice. 3.00 Radio 1's Chill Mix. 3.30 Radio 1's Workout Anthems. 4.00-6.30 Early Breakfast With Adele Roberts. **RADIO 2 (FM: 88-90.2 MHz) 5.00** Vanessa Feltz. **6.30** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. **9.30** Ken Bruce. **12.00** Jeremy Vine. **2.00** Steve Wright In The**

6.15 Hotel Artemis (2018) (15) Starring Jodie Foster. **8.00 Mortal Engines (2018) (12)** Fantasy adventure, starring Hera Hilmar. **10.15 Escape Plan 3 (2019) (15)** Starring Sylvester Stallone. **Midnight Red Heat (1988) (18)** Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **2.00 The Last Warrior (2018) (18)** Starring Aleksey Fedeev. **3.50 Gunfight At The OK Corral (1957) (PG)** With Burt Lancaster.



MAPPLETHORPE: Sky Cinema Premiere, 10.15pm

SKY CINEMA KIDS BOOKS

6.00am Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs (2009) (U) 7.35 Matilda (1996) (PG) 9.15 Goosebumps 2 (2018) (PG) 10.50 Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone (2001) (PG) 1.25pm The Little Vampire (2017) (U) 3.05 Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas (2003) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Brad Pitt. **4.40 Matilda (1996) (PG) Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson. **6.25 Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs (2009) (U)** Animated comedy, with the voice of Bill Hader. **8.00 Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone (2001) (PG)** An orphaned boy with magical powers enrolls at a special school for young wizards. First in the fantasy adventure series, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **10.40 Goosebumps 2 (2018) (PG)** Comedy**

sequel, with Madison Iseman. **12.20am The Little Vampire (2017) (U)** Animated adventure, with the voice of Rasmus Hardiker. **2.05 Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas (2003) (U) 3.50 Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief (2010) (PG)** Fantasy, starring Logan Lerman.

SKY CINEMA GREATS

6.00am Awakenings (1990) (12) Fact-based medical drama, with Robin Williams and Robert De Niro. **8.10 Poltergeist (1982) (15)** Horror, starring JoBeth Williams. **10.10 Men In Black (1997) (PG) Noon The Guns Of Navarone (1961) (PG)** Second World War adventure, starring Gregory Peck. **2.45 Almost Famous (2000) (15)** Comedy drama, starring Patrick Fugit. **5.30 About A Boy (2002) (12)** Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette. **7.15 Men In Black (1997) (PG)** Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **9.00 The Wolf Of Wall Street (2013) (18)** A New York stockbroker lives a life of debauchery as he gets rich through illegal trading. Martin Scorsese's fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Jonah Hill. **Midnight Basic Instinct (1992) (18)** Thriller, with Sharon Stone. **2.15 Miller's Crossing (1990) (15)** Prohibition-era gangster thriller, with Gabriel Byrne. **4.15 Shenandoah (1965) (PG)** American Civil War Western, starring James Stewart.

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11.00am In Harm's Way (1965) (PG) Second World War drama, starring John Wayne and Kirk Douglas. **2.25pm Millions Like Us (1943) (U)** Second World War drama, starring Patricia Roc. **4.35 Malta Story (1953) (U)** Second World War drama, starring Alec Guinness. **6.45 Bend It Like Beckham (2002) (12)** Comedy, starring Parminder Nagra and Keira Knightley. **9.00 Die Hard 4.0 (2007) (15)** Tough cop John McClane goes on the trail of a criminal mastermind plotting a technological terror attack on America. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis and Timothy Olyphant. **11.35 Journeyman (2017) (15)** Boxing drama, starring Paddy Considine. **1.25am Queen And The Conqueror (2014) (15)** Drama, with Callum Turner.

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

1.00 Premier League Years. The 2012/13 season. 3.00 PL Greatest Games 4.00 PL Best Goals 15/16 5.00 Best PL Goals: Tottenham V Chelsea 5.30 PL 100 Club: England's Finest

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am Live Women's ICC World T20 Cricket. Australia v New Zealand.
7.30 Women's World T20 Classics 8.00 Test Cricket 9.00 Women's World T20 Classics 10.00 Test Cricket 11.00 Women's World T20 Classics 12.30pm Test Cricket 1.30 Women's ICC World T20 Cricket 9.30 Test Cricket 10.25 Live Test Cricket. New Zealand v India.

SKY SPORTS ACTION

6.00am Boxing Gold 7.00 Sporting Records 8.00 NFL: A Football Live 9.00 NFL: America's Game 10.00 Sporting Records 11.00 NFL: America's Game Noon NFL: A Football Live 1.00 Sporting Records 2.00 Darts Gold 2.30 Boxing Gold 3.30 Darts Gold 4.30 Betfred Super League Highlights 5.00 Sporting Records 5.30 Darts Gold 6.00 NBC's Pro-Football Talk 8.00 Fight Night 12.30am Boxing Gold 1.30 Super League Gold 2.00 NFL - Greatest Games 3.30 Darts Gold 4.00 Sporting Records 5.00 Sporting Greats

BT SPORT 1

6.00am UEFA Champions League Highlights 7.00 WWE SmackDown Highlights 8.00 WWE NXT UK 9.00 Premier League Review 10.00 Premier

League 11.30 FA Women's Super League Continental Cup 1.00pm UEFA Champions League Magazine 1.30 Premier League Review 2.30 Premier League World 3.00 Ligue 1 Highlights 4.00 WWE Raw 6.00 Early Kick-Off 6.15 Coppa Italia 6.45 The Emirates FA Cup Preview 7.15 Live Emirates FA Cup. Portsmouth v Arsenal (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00 BT Sport Score Best Bits 10.30 BT Sport Goals Reload 11.00 WWE Raw Highlights Midnight WWE SmackDown Highlights 1.00 Live: WWE Monday Night Raw. Watch Becky Lynch, Kevin Owens, Charlotte Flair, Seth Rollins and more of your favourite WWE Superstars face-off inside the ring on WWE Monday Night Raw. 4.15 Early Kick-Off 4.30 Classic MOTO - Thrillers: triple bill**

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am Cycling: Het Nieuwsblad 7.30 Cycling: Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne. Highlights. 9.00 Cycling: Track World Championships 10.30 Luge 11.00 Alpine Skiing 1.00pm Ski Jumping 2.00 Biathlon 3.00 Alpine Skiing 5.00 Snowboarding 6.00 Snooker: World Championship 8.00 Snooker: Tour Of Taiwan 9.00 Cycling: Het Nieuwsblad 10.00 Cycling: Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne 11.30 Cycling: Tour Of Taiwan 12.30am Cycling: Track World Championships 2.00 Cycling: Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne 3.10 Cycling: Tour Of Taiwan 4.10 Live Cycling: Tour Of Taiwan. Stage three from Hsinchu to Taichung City. **5.30 Cycling: Track World Championships**

Afternoon. Music and chat, including Factoids, Non-Stop Oldies and the latest entertainment news. **5.00** Sara Cox. The presenter brings her unique style and humour to drivetime. **7.00** Jo Whitley. A mix of new music and classic album tracks, with guests dropping in to the studio to chat. **9.00** The Blues Show With Cerys Matthews. New and classic blues tracks. **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation. The DJ introduces a mix of soulful tunes. **12.00** OJ Borg. **3.00-5.00** Sounds Of The 70s With Johnnie Walker. **RADIO 5 LIVE (MW: 909, 693 KHz) 5.00** Morning Reports. **5.15** Wake Up To Money. **6.00** 5 Live Breakfast. **9.00** Your Call. **10.00** The Emma Barnett Show. **1.00** Nihal

Arthanayake. **4.00** 5 Live Drive. **7.00** 5 Live Sport. Mark Chapman presents coverage of the FA Cup 5th round as Portsmouth welcome Arsenal. **7.45** 5 Live Sport: FA Cup Football 2019-20. Portsmouth v Arsenal (Kick-off 7.45pm). Commentary on the fifth-round from Frattton Park. **10.30** Geoff Lloyd. Geoff sits in for Sarah, presenting the big stories of the day, plus the latest news and sport and a look ahead to what is expected to be making the headlines tomorrow. **1.00-5.00** Up All Night. **ABSOLUTE RADIO (MW: 1215, 1197, 1242 KHz) 6.00** Bush And Richie. **10.00** Leona Graham. **1.00** Sarah Champion. **4.00** Ben Burrell. **7.00** Danielle Perry. **10.00** Jay Lawrence. **1.00-6.00** Chris Martin.

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☐ Sorry to hear about the Supervet Noel Fitzpatrick nearly breaking his neck in an accident. Hope you don't have any unforeseen complications. Always watch your programme when it's on & it wouldn't be the same without you! Get well soon, mate.

Anon Essex

☐ Take it easy Corrie fans. No chicken was actually harmed in Friday's episode. **Leo F**

☐ please corrie bring back humour we had thug phelan and garry now Ray and I would throw that chicken dinner in Geoff's ugly face and who the hell thought bringing four babies into gemma's life was a good idea? ffs enough misery now. **nanny val**

☐ why have we got heartless script writers on tv soaps we all know someone whose had cancer do they think this is entertainment or just run out of ideas?

tex the texter

☐ Tried to watch that ant and dec takeaway, couldn't hear much over all the screaming, should be changed to ant and dec screamaway. **Anon**

☐ I hope the BBC brings back the goes wrong show on Friday nights, now that was funny. **The Derbyshire Man**

☐ Live at the Apollo, Michael McIntyre, The Dog Ate My Homework - there's no comedy in this country it's all crap. **Snakebite**

☐ Can't get used to watching Wheeler Dealers without Edd China - it's just not the same. **T Bone**

☐ Parents if you've told your children that you were going to take them to a pantomime and you can't manage to get a ticket because they're sold out, don't despair. Sit them in front of the TV to watch wwe smackdown... **bob**

Kids bunking off school to see Greta is just not on



☐ Any chance of a pic of sexy Chloe Meadows off Towie? What a fabulous figure she has. **Cosmo, Bury**

☐ Take kids out of school in term time and get a fine. Let them go to hear Greta Thunberg and that's fine? **andyork**

☐ I trust all the parents that pulled their kids out of school to go and listen to that Greta whate-her-face in Bristol will be duly fined accordingly. **Floyd**

☐ Everyone at the climate change gathering who drove to see greta complain about climate change - can any one else say hypocrite? **Anon**

☐ Greta thunberg has more guts than johnson and trump - she's trying to save the planet while johnson and trump are trying to destroy it. **kerry**

☐ The governments advice to catch yr germs in a tissue and bin it and wash your hands to stop the spread of coronavirus is good advice. But judging by todays trip

to the supermarket people are not taking this advice and putting it in to practice. i saw people of all ages coughing and sneezing all over without a tissue in sight. **Rob, suffolk**

☐ If councils stopped granting building on flood plains a lot of houses would be OK now. **Stockton jeff**

☐ With all this flooding going on I think it's time we copied our Amazonian brothers and built our houses on stilts and bought canoes instead of cars. **KenfromSkem**

☐ Its amazing when patel gets accused of bullying right on cue johnsons partner expecting a baby takes the limelight away from the bullying story its what tories are good at - misdirection. **bt**

☐ Now they say people under 25 shouldn't be in prison - give

them community service with a minimum of one hundred hours get them to fix pot holes. **Kerry**

☐ Sorry if this is too late but may i wish a happy birthday to everyone born on the 29th february no matter which leap year? **ANON ESSEX. You just did! - Ed**

☐ I've so far waited over half an hour to get through to British gas, if they hired more people to answer the phone and instead of putting you on hold wouldn't cost of so much? Sick of all these companies not answering the phone straight away. **Pete, west midlands**

☐ Canadians not stupid won't pay up for security of whinger harry and family. by all accounts this pair are expected to make millions so surely them plus the queen don't expect us commoners here to foot the bill. we've plenty of homeless on our streets in more need of our charity. **irish**

☐ my dad big big dave osborne asked me 2 text in that in his opinion he thinks the late great muhammad ali would beat all the current crop of boxers. he should know cos when he was boxing he was known as stone wall left. can u print this and make our day? thank u. **big big dave osborne, big dave, prince the dog, glenda and family, enfield**

☐ Why do u blokes keep ur hoods up in cafes? Is there a hole in the roof? U look ridiculous. **Melanie**

☐ Welsh minimum alcohol pricing? Thanks to health "NAZIS" we'll all have a drink problem. We can't afford one! **Steve, Rhyl**

☐ I think Gemma Collins has to give up heading footballs. **Telboys Tackle**

☐ Dirt Box, please stop complaining about Tony at Worksop because he struggling at the moment. He has had two weeks of work with a broken flask. **Bricky Dave**

☐ Re bilko, joe pasquale is as funny f*** live! Did you even see him as frank spencer? It only started on the 26th of february! **Mr Tea**

☐ Re: anon Essex asking what year would it be if Christ hadn't been born. God knows - I don't! **Scuba, Teesside**

☐ I detest waking up hungover with no eyebrows and a penis drawn on my head with lipstick. Especially when I've been drinking on my own. **Leo, Leeds**

JOKE OF THE DAY

My wife was looking for a job in the local paper. She said: "I can't find one that suits me." I said: "Why don't you lose some weight then you can apply to be a sumo wrestler?" **Will.I.Amknott, Ayr**

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Roxie in a deep sleep in Rhyl, north Wales. **Mark**

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**My man
is now
so vain**

I'M losing respect for my partner who has become something of a peacock.

Since losing weight and getting a better paid job, he's become vain and particular. He's buying expensive clothes and fussing about his hair.

He now visits our local beauty parlour more than I do.

I'm all for people making the best of themselves, but in many ways he is now a fashion victim and our friends laugh at some of the more out-there outfits he's invested in.

At times I've been embarrassed to be seen out with him. What's going on?

JANE SAYS: It sounds as if your man is having fun with new looks. He's thrilled with his new shape and is splashing out.

Hopefully, he'll soon develop his personal style and settle down.

If he's trying too hard, then gently suggest he tones it down because you'd hate him to be a figure of fun.

However, if you find he's become self-obsessed, then do you need to talk about how his behaviour is affecting you?

Is he actually attempting to impress someone else?

Lover's renewing vows with wife!

**HOW CAN
I TRUST
HIM NOW?**

NEXT month my lover is renewing his marriage vows to his wife, which is weird when he's supposed to be leaving her for me.

I've heard through a friend that the wife is organising a massive ceremony because they originally married at 18 with only their parents in attendance.

She was six months pregnant and her mother was so ashamed that she refused to allow the family to attend.

In fact, my lover ended up doing a night shift at his mate's warehouse in order to pay back his dad for the marriage licence.

Today, however, things are very different. My lover is a wealthy man and his wife is full of airs and graces.

He and I got together in 2016 when I tempted at his firm.

He has always said that his marriage is a sham; they were forced into it by his mother-in-law and it's me he really loves.

We go out for meals, watch TV and make love like any normal couple. The plan is that he will leave his wife in 2022 when his youngest turns 21.

But now this marriage renewal has popped up and I don't know where it leaves me.

He claims it's nothing more than a formality to give her the wedding she never had and keep



Picture posed by models

TIRED OF WAITING: He says he'll leave his wife but in the meantime he's renewing his vows

her quiet. I have to be patient and allow him to do everything in the right order.

He's got it all worked out and this is part of a long-term plan. Is it? It all sounds very cut and dried to me. It also worries me that I only found out about the event from my mate.

He swears he wasn't planning to tell me anything in order to "spare my feelings" and "not worry me". Do you buy that?

JANE SAYS: There's no getting away from the fact that a lot of people do a lot of strange things, but renewing wedding vows to the woman

you're just about to leave sounds distinctly odd.

Can you really trust and respect someone who is about to stand up in front of family and friends and declare his undying love while you're waiting in the wings?

Doesn't that smack of insincerity and cruelty?

He may argue that he's plotting a cunning, long-term plan, but you wouldn't even know about this ceremony if it weren't for your friend.

With that in mind, what other lies and deceptions might he be capable of?

I worry that you're throwing

your life away on someone who can't be relied upon or trusted. What if you get to 2022 and he decides to move the goalposts?

What if a family member gets ill, or a wedding or grandchild pops up?

Let's not also forget that once his renewal service has taken place, then he will have chosen to marry his wife twice over.

Doesn't that say something? Never forget that your lover is married with a family and responsibilities.

Don't allow him, or anyone else, to use you.

**He just
uses me
for sex**

MY colleague and I have had sex a dozen times, but he's still not asked me out on a proper date.

We "get off" with each other after leaveings parties and office celebrations. We gravitate towards each other at about 10pm after a bucket-load of booze.

He tells me I look nice, we flirt, snog and then he comes back here for the full monty – but leaves around 5am.

I'm not in a relationship and neither is he. More than once I've said: "Are you going to take me for a meal or what?" But he's never given me a straight answer.

JANE SAYS: You need to accept that this guy is simply not interested in taking things any further.

He's not an awkward teenager. He's had numerous opportunities to woo you, yet he hasn't treated you to so much as a cheeky chicken supper. On the occasions you've (clumsily) asked him out he's pretended not to hear you.

Do yourself a favour and give the next office party a miss. Go home early and concentrate on finding someone who is worthy of you instead. It's time for a change.



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Sis won't let me have a life

MY elder sister won't allow me to have a life of my own. We live together but any time I have a date or plan to see a mate, she has one of her funny turns.

She complains she's ill, but if I push it, she flies into a terrible temper calling me selfish and ungrateful. Am I?

JANE SAYS: You have to be able to live your life. Your sister may do a lot for you, but she doesn't own you. Unless you start standing up for yourself you'll never enjoy a romantic relationship, friendship or freedom.

Tell your sister that you love her and are grateful but will not be kept in cage.

Encourage her to branch out too.

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I THOUGHT SHE DIDN'T WANT ME!

DAY 1

1 ELLIE AND SCOTT ARE ROWING



2



3



4 SCOTT STARTS TO GET DRESSED



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March 21 to April 20

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GEMINI

May 22 to June 21

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LEO

July 24 to August 23

A REFUND, loan or legal settlement will help solve a cash problem. Use this money to pay off bills that have been worrying you. Once you have cleared these debts, you will sleep easier at night. Think about making a few long-term investments.

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TAURUS

April 21 to May 21

YOUR ideas have merit and will gain popular support. A public relations project will offer you a chance to promote a cause that is close to your heart. Don't be surprised if you are asked to organise a fundraiser.

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CANCER

June 22 to July 23

THE chance to travel, teach or study abroad will fall into your lap. Taking up this offer will be good for you. Being more open to new experiences will pave the way for a glamorous adventure. Don't let fear of the unknown stop you from taking a risk.

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VIRGO

August 24 to September 23

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LIBRA

September 24 to October 23

PRaise from your boss makes you feel valuable. People respect your contributions and this inspires you to share your creative ideas. You've always preferred working in a group to going solo. Your social skills are strong.

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SAGITTARIUS

November 23 to December 21

READING old diaries and going through old photographs will bring back memories. Discussing old times with a friend who has known you for years will remind you of how far you've come. Don't stay too long in the past. The power is in the present.

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January 21 to February 19

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October 24 to November 22

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CAPRICORN

December 22 to January 20

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PISCES

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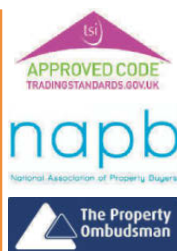
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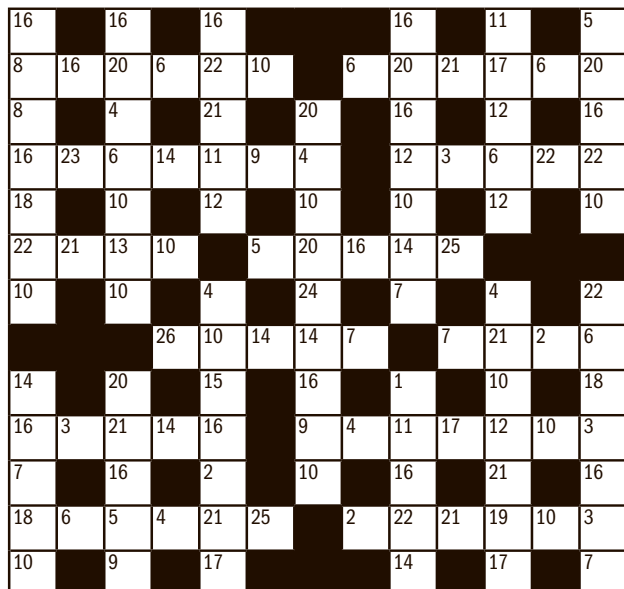
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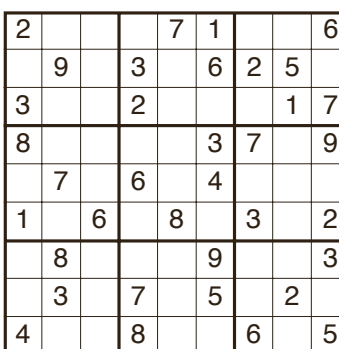
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▶						Sewing tool	▶					
Mesh		Coronet		Colour		Destroy		Late meal		Spouted vessel		Crops up
▶		▼	<i>The Lady and the ...</i> , Disney film	▼	_ Stone, historical artefact	▶	▼	▼				▼
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1	7	8	3	5	4	9	2	6
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TWO-WAY TEASER

TWO sets of clues but the answers are the same...

**CRYPTIC CLUES
ACROSS**

ACROSS

- 1 Poor little gee-gee trapped
in the wild barley! (8)
5 Father of twins? (4)
8 The players drink a lot! (4)
9 They've certainly tasted
blood! (8)
10 Maybe need to get out of
the lab in order to be fit
to do things (7)
12 Pale as the fellow at the
Nag's Head (5)
13 Misuse a gun to get a bit
of gold (6)
15 Ex-swimmer asleep? (6)
17 Get over being upset (5)
18 Displeased at having done
any wrong (7)
22 Causing no distress, will
not hurt so much! (8)
23 Ring Henry for nothing (4)
24 Run a little line (4)
25 Falsely accused of being
mad about Nigel, maybe (8)

DOWN

- 1 In the middle, possibly bent out a little (7)
- 2 Geographical name, bit of a tough anagram (5)
- 3 A show to see again, we hear (5)
- 4 Can they cause some dismay when cooked? (4)
- 6 It's evidently able to float on the wind (7)
- 7 Crime detectable by the use of sonar? (5)
- 11 Soundly leads a soccer team (5)
- 12 Strange one found in a twisting lane (5)
- 14 Nice things, that is, among the items stocked (7)
- 16 Californian giant still growing! (7)

**QUICK CLUES
ACROSS**

- 1 Very poor (8)
5 Daddy (4)
8 Side (4)
9 Bloodsuckers (8)
10 Empowered (7)
12 Pale (5)
13 Lump of gold (6)
15 Cured fish (6)
17 Traverse (5)
18 Vexed (7)

SATURDAY'S PUB QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. C: Tennyns Sandgren; 2. A: Body posture; 3. A: Emma; 4. C: The Singing Nun; 5. A: Maggie Baird; 6. C: 0; 7. C: Queen Kong; 8. B: Dark brown; 9. B: Spanish slug; 10. A: 12%; 11. B: Marie Curie; 12. B: Ship; 13. A: Darren Diggs; 14. B: Mansion House; 15. C: Robin's Reign; 16. Trick question!!!! John Travolta played Vinnie Barbarino in the US television sitcom Welcome Back, Kotter; 17. B: More. Again. Forever.; 18. C: John Welshy; 19. A: Internazionale; 20. A: Lancaster.

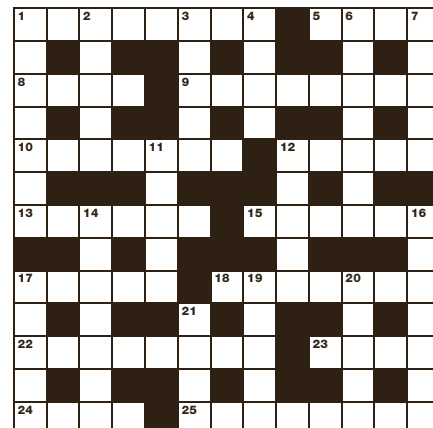
- 17 Managed to get a compact disc
containing a bit of opera! (5)
19 Has a nosy person such
an accent? (5)
20 More than twelve months
long (5)
21 Interminable period? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Shared by (7)
2 African country (5)
3 An entertainment (5)
4 Edible tubers (4)
6 Dirigible (7)
7 Felonious burning (5)
11 West Yorkshire city (5)
12 Foreigner (5)
14 Treats (7)
16 Giant tree (7)
17 Dealt with things (5)
19 Of the nose (5)
20 To pine (5)
21 Period (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Cross out, 5 Chow, 8 Wife, 9 Stranger, 10 Laments, 12 Crane, 13 Patter, 15 Father, 17 Amble, 18 Scrooge, 22 Overture, 23 Menu, 24 Tour, 25 Hardback.
DOWN: 1 Cowslip, 2 Oxfam, 3 Onset, 4 Turn, 6 Hogwash, 7 Worse, 11 Niece, 12 Chair, 14 Tableau, 16 Roebuck, 17 Aloft, 19 Cheer, 20 Omega, 21 Bush.

