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## Join our fight for heroes

THE News of the World today launches a campaign to ensure the welfare of our Armed Forces is guaranteed by LAW.

Justice For The Brave demands the government honours David Cameron's pledge to legally recognise the Military Covenant, which gives servicemen and their families rights to benefits in health care, housing and schools. And you can join the campaign.

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Battle... our campaign

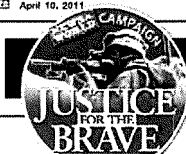
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Honour promise TODAY

By LORD ASHCROFT

BRavery is a truly wonderful quality. Over the past decade, in particular, our Armed Forces have been consistently asked to display courage in a series of global conflicts, including Iraq, Afghanistan and, most recently, Libya.

If we repeatedly ask our servicemen and women to risk their lives, we owe them a duty of care.

The simplest and most effective way of doing this is for the Military Covenant to be written into law.

My interest in bravery goes back to my childhood and my late father Ed's account of his participation in the D-Day landings.

I see it as my duty to champion bravery. I have written three books on gallantry and last November I put my collection of Victoria Crosses - totalling 170 and the largest in the world - on public display at the Imperial War Museum in London.

I also see it as my duty to support the News of the World's campaign. No one deserves our support today as much as our armed forces and I commend the paper for launching its campaign.

Britain is facing an unprecedented recession and massive cuts to public spending. However the Prime Minister knows this when he said that the Military Covenant would be written into law.

The members of our Armed Forces are special individuals who collectively make a special case. The Government needs to honour its pledge... and now.

I've been betrayed

WIDOW Christina Schmid, whose husband died in Afghanistan, claims she has been "betrayed" by the Government. Backing our campaign, Christina, below, said: "Everyone in the country knows that our servicemen and women are being asked to risk their lives for us. But the truth is the Government is happy to short-change troops and their families. And while there is nothing in law to make them come properly for soldiers, they're carrying on betraying us."



PM PLEDGED TO MAKE MILITARY COVENANT LAW.. NOW HE HAS TO DO IT

DEBT WE MUST PAY

Cameron should make it nation's legal duty to care for its heroes

By PAUL McNAMARA

THE News of the World today goes into battle for the heroes who go into battle for all of us.

We are launching our Justice For The Brave campaign demanding the Government honour David Cameron's pledge to enshrine IN LAW the welfare of our Armed Forces.

At the moment the so-called Military Covenant is an unwritten pact between the nation and its brave servicemen and women.

Last July the Prime Minister promised to make that pact a legal duty, guaranteeing the right to priority NHS HEALTH care, decent housing and first choice SCHOOLS for force personnel and their families as a reward for their sacrifices.

Standing on the now-defunct NHS Ark Royal, Mr Cameron said: "I want all these things reflected and renewed and written down in a new Military Covenant, that's written into the law of the land."

But ministers have now ditched the covenant from the Armed Forces Bill, claiming debt-laden Britain cannot afford it.

**WHAT THE COVENANT WILL DO**

<b>HEALTH</b>	Priority NHS treatment & lifelong right to mental health care
<b>TAX</b>	Council tax axed for all men and women serving abroad
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is incalculable. Thousands have been maimed and nobody can give a clear estimate of how many soldiers will be affected by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, the severe anxiety that can develop after exposure to the horrors of war.

And a report by the National Association Of Pension Officers revealed up to 25,000 ex-soldiers are homeless, mostly ill or in the criminal justice system "because of a failure to adjust to civilian life".

Last night former Conservative chairman Lord Ashcroft said: "I am passionate in my belief that our country owes an enormous debt of gratitude to these heroes."

"A promise has been made to these brave people and with the support of the Government we can make the Military Covenant law."

Former First Sea Lord Admiral West said: "I strongly support the News of the World's campaign to enshrine the Military Covenant in law."

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these guys go through in Afghanistan and the injuries many of them come back with. Anything we can do to make their lives back at home easier should be done."

Chris Simpkins, boss of the Royal British Legion which has been championing the covenant, said: "This campaign to put the Military Covenant enshrined in law speaks for all our brave serving men and women who deserve a fair deal from the nation."

