

...perhaps, from a club that now thinks nothing of undertaking some mid-match gardening to gain an edge.

All season, and indeed ever since Klopp's arrival, Liverpool have placed a premium on conducting their business the right way. They have perfected, to a greater degree than

a trophy at Anfield, Klopp has had a longer combined honeymoon than Elizabeth Taylor.

In part, such patience is owed to his force of personality. But that patience can be tested by signs of skulduggery, such as allowing his groundsmen to clear only one half of the pitch. This, by any standard, is a sly

"Why do I do it?" he asked. "Because I am stupid." In other words, he always strives to know more, to push the envelope as far as he dares. There comes a point, though, when elaborate coaching manoeuvres risk compromising that nebulous notion known as "the spirit of the game".

advantages, great and good managers do that. But this one is over the line." So, too, was Liverpool's suspiciously half-hearted attempt at ice clearance. Perhaps for the first time, Klopp's burnished halo has slipped.

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Grave robbery

Mother pleads for
return of pounamu
from headstone

Belinda Took

A family are grieving after thieves stole a precious chunk of greenstone bolted to a headstone. The pounamu – a taonga for the family – was taken from Isaac Smith Craig's grave at Mangaroa Cemetery near Hastings before Christmas. It was there for only about a week before it was stolen. Isaac was the youngest of Teresa Smith-Craig's six children when he was born at the end of January 2000. But just before he turned 1 he came critically close to death after crawling into the pool of their Hastings home. He survived but suffered severe brain damage. He was wheelchair-bound, unable to walk, talk, eat or fend for himself. Neither Smith-Craig nor the rest of the whānau minded though because Isaac was alive, breathing. That's all they cared about. She said his survival brought the family closer together, taught them about compassion, love and to be grateful they each had all their 'bits



Isaac Smith-Craig's family – (from left) Katarah Nathan-Craig, 9, Teresa Smith-Craig and sons Isaac Smith-Craig and Isaac Smith-Craig – stand behind the headstone (inset) stolen from his grave to be returned. Photos: Paul Taylor

and pieces. However, a chest infection would eventually knock him down. He died aged 7 in April 2007. Smith-Craig said she brought each of her children a greenstone when they turned 18, but for Isaac she had to do something different. She asked a Canterbury friend to find her a pounamu she could put on his grave. He walked in a local river, praying and thinking of Isaac. After three hours he put his hands in the water and found a giant greenstone rock. He carried it for three hours to bring it out. Smith-Craig had the turquoise below her eyes photo which sat on the mantelpiece of their home. They

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It was a similar story in the second half, if the Breakers began to pull away, the Phoenix would round them back up. Just two points were in with 16 seconds remaining, Hopson the hero a number of times in recent weeks found himself in the arc and the young forward did the rest.

With the side now in touching distance of the playoffs, the match in Melbourne was the ideal time for young star point guard RJ Hampton to return from a hip injury.

Hampton, who had declined since mid-December, played a handy role off the bench in his return, with 11 points in 16 minutes of action.

The Breakers will look to further press their bid for a spot in the playoffs away against the Trailblazers on Thursday, before returning for a three game stretch on home soil.

After taking a year away from league, Simon Mannering has returned to the Warriors for the upcoming season.

Mannering has agreed to return to the club on a part-time basis in a mentoring role, which will see him work with teams from the club's juniors to its first-grade side beginning in the first half of the season.

"The purpose of his role is to really utilise his experience in the game," Warriors chief executive Cameron George told Radio Sport.

"The player in which he played over the game, we all know how good he was and the unique character that he had. So we want to instil that into the club and the players through the club to implement those characteristics that he carried throughout his career as a player."

Mannering played 301 NRL games for the Warriors over a 14-year career, spending his entire career with the

Warriors great returning to Mt Smart



Simon Mannering is back with the Warriors a year after his farewell.
Photo / Photospa

club before retiring at the end of the 2018 season. Throughout his career, he made a name for himself as a workhorse and a true professional.

who would perform to the highest level week after week.

The 33-year-old and his family moved to Australia after he retired, and he spent 2019 in a part-time role with the Brisbane Broncos women's team. George said he was returning to the club with a refreshed view of the sport.

"When Simon decided he wanted to retire in 2018, he was tired, both physically and mentally. He'd had a long career, although he's only a young guy. For someone that did the most work most weekends, you could tell it was certainly taking its toll on him," George said.

"The important thing for him and his family was to get away from the game and freshen up."