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Amor Fati	5.15	Cheeky Rascal
Bugler Bob	5.45	Slowmo
Sky Defender (nap)	6.15	Cosmeopolitan (nb)
Unforgiving Minute	6.45	Unforgiving Minute (nap)
Dear Power	7.15	My Sister Jo
Egotistic	7.45	Bowling Russian

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4.45 BETWAY CASINO HANDICAP (DIV 1)

Class 6 1m 1f 104yds (10 runners) £2,782

1 (5) 024 CREATIVE TALENT (19)(CD,A,G) A Carroll 8 9.8.....T Marquand 69	2 (10) 050 ALLUX BOY (10)(CD,A,G,S) P N Tinkler 9 9.7.....F McManoman 55
3 (2) 2L-0 TEMUJIN (18) M Appleby 4 9.6.....George Rooke 55	4 (6) 50-4 CAFE SYDNEY (21)(G) A Carroll 4 9.4.....D Downing 70
5 (3) 3365 THAWNY (7)(A) P A Brittain 5 9.3.....C Hardie 72	6 (4) 1545 SEAFORTH (10)(CD,A,G) A Wintle 9 9.2.....F Marsh 33
7 (8) 3264 PIKE CORNER CROSS (10)(CD,A,G,S) P Evans 8 8.13.....C Shepherd 71	8 (4) 040 PADURA BRAVE (4)(A,G) P A Usher 4 8.7.....D Probert 69
9 (1) 04-0 FINAL ATTACK (2)(CD,A,G,S) S Hollands 9 8.7.....P Sullivan 67	10 (7) 000- MOON ARTIST (6) M Blanshard 4 8.7.....D Keenan 31

LONG HANDICAP: Padura Brave 8-6, Final Attack 8-6, Moon Artist 8-6.

Star Betting: 11-4 Creative Talent, 5 Thawny, 6 Seaforth, Cafe Sydney, 7 Pike Corner Cross, 8 Temujin, 10-2 Faw (A Carroll), 2019: Creative Talent 7 9, 2 Tom Marquand 7-2 Fav (A Carroll).

STARFORM CREATIVE TALENT 20-1

(9-3) Held up towards rear, not clear run over 1f 10, ran on final 100 yards, nearest finish, 4th of 12, 3 1/2 behind Dyagliev (8-8) at Chelmsford City 1m 2f hcp 0-65 pol in Feb.

Cafe Sydney 33-1 (9-8) Held up in last pair, headway over 1f 10, kept on inside final furlong, not trouble leaders, 4th of 8, 2l behind Windsorlet (9-1) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcp (0-55) (6) in Feb.

Thawny 8-1 (8-8) Towards rear, headway over 2f 10, ridden over 1f 10, kept on, 5th of 13, 2 3/4 behind Beau Geste (8-13) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcp 0-65 (6) in Feb.

STARFORM: CREATIVE TALENT DANGER: Cafe Sydney

5.15 BETWAY CASINO HANDICAP (DIV 2)

Class 6 1m 1f 104yds (10 runners) £2,782

1 (3) -101 TRAVELLER (10)(CD,A,G,S) A Brittain 6 9.9.....C Hardie 68	2 (2) 000- AL THOORAYAH (11) D M Simcock 4 8.7.....T Marquand 54
3 (8) -42 CHEEKY RASCAL (7)(A) Tom Ward 5 8.7.....T Marquand 54	4 (1) 3002 AMOR FATI (10)(CD,A,G,S) P Evans 5 8.4.....A Kirby 69
5 (9) 4654 DECORATION OF WAR (10)(CD,A,G,S) M Appleby 5 8.4.....A Rawlinson 70	6 (4) 000- CORNER CROSS (10)(CD,A,G,S) P Evans 5 8.4.....A Kirby 69
7 (7) -405 LYRICAL BALLAD (14)(B) N Mulholland 4 8.11.....S W Kelly 70	8 (6) 000- GOLD STANDARD (13)(A) A Carroll 4 8.8.....Elisha Whittington 71
9 (5) -301 VALANDINE MIST (2)(G) A Grassick 8 8.7.....Sophie Rawlston 57	10 (4) 000- FINAL ATTACK (2)(CD,A,G,S) S Hollands 9 8.7.....P Sullivan 67

Star Betting: 2 Traveller, 11-4 Cheeky Rascal, 5 Amor Fati, 10 Decoration Of War, 14 Cormier, Al Thoorayah, 16 others.

2019: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: CHEEKY RASCAL DANGER: Amor Fati

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

HUNTINGDON	4.30: 1, TEGEREK (Jonjo O'Neill Jr 2-1 fav), 2, Blazing Saddles (4-1); 3, Bon Calvados (4-1), 101, 71, 6 ran. Jonjo O'Neill. Tote: £2.40; pl £1.80, £1.60, £1.40. Trifecta: £12.10, £11.20, £10.20. CSF: £10.27, NR: Golconda Prince.
5.00: 1, GRANNY'S SECRET (N De Boirville 9-4); 2, That's The Truth (5-4 fav); 3, Tuscany Pearl (40-1), 5l, 13l, 8 ran. B Pauling. Tote: £3.00; pl £1.10, £0.80, £1.40. Exacta: £6.10, Trifecta: £123.70, CSF: £5.91, NR: Elton Pride.	5.30: 1, MARTINHAL (T Scudamore 6-5 fav), 2, Gumbo Flyer (14-1); 3, Fortunate Fred (11-8), 3l, 6v/4, 7 ran. D Pipe. Tote: £2.20; pl £1.70, £2.20, £1.40. Exacta: £15.40, Trifecta: £123.70, CSF: £17.70, NR: Irish Sovereign.
JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £8,526.02 carried over.	QUADPOT: £11.10
PLACEPOT: £167.30	LEOPARDSTOWN
2.00: 1, LARQUEUSE (D N Russell 2-1 fav), 2, Mrs Milner (9-1); 3, Darroon Hope (2-1), 10l, 1/2, 8 ran. G Elliott. Tote: £2.80; pl £1.20, £2.50, £2.50.	4.30: 1, TEGEREK (Jonjo O'Neill Jr 2-1 fav), 2, Blazing Saddles (4-1); 3, Bon Calvados (4-1), 101, 71, 6 ran. Jonjo O'Neill. Tote: £2.40; pl £1.80, £1.60, £1.40. Trifecta: £12.10, £11.20, £10.20. CSF: £10.27, NR: Golconda Prince.

5.45 HEED YOUR HUNCH AT BETWAY HANDICAP

Class 5 6f (9 runners) £3,429

1 (6) L312 TABAHHY (7)(CD,A) D O'Neale 5 8.8.....D Nolan 83	2 (7) 3/1- TABAHHY (39)(CD,A) A Brittain 4 8.7.....C Hardie 81
3 (7) -420 BIG LACHIE (16)(CD,A,G) M Loughnane 6 8.6.....Hollie Doyle 81	4 (3) -561 JOHNNY REB (19)(A) James Ferguson 4 8.5.....D Muscutt 81
5 (1) 5-14 BUGLER BOB (14)(A) J J Quinn 4 8.5.....J Hart 80	6 (4) 3-30 DESERT LAND (27)(W) J Boyle 4 8.3.....T Marquand 80
7 (4) 3-58 CALVIN'S LAD (16)(A) B Haslam 5 8.0.....A Mullin 82	8 (0-4) MADRINHO (13)(CD,A,G) A Carroll 7 8.13.....B Curtis 74
9 (2) 45L5 ISABELLA RUBY (19)(CD,A,G) Mrs L Williams 5 8.7.....Elisha Whittington 71	

LONG HANDICAP: Isabella Ruby 7-13.
 Star Betting: 11-4 Tabahhy, 4 Big Lachie, 5 Johnny Reb, 6 Madrinho, Bugler Bob, 10 Slowmo, 12 Desert Land, 14 others.
 2019: Kups River 5 9, Luke Morris 5-1 Fav (Roger Fell), drawn (8), 9 ran.

STARFORM TABAHHY 4-1

(9-5) In rear, headway over 1f 10, every chance inside final furlong, just held close home, 2nd of 8, hd behind Matabaahy (9-1) at Wolverhampton 5f hcp 0-75 (5) in Feb.

Big Lachie 7-1 (9-4) Tracked leaders, outpaced 2f 10, lost place over 1f 10, ridden and beaten inside final furlong, 10th of 14, 71 behind Aloysius Lilius (9-6) at Newcastle 5f hcp 0-75 (5) in Feb.

Johnny Reb 10-1 (9-7) Made all, clear over 2f 10, just held on, won at Kempton 7f hcp 0-65 (6) pol in Feb beating True Belief (9-9) by hd, 10 ran.

STARFORM: SLOWMO DANGER: Bugler Bob

6.15 BETWAY HANDICAP

Class 2 1m 4f (5 runners) £11,828

1 (3) -121 SKY DEFENDER (15)(D,A,G) M Johnston 4 9.9.....J Fanning 102	2 (2) 3-34 DEAL A DOLLAR (15)(D,A,G) S Niccock 4 9.7.....J P Spencer 103
3 (5) -123 ORIGINAL CHOICE (11)(CD,A,G,S) N Littlewood 6 9.4.....N Doyle 106	4 (4) 0-5 COSMEOPOLITAN (10)(CD,A,G,S) P A King 7 9.2.....M Harley 104
5 (1) 214 KODIAK HARBOUR (24)(B,A,G) S England 5 9.11.....L Morris 105	

Star Betting: 6-4 Sky Defender, 3 Original Choice, 7-2 Deal A Dollar, 5 Cosmeopolitan, 14 Kodiac Harbour.

2019: Mootasadr 4 9, Olsin Murphy Evens Fav (H Palmer),

STARFORM SKY DEFENDER 4-1

(9-7) Prominent, led over 2f 10, ran on strongly, won at Kempton 1m 4f hcp (2) pol in Feb beating Calling The Wind (8-12) by 2l, 7 ran.

Deal A Dollar 7-1 (10-1) Held up in rear, outpaced over 2f 10, headway on outside over 1f 10, ran on into 4th closing stages, never nearer, 4th of 7, 2 3/4 behind Sky Defender (9-7) at Kempton 1m 4f hcp (2) pol in Feb.

Original Choice 6-1 (9-12) Led early, held up in touch, effort over 2f 10, led last bend, headed over 1f 10, lost 2nd towards finish, 3rd of 7, 2l behind Cosmelli (8-11) at Chelmsford City 1m 6f hcp 0-95 (3) pol in Feb.

Cosmeopolitan 33-1 (9-5) Dwelt held up, ridden and headway on outer from over 1f 10, nearest finish, 5th of 14, 2 1/4 behind All Yours (8-12) at Kempton 1m 3f hcp (2) pol in Nov.

STARFORM: SKY DEFENDER DANGER: Deal A Dollar

6.45 BOMBARDIER CLAIMING STAKES

Class 6 1m 1f (7 runners) £2,782

1 (3) 5660 SCOFFLAW (10)(CD,A,G,S) P Evans 6 9.10.....L Pearson 71	2 (7) 1-31 UNFORGIVING MINUTE (1)(CD,A,G,S) A Curran 9 9.10.....A Kirby 88
3 (4) 502- BAZOOKA (13)(D,A,G,S) T D Flood 6 9.4.....D Probert 77	4 (6) 0-0-0 SURVIVOR (137) Grace Harris 4 8.12.....J Fahy 70
5 (5) 0523 VIPIN (3)(P) W Murr 5 8.12.....T Marquand 74	6 (4) 114- LADY RESET (20)(A) B J Butler 8 8.11.....Gina Mangion 71
7 (2) 220 ROCKESBURY (14)(B) David Loughnane 5 8.8.....L Morris 80	

Star Betting: 11-8 Unforgiving Minute, 5-2 Lady Reset, 5 Scofflaw, 10 Vipin, 12 Rockesbury, 14 Bazooka, 25 Survivor.

2019: Chevalier 7 9, L Morris 5-4 Fav (A Watson), drawn (1), 6 ran.

STARFORM UNFORGIVING MINUTE 4-7fav

(10-0) Held up, headway 2f 10, soon switched right, led entering final furlong, went clear, easily, won at Lingfield 7f hcp 0-65 (6) pol in Jan beating Moon Trouble (10-0) by 4l, 7 ran.

Lady Reset 9-4fav (9-7) Raced wide close up, headway over 2f 10, unable to quicken and hung right over 1f 10, ridden and kept on same pace, 4th of 5, 7l behind Dorah (9-6) at Leicester 1m 4f 3f hcp 0-85 (4) gf in May.

Scofflaw 14-1 (9-8) Took keen hold, closed up on inside, ridden well over 1f 10, weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 11, 4 1/2l behind Cimmerwave (9-5) at Lingfield 1m 2f hcp 0-75 (5) pol in Feb.

STARFORM: UNFORGIVING MINUTE DANGER: Lady Reset

7.15 LADBROKES FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES

Class 5 6f (11 runners) £3,429

1 (3) L-4 WILDMOUNTAINTWHY (46) Mrs Stella Barclay 4 9.11.....C Hardie 25	2 (9) 10- DEAR POWER (17)(D,A) R Varian 3 9.4.....S De Sousa 77
3 (7) 4 BURSEA LADY (15) R Burke 3 8.11.....M Stainton 42	4 (4) 5-4 COCK A HOOP (45) B Haslam 3 8.11.....J P Spencer 62
5 (1) L KYLLA LOOKS (44) Mike Murphy 3 8.11.....S W Kelly 25	6 (1) LITTLE RED SOCKS (K Burke 3 8.11.....B Curtis 1
7 (5) 3 LOVERS CRY (31) R Fahey 3 8.11.....P J McDonald 68	8 (2) LUCKY FACE (31) Butler 3 8.11.....D Keenan 29
9 (6) 65- MACHO TOUCH (29)(K) Burke 3 8.11.....C Lee 71	10 (11) MIDNITE BRIDE (K Ryan 3 8.11.....T Evans 1
11 (10) 5 MY SISTER JO (25) R Fahey 3 8.11.....S P Davis 31	

Star Betting: 5-4 Dear Power, 3 Macho Touch, 7 Lovers Cry, 8 Little Red Socks, 10 Midnight Bride, 14 My Sister Jo, 20 others.

STARFORM MACHO TOUCH 50-1

(8-12) Towards rear, ridden and headway over 1f 10, kept on, not able to get on terms, 5th of 18, 7l behind Good Vibes (8-12) at York 5f 2yo fil Listed stakes (1) gf in May.

Dear Power 17-2 (9-0) Keen towards rear, pushed along over 2f 10, never on terms, 8th of 10, 14l behind Dark Lady (9-0) at Salisbury 6f 2yo fil Grp 3 (1) gf in Sep.

Lovers Cry 12-1 (8-6) Edged right start, behind, headway over 1f 10, went 3rd inside final furlong, unable to challenge, 3rd of 5, 3 1/2l behind Nigel Nott (10-2) at Lingfield 5f nov stks (5) pol in Jan.

STARFORM: MACHO TOUCH DANGER: Dear Power

7.45 LADBROKES HANDICAP

Class 5 3YO 6f (9 runners) £3,429

1 (4) 50-1 BOWLING RUSSIAN (14)(D,A) P G Baker 9 11.....George Rooke 55	2 (6) 2323 YUKON MISSION (14)(B) J J Quinn 9 7.....J Hart 76
3 (9) 5115 LORD P (14)(D,A) R Hannan 9 7.....T Hammer Hansen 55	4 (5) 6-4 LAKEVIEW (21)(B) David Loughnane 9 5.....S De Sousa 75
5 (7) 153- WITH VIRTUE (22)(P) J Tate 9 5.....P J McDonald 68	6 (3) -635 FEE GOOD FACTOR (5) M Appleby 9 1.....B Curtis 71
7 (1) 0-01 EGOTISTIC (35)(CD,A) Butler 8 12.....J Haynes 74	8 (2) 002- WAN DUK (26) A Brittain 8 11.....S P Davis 31
9 (8) 1-3 LILI WEN FACH (21)(S) R Price 10.....Hollie Doyle 77	

Star Betting: 7-2 Bowling Russian, 4 Yukon Mission, 6 Lord P, Van Dik, 7 With Virtue, Lakeview, 8 Fee Good Factor, 12 others.

STARFORM BOWLING RUSSIAN DANGER: Egotistic

Lord P 4-1 (8-13) Switched left to inside after 1f, held 8-13 in last pair, headway between horses over 1f 10, switched left and stayed on inside final furlong, went never nearer 3rd last strides, 3rd of 9, 1 3/4 behind Bowling Russian (9-5) at Lingfield 6f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) pol in Feb.

Yukon Mission 4-1 (8-13) Switched left to inside after 1f, held 8-13 in last pair, headway between horses over 1f 10, switched left and stayed on inside final furlong, went never nearer 3rd last strides, 3rd of 9, 1 3/4 behind Bowling Russian (9-5) at Lingfield 6f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) pol in Feb.

Lord P 4-1 (8-13) Raced keenly, tracked leader 2f, handy 3rd, ridden over 1f 10, weakened and hung left inside final furlong, 5th of 9, 5l behind Inevitable Outcome (8-13) at Kempton 7f 3yo hcp 0-70 (5) pol in Feb.

STARFORM: BOWLING RUSSIAN DANGER: Egotistic

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SPORTWORD

ACROSS

- Pierre-Emile Denmark, Southampton and former Bayern Munich midfielder (8)
- Mark 1995-2008 England hooker whose clubs included Bath and Bristol (5)
- and 18 Across. Newcastle manager appointed in 1919 (5,5)
- Anthony England and Bath Rugby wing/full-back (6)
- Andy US golfer; 1977, 1982 and 1988 Doral-Eastern Open tournament winner (4)
- Robert 2004-09 Germany, 2009-15 Stoke and 2015-18 Leicester defender (4)
- Arjen 2003-17 Holland and 2009-19 Bayern Munich winger; 2013 Champions League Final winner (6)
17. 1999 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup Final winners (5)
- Ignacio Watford attacker signed from Udinese in January 2020 (8)

DOWN

- Yoann Toulouse wing; 2010 France Test debutant against Argentina (6)
- 1979-92 Brazil defender/midfielder; 1982 and 1986 World Cup ever-present (6)
- and 5 Down. Rurley midfielder signed from Bristol City in January 2020 (4,9)
- Dermot 1988-96 Warwickshire CCC all-rounder; 1992 England Test debutant against New Zealand (5)
- See 3 Down.
- See 15 Down.
- Olga 1972 Olympic artistic team all-around, balance beam and floor exercise gold medalist (6)
- Kesya 2001-05 IBF light welterweight champion (5)
- and 6 Down. Portugal midfielder signed by Manchester United from Sporting Lisbon in January 2020 (6,9)
- Jeremy Cyprus-born former Norwich and Wales midfielder (4)

5 FOR FUN

- How many successive misses were there in the 2020 Japanese Super Cup Final penalty shoot-out after the first four went in and before Hataru Yamaguchi's winner?
- Who will contest the 2020 Premiership Rugby Cup Final?
- Whose 2015 death led to race No.17 being retired from the list of those available for F1 drivers?
- Which quarterback was Super Bowl LIV MVP?
- Who won the 2020 Australian Open men's singles tennis championship?

ANSWERS: Page 45

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JASON HEAVEY

The Cheval Noir	2.00	Accordingto
The Crazy Moon	2.35	Reikadam
Thor De Cerisy	3.10	Diodorus
Envol De La Cour	3.40	Maxed Out King
Main Fact (nb)	4.15	Zizanur
Spirit Of Hale	4.45	Smuggler's Stash

GOING: HEAVY-SOFT IN PLACES

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

TRACKFACTS Left- hand oval course of one mile four furlongs, the comparatively short run-in is slightly uphill, but with easy turns it is well suited to a galloping type. The nine fences are fairly stiff, with six hurdles per circuit.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) D Skelton 41 winners, (28.5% strike rate), -£1.96, P Kirby 29, (16.3%), -£17.00.

TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) Harry Skelton 35 winners, (30.2% strike rate), -£4.96, Brian Hughes 34, (14.2%), -£16.50.

2.00 RACING TV EXTRA MAIDEN HURDLE

Class 5 (12 f) 3m (3 runners) £3,508

1	2233 ACCORDINGTOGINO (62)(B/F)	D Skelton 7 11 3	H Skelton	133
2	046 BLUEFUTURITY (4/3)	Ewart 11 3	B Hughes	125
3	119 LE CHEVAL NOIR (60)(B/M)	R Dobbin 8 11 3	Craig Nichol	105

Star Betting: 4-6 Accordingto Gino, 4-6 Bluefutura, 11-2 Le Cheval Noir.

2019: No corresponding meeting.

STARFORM: ACCORDINGTOGINO DANGER: Le Cheval Noir

2.35 NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE

Class 4 (13 f) 1m 7f (8 runners) £4,809

1	4P22 THE CRAZED MOON (27)(S/P)	D Skelton 8 11 12	B J Powell	109
2	3P41 REIKADAM (28)	T Easterby 6 11 12	Mr W Easterby	88
3	U100 STEEL YARD (11)	Oliver Greenall 5 11 7	H Brooke	-
4	1-06 SNOUGER (60)(D)	McGinn 7 11 4	D Hughes	-
5	5L02 GOING MOBILE (78)(T)	S Moxley 5 10 13	J England	-
6	6P-2 TAKEBACK (295)(H)	T Symonds 8 10 9	B Poste	104
7	444 CARLINGFORD PRINCE (34)	T Read 11 10 2	H Reed	110
8	142 ANGEL'S ENVY (12)	Lauri Morgan 6 10	Ross Chapman	-

Star Betting: 5-2 The Crazy Moon, 4 Snouger, 5 Reikadam, 6 Takeback, 8 Going Mobile, 10 others.

STARFORM: REIKADAM DANGER: The Crazy Moon

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Severus Alexander	1.15	Muhazif
Funky Dady	1.45	Scardura
Baily Thunder	2.20	Moscowsoh
Dortmund Park	2.55	Half The Odds
Shakeytry	3.25	In Your Shadow
Dubai Devils	4.00	Ask And Answer
Power Of Pause	4.30	Run For Oscar

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

1.15 HANDICAP HURDLE (80-109)

(8 flights) 2m (23 runners) £6,102

1	F33L LEAN AND KEEN (30)(D,OP,T)	S Byrne 10 11 12	S O'Keefe	116
2	4610 MAGIC SEA (F10)(B/F)	Mrs S Dawson 5 11 12	E Walsh	114
3	U100 SCULLY'S DREAM (12)(S)	James Fahey 9 11 12	M J Bolger	117
4	0000 HANDSWORTH (11)	J P Dempsey 5 11 11	L P Dempsey	109
5	U32L ROACHDALE HOUSE (F17)(D)	P W Flynn 9 11 11	D O'Regan	116
6	F36L BOLD EMPEROR (47)(D,S)	T Gibney 7 11 10	J O'Keefe	116
7	0005 WAJAHANA (12)	James Duffin 5 11 10	C J Landers	108
8	0320 TWIST (66)	McManis 5 11 7	R Treacy	106
9	0-0P LOVE AND WISDOMS (16)(P)	R K Watson 8 11 5	P T Enright	-
10	1-00 ATLANTIC (10)	James Duffin 5 11 10	D O'Regan	116
11	5PP BREESY MOUNTAIN (116)(B,OP)	T Thornton 8 11 2	D O'Regan	112
12	610 MUHAZIF (30)(D)	V O'Brien 8 11 2	R Doyle	116
13	410 ALFRED WEGENER (60)(D,OP)	D Skelton 6 11 11	C P McManis	117
14	0218 FRUITS OF GLORY (106)(D,S,M)	T G Casley 11 11 1	C P McManis	116

16	4000 BENEFIT NORTH (9)(H,T)	C A McBratney 9 11 0	B J Cooper	110
17	4102 KNOCKRAH BOSS (11)(D,S)	R A Foley 11 10 13	J J Brudner	115
18	U100 MARY OF DE SORROWS (15)	C O'Connell 5 10 12	J B Kane	84
19	12L MY PEGGY (204)	N C Kelly 10 10 12	J McGarvey	118
20	0800 SEVERUS ALEXANDER (100)(T)	G Cromwell 4 10 10	Jonathan Moore	96
21	00P DARGINED (16)	Denis Hogan 4 10 2	Mark Enright	91
22	0000 CHALKY WHITE (32)	James Duffin 5 11 10	D O'Regan	116
23	000 ROBBIES MAGIC (326)	R Hackett 10 5	RESERVE	-
24	006 THE FAITHFUL LINDIAN (P94)	A Howard 5 10 3	RESERVE	90

Star Betting: 5 Knockraha Boss, 13-2 Fruits Of Glory, 7 Muhazif, 8 Wajahana, 10 Magic Sea, Severus Alexander, Twist, 12 others.

