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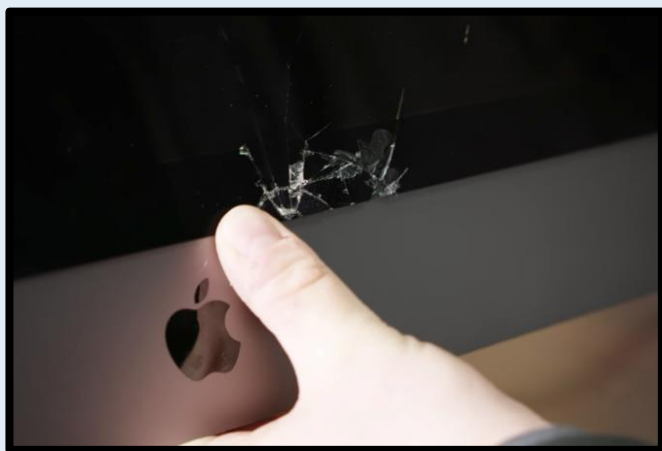


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Letter from the Editor

MS MALIK

Welcome to the fourth issue of **The Pulse** at Lutterworth High School.

In this issue, students have explored their interests in current affairs, technology and much more.

The team is continually growing and changing as students join or leave the school at the end of an academic year. Those who remain have worked hard throughout a long and dark November, persevering and refining their articles for you to enjoy.

Below are all the students involved in this issue:

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If you want to get involved, then find me or let me know! I'm in E4 all day, everyday. Or, come along to The Learning Hub on Monday lunchtimes. Being a part of the team can be an excellent addition to The Emerald Way.

From myself and the team, enjoy the issue and have a wonderful holiday!



The Life of Robert Mugabe

ZARA AVERY

Robert Mugabe has died at the age of 95, but who exactly was he?

Robert Mugabe was the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe from 1980-1987 and then served as President until 2017. His presidency was brought down by a coup and he was replaced by Emmerson Mnangagwa. During his rule, he was praised as a hero by some and condemned as an evil dictator and tyrant by others. Let's find out more.

Rise to Leadership

In 1960, tens of thousands of black families had been displaced by the new colonial government. Mugabe was outraged by this denial of black civil rights. Consequently, in July 1960, he addressed a protest march of 7000, steeling himself in the face of police threats, and voiced his outrage.

Just weeks later, Mugabe was elected Public Secretary of the National Democratic Party. He quickly assembled a militant youth league to spread the word about achieving black independence in Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia). Although the government banned the party at the end of 1961, the remaining supporters came together to form a unique movement in Rhodesia: The Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU). It soon grew to a staggering 450,000 members. Despite this success, Mugabe found himself in prison for making "subversive statements" in his public speeches.

Following his release from prison, guerrilla warfare continued for over a decade until the British finally agreed to monitor the changeover to black majority rule. On 30th December 1987 Mugabe's parliament amended the constitution and made him executive president of Zimbabwe, which combined the roles of Head of State, Commander of the Armed Forces and Head of Government.

The Fall

In 2009, Mugabe's leadership showed clear signs of strain. Amid an economic collapse, Mugabe appointed Morgan Tsvangirai, his rival, as Prime Minister – this marked the start of Mugabe's fall from power. With growing concerns that Mugabe was grooming his wife, Grace, as his successor, the army along with Tsvangirai, betrayed the President and forced him to resign.

Negative	Positive
Critics say Mugabe interfered in elections to maintain power. He is widely referred to as a dictator.	Supporters say he delivered independence for Zimbabwe after decades of white-minority rule. Also, he greatly expanded education and healthcare for black Zimbabweans.

To conclude, I feel Mugabe was a good person at the beginning of his presidency; however, towards the end, he lost touch with the outside world and his greed dominated his compassion.



The Apple Scandal:

In this two-part series, I will present many reasons why Apple is not the perfect company that you have been made to believe. I will tear apart the illusion and reveal the more sinister side of this giant. Now, you have a choice. Take the red pill, continue to believe that Apple is an innocent, god-send to the world. Or take the blue pill and learn if the mirage is true, or if Apple is the dictator of the tech industry. (Guess what movie references I used!)

