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Page Three

Back by popular demand: Josie! Her absence from the last couple of Stuns didn't go unnoticed, so when I saw her with Maeve in Café Oporto, both supporting Oranje during the Euro2024 quarter finals, I had to take a photo for Page Three!

Saturday night means Ank is behind the bar in Proeflokaal de Ooievaar, so I had to drop by and say "Hi".





Louise introduced me to the latest member of the Susie's Saloon crew, but Savannah is no stranger to the Stun, although it is nine years since her last appearance.



Noa in the Blarney Stone was over the moon when I asked if I could take a photo; she's waited over a year to make her Stun debut.

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The Editor's Bit

the competition but recognised the angel as write it down because I can be a bit forgetful. soon as I dropped the last Stun into Josélito; it's across the canal from his tapas restaurant.

Amstelstroom seeing Marco and Ria behind



was; it's next door to Schumich.

For this month's Cover Competition, we're loads of photos, so enjoy your Stun. still looking up, and we've got more golden

Last month's Cover Competition was easy; wings, but where will you find them? The first the golden angel is located on top of the old person to tell me where the wings are will get Noord-Braband insurance building on the an Honourable Mention in this column, and corner of Haarlemmerstraat & Singel. The first maybe a few others will get a Mention if we correct entry came from Wolfling/Heidi so get multiple entries. Contact details are on he gets the **Honourable Mention**. A *Special* page 2, or you can tell me in person if you meet Mention goes to Gezi, who didn't know about me in a bar, but if that's the case, make sure I

One competition where we do have a *REAL* prize is our annual Premier Predictions It was like a flashback to the days of the League, sponsored by Coco's Outback, with 4 x €15 vouchers for food/drink up for grabs. If you want to be in with a chance of winning, full details are on page 21.

> To help you with your entry, our Frank gives his analysis of all 20 teams competing in the English Premier League and predicts the order they will finish this season. That's quite brave considering he had to write it two weeks before the first ball will be kicked and a month before the transfer window closes. Read all about it in Being Frank on Football, starting on page 18.

Having an extra-long Being Frank... gave the bar together, but this time it was across the me the opportunity to add an extra four pages, canal in Café Schumich. I was surprised when so I didn't have to decide between XXL they said they didn't know where the angel photos, parties or the crossword; they're all here, along with Terry Mann, Gigs, Jokes and

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BEHIND BARS



In no particular order, here are Luisa, Gytis, Annique, Ruby, Olivia, Kaitlyn, Vadim, Chris and Colin, behind the bar on a Saturday night in Coco's Outback - Extra Large!

Aisa, Myron, Toby, Eva, Bas and Dave got Mattia, Gabriel and Daniel to join them behind the bar in the Poolbar, just to make sure that we went Extra Large with this photo.



It was a busy Saturday night in the Three Sisters Pub, where the bar crew included Bryden, Gali and Romeo?

What can I say? It's Sven, and he will gladly guide you through the many whiskies, bourbons and spirits available in H. Murray's.



Zad was wearing his 30 year-old polo shirt from back in the days when Excalibur was also a coffeeshop.



With great live music, along with Jarne and Bartel behind the bar, what's not to love about Bourbon Street!





THE LEAPING LOONIES **ARE HERE!**

They're all over the town, gyrating and jumping, and racing in circles, and even knocking each other out with furiously flying fists. Some are throwing people to the ground after kicking them senseless, as crowds of fat McDonald's fed tourists scream and drool and 20:00, Molly Malone's, Traditional Irish Session, whip out their phones to record the insane scenes. But it's different this year

Instead of wandering through Amsterdam looking for drugs and hookers, the dreaded American tourist plague is descending on Paris to eat weird foods, and check out... the drugs and hookers.

There are a lot of cool things to do in Paris. The Olympics are just a convenient excuse to 20:30, Durty Nelly's, Live Acoustic Music, annoy the local population who will have their revenge by serving you rubbery snails on stale bread at inflated prices, and give you evil looks if you don't leave a large enough tip.

