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William raises eyebrows with Gaza intervention

■ Prince breaks with royal protocol, saying 'too many' have been killed in conflict

Prince William called on Tuesday for an end to the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, saying the "sheer scale of human suffering" had brought home the need for peace in an enclave "where too many have been killed".

In an unusually direct intervention for a member of the royal family, said it was critical that aid got through to those sheltering in Gaza, and that Hamas must release hostages.

"I remain deeply concerned about the terrible human cost of the conflict in the Middle East since the Hamas terrorist attack (on Israel) on 7 October. Too many have been killed," William said in a statement.

In 2018, William became the first senior British royal to make an official visit to Israel and occupied Palestinian territory, and since then, he has followed the region closely, his office said.

In response to Prince William, Israeli government spokesman Eylon Levy said: "Israelis of course want to see an end to the fighting as

soon as possible, and that will be possible once the 134 hostages are released, and once the Hamas terror army threatening to repeat the October 7 atrocities is dismantled."

Kensington Palace added that Britain's Foreign Office had been briefed about William's statement before he made it.

"Sometimes it is only when faced with the sheer scale of human suffering that the importance of permanent peace is brought home," he said.

'desperate need'

The 41-year-old prince visited the British Red Cross headquarters in London on Tuesday to hear about their work supporting people affected by war in the Middle East.

"I, like so many others, want to see an end to the fighting as soon as possible," he said.

"There is a desperate need for increased humanitarian support to Gaza. It's critical that aid gets in and the hostages are released."

In further comment, Israel's Levy said: "We appreciate the Prince of Wales' call for Hamas to free the hostages.

"We also recall with gratitude his statement from October 11 condemning Hamas' terror attacks and reaffirming Israel's right of self-defence against them."

This week William is due to visit a synagogue where he will hear from young people who are involved in tackling hatred and antisemitism. Last year was the worst on record for cases of antisemitism in Britain, according to a Jewish advisory body.

With his father King Charles currently absent from official public duties as he undergoes treatment



PRINCE WILLIAM: "I, like so many others, want to see an end to the fighting as soon as possible,"

for cancer, William has been expected to take on more high-profile engagements.

In general, British royals avoid making statements on political issues, but before his father became king, he spoke out on matters close to his heart.

Charles has called the Hamas attacks in southern Israel "barbaric acts of terrorism", and also appealed for greater religious tolerance at a time of "international turmoil".

Speaking off the record, Israeli officials said they were "dismayed" by William's intervention, which they believe to be "naïve," it was reported Wednesday.

However, the officials were restrained in their criticism of William, as they did not want to "enter into a row with the future king," a report in the Telegraph said, without citing sources.

Global calls for an end to the fighting in Gaza have mounted in

recent weeks, as Israel prepares to expand its ground assault to the southern city of Rafah, where more than 1 million of the 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza have sought shelter.

More than 29,000 Palestinians have been killed in the conflict, according to local health authorities, since Israel invaded the enclave following the Hamas attack in which 1,200 people, mostly civilians, were killed and 253 hostages seized.

News from Britain

Concern grows as second successive Trident test launch fails

Defence Secretary in attendance as missile's booster rockets fail

The test firing of a Trident missile from a Royal Navy submarine has failed, for the second time in a row.

The latest test of the UK's nuclear deterrent was from HMS Vanguard and was seen by Defence Secretary Grant Shapps.

The missile's booster rockets failed and it landed in the sea close to the launch site, according to the Sun, which first reported the malfunction.

Mr Shapps said he has "absolute confidence" in Trident's submarines, missiles and nuclear warheads.

This is highly embarrassing for both the UK and the US

manufacturer of the Trident missile.

British tests of Trident missiles are rare, not least because of the cost. Each missile is worth around £17m and the last test in 2016 also ended in failure when the missile veered off course. Test-fired missiles are not armed with their nuclear warheads.

'anomaly'

Both Mr Shapps and the head of the Navy were on board HMS Vanguard when it fired the unarmed test missile in January.

The submarine had just had a more than seven-year refit.

In a written statement

to Parliament, Mr Shapps confirmed "an anomaly did occur" during the test on 30 January this year, but said Trident was "the most reliable weapons system in the world".