2019: Serious Egg 6-1, Davy Russell 8-1 (G Elliott), 15 ran.

STARFORM: FRUITS OF GLORY DANGER: Knockraha Boss

1.45 IRISH EBF AUCTION NOVICE HURDLE

(8 flights) 2m (7 runners) £10,169

1	51L SCARDURA (106)(D,OP,T)	N Mulholland (UK) 6 11 10	R Dunne	127
2	1 ARCADIAN (106)(D,OP,T)	D O'Regan 7 11 6	D O'Regan	126
3	0631 FUNKY DADY (9)(D,S)	Denis Hogan 5 11 8	P J Kennedy	120
4	506 SONNENKIND (23)	Mrs J Harrington 5 11 7	P J Kennedy	117
5	400 GOOD LUCK HOPE (61)	J Nash 6 11 5	Gavin Peter Brudner	109
6	1061 IT COULD HAVE BEEN (9)	Thomas Mullins 7 11 3	D E Mullins	-
7	4042 BARNABIDAUN (9)(B/F)	Thomas Mullins 7 11 3	D E Mullins	128

Star Betting: 5-2 Scardura, 11-4 Arcadian Sunrise, 3 Barnabidaun, 4 Funky Dady, 12 Sonnenkind, 16 others.

2019: Zero Ten 6-11 12, D J Mullins 8-11 Fav (Emmet Mullins), 9 ran.

STARFORM: ARCADIAN SUNRISE DANGER: Barnabidaun

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

TERRIFIC TRAINERS: (Most wins last 14 days) A Brittain 6; B Ellison 6; M Johnston 5; D Skelton 5; D Pipe 5; A Carroll 4; D M Simcock 4; A King 4; D Loughmone 4; P Hobbs 4; Haslam 3; K Burke 3; R Fahey 3; G Baker 3; D McCain 3; M Appleby 2.

SUFFERING STABLES: (Runners since last win) Grace Harris 46; R J Price 34; Miss T Jackson 32; D Flood 31; M Appleby 29; P Evans 24; J Butler 22; D Williams 20; W Muir 16; D Loughmone 15; T Reed 14; T Easterby 14; Sarah Hollinshead 13; James Grassick 13.

HOT JOCKS: (Most wins last 14 days) Cam Hardie 8; Luke Morris 8; George Rooke 7; Silvestre De Sousa 6; Brian Hughes 6; Ben Curtis 5; Harry Skelton 5; Danny Cook 5; Hollie Doyle 4; Joe Fanning 4; David Johnson 4; Tom Marquand 3; David Probert 3; David Nolan 3.

RIDE OUT OF LUCK: (Rides since last win) John Fahy 55; M Harris 51; Alan Cawley 34; George Downing 33; Alistair Rawlinson 33; Laura Pearson 30; Elisha Whittington 25; C Williams 20; Ben Curtis 19; Joe Fanning 19; Sean Quinlan 19; Henry Brooke 18.

LONGEST TRAVELLERS

Main Fact (4.15 WTH)	263miles
Western Ocean (4.45 WTH)	263miles
Zizanur (4.15 WTH)	248miles
Keyback Gangster (4.45 WTH)	206miles
The Crazy Moon (2.35 WTH)	193miles
Takeback (2.35 WTH)	193miles
Thor De Cerisy (3.10 WTH)	193miles
Envol De La Cour (3.40 WTH)	193miles
The Dawn Man (4.45 WTH)	193miles
McGowan's Pass (4.15 WTH)	193miles
Tabsyash (5.45 WOL)	155miles
Little Red Socks (7.15 WOL)	150miles
Bursae Lady (7.15 WOL)	150miles
Maccho Touch (7.15 WOL)	150miles
Accordingto Gino (2.00 WTH)	146miles
Flegmatik (4.15 WTH)	146miles
Allux Boy (4.45 WTH)	145miles
Cornwall (6.15 WOL)	145miles
Bugler Bob (5.45 WOL)	145miles

MUST NEXT TIME

BIG CHEF BENNY is worth persevering with. He was fourth at Huntingdon yesterday but would prove a better ground. He has come into his own as conditions start to dry out in the spring.

3.10 WATCH RACING TV NOVICES' HURDLE

Class 4 (9 flights) 2m (5 runners) £4,159

1	2116 THOR DE CERISY (77)(D,S)	M Scudamore 6 11 8	B J Powell	127
2	2 DIODORUS (14)	Tristan Davidson 5 11 11	H Reed	117
3	1550 MCGARRY (25)(S)	P Kirby 6 11 1	T Downson	120
4	2623 YOUNG LIEUTENANT (35)(S)	W Greatrex 6 11 1	R Johnson	137
5	LF ELA NUTRAGILE (19)(H,M)	S West 6 10 8	J Kingston	-

Star Betting: 11-2 Young Lieutenant, 9-4 Thor De Cerisy, 7-2 Diodorus, 7 Mccarry, 33 Ella Nutragile.

STARFORM YOUNG LIEUTENANT 9-4 (11-2) Raced on inside, tracked leading pair, went 2nd before 6th, hit 4 out, no chance with winner next, lost remote 2nd between last 2, 3rd of 4, well behind Cat Tiger (11-11) at Plumpton 2m 4f nh nov hdl (4) hvy in Jan.

Thor De Cerisy 2-1 (11-12) Tracked winner, driven and lost place before 2 out, weakened before last, 6th of 7, 29th behind Deja Vue (11-10) at Ffos Las 2m hcp hdl 0-125 (3) hvy in Dec.

Between last 2, 3rd of 4, well behind Cat Tiger (11-11) at Plumpton 2m 4f nh nov hdl (4) hvy in Jan.

STARFORM: YOUNG LIEUTENANT DANGER: Thor De Cerisy

3.40 RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE

Class 4 (16 f) 2m 3f (7 runners) £4,809

1	LL2U MORTENS LEAM (67)(S)	M Hawker 8 11 12	P K Donovan	119
2	U01P WELL SMITTEN (27)(S)	Sam England 8 11 3	J England	116
3	0231 CASUAL CAVALIER (31)(D,S)	Tristan Davidson 12 11 7H	H Reed	115
4	U4L UN GUET APENS (60)(S)	J Ewart 12 11 7	B Hughes	98
5	PP0 ENVOI DE LA COUR (207)(D,S)	M Scudamore 6 11 0	B J Powell	-
6	1332 MAXED OUT KING (42)(D,S)	M Smith 12 10 13	D Cook	122
7	4332 FRANKIE BALLOU (11)(S,T)	Miss J Foster 11 0 8	S Quinlan	114

LONG HANDICAP: Frankie Ballou 9-8.

Star Betting: 5-2 Casual Cavalier, 3 Maxed Out King, 5 Well Smitten, 6 Mortens Leam, 8 others.

STARFORM CASUAL CAVALIER 5-1 (11-11) Tracked leaders, disputed lead from 7th, led 4 out, 3 lengths clear 2 out, ridden out flat, held on near finish, won at Catterick 2m 3f hcp chs 0-105 (4) sft in Jan beating Jolly Crickets (10-0-2) Sft, 3 rd-2 out, 3 rd-2 out, 3 rd-2 out.

Maxed Out King 3-1 (11-2) Raced wide, chased leaders in 3rd, left in 2nd at 6th, hit next, lost 2nd 3 out, rallied into 2nd again between last 2, no chance with winner, 2nd of 5, 9th behind Dunly (10-10) at Newcastle 2m hcp chs 0-115 (4) sft in Jan.

Well Smitten 7-2 (11-6) Towards rear on outside, pushed along after 10th, well beaten before 4 out, soon hanging left, nailed off 3 out, soon pulled up, in a race won by Mr Mcgo (11-7) at Doncaster 2m 4f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in Feb, 7 ran.

STARFORM: CASUAL CAVALIER D'ER: Envol De La Cour

2.20 TRI COUNTRY HURDLE (80-109)

(12 flights) 3m (20 runners) £6,610

1	3333 CHERIF DE L'ISLE (19)(B/F)	G Elliott 8 11 12	D N Russell	114
2	0006 FIRE AWAY (52)(T)	G T Hourigan 7 11 12	H Morgan	70
3	-000 HARDY MAN (12)	Denis Hogan 6 11 8	S A Mulcahy	106
4	F30U BALLYBROU (14)	C O'Brien 7 11 6	D N Russell	116
5	0200 MOSCOWSOHAT (16)(P)	James Duffin 7 11 5	D E Mullins	119
6	5202 BALI THUNDER (16)(P)	M F Morris 6 11 3	P T Enright	120
7	-450 PECULIAR GEM (12)	Paul Nash 6 11 1	S O'Keefe	116
8	0042 NICOLE'S MILAN (47)(S)	Sean Ahern 8 11 10	E Walsh	118
9	U006 SWEET STRING (13)	M Bowe 5 11 0	B Hayes	109
10	0600 SCOTSMAN'S BAY (37)	McManis 7 10 11	C P McManis	103
11	0100 DIAMOND DREAM (25)	Sam England 8 11 3	A W Short	108
12	5000 PUNCHERS PATH (8)	N C Kelly 5 10 10	D O'Regan	121
13	201L ANGHAWATYADAT (37)	Miss S Doyle 6 10 9	D Torrens	71
14	0012 ICE COOL (13)(D,S)	V T O'Brien 11 10 9	D J O'Keefe	118
15	005L MARY OF DE SORROWS (15)	C O'Connell 5 10 12	J B Kane	84
16	1131 HIGHEST BENEFIT (37)(B)	Miss S Doyle 6 10 9	D Torrens	71
17	541P LEE VALLEY LEGION (32)(B/F)	D A McLaughlin 7 10 6	P J O'Hanlon	115
18	U100 CEPHALO DELAFAYETTE (11)(S/P)	D O'Connell 5 10 5	J Moore	66
19	0000 CLASSY (28)	Paul Nash 6 11 1	S O'Keefe	116
20	U310 OLIVE D'HAUGNET (17)	Madden 8 12	K J Brudner	119

Star Betting: 11-2 Highest Benefit, 9-12 Cheryl De L'Isle, 7 Nicole's Milan, 8 Baily Thunder, 10 Ice Cool, 12 others.

2019: Lady Writer 6 11 11, D G Hogan 6-1 (Denis Hogan), 13 ran.

STARFORM: CHERIF DE L'ISLE DANGER: Baily Thunder

2.55 BEGINNERS CHASE

(17 fences) 3m (7 runners) £7,119

1	4P30 ASK CORY (13)(P)	C A McBratney 7 11 12	D E Mullins	105
2	0040 CHESTERVILLE (11)(H)	Patrick Neville 6 11 12	G B Noonan	71
3	3P-2 DISCORDANT (14)	T Thornton 8 11 2	D O'Regan	126
4	L-05 DORTMUND PARK (122)(S,OP)	G Elliott 7 11 12	D N Russell	86
5	L-PS HOTEL DU NORD (13)	Mrs J Harrington 7 11 12	S O'Keefe	116
6	-650 TURBET (65)(D)	D A McLaughlin 7 11 2	A W Short	103
7	0000 HALF THE ODDS (78)	Paul Nash 6 11 1	Jonathan Moore	118

Star Betting: 6-5 Dortmund Park, 11-4 Discordant, 11-2 Half The Odds, 6 Hotel Du Nord, 10 Turbeto, 25 others.

STARFORM: DISCORDANT DANGER: Dortmund Park

3.25 LEOPARDSTOWN BEGINNERS CHASE

(14 fences) 2m 5f (16 runners) £7,119

1	114P CLETIC DANGER (174)(O)	McManis 7 11 12	R Treacy	106
2	55P3 CHIEF OF POLICE (47)	O McKiernan 6 11 12	B Browne	115
3	4020 DASHYMOSS (36)(S/P)	J Rothwell 7 11 12	D O'Keefe	109
4	4410 EMBARK BURGULE (47)(S/P)	G Elliott 8 11 12	D N Russell	116
5	5643 FIRST CLASS RETURN (58)	Eoin Doyle 7 11 12	K J Brudner	110
6	6356 IN YOUR SHADOW (50)(T)	M Madden 6 11 12	D O'Regan	99
7	-301 MEMORY TREE (28)	Paul Nash 6 11 1	Mr P Power	71
8	6554 MY MANEIKINEKO (30)(T)	J Nash 11 11 2	G P Brudner	119
9	1-4 PACTE IN THE PARK (652)	P J Rothwell 9 11 12	H Morgan	71
10	3F22 SHAKYTRY (48)(D)	E J O'Grady 8 11 12	P T Enright	120
11	0902 WINDY HAT (54)(S)	M Harrington 6 11 12	P P Kennedy	104
12	0P50 LORD LARIAT (9)(T)	K Thornton 5 11 7	D Meyler	84
13	200L PETERSTOWN (11)	T Gibney 8 11 5	S O'Keefe	115
14	0563 STUCKER HILL (54)(D,S)	M Langan 8 11 5	D E Mullins	122
15	P60L SUNRISE LADY (8)(D)	C O'Dwyer 8 11 5	R Doyle	115
16	0000 PTL BE THAT LADY (37)	Brian M McManis 5 11 0	Mark Enright	-

Star Betting: 11-4 Shakytry, 6 Stucker Hill, 13-2 My Manekineko, 8 First Class Return, Dashymoss, 12 others.

2019: Roxboro Road 6 11 12, D M Walsh 6-4 Fav (T M Walsh), 9 ran.

STARFORM: FIRST CLASS RETURN DANGER: Shakytry

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4.15 JOIN RACING TV NOW HANDICAP HURDLE

Class 3 (9 flights) 2m (9 runners) £6,758

1	55P3 KHAGE (30)(D,G,S)	H Whittington 7 11 12	G Sheehan	135
2	L-L1 SECURE STREAM (30)(CD,C2,G,S)	R Jefferson 11 11 11	J Hamilton	134
3	FPUU ZIZANUR (44)	P Hobbs 5 11 5	Mr D Maxwell (3)	115
4	3-20 FLEGMATIK (23)(CD,S)	D Skelton 5 11 5	H Skelton	136
5	0-12 MCGOWAN'S PASS (35)(SD)	A M Thomson 9 11 2	R Mania ★	138
6	64-6 KEYBOARD GANGSTER (121)(D,S2)	D Whillans 9 11 1		

BOXING

KAL CRASHES

Yafai's 4-year reign over



WAL CRASHES

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BIG HITTER:
Yafai falls under pressure from Gonzales

Wilder gets clause out for rematch

■ by **DAVID ANDERSON**
says Fury will then face the winner of Anthony Joshua's June 13 title defence against Kubrat Pulev at the end of the year in a massive clash for the undisputed crown.
"Wilder and his representatives have formally notified us that they have

"It's going to happen in the summer, before the Olympics middle of July. And if Joshua beats Pulev and Fury beats Wilder, then why not do a Joshua-Fury fight at the end of the year?"

Original Choice	WI 6.15	Sky Defender	WI 6.15	The Crazyed Moon	WE 2.35	Westerner Ocean	WE 4.45
Pedra Bra	WI 4.45	Slowmo	WI 6.45	The Dawn Man	WE 4.45		
Pike Corner Cross	WI 4.45	Smugger's Hala	WE 4.45	Thor De Cerisy	WE 3.10	WildmountaintynHm	WI 7.15
Purple Harry	WE 4.45	Snugger	WE 2.35	Traveler	WE 5.15		
Red	WE 4.45	Spoat of Steel	WE 4.45	Winemere	WE 4.45	With Virtue	WI 7.45
Rocksbay	WI 6.45	Steel Vay	WE 2.35	Un Gue Apens	WE 3.40		
Rollerball Rocco	WE 4.45	Survivor	WE 6.45	Unforgeting Minute	WE 6.45	Young Liefening	WE 3.10
Sand	WE 4.45	Swoat	WE 4.45	Valentine Miss	WE 4.45		
Seafarth	WE 4.45	Takeaback	WE 2.35	Vayn Dijk	WE 7.45	Yuzon Mission	WI 7.15
Secrete Stream	WE 4.15	Temujin	WE 4.45	Vip	WE 6.45		
Squid	WE 4.45	Toway	WE 4.45	Wet Smit	WE 4.45	Zikanor	WE 4.15

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STAR SHORTS

Sophie's warning

■ CRICKET
SOPHIE ECCLESTONE warned England's rivals that they have woken up after they qualified for the T20 World Cup semis by beating West Indies by 46 runs.

England have been impressive since their opening-game defeat by South Africa and Ecclestone said: "The South Africa loss was a wake-up call. I'm really glad how the girls have fought back."

Big miss for Wales

■ RUGBY UNION
DAN BIGGAR is set to miss Wales' match with England, leaving them without a recognised playmaker for Saturday's Twickenham clash.

The fly-half suffered a knee injury playing for Northampton against Saracens on Saturday.

Wales have already lost fly-half trio Rhys Patchell, Owen Williams and Gareth Anscombe to long-term injuries.

Heather's so happy

■ TENNIS
HEATHER WATSON won her first title since 2016 yesterday with victory at the Mexican Open.

The British No.2 triumphed 6-4 6-7 6-1 over Canada's Leylah Fernandez to seal her fourth WTA Tour crown.

Watson said: "It's been a few years, so I'm just really, really happy I came through that match."



CENTRE STAGE: Israel Folau takes on the Hull defence on the way to Catalan Dragons' last-gasp victory

IZZY SO HANDY

Folau key to comeback

■ by TREVOR BAXTER

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ISRAEL FOLAU proved the key to a famous fightback as he marked his controversial first Super League appearance in England with victory.

For the Catalan Dragons' high-profile centre delivered one moment of magic that was crucial to the French side's unlikely win.

Folau's brilliant one-handed take of James Maloney's short restart two minutes from time set up Maloney for his try moments later to clinch Catalan's great escape.

The Perpignan side dug deep, hitting back from 28-10 down in the final quarter and coach Steve McNamara said: "Izzy was solid without being spectacular."

"But he did come up with a really big play to give us a last chance. I thought we underused him but it was a special catch."

Much had been made of the dual-code international's return to England for the first time since a two-try show for the Wallabies at Twickenham in November 2018.

But the 30-year-old, who came under fire for a social media post that "hell

awaits" gay people, hardly had to run a gauntlet of hate. A number of gay rights flags were waved by home fans before kick-off.

There were also ripples of boos when Folau took his first pass in the second minute. But there was no animosity on the pitch.

And the home fans seemed more dismayed by a third successive defeat.

Mahe Fonua's double and further touch-downs from Carlos Tuimavave, Jamie Shaul and Manu Ma'u plus five Marc Sneyd goals gave Hull an 18-point cushion.

But that lead was

wiped out in just nine minutes as Ben Jullian, Josh Drinkwater and Samisoni Langi crossed and Maloney, who finished with 14 points, kicked a hat-trick of conversions.

Sneyd's coolly-taken 40-metre drop goal edged Hull back in front, only for quick-thinking Folau to snatch Maloney's restart and launch a brilliant Dragons response.

"Before the game we were well planned and organised," said McNamara. "But we never gave ourselves a chance for the first 50 minutes."



PURR-FECT CAT: James Maloney crosses for the winning try



FLY THE FLAG: Protesters at Hull

Ian's glory blast

IAN WATSON told his Red Devils to stop living off the glory of last year's Grand Final appearance. Salford's fourth defeat in five leaves them two points off the bottom.

Watson said: "You can get a bit above your station because of previous successes. We think we are better than we are."

Salford trailed by two points at half-time and took the lead early in the second half with a Ken Sio try. But Wakefield bagged three tries in 12

■ by JULIE STOTT

SALFORD WAKEFIELD

12 22

minutes from Tom Johnstone, Bill Tupou and Kelepi Tanginoa.

Skipper Jacob Miller led the way and coach Chris Chester said: "He showed some real leadership today."

Tui Lolohea gave Salford an early lead, with Max Jowitt scoring Trinity's first-half effort. Sio added a second late on but it was of little consolation to Watson.



WIGAN ACE: Marshall

It's Marshall awe

LIAM MARSHALL scored a blistering 14-minute hat-trick as Wigan ruthlessly exploited Aiden Sezer's first-half yellow card to go top.

In-form Huddersfield lost 10-4 when Sezer was sin-binned for a high tackle on Tommy Leuluai. The Warriors scored 20 unanswered points in his absence, including a thrilling length-of-the-field effort from Marshall.

Coach Adrian Lam said: "He was amazing. 'We've moved him from right to left and he's

■ by GARETH WALKER

HUDDERSFIELD WIGAN

10 42

been one of the best wingers in the comp."

Sam Powell and subs Harry Smith and George Burgess all touched down alongside Willie Isa, Dom Manfredi and Oliver Partington, with the Giants' sole response a first-half effort from hooker Adam O'Brien.

Coach Simon Woolford said: "We needed more resilience when we were down to 12 men."

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HENRY CAN INSPIRE ME TO STUN GUNNERS

Thierry was Pompey star Ronan's hero

PORTSMOUTH winger Ronan Curtis will seek inspiration from boyhood hero Thierry Henry to try to send Arsenal crashing out of the FA Cup.

by ALEX CROOK

said: "Our pitch is a tight pitch. The fans are right on top of us and Arsenal will not be used to playing in conditions like that. We will stick it up them."

"They will be favourites but with the way we have been playing there is no reason we cannot beat them. It is just 11 men versus 11 men."

"They are not used to playing against League One teams and that is what we are there to bring. They don't like the physical side so we will bring that into play."

"The lads are buzzing and we are all looking forward to it."

Curtis is Pompey's top scorer this season with 13 and says he owes much of

his success to his mum. Marie is her son's biggest fan and even writes motivational pep talks for the former Derry City hot-shot and his team-mates on Twitter before every game.

Curtis added: "Me and my mum get on like a house on fire. She is my idol."

"She is staying with me now until the end of the season and she does everything in the house."

"That is a little bonus for me and I can just sit back and relax and think about the games coming up and focus on my football."

The Londoner grew up worshipping Henry and his fellow Invincibles and says it will be a dream come true to face the Gunners tonight.

Curtis, 23, said: "I got my wish! It will be like a dream to play against my all-time favourite team. My heroes were Thierry Henry, Denis Bergkamp, just the classics really."

"The Invincibles were unbelievable. Obviously Arsenal do not really play that way now but just to play against them will be unbelievable."

"I grew up in south London, in Croydon, and I really liked the way they played football and the movement and players they had."

"I loved Thierry Henry, his finishing and his all-round game was amazing."

"It has been a long time since Pompey beat Arsenal at Fratton Park and so it would be lovely if we could win."

Since winning the cup in 2008 and losing to Chelsea in the final two years later, Pompey have fallen on hard times, plummeting from the Premier League all the way down to League Two.

But Kenny Jackett's side are third in League One and have already booked a Wembley date by reaching the final of the EFL Trophy for the second season running.

Curtis has warned Arsenal to expect a bruising physical battle at a sold-out Fratton Park. The Republic of Ireland star



STAR STRIKER:
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang

ARTETA ADMITS

MIKEL ARTETA has revealed how failing to make the Champions League for the past three seasons will impact plans to overhaul his squad.

Arsenal last week reported losses of £27m for the year ending May 2019, the first time they have been in the red since 2002.

The financial picture is unlikely to improve, with the Gunners failing to make the

by NICK CALLOW

top four last season and are off the pace this term.

Arteta said: "We will have to make decisions, one way or the other, depending on the scenario we find ourselves, whether we are in the Champions League, Europa League or nowhere near that."

"The damage caused by the club not being in the Champions League for the third season is really big."