"Our troops who put themselves in harm's way, and their families, deserve our gratitude and lifelong support. We fully support the News of the World's campaign and join their efforts to enshrine the Military Covenant into law and we call on the British people to do likewise."

Shadow Defence Secretary Jim Murphy said: "I fully back this great campaign."

"Solidarity between the nation and our Armed Forces is now more important than ever."

"A covenant enshrined in law will ensure that the highest levels of care and support are available for service personnel and their families. News of the World readers will vote the Government to keep this vital pledge."

Colonel Stuart Tootel led the first mission into Afghan danger zone Helmand Province before quitting the Army because of the poor treatment of soldiers.

The former chief of JBARA said: "It makes me angry to think of all the men I lost in Afghanistan and the more that were wounded, and the fact that on a nation we are not honouring them."

"Hopefully this campaign will make that change happen."

Join in the campaign by signing our petition at motw.co.uk



"Because Mark was killed in the morning he only got paid half a day's wage. That was just morally wrong"



Widow, Brenda at the grave of hero Mark, right

Way they treated my hero was shameful

By CAROLE AYE MAUNG

THE widow of a hero soldier has revealed he was only paid half a day's wages for the day he died because he was killed before midday.

Captain Mark Hale perished attempting to rescue his young soldiers horrifically injured by an IED.

Mark, 42, the longest-serving soldier to be killed in Afghanistan, had taken two of the men to safety and gone back for the third when there was a second huge explosion.

The officer, who had 21 years' service, was not even meant to be on patrol that day but stood in for a battalion which had lost five men.

His wife Brenda is angry that the Government has failed to back its pledge to look after forces widows with action. Crying back tears, she told us: "Because Mark was killed at 9.20am he only got half a day's wage. If he had lived to 12.01am they'd have paid him a full day's wage."

"It disgusts me to think that some non-pushing civil servant in Whitehall even asked the question, 'What time did he die?' so he knew exactly when to terminate his wage."

"After more than 28 years' devoted duty, they didn't even consider him worth paying till the end of the day. I think that's just morally wrong."

BEG

Brenda, who has two daughters, Victoria, 17, and Alexandra, 16, added: "On top of trying to deal with my enormous grief, I was left wondering about how I was going to pay the mortgage because, when Mark's wages were stopped, I was left with absolutely no money."

"From day one I realised there was nothing in place for widows."

"Things got even worse for Brenda and her girls when the MoD lost Mark's will. She said: "Even though Mark and I had been married for 22 years and have two daughters, without a will they wouldn't accept that I was his next-of-kin or had any right to a pension or his death-in-service pay."

"Ily Mark didn't die for me to go up in hand bags, I had to round the charities to look after his wife and three children. He died a hero but we're left asking, 'For what?'"

Capone stands there with her crocodile tears and she thinks we're being looked after. But we're not."

**Let us not forget, Prime Minister**

PLEGGED, Cameron 2010

SHELVED, Liam Fox 2011

It's time to rewrite the military covenant... I want it written into the law of the land

In difficult economic circumstances... repairing the covenant will not be straightforward

**NEWS: RALLY TO OUR CAUSE**

It has undertaken call on the government to honour the pledge to enshrine the Military Covenant in law.

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**JUSTICE FOR THE BRAVE**

OUR VIEW: Page 24

**SUPPORT IS ROLLING IN FOR FORCES CAMPAIGN**

**YOU  
JOIN  
OUR  
FIGHT**

By **PAUL McNAMARA**  
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

**A LEGION of celebrities last night joined thousands of outraged News of the World readers fighting**

**to give our frontline heroes a fairer deal.**

They rushed to back our Justice For The Brave campaign – which demands that David Cameron's pledge to protect servicemen and women's welfare becomes law.

Last June the Prime Minister promised to guarantee our heroes prioritised **HEALTH** care, decent **HOUSING**, first choice **SCHOOLS**, **PENSIONS** for widows and no council **TAX** for those serving abroad.

But crucially this so-called Military Covenant is still simply an unwritten pact, lacking the legal force pledged by the PM. And our bulging postbags prove the nation won't settle for that.