He said: "The test reaffirmed the effectiveness of the UK's nuclear deterrent, in which the government has absolute confidence. The submarine and crew were successfully certified and will rejoin the operational cycle as planned.

"On this occasion, an anomaly did occur, but it was event specific and there are no implications for the reliability of the wider Trident missile



This picture shows an unarmed missile being fired from HMS Vigilant in 2012, the last successful test

systems and stockpiles.

"Nor are there any implications for our ability to fire our nuclear weapons, should the circumstances arise in which we need to do so."

He added Trident remained "effective, dependable, and formidable."

The missile was supposed to have flown several thousand

miles before landing harmlessly in the Atlantic between Brazil and West Africa. Instead, it dropped into the ocean near to where it was launched.

On visit to islands, Cameron warns Argentina: Falklands issue 'not up for discussion'

LORD Cameron has warned Argentina that British sovereignty of the Falklands is "not up for discussion" as he visited the islands.

The Foreign Secretary arrived in the remote South Atlantic archipelago on Monday in a high-profile trip 42 years after the two countries went to war.

It was the first visit to the Falklands by a

Cabinet minister since 2016 and comes after Argentina's maverick new President Javier Milei called for the islands to be handed over. But Lord Cameron said: "The Falkland Islands are a valued part of the British family.

"And we are clear that as long as they want to remain part of the family, the issue of

sovereignty will not be up for discussion."

At Goose Green, he went to the museum and spoke to locals at the community hall. During the 1982 war, islanders were detained in the building until the Argentine forces were defeated.

The battle cost the lives of 18 British soldiers. In the visitor book, Lord Cameron

wrote: "Thank you for keeping their memory alive."

Lord Cameron also paid his respects at the Argentine military cemetery where more than 230 of the 649 Argentinians killed in the conflict are buried.

He then headed to Paraguay and to Brazil on Wednesday for a meeting with G20 counterparts.



NOT FORGOTTEN: Lord Cameron included a tour of the San Carlos cemetery during his brief visit to the Falkland Islands this week



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UK freezes assets over Navalny death

The UK has frozen the assets of six Russian prison bosses in charge of the Arctic penal colony where opposition leader Alexei Navalny died.

They will also be banned from travelling to the UK, which the Foreign Office says is the first country to impose sanctions over his death.

Foreign Secretary Lord Cameron said those responsible for Navalny's "brutal treatment" would be

held accountable.

But there has been criticism that the latest sanctions do not go far enough.

Western leaders say the blame for Navalny's death lies with the Russian authorities, including President Vladimir Putin.

The US has also announced it will be unveiling its own package of sanctions against Russia over Navalny's death and the ongoing war in Ukraine on Friday.

The British government has called for Navalny's body to be released to his family immediately and for a full and transparent investigation to take place.

The appeal from the UK echoes similar calls from Navalny's mother, who was filmed on Tuesday outside the colony where he died saying she had been trying to see him for five days but did not even know where he was.

Public support has moved me to tears, Charles tells PM

■ King conducts first public duties since cancer diagnosis

KING Charles said public support since his cancer news broke has been so overwhelming it made him cry.

But despite his plight the Monarch was still able to crack a joke.

It came as he held his first face-to-face official duties since being diagnosed – including an audience with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

He warmly greeted the King at Buckingham Palace on Wedn and told him “the whole country” was behind him, and it was “wonderful to see you looking so well”.

Charles joked: “It’s all done by mirrors”, prompting hearty laughter from Mr Sunak.

The PM added: “We’re

all behind you. The country is all behind you.”

The King said: “I’ve had so many wonderful messages and cards. It’s reduced me to tears most of time.”

They discussed the spotlight that has been shone on cancer charities, with the King describing the organizations as “wonderful”.

busy afternoon

Charles, who has been dealing with his red boxes of state papers behind the scenes, started outpatient treatment for an undisclosed form of cancer just over two weeks ago.

It was a busy afternoon for the King meeting with

the Privy Council – the oldest form of legislative assembly still functioning in the UK – beginning at 4.30pm.

Traditionally, the King and Privy Counsellors stand throughout – a custom initiated by Queen Victoria after the death of Prince Albert when she wanted to speed up proceedings and reduce her public duties.

Buckingham Palace has yet to comment on whether the King stood for the meeting.