I'm slightly tempted to go down to the land of surly waiters and over priced everything to observe the festivities. Now that men can declare themselves women, the boxing matches should be a hoot.

Did you know you can confess your sins in a see-through glass cubicle in Notre Dame cathedral? When I was last there, in a fit of religious ecstasy, I gave it a shot. I hadn't been to confession in more than fifty years, but I fondly remembered every sin I'd enjoyed over the years: Especially the weird sexual ones! It was a long slog and they had to bring in another priest after the first father confessor waddled away mumbling and doing strange things under his robe. After about two hours of sinful admits, the new priest ran away from me throwing holy water and waving his crucifix. There's a lot to do in this town.

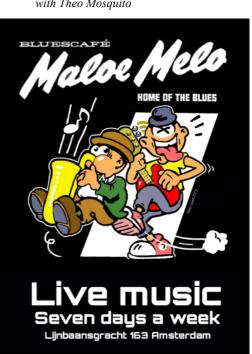
> Even If You're A Saint! Terry Mann

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Monday

Weekly

- 16:00, Cafe Havelaar, Cheeky Pre-Party, Playing Cheeky Radio from 17:00-19:00 then Live DJs 'til 23:00
- A warm welcome to everyone.
- 20:00, Paleis vd Weemoed, Monday Night Laughs! International Stand-up Comedy in English, hosted by Kendra Borgen €10
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3
- 20:00, Zaal 100, Goeie Zin Presents: THE evening for singer/songwriters & semi-acoustic music. Check zaal100.nl for details. €5
- with Gianluca & friends
- 20:30, The Waterhole, Open Jam Session, with Rene Kipuw €4
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Bourbon Jam, with Theo Mosquito



GIG-LIST

Tuesday

Weekly

- 20:00, Cafe Havelaar, Games Night, Play Dungeons & Dragons or Magic: The Gathering against fellow nerds!
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Open Jam Session, with Nienke & Jacco €4

13th August 2024

- 20:00, **Boom Chicago**, Amsterdam Magic Show, The best international magic and comedy acts in the heart of Amsterdam. €25
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jay's Garage, *Rock/Blues* €5

20th August 2024

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Kim Verme, $Rock/R\&B \in 5$

27th August 2024

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Kim Verme, $Rock/R\&R \in 5$

3rd September 2024

20:00, **Boom Chicago**, Amsterdam Magic Show, The best international magic and comedy acts in the heart of Amsterdam. €25

Wednesday

Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3
- 20:00, Mulligans, Open Session, with various songs & tunes, including Celtic, Folk, Pop, Bluegrass, Americana etc., from our regular musicians and some surprising guests!
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Open Jam with Gianluca, *Funk, Pop, Rock* €4

Wednesday

14th August 2024

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your* instrument and play with the house band
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Ross Curry, *Rock/Blues* €5

21st August 2024

- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Jam Session, Bring your instrument and play with the house band
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Steven de Geus, high quality rock and soul ${\in}5$

28th August 2024

- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Jam Session, Bring your instrument and play with the house band
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Steven de Geus, *high quality rock and soul* €5

Thursday

Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Live Music (acts tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €4
- 22:00, Coco's Outback, Karaoke Competition, Get a FREE shot before singing and be in with a chance of winning a nice prize! 15th August 2024
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Niall McGuigan & Fiachra Meek, *Traditional Irish music, pop & rock*
- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Jam Session, Bring your instrument and play with the house band
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Adam James Band, *Rock/Pop/Soul/Reggae* €5

22nd August 2024

22:00, Maloe Melo, Jam Session, Bring your instrument and play with the house band



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STUN GIG-LIST

Thursday

22nd August 2024

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Caracas Latin Band, *Pop/Latino* €5



29th August 2024

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your* instrument and play with the house band
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Dursun, *singer-songwriter*, *pianist and all-rounder* €5

5th September 2024

20:00, **De Nieuwe Anita**, Nutty Anita's Comedy Night, *Season Opener ft Matthew MacAloone* €12

Friday

Weekly

- 18:30, **Taparia**, Mosquito, *Latin Pop Rock*20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 2*