Your views are summed up by Linda Fradgley, of Castleford, West Yorks, whose son Bombardier Craig Hopson was killed by a bomb in Afghanistan.

She said: "It is too easy for politicians to stand up and make promises they've no intention of keeping. What isn't easy is watching my grand-daughter growing up without her daddy."

Ex-Army chief, General Sir Richard Dannatt, agreed the law needs to be changed. He said: "It needs to recognise the Covenant and the sacrifices our forces make."

And former Defence Secretary and NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said: "A lot of brave and professional people heard the PM's promise—they should not be let down."

Leading the celebrity charge was former SAS hero Andy McNab. He told us: "This law is not just deserved—it's needed."

"Every time our troops go out on conflict we have the same problems, lack of kit, inadequate aftercare.

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That's why the covenant needs to be made law now—to protect our troops and show them the gratitude they deserve.”

TV chef Marco Pierre White, who has cooked Christmas dinners for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, was also boiling mad. He said: “I’m

right behind this campaign. Our

troops are very special. I’ve seen them in action and they’re very brave individuals who risk everything for their country.”

England cricket star Andrew Flintoff is also going in to bat for Our Boys. “We must do all we can,” he said. “We owe them.” And TV presenter Carol Vorderman chipped in:

“Our forces lay everything on the line for us. It is a matter of simple respect for this military covenant to be enshrined.”

Britain’s Got Talent judge Amanda Holden agreed. “The News of the World and Royal British Legion campaign for a law is a fantastic idea. I’m fully behind it,” she said.

The Government says the Military Covenant will be written into the law for the first time in the upcoming Armed Forces Bill. Andrew Robathan, Minister for Defence Personnel, Welfare and Veterans, said: “The Bill will require the Defence Secretary to make an annual report to Parliament.

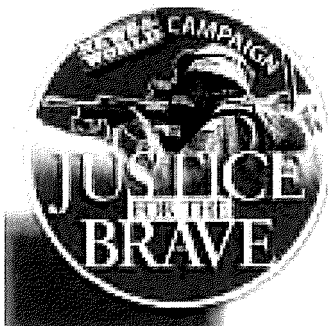
“This will show what is being done to live up to the Covenant. This will include, but will not be limited to, progress on healthcare, housing and education.”

However, under the current draft of the new Bill the Covenant is merely mentioned. Its measures are not spelled out in detail, making the PM’s promises to pass them into law effectively **WORTHLESS**.

●If YOU want to join our Justice For the Brave campaign just fill in the coupon above—or give us your backing online at [notw.co.uk](http://notw.co.uk)

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**NEWS OF THE WORLD RALLY TO OUR CAUSE**

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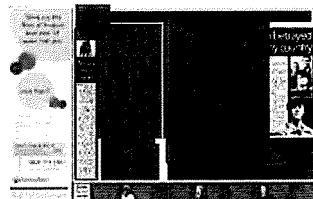
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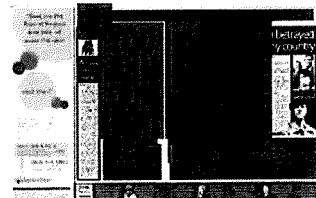
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# We pay worst wages

363 deaths to 301.

BRITISH troops are making the biggest sacrifices in Afghanistan—while being paid some of the worst wages.

UK forces patrolling dangerous Helmand are earning less than Lithuanians doing reconstruction work in peaceful provinces and Belgians guarding Kabul airport.

Our heroes earn £20,581 a year—20 per cent BELOW the UK national average wage of £25,879—plus £5,280 tax free for every six-month tour of duty.

But Lithuanian troops based in relatively safe Ghor province earn £15,932, 2.6 times their national average of £6,110, and pocket £1,594 extra for every month in a war zone.

Belgians take home £27,682—ten per cent above their national average of £24,880—and see salaries TRIPLED for each month in Afghanistan.

The same comparisons show Brit squad-les fare worse than those from Denmark, Italy, Romania, Luxembourg, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

And while they earn slightly more than US troops, American benefits dwarf ours with Afghanistan veterans receiving free university tuition, which can be passed on to families.

Only the children of UK personnel who have died in combat are eligible for college help.