"Financially the impact is enormous because the



I know Liverpool were bad but as soon as I saw Lovren playing I knew they were in trouble! He was bullied by Deeney and he was running scared. Mossy

As a man U fan for decades it's great to see players like Bruno Fernandes, Odion Ighalo, Maguire, Shaw, Greenwood and others making a stand and getting United back to winning ways. I ask all the players to get behind Solskjaer in memory of HARRY Gregg and all the greats that have passed and put us back where we belong. I believe you can do it cause you have a good manager. Phil

To think of the great strikers we've had at Rochdale - Grant Holt, Rick Lambert, Glen Murray, Scott Hogan - an absolute treat to see a guy at centre forward. Calvin Andrew, who's not fit to lace them lads' boots - here it is, Andrew, strikers paid to score bloody goals. Sandy Lane

Re-Gabby, hope you are enjoying your "big clubs" regular relegation fight! Good for our city? I don't think many true Brummies would agree with that! ZULU BLUES

I couldn't believe it when I read Merson saying if you have the money you should be allowed to spend it that is elitism what about clubs that don't have massive amounts of cash success in a sport Paul Merson should be earned fairly no one should be able to gain an advantage unfairly the clue Mr Merson is in the word sport use the privilege you have as a sports writer in a fair and proper way not just to support your elite friends then your opinions might be respected. Burnley

Liverpool have goal ruled out for handball, but the ball hits Norwich player's ARM FIRST, so shouldn't that be a free kick to Liverpool? Oh silly me DEFENDERS DON'T HAVE HANDS DO THEY. VAR IS A LOAD OF BALLS. MAD MAX

Got to agree with Tony about Henderson wouldn't be in my top 20 choices. Rat boy Cumbria

Re TonyB Hendo has been fantastic for Liverpool now for a few seasons. OK he's not a 'Hollywood' midfielder but boy, you don't half miss him when he's not playing. Willo

As a city fan just red in star city in for holgate plz plz no more defenders from Everton. Stones was an awful complete waste of time an holgate not worth £30 million we don't need full backs overloaded with em centre backs plz an not from Everton. Cityzen

To Tony and park lane. Last West it was 12 years since Spurs won a trophy. Was on CFC site lots of lol. Same period dispute different managers players CHELSEA won 12. Just thought I'd CLARIFY the situation. West Ham lol bottom 3 despite record spending and £ losses. Blob Floyd, mile end, bubbles care to explain. Last time CFC in bottom 3 turnover 4 million. Shocking who spending 300m bottom 3. CFC1

Sums women football up, cup final, and the manager can't wear a certain jumper, because it doesn't match her suit, it's football, not a fashion show. Big Phil

FRATTON PARK
7.45pm

INSPIRED: Ronan Curtis (left) in action for Portsmouth and (inset, left) Thierry Henry. (Above) Boss Kenny Jackett

FIRE-FIGHTER JON

JONNY HOWSON reckons goal-shy Middlesbrough have the weapons to fire themselves to safety.

Boro slipped into the drop zone at the weekend and face promotion-chasing Nottingham Forest at the Riverside tonight desperate to arrest an alarming slump.

They are without a win since New Year's Day and haven't scored in more than five hours.

But ex-Leeds midfielder Howson hasn't lost faith.

He said: "I believe there is the firepower in this squad to get us out of trouble."

"We've got lads who can score goals, and it's not just about the forwards. The whole team has to chip in."

"I am very confident in the lads in that changing room."

"But the bottom line

GUTSY:
Jonny Howson



■ by IAN MURTAGH

is that we've got to go out on the pitch and actually do it."

Forest could be forced to sell star duo Matty Cash and Joe Worrall if they miss out on promotion.

They recently tied down both attacking full-back Cash, 22, and highly-rated centre-back Worrall, 23, on new deals until 2023

and 2024 respectively. But West Ham made a bid for Cash in January, while Sheffield United and Southampton are keen on snapping up Worrall.

And it is believed the club only handed out the deals to help protect the value of their assets for potential sale if they miss out on promotion.

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structure of this club is built to be in the Champions League and you can sustain that for one year or two. But then after you have to start making decisions.

"We're in that situation because we haven't performed as well as the other top four clubs have been doing."

Last week's shock Europa League exit at the hands of Olympiakos blocked another route to Champions League qualification. The Spanish

coach said a lack of Champions League football would make it harder to attract quality, let alone keep stars such as Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

The Arsenal skipper enters the final year of his contract next season and Arteta said: "I think that is a no-brainer."

"Every player wants to play Champions League and if you talk about having this option on the table, players are more open to joining this club or to renewing their contract."



MONEY FEARS: Mikel Arteta

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SERIOUSLY football CARABAO CUP FINAL



MERLIN MAGICS UP MORE SILVA

Spanish ace David earns a special favour from boss

PEP GUARDIOLA isn't the sentimental type but he broke with tradition at Wembley.

That's because he knows David Silva is worth making an exception for.

It was fitting Guardiola made Silva his captain for what may prove the last final of his glorious career with Manchester City before he leaves in May.

It felt even more fitting to see Silva lead his side up the famous steps to hoist the Carabao Cup aloft on behalf of a team that has taken a vice-like grip on the trophy after a hat-trick of triumphs.

The Spaniard has won plenty with City, but he's never been the first one to get his hands on the trophy before.

Guardiola's outfit can still go on and win the Champions League and FA Cup this season, but he knows Silva is not guaranteed to be involved should they reach those finals.

So he took the chance to make him the centre of attention at the prize-giving, with a gesture that resembled Guardiola saying his own personal thank you to someone who has given remarkable service to the club.

Silva, 34, has been – and still is – one of the finest imports English football has ever seen, comparable to Thierry Henry, Gianfranco Zola, Cristiano Ronaldo and team-mate Sergio Aguero.

You could argue about who has been the best until the cows come home, but what is unquestionable is the incredible



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and relentless influence Silva has had on his team over the last decade.

His performance at Wembley was a welcome reminder of what he's all about.

The man known as Merlin gets the job done with the minimum of fuss and fanfare.

It's the reason Guardiola ranks him among the true greats.

For the gazillionth time Silva used his wand of a left foot to orchestrate proceedings.

Finding pockets of space where none seemed to exist and doing the simple things well to bring calm to the chaos. One miscontrol on 68 minutes was a collector's item.

Since joining City from Valencia for £26m in 2010 Silva has won 11 major trophies, made 423 appearances and scored 74 goals. It's safe to say City have had their money's worth.

It was just a shame some City fans chose not to make the pilgrimage to London to see him shine on one of the greatest stages again.

Several hundred City tickets went unsold, making a mockery of the



ON THE RUN:
Silva leads another City attack

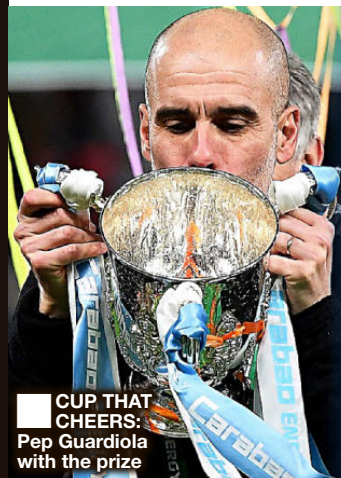
Football League's decision to give a bigger allocation to the Premier League champions.

Prince William was in the house, though, and even the most famous Villa fan of all will have marvelled at the continued class of Silva as royalty watched its footballing equivalent, someone deserving of his standing ovation when being replaced 13 minutes from time.

If Aguero is irreplaceable, then what is Silva?

The task could fall to the impressive Phil Foden. Good luck with that, mate.

JEREMY CROSS



CUP THAT CHEERS:
Pep Guardiola with the prize

From Back Page following a John Stones slip to leave Guardiola's men hanging on.

Claudio Bravo tipped a Bjorn Engels header onto the post in the final minutes to ensure City landed eight of the last nine domestic trophies.

But Guardiola will refuse to get a tattoo of a stadium where he has had so much success.

He said: "We struggled in the first few minutes and the last ones."

"They had two clear chances in the first minutes but we played really well, especially in the second half."

"We've won a lot. Every

game we play we try to win it, every competition we try to win it. Three times in a row, being here and winning is great.

"We have another trophy in our club. We've won eight titles now, so it's a lot. But it's not just about me."

"I love the old Wembley and the new Wembley. But my body doesn't accept tattoos – I'm not strong enough."

Only Sir Alex Ferguson, Brian Clough and Jose Mourinho have won this competition more often

than the Spaniard. He has now claimed 29 trophies in 11 seasons as a boss, including eight at Wembley.

Raheem Sterling said he will not get bored of winning trophies.

"I can never get enough of it. It was good. I thought we made it difficult for ourselves at times but we've done the job and we were professional," he said.

City face Sheffield Wednesday in the FA Cup fifth round on Wednesday and head into the second

leg of the Champions League clash with Real Madrid with a 2-1 lead.

Sterling added: "We're fully focused and ready to do the business."

Man of the match Phil Foden only found out he was playing 24 hours before kick-off.

"The day before, the manager was working on tactics – I couldn't wait to play. It was unbelievable," he said.

Villa boss Dean Smith told his side if they play like that for the rest of the season, they won't be

relegated. He said: "Everybody wrote us off. I think we were 18-1 to win but I knew those odds weren't right."

"I could see it in their eyes and their body language that they wanted to prove people wrong. We went toe-to-toe with a side who are not just one of the best in Europe, but in the world."

"Bravo pulled out a great save to stop it going to extra-time. We asked City questions. "Premier League safety is the priority now."

Bubbling Guardiola hits the bottle



POT A LOT: David Silva admires his latest trophy and (below) is welcomed by his boss Pep Guardiola as he leaves the Wembley pitch



WELL DONE: Ole with Dominic Calvert-Lewin

Fuming Carlo's sent off

From Back Page keeper David De Gea. Ancelotti marched up to question Kavanagh at the end.

"I asked for an explanation after the game," said Ancelotti. "There was a misunderstanding on the pitch and he sent me off. After that I spoke with him calmly in the dressing room."

"I didn't disrespect him but I understand the end of the game was really exciting." Ancelotti can expect a touchline ban which could affect his return to former club Chelsea on Sunday.

United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer claims De Gea is still the best keeper in the world, despite gifting Calvert-Lewin the opener by dithering on the ball.

The Spaniard's attempted clearance was then charged down and rebounded into the net – but Bruno Fernandes later equalised.

Solskjaer said: "David is for me the best goalkeeper in the world. I trust David 100 per cent."

But former United captain Roy Keane said: "I would have lynched him at half-time. I'd have no time for that carry on."

"What is he waiting for? I think it's almost a bit of arrogance."

Match report: See pullout

INFORMATION STATION

FOOTBALL

Carabao Cup Final

Aston Villa (1).....1	Man City (2).....2
Samatta 41	Agiero 20
Rodri 30	
Att: 52,145	

(at Wembley Stadium)

Premier League

Everton (1).....1	Man Utd (1).....1
Calvert-Lewin 31	Bruno Fernandes 31
Att: 39,374	

Tottenham (2).....2	Wolves (1).....3
Bergwijn 13	Doherty 27
Aurier 45	Jota 57
	Jimenez 73
	Att: 58,064

(Tables – see Seriously Football pullout)

Sky Bet League One

Coventry (1).....1	Sunderland (0).....0
Godden 2	Att: 10,055

William Hill Scottish Cup

Quarter-final

St Johnstone (0).....0	Celtic (0).....1
Att: 8,181	Christie 81

Semi-finals draw: Celtic v Aberdeen, Hearts v Hibernian. Ties to be played w/e of April 11/12

Cricket

Test Match

2nd Test (day 2 of 5) – Christchurch: India 242 (Vihari 55, Jamieson 5-45) & 90-6 v New Zealand 235 (Latham 52, Mohammed Shami 4-81). Resumed at 10.30pm.

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MOTORCYCLING

Motul FIM World Superbike Championship rd1 (Phillip Island, Victoria, Australia) – Race One:

1 T Razgatlioglu (Tur) Yamaha 33min 48.344s, 2 A Lowes (Gbr) Kawasaki +0.007s, 3 S Redding (Gbr) Ducati +0.041s. Race Two: 1 A Lowes (Gbr) 34min 04.327s, 2 J Rea (Gbr) Kawasaki +0.037s, 3 S Redding (Gbr) Ducati +0.849s. Standings: 1 A Lowes 51pts, 2 S Redding 39, 3 T Razgatlioglu 34, 4 J Rea 32.
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League

Toronto.....0	St Helens.....32
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Yesterday

Huddersfield.....10	Wigan.....42
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G: Sezer 3, Wigan – T: Isa, Marshall 3, Powell, Manfredi, Partington, Burgess. G: Hardaker 5, HT 10-20.

Hull.....29

Catalans Dragons.....34

Hull – T: Fonua 2, Tuimavave, Shaul, Ma'u. G: Sneyd 4, DC: Sneyd. Catalans Dragons – T: Julien 2, Yaha, Drinkwater, Langi, Maloney. G: Maloney 5, HT 16-10.

Salford.....12

Wakefield.....22

Salford – T: Lolohea, Sio 2. Wakefield – T: Jowitt, Johnstone. Tupou, Tangino, G: Jowitt 3, HT 4-6.

P W D L F A Pts

Wigan.....5 4 0 1 128 58

Castleford.....5 4 0 1 122 81

St Helens.....4 3 0 1 112 45

Leeds.....4 3 0 1 114 48

Huddersfield.....4 3 0 1 76 68

Catalans.....3 0 1 82 79

Hull.....5 2 0 3 114 112

Wakefield.....4 2 0 2 67 82

Warrington.....5 2 0 3 69 92

Salford.....5 1 0 4 82 120

Hull KR.....5 1 0 4 68 139

Toronto.....5 0 0 5 58 148

Betfred Championship: Batley 18

Sheffield 18, Dewsbury 20 Widnes 5, Halifax 28 York 4, London Broncos 10 Featherstone 34, Oldham 12 Bradford 26, Swinton P Leigh P, Whitehaven 4 Toulouse 4.

Betfred League One: Coventry 8

Newcastle 22, Doncaster 22 Barrow 32, London Skolars 16 North Wales 40, West Wales 10 Hunslet 50, Workington 24 Keighley 6.

RUGBY UNION

Gallagher Premiership

Harlequins.....34	Exeter.....30
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Leicester.....14 Worcester.....8

Northampton.....21 Saracens.....27

Yesterday

Bath.....13	Bristol.....19
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London Irish.....26 Wasps.....36

Greene King IPA Championship: Cornish Pirates 21 Nottingham 15, Yorkshire Carnegie 26 London Scottish 73.

SNOKER

Players' Championship

(Southport Waterfront) – semi-final: Y Bingtao (Chn) bt S Murphy (Eng) 6-1. Yesterday – final: J Trump (Eng) bt Y Bingtao 10-4.

TENNIS

ATP Dubai Duty Free Cham'ships (UAE) – final: N Djokovic (Ser) bt S Tsitsipas (Gre) 6-3 6-4.

ATP & WTA Mexican Open (Acapulco) – men's final: R Nadal (Spa) bt T Harry Fritz (US) 6-3 6-2.

Women's final: H Watson (Gbr) bt LA Fernandez (Can) 6-4 6-7 6-1.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

(all 7.45pm)

Emirates FA Cup 5th rd

Portsmouth v Arsenal.....

Sky Bet Championship

Middlesbrough v Nottm Forest.....

BetVictor Northern Premier Lge: Basford Utd v Nantwich Town.

YOUR TURN ANSWERS

Brighton v Palace, Shane Duffy.

Bournemouth v Chelsea, Josh King.

Newcastle v Burnley, Newcastle 0

Burnley 1, Div 1, April 1976.

West Ham v Southampton, Alan Pardew.

Watford v Liverpool, Jordan Henderson.

Everton v Man Utd, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. Man United 5 (Solskjaer 4 goals), Everton 1, Dec 1999.

Spurs v Wolves, Helder Costa.

Villa v Man City, Sergio Agueiro.

FIVE FOR FUN ANSWERS

1 Nine, 2 Sale Sharks and Harlequins, 3 Jules Bianchi, 4 Patrick Mahomes, 5 Novak Djokovic.

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HOW THEY RATED

ASTON VILLA

FORMATION: 4-3-3

NYLAND

7

Superb late save at the foot of his post to deny Aguero. Little he could do with either goal.

ENGELS

7

Dragged around early on but so close to a late equaliser with a header Bravo pushed onto the post.

TARGETT

7

Gives a lot to the side, particularly going forward, but did not have as much impact as usual.

NAKAMBA

6

Lucky only to get a yellow card for a robust tackle on Aguero in the second half as his side chased the game.

EL GHAZI

7

Crosses always a danger, as proved with an assist for Villa's goal. Missed a good headed chance.

SAMATTA

7

Smile lit up Wembley when he scored in only his fifth game for club. Did plenty of running with little service.

GUILBERT

6

Coped well enough under intense pressure at times. Beaten too easily for Rodri's header.

MINGS

7

Kept calm when Villa needed a cool head. Led the line and helped address the poor start.

LUIZ

7

At the heart of things in an industrious display. Came into it after being overrun in the early stages.

ELMOHAMADY

6

Good cross early on but threat was stemmed for much of his time on the pitch - subbed late on.

GREALISH

7

Villa's star man again but City did well to keep him quiet. His influence was stunted by a deeper role.

SUBS

Davis (for Samatta 80)
Trezeguet (for Elmohamady 70)
Hourihane (for El Ghazi 70)
Unused subs: Reina, Taylor, Lansbury, Kona.

MAN CITY

FORMATION: 4-3-3

BRAVO

7

Little to do until the closing stages but great last-gasp save to push Engels' header onto the post.

STONES

6

Some classy passes but slipped at a crucial time for Samatta's first-half goal to bring Villa back into it.

ZINCHENKO

6

Covered plenty of ground and got forward when possible. Might have done better for Villa's goal.

GUNDOGAN

7

Put in a real shift for an hour before being replaced by De Bruyne. Always calm and collected on the ball.

FODEN

8

Looked good on the big stage and caused problems down the right. Laid on the opening goal.

AGUERO

8

Floored Villa with the opening goal, his 22nd of the season, and was a constant menace.

WALKER

7

Solid defensively and always looking to cause damage up front. Sixth major honour as a City player.

FERNANDINHO

7

You know what you get - solid and reliable as ever. Looks comfortable filling in at centre-back.

RODRI

8

Set up first goal and got the second with a header from a corner that should not have been awarded.

DAVID SILVA

7

Not his usual sparkling self in potentially his last Wembley appearance but did more than enough.

STERLING

7

Not allowed to cause mayhem but always a handful. Denied with a couple of half-chances.

SUBS

De Bruyne (for Gundogan 58) 7
Bernardo (for Silva 76)
Jesus (for Aguero 83)
Unused subs: Ederson, Mendy, Mahrez, Otamendi.

REF: Lee Mason 6.

ATTENDANCE: 82,145.

YOUR TURN: Who scored a hat-trick when City won 6-1 at Villa in the Premier League this season?

Compiled by DAVE ARMITAGE

SERIOUSLY football CARABAO CUP FINAL

PEP WINS A BATTLE OF WILLS

Rousing Royal team-talk can't save battling Villa

by DAVE ARMITAGE



because it put them 2-0 up and left Villa facing defeat full in the face with only half an hour gone.

Jack Grealish's attempted clearance clearly struck Ilkay Gundogan before it went out but a corner was awarded.

Villa's players and Smith played merry hell and how costly that piece of injustice was to prove when Gundogan swung the corner across and Rodri powered a header home.

Villa had actually started the brighter and might well have taken the lead with just three minutes gone when Anwar El Ghazi should have done better

with a close-range header after Ahmed Elmohamady found him with a deep cross.

But slowly and surely, totally as expected, City began to boss things and it seemed only a matter of time before they eased in front.

Aguero dropped a header onto the bar as a kind of warning shot and in the 20th minute the Argentinian shot City in front after Rodri had found Phil Foden out on the right with a magnificent long ball.

The youngster isn't the biggest, but he had time and space to head the ball back across goal and there was Aguero to hook his shot home.

Foden went close just afterwards with a strike which curled inches wide of the post and then Raheem Sterling sent a shot just wide himself.

All the warning signs were there and Villa didn't need any miscarriages of justice at such a cruel time. But it came with Rodri's goal and Villa had to just swallow it and make sure their heads didn't go.

Sterling had another go from distance which was blocked by Tyrone Mings as City tried to throw the knockout punch but the underdogs recovered and hit back when Ally Samatta threw himself at an El Ghazi cross and scored with a diving header from six yards.

City had to rely on a cracking save from Claudio Bravo with two minutes left when he pushed a Bjorn Engels header against his right-hand post.

At the other end, Orjan Nyland kept Villa in it with a reflex save to deny Rodri but there was no denying Pep's men - yet again.

PEP GUARDIOLA might need to ask for a Royal pardon after breaking Aston Villa hearts to make it three Carabao Cup wins in a row.

Villa fan Prince William (*inset*) gave Dean Smith's side a pre-match pep talk but it just wasn't quite enough.

Goals from Sergio Aguero and Rodri ended up proving enough for City but my, oh my, how they had to scrap for it.

There was no shortage of people who gave Villa no chance and were predicting they might take a right hammering.

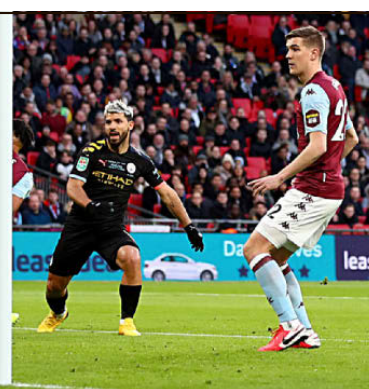
It's not hard to see why - only six weeks ago City thrashed them 6-1 at Villa Park with Aguero helping himself to a hat-trick.

But Smith's men emerged bruised but not battered as they trudged off to rapturous applause from their fans.

They'd given all they could and it just wasn't quite enough, but then again there aren't too many sides who can slug it out with a team holding £331m in reserve on the bench.

Villa had every right to feel aggrieved to go in at half-time a goal down - not necessarily on chances created, but the fact that City's second goal came about in extremely dubious circumstances.

It was potentially a killer blow as well,





Carabao Cup

AVFC MANCHESTER

HEAD BOY:
Rodri rises to
bag City's second

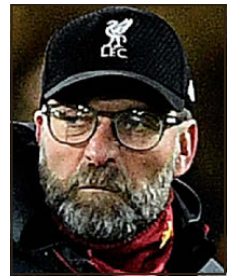


ASTON
KILLER:
Jack Grealish
feels the pain



AG FAB: Sergio
Aguero earns a hug
from team-mate Phil
Foden after opening
the scoring (left)

VIL POWER:
Ally Samatta
dives in to make
it 2-1 at Wembley



FIRST TIME: Klopp Jurgen's reaction

From Back Page
again with whatever we
did before – and we will.
“You cannot win the
amount of games the boys
have done if they are easily
influenced by the outside
world.”

Liverpool kissed
goodbye to a record-
equalling 18 consecutive
wins, a 44-match unbeaten
run going back to January
2019, dropped points for
only the second time this
season and failed to score
for the first time in 36
league games.

Klopp added: “We will
see how they react but I
don’t know because I’ve
never won 18 games in a
row and not lost in 44. First
time in my life.

“How they react, we
shall see.”

But Klopp insisted his
side had not been
complacent, saying:
“We’ve never estimated
the situation wrongly.
Defeat feels exceptionally
average.”

Chelsea boss Frank
Lampard won’t take
tomorrow’s fifth-round
cup tie lightly.

He said: “Our fans want
us to overturn the best
team in the land.

“I will be treating it with
the care I would give a
Premier League game.”

**ASHAMED: See
football pullout**

Virus hits MotoGP

■ by ZOE BURN

THE first MotoGP of 2020
was last night cancelled
due to coronavirus.

Next Sunday’s Grand
Prix of Qatar and pre-race
testing were called off after
new travel restrictions
were brought into force
there affecting visitors
from Italy in particular.

Moto2 and Moto3 are
unaffected as the teams
and riders were already in
Qatar for testing before the
rules were introduced.

Six Nations chiefs will
meet in Paris today to
discuss the rescheduling of
Ireland’s postponed match
against Italy.

And, after the French
government this weekend
banned all indoor
gatherings of more than
5,000 people, the most
pressing concern is for
March 14 when England
go to Italy and Ireland play
France in Paris.

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ASTON VILLA..1 MANCHESTER CITY..2

Awesome City's Carabao Cup treble

CARAB-WOW!
City players enjoy their success while (below) Pep Guardiola celebrates with a deserved drink



CHAMPERS

Guardiola hits bottle as his side sink Villa

PEP GUARDIOLA said lifting the Carabao Cup for the third year in a row was "awesome".

The Manchester City boss swigged champagne on the Wembley pitch after seeing his side overcome Aston Villa.

"Three times in a row is a big

■ by **JEREMY CROSS**

success," said Guardiola. "It's the consistency. It's incredible. It was awesome."

Sergio Aguero and Rodri fired City into a 2-0 lead inside 30 minutes before Villa pulled one back through striker Ally Samatta

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IT'S LOTTI BOTHER

■ by **CHRIS McKENNA**

CARLO ANCELOTTI was shown a red card for confronting referee Chris Kavanagh after a controversial end to Everton's 1-1 draw with Manchester United yesterday.

The Toffees boss was fuming after Dominic Calvert-Lewin's late deflected winner was ruled out for offside.

VAR overturned the assistant referee's decision that Gylfi Sigurdsson was not interfering with play as he sat in front of United

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Klopp: 'Let's start again'

■ by **MIKE WALTERS**

JURGEN KLOPP has told Liverpool to 'start again' as they bid to get their Treble bid back on track at Chelsea tomorrow.