9th August 2024

- 21:00, **Mulligans**, The Lowland Paddies, *Dutch* four-piece band with a fresh, contemporary spin to traditional songs and tunes
- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Killian Donnelly, *Irish singer/songwriter*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Pheromones, 70s/80s influenced Rock €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Kitty's Groove Party, Funk, soul and groovy tunes with Kitano Hernandez and the band €7.50

Friday

16th August 2024

- 21:00, **Mulligans**, The Elastic Band,

 Back from a break of a few years, with tunes
 and songs aplenty!
- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Niall McGuigan, *Irish singer/entertainer*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Amsterdam Beat Club, *Live: King Zepha Band (Ska, Rhythm&Blues, DooWop)* €10
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Roxanne Hartog, *Soul, funk & pop* €7.50
- 23:00, The Waterhole, Jay's Garage, *Pop, Rock*23rd August 2024
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Maritza, Paul & Violetta, *contemporary folk, pop and more*
- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy MacUnfraidh, *Irish singer/entertainer*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, *t.b.a.*, see www.maloemelo.com
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jacco Hendrik, *Classic Rock* €7.50

30th August 2024

- 21:00, **Mulligans**, John 'Tex' Walsh & Shannon Brown, *Celtic-Country & Blues*
- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Killian Donnelly, *Irish singer/songwriter*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, *t.b.a.*, see www.maloemelo.com
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Daez, €7.50





Saturday

Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 2
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Rock Night (bands tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €5

10th August 2024

- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jay & Los Mecanicos, *Pop, Rock*
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Niall McGuigan, Mix of traditional Irish music, pop, rock & much more
- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Gianluca Pagliaricci, *Italian singer/songwriter*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Magic Sem, Blues + Bluesrock €5
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Liger and the Cubs, *Reggae/R&B* €7.50

17th August 2024

- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Ben Reel, *Singer/Songwriter/ Performer/Musician/Producer*
- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy MacUnfraidh, *Irish singer/entertainer*
- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Live Music, t.b.a., see www.maloemelo.com
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Aymar Torres, Singer-Songwriter from Aruba €7.50

24th August 2024

- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Sjoerd, Jimmy & Victor, mix of Celtic ballads and tunes mixed with folk-songs
- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Brian Clifford, *Irish singer/songwriter*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Relax Head Man, *Garage Rock Alternative Punk rock* €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Addicted To Groove, Funk/R&B €7.50
- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, 2Hot2Funk, Funk, Pop, Rock

Saturday

31st August 2024

- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Victor, Jimmy & Sjoerd, mix of Celtic ballads and tunes mixed with folk-songs
- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy MacUnfraidh, *Irish singer/entertainer*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Sunny and The Jets, *Rock, Blues/Rock, Soul, Pop/Rock* €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Wiseflower, blues, rock and roll, soul and gospel €7.50

Sunday

Weekly

- 19:00, Mulligans, Traditional Irish Session,
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Live Music (acts tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €4

11th August 2024

- 16:30, Checkpoint Charlie, Ironic Curtain Comedy Club, Expect stories and jokes from all around the globe. Meet the world and laugh about it
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, WiseSessions, *Music Collective for Collective Action!* €5

18th August 2024

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Curtis Millen, Funk/Rock/Soul €5

25th August 2024

- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Petty Kingdom, *Acoustic pop*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Sunday R&B Session, Are you a soul or R&B singer? Together with the greatest musicians of these genres, you'll get a chance to sing some of your favourite songs. Can it get any better? €5

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Marco, Federico, Miguel and Gregorio were about to hit the stage in Bourbon Street as The Caracas Latin Band.



There's no live music in the Cave until the end of September, so it might be a while before we get to see barman Pasquale and sound engineer Chiche doing shots together.

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ROUND T

Everybody gets a warm welcome from Jur in Maloe Melo, which is why we all love him!



Magic Sem is always happy to pose for a photo whenever I see him in Maloe Melo, but I seem to have caught Dennis off-guard.