Britain has lost more soldiers than ALL EU nations combined with



Sacrifice ... Brit troops

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# I feel betrayed by my country

By **CAROLE AYE MAUNG**

A **TEARFUL** widow whose hero husband was killed on the frontline today accuses Prime Minister David Cameron of "the ultimate betrayal".

Devastated Kirianne Curley, 28, was left to bring up the couple's newborn son alone after Royal Marine husband Stephen was killed in a horrific explosion in Afghanistan last May.

She was distraught at what the future might hold for her and baby William.

But just four weeks later Mr Cameron made his promise to look after those left behind by our war dead by making the Military Covenant on welfare a legal order.

He even wrote a sympathetic note to Kirianne, pledging: "If there is anything at all I can do to help, please contact me."

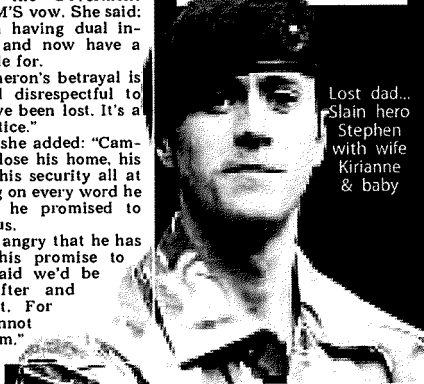
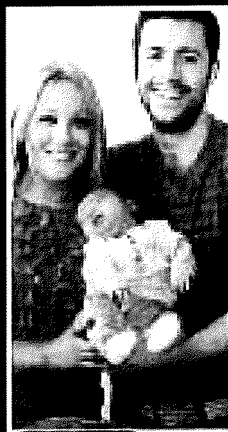
## INSULT

But now Kirianne's hopes are shattered after the Government U-turn on the PM's vow. She said: "I've gone from having dual income to none and now have a baby to provide for."

"David Cameron's betrayal is insulting and disrespectful to lives that have been lost. It's a blatant injustice."

Furiously, she added: "Cameron didn't lose his home, his future and his security all at once. I hung on every word he said when he promised to look after us."

"I am so angry that he has betrayed his promise to me. He said we'd be looked after and we aren't. For that, I cannot forgive him."

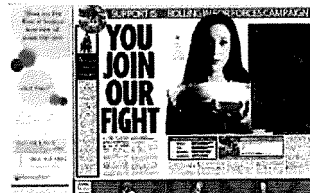


Lost dad...  
Slain hero  
Stephen  
with wife  
Kirianne  
& baby

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## Fight for the brave

PARA Ben Parkinson lost both legs, suffered brain damage and broke his back in Afghanistan. Yet his devoted mother tells us today how the MoD tried to "wash their hands of him".

The News of the World's Justice For The Brave campaign would enshrine in law the Military Covenant—a guarantee to our Forces of the best care long after their combat days are over.

Thousands have already pledged support, and, on pages 20 and 21 today you too can add your voice.

*Our heroes never give up. And nor will we.*

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# ON TARGET | SERVING SOLDIER BLASTS MoD BETRAYAL KILLED BY CUTS

By **CAROLE AYE MAUNG**

**A HERO who risked his life with THREE tours of duty in Afghanistan today reveals why our troops feel so badly let down by the Government.**

"We always thought we'd be looked after and, if we got killed, so would our families," said the soldier, who we cannot identify but are calling John.

"But close friends of mine have been killed and I've seen how badly their wives and families were treated. That takes the fight out of the lads.

*"It's a betrayal of those who gave their lives for this country."*

Now John, who returned last year from deadly Sangin, in Helmand province, is adding his firepower to our Justice For The Brave campaign, saying: "I fully support it."

## SERIOUS

The News of the World crusade demands that the Military Covenant, which pledges special rights to forces personnel and their families, be enshrined in law.

That would **GUARANTEE** them prioritised health care, decent housing, first choice schools and widows' pensions, among other rewards for their sacrifices.

But John has no faith in empty promises from PM David Cameron or the Ministry of Defence.

*He said: "What the failure to make the Military Covenant law tells us is that this Government is not serious about the war in Afghanistan and has absolutely no respect for its armed forces fighting out there."*

John claims our forces are still suffering from lack of proper equipment and too few troops.