Is It Illegal?

In 2018, two highly respected tech reviewers were messed around big time by Apple. Apple's behaviour in both these cases was horrific and borderline illegal. Let's start with 'The Vesa Mount Scandal'. A tech Youtuber, who reviews Apple products, bought an iMac Pro in spring 2018. Being a relatively tall person, he preferred the Vesa Mount option (a Vesa Mount is a universal standard for monitor stands). To use a Vesa Mount, Apple sells an £80 DIY kit. Snazzy Labs reviewed this mount and all went fine. But when he took it off, one of Apple's cheap screws broke clean off! This meant that the mount was stuck on the back of his £5000 iMac Pro.

So, he called tech support using the number included in the box. He was told by Apple that the kit wasn't made by Apple, so he was on his own... He went to an Apple Store the next day to complain and was told that they would replace the kit and repair the iMac for free – he'd even be able to collect the machine in 2-3 days.

In 2-3 days, he collected his machine and everything was hunky dory. The End...

Just kidding!!

A week passed, no reply.

Then on day ten of this 2-3 day repair, he got an email confirming he could pick up his machine. When he collected the iMac Pro, he found the carnage you see in the pictures below.



It was at this point he made his first video about his troubles. Returning to the Apple Store, he officially complained. FINALLY, Apple did the RIGHT thing and replaced his iMac Pro free of charge. Even though Apple EVENTUALLY came to their senses, Snazzy Labs had to spend 7 hours on the phone, go to the Apple Store three times and make a viral video that gained thousands of views to get his £5000 PROFESSIONAL machine fixed.

If you want to watch the video, type 'tinyurl.com/SnazzyLabsScam' into your search bar.

Part One

JACK MILLEN

Take a minute to recover from the horror... Let's start story two.

Broken iMac Pro

Linus Tech Tips (LTT) is a tech review channel that is renowned for being brutal when it comes to companies abusing their customers. This story is also from 2018 and discusses the same model iMac Pro that 'Snazzy Labs' had problems with.

When one of the writers for the LTT was taking the iMac Pro apart, he accidentally shorted a connection on the power supply with the screen. This caused a spark, making unfortunate employee drop the screen! Consequently, the screen, logic board and power supply broke. So, they did what any normal person would do: they took it to an Apple Store to fix. BUT APPLE REFUSED TO FIX IT. Now you must understand that they weren't expecting warranty service, they wanted to PAY for the repair, but Apple refused. They asked Apple for advice and were told to take it to a third party.

Now time for some context. Apple have a program that allows third party businesses to become 'Apple Authorised Service Providers' (AASP). To become an AASP, you must fit very specific requirements, such as only using Apple authorised technicians and following their guidelines very strictly. Apple also prevent spare parts from being available in the wild, like eBay. Due to this, AASPs must send the damaged parts to Apple HQ before the replacement is dispatched.

This means that it can take up to THREE WEEKS for parts to arrive; this is very inconvenient for both the customer and the AASP – just another example of Apple looking out for the customer... If the AASP tries to bend this rule, they get a hefty fine and possible legal action.

So, let's continue the story. LTT went to an AASP with their iMac pro, which at this point had been out of action for almost four months! There was some success: they got replacement pricing on their screen, but the logic board was a different matter. When the AASP disassembled the iMac, a 'Warranty Void if Removed' sticker was removed, meaning the logic board wasn't ineligible for return pricing. A new board would cost just shy of \$4000. Now, it would literally cost less to buy a NEW iMac Pro in Apple's eyes (Get it!!!). But LTT wanted to see how deep the rabbit hole went.

After a 'back alley' deal, LTT got a working logic board with RAM and a CPU for '\$2000', thus exposing Apple's anti-consumer behaviour, anti-repair schemes and the horrific treatment of their AASPs. To watch the full video, type 'tinyurl.com/LTTScam' into your search bar.