His side's hopes of going through the Premier League campaign unbeaten were scuppered with an unexpected 3-0 defeat at Watford. But Klopp insisted: "We can start

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**TOO
NICE**

ON THE PROWL: Diogo Jota celebrates scoring Wolves' second with Matt Doherty (right) while Jose urges his side on (inset)

**We need to wise up
blasts fuming Jose**

JOSE MOURINHO accused his team of being too nice as they stumbled in the chase for fourth place.

Spurs led twice, through Steven Bergwijn and Serge Aurier, but each time Wolves pegged them back.

Then Raul Jimenez struck a late winner as Wolves leapfrogged Spurs

by **TONY BANKS**
TOTTENHAM 2 WOLVES 3

into sixth, behind Manchester United only on goal difference.

Tottenham boss Mourinho said:
"We are too good, too nice."

"They have Jimenez, yes, a fantastic player, and they have that
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HERE WIG GO: Sam Morsy scores only goal

Sam hoping for Mor derby days

WEST BROM 0 WIGAN 1

SAM MORSY admitted it was extra special to shoot down West Brom as a lifelong Wolves fan.

But the Wigan skipper still expects Slaven Bilic's Baggies to join Wolves in the Premier League.

Morsy ensured Wigan secured a shock but deserved win at the league leaders with a rasping 73rd-minute finish.

It was his side's third win on the bounce and lifted them out of the drop zone for the first time in three months.

It was also extra special for the Egyptian international, who was on Wolves' books as a kid.

"It was brilliant, we beat them last season at home as well, to the delight of friends and family who are all big Wolves fans.

"This is the game I look

by JAMES NURSEY

for. I am a Wolves fan who watched them for years and enjoyed the rivalry with Albion.

"But I genuinely hope Albion go up to see the derbies again."

Paul Cook's side could have won more comfortably as they also hit the post and Jamal Lowe was denied by keeper Sam Johnstone late on.

Bilic lamented his side's lame display but consoled himself with having an FA Cup clash with Newcastle tomorrow.

But the Hawthorns boss made it clear promotion is the priority. He said: "The FA Cup game is a massive game for the club but when I say we have to bounce back, it is against Swansea on Saturday. Newcastle is a bonus game."

Vokes has two battles to fight

LUTON 1 STOKE 1

SAM VOKES is hoping Stoke's relegation dogfight does not ruin Wales' Euro 2020 chances.

Wales internationals Joe Allen, James Chester and Vokes all started for Stoke at Kenilworth Road, while Dragons reserve keeper Adam Davies was on the bench.

But Vokes is facing competition to nail down a regular place in Michael O'Neill's side from fellow striker Tyrese Campbell.

He did himself no harm on Saturday with a sharp finish to give the Potters a ninth-minute lead.

Allen ran the show against their fellow strugglers but injury-plagued defender Chester, on-loan from Aston Villa, blotted his copy book by conceding a last-gasp penalty.

Hatters skipper James Collins sent Jack Butland

by GEOFF KNOX

the wrong way with the spot-kick.

Vokes said: "We need to put teams to the sword and score that second and third goal and see the game out.

"I'm always proud to play for Wales and it's important that your club football gives you that chance to play for them. "You want to be playing and that was a big reason for me moving here, but there's a lot of competition and so it's important to take your chance."

Striker Collins, 29, is also eyeing a call-up to the Republic of Ireland squad, having scored 11 league goals for basement boys Luton.

"I didn't think we deserved anything," he said. "I had an inkling of where their keeper would be going."

NU ORDER AT THE TOP



TOP MAN: Nuno applauds his team after Jimenez fired in the winner

STAR PLAYER

RAUL JIMENEZ
Took his goal superbly

STAR SHOCKER

ERIC DIER
Nightmare at the back

MATCH RATING

★★★★

Too nice

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incredible counter-attack which is very difficult to stop, especially if you don't have that mentality they showed.

"In the first minute Ruben Neves makes a tackle on Lucas Moura. That is a yellow card.

"In the last minute they did the same with Leander Dendoncker which the referee correctly gave a yellow card for.

"That's the way a team has to play football. That's the way they did.

"They had the correct mentality. We were punished because we don't have that aggression, ruthlessness.

"But the result was unfair on us. It's frustrating but we have to keep fighting."

Spurs lost keeper Hugo Lloris to a groin injury before the game and Mourinho admitted he did not know how long the France star will be out for.

STARFACTS

TOTTENHAM: (3-4-3): Gazzaniga 6; Sanchez 6, Dier 5, Tanganga 5 (Ndombele 76); Aurier 6 (Fernandes 82), Winks 6, LO CELSO 7, Davies 6 (Parrott 90); Alli 6, Moura 6, Bergwijn 6. **Subs:** Vorm, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Skipp.

UP NEXT: Norwich (h), FA Cup, Wednesday. **WOLVES:** (3-4-3): Rui Patrício 6; Boly 7, Coady 7, Saiss 7; Doherty 7, Moutinho 7, Neves 7, Vinagre 7; Traore 7 (Neto 74), JIMENEZ 8 (Podence 90), Jota 7 (Dendoncker 79). **Subs:** Ruddy, Giggs-White, Kilman, Buur.

UP NEXT: Brighton (h), Premier League, Saturday.

REFEREE: Stuart Attwell 7.

YOUR TURN: Who completed the scoring for Wolves in their 3-1 win at Spurs last season?

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THE RACE for that final Champions League place looks like coming down to who has the striker to bang in the goals.

Spurs don't, but Nuno Espirito Santo's sparkling Wolves side certainly do.

Raul Jimenez converted his chance to take his tally for the season to 22, and his combination with the electric Diogo Jota tore the home side apart.

But Tottenham's two main strikers, Harry Kane and Heung-min Son, are in the treatment room for another six weeks.

If ever that huge loss was exposed, it was yesterday.

Jose Mourinho's team strived, they battled, they probed. But they did not have the wit or invention to open up a formidable defence.

Nor did they have the strikers to finish off chances. Wolves did. Nuno's powerful, pacey and clever team moved ahead of Spurs into sixth place with this win.

They are behind Manchester United only on goal difference and fifth could be good enough if Manchester City do not

Wolves going Raul out in Euro race

by TONY BANKS



succeed in getting their European ban overturned.

Mourinho's side, after successive Premier League defeats, look like they are running out of steam.

For the second weekend in a row Mourinho has been schooled by one of his pupils – Frank Lampard with Chelsea last week, and then yesterday, his former Porto keeper Nuno.

Spurs suffered a blow before kick off when Hugo Lloris was ruled out with a groin injury.

But Mourinho's move of playing Eric Dier in defence was what really hurt them. It backfired spectacularly. Wolves'

ability to break with pace from defence was also instrumental.

The danger was obvious from the start when Adama Traore broke clear but shot wide.

But Spurs, with Lucas Moura again gallantly leading the line, grabbed the initiative. From the excellent Giovanni Lo Celso's pass, Serge Aurier crossed low, and Steven Bergwijn slotted home after Dele Alli's effort had been saved by Rui Patricio.

Wolves were never quiet, with Jota shooting over before equalising with a goal that will give Mourinho nightmares.

Ruben Vinagre burst down the left, Dier completely missed his cross, the ball bounced back off the hapless Japheth Tangana and Matt Doherty finished.

But on the stroke of half-time, without really creating too much, Spurs were ahead again.

Alli played in Aurier on the right and the full-back cut in to curl his shot past Patricio.

The key moment for Spurs came when Ben Davies slung in a long cross, and Alli escaped his marker but glanced his header wide. Had that gone in Wolves might not have recovered.

But they did. Traore found Doherty once again breaking with pace down the right and Jota stabbed in his low cross at the far post.

And then came the best move of the game. A lovely touch by Jota saw him get away from Moura, he raced away to cut inside and rolled a pass to Jimenez who fired home.

"Jimenez and Jota's combination is something they have. They know each other well," said Nuno. "They will keep on improving but that third goal was a team effort. It involved everyone."

"Tottenham were very good in the first half but I am so pleased with the way we finished the game. It's amazing the energy levels that we put into the game."

But a worry for Wolves was the shoulder injury picked up by Traore that forced him off in the second half.



HOT SPURS: Steven Bergwijn puts Spurs 1-0 up and Serge Aurier (far left) celebrates making it 2-1 with Lucas Moura



LEVEL BEST: Jota scores from close range to make it 2-2



LEADING THE WAY: Tyler Roberts celebrates scoring the third goal and (inset) keeper Illan Meslier

Illan won't mess up says McCann

HULL 0 LEEDS 4

by DAVID ANDERSON

OPPONENTS may see Illan Meslier as Leeds' weak link but Hull boss Grant McCann says he has already proved he's not.

Meslier, 20 today, belied his lack of experience on his Championship debut.

The French keeper, signed on loan from Ligue 2 Lorient, is deputising for Kiko Casilla during his eight-game ban for racially abusing Charlton's Jonathan Leko and McCann was impressed.

"I know he's a very good goalkeeper," he said.

"There were a couple of times when the ball went into the box and he was confident and caught it."

Leeds did not sign a keeper in January because they were confident he could replace Casilla.

"We all knew as soon as he came in that he was a

great keeper," said team-mate Tyler Roberts.

"He didn't back out of things. He was confident and commanding and it's good for the defenders to have him behind them."

Roberts scored twice as Leeds registered their biggest away win since November 2011.

Luke Ayling and Pablo Hernandez also netted, while Hull are feeling the loss of Jarrod Bowen and Kamil Grosicki in January and have been sucked into the relegation fight, taking just two points from their last 10 league games.

McCann added: "I've no time for people feeling sorry for themselves."

"If anyone feels sorry for themselves they can go home or play for the Under-23s."

We can still have a Hug-e season

QPR 2 BIRMINGHAM 2

by TOM HARVEY

JORDAN HUGILL insists QPR are capable of nicking a play-off spot.

Saturday's draw left both teams firmly stuck in mid-table, but after stretching their unbeaten run to five games Hugill insists the Hoops' season is far from over.

"There are only nine points between us and the play-offs," said the on-loan West Ham striker.

"There's always one team that has that run towards the end of the season to snatch that last play-off place."

"We have to keep our sights on that."

"For me personally, I'm aiming for a certain number of goals and for the team to keep aiming for that last spot."

Hugill put Rangers in front with his 13th goal of the campaign after Marc Pugh had cancelled out

Scott Hogan's opener. In-form striker Hogan ensured honours finished even at the Kiyan Prince Foundation Stadium with his second goal of the game late on as Blues' unbeaten run increased to 13 games.

It was the striker's sixth strike in seven matches since his temporary switch from rivals Aston Villa.

City defender Harlee Dean spent three seasons at Brentford with Hogan and said: "He'll score goals wherever he plays. He's just got to be trusted."

"He's not going to smash a centre-half, he's going to run in behind. He might be offside five times a game but the one time he's not he'll put it away."

"I'm delighted for him – he's one of my best mates – and it's just good to see him scoring goals."

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Cyrus sets benchmark as Parker's go-to guy

CYRUS CHRISTIE was held up as an example to his team-mates after going from substitute to man of the match.

Christie had barely sat on the bench before replacing hamstringing victim Joe Bryan in the ninth minute.

He slotted in at right-back and not only played his part in keeping a clean sheet, but was one of Fulham's most potent attacking forces.

Cottagers boss Scott Parker was full of praise for the Irishman, who has been restricted to eight league starts this season.

"He was exceptional," Parker said. "I don't really expect anything less from Cyrus, because in his training habits and what he does every day he is someone who takes disappointment on the

FULHAM 2 PRESTON 0

■ by NICK SZCZEPANIK chin but also takes it as a motivation to keep improving and keep working hard.

"There is no sulking with him and he deserved his moment. When he was called upon after nine minutes, he was ready to perform." Preston

boss Alex Neil took few positives after David Nugent's own goal and Aoubakar Kamara's added-time breakaway strike left North End empty-handed.

But he singled out midfielder Brad Potts. With Ben Pearson out for a month with a

hamstring injury, Potts – like Christie – made the most of his chance.

"I respect what the gaffer does, it is up to him and if I am called upon, I will do everything I can to help the team," Potts said.



BAD DAY: Nugent's (left) own goal

KEEPERS

STARFACTS

EVERTON (4-4-2): Pickford 6; Coleman 6 (Sidibe 28, 6), Holgate 6, Keane 6, Baines 8; Walcott 5 (Bernard 63, 6), Davies 7, Gomes 8 (Kean 82), Sigurdsson 7; CALVERT-LEWIN 8, Richarlison 7. **Subs:** Virginia, Delph, Mina, Iwobi.

UP NEXT: Chelsea (a), Premier League, Sunday.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-1-2): De Gea 6; Wan-Bissaka 7, Lindelof 7, Maquire 7, Shaw 7; McTominay 8 (Mata 72), Matic 7, Fred 7; FERNANDES 8; Greenwood 6 (Ighalo 72), Martial 5 (Williams 89). **Subs:** Romero, Bailly, Lingard, Pereira.

UP NEXT: Derby (a), FA Cup, Thursday.

REFEREE: Chris Kavanagh 5.

YOUR TURN: Which Norwegian was the last man to score a hat-trick in a United v Everton game?

■ **FLOORED:** Gylfi Sigurdsson pulls his legs in to let Calvert-Lewin's deflected shot go into the net – but it was ruled out by VAR for offside



■ **SO SORRY:** De Gea apologises after Calvert-Lewin charges down his attempted clearance to score

DAVID DE GEA is still the best keeper in the world, according to Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

The Spaniard didn't even look the best keeper at Manchester United yesterday when he cannoned a clearance off Dominic Calvert-Lewin to gift Everton the opener after three minutes.

No player in the Premier League over the last two seasons has made as many errors leading to goals.

But up until the 88th minute, when he made a superb save to deny Everton a late winner, it looked like Dean Henderson – on loan at Sheffield United – might end up being the biggest winner.

Everton's Jordan Pickford wasn't doing himself any favours at the other end either in front of England boss Gareth Southgate.

The Three Lions No.1 should have done far better when he allowed Bruno Fernandes' swerving strike to sneak under him for United's equaliser. Ex-United captain Roy

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WEEPERS!

It's dismal for De Gea
...and Pickford

STAR PLAYER
BRUNO FERNANDES
Another top show

STAR SHOCKER
ANTHONY MARTIAL
Hardly involved

MATCH RATING
★★★

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

(7.45pm unless stated)

TODAY

Emirates FA Cup 5th rd
Portsmouth v Arsenal
Sky Bet Championship
Middlesbrough v Nottm Forest

TOMORROW

Emirates FA Cup 5th rd
Chelsea v Liverpool
Reading v Sheff Utd (8pm)
West Brom v Newcastle (8pm)
Sky Bet League One
Ipswich v Fleetwood
Sky Bet League Two
Exeter v Crewe
Plymouth v Grimsby
Swindon v Scunthorpe
Vanarama National League
AFC Fylde v Notts County
Barnet v Boreham Wood
Chesterfield v Harrogate
Chorley v Eastleigh
Halifax v Sutton
Solihull Moors v Hartlepool

Buildbase FA Trophy
Quarter-final

Concord Rangers v Royston Town

WEDNESDAY

Emirates FA Cup 5th rd
Leicester v Birmingham
Sheff Wed v Man City
Tottenham v Norwich

THURSDAY

Emirates FA Cup 5th rd
Derby v Man Utd

FRIDAY

Sky Bet Championship
Nottm Forest v Millwall
(3pm unless stated)

SATURDAY

Premier League

Arsenal v West Ham
Burnley v Tottenham (5.30pm)
Crystal Palace v Watford
Liverpool v Bournemouth (12.30pm)
Sheff Utd v Norwich
Southampton v Newcastle
Wolves v Brighton

Sky Bet Championship

Barnsley v Cardiff
Birmingham v Reading
Brentford v Sheff Wed
Bristol City v Fulham (12.30pm)
Charlton v Middlesbrough
Leeds v Huddersfield
Preston v QPR
Stoke v Hull
Swansea v West Brom
Wigan v Luton

Sky Bet League One

Accrington v Tranmere
AFC Wimbledon v Bolton
Fleetwood v Blackpool
Ipswich v Coventry
Lincoln v Burton
MK Dons v Doncaster
Peterborough v Portsmouth
Rochdale v Rotherham
Shrewsbury v Oxford Utd
Southend v Bristol Rovers
Sunderland v Gillingham

Sky Bet League Two

Carlisle v Colchester
Cheltenham v Port Vale
Crawley v Oldham
Crewe v Stevenage
Leyton Orient v Cambridge Utd
Newport v Morecambe
Northampton v Mansfield
Plymouth v Macclesfield
Salford v Bradford
Scunthorpe v Grimsby (1pm)
Swindon v Forest Green
Walsall v Exeter

Vanarama National League

AFC Fylde v Solihull Moors
Aldershot v Dag & Red
Barrow v Notts County
Chorley v Chesterfield
Dover v Yeovil
Halifax v Woking
Harrogate v Bromley (5.20pm)
Hartlepool v Ebbsfleet
Maidenhead v Boreham Wood
Stockport v Barnet
Sutton v Torquay
Wrexham v Eastleigh

SUNDAY

Premier League

Chelsea v Everton (2pm)
Man Utd v Man City (4.30pm)
Sky Bet Championship
Derby v Blackburn
MONDAY, MARCH 9
Premier League
Leicester v Aston Villa (8pm)

by CHRIS McKENNA



EVERTON
MAN UNITED

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Keane said De Gea would have been "lynched" at half-time in his day and was equally dismissive of Pickford's credentials as the best in the land.

Both made up for their early errors with fine late saves, but that was not enough to satisfy Keane afterwards.

Pickford's was a fine double stop first to deny Fernandes a second goal and then his quick reactions and an outstretched leg to block substitute Odion Ighalo from point-blank range in the 88th minute.

In stoppage time, De Gea pulled off a reaction save with his feet to deny Gylfi Sigurdsson. That sparked chaos as Calvert-Lewin thought he had won the game when his rebound deflected in off Harry Maguire to leave De Gea wrong-footed.

But with Sigurdsson sat in front of

the keeper in the six-yard box and pulling his feet away to let the ball roll into the net, VAR ruled out the goal.

Everton boss Carlo Ancelotti didn't agree and was sent off at the final whistle for confronting referee Chris Kavanagh, while United boss Solskjaer said he was plain confused by the rules.

In the end, a draw was a fair result but not what either side needed.

United had a chance to move a point behind fourth-placed Chelsea in the race for Champions League qualification, while a win for the Toffees would have been a shot in the arm for their hopes of a place in the Europa League.

What a different game it might have been had De Gea not hesitated with his clearance early on, which brought about the opening goal and set the tone.

Everton had a chance through Calvert-Lewin soon after his opener but the United keeper pushed it wide and VAR would have ruled it

out for offside anyway. United were the dominant side in the opening 45 minutes, with Nemanja Matic cracking one off the bar.

And it was Matic's quick pass which found Fernandes for the equaliser in the 31st minute which Pickford should have saved.

Everton were the better side after the break, but couldn't turn their pressure into a goal, before the final five minutes of madness could have swung the game either way.



JORD ONLY KNOWS:
Pickford is in despair after he fails to stop Fernandes' shot (left)

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WIN AND GRIN:
Scorers Yakou
Meite and George
Puscas (right)

Matt's hoping to go on magic run

READING 2 BARNSELEY 0

MATT MIAZGA is convinced Reading can keep pulling rabbits out of the hat.

The American centre-back has already proved he has super powers by recovering from torn ankle ligaments in just four weeks and then giving a faultless display to snuff out Barnsley on his return.

He insists the Royals can defy the pundits by beating Sheffield United in tomorrow's FA Cup fifth round tie before launching a late run at the play-offs.

"Is that winnable? I think so," said Miazga. "So, we have to go for it."

"It will be tough, but we have to rise to the challenge and make it happen."

"I watched the Premier League more growing up as a kid, but I know all

■ by GRAHAM THOMAS

about the magic surrounding the FA Cup.

"I was able to win the domestic cup in Holland, so I want to go for it."

Goals in either half from Yakou Meite and George Puscas left Miazga, 24, looking up the table.

"For me, the play-offs are realistic," he added.

"We have 10 more games left and we want to win every single one."

"You don't play football to draw or to lose."

After three victories on the bounce, Barnsley are back in trouble – five points from safety following a display that lacked conviction.

"We are in a big fight and we need energy, but the battery was flat," said Tykes manager Gerhard Struber.

I can stay right on the Mounie

HUDDERSFIELD 4 CHARLTON 0

STEVE MOUNIE plans to keep putting in the kind of goalscoring performance that helped demolish Charlton.

He scored Town's second goal moments after coming on as the hosts claimed their first back-to-back wins since November to move up to 17th, five points above the relegation zone.

The £12m striker said: "I knew I was capable of scoring goals in the Championship."

"I did not have the chance in the first half of the season but I can play and score goals and everyone can see that."

"I know I would have scored more than eight but I didn't really play until December."

"It was a strong bench and when you are on the pitch now starting, you are like, 'Hey, if I don't play

■ by ELIZABETH BYRNES

well, there's these guys on the bench who can come in and score goals.' "Everyone is now focused in one direction and pushing each other."

"We are reaching a point where everyone knows each other better." Karlan Grant scored twice and Juninho Bacuna fired home a spectacular fourth in added time as the Terriers claimed their biggest win since Danny Cowley took charge in September.

Defeat left the Addicks in 20th, just two points off Middlesbrough in the third relegation spot.

Boss Lee Bowyer didn't pull any punches after a third defeat in four games.

He said: "It's been a tough week but we have to learn from it. There's no easy games, so it's the same for everybody."

STAR PLAYER
PHILIP BILLING
Ran the show

STAR SHOCKER
FIKAYO TOMORI
Struggled on his return

MATCH RATING
★★★★

FRANK'S STRIKING PROBLEM

Transfer failings could prove costly



★ STARFACTS

BOURNEMOUTH (4-1-4-1): Ramsdale 7; Stacey 7, Ake 6, Cook 6, Smith 6; BILLING 8; King 7 (Stanislas 68, 5), Lerma 7, Cook 6 (Gosling 80), Fraser 6; C Willson 7. **Subs:** Boruc, Francis, Solanke, Rico, H Wilson.

UP NEXT: Liverpool (a), Premier League, Saturday.

CHELSEA (3-4-3): Caballero 6; Azpilicueta 5, Tomori 4 (Barkley 64, 5), Christensen 5; James 7, Kovacic 7, Jorginho 5 (Willian 64, 6), ALONSO 8; Mount 7, Giroud 5 (Batshuayi 72), Pedro 5. **Subs:** Kepa, Rudiger, Loftus-Cheek, Gilmour.

UP NEXT: Liverpool (h), FA Cup, tomorrow.

REFEREE: Andre Marriner 6.

YOUR TURN: Which Norwegian striker scored twice when the Cherries thumped Chelsea 4-0 at home last season?

■ **OFF THE MARC:**
Alonso drills in the first of his double

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EDINSON CAVANI would have helped. Or Moussa Dembele. Or even Krzysztof Piatek.

But none of them arrived, and Chelsea's failure to buy a striker in January is looking like a costly mistake.

Nine points clear in fourth back in November, the gap has closed, and it took two goals from Marcos Alonso to rescue a point at Bournemouth.

With Tammy Abraham facing a further spell on the sidelines with an ankle injury and Olivier Giroud failing to score again, the Blues looked toothless up front.

Chelsea had 23 shots but had to rely on a 29-year-old wing-back for a point and are now winless in four Premier League away games – their longest run in five years.

They have taken just 19 points from their last 16 games and are in danger of getting caught by the chasing pack.

Boss Frank Lampard (inset) wanted a striker but he didn't get one. And Chelsea could end up paying the price.

They were battered by Bayern Munich in the Champions League and failed to score. Since the turn of the year, more than half their Premier League goals have been scored by defenders.

You might think it's Chelsea's shaky backline that is their biggest problem, and they certainly creaked and wobbled

■ by PAUL BROWN



in this one. Bournemouth tore them apart with a two-goal burst in three crazy second-half minutes, when Jefferson Lerma and Josh King both hit the target.

It could have been worse, too, if not for some timely saves by Willy Caballero.

At times it was like Bayern all over again, with Bournemouth cutting through the Blues like the German side did in their 3-0 win at Stamford Bridge.

But for Lampard, it all stems from Chelsea's inability to take their chances, and the pressure that puts on a back four he has constantly chopped and changed.

The Blues boss said: "I think if we are clinical with our chances those moments aren't there so much."

"I truly believe that when you look at our games and analyse them properly, analyse the details of the game, leading 1-0 always gives the other teams a chance."

Time and

again Chelsea have had opponents on the ropes this season and failed to kill them off.