Sadly, he explains: "My last tour was the bloodiest yet and a lot of the deaths could've been avoided.

"I have spoken to friends out there now and nothing has changed. I had one enemy sniper who was firing at our patrol base for days. He'd shoot through holes made through three separate walls and it was impossible to fire back.

He killed one of our lads but when we requested mortar fire our requests were denied.

"In fact, not one mortar was fired in the whole tour. We didn't even have air support. It's a full-blown war out there but it seems people making these rules have no idea."

John claims our troops were not even allowed to attack Taliban planting bombs. He said: "I've been sat in a sangar (*sentry post*) in Sangin literally watching the enemy sowing IEDs into the ground. Yet they were not deemed an imminent threat to our lives.

"I knew we'd be patrolling that very ground the following day so this WAS a threat to our lives but my hands were tied."

John also alleges that, prior to deploying, he asked for his men to be given Vallon metal detectors to train with—but was told they were all out in Afghanistan. "As a result, we got wooden crutches from the sick bay which we had to paint green and stick cardboard on the end," he said.

"It was pointless—a crutch doesn't make a noise so you learn what's a threat and what isn't." Even more of

a shock was how few ATO bomb disposal experts there were.

*John said: "Even though we were locating IEDs on a daily basis, I only ever saw one ATO guy during our whole six-month tour."*

"He was so stretched we had to wait 18 hours in searing heat for him to arrive. That put all our lives at risk because, if you stay in one place longer than 20 minutes, the Taliban will hit you—and they did. I don't know how we got out alive.

"After that, when we found an IED we'd just mark it and avoid it. But within an hour the device would be gone. The Taliban would simply move it to try and catch us out."

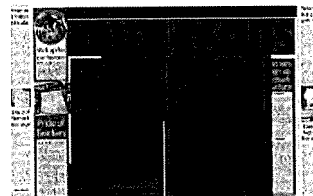
Last night the MoD pointed out its 10,000 troops are concentrated in a smaller area of Helmand since US forces took over in Sangin last year. "We now have the right strategy in Afghanistan and the resources to carry it out," said a spokesman.

"All units deploy with the right equipment, the right training and at the required strength for the tasks they are asked to fulfil."

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I, the undersigned, call on the Government to honour the pledge to enshrine the Military Covenant in law.

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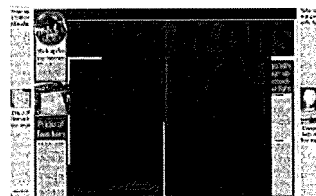
**NO** training kit  
for our troops

**NO** proper care  
for families

**NO** respect for  
our forces

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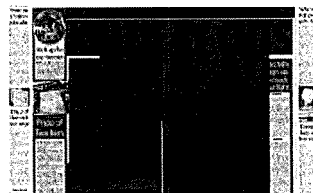


Give 'em a fighting chance... our troops feel the Government just doesn't care

Close friends of mine have been killed and I see how badly their families are treated. We feel betrayed

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**Stick up for our heroes**

■ NOW'S your chance to show how much you care about Our Boys and Girls on the frontline. Simply display a Justice For The Brave campaign sticker on your car. You can get one by sending an SAE to Justice For The Brave Stickers, Customer Services, 3 Thomas More Square, London, E98 1XY. And don't forget to add your name to our petition below.

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# Pride of Twickers

WE flew the flag for our fighting heroes at the home of rugby yesterday—and started a scrum of fans all rushing to sign our Justice For The Brave petition.

Before the annual Army v Navy match began at Twickenham, our stall was besieged by a crowd keen to urge the Government to enshrine the Military Covenant in law—as David Cameron promised he would.

Many also took away our campaign stickers to proudly wear or display on their car windows.

The match has been a fixture in the rugby calendar for over 130 years and among those flocking to our stand were serving soldiers, ex-servicemen and forces families.

Tom Pattison, 21, of The Queen's Colour Squadron based at RAF Northolt in Middlesex, was pleased to sign up with us. Holding our banner aloft, he said: "It's great that the News of the World recognises the hard work our troops put in.