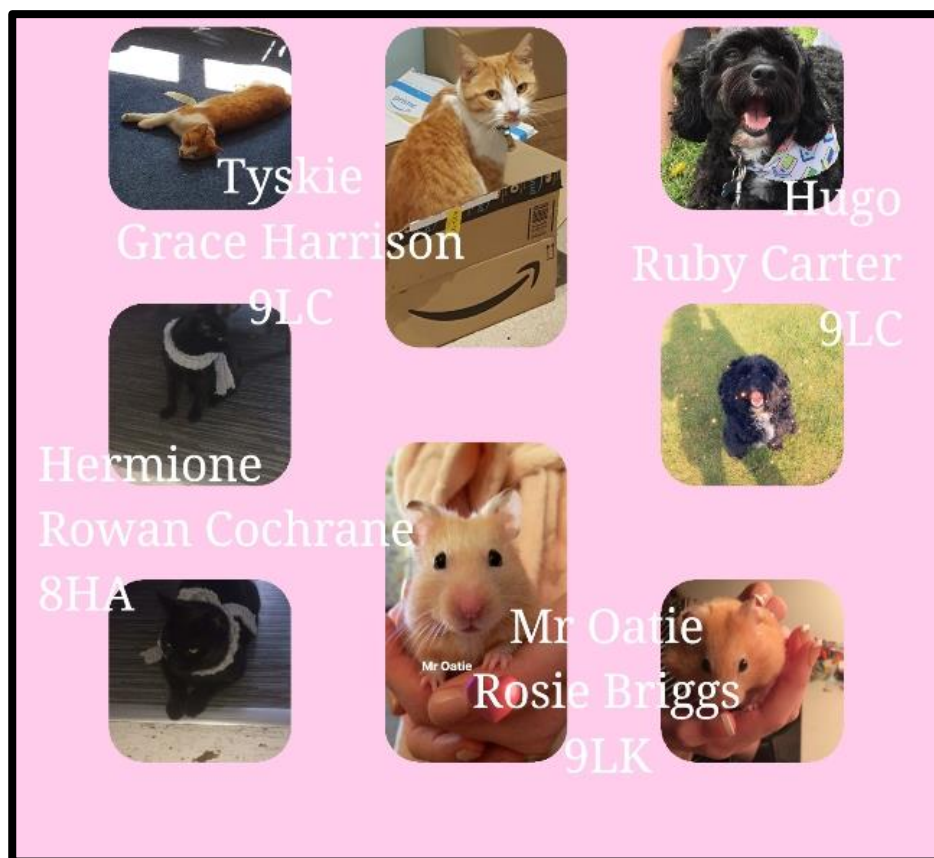
In the next issue, I will uncover the outrageous shenanigans that Apple has pulled with poorly designed products and misleading warranty conditions. Now it's my turn to dive all the way to the bottom of this endless rabbit hole!



Pets on Camera

GRACE HARRISON

Check out our Year 9 students' pets!



Our next issue of The Pulse will be featuring staff pets.
Watch this furry space!



The Last Straw

HARRY CANDLISH

Approximately 5 billion plastic straws and 2 billion cotton buds are used each year in England. Where do they end up? Unfortunately, a large proportion winds up in our oceans. Here, it not only harms marine life, but it can also raise carbon emissions which contribute to global warming.



To combat the issue, the UK government has passed a law banning a number of household objects, such as plastic straws, cotton buds and drink stirrers from 2020. It is important to note that the law will **only ban the sale of straws** and **does not prohibit people from using them all together**. Still, restaurants, cafes and bars will no longer be able to display plastic straws or automatically hand them out with drinks. If you request one though, they will still provide you with them. Consequently, many restaurants and food outlets have already replaced their plastic straws with paper ones.

The law follows a public consultation in which 80% of people surveyed supported

the ban, arguing that it was necessary to stop production of these items in an effort to reduce climate change.

However, those opposed to the ban argue that banning plastic straws and cotton buds isn't necessary or is simply not enough. Some challengers even go as far as saying the the law will disadvantage those with medical conditions and disabilities. An unnamed disabled woman told The Pulse that "for a disabled person, straws are an accessibility tool." Addressing this issue, the Environment Secretary, Michael Gove, said that "these items are often used for just a few minutes, but take hundreds of years to break down." Of course, those who need plastic straws should continue to use them, but those who can live without, should.

Personally, the plastic straw ban is necessary. They raise carbon emissions which contribute to the polar ice caps melting; this in turn contributes to rising sea levels that will affect England more than larger countries like the USA and China (who are largely inconsiderate of climate change.) The chain reaction that begins with plastic straws can be stopped easily.