It's going to be hugely beneficial for him without a doubt... we're not going to waste the opportunity to have Simon around."

Smashing knock

Centerfield, Kings batsman Leo Carter hit six consecutive sides off an Anton David over to lead his side to a massive Super Smash chase at Hagley Oval yesterday. Needing 220 to win the Kings chased it down with an over to spare with Carter finishing on a century with 70 of his 107 balls including seven sixes. Six of those came off the 16th over bowled by the Black Caps spinner which went for 36 runs. Before the over, Carter had scored 11 of 12 balls, but after hitting 59 of his next 17 deliveries Canterbury bowler Chris Cairns hit 57 of 63 balls while Cole McConechie added a quickfire 49 from 25 as part of a 121 partnership with Carter. The Knights made 219 7 from their 20 overs with Black Cap Tim Southei scoring 74 off 36 balls, hitting six sixes and five fours. He put on 139 for the second wicket with the Canterbury bowler, while Joe made 55. In a final-round performance, McConechie was the pick of the Canterbury bowlers, taking 2-33.

Big names out

Several big names are missing from the quarter-finals of the men's singles and women's pairs at the New Zealand Bowls Championships in Canterbury. Three-time national singles champion Mike Kernaghan was one of several past winners to exit on the first day of post-section play yesterday. He joined fellow Blackjacks Gary Lawson, Chris Le Lievre and Seamus Curtin in falling short of the last eight. New Zealand internationals Jo Edwards and Kirsten Edwards were beaten 12-11 on the last bow by Debbie White and Ashleigh Jeffcoat in their last 32 encounter in the women's pairs.

Tuatara sweep

The Auckland Tuatara have the Australian Baseball League playoffs in their sights, increasing their lead at the top of the Northeast division. The Tuatara claimed a four-game sweep over Coolangubra at North Harbour Stadium last weekend, winning 6-3, 9-8, 9-7 and 7-2. With a 16-11 record, they have a multi-win buffer on their closest division rival with three weeks left of the regular season.

Magicians win

The Canterbury Magicians earned their first win of the women's Super Smash season with a four-wicket victory over the Northern Spirit at Hagley Oval yesterday. After losing their opening six games, the Magicians finally pulled one out of the hat chasing down 126 for victory with three balls to spare. Frankie Mackay top-scored with a match-winning 42 off 55 balls for the home side.

Texans advance

Deshawn Watson spun out of a would-be sack and coolly completed a pass that set up the winning field goal in overtime as the Texans tallied from a double-digit second-half deficit for a 22-19 victory over the Buffalo Bills in the first round of the NFL playoffs yesterday. Both teams had to punt on their first possessions of overtime. On Houston's second drive, Watson evaded a sack by wriggling away from one defender and bouncing off another before rolling out to find Taiwan Jones for a 34-yard reception to set up first-and-goal. Kalvin Fairhair then kicked a 28-yard field goal to lift Houston to victory.

Pats knocked out

Derrick Henry rushed for 182 yards and a touchdown while Tennessee's defence stymied Tom Brady and perhaps ended his championship-filled New England career with a 20-13 wildcard victory. Six-time champion Brady's contract is up and the 42-year-old quarterback could well be headed elsewhere, including retirement.



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Did somebody say 'royal baby'?

Harry and Meghan's bundle of joy is on the way and loyal subjects want all the facts



The royal tour

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, more fondly known as Prince Harry and Meghan, are expecting a baby in the UK spring, and people – unsurprisingly – have questions: Will the baby assume the title of prince or princess? Will the child ever occupy the British throne? What will they call their little bundle of joy? Will it be a boy or a girl? And yes, some people really are Googling: When is spring?

So, let's take a look.

Will the baby assume the title of prince or princess?

The answer is no. Meghan and Harry's children will assume the title of lord or lady.

They can thank King George V for that. Back in 1917, William and Harry's great-great grandfather decided to limit the titles of members of the royal family, stating: "The grandchildren of the sons of any such sovereign in the direct male line (save only the eldest living son of the eldest son of the Prince of Wales) shall have and enjoy in all occasions the style and title enjoyed by the children of Dukes of these Our Realms."

This means that as Meghan and Harry's child will be a great-grandchild of the sovereign (at least until Charles inherits the throne) he or she will be placed too far down the line of succession to rightfully assume the title of prince or princess.

It is believed that any children of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex will be known as Lord or Lady Mountbatten-Windsor, unless the Queen steps in to change that. In 2015, she opted to make Prince George a prince and followed suit with his siblings, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis.