At each gathering which usually takes place monthly, the Council, which is held in private, obtains the King’s formal approval to orders which have already been



The PM told Charles: “We’re all behind you. The country is all behind you.”

discussed and approved by ministers.

Charles, who only acceded to the throne 17 months ago, has faced a difficult start to 2024.

He had a three-night hospital stay for a procedure on an enlarged prostate, during which time his cancer – not prostate cancer – was discovered. Meanwhile,

his daughter-in-law the Princess of Wales is recovering after major abdominal surgery.

But she is not expected to be back on official duties until after Easter.

The audience with the PM can take place over the phone, with Charles and Mr Sunak speaking in February last year while the Prime Minister

was dealing with the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Queen Elizabeth II switched to telephone calls with Boris Johnson during the pandemic.

The Monarch must be politically neutral and act on the advice of his Government in political matters, but can advise and warn ministers.

Lotto couple ‘thought our £61m win was just £2.60 for a sarnie’

A COUPLE who scooped a £61million EuroMillions jackpot thought at first they had won just £2.60 – and were delighted because it would pay for a bacon butty.

Richard and Debbie Nuttall, both 54, were celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary in the Canary Islands when they got an email heralding “exciting news” after a £123million draw on January 30.

But checking their account online, they saw it had received a boost of just £2.60, which led Debbie to say: “We’ll go for a bacon butty.”

After breakfast, they were driving around Fuerteventura when a second email arrived. Richard said:

“We were totally stunned, it said we had won over £61m.

“My first thought was it must be a scam or there was some mix-up.

“I tried calling but my



That’s an awful lorra lolly: EuroMillions Jackpot winners Debbie and Richard Nuttall

mobile phone signal was poor and the call just kept dropping.”

The couple, who have three children, then decided to start driving around the island to find a stronger signal.

Richard added: “Deb was holding the phone as high as she could as I drove.”

After they were finally able to confirm their big

win, they were jumping up and down, the car must have been rocking”, Richard said.

The accountant now does not plan to work beyond the end of this tax year and is enjoying his new BMW X5, while civil engineering office administrator Debbie wants more space for Monty their dog to enjoy and a greenhouse.

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News from Britain

“I’m a copper, nobody will believe you,” convicted rapist told victim

■ Former Metropolitan Police officer found guilty of 10 counts of rape and three counts of rape of a child under 13

A FORMER Metropolitan police officer who has been convicted of multiple counts of rape told one victim she would never be believed if she reported him as he was a serving officer.

Cliff Mitchell, 24, has been found guilty of 10 counts of rape, three counts of rape of a child under 13, one count of kidnap and breach of a non-molestation order following a trial at Croydon Crown Court.

He was charged with kidnap after last September tying up a woman with cable ties and taping over her mouth before forcing her and another person into his car.

She only escaped the vehicle by saying she felt sick and was later seen running through traffic before a female passer-by offered her a lift. She called 999 from her rescuer’s car and told the operator “he’s kidnapped me” and “he’s behind us”.



The Met’s Deputy Assistant Commissioner Stuart Cundy said he was ‘sickened’ by the ‘abhorrent behaviour’ of Cliff Mitchell (above)

In 2017 Mitchell, right, had been investigated for rape offences from before he applied to join the Met but no further action was taken, the force said.

Following his arrest, the case was reinvestigated which resulted in Mitchell being charged with an additional three counts of rape of a child under 13 and three counts of rape.

These six charges relate to a second victim and occurred between 2014 and 2017, the Met said.

Mitchell, of Wandsworth, South West London, was a constable in Hounslow, West London, where many of the offences were committed, the Met said. He was dismissed by the force in December after being suspended. Deputy Assistant

Commissioner Stuart Cundy called the rapist “deplorable”.

He said: “This is a truly shocking case and I am sickened by Mitchell’s abhorrent behaviour and the pain he has caused the victims, who have shown enormous bravery by coming forward and giving evidence in court.

“It is down to their courage that he has been convicted and faces a significant custodial sentence.

“I would also like to recognise the brave member of the public who came to the aid of one of the victims as she ran from Mitchell’s car. He not only carried out a sustained campaign of abuse against both victims, but he told one of them she would never be believed due to the fact he was a police officer.