"I fully support the campaign and so should everyone."

And NCO Carl Barker, 34, from Chatham, Kent, insisted: "The covenant needs to be set down in stone.

"Soldiers need to know they'll be protected when they return from risking their lives."



Top team . . . soldiers hold banner high

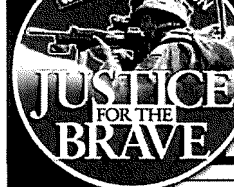
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# PM IN U-TURN AS HE BACKS OUR CRUSADE FOR MILITARY COVENANT



## THE VETERAN

**BRIAN Smith, 57, suffers permanent mental and physical torture after being blown up by a booby trap bomb in Northern Ireland that killed a close pal in 1980. He said: "It was my birthday on Friday and this is the best present I could have ever asked for."**

## THE SOLDIER

**HERO paratrooper Ben Parkinson, 28, the most seriously injured soldier to survive the Afghan war—made "It is amazing news for every soldier and their family. I never thought it would happen."**

## THE WIDOW

**KIRIANNE Curley, 28, lost her Royal Marine husband Stephen, 26, in an explosion on foot patrol in Afghanistan last May. She said: "I sobbed with relief for an hour when I heard the news of the U-turn."**

## THE MOTHER

**BRENDA Hale's son Mark—a 42-year-old captain with 2 British medals in August 2001 trying to rescue three young comrades injured by an IED. She told us: "I am very relieved and very emotional."**

## OUR CRUSADE FOR MILITARY COVENANT

**"The soldiers honour the Military Covenant with every footstep they take. It was high time we honoured it back."**

## OUR CRUSADE FOR MILITARY COVENANT

**"I felt strongly that David Cameron was letting our troops down. After Stephen's death he wrote pleading his support to me and our baby son but when I heard he had backed out of making the covenant law I was devastated. Now I'm just so pleased he listened to our pleas."**

## OUR CRUSADE FOR MILITARY COVENANT

**"I am proud to be delivering the promise I made on the Ark Royal nearly a year ago. But, more than anything, I am delighted for the support for whom this will make a big difference."**

## OUR CRUSADE FOR MILITARY COVENANT

**"It's about our obligations as a society to our military and their families. The Military Covenant is about saying we will always do right by them."**

**We will act now**

By LIAM FOX  
OUR Armed Forces risk their lives and sacrifice much of their freedom for us. The nation has a moral obligation to ensure they get the support they need. This is reflected in the News of the World's Justice for the Brave Campaign. It won't be easy to rebuild the military covenant. There isn't the money to do all we want but we will act where we can. We've doubled the allowance to over £5,000 for a six-month term. We've changed RAR rules so delays getting homes don't set up the off. We've prioritised mental health treatments. These and other measures on education for service children and support for veterans are only a start in our Armed Forces Covenant.

**Keep it up, Cam**

By CRISTINA SCHMID  
I'M delighted David Cameron has realised the importance of the covenant to soldiers and their families back home. But he still has a way to go—and we'll keep a close eye to make sure these promises are delivered in full. My happiness is tinged by sadness that it's not here to see it—but the measures to be introduced provide an amazing legacy for him and as many others who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The News of the World and the Royal British Legion deserve huge credit. But the real victors are the men and women who keep our country safe. Killed... hero Olaf

By DAVID WOODING  
CHIEF POLITICAL EDITOR

**THE News of the World has won an historic victory to give our brave forces a legal right to the care and respect they deserve.**

David Cameron has bowed to pressure from our army of readers and agreed to write the Military Covenant into law. This guarantee a new package of rights and privileges for the service men and women who risk their lives for us. It includes priority health care, free bus passes, council tax rebates, discounts in shops and quality schooling for their kids. The PM had backtracked on a pledge to make the covenant law but YOU helped force him into a U-turn after supporting our Justice for the Brave campaign. "In keeping my word," he told the News of the World last night. A new Armed Forces Bill is to be put to Parliament later this month will guarantee Our Boys and Girls do not suffer any disadvantage because of their job. In some areas it also gives them special treatment. Wounded servicemen and women will get VIP care and millions of pounds will be pumped into schools with many forces children. There'll even be a new veterans' card offering discounts. Last night ex-servicemen hailed the historic breakthrough Royal British Legion boss Chris Stephens said: "We have campaigned long and hard for this—and we owe a huge debt to the crusading journalism of the News of the World and its patriotic readers."