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HE BARS

It won't be easy for Janice to find somebody as wonderful to replace Shakira behind the bar in Café Oporto, so she called on Gianni from Whisky Café L&B (currently closed for renovation) to help out while she looks.





I don't know how he did it, but Davey managed to get Brian from Café Oporto to agree to a photo that can go in the Stun!

When you see a crowd like this outside Café Oporto, there's a good chance that there's a party going on inside. This time was no exception; it was Shakira's last shift! See pages 14 & 15.



Shakira's Last Shift

Shakira's family, friends and the regulars were out in force for her final Sunday night shift in Café Oporto. Jen and Doda were on hand so that Shakira could spend more time socialising instead of pulling pints.



























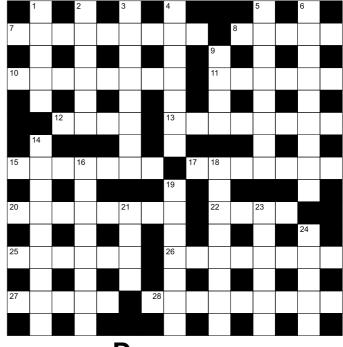
Stun Crossword

Compiled by Martyn Hardy

Across

- 7. Makes teenagers crazy (9)
- 8. All the world's a stage here! (5)
- 10. Stripe in fashion, but no spots (8)
- 11. Called around six, and sounded mad (6)
- 12. Alter-ego of doctor hiding in radiography department (4)
- 13. Does it in order to produce mutiny (8)
- 15. Firm swallowing annoyance and being most reasonable (7)
- 17. Dogs pulling lead a lot (7)
- 20. Halt bowler's deliveries in mid-flight? (8)
- 22. Return address of model (4)
- 25. Some in canteens ignoring the national standard (6)
- 26. Money given for party going before country (8)
- 27. Hold off animal encircling female (5)
- 28. Join at home and get returned fee (9)

Scribble Space



Down

- 1. We're told they examine burns (5)
- 2. Forgiving initially, yet is strangely excitable (6)
- 3. There's indecency in caress, somehow (8)
- 4. Awful server gets one point in defeat (7)
- 5. The Spanish girl chap put on pedestal? (8)
- 6. A boycott Donald and Edward rejected (9)
- 9. Poke softly with stick (4)
- 14. Prohibit soft drinks dispenser (9)
- 16. Component of wind instrument couple took in to get fixed (8)
- 18. Felon with presentation about to wind up (8)
- 19. Explosive material surrounding cruise missile (7)
- 21. Opening in heart of Coventry (4)
- 23. Bible class get little gratitude with way to impede progress (6)
- 24. Unwilling to give new driver a hot convertible (5)

Answers on page 21

Karl and Milly were lying in bed one night. Karl was falling asleep but Milly was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said, "You used to hold my hand when we were courting."

Wearily Karl reached across, held her hand for a second, and rolled over to try to fall asleep. A few moments later she said, "Then you used

to kiss me."

Mildly irritated, he leaned across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled back down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said, "Then you used to bite my neck."

Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"To the bathroom to get my teeth," he replied.

Four married guys go fishing. After an hour, the following conversation took place.

First guy: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out fishing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I will paint every room in the house next weekend."

Second guy: "That's nothing; I had to promise my wife that I will build her a new deck for the pool."

Third guy: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I will remodel the kitchen for her."

They continue to fish when they realise that the fourth guy has not said a word.

So they asked him. "You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What's the deal?"

Fourth guy: "I just set my alarm for 5:30 am. When it went off, I shut off my alarm, gave the wife a nudge and said, 'Fishing or sex' and she said, 'Wear sun-block!"

Devon and Cornwall have cancelled their planned joint 60s/70s retro music festival after a row over whether to put The Jam or Cream on first.

JOKES

Buddy and his wife Edna went to the state fair every year, and every year Buddy would say, "Edna, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Edna always replied, "I know Buddy, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

One year Buddy and Edna went to the fair, and Buddy said, "Edna, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Edna replied, "Buddy that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word, I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars."