“This brazen abuse of power makes Mitchell’s actions all the more deplorable.”



Height Of Luxury... BT tower to become hotel in £275m deal

The reception’s bound to be impressive...the 620ft BT Tower is being turned into a hotel after being snapped up by an American chain.

The Grade II-listed building has been a feature of the London skyline since 1964 when it was built to carry telecoms traffic to the rest of the country.

When opened by then-Prime Minister Harold Wilson in 1965, the Post Office Tower as it was then known was the capital’s tallest building.

It had a revolving restaurant on the 34th floor, managed by Butlin’s, giving panoramic views over the capital.

Visitors also flocked to its observation decks until they were shut after a bomb exploded in the toilets in 1971 – fortunately no one was hurt in the blast.

The lease on the restaurant expired in 1981, and the tower’s microwave aerials were turned off over a decade ago because telecoms traffic now moves on

fixed line and mobile networks.

The landmark remained London’s tallest building until 1980, when it was overtaken by the NatWest Tower.

Now it has been bought by MCR Hotels, which owns around 150 hotels including New York’s TWA Hotel, which was a terminal at JFK airport for the historic airline.

However, work will not start for a number of years due to the scale and complexity of removing BT’s technical equipment.

BT sold it as it works to simplify its operations and cut its costs, including reducing the number of offices it has from over 300 to just 30.

Its property director Brent Mathews said: “The BT Tower sits at the heart of London and we’ve been immensely proud to be the owners of this important landmark. This deal with MCR will enable BT Tower to take on a new purpose, preserving this iconic building for decades to come.”

Golden Syrup ditches its iconic logo... leaving a bitter taste for some

Lyle’s Golden Syrup has ditched its logo after a record 143 years, in a move seen as trying to be more palatable to younger customers.

The home-baking staple has had an image of a dead lion surrounded by bees on its packaging since the product was launched in 1881.

The striking picture is accompanied by the biblical quotation: “Out of the strong came forth sweetness.”

But the logo on squeeze bottles has been sanitized and replaced by a stylized head of a



lion (above, right), which appears to be very much alive. On tins the old logo is intact – for now. No nobody’s surprise, fans of the world’s longest unchanged brand packaging lamented the



switch.

Robert Bargery, of the Royal Fine Art Commission Trust, said: “A successful brand with a solid reputation probably has more to lose than gain by going

for a new logo.

“The redrawn lion is so stylized as to lack clarity at first glance, whereas the old lion is clearly a lion: it is what it looks like on the tin.

Then, referring to the recent demonization of sugar products, he added: “But who knows, Golden Syrup may soon be as stigmatized as cigarettes, so the lively rebrand of a dead lion may excite a sugar-rush among the avocado-on-toast generation.”

Another critic quipped: another quipped: “Out of the strong came forth wokeness.”

Oppenheimer blows away rivals at the Baftas

■ A-bomb saga proves a scorching success at London ceremony

Oppenheimer was the big winner at the Bafta film awards Sunday night, scooping seven of the top prizes including best film.

Christopher Nolan, 53, was named best director for the biopic and Cillian Murphy, 47, was best actor for his role as J Robert Oppenheimer, father of the atomic bomb.

Before accepting his award Christopher hugged Cillian, and said to the film's backers: "Thank you for taking on something dark."

As Cillian accepted his own gong he told Christopher: "Thank for always pushing me and demanding excellence because that is what you deliver time and time again."

Robert Downey Jr, 58, won best supporting actor for his role as Lewis Strauss, head of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The film's remaining awards were for cinematography, score

EE Bafta Results

BEST FILM <i>Oppenheimer</i>	Mia McKenna-Bruce
BEST DIRECTOR Christopher Nolan; <i>Oppenheimer</i>	CINEMATOGRAPHY Hoyte van Hoytema; <i>Oppenheimer</i>
LEADING ACTOR Cillian Murphy; <i>Oppenheimer</i>	EDITING Jennifer Lame; <i>Oppenheimer</i>
LEADING ACTRESS Emma Stone; <i>Poor Things</i>	ORIGINAL SCORE Ludwig Göransson; <i>Oppenheimer</i>
BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR Robert Downey Jr; <i>Oppenheimer</i>	ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY Anatomy of a Fall; Justine Triet, Arthur Harari
BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS Da'Vine Joy Randolph; <i>The Holdovers</i>	ADAPTED SCREENPLAY American Fiction; Cord Jefferson
EE RISING STAR AWARD (voted for by the public)	BAFTA FELLOWSHIP Samantha Morton

and editing.