Remember, we lived thousands of years without plastic straws – I'm sure we can manage without them now.



As the nights get longer and the days draw in, here are some scrumptious recipes to keep you warm and cosy on those long winter nights.

Sausage and Mash Pie

Ingredients (Serves 4)

- 850g potatoes
- 8 pork sausages
- 2 tbsp onion gravy granules
- 3 tbsp sweet pickle
- 20g butter



Serve with
seasonal
vegetables

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C .
2. Boil 850g potatoes, peeled and halved, in boiling water for 12-15 minutes until cooked. Drain well.
3. Grill 8 pork sausages for around 10 minutes or until brown. Then slice each into three.
4. Mix 2 tbsp of onion gravy granules with 400ml boiling water, add the sausages and 3 tbsp sweet pickle.
5. Mash the potatoes with 20g butter.
6. Spoon the sausage mixture into an ovenproof dish, top with the mash and snip to form little peaks to make it go crispy. Bake for 30 minutes.

Warmers

KIERAN LOVEJOY

Apple and Walnut Bundt with Glaze



Ingredients (Serves 12)

Cake

- 400g caster sugar
- 200g butter
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 375g plain flour
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples (peeled, cored & chopped)
- 120g chopped walnuts

Caramel Glaze

- 120g butter
- 2 tsp milk
- 100g soft brown sugar

Serving
suggestion: ice-
cream or custard

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 175 degrees. Grease a 9-inch Bundt pan with butter.
2. In a large bowl, beat the sugar, butter, vanilla and eggs with an electric mixer until light and fluffy.
3. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; stir into batter until mixed. Fold in the apples and walnuts in using a wooden spoon. Pour into prepared Bundt pan.
4. Bake for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Then insert a toothpick into the crown of the cake, (the cake is baked if it comes out clean). Allow to cool for about 20 minutes then place onto a wire rack.
5. Make the glaze by heating the butter, milk and brown sugar in a small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar, then remove from the heat. Drizzle over the warm cake.

The Death Penalty Debate:

The death penalty: it's the ultimate punishment, given to only the worst criminals and the source of much debate. Yes, because it's completely inhumane. The death penalty offers no hope of change and no chance to make up for your actions. Adam, most of these people have already killed humans and are so far gone, that they have no hope of turning their life around. You know what they say: an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. The people condemned to death have most likely ruined or taken a person's life. Dan, there is never an excuse for taking a human life. And that eye-for-an-eye thing you mentioned... America was built on the values of Christianity and I'm pretty sure that Jesus himself said to turn the other cheek when someone wrongs you. But Britain has a larger reoffending community than America because there is no death penalty hanging over you. Pardon the pun. Prepare to debate!

A Deterrent To Crime

My first point may be a rather controversial one, but the death penalty does not serve as the warning to others that it intended to. A study conducted in all of the US states found that, of the forty that have the death penalty, 35 have reported a steeper crime rate than those without it. This figure speaks for itself, in my opinion. Additionally, a significant majority of the American people do not believe that it achieves anything. The penalty simply does not act as a warning to others. And if we only wanted prisoners to die in jails, we already have

life imprisonment. Adam, you're forgetting about the other five states. It is very possible that, like in Texas, the crime rate there is only lower BECAUSE of the death penalty. There are many other factors to consider other than just the death penalty. In response to not leaving prisons, the prison system is already crowded enough as it is, and it would quickly overflow.

Overcrowded Prisons

While I may have already touched on it, I stand by my view that without the death penalty, America's prison system would collapse. Britain's prison system has been brought to its knees by the amount of prisoners contained within it. HOWEVER, if we had the death penalty, we could free up space in our prisons, rather than letting the criminals build up. I still maintain that the lack of true punishment also contributes to the reoffending rates. If a murderer receives a 10-year sentence, he will just kill again after; but if he dies for his crime, he isn't killing again, is he? Dan, is it really healthy to view the world with this mentality? A mentality of 'people can never change'. Prison can very well change people's lives and I have one thing to say about Britain's reoffending rate: it's not the people's problem. The government does not do enough to help ex-prisoners get back on their feet. If a man applies for a job, after committing robbery, he won't be hired anywhere and sink into a spiral, eventually having to steal to survive. Now do you see the problem? If the reoffending rates are so

Is it a Good Idea?