Buddy and Edna agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Buddy and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Buddy replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Edna fell out, but you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

My wife wanted to disgrace me in front of her friends by saying I wasn't very good in bed. She was shocked when they all disagreed with her.

To the person that stole my camouflage jacket and flip-flops: You can hide but you can't run!

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

BEING FRANK ON BTBAL

approaching, so it is time once again to look will just have to hope that a few of their new into the future and try to predict the ups and recruits hit the ground running, otherwise they downs of the Premier League season that lies could find themselves in big trouble again ahead. The disadvantage of early predicting especially if they lose Dominic Calvin-Lewin. is that the transfer window is still open, so anything could literally happen!

also been released. Jamie Vardy is still there, season is a warning. but at 38, they will have to do a lot better than of survival.

19. Fulham: Now here is a big shock, but only just... when I look at what they have spent and who would be seriously concerned. As this goes to print, they have only recruited Ryan Sessegnon on a free and have sold Joao Palhinha to Bayern Munich for close to 50 million. Bobby Decordova-Reid has also departed.

18. Everton: Sean Dyche has done amazing things since he took office at Goodison Park. but the club are still light years away from where they want to be, and have lost some important players in close season. Ben Godfrey went to Atalanta, while Amadou Onana was

football season is rapidly sold to Aston Villa for around 50 million. They

17. Brentford: The key to their success this season could rest with Ivan Tony. If he stays, 20. Leicester City: They have arrived and remains fit, then I cannot see them near back in the Premier League at the first time the foot of the table for too long, but this is of asking but they have changed manager in a very big if. They have acquired Igor Thiago the meantime, and the appointment of Steve from Club Brugge for 30 million but have Cooper does not fill me with confidence. Add lost keeper David Raya to Arsenal for 27 to that the departure of talisman Dewsbury- million and recruitment has been sparse so far. Hall to Chelsea for around 30 million, and Manager Thomas Franks will have his work they could find themselves struggling again. cut out this term and much will depend on who Kelechi Iheanacho and Mark Albrighton have they buy and who they lose. Finishing 16th last

16. Southampton: Stuart Armstrong and that, so will Abdul Fatawu or Celeb Okoli save Che Adams have already moved to pastures their bacon? Perhaps the costliest thing of all new and their new recruits will hardly set the could be a points deduction imposed for over- world alight. Manager Russell Martin likes to spending, and this could range from 6 to 12 play adventurous football but they may need points and would clearly damage their chances to take a few football lessons from those who are good at it. They could avoid the drop but

15. Nottingham Forest: Manager Nuno they have sold, if I was one of their fans, I Espirito Santo has recruited big, paying 35



United, along with Nikola Milencovic from his players as well. They have bought Max Fiorentina for around 12 million, and a host Killman from Wolves but Flynn Downes has of other lesser stars. They look too good to been sold to Southampton. go down but they may find themselves in and around the drop zone at times.

- in Fabian Hurzeler and at just 31, he is the top half of the table, such is their desire youngest head coach in the Premier League. to play on the front foot! They have lost This is a big gamble and it might mean that Michael Olise to Bayern Munich for around 50 they will struggle to make much of an impact million but still have some amazing attacking this season. Their German boss has already options which should provide fans with much spent 72 million in the transfer market but it entertainment and goals galore! may take a while for the new kids on the block to gel. Old head Pascal Gross has left the club, should find themselves in the top half of along with Adam Lallana and 14 others!
- of people but not those who fully understand from Braga of Portugal. Pedro Lima might also football. In two short seasons, manager Kieran impress, but on the downside, they have lost McKenna has turned this club on its head Max Kilman to West Ham United, so gaffer with back-to-back promotions, playing in a Gary O'Neil will have to box clever. way that appeals to supporters. He is a master tactician and for this reason alone, Premier has spent big again, recruiting Lewis Hall clubs should be on their guard. McKenna has from Chelsea for 28 million but they have not managed to keep the nucleus of his squad purchased anybody else of note. The transfer together which did so well in League One, but window does not close until August 30th, so has also recruited sensibly for the top flight, there is time, but they have lost Elliot Anderson and to date, they have spent close to 60 million to Forest for 35 million and Yankuba Minteh to on new additions.
- 12. Bournemouth: Under Andoni Iraola, a number of others. this small club has gone from strength to 7. Chelsea: manager Enzo Maresca will of football that is pleasing on the eye. They not convinced he is the right man to greatly appear to have bought well too, so I cannot see improve their fortunes. American owner Todd them struggling to get points on the board this Boehly is not a patient chappy, and I am still season.
- Julen Lopetegui might struggle to follow in when he lost his job. They have spent big on

million for Elliot Anderson from Newcastle him I while to adjust, and this might apply to