Presenting the Best Film award, Back to the Future legend Michael J Fox, who has Parkinson's, was greeted with a standing ovation as he arrived on stage in a wheelchair then stood at the podium.

The biggest night of the British cinema calendar, hosted by David Tennant, can be a good indicator of who is on course to win at the Academy

Awards next month.

So there could be great Oscar hopes too for *Poor Things*, a dark comedy based on the Frankenstein story, which took home five awards including best actress for star Emma Stone.

Holocaust drama *The Zone of Interest* took home three awards, including best film not in the English language – as well as outstanding British film, due to



Emma Stone, Da'Vine Joy Randolph and Christopher Nolan were all winners

Brits behind the scenes including Jonathan Glazer as director.

The Bafta rising star award was presented to How to Have Sex actress Mia McKenna-Bruce following a public vote.

But Barbie, the

biggest film of last year, went home empty-handed.

The Prince of Wales was the guest of honour at the ceremony in London – his first high-profile royal engagement since wife Kate's

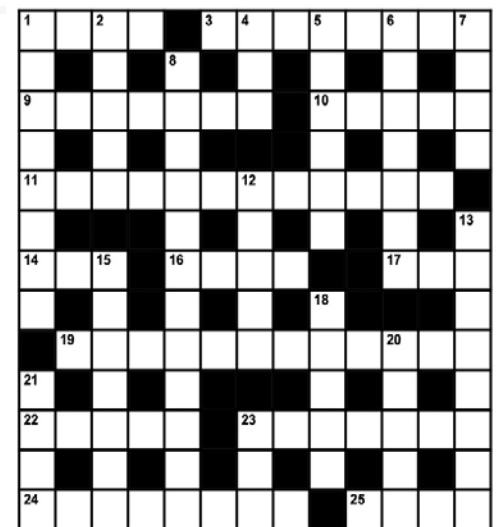
operation.

William, 41, who is president of the arts charity, waved to cameras and stopping to chat and take selfies with members of the public, apologizing for the princess's absence before taking his seat.

The British Weekly Crossword By Myles Mellor #635

Across

- 1 Irritated state (4)
- 3 Cheekiness (8)
- 9 Shut (up) (7)
- 10 He wrote "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" (5)
- 11 Baggy (5-7)
- 14 Look at closely (3)
- 16 Appear (4)
- 17 Purpose (3)
- 19 He was famous for "1984" (12)
- 22 Undoubtedly, as an LBW (5)
- 23 Submerge (7)
- 24 Singly and successively (3,2,3)
- 25 Unsubstantial (4)



Down

- 1 Commonly referred to as (8)
- 2 "Famous Potatoes" state (5)
- 4 Lay low (3)
- 5 South Pacific island where Gauguin lived (6)
- 6 Ferocious fish (7)
- 7 Attention-getters (4)
- 8 Limitlessly (12)
- 12 "Me, Myself & ___" (Jim Carrey movie) (5)
- 13 Establishment for separating metal (8)
- 15 Carry out (7)
- 18 Pinch (5)
- 20 Country rocker Steve (5)
- 21 Beehive, e.g. (4)
- 23 Charged particle (3)

Solution to Puzzle #634

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Solution to Sudoku #634

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7	4	2	9	8	5	3	6	1
8	6	3	7	1	2	4	9	5
4	9	7	5	6	3	1	8	2
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We're the Becks of friends...

■ Soccer legend 'starstruck' after glitzy night at the Baftas

DAVID Beckham declared he was "starstruck" after meeting Hollywood star Michael J Fox and other celebrities at the Baftas on Sunday night.

The ex-England footballer shared a picture of him with the Back To The Future star (right), who played hoverboarding time-travelling teen Marty McFly in the hit films.

Michael, 62, who is battling Parkinson's disease, made a surprise appearance at London's Royal Festival Hall to give out the Best Film award.

Accompanied by wife, actress Tracy Pollan, 63, he insisted on rising from his wheelchair to honour the team behind Christopher Nolan's film Oppenheimer, and received a standing ovation. Michael also posed for pictures with stars including Ted Lasso actress Hannah Waddingham, 49.