ADAM BLAKEMAN & DAN MORGAN

high, then the government needs to act.

Lethal Injection

I realise it may be cliché, but the death penalty, besides from being inhumane, is truly dystopian in the execution method. The main way that prisoners are executed in the US is via lethal injection, which has some serious issues. Firstly, thanks to the Hippocratic oath, no doctor will administer, or even design the injections. Secondly, the actual killing is seriously flawed. The first stage is an injection anaesthetic. The main anaesthetic used is Midazolam, which is actually a calming agent, meaning that the patient is fully awake for stage two, in which they are paralysed, as the third drug is injected. This is designed to induce cardiac arrest, and has been reported as feeling like fire is pumped through your veins. In other words, lethal injection leaves you fully conscious, able to feel pain (but you can't move or breathe at all) and ultimately dying of a heart attack. In what world is THIS acceptable. And this is said to be the MOST humane method of execution. Fair point, but whilst that sounds gruesome, these people are the very dregs of society. The worst that humanity has to offer. These people deserve to suffer as they die for their crimes. I know I sound heartless, but really, these people have committed such atrocities, maybe they deserve a little pain.

Moral Justice

Justice: it's what we all want. If a killer kills somebody, their family will want justice and what better justice than trial before God. Death is the ultimate punishment, and it allows for the families of victims to know that revenge has been dished up. After all, these people have lost everything because of a criminal. Should this criminal really be allowed to live after this? OK then. You really want to go down this route? I will ask you a simple question: aren't you just stooping to their level? I certainly understand that it may be very appealing to want revenge for the death of a loved one, but then that killer's family may want revenge on you for demanding that their family member be put to death. There is a phrase for this: a blood feud. Blood feuds are something that belong in the SAXON AGES and no longer exist. They mainly end in EVERYBODY on both sides dying and that is not how a CIVILISED modern world functions.

Conclusion

Well, we've argued your ear off, no doubt. Yes. Those who read last year will remember that we gave you an answer as to what we thought about the debate, but this year, we're doing something slightly different. We're going to let YOU decide that yourself. Yes, so what do you think? Is the death penalty a good idea or not? We'll leave a response box in The Learning Hub!



Jet Set Radio:

Two years after the Sega Dreamcast's release in 1998, *Jet Set Radio* (also known as *Jet Grind Radio* in America) was a video game released in June 2000 in Japan. The game didn't garner much attention when it was initially released; however, since then, it has gathered a cult following and has had an undeniable impact on games and media today. So what made it so great?

Premise and Gameplay

To sum up the premise, *Jet Set Radio* (JSR) is set in the fictional city of Tokyo-To, a stylized version of Tokyo. Rollerblading gangs rule the streets in Tokyo-To, and they terrorise the streets with their graffiti. The police, of course, have to deal with this. However, they take it to extreme measures by hiring riot squads, attack helicopters and tanks. You play as a member of a newly formed gang called the GGs, who have taken over Shibuya-Cho (which is the southern district of Tokyo-To) and you must fight with your graffiti to protect your turf, while avoiding the police



Now onto gameplay, which is perhaps the weakest part of the game. JSR plays as an

almost arcade game, where you're constantly tagging and running from the police. While some may say that the game doesn't control well, I disagree. It's not that bad when you get used to it and skating around is pretty fun!

Soundtrack

The most recognisable and influential aspects of JSR are certainly its soundtrack and style. But first, let's tackle soundtrack. The OST for the game was composed by a plethora of musicians, such as David Soul and Richard Jacques. However, the most prominent and credited composer for the soundtrack is Hideki Naganuma. And for good reason too.

Naganuma's music is fantastic, but kind of hard to describe as it's a more obscure genre called breakbeat. He focuses on "funky" beats, bass and sampling creating a unique sound that is hard to forget. The game opens up with his track 'Let Mom Sleep', which immediately draws you in and gives you a burst of energy with a combination of fast beats and samples that oddly work

Style and Visuals

For the purposes of this review, I'll mainly be looking at the HD remaster of the game released in 2012.