"The Queen might well intervene in this case," said royal commentator Richard FitzWilliams.

There's also speculation that Meghan and Harry may prefer their children do not adopt the title of HRH in the hope they will lead a more normal life out of the intense royal spotlight.

Will Meghan and Harry's child ever occupy the British throne?

Gender no longer plays a factor in determining who is next in line. Male bias was removed in the Succession

Bookies offer odds on name

As it is unlikely their baby would ascend to the throne, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex are not tightly bound by the names they can choose.

They may go with a traditional name such as Alice, Mary, Elizabeth or Victoria for a girl or Philip, Frederick, Charles, Arthur, Edward or James for a boy.

In the United States, top favourites are Emma and Liam. In Britain, it's Olivia and Oliver.

One option – considered a favourite for a girl – is Diana in honour of Harry's mother.

Bookies odds: 8/1 Victoria; 10/1 Albert, Arthur; 14/1 Diana; 16/1 Philip, Elizabeth; 20/1, Charles, James 25/1 William.

Bettair odds: 12/1 Diana, Arthur, Alice; 16/1 Edward, Elizabeth; 18/1 James; 20/1 Victoria; 25/1 Henry, Oliver; 25/1 Thomas; 30/1 Albert, Grace; 33/1 Mary, Olivia, Alexander; 50/1 Harry, Susan; 100/1 Theresa; 200/1 Boris.

— Telegraph Media Group

to the Crown Act, which was passed in 2013. Now, the order in which members take the throne is based on age.

As of today, the line of succession looks like this: In line behind the Queen is Prince Charles, followed by his eldest son, Prince William. After Prince William are his three children: Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis. Behind Prince Louis is his uncle, Prince Harry, at number six.

Monday's announcement puts Harry and Meghan's baby in seventh place, which makes it highly unlikely but not impossible for their child to one day reign.

In eighth, ninth and 10th place are the Queen's second son, Prince Andrew, and his two daughters, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie.

The last few days have been a whirlwind for Eugenie, who wed, was randomly hailed by President Trump on Twitter and then bumped from ninth in line to the throne to 10th by a baby yet to be born.

What will the baby's name be?

Your guess is as good as ours. Meghan and Harry are well known for their ability to shake up somewhat stale royal traditions.

As Harry is not directly in line to the throne, it's often thought that he has more freedom to stray from royal norms when it comes to living his life.



Royals get Sydney welcome

A beaming Duke and Duchess of Sussex thrilled thousands of Sydney fans outside the Sydney Opera House yesterday during their first meeting with the general public since the former Meghan Markle's newly announced pregnancy.

Prince Harry and the Duchess spent longer than the 20 minutes allocated in their schedule to speak to and shake hands with many well-wishers as possible. Meghan, wearing a beige trench coat, was a sleekest of dresses by Australian designer Karen Lee, accepted gifts and flowers from an enthusiastic crowd.

The pregnancy was a hot topic news across Australia.

The Sydney Herald's headline: "A royal arrival in Sydney, but royal news is on the way." Darwin's recent "Ginger Press" – a play on the name of the Australian comic strip – carried a mischievous red head called Ginger Muggs.

Outside the Opera House yesterday, Harry's first "long" with war widow Daphne Guinness, whom he reportedly married, they chatted. It was a friendly, that they had met in a play caught sight of a Victoria Cross medal on her chest during a Sydney visit in 2015.

This time, Meghan joined her husband in greeting Guinness, who admires the prince's war veterans' charity work, she said.

Durran later said Meghan told her "she had heard about me, she's so lovely".

Before Meghan's mother, her flight attendant, her family revealed a surprise as they were welcomed at the event.

The main focus of that engagement was to meet with a group of representatives from the countries competing at the event that starts Saturday. The group, founded by Harry's 2016, gives sick and injured military personnel and veterans the opportunity to compete in sports such as wheelchair basketball.

The couple later travelled by boat to Taronga Park Zoo where they opened a research centre and met two 10-month-old koalas that had been named after them.

— The Washington Post



Prince Harry and Meghan visit Admiralty House in Sydney and check out koalas at Taronga Zoo yesterday on their Australian visit.

At their wedding this year, the couple followed some but also jettisoned some age-old traditions – and were widely praised for doing so. Some think that the couple will opt for a non-traditional name, in keeping with their progressive and forward-thinking attitudes to life.

Speculation about the name of the newest royal is already in full flow in Britain, with bookmakers listing Diana, Stormzy and Alice as possible options.