David, 48, told Instagram fans: "I cannot believe I got to meet Michael J Fox and also a little starstruck to meet so many talented people that I've watched on the big screen at the Baftas."



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Stargazing with Annie Shaw

ARIES: Now is the perfect time to put your financial goals center stage. You could be considering some travel but it's best to wait a couple of weeks before deciding.
TAURUS: You could be feeling nervous about future plans this coming week. This is due to your boss planet Venus moving into airy Aquarius. But it's vital to be specific on plans to improve your overall life
GEMINI: Mars in your cousin sign of Aquarius is finally moving towards your money area. This is also a good time to catch up with distant friends and any unfinished business of any kind.
CANCER: Be strong now and do not let anything stop you from completing anything outstanding. Your moods always change quickly and now you have the Sun in Pisces helping you to gravitate to those who will have your back.
LEO: You should be starting to feel more upbeat and ready to take on the world in a positive way.
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SCORPIO: Your financial situation should picking up nowadays and as a result you should be feeling more upbeat. Now your boss sign Mars is moving into Aquarius expect the lovely unexpected.
SAGITTARIUS: It's not currently a time to be self-indulgent or indeed to give to others. This is only for a short while and in fact by late next week you should be in a generous mood overall.
CAPRICORN: For some of you it's time to take a break now life seems more mellow. Wherever you stand just keep a positive mind for a few days before making decisions then the planets will assist you overall.
AQUARIUS: Be honest as only you can be to yourself and see the difference soon in some life situation. If it is work play by the rules. Saturn in your life is moving out soon and life will be a little less mellow overall.
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Bayern start fight with Reds for Alonso

LIVERPOOL'S hopes of landing Xabi Alonso became a lot more complicated this week after Bayern Munich made him their top target to replace Thomas Tuchel.

Former Chelsea manager Tuchel will leave Bayern in the summer, after three successive defeats severely dented their hopes of a 12th successive Bundesliga crown, and left them facing a potential Champions



Alonso (right) is wanted at Bayern to replace Tuchel (left)

League exit.

Alonso is the world's most-wanted manager, and Bayern believe their former midfielder is the man to revive their fortunes.

The 42-year-old is closing in on title success with Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga, German Cup and Europa League. The club's director of sport Simon Rolfes claims he is "sure" Alonso will honour his contract until 2026.

Klopp's agent Marc Koscic has ruled out the Reds manager going to Bayern, insisting he will take at least a year off from this summer.

Liverpool want Alonso to succeed Klopp and the German has hailed the former Anfield star, who was at the club between 2004 and 2009, as "the standout" manager of his generation.

Monday's Results

Premier League			
EVERTON (0).....1	CRYSTAL PAL (0).....1	Onana 84	Ayew 66
		Att: 38,164	

Tuesday's Results

UEFA Champions Lge Round of 16 First Leg			
INTER MILAN (0).....1	AT MADRID (0).....0	Arnautovic 79	Fellows 90
PSV (0).....1 B DORTMUND (1).....1			
de Jong 56 (pen) Malen 24			

Premier League			
MAN CITY (0).....1	BRENTFORD (0).....0	Haaland 71	

Sky Bet Championship			
CARDIFF (0).....0	BLACKBURN (0).....0	Att: 17,131	

Sky Bet League One			
OXFORD UTD (1).....2	NORTHAMPTON (1).....2	Murphy 6	Hondermarck 35
Goodwin 81 Springett 90			
Att: 8,732			

Sky Bet League Two			
ACF WIMB'DN (0).....0	CRAWLEY TN (0).....1	Orsi-Dadomo 78	Att: 7,397

UEFA Champions Lge Round of 16 First Leg			
PORTO (0).....1	ARSENAL (0).....0	Galeo 90	Att: 49,111
NAPOLI (0).....1 BARCELONA (0).....1			
Osimhen 75 Lewandowski 60			
Att: 49,529			