JSR is mostly noted for its amazing style and cel shaded graphics. Cel shading is a style of shading that makes art or 3D graphics appear more 'flat' or 'cartoonish' and is still common today. While JSR is not

How to Make a Game Stylish

CHARLOTTE LEY

the first game to use cel shading - though it is commonly mistaken as such - it certainly popularised it. While the game is almost 20 years old, it still looks pretty decent - even on the Dreamcast.



JSR also takes advantage of its focus on graffiti. The colourful nature of graffiti is reflected on the character designs, which all stand out and look unique due to the vibrant colours used. I personally love the character designs, especially Beat (who is also the mascot and 'protagonist' of the game), Gum and Cube. Their designs stand out the most to me.

Everything from the logo to the menus and even the setting is colourful and lends itself to the graffiti culture it's based on.

Conclusion

People may point to games such as

Persona 5 or *Cuphead* when talking about style and music in games. But I'll always be quick to talk about *Jet Set Radio*. I feel that it's a game that unfortunately went under many peoples' radars and is vastly underappreciated despite the impact it had on games, music and art today. It has inspired various games and musicians, including the game *Hover Revolt of Gamers* and a tribute album called *Memories of Tokyo-To* by the musician 2Mello. While it's inspired many works and many people, surprisingly, not a lot of people are familiar with JSR.

I'd highly recommend checking out *Jet Set Radio* purely for it's stylish visuals and amazing soundtrack.



Quorn Wagon

HARRY ADKINS

Autumn 2019 Update

Here at Quorn Wagon and Wagon Group, we have seen some major changes.

Firstly, we introduced the new member of the fleet, Test Car 2. Test Car 2 is a solid testing coach, which was used by British Railways until 2016. Then it got moved to The Great Central railway for preservation. The coach took 3 months to restore to original condition in British railways experimental livery and it looks fabulous. We currently use it as our crew coach because our yellow (soon to be blue and grey) crew coach is being restored at Rothley Shed. This gives us the ability to have a proper crew environment instead of squishing 8 people into a tiny coach area



As you can see here the tiny space isn't good for the coach and us inside of it. The new coach will have:

- amazing cooking facilities
- open space
- a four person sleeping cabin for possible overnight use
- a lovely space for meetings and having breaks from hard work

More terrific train updates next time!



Premier League: A Lesson to Learn

EVAN HAWTHORNE

Here's one thing we've learnt from PL clubs this season...

WATFORD CAN'T DEFEND

After an excellent season by the Hornets, last season was woeful, including an 8-0 humiliation at the Etihad.

NEWCASTLE CAN'T SCORE

After fans favourite, Rafa Benitez, left St James' Park last summer, the fans have been in disarray. Despite being ok defensively and beating Spurs and United, they are the only team in the league yet to score more than 1 in a game.

THE BLADES COULD BE ONES TO WATCH

Chris Wilders' incredible job at Sheffield United only gets better – they're in 15th place.

MAN UTD NEED TO MAKE CHANGES

By United's standards, they've had a dreadful start sitting in 12th place - AND without an away win. This is all despite having good home form, thrashing Chelsea, edging high-flying Leicester and even holding Liverpool at a 1-1 draw.

WOLVES NEED TO ROTATE THEIR SQUAD

Wolves have by no means started poorly this season, considering their involvement in the Europa League. However, with a thin squad, manager Nuno can't rely on the likes of Jimenez and Neves every match and may need to look for additional backup in January.

VILLA'S SUMMER SPENDING SPREE HASN'T GONE TO WASTE

Dean Smith has spent a fortune in the summer, but it may have been worth it. With the additions of England international goalie, Tom Heaton and target man, Wesley, they sit in 11th place.

ARSENAL CONTINUES LAST SEASON'S PROBLEMS

5 points away out of a possible 12 is not looking good for Arsenal. Whilst defeats at Anfield may have been inevitable, dropping points to 20th-place Watford cannot have been good at all.

LEICESTER CITY FOR THE UCL?