- 10. Crystal Palace: Here is another team that produce very entertaining football, and 14. Brighton: They have a new manager it would not surprise me if they ended up in
- 9. Wolves: They have bought well and the table with Tommy Doyle joining from 13. Ipswich Town: This might surprise a lot Manchester City and Rodrigo Gomes arriving
 - 8. Newcastle United: Manager Eddie Howe Brighton for 30 million, and have also released
- strength, and he has got them playing a brand have his work cut out at his new club and I am baffled as to why he fired Mauricio Pochettino 11. West Ham United: Their new boss who was realising the fruits of his endeavours the footsteps of David Moyes. It will take Dewsbury-Hall from Leicester and Kellyman



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that will get bums off seats, so fans might finish will be in their sights again. be underwhelmed by the style of football employed by Enzo.

- much better in the Premier League. I have course, Joel Matip has now been released. a horrible feeling that the Dutchman could Joshua Zirkzee.
- recruitment department so far, although he time around, they will fall a little short. did bring in Archie Grey from Leeds and 1. Arsenal: Could it be third time lucky they will be strong again.
- involvement might be of detriment to the they have a wealth of attacking options. league status. Acquiring Amadou Onana from Everton and Jade Philogene from Hull City

from Villa, but they are not the kind of players should boost their numbers and a top-four

- 3. Liverpool: Under new Dutch head coach Arne Slot, Liverpool will be in transition this 6. Manchester United: Erik ten Hag kept season, and although they will continue to play his job thanks to that unlikely FA Cup Final exciting attacking football, I think there could win over arch-rivals Manchester City last be a few bumps along the way too. As things season, but I am not convinced they will do stand, they have not recruited anyone, and of
- 2. Manchester City: Winning the title four be one of the first top-flight managerial times on the bounce is a record breaker, but all casualties this term, because they may start good things come to an end, and their prized badly, due in the main to an injury crisis at asset this season could well be the Champions the club. That said, they have spent over 80 League! It is very difficult to maintain million on two new recruits in Leny Yoro and momentum on all footballing fronts, and to date, they have only recruited Savio from 5. Tottenham Hotspur: Aussie boss Ange Troyes for 33 million. I think it will be a close Postecoglou has been rather quiet in the run thing again for the title, but perhaps this
- Tim Werner on a season long loan from RB for Mikel Arteta? I am inclined to think so Leipzig. They have not lost anyone of note, so because they have come agonisingly close on two occasions now, and their Spanish boss 4. Aston Villa: They have spent big but they will have learned a lot in the process. Riccardo have also spent wisely so far. In Unai Emery, Calafiori from Bologna is an interesting new they have one of the best head coaches in the addition, as is David Raya from Brentford. Premier League. Their Champions League Emile Smith-Rowe has left for Fulham but

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IN THE BACK

Since the two-page spread we had for Kenny's birthday a couple of months ago, he's become a bit of a celebrity in H. Murray's; everyone wants to be in a photo with him!

Here's Kenny with German tourists Tom and Clara, along with local Malcolm.





It was a family affair in the Backstage Bar; Steven's brother Karl, mum Lucy and aunties Rita and Christine were in town, so we had to go XXL with this photo.





Ajax were playing away, so Steven was wearing the away kit in the Backstage Bar.



It took a while, but we've finally got a photo of Rossa, behind the bar with Sinead and Luna in Molly Malone's.

Maeve isn't bothered, but Doda is trying to overtake Josie in Stun appearances; he's got a long way to go!



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