Sky Bet League Two			
WALSALL (2).....3	MORECAMBE (0).....0	Tiemey 13	Att: 4,543

Sky Bet League One			
READING (0).....2	PORT VALE (0).....0	Wing 76	Knibbs 83

Premier League							
LIVERPOOL (0).....4	LUTON (1).....1	van Dijk 56	Ogbene 12				
Gakpo 58							
Diaz 71 Elliott 90							
P W D L F A Pts							
Liverpool	26	18	6	2	63	25	60
Man City	25	17	5	3	58	26	56
Arsenal	25	17	4	4	58	22	55
Aston Villa	25	15	4	6	52	33	49
Tottenham	25	14	5	6	52	38	47
Man Utd	25	14	2	9	35	34	44
Brighton	25	10	8	7	48	40	38
Newcastle	25	11	4	10	51	41	37
West Ham	25	10	6	9	36	44	36
Chelsea	25	10	5	10	42	41	35
Wolves	25	10	5	10	39	40	35
Fulham	25	8	12	34	41	29	
Bournemouth	24	7	10	33	46	28	
Brentford	25	7	14	35	44	25	
Crystal Palace	25	6	12	28	44	25	
Nottm Forest	25	6	13	32	44	24	
Everton	25	6	11	27	33	20	
Luton	25	5	15	35	51	20	
Burnley	25	3	18	25	55	13	
Sheff Utd	25	3	18	22	65	13	

Stokes stays upbeat after England suffer record tonking

DEFIANT Ben Stokes says England still have a "great chance" to win the series against India despite suffering a crushing 434-run defeat in the third Test this week.

England's heaviest Test defeat, in terms of runs, since World War Two means they trail 2-1 in the five-match series.

Another blockbuster from Yashasvi Jaiswal set the tourists a mammoth target of 557 to win.

Jaiswal, who also made 209 in Visakhapatnam last time out, tied the record for the most sixes in an innings with a dozen in his unbeaten 430-4 declared on day four.

The hosts, bolstered by Ravi Ashwin's return after his departure due to a family medical emergency, then skittled England out for 122, Ravindra Jadeja taking 5-41. Skipper Stokes said: "It doesn't always work out how you want but we still have a great chance to win 3-2.

"We leave this game behind us, just as we did the first two matches. We know we have to win the next two games to take the series.

"Of course I am very disappointed to be on the wrong side of a result.

"But the one thing we are very good at as a team is leaving it behind us.

"Games can be won and lost in the head, so we will be leaving all the disappointment and emotion from this week and moving on to the next one.

"Ben Duckett played an unbelievable first-innings 153.

"That was the tone

we wanted to set throughout, and it was about identifying that opportunity to push the scoreboard on and get as close as we could to India's total. I wanted us to be bowling yesterday, though it came earlier than we expected, because of how we felt the wicket was going.

"We wanted to push the game on as much as we could. But sometimes game plans don't work out."

India captain Rohit Sharma hit a century in the first innings, helping set the game up for his side.

He said: "When you play Test cricket you don't play it in two or three days – you have to stay in the game for five days.

"They played good shots and put us under pressure but we've got class in our squad when it comes to bowling. Obviously the message was to stay calm.

"We know runs on the board is important in India – the lead was also crucial for us. The way we came out to bowl after the English batters' onslaught, it was important to stay calm.

"The bowlers showed a lot of character."

SCOREBOARD

Third Test Match			
INDIA: First Innings 445 (Sharma 131, Jadeja 112, Khan 82, Wood 4-114).			
ENGLAND: First Innings 319 (Duckett 153, Siraj 4-84)			
INDIA: Second Innings			
(Overnight 196-2)			
	Mins	Balls	Runs
Y Jaiswal not out.....	397	236	214
S Gill run out.....	220	151	91
K Yadav c Root b Ahmed.....	98	91	27
S Khan not out.....	99	72	68
L19 w2			
Total (4 wkts, dec 98 overs).....430			
Fall: 30, 191, 246, 268.			
Bowling: Anderson 13-1-78-0, Root 27-3-111-1, Hartley 23-2-78-1, Wood 10-0-46-0, Ahmed 25-1-108-1.			
ENGLAND: Second Innings			
	Mins	Balls	Runs
Z Crawley lwb Bumrah.....	41	26	11
B Duckett run out.....	31	15	4
O Pope c Sharma b Jadeja.....	15	14	3
J Root lwb Jadeja.....	62	40	7
J Bairstow lwb Jadeja.....	7	3	4
B Stokes lwb Yadav.....	52	39	15
B Foakes c Jurel b Jadeja.....	53	39	16
R Ahmed c Siraj b Yadav.....	5	5	0
T Hartley b Ashwin.....	42	36	16
M Wood c Jaiswal b Jadeja.....	16	15	33
A Anderson not out.....	12	9	1
B5 lb4 nb3.....12			
Total (39.4 overs).....122			
Fall: 15, 18, 20, 28, 50, 50, 50, 82, 91.			
Bowling: Bamrah 6-1-18-1, Siraj 5-2-18-0, Jadeja 12-4-41-5, Yadav 9-2-19-2, Ashwin 6-5-19-1.			
Umpires: K Dharmasena & J Wilson.			