Women with advanced breast cancer and their supporters have presented a petition with thousands of signatures.

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Marchers demand funding change on cancer drugs

Women should not have to go to politicians begging for their lives, says advocate

Melissa Nightingale

A group of women with advanced breast cancer and their supporters have given MPs a petition with thousands of signatures calling for funding of life-extending medicines.

The women marched to Parliament yesterday, pushing for a change in the way the medicines are funded.

The women behind the march are known as Metavivors.

They have the support of the Breast Cancer Action Coalition, which represents more than 30 breast cancer organisations.

Chairwoman Libby Burgess said people should not have to go to politicians begging for their lives.

"It's tragic that our vulnerable women have to march on Parliament to call for access to treatments that they would get as a matter of course in other developed countries. All people in New Zealand should have the medicines they need," she said.

flies and in their communities, and ease their suffering.

"We are not a third-world country but our medicines funding is heading that way. New Zealand ranks 19th out of 20 OECD countries for access to new medicines and that's shocking."

The lack of funding for cancer medicines Ibrance and Kadcyla, hailed as game changers for women with advanced breast cancer, has been labelled "the height of cruelty" by Breast Cancer Foundation NZ's chief executive Evangelia Henderson.

"The medicines are sold to extend lives by years."

"Why do people have to set up a Givealittle page, or worse, sell their house, to access these drugs?" Henderson said.

Henderson said she couldn't imagine the distress felt by women faced with having to fund the drugs themselves at the expense of their own family's future.

"This is an opportunity to have a longer life, yet it's out of reach for our

Why do people have to set up a Givealittle page, or worse, sell their house, to access these drugs?

Evangelia Henderson, chief executive Breast Cancer Foundation NZ

pay for their own drugs while others can't widen the disparity within New Zealand.

"Meanwhile, the gap between Kiwi women's survival with advanced breast cancer and that of women with advanced breast cancer overseas remains shocking."

As our ABC report, I'm still here, identified, average survival in NZ is just 16 months, compared with two to three years or more in countries

humane thing to do," Henderson said.

The women delivered a 32,000-signature petition calling for Ibrance to be funded, and a second petition to fund Kadcyla.

Petition organiser Terre Nicholson said women around the country were dying early, "losing precious time they could spend with their families and to prepare their little ones for being without their mother."

A key reason these drugs are not funded is New Zealand's outdated model for medicines funding, which hasn't kept pace with advances in medicines, Nicholson said.

"We believe Pharmac needs to be entirely reformed so that the focus is firmly on improving people's lives."

"It needs to have greater transparency, faster decision-making and significantly more funding."

Pharmac currently has a spending cap which comparable countries don't have, and of 30 OECD countries only Mexico spends less than New Zealand on medicines. Countries like

Fake-cash arrest

Police have issued a public warning about the spread of fake cash after arresting a Henderson man, 26, on currency and counterfeit offences. Counterfeit \$100 notes were being used mainly in the West Auckland area, however, the offending may be wider spread. Waiwera police Constable Rebecca Brown said police wanted to hear from retailers who might have been paid with counterfeit money.

Bodies found late

Hawke's Bay police have voiced concern after two recent incidents in which men in their 70s died and were under-covered in their Nipper homes for more than two weeks. Detective Mike Sigal said it was sad and worrying that no one was looking out for them.

Gang pair accused

A Hutt Valley man and Black Power member, 31, has appeared in court charged with murdering a Whanganui man in a suspected gang clash in August. Mongrel Mob member Kevin Neluma Ratana was shot on August 21. A co-accused Black Power member, 38, was due to appear in the Whanganui District Court yesterday.

Gunman sought

A gunman has been on the run for three days after killing a King Cobras gang member at a rural Canterbury property. Luke Riddell's body was found in Selwyn on Sunday. The Herald understands Riddell, 28, was a King Cobras member.

Sex offender jailed

A Christchurch businessman who sexually assaulted teenage babysitters was yesterday jailed for nearly five years. John Michael Condon, 62, preyed on seven teenage girls, including one aged just 13, in a nine-year period. In the Christchurch District Court yesterday, Condon was jailed for four years and nine months. Condon admitted 11 indecent assault charges and one of attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Anyone for tennis?

A prime piece of Auckland real estate, most of which is a tennis court, is up for grabs on the North Shore. It's a 67sqm section on Hurstville Rd, Takapuna. One of its key selling points according to its Trade Me ad is its location on a flat piece of freehold land on what's described as



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