**DEAL**

Mr Cameron looked at making a legal Military Covenant in 2005 as an opposition leader. As PM he vowed to enshrine it in law on the deck of the aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal. The Government then backtracked this year claiming it would create a legal minefield. So we teamed up with the Royal British Legion to launch our Justice for the Brave campaign.

We highlighted how heroes and widows of the fallen had been betrayed over housing, healthcare and pensions. Stacks of mail and our online petition backed our cause. Last week, Mr Cameron bowed to pressure and met campaigners, thrashing out a deal agreed by the Royal British Legion yesterday.

Tomorrow he will unveil measures to guarantee troops and their families what they deserve when returning to civilian life. And the new rights will be protected by independent scrutiny. Forces Bill will place lifelong priority for NHS treatment for those needing prosthetic limbs and free private care. Next month mental health care for post-traumatic stress disorder will be free IVF for wounded soldiers and their partners. Schools with large numbers of forces children will get £2 million

in extra funding every year, on top of the pupil premium which gives them extra money per pupil. An insider said: "Many schools with military kids run into problems because their pupils have to move quickly with parents—or a new batch suddenly arrives. It can be disruptive." Garrison towns will get an extra £10 million to be spent on "force-friendly" projects like playgrounds, adventure camps and exhibitors. Military inquests will be improved with coroners specially trained to deal with sensitive cases involving battlefield deaths. The scandal of lonely forces housing will end. Councils will be told to put soldiers, sailors and airmen at the front of the queue for homes. Housing Minister Grant Shapps has vowed to help forces leavers who struggle to get a mortgage. Other perks include free bus travel for life for injured veterans, council tax rebates of 10 per cent for overseas troops and a Veterans' Card giving all servicemen and women—past and present—a discount at a variety of shops and sports events. Last night former Army chief General Sir Mike Jackson said: "This is all very encouraging. Anything which improves conditions for our armed forces is to be applauded."

# WE WIN HEROES A BETTER FUTURE

**Cameron: NEWS OF THE WORLD have been a constant reminder to me of our responsibilities**

Yesterday at the FA Cup Final Mr Cameron met Christina Schmid and Kirianne Curley, two forceful heroes' widows, who campaigned to make him keep his pledge. He beamed as Christina told him: "Well done, I wasn't sure you were hearing our plea." Shaking her hand, he said: "It's my job. I'm pleased I could make it happen." She replied: "You deserve the credit." He does and so do you, our patriotic readers. WATCH VIDEO: PAGE 6

## THE COVENANT

### LAW

- New legislation ensuring forces men and women do not suffer any disadvantage by fighting for their country
- Service personnel made special cases to guarantee all needs are met
- Defence Secretary to report annually to parliament on The Covenant's effectiveness
- A special group set up to monitor how armed forces are treated

### HOUSING

- Action to help with mortgages and improved forces housing
- Fifty per cent discount on council tax for those on front line duty

### TRAVEL

- Free bus travel for wounded veterans.

### HEALTH

- Guarantee of top quality prosthetic limbs for amputees
- Specialist treatment for life after leaving armed forces
- Free IVF for those with reproductive issues due to war injuries

### FAMILIES

- Special coroners to hear military inquests to help bereaved
- Money for leisure improvements in regions with military populations

### SCHOOLS

- Extra millions for schools with high number of service family pupils



Victory... for our forces on the front line



Wembley winner... with World's Rightmost (left) and Christina meet the Prime Minister at yesterday's FA Cup Final

**I'm proud to keep pledge to our forces**

By DAVID CAMERON  
PRIME MINISTER

The High esteem we all have for our armed forces will soon be given the recognition it deserves—as part of the law of the land. The historic agreement we have reached means that, for the first time, the value we place on those brave men and women who put their lives on the line will be written down for all to see. I am proud to be delivering the promise I made on the Ark Royal nearly a year ago. But, more than anything, I am delighted for the support for whom this will make a big difference.