But no help is coming, and Lampard needs to find some answers in the dressing room because finishing in the top four tends to be a minimum requirement at Chelsea.

Bournemouth currently have their lowest points tally at this stage of a Premier League season, seven lower than last term.

But they carved out chances with ease before running out of energy and dropping so deep they almost invited Alonso's late equaliser.

Fikayo Tomori, in his first start since December, had a particularly torrid time before getting the hook after 64 minutes.

Lampard looks set to make changes again for tomorrow's visit of Liverpool in the FA Cup but it is the mindset of his players he'd most like to change.

He said: "Every game is different but you have to have a mindset within the group on the pitch. We spoke at half-time about what might happen, what they might do."

"Then you rely on the players on the pitch. They have to solve problems."

"As a group we can't be happy with it. You can't be happy when you concede goals like that."

TO THE RESCUE:
Alonso's header salvages a point for Chelsea

Phil of hope for Anfield

■ by PAUL BROWN

PHILIP BILLING has told the doubters not to write Bournemouth off when they travel to Anfield on Saturday.

The midfielder says they won't be parking the bus against the runaway Premier League leaders and have what it takes to cause an upset.

He said: "Nobody thinks we will get anything at

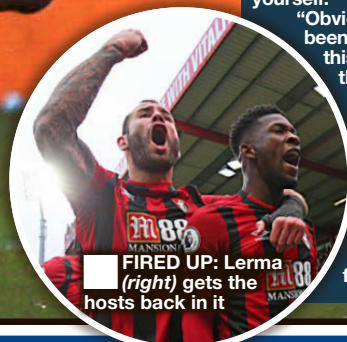
Liverpool. We have to make sure we're at 100 per cent, and go into the game with the right attitude. It's a challenge.

"But you look forward to these games."

"Even though you know everyone is going to doubt you and think it's an easy win for Liverpool, you have to believe in yourself."

"Obviously they have been unbelievable this season but at the end of the day it's 11 v 11."

"Hopefully we'll just play as everybody knows us, and that's energetic, attacking football."



FIRED UP: Lerma (right) gets the hosts back in it



LEARNER: Brereton

Ben told Mo fight needed

BLACKBURN SWANSEA 2 2

■ by JOHN RICHARDSON

BEN BRERETON got a reality check from Blackburn boss Tony Mowbray.

Little has been seen of the £7m striker since he arrived from Nottingham Forest in August 2018 hailed as the wonderkid who could help lead Rovers back to the Premier League.

He started on the bench again, but after his second-half introduction the 20-year-old showed flashes of why Mowbray believes he is ready to come in from the cold.

Mowbray said: "Brereton with the ball at his feet is an extraordinary talent."

"He's a wonderful footballer who can dribble with both feet."

"But he's still a boy. I said to him in the dressing room after the game that this is a working-class town."

"These are people who pay hard-earned money and they expect you to fight for every ball, put your head on every ball and fight for every tackle."

"Yes, they want to see him dribble, shoot and score but they want to see him fight. He has to learn that."

Rovers took the lead through Sam Gallagher in the 25th minute.

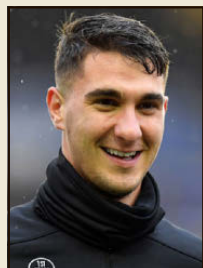
But Swansea hit back through Rhian Brewster – on loan from Liverpool – on the stroke of half-time and an early second-half penalty from Andre Ayew.

Swans keeper Freddie Woodman saved a spot-kick from Danny Graham before Bradley Johnson stole in for an equaliser in the fourth minute of added time.

It was deja vu for Swans boss Steve Cooper, who has seen his side concede at the death in successive games. He said: "It was gut wrenching."

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FRUSTRATION: Racic

Luka in warning to Bees

CARDIFF
BRENTFORD 2 2

by JAMES CANDY

LUKA RACIC has told his Brentford teammates to forget about promotion until they sort out their set-piece problems.

The Danish defender netted his first goal as Brentford took a two-goal lead before they unravelled to extend their winless run to five matches.

The Bees have conceded two goals from dead-ball plays in a week to take their tally to 12 for the season.

"I got my first senior goal, which I'm sure I will be happy about tomorrow, but right now I'm disappointed with the draw," said Racic. "It's so disappointing to give away a two-goal lead, especially from a defender's point of view."

"The second one, from the long throw, is such an annoying goal to concede, the first one came from a counter-attack, which is also sloppy."

Racic side-footed the Bees' opener before Bryan Mbeumo's pin-point free-kick put them on course to end their miserable run.

But Junior Hoilett headed in at the back post before Joe Ralls punished lax defending to also nod home at the back stick from a Will Vaulks long throw.

Cardiff were left cursing referee Simon Hooper at the end after Ethan Pinnock got away with a foul on Hoilett inside his own box.

Hoilett said: "I thought it was a clear penalty, I got to the ball before him and I felt contact, it was a clear penalty and would have been given any other day."

A LITTLE BIT ASHAMED

INVINCIBLE no more, Dejan Lovren admitted Liverpool were ashamed after their 44-match unbeaten run crashed and burned.

One below-par performance at Vicarage Road does not dismantle an empire. The title is still returning to Anfield after 30 years.

But it raises serious questions about the Treble.

Pussyfoot around like this at Stamford Bridge tomorrow and Liverpool will come a cropper in the FA Cup.

Give the ball away as cheaply against Atletico Madrid in the Champions League next week and they will be out of that as well.

Lovren, who was bullied into submission by Troy Deeney, insists the Reds can still complete a perfect campaign if they learn from the shock result of the season.

But the dream of matching Arsenal's invincible class of 2004 has gone.

You have to wonder what Watford were doing in the relegation zone when they can dismantle the champions-in-waiting so comprehensively in front of their biggest crowd for 32 years?

Two-goal record signing Ismaila Sarr is so quick he can catch pigeons, while skipper Deeney, who completed the rout, should be on England's radar this summer if he can rough up the country's meanest defence.

Liverpool, who took their medicine with class, deserve admiration for an unbeaten run spanning 422 days, but

Lovren feeling the pain after Reds' run ruined

by MIKE WALTERS



for once they ticked all the wrong boxes. They were strolling, complacent, pedestrian, lethargic. And hopeless.

Jürgen Klopp's holy trinity of Sadio Mané, Roberto Firmino and Mo Salah – 105 goals in their previous 69 starts together – was nonexistent.

And they missed Jordan Henderson's leadership.

Lovren, making his first league appearance in almost three months, said: "We felt a little bit ashamed. We should have done better."

"There is no excuse for that performance."

"The manager looked at us when we came into the dressing room afterwards. He knew that we knew it wasn't our best performance. I think

this was a proper wake-up call. I don't want to say that it is good, but it can be a benefit to help us get to the end of the season.

"We need to remember how it should be. Yes, we are nearly there but we didn't deserve anything."

"I think the manager knows we are missing something (since the mid-season break).

"I think it is about the aggression when we lose the ball and recovering the ball as quickly as possible."

"We know there is always an end for everything. It is here where our unbeaten run ended. We will not



ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END: Klopp with Andy Robertson

look at this result and think it was a bad season because of losing here.

"One performance won't ruin everything. But this is always a learning process."

"The last couple of games hadn't been the best performances but we won. This one was like someone hit us in our faces – and we deserved it."

"It's strange. It hurts, really hurts. A defeat is a defeat but, you know, this was strange."

"Right from the beginning until the end, it was missing the usual things that we have. We deserved to lose."

"Maybe it is a wake-up call for us. If you look back at the last couple of games, the result was there and we got the performance that we needed, but I think this was a proper wake-up call to everyone."

Liverpool simply couldn't handle Sarr's electrifying surges.

In 2017 the Senegal winger turned down a move to Barcelona as a 19-year-old because he thought he would be stuck on the bench. He would cost them £75m now.

And it is of no consolation to Klopp that Sarr worships Mané, saying:

"Sadio is not only a Senegal teammate, he is my inspiration and my idol."

"For me, he is the best player in the world, certainly the best African player in Europe."

"When I first came to Watford, he sent me some messages welcoming me to the Premier League and when he gives me any piece of advice, I listen carefully."



SARR MAN: Ismaila Sarr nets goal No.1 (left) and chips his second past Alisson



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ROAR POWER:
Sarr celebrates
his second goal

★ STARFACTS

WATFORD (4-2-3-1): Foster 7; Femenia 7, Kabasele 8, Cathcart 8, Masina 8; Capoue 8, Hughes 8; SARR 9 (Pussetto 82), Doucoure 8 (Chalobah 89), Deulofeu 7 (Pereyra 37, 7); Deeney 8. **Subs:** Gomes, Dawson, Welbeck, Gray.

UP NEXT: Crystal Palace (a), Premier League, Saturday.

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Alisson 5; Alexander-Arnold 5, Lovren 4, Van Dijk 5, Robertson 5; Oxlade-Chamberlain 4 (Origi 65, 5), Fabinho 4, Wijnaldum 4 (LALLANA 61, 6); Salah 4, Firmino 5 (Minamino 79), Mane 5. **Subs:** Adrian, Matip, Jones, Hoever.

UP NEXT: Chelsea (a), FA Cup, tomorrow.

REFEREE: Michael Oliver 8.

YOUR TURN: Which England midfielder was sent off for the Reds in their 3-0 win at Watford last season?

Troy is tops at Arsenal

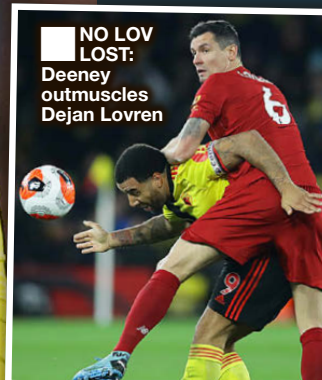
■ by MIKE WALTERS

TROY DEENEY enjoyed a new phenomenon – popularity among Arsenal fans – and admitted: “It’s a good day to be alive.”

Watford’s trashing of Liverpool’s unbeaten run preserved the Gunners’ record as the Premier League’s only Invincibles.

And the Hornets talisman, who upset Gunners fans with his ‘cojones’ barb in 2017, laughed after his sixth goal of the season:

“Popular with Arsenal fans? That’s a first! I



NO LOV
LOST:
Deeney
outmuscles
Dejan Lovren

suppose it’s significant for people who care about things like that. “Arsenal fans like me now? Oh, well I’m going to go home and the kids are going to take over. “That’s how much Arsenal fans bother me.”

Deeney refused to rub Liverpool’s noses in the aftershock of a stunning defeat. “They are still an unbelievable side – World Club champions, European champions, soon to be Premier League champions,” he said.

“Invincibles or not, it doesn’t mean that they’re not an unbelievable side. “You tip your hat to them. It was our day today and Arsenal fans like me. It’s a good day to be alive.”

The only sour note for Watford was winger Gerard Deulofeu’s season-ending knee injury. Deeney added: “It doesn’t look great. “If it’s what we think it is, then it’s going to be a real tough one. I said to him at half-time, ‘We’re going to win this for you’ and thankfully I’m a man of my word.”



CUP FEVER: Knight

I want special Knight

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■ by LINDSAY SUTTON

WAYNE ROONEY can’t wait for Thursday’s FA Cup showdown with Manchester United – but it’s the same for Derby youngsters Max Bird and Jason Knight.

The academy products supported United as kids, and now that they have broken into the Rams’ first team they hope to play in the fifth-round clash at Pride Park.

Knight, 19, has 22 first-team games under his belt and the Irish Under-21 midfielder scored Derby’s third in their steamrolling of Sheffield Wednesday.

He said: “Thursday’s game is such a big occasion and me and Max both want to be a part of it, alongside Wayne. We have both supported United and, in front of a full house at Pride Park, it will be special.

“I hope to be in the team, and after our convincing win, we can go into the game with confidence.

“My favourite Manchester United team was the 2008 side that won the Champions League, but the present squad is making its mark again. It will be a great night.”

Whether the Owls are looking forward to their cup meeting with Manchester City on Wednesday as much is doubtful. They were three down in the opening half hour after Tom Lawrence’s brace and Knight’s strike.

Boss Garry Monk said: “Forget Manchester City. We were extremely poor. This is the worst time in my career, but it’s my job to turn it round.”

He sympathised with fans who chanted, ‘You’re not fit to wear the shirt’ after Derby’s third goal.

He pointed to a better second half, but said: “It was too little, too late.”

WAT A RESULT:
Deeney steers
home the third

STAR PLAYER

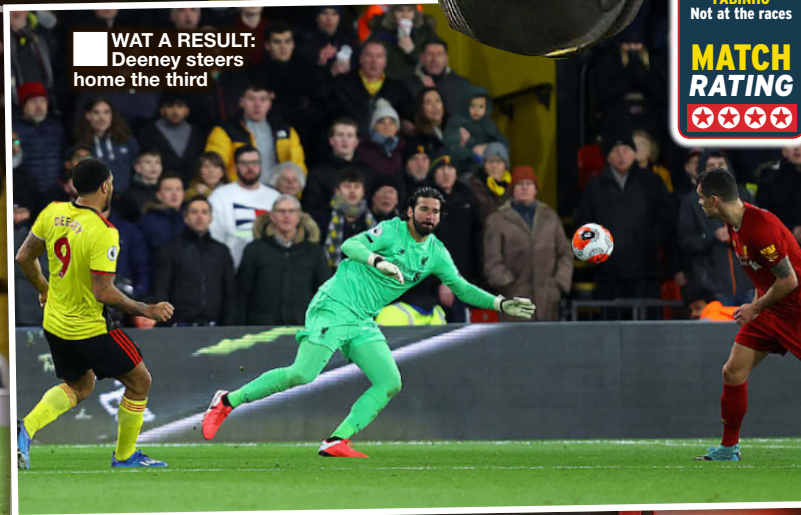
ISMAILA SARR
Ran Liverpool ragged

STAR SHOCKER

FABINHO
Not at the races

MATCH RATING

★★★★★



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Jayson is giving Ireland boss plenty to Mol over

JAYSON MOLUMBY is dreaming of being a part of Mick McCarthy's Euro 2020 plans.

He hopes his form for the Ireland boss' old club Millwall was not a time for picking debutants.

Molumby knows it is a big ask after McCarthy warned that the upcoming Euro play-off against Slovakia was not a time for picking debutants.

But having impressed as Under-21 skipper, he is in McCarthy's thoughts.

And the on-loan Brighton midfielder boosted his chances with a man-of-the-match display against Bristol City.

Molumby said: "Playing for Millwall will help my case. I need to focus on playing but the Ireland squad is something I'm aiming for."

MILLWALL 1 BRISTOL CITY 1

by STEVE JUDGE

You have to aim high in football and it is something I want to do."

Molumby (*below left with Nakhi Wells*) will need better luck in influencing McCarthy than he had with referee Andy Davies on Saturday.

With the Lions pushing for a winner, the 20-year-old had two big calls go against him, including a claim for a last-minute



penalty. Molumby said: "There were two blatant fouls on me."

City opened the scoring on 10 minutes through Pedro Pereira's low shot.

The Lions levelled when Robins defender Tomas Kalas, under pressure from Matt Smith, deflected Connor Mahoney's 51st-minute corner into his own net.

City boss Lee Johnson made six changes to his starting line-up, making it 87 for the season.

He said: "You don't want to make those changes. But you wouldn't believe what has happened to us this year."

"There are three books let alone one. Maybe one day, in five years' time, that will come out."

STAR PLAYER

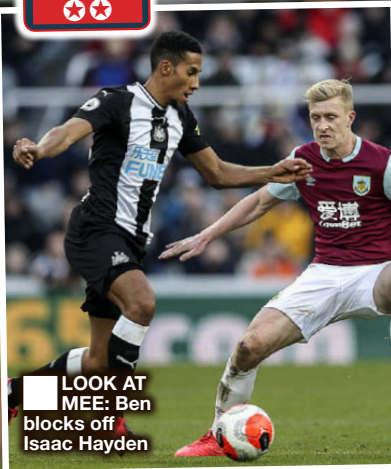
MIGUEL ALMIRON
Speed merchant

STAR SHOCKER

MATEJ VYDRA
Rarely in the game

MATCH RATING

★★★



LOOK AT MEE: Ben blocks off Isaac Hayden

WE'VE BEEN RON RON OVER

STRAIGHT-TALKING Isaac Hayden had no hesitation in mentioning the R word.

Newcastle boss Steve Bruce largely steers clear and the midfielder's team-mates rarely utter it for fear of stirring negative emotions.

But Hayden was emphatic. Players and formations can change but the bottom line this season is that the Magpies are missing Salomon Rondon.

Many Toon fans did their sums last summer and have been wrestling with the three Rs ever since.

Newcastle, minus Rafa and Rondon equals Relegation.

That stark equation has formed the narrative to a season which could yet result in such a brutal conclusion, with this goalless draw meaning only Brighton, of the teams fighting for survival, have a worse record this calendar year.

And it's the reason why to condemn Bruce for a campaign of uninspiring football and, lately, worrying results is oversimplistic and ignoring the state of the club when he arrived just a month before the season started.

Those who question him as

MATT FINISH: Ritchie sees a shot blocked

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Toon reeling from Salomon exit

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OUT OF TOON:
Jonjo Shelvey
fires in a shot which
Burnley defenders
attempt to block

STARFACTS

NEWCASTLE (4-2-3-1): Dubravka 6; Manquillo 7, Fernandez 7, Lascelles 6, Rose 6; Hayden 6, Shelvey 6; Ritchie 6, ALMIRON 8, Joelinton 6 (Saint-Maximin 78); Gayle 7. **Subs:** Schar, Lejeune, Yedlin, Darlow, S Longstaff, Bentaleb. **UP NEXT:** West Brom (a), FA Cup, tomorrow. **BURNLEY (4-4-2):** Pope 6; Bardsley 6, Tarkowski 7, MEE 7, Taylor 7; Hendrick 6, Cork 6, Westwood 5, McNeil 5; Ydra 5 (Wood 58, 7), Rodriguez 6. **Subs:** Brownhill, Brady, Hart, Pieters, Lennon, Long. **UP NEXT:** Tottenham (h), Premier League, Saturday. **REFEREE:** Andy Madley 7. **YOUR TURN:** When did Burnley last win at Newcastle – 1976, 1996 or 2016?

by IAN MURTAGH

NEWCASTLE BURNLEY



tactically deficient may have been mildly surprised that the system unveiled on Saturday, after just four days work on the training ground, proved so effective.

Newcastle had more shots – 21 – than in any game this term and despite taking out the third central defender, the backline remained solid.

Burnley, as industrious and organised as ever, rarely tested it but this was a display more fluid than most which ultimately faltered on the lack of a proven goalscorer.

And Hayden is adamant that Rondon, who Bruce enquired about in January's transfer window, has left a massive void. "People don't understand," he said. "They think as footballers you can play any system the manager wants but when you've had the same rigid system for over a year, it is always difficult.

"The formation worked so well last season because Salomon Rondon was a massive part of it.

"You could hit the ball 40 yards to his chest and he would knock four players off the ball. The way we played suited him down to a T.

"We don't have that now

and that's maybe why things haven't worked as well in that formation.

"Personnel has changed and it's no one's fault because no player is the same.

"We've tried to find a formula with different players and managed to get some good results playing that way.

"For whatever reason, it hasn't worked in recent weeks but having changed it, you can see there are positive signs to work on for the future."

"I thought it went quite well, considering we've only been trying it out for a few days. It was only the final cross or shot that let us down."

Bruce's reshuffled team included five stalwarts who were in the promotion team four seasons ago.

And while many fans will cite that stat as evidence of a stagnant club, Hayden believes the nucleus of Jamaal Lascelles, Matt Ritchie, Jonjo Shelvey, Dwight Gayle and himself is the way forward.

"Without that core, we wouldn't be where we are today," he added. "You need structure, continuity and experience.

"We've been there, done that and got Newcastle through some sticky situations before.

"It's frustrating sometimes for us to hear criticism of our selection. You need to give those players some respect. We've helped this club go up, then finish 10th and 13th

and it's beneficial to still have us around."

Clarets want a return trip

by IAN MURTAGH

JAMES TARKOWSKI says Burnley are ready for another crack at Europe.

The goalless draw at Newcastle stretched their unbeaten league run to six matches, leaving them just two off the hallowed 40-point mark.

And centre-back Tarkowski (below) admits they are looking up the table rather than down.

"We've given ourselves a decent platform," he said.

"It's all about putting points on the board and seeing where it takes us.

"There's now a decent gap between ourselves and those at the bottom and while we're not quite safe, we're almost there."

Burnley finished seventh two years ago, clinching a place in the Europa League qualifiers, and Tarkowski fancies a return ticket.

"Of course, we'd like another shot," he added.

"We enjoyed it last time but there are so

many good teams chasing those places.

"I'm not going to say if we miss out we'll be disappointed but we'd be better equipped to handle playing in Europe and the league if we did qualify again.

"We learnt from the last experience.

"Maybe it affected our league form early on but we know what it's all about now and while staying in the Premier League will always be our chief goal, we'd love the chance to do it again."



EUROSPOT

Vinicius enjoys a lead role for Real

VINICIUS JNR and sub Mariano were the heroes at the Bernabeu last night as Real Madrid beat Barcelona 2-0 in El Clasico to move back to the top of La Liga.

With Cristiano Ronaldo watching, Barca goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen had no chance as Vinicius's effort deflected in off of Gerard Pique in the 71st minute.

And after coming on in the 91st minute for Karim Benzema, within seconds Mariano struck the second

by RICHARD LEWIS

from a tight angle. Real now lead Barca by one point at the top with 12 games to go.

In the Bundesliga, Bayern Munich boss Hansi Flick slammed the fans who staged a protest against Hoffenheim owner Dietmar Hopp.

The game was halted when an offensive banner was unfurled with Flick's side leading 6-0.

Flick said: "That has nothing to do with football. It can't continue like this."

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B Leverkusen		24	13	5	6	41	30	44
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Eibar		25	7	6	12	25	37	27
Celta Vigo		26	5	10	11	22	34	26
Mallorca		26	6	4	16	26	43	22
Leganes		26	4	8	14	19	38	20
Espanyol		26	4	8	14	23	45	20

ITALY		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Lazio		26	19	5	2	60	23	62
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Torino		25	8	3	14	28	45	27
Lecce		26	6	7	13	34	56	25
Sampdoria		24	6	5	13	26	43	23
Genoa		25	5	7	13	28	46	22
Brescia		25	4	4	17	22	46	16
SPAL		25	4	3	18	19	44	15

MISSED:
Rondon exit
a massive blow



ROUND-UP

BLACKPOOL IPSWICH 2 1

PAUL LAMBERT rued the mistakes made by his Ipswich side at Blackpool.

Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall put Blackpool ahead, but Freddie Sears equalised. Joe Nuttall won it in stoppage time.

Ipswich manager Lambert said: "If we want to do something before the end of the season, we cannot concede those types of goals."

BOLTON ACCRINGTON 0 0

KEITH HILL wants Bolton to be more lethal.

"To turn that into a win we have to make sure when we are creating opportunities, we score them," said Hill.

Accrington boss John Coleman was impressed by the hosts, saying their performance "bodes well for the future for them".

BRISTOL ROV SHREWSBURY 0 1

BEN GARNER will take time to reflect after his Rovers were downed by a Daniel Udoh (right) winner.

"I have told the players I'm going to take a long, hard look at myself in the mirror and they should do the same," he said.

Shrewsbury boss Sam Ricketts said: "Hopefully we can draw confidence."



BURTON PETERBOROUGH 1 1

NIGEL CLOUGH wants Burton to eliminate errors after falling behind to Mo Eisa's opener, before John Brayford equalised.

"We are capable of scoring goals and creating chances, we have just got to stop defensive mistakes," he said.

Posh boss Darren Ferguson said: "We can't miss the opportunities we were given."

DONCASTER WYCOMBE 3 1

GARETH AINSWORTH hailed Adebayo Akinfenwa after he became Wycombe's top goalscorer in the EFL.

Akinfenwa netted for the visitors, who claimed a win thanks to goals from Niall Ennis, Kieran Sadlier and Jason McCarthy's own goal.

Ainsworth said: "Getting the Football League record is a special moment for him."



GILLINGHAM WIMBLEDON 1 2

GILLINGHAM are not giving up hope of the play-offs, despite falling seven points adrift.

Callum Reilly (left) got a stoppage-time winner after Regan Charles-Cook's equaliser cancelled out Joe Pigott's opener.

Gills assistant Paul Raynor said: "We're still in touch with the play-offs."

OXFORD SOUTHEND 2 1

SOL CAMPBELL wants his young side to build on their performance against Oxford.

Lewis Gard levelled after James Henry's penalty, but Matty Taylor's superb late finish won it for the hosts.