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Second half onslaught puts Reds clear

■ 4-1 victory over Luton opens four point gap for Liverpool

Liverpool moved four points clear at the top of the Premier League after coming from behind to beat Luton at Anfield on Wednesday night.

Luton led at half-time through Chiedozie Ogbene's header as Liverpool, and Luis Diaz in particular, spurned chance after chance.

But the Reds were rampant after the break and their pressure paid off when captain Virgil van Dijk showed desire and determination to get his side on level terms by powering home a header from a 56th-minute corner.

Just 125 seconds later Liverpool led as Cody Gakpo nodded in from

close range as Alexis Mac Allister fired in a cross from the byeline.

Diaz, with his ninth shot of the game, finally got his reward for relentless work with the third goal in the 71st minute.

The Colombian forward danced his way into the box and coolly side-footed beyond Thomas Kaminski at the near post to give the hosts some breathing space on what had initially looked like a night when they could slip up in the title race.

Harvey Elliott, making his 100th appearance for the club, rounded off a fine second half when he pounced on a loose ball in the 90th minute to claim

the fourth.

It made it three wins on the bounce for Liverpool after losing 3-1 at Arsenal last month and built further momentum as they gear up for Sunday's EFL Cup final against Chelsea at Wembley.

Jurgen Klopp's men boast a four-point cushion over second-placed Manchester City, although they have played a game more than the defending champions, while Luton remain third from bottom.

With nine senior players unavailable due to injury, including goalkeeper Alisson, Mohamed Salah, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Darwin Nunez and Dominik Szoboszlai,



Virgil van Dijk was in magisterial form for Liverpool at Anfield on Wednesday night

manager Klopp had no other option than to trust the depth of his squad.

With the EFL Cup final next up, Liverpool could have been excused for having their minds elsewhere and that's

certainly how it looked in the opening 45 minutes as they were wasteful in front of goal.

Klopp's face told a story as his side emerged from the tunnel for the second half.

Whatever he said to his players clearly had the desired impact as they came out of the blocks with intent and got the job done in style to extend their unbeaten home league run to 25 games.



MATCHWINNER: Galeno's late strike clinched the tie for Porto

Porto late show leaves Gunners with a headache

Arsenal were stunned as Galeno scored in stoppage time Wednesday night to give Porto the advantage from the first leg of their Champions League last-16 tie.

The Brazilian winger took a few touches to set himself before curling a wonderful finish into the net, past the despairing full-stretch dive of David Raya.

Sergio Conceicao's home side should have been ahead at the break after Galeno hit a shot off the post and somehow put the rebound wide.

That was a huge let-off for Arsenal, but Galeno

made no mistake in the fourth added minute at the end of the game.

Nico Gonzalez's powerful strike had earlier sailed over the bar as the home side tried to open the scoring in the first half.

The Gunners dominated possession but failed to have a single shot on target in the match, with William Saliba and Kai Havertz heading wide from corners.

The second leg will take place at Emirates Stadium on 12 March, when Arsenal will aim to reach the quarter-finals for the first time since 2009-10.

Arsenal had plenty of

set-piece opportunities but lacked a precise finish. From one of those situations, a corner from Declan Rice was met on the volley by Leandro Trossard who blazed over the bar.

In their first Champions League knockout tie since 2017, Arsenal looked nervy and failed to show the dazzling form that has brought them 21 goals in their opening five Premier League games of the calendar year.

For only the second time on record (since 2003-04) the Gunners did not have a shot on target in a Champions League game.



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