At the start of the season, many pundits such as Alan Shearer and Graham Souness predicted Leicester to challenge for a Europa League place; yet next to none would think they would be in the top 4. Still, with late wins over Spurs, scoring points away at Chelsea and demolishing the usually stable Newcastle United, Leicester could be a team to look out for - especially with Jamie Vardy and James Maddison proving to be excellent talents.

MAN CITY ARE MISSING LAPORE

I still stand by my prediction that Man City will just about win the Premier League with all the money poured into the club by Sheikh Mansour. Yet, they seem to be missing Lapore, as they show a couple of slip-ups against the smaller teams. Still, they continue to destroy teams with ease so are far from crisis.

LIVERPOOL DON'T NEED TO SIGN ANYONE

Many Liverpool fans may have questioned the lack of transfer activity by the Reds, signing just 3 players, 2 16-year-olds and a sub-goalie. Yet, following their 1-1 draw with Man Utd, they remain 6 points clear (which I'm sure all Liverpool fans would take). I don't see them winning the League this season however can City stop them?

We'll soon find out!



England's Exciting

England have had an amazing summer of cricket, with highs, lows and breath-taking moments. They began their unbelievable summer of cricket with the 2019 Cricket World Cup. This is the world's most renowned tournament in the history of the sport.

MATCH ONE

England commenced their campaign with a win over South Africa. England's all-rounder, Ben Stokes, got off to a great start to the tournament. He hit 82 runs and took a sublime catch on the mid-wicket boundary off Adil Rashid's bowling. This won him the prestigious title of 'Man of the Match'.

SHOCK OF THE TOURNAMENT

Their next match was against Pakistan, who they had smashed in the warm-up series before this tournament; but it wasn't the same as Pakistan beat England by 14 runs! Root and Buttler were England's best hope, but unfortunately it was not going to be enough.



Thankfully, England won their next three matches and Eoin Morgan scored a century, hitting a world-record 17 sixes!

ENGLAND'S WOES CONTINUE

This next match was another shocking moment in the competition. One of England's best batsmen, Jason Roy, who had hit 153, was out. Substitute, James Vince, stepped in for him. England vs Sri Lanka at Headingley was set for an *easy* victory for the home country. It was the calm before the storm, as England slumped to a HUGE disappointment and lost by 20 runs.



MUST-WIN SITUATION

Their next match was against India. Jonny Bairstow finally turned up the heat in this tournament, hitting 111 runs off 109 balls! Jason Roy batted well, but was caught out spectacularly by Jadeja. Stokes was also another good performer as he hit another 50 in the campaign. The batsmen had done their job. It was now up to the bowlers to reach out for that semi-final spot. India started well as Rohit Sharma smashed another century, but England's bowlers kept on top of things. Plunkett and Woakes shone for the favourites. England pulled off a win that the fans of English cricket would never have expected.

Summer of Cricket

SMASH-AND-GRAB VICTORY

All they needed to do now was to win against New Zealand, 'the dark horses for the tournament.' If England didn't win, then they had to put all their hopes on Bangladesh winning against India. England batted first again and Jonny Bairstow stood up to the challenge as he hit 106 off 99 deliveries. All England had to do now was to bowl the Kiwi's out for below 305. And they did it! Mark Wood was the pick of the bowlers.

SENSATIONAL SEMI

England got off to a flying start as Australia were 14-3 after 6.1 overs. Steve Smith was now at the crease and he hit 85 before Jos Buttler managed to run the ex-Australian captain out through his legs. By the end, Australia were 223 all out. Roy got 85 runs and secured the match for England.



ELLIOT SLAY

STOKES THE SAVIOUR

This was it: the final. England were 86-4 after 23.1 overs before Jos Buttler and Ben Stokes came to the crease, putting on a heroic partnership of 110 runs. They both scored half centuries as they moved to 196-5 after Jos Buttler was caught at square leg by the sub-fielder Tim Southee. This left England 196-5 after 44.5 overs. England needed just another 46 runs for them to be crowned champions. But it wasn't going to come easily.



Finally it all came down to a super over. We batted first and scored 15 runs off the nerve-racking six balls. It was England's turn to bowl and Jofra Archer was picked to bowl it. Bowl it he did, leading us to victory.

What an incredible summer of cricket for England!



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