Campbell said: "It's a sink or swim situation for a lot of our youngsters, but they played very well. We need to start other games like this."

ROTHERHAM MK DONS 1 1

RUSSELL MARTIN believes MK Dons have what it takes to be competitive in every game.

Rhys Healey earned the relegation-battling Dons a point at leaders Rotherham, who led through Freddie Ladapo.

Martin said: "It feels like with the mentality we have got now, we can go into every game and be competitive."

COVENTRY SUNDERLAND 1 0

MARK ROBINS urged his players to keep their focus after Matt Godden's strike after just 94 seconds sent Coventry top.

"We just have to do what we are doing," he said. "We are looking at this as the start of a four-game block."

Phil Parkinson said his Sunderland side were "too hurried" in the final third.



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SOL-DESTROYING: March sees his shot saved by Vicente Guaita

SOLLY STATE OF AFFAIRS

Miss misery for March but Roy has a ton of fun

by HECTOR NUNNS



JORDAN AYEW was delighted to rub salt into the Brighton wounds.

But for Graham Potter's Seagulls, now deep in relegation trouble, much of the pain this season has been self-inflicted.

Failure to put away chances and an inability to keep clean sheets has left Brighton as the only club in the top four leagues without a win in 2020.

Local lad Solly March and £20m striker Neal Maupay were the guilty parties here, squandering chances to put their team ahead.

Victory on the south coast made Roy Hodgson's day in his 100th Premier League game in charge of Palace.

Wilfried Zaha, meanwhile, loves nothing more than rubbing Brighton's noses in it – a Palace talisman who totally gets the special rivalry.

Having insisted before the game he does not like being a pantomime villain, the Ivory Coast international milked the flak hurled at him, and then invited some more.

At one point he cupped his hands to his ears, prompting Brighton sub Ezequiel Schelotto to kick the ball at him while he was warming up.

There was a clash after Zaha spat on the ground and referee Martin Atkinson booked the Argentinian, who started making 'cry baby' gestures.

But he got his revenge and his

afternoon was only missing a seventh career goal against the Seagulls when he hit the post with the goal gaping late on.

Ayew, snapped up from Swansea last summer for just £2.5m, has scored seven this season, earning his team 10 points. His winner was a neat finish from Christian Benteke's assist.

Maupay cost almost 10 times as much. He missed chances, one gilt-edged, to put Brighton ahead and accidentally blocked a goal-bound header from Lewis Dunk on the line.

Hodgson, 72, will sit down with Palace owner Steve Parrish this week to discuss an extension to a contract that ends this summer.

Potter, brought in to replace Chris Hughton last summer, has already seen his original four-year deal extended to

2025. But Brighton, praised for a more attacking style, find themselves eight points behind Palace – occasionally pilloried for their style.

The stats are bleak at the Amex. No win in eight, just one success in 13 and tough fixtures coming up.

Should they have got rid of Hughton? It is a thorny question that won't go away, even if many fans appear to believe a change was the right call.

The former Newcastle and Norwich manager brought Brighton up from the Championship, and kept them there for two seasons.

However, last term saw a dogged style start to fail, with just three wins from the last 23 Premier League games – prompting owner Tony Bloom to wield the axe.

History is repeating itself, though there is no guarantee Hughton would have done any better. The bold move will be justified if the Seagulls survive, but that is looking less and less likely.



JOR BLIMEY: Ayew wins it with a neat finish



PALACE PARTY: Zaha, Benteke, Ayew and Kouyate enjoy the winner

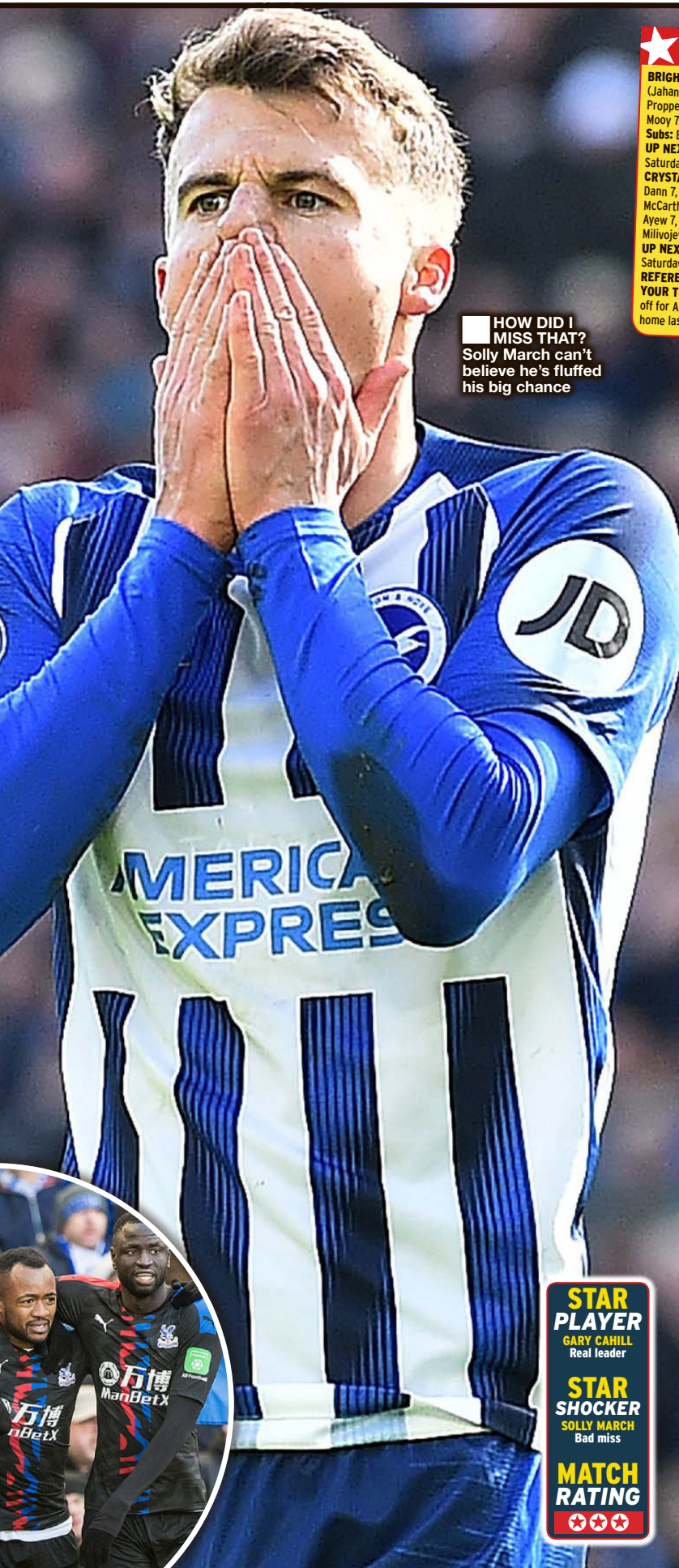
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ROUND-UP



HOW DID I MISS THAT?
Solly March can't believe he's fluffed his big chance

STARFACTS

BRIGHTON (4-2-3-1): Ryan 6; Montoya 6 (Jahanbakhsh 76), Dunk 7, Webster 7, Burn 7; Proper 7, Bissouma 6 (Alzate 81); TROSSARD 7, Mooy 7, March 5 (Murray 66, 6); Maupay 6.
Subs: Button, Schelotto, Stephens, Gross.
UP NEXT: Wolves (a), Premier League, Saturday.
CRYSTAL PALACE (4-3-3): Guita 7; Ward 7, Dann 7, CAHILL 8, Van Aanholt 7; Kouyate 7, McCarthy 6 (Riedewald 46, 6), McArthur 7; Ayew 7, Bentek 7 (Tosun 86), Zaha 6. **Subs:** Milivojevic, Meyer, Townsend, Hennessey, Kelly.
UP NEXT: Watford (h), Premier League, Saturday.
REFEREE: Martin Atkinson 6.
YOUR TURN: Which Irish defender was sent off for Albion when they beat Palace 3-1 at home last season?

Murray staying upbeat

by HECTOR NUNNS

GLENN MURRAY insists Brighton can shock some of the Premier League big guns to dodge relegation.

Albion have not won this year – failing to beat Watford, Aston Villa, Bournemouth and West Ham as well as losing to bitter rivals Crystal Palace.

And though tougher fixtures lie ahead and they are just a point clear of the drop zone, veteran striker Murray says there is everything still to play for.

He said: "Listen, if the Premier League was that simple that you sat down and predicted all the scores, who would be interested?"

"No one had us winning at Arsenal, so you just never know with this league and that's why we love it."

"We're still in it. We've got plenty of points to play for."

"Wolves away next week will be a difficult game but we managed to get a point up there last year and hopefully we can do that again."

Meanwhile, Joel Ward insists the Palace squad want boss Roy Hodgson to nail down his contract extension.

After back-to-back league wins, including Saturday's sweet derby success, the defender said: "The players are keen to see the manager stay and they enjoy playing for him."

"You can see that from the results and the way we have played this season. We want to continue to build and move forward and set our sights high."

STAR PLAYER
GARY CAHILL
Real leader

STAR SHOCKER
SOLLY MARCH
Bad miss

MATCH RATING
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BRADFORD PLYMOUTH

2
1

DYLAN CONNOLLY has been challenged to build on his stunning strike at Bradford.

Ben Richards-Everton also scored, while Ryan Hardie bagged for Plymouth, for who Gary Sawyer and Antoni Sarcevic saw red respectively.

"Dylan scored with a fantastic finish," said boss Stuart McCall. "He needs to score more goals like that."

CAMBRIDGE CARLISLE

1
2

MARK BONNER wants Cambridge to start another run after their five-match unbeaten spell was ended by goals from Nick Anderton and Lewis Alessandra.

"Runs can't go on forever. We start again next week," said interim boss Bonner, whose side pulled one back through Reggie Lambe in the 82nd minute.

COLCHESTER CHELTENHAM

0
2

MICHAEL DUFF was happy to tinker his tactics, despite Cheltenham's winning run.

Alfie May and Chris Hussey scored to make it five wins in a row, with the hosts having Omar Sowunmi sent off.

Duff said: "We did a few things differently, it was a solid away performance."

EXETER CRAWLEY

1
1

JOHN YEMS has predicted success for his former club.

Ashley Nadesan's opener was cancelled out by Brennan Dickenson, but Yems, who was assistant at the Grecians, said: "Matt is doing a good job and Exeter try to do things right."

Exeter boss Matt Taylor said: "We rode our luck but I was pleased with the response."



GRIMSBY NORTHAMPTON

0
3

IAN HOLLOWAY warned his Grimsby players to prepare for a video nasty.

A double from Callum Morton (left) and Charlie Goode's opener won it.

Holloway said: "When I show the lads the chances, you can't afford to miss."

Cobblers boss Keith Curle said: "We showed them the respect they deserved."

MACCLESFIELD SALFORD

0
2

GRAHAM ALEXANDER hailed Salford for staying positive, despite the difficult conditions.

Ash Hunter's goal was added to by Richie Towell (right) and Alexander said: "We trusted each other with the ball in tricky conditions."

Macc boss Mark Kennedy said: "I fancied us going with the wind, but it fizzled out."



MORECAMBE CREWE

1
1

DEREK ADAMS hailed Morecambe's character to earn a point against Crewe.

Perry Ng scored for Crewe, but Aaron Wildig levelled as Adam Phillips was sent off for Morecambe in stoppage time.

Adams said: "We showed enthusiasm and desire."

Crewe boss David Artell said: "We had the chances."

OLDHAM NEWPORT

5
0

MICHAEL FLYNN believes his job is at risk after Newport's heavy defeat to Oldham.

Danny Rowe grabbed a double, with Zak Dearnley, Tom Hamer and Jonny Smith also scoring.

Flynn admitted: "I take full responsibility for it. I put the team out and it's all my fault."

Oldham boss Dino Maamria said: "We were outstanding."

PORT VALE SCUNTHORPE

2
2

DAVE KEVAN was disappointed Port Vale could not hold out for a crucial victory.

Mark Cullen and Nathan Smith (right) put Vale ahead twice, but Alex Gilliead and George Miller levelled for Scunthorpe.

Assistant boss Kevan admitted: "It is a kick in the teeth for us."





Blackpool (1) 2 **Ipswich** (0) 1
Dewsbury-Hall 26
Nuttall 90
ATT: 9,500

BLACKPOOL: Maxwell, Turton, Moore, Husband, Feeney, Virtue, Ronan (Nuttall 67), Dewsbury-Hall, MacDonald, Delfouneso, Madine. Subs not used: Howe, Bola, Edwards, Spearling, Ward, Sims. Booked: Dewsbury-Hall 81, MacDonald 86, Nuttall 90.

IPSWICH: Holy, Woolfenden, Chambers, Earl, Garbutt, Downes (Judge 60), Skuse, Bishop (Dobra 60), Huws, Sears, Keane (Simpson 84). Subs not used: Wilson, Edwards, Nolan, Norris. Booked: Downes 59.

REF: Christopher Sarginson.

Bolton (0) 0 **Accrington Stanley** (0) 0
ATT: 12,011

BOLTON: Matthews, Lowe, Nisala, Hobbs (Zouma 46), Fleming, Pollitt, L. Murphy, Bryan, Dodo, Crawford, D. Murphy. Subs not used: Emmanuel, Bunney, Delaney, Mellis, Hamilton, Alexander. Booked: Bryan 73.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY: Bursik, Johnson, Sykes (Opoku 74), Rodgers, Maguire, Connelley, Clark, Grant (Charles 56), Pritchard, Bishop (Ashley-Seal 79). Subs not used: Zanzala, Barling, Savin, Diallo.

REF: Josh Smith.

Bristol Rovers (0) 0 **Shrewsbury** (0) 1
Udoh 69
ATT: 6,954

BRISTOL ROVERS: Blackman, Kilgour, Menayese (Rodman 80), Craig, Leahy, Sercombe (Daly 71), Upson, Clarke, Ginnelly, Clarke-Harris (Abraham 63), Mitchell-Lawson. Subs not used: van Stappershoef, Holmes-Dennis, Bennett, Harris. Booked: Menayese 29, Kilgour 84.

SHREWSBURY: O'Leary, Williams, Ebanks-Landell, Pierre, Beckles, Vela, Edwards, Laurent, Cummings (Ramsay 86), Udoh, Lang (Walker 90). Subs not used: Burgoyne, Golbourne, Love, Goss, Cotton. Booked: Pierre 43, Williams 74, Cummings 87, Cummings 87, Edwards 90, Lang 90.

REF: Nicholas Kinsey.

Burton Albion (0) 1 **Peterborough** (0) 1
Eisa 52
ATT: 3,795

BURTON ALBION: O'Hara, Brayford, O'Toole, Wallace, Akins, Edwards (Fraser 79), Quinn, Powell, Daniel (Hutchinson 55), Sarkic (Broadhead 83), Murphy. Subs not used: Buxton, Sbarra, Garratt, Thomas. Booked: O'Toole 29.

PETERBOROUGH: Pym, Thompson, Beevers, Blake-Tracey, Ward (Kanu 85), Brown (Boyd 77), Taylor, Butler, Szmodics (Knight 72), Dembele, Eisa. Subs not used: Bennett, Tasdemir, Mason, Chapman. Booked: Dembele 61, Thompson 70.

REF: Brett Huxtable.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	33	17	13	3	47	30	64
Rotherham	34	18	8	8	60	35	62
Portsmouth	33	17	8	8	51	32	59
Wycombe	34	17	8	9	45	40	59
Sunderland	34	16	10	8	46	28	58
Oxford Utd	34	16	9	9	58	35	57
Peterborough	34	16	8	10	66	40	56
Fleetwood Town	32	15	10	7	48	36	55
Ipswich	34	14	10	10	46	34	52
Doncaster	33	14	9	10	50	33	51
Gillingham	34	12	14	8	40	32	50
Burton Albion	33	12	11	10	46	45	47
Blackpool	33	11	11	11	43	41	44
Bristol Rovers	33	11	9	13	35	46	42
Shrewsbury	33	10	11	12	29	39	41
Accrington Stanley	34	10	10	14	46	51	40
Lincoln City	34	11	6	17	41	44	39
Milton Keynes Dons	34	10	7	17	36	42	37
AFC Wimbledon	34	8	10	16	39	52	34
Rochdale	33	9	6	18	36	56	33
Tranmere	32	6	8	18	32	58	26
Southend	34	3	7	24	36	84	16
Bolton	32	5	9	18	25	64	12
Doncaster	(1) 3	Wycombe	(0) 1				
Ennis 45	Akinfenwa 67						
Sadler 71	ATT: 7,522						
McCarthy 83 (og)							
DONCASTER:	Dieng, Halliday, Wright, Anderson, Amos, Whiteman, Sadler, Ramsey (Sheaf 86), Gomes (Blair 67), Ennis (Lukic 73), Cole. Subs not used: Taylor, Jones, Baptiste, Coppinger. Booked: Sadler 13, Anderson 62.						
WYCOMBE:	Allison, McCarthy, Stewart, Charles, Jacobson, Gape, Thompson, Smyth (Parker 83), Wheeler, Onyedimma (Freeman 75), Samuel (Akinfenwa 57). Subs not used: Jombati, Bloomfield, Oforibo, Stockdale. Booked: Thompson 20. REF: David Rock.						
Gillingham	(0) 1	AFC Wimbledon	(0) 2				
Charles-Cook 87	Piggott 49						
ATT: 4,893							
GILLINGHAM:	Bonham, Fuller, Ehmer, Tucker, Ogilvie, Jones (Wilcock 62), O'Keefe, O'Connor (Charles-Cook 72), Lee (Graham 46), Akinde, Hanlan. Subs not used: Mandron, Pringle, Walsh, Roberts.						
AFC WIMBLEDON:	Day, O'Neill, Thomas, Sorensen, McLoughlin (McDonald 90), Wagstaff, Hartigan, Reilly, Guinness-Walker, Appiah (Roscrow 76), Piggott. Subs not used: Trotter, Pinnock, Rudoni, Lamy, Sanders. Booked: Roscrow 76, O'Neill 82. REF: John Busby.						
Oxford Utd	(1) 2	Southend	(1) 1				
Henry 17 (pen)	Gard 45						
Taylor 84	ATT: 7,451						
OXFORD UTD:	Eastwood, Forde (Long 87), Dickie, Moore, Ruffles, Sykes (Mackie 90), Gorrin (Aggel 57), Bramagan, Henry, Taylor, Browne. Subs not used: Stevens, Hanson, Thorne, Kelly. Booked: Gorrin 51.						
SOUTHEND:	Gurnason, Swomson, Dieng, Shaughnessy, Clifford, Gard (Hutchinson 70), Milligan, McLoughlin (Barratt 64), Egberi (Goodship 77), Kelman, Kinal. Subs not used: Acquah, Seaden, Rush, Mitchell-Nelson. Booked: McLoughlin 54. REF: Lee Swaby.						
Rotherham	(1) 1	Milton Keynes Dons	(1) 1				
Ladapo 10	Healey 22						
ATT: 6,883							
ROTHERHAM:	Iverson, Olosunde (MacDonald 90), Ihiekwe, Wood, Mattock, Ogbona, Crooks, Lindsay (Koroma 73), Wiles, Smith (Fresman 73), Ladapo. Subs not used: Thompson, Price, Adelaide, Tilt. Booked: Wood 61, Olosunde 76.						
MILTON KEYNES DONS:	Nicholls, Poole, Walsh, Moore-Taylor, Williams, Houghton, Thompson (Kasumu 67), Gilbey, Britton (Gladwin 67), Nombite (Mason 81), Healey. Subs not used: Cargill, Reeves, Fisher, McGrandles. Booked: Moore-Taylor 27, Williams 60. REF: Leigh Doughty.						
Tranmere	P	Fleetwood Town	P				
Yesterday							
Coventry	(1) 1	Sunderland	(0) 0				
Godden 2	ATT: 10,055						
COVENTRY:	Marosi, Rosa, McFadden, Hyam, Dabo, Kelly, Walsh, Mc-Cormack, Allen (Bakayoko 79), O'Hara (Shiple 90). Subs not used: Biamou, Wilson, Pask, Giles, Westbrook. Booked: Marosi 31.						
SUNDERLAND:	J. McLaughlin, Willis (Semenyov 78), Ozturk, Flanagan, O'Nien, Dobson, Power, Hume (Lafferty 69), Maguire, Wyke, Gooch. Subs not used: C. McLaughlin, Lynch, Burge, Grigg, Scowen. REF: Michael Salisbury.						

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SWAG: Beth England (left) and Sophie Ingle with the trophy

FINAL
Arsenal (0) 1 **Chelsea** (1) 2
Williamson 85
England 7, 90

BETH ENGLAND admits Chelsea were second best – despite beating Arsenal 2-1 to lift the League Cup.

The Blues forward struck the winner in added time after her earlier effort had been cancelled out by Leah Williamson's equaliser.

England said: "I was disappointed with the performance. I thought that Arsenal were by far the better team and I can appreciate that they will be gutted but we

BETH: WE NICKED IT

■ by IAN WINROW
managed to get the win. We are all going into the international break now but when we get back, I think that we are going to have to take a serious look at these last few weeks because I don't feel that we have been performing great as a team. "We managed to remain resilient and grind out the win, which is the most important

thing," Williamson admitted she was struggling to understand how the Gunners left empty-handed.

She said: "I just had the conversation, 'Would you rather dominate and lose or not have the best game and win?' I wished we'd won but I don't know the answer, or how we could have done anymore, apart from put the ball in the back of the net."



Bournemouth (0) 2 Chelsea (1) 2 Lerma 54 King 57 ATT: 10,687	Crystal Palace (0) 1 Ayew 70 Jota 30,124 ATT: 52,219
Brighton (0) 0	Burnley (0) 0 ATT: 25,219
Newcastle (0) 0	Liverpool (0) 0 Sarr 54, 60 Deeney 72 ATT: 21,634
Watford (0) 3	Southampton (1) 1 Bowen 15 Hallier 40 Antonio 54 ATT: 59,962
West Ham (2) 3	Manchester United (1) 1 Bruno Fernandes 31 ATT: 39,374
Everton (1) 1	Man Utd (1) 1 Calvert-Lewin 3 Doherty 27 Jota 57 Jimenez 73 ATT: 58,064
Tottenham (2) 2	Wolves (1) 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	28	26	1	1	64	20	79
Man City	27	18	3	6	68	29	57
Leicester	28	15	5	8	54	28	50
Chelsea	28	13	6	9	47	39	45
Man Utd	28	11	9	8	42	30	42
Wolves	28	10	12	6	41	34	42
Tottenham	28	11	7	10	46	39	40
Sheff Utd	27	10	10	7	29	25	40
Burnley	28	11	5	12	33	39	38
Arsenal	27	8	13	6	39	36	37
Everton	28	10	7	11	37	42	37
Crystal Palace	28	9	9	10	25	32	36
Southampton	28	10	4	14	35	51	34
Newcastle	28	8	8	12	24	41	32
Brighton	28	6	10	12	32	40	28
West Ham	28	7	6	15	35	49	27
Watford	28	6	9	13	27	43	27
Bournemouth	28	7	6	15	28	45	27
Aston Villa	27	7	4	16	34	52	25
Norwich	28	5	6	17	25	51	21

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Liverpool	28	26	1	1	64	20	79
Man City	27	18	3	6	68	29	57
Leicester	28	15	5	8	54	28	50
Chelsea	28	13	6	9	47	39	45
Man Utd	28	11	9	8	42	30	42
Wolves	28	10	12	6	41	34	42
Tottenham	28	11	7	10	46	39	40
Sheff Utd	27	10	10	7	29	25	40
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Southampton	28	10	4	14	35	51	34
Newcastle	28	8	8	12	24	41	32
Brighton	28	6	10	12	32	40	28
West Ham	28	7	6	15	35	49	27
Watford	28	6	9	13	27	43	27
Bournemouth	28	7	6	15	28	45	27
Aston Villa	27	7	4	16	34	52	25
Norwich	28	5	6	17	25	51	21

EFL CUP FINAL

Aston Villa (1) 1 Man City (2) 2 Samatta 41 Agüero 20 Rodri 30 ATT: 82,145
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WEMBLEY JUST A BONUS PRIZE

NEAL ARDLEY insists Notts County's focus remains on the National League – despite reaching the FA Trophy semi-finals.

The Magpies beat Aveley 5-0 – with Jim O'Brien, Tom Crawford, Sam Osborne, Kyle Wootton and Scott Wilson on target – to move within sight of a Wembley appearance. But boss Ardley said: "The league is the most important competition for us. "It would be no good getting to Wembley and finishing 12th or 13th."

■ by IAN WINROW
Harrogate beat AFC Fylde 3-2 and will be joined in the last four by Halesowen, who beat Barnet, with Concord Rangers and Royston Town still to play their quarter-final. In the National League, Barrow opened up an eight-point gap at the head of the table after a 2-1 win over Dagenham and Redbridge. Yeovil moved third after beating Wrexham 3-0, while Stockport boosted their play-off hopes with a 1-0 win at Ebbsfleet.

NON-LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barrow (2)	2	Dag & Red (1)	1				
Boreham Wood (1)	1	Hartlepool (0)	1				
Bromley (0)	0	Sutton Utd (1)	1				
Eastleigh	P	FC Halifax	P				
Stockport	0	Stockport Co (0)	1				
Notts County	0	Aldershot	P				
Solihull Moors (1)	3	Dover (0)	0				
Torquay (1)	2	Chorley (0)	0				
Woking (0)	2	Maidenhead (0)	0				
Yeovil (1)	3	Wrexham (0)	0				

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barrow	36	21	7	8	68	37	70
Harrogate Town	35	18	8	9	56	40	62
Yeovil	36	16	9	11	60	44	57
Boreham Wood	35	15	11	9	52	38	56
FC Halifax	34	16	7	11	49	46	55
Solihull Moors	36	15	9	12	48	36	54
Stockport Co	37	15	9	13	46	52	54
Dover	36	15	8	13	48	52	54
Woking	36	14	10	12	47	52	52
Notts County	34	13	12	9	50	56	51
Hartlepool	36	13	12	11	54	48	51
Bromley	37	14	9	14	56	51	51
Barnet	32	13	10	9	46	38	49
Torquay	35	14	6	15	56	59	48
Sutton Utd	35	11	13	11	44	40	46
Aldershot	36	12	10	14	42	50	46
Wrexham	36	11	9	16	46	49	42
Eastleigh	34	10	12	12	41	50	42
Dag & Red	35	10	11	14	38	42	41
Maidenhead	36	12	5	19	43	61	41
Chesterfield	35	10	10	15	45	61	40
Ebbsfleet	37	8	12	17	45	68	36
AFC Fylde	33	7	11	15	40	57	32
Chorley	36	4	14	18	29	61	26

P. Scarborough Athletic 3 Radcliffe 1, Whitby 1 Ashton Utd 1, Witten Albion P Basford Utd P.

Betvicor Southern Prem Central: AFC Rushden & Diamonds P Rushall Olympic P, Barwell P Redditch Utd P, Biggleswade Town P, Barnby Utd P, Halesford Town P Leiston P, Hitchin Town P Peterborough Sports P, Kings Langley P Coalville Town P, Needham Market P Tamworth P, Nuneaton Borough P Bromsgrove Sporting P, St Albans Town P, Leamworth P, Stourbridge P, Weston P, Towce P, Stratford Town P Royston Town P.

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TOP SLOT: Pablo Hernandez nets Leeds' second at Hull

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Blackburn.....(1) **2** **Swansea**.....(1) **2**
Gallagher 25
Johnson 90

BLACKBURN: Walton, Bennett, Nyamie, Adarabioyo, Bell, Travis (Johnson 72), Downing, Samuel (Brenton 56), Armstrong, Rothwell (Graham 56), Gallagher. Subs not used: Chapman, Leutwiler, Rankin-Costello, Buckley. Booked: Travis 46, Johnson 78, Bennett 90.
SWANSEA: Woodman, Naughton, Cabango, Rodon, Bidwell, Fulton, Grimes, Garrick (Roberts 70), Gallagher (Wilmut 90), Ayew, Brewster. Subs not used: Dyar, Kallik, Dhanraj, Mulder, Cullen. Booked: Garrick 9, Brewster 45, Fulton 65, Grimes 72, Naughton 82.
REF: Peter Banks.

Cardiff.....(2) **2** **Brentford**.....(2) **2**
Hollitt 34
Ralls 45

CARDIFF: Smithies, Sanderson, Morrison, Nelson, Bennett, Vaulks, Ralls (Ward 80), Bacuna, Adomah, Paterson, Hollitt. Subs not used: Etheridge, Flint, Glatzel, Murphy, Pak, Smith. Booked: Adomah 23, Bacuna 52, Hollitt 75, Vaulks 81.
BRENTFORD: Raya, Dalsgaard, Rasic, Pinnoch, Henry, Marcondes (S Baptiste 84 (Zamburesk 90)), Norgaard, Da Silva, Mbeumo, Watkins, Berahma. Subs not used: Valencia, Derisoglu, Fosu, Danies, Roeslev Rasmussen. Booked: S Baptiste 85.
REF: Simon Hooper.

Fulham.....(0) **2** **Preston North End**.....(0) **0**
Nugent 58 (og)
Kamara 90

FULHAM: Rodak, Odol, Hector, Ream, Bryan (Christie 9), Reid, Arter (McDonald 90), Cairney, Knockaert (Kamara 78), Mitrovic, Ivan Cavaleiro. Subs not used: Bettinelli, Kebano, Johansen, Sessegnon.
PRESTON NORTH END: Rudd, Fisher, Bauer, Davies, Hughes, Browne, Johnson, Barkhuizen, Potts (Harrop 63), Maguire (Sinclair 72), Nugent (Stockley 66). Subs not used: Clarke, Ledson, Huntington, Ripley.
REF: David Webb.

Huddersfield.....(1) **4** **Charlton**.....(0) **0**
Aheame-Grant 25, 90
Mounie 75
Bacuna 90

ATTS: 21,539
HUDDERSFIELD: Loss, Simpson, Sjeaman, Schindler, Toftolo, Chalobah, O'Brien, Willcock (Bacuna 66), Smith-Roe (Pritchard 70), Aheame-Grant, Campbell (Mounie 74), Charlton not used: Kachunga, Coleman, Quanser (Barkhuizen 70), Charlton 88.
CHARLTON: Phillips, Matthews, Oshilaja, Pearce, Doughty, Cullen, Ozturk (Williams 46), Lapslie (Hamed 82), McGeary (Bonnie 61), Green, Taylor. Subs not used: Purrington, Amos, Smith, Davis. Booked: Lapslie 82, Hamed 86.
REF: Geoff Eltringham.

Hull.....(0) **0** **Leeds**.....(1) **4**
Aiyling 5
Hernandez 47
Roberts 81, 84
ATT: 16,178

HULL: Long, McKenzie, Pennington, McLoughlin, Elder, Stewart, Da Silva Lopes (Batty 63), Wilks, Samuelsen (Maddison 76), Honeyman, Magennis (Balogh 63). Subs not used: Tafazolli, Ingram, Kingsley, Irvine. Booked: McLoughlin 50, Magennis 72.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Brom	36	19	12	5	64	37	69
Leeds	36	20	8	8	54	30	68
Fulham	36	18	9	9	51	37	63
Nottm Forest	36	16	11	8	46	33	59
Brentford	36	16	9	11	59	33	57
Preston	36	16	8	12	49	42	56
Bristol City	36	15	9	12	50	52	54
Blackburn	36	14	11	11	52	43	53
Swansea	36	13	13	10	46	45	52
Millwall	36	12	15	9	41	40	51
Cardiff	36	12	15	9	50	50	51
Sheff Wed	36	13	9	14	46	44	48
Derby	36	12	12	12	46	49	48
QPR	36	13	8	15	55	61	47
Birmingham	36	12	11	13	47	54	47
Reading	36	12	9	15	43	41	45
Huddersfield	36	11	9	16	45	56	42
Hull	36	11	8	17	48	58	41
Wigan	36	10	10	16	38	50	40
Charlton	36	10	9	17	44	53	39
Stoke	36	11	6	19	44	54	39
Middlesbrough	35	8	13	14	34	45	37
Barnsley	36	10	8	18	42	60	34
Luton	36	10	4	22	43	71	34

LEEDS: Meslier, Ayling, White, Cooper, Dallas, Phillips, Helder Costa, Hernandez (Shackleton 88), Klich, Harrison (Aloisi 88), Bamford (Roberts 67). Subs not used: Douglas, Caprice, Berardi, Stevens. Booked: Bamford 50.
REF: Keith Stroud.

Luton.....(0) **1** **Stoke**.....(1) **1**
Collins 90 (pen)
ATT: 10,070

LUTON: Sluga, Crane, Pearson, Carter-Vickers, Potts (McManaman 73), Rea (Monour 58), Mpanzu, Tunnicliffe, Brown (Bolton 66), Cornick, Collins. Subs not used: Stech, Hyllton, Shinnie, Bree. Booked: Potts 63.

STOKE: Butland, Smith, Bath, Chester, Martins Indi, Allen, Cousins, Ince (Collins 85), Powell (Thompson 75), Crouch, Vokes (Gregory 73). Subs not used: Lindsay, Davies, Oakley-Bowdon, Campbell. Booked: Crouch 88.
CHARLTON: Phillips, Matthews, Oshilaja, Pearce, Doughty, Cullen, Ozturk (Williams 46), Lapslie (Hamed 82), McGeary (Bonnie 61), Green, Taylor. Subs not used: Purrington, Amos, Smith, Davis. Booked: Lapslie 82, Hamed 86.
REF: Andy Woolmer.

Millwall.....(0) **1** **Bristol City**.....(1) **1**
Kallas 51 (og)
ATT: 13,584

MILLWALL: Bialkowski, Romeo, Hutchinson, Cooper, M Wallace, Mahoney (Bennett 74), Molumby, Woods, J Wallace, Smith (Bodvarsson 75), Bradshaw (O'Brien 85). Subs not used: Ferguson, Steele, Pearce, Skalak. Booked: Molumby 63.

BRISTOL CITY: Maepa, Pereira, Kalas, Baker, Dasilva, Paterson (Wells 69), Smith, Nagy, O'Dowda (Elasson 84), Weinmann, Diedhiou. Subs not used: Hunt, Williams, Benkovic, Wollacott, Massengo.
REF: Andy Davies.

SCOTS SPOT

CELTIC will face Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup semi-finals after Ryan Christie's late goal earned a 1-0 win at St Johnstone.

His 81st-minute free-kick was enough to take Neil Lennon's side through after a 34th straight domestic cup win.

Boss Lennon said: "It doesn't matter who you get drawn against, you've got to win it to get to the final. So we'll be, hopefully, at full throttle by then."

Aberdeen booked their place in the last four with Saturday's 2-0 win at St Mirren.

Hearts were rewarded for beating Rangers 1-0 with a semi-final meeting with Edinburgh rivals Hibernian.

Jermain Defoe insisted the Rangers players let boss Steven Gerrard down

after the quarter-final defeat. Gerrard raised doubts about his future when he admitted he had some serious thinking to do in the wake of that defeat.

Defoe said: "I can imagine how he is feeling. This is a club where you have to perform, win games and win trophies. That's an opportunity gone."

Hearts skipper Steven Naismith said Daniel Stendel's side must take their cup form into the league.

He said: "That's the challenge for us. It's now or never, we need to start picking up results in the league."



WINNER: Ryan Christie (2nd right) celebrates his goal

SCOTS CORNER

Scottish Cup Sixth Round

Hearts (0).....1 **Rangers** (0).....0
Bozanic 58
ATT: 11,428
St Mirren (0).....0 **Aberdeen** (1).....2
Ferguson 7
Cosgrove 90 (pen)
ATT: 4,479

Yesterday
St Johnstone (0).....0 **Celtic** (0).....1
Christie 81
ATT: 8,181

Ladbroke's Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	28	25	1	2	82	17	76
Rangers	28	20	4	3	63	18	64
Motherwell	28	13	3	12	36	36	38
Aberdeen	28	11	8	9	35	33	41
Livingston	28	10	10	8	39	36	38
Hibernian	28	9	10	9	40	43	37
Kilmarnock	28	9	5	14	29	38	32
St Johnstone	27	7	11	9	27	46	32
Ross County	28	7	8	13	28	55	29
St Mirren	27	6	7	14	23	26	21
Hamilton	28	4	9	15	26	50	21
Hearts	27	3	10	14	27	49	19

Championship

Alloa (0).....0 **Ayr** (1).....2
Dinnan 9
Forrest 82
ATT: 915

Dundee.....P **Arbroath**.....P
Dunfermline (1).....2 **Dundee Utd** (0).....0
Nisbet 26
Alolabi 60

Queen of Sth (0).....0 **Morton** (2).....4
Tumilty 25
Nesbitt 44
Cadden 77
McGuffie 88
ATT: 1,116

Dundee Utd.....26 **18** **3** **5** **51** **21** **57**
Inverness CT.....24 **12** **3** **9** **33** **27** **39**
Ayr.....24 **12** **2** **10** **36** **33** **38**
Dundee.....24 **10** **6** **8** **30** **31** **36**
Morton.....26 **10** **5** **11** **42** **48** **35**
Dunfermline.....25 **10** **4** **11** **39** **34** **34**
Arbroath.....24 **10** **4** **10** **23** **25** **34**
Alloa.....26 **6** **9** **11** **31** **43** **27**
Queen of South.....25 **7** **5** **13** **26** **36** **26**
Partick.....24 **6** **5** **13** **30** **45** **23**

League One
Clyde (2).....3 **Falkirk** (1).....2
Lamont 3
Telfer 45 (pen)
Goodwillie 43 (pen), 53
Longridge 90
ATT: 1,764

Dumbarton (0).....1 **Raith** (0).....0
Carswell 90
ATT: 804

Forfar (0).....0 **East Fife** (1).....1
Denholm 1
ATT: 644

Montrose (1).....1 **Airdrieonians** (0).....0
Webster 25 (pen)
ATT: 766

Raith.....26 **14** **7** **5** **46** **31** **49**
Falkirk.....26 **13** **9** **4** **50** **17** **48**
Airdrieonians.....27 **13** **6** **8** **37** **27** **45**
East Fife.....27 **12** **9** **6** **44** **35** **45**
Montrose.....25 **13** **2** **10** **42** **35** **41**
Dumbarton.....26 **10** **5** **11** **33** **42** **35**
Clyde.....26 **7** **12** **11** **42** **28**
Peterhead.....26 **7** **14** **30** **41** **26**
Forfar.....26 **6** **14** **25** **43** **24**
Stranraer.....25 **2** **10** **13** **27** **52** **16**

League Two
Albion (1).....1 **Elgin** (2).....2
Brechin (0).....0 **Stirling** (0).....2
Cowdenbeath (1).....1 **Edinburgh City** (0).....1
Queen's Park (2).....2 **Annandale** (0).....0
Stenhousemuir (0).....0 **Cove Rangers** (2).....3

P W D L F A Pts
Cove Rangers.....26 **20** **2** **4** **66** **31** **62**
Edinburgh City.....26 **16** **4** **6** **46** **28** **52**
Queen's Park.....27 **11** **6** **10** **37** **35** **39**
Elgin.....26 **10** **7** **9** **42** **31** **37**
Cowdenbeath.....24 **11** **4** **9** **33** **31** **37**
Stirling.....25 **10** **5** **10** **32** **25** **35**
Annandale.....26 **9** **14** **33** **54** **30**
Stenhousemuir.....26 **7** **13** **32** **47** **20**
Albion.....24 **6** **12** **36** **46** **24**
Brechin.....26 **4** **5** **17** **29** **57** **17**

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Bradford.....(2) **2** **Plymouth**.....(0) **1**
Richards-Everson 6
Hardie 87

BRADFORD: O'Donnell, Mellor (Henley 74), O'Connor, Richards-Everson, Wood, Connolly, Reeves, Akpan (Cooke 83), McCartan (Mottley-Henry 77), Novak, Donaldson. Subs not used: Pritchard, Ismail, Devitt, McGee. Booked: McCartan 50.

PLYMOUTH: Palmer, Edwards (Hardie 46), Wootton, Canavan, Sawyer, McFadzean, Sarcevic, Bakinson (Telford 80), Mayor, Moore, Jephcott (Taylor 46). Subs not used: M Cooper, Grant, Randall, G Cooper. Sent-off: Sawyer 40, Booked: Moore 50, Sarcevic 72. Sent-off: Sarcevic 84.
REF: Carl Boyeson.

Cambridge Utd.....(0) **1** **Carlisle**.....(1) **2**
Lambe 82
Alessandra 27, Anderton 73
ATT: 4,122

CAMBRIDGE UTD: Burton, Knoyle, Taylor, Darling, Dunk, Davies (Roles 71), Carruthers, Maris, El Mizouni (Lambe 15), Mullin, Adebayo (Dallas 71). Subs not used: Mitov, Taft, Norville-Williams, Worman. Booked: Roles 73.

CARLISLE: Collin, G Jones, Webster, Hayden, Anderton, Melish, M Jones, Watt, Charters 72, Patrick, Alessandra (Clomola 81), McKirdy (Bridge 88). Subs not used: Iredale, Dewhurst, Loft, Hunt. Booked: Hayden 55, Webster 64, McKirdy 80, Charters 89, Clomola 90. REF: Charles Breakpear.

Colchester.....(0) **0** **Cheltenham**.....(1) **2**
May 39, Hussey 79
ATT: 3,698

COLCHESTER: Gerken, Jackson, Sowunmi, Prosser, Bramall, Pell, Comley (Norris 68), Adubofour-Poku (Nouble 68), Stevenson, Harriott (Senior 73). Robinson. Subs not used: Ross, Clampton, Gambin, Eastman. Booked: Pell 19, Harriott 45, Prosser 51, Sowunmi 76. Sent-off: Sowunmi 90.

CHELTEHAM: Evans, Raglan, Tozer, Boyle, Long, Sheaf, Clements (Ince 58), Broom, Hussey, May (Nichols 87), Varney (Smith 61). Subs not used: Reid, Debayo, Lovett, Greaves. Booked: May 20, Smith 90.
REF: Sam Purkiss.

Exeter.....(0) **1** **Crawley Town**.....(1) **1**
Dickenson 82
Nadesan 34
ATT: 5,404

EXETER: Ward, Williams, Sweeney (Richardson 61), A Martin, Moxey, Dickenson, Taylor, Alatangana, Law, Bowman, Ajose (L Martin 61). Subs not used: Thompson, Parkes, Jay, Fisher, Collins. Booked: Moxey 42.

CRAWLEY TOWN: Morris, Dacres-Cogley, Sendles-White, Tunnicliffe, Docherty, Lubala, Francomb, Bulman, Sesay (Camara 71), Grego-Cox (German 12), Nadesan (Powell 68). Subs not used: McNerney, Allarakha, McGill. REF: Ben Toner.

Swindon.....34 **20** **6** **8** **60** **37** **66**
Crewre.....35 **19** **8** **8** **63** **41** **65**
Exeter.....35 **18** **10** **7** **51** **39** **64**

Cheltenham.....35 **17** **12** **6** **52** **27** **63**
Plymouth.....35 **18** **8** **9** **55** **39** **62**
Northampton.....36 **17** **7** **12** **43** **38** **58**
Port Vale.....36 **14** **14** **8** **50** **47** **56**
Colchester.....36 **14** **13** **9** **49** **47** **55**

Bradford.....36 **14** **12** **10** **44** **38** **54**
Salford City.....36 **12** **11** **13** **47** **46** **47**
Forest Green.....35 **12** **10** **13** **41** **40** **46**
Crawley Town.....36 **10** **15** **11** **48** **47** **45**

Cambridge Utd.....36 **12** **9** **15** **39** **46** **45**
Grimby.....35 **11** **11** **13** **43** **48** **44**
Walsall.....35 **12** **8** **15** **37** **48** **44**
Newport County.....34 **11** **10** **13** **31** **37** **43**

Oldham.....36 **9** **14** **13** **44** **54** **41**
Scunthorpe.....35 **10** **10** **15** **44** **52** **40**
Leyton Orient.....35 **9** **12** **14** **45** **54** **39**
Carlisle.....35 **9** **12** **14** **37** **53** **39**

Mansfield.....35 **8** **11** **16** **46** **54** **35**
Morecambe.....36 **7** **11** **18** **35** **59** **32**
Macclesfield.....36 **7** **15** **14** **32** **44** **30**
Stevenage.....35 **3** **13** **19** **23** **47** **22**

Forest Green.....P **Leyton Orient**.....P
Grimby.....(0) **0** **Northampton**.....(2) **3**
Horton 26, 82
ATT: 4,879

GRIMBY: Russell, Hendrie, Waterfall, Ohman (Garmonston 46), Driscoll-Glenon, Clifton, Benson, Clarke, Whitmore (Vernam 46), Tilley, Hanson (Green 26). Subs not used: McKewen, Whitehouse. Booked: Ohman 29.

NORTHAMPTON: Arnold, Goodie, Turnbull, Wharton, Marshall (Harrison 80), McCormack (Pollock 60), Watson, Adams, Hoskins, Morton, Oliver (Lines 60). Subs not used: Cornell, Smith, Roberts, Jones.
REF: Chris Pollard.

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LOOKS GOOD:
Jarrod Bowen watches his shot beat Alex McCarthy

STARFACTS

WEST HAM (4-4-2): Fabianski 6; Ngakia 6, Diop 6, Ogbonna 6, Creswell 6; **BOWEN** 8 (Snodgrass 78), Rice 7, Noble 6, Fornals 8 (Anderson 90); Antonio 8, Haller 8. **Subs:** Randolph, Balbuena, Zabaleta, Lanzini, Masuaku.

UP NEXT: Arsenal (a), Premier League, Saturday.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): McCarthy 5; Ward-Prowse 6, Stephens 6, Bednarek 6, Bertrand 6; Armstrong 6, Smallbone 6 (Romeu 78), Hojbjerg 6, Boufal 5 (Ings 54, 6); **OBAFEMI** 7 (Vestergaard 68, 6), Long 6. **Subs:** Gunn, Adams, Walker-Peters, Valery.

UP NEXT: Newcastle (h), Premier League, Saturday.

REFEREE: Anthony Taylor 7.

YOUR TURN: Who is the last man to have managed the Saints and West Ham?

IT'S HAMMER TIME AGAIN

Season far from Oba yet

■ by IAN BAKER

MICHAEL OBAFEMI is demanding a response from Southampton after Saturday's poor showing.

Saints are well clear of the drop zone but Obafemi, who got their goal at the London Stadium, wants them to finish strongly.

The Irishman said: "We got the equaliser and unfortunately the game drifted away."

"The equaliser was a good finish but it was a shame it did not mean anything."

"We are looking onwards and upwards. We need to win as many games as possible and it starts next weekend against Newcastle at home."

"Confidence is key. We are coming to the end of the season now and we have to pick up as many points as possible."

Obafemi, 19, has burst on to the scene this term and now has three career goals.

He added: "This is my first proper season and I've enjoyed every minute and I'm looking forward to playing more games this year."

WHISPER it but West Ham finally appear to be showing signs they can entertain again.

Long-suffering supporters have been bored by a series of drab, uninspiring displays.

But they finally had something to shout about on a day when thousands protested at the running of the club.

This was a thrilling, attacking display, with David Moyes rewarded for bravely picking the quartet of Jarrod Bowen, Pablo Fornals, Michail Antonio and Sebastian Haller.

Around 3,000 supporters marched against David Gold's, David Sullivan's and Karren Brady's running of the club in peaceful protests before the game.

Fans have simply not been getting their money's worth at the London Stadium – but they did in abundance on Saturday, with

Bowen, Haller and Antonio all finding the net to help the Hammers out of the bottom three. Now Moyes needs to sort out a scared-looking defence that has leaked 15

Moyes' boys lift the gloom

■ by IAN BAKER



goals in six games and would have been punished by better teams than Saints.

The Hammers boss said: "This was good to watch. Suddenly we have a wee bit of competition up front."

"We were a bit open, so getting the balance right is important. We can't just have all the attacking players and not have good enough defenders."

"If we want really good attacking players, we have to have good defenders."

"Issa Diop and Angelo Ogbonna have grown, I am working with them. Issa has incredible potential but he also has the mistakes of a young centre-half that we have seen over recent weeks. I am working continuously with them."

West Ham took the lead when Bowen produced a classy finish, which he did so often for Hull, from a Fornals pass 15 minutes in. But they were cut open 16

minutes later when Michael Obafemi converted from a James Ward-Prowse cross to level.

Moyes' side benefited from a howler by Alex McCarthy five minutes before the break, with Haller beating him to Antonio's cross and the Frenchman gratefully converting the rebound.

The game was over when Antonio converted Fornals' through ball nine minutes into the second half.

Moyes will tread carefully with Antonio, given his hamstring problems, and he could be given extra time off.

"Maybe we can't push him to the maximum all the time," Moyes added.

"But imagine if we get Antonio to his maximum? With his injuries we have to curtail some of the work he does. Maybe we give him some more leeway."

"He's missed a lot of games. I don't know when he last played three 90 minutes in a row."

"He will not play all the time because of his injuries. We want to keep him as fresh as we can."

"There have been some games recently where I've thought we've needed him."

OFF THE MARK:
Bowen enjoys his first Premier League goal