For years, governments have talked of supporting the military, leading to focus on what is spent on planes, equipment and so on—which is hugely important and will remain so. But the Military Covenant is also saying we will always do right by them. Our Armed Forces Bill will ensure Parliament holds the Government to account on the central objective of the covenant—that military personnel will not suffer any disadvantage as a result of their work. But in some areas we go further and make those who need a special case.

If we ask our armed forces to do dangerous jobs in places like Afghanistan and Iraq, we have to ensure we are doing all we can for them in return. I am not a politician. I am a member of government. I'm keeping my word. I reached an agreement with the Royal British Legion which means we are bringing the Military Covenant into law. I want to thank the News of the World for their campaign. This paper and its readers have been a constant reminder to me of our responsibilities to our forces.

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## Justice for the Brave settles our debt at last

DAVID Cameron today begins paying off the nation's greatest debt - that owed to our armed forces.

His U-turn to pledge to enshrine the Military Covenant in law is long overdue but will be welcomed by our brave servicemen and women everywhere.

It is shameful that it has taken so long for successive governments to commit to a duty of care for those who put their lives on the line for this country.

Over the past six weeks, our Justice for the Brave campaign has highlighted how heroes returning from the battlefield were betrayed over health-care, housing and pensions. Today the Prime Minister has shown he is prepared not only to listen - but to act.

*His decision to change the covenant from an informal understanding to a legal commitment is a victory not only for the News of the World and the thousands of readers who backed us, but for the troops who will benefit.*

It means about FIVE MILLION men, women and children, directly or indirectly, will no longer be treated as second-class citizens just because the main breadwinner is risking life and limb for this nation.

### WOUNDED

The campaign will deliver the guarantee of better lifelong health care for the injured plus improved housing,

mortgage and council tax help.

There will be a special community covenant to fund extra facilities in towns with a large military presence, and more investment for schools with a high number of Forces' children.

Our fight for justice has also secured free bus travel for wounded veterans and, for the bereaved, specially-trained coroners to hear military inquests.

Thanking the News of the World, Mr Cameron announced yesterday: "This paper, and its readers, have been a constant reminder to me of our responsibilities to our Forces."

The PM deserves credit for recognising the strength of our arguments and getting government ministries, especially the high-handed MoD, to act honourably.

With much hand-wringing, Defence Secretary Liam Fox and his underling minister Andrew Robathan had originally planned only to "assess" the covenant annually.

The top tier of the department was insultingly dismissive of the Royal British Legion which has waged a long and noble struggle for a legal Military Covenant.

But this is not the end of our campaign. We cannot, will not, rest until we see the promised benefits in action.

Heroes deserve no less. Or as Mr Cameron himself admits: "We owe them."

Let that repayment begin now.

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## Justice for Brave praised

FORMER Tory heavy-weight Lord Ashcroft last night welcomed David Cameron's U-turn over the Military Covenant—and our campaign that helped push him into it.

Our Justice for the Brave campaign urged the Prime Minister to enshrine servicemen and women's rights into law.

Lord Ashcroft, the former Tory deputy chairman said: "If we ask our servicemen to risk their lives then we have a responsibility to look after them—during and after their time in the military.

And he singled out the example of Staff Sergeant Olaf "Oz" Schmid who died disposing of explosive devices in 2009, saying he was "courageous".

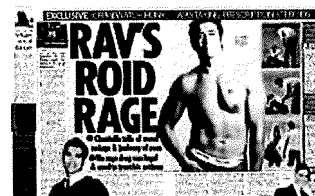
He added: "This is a victory for all of us who campaigned on this issue—the News of the World, the Royal British Legion, Christina Schmid (Olaf's widow) and many others."



Backing... Ashcroft

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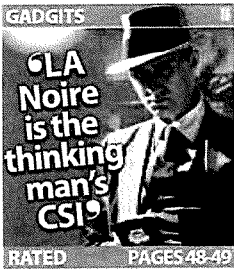
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### Balloon kills calf

A BULLOCK choked to death on a Comic Relief balloon that was released from a school 60 miles away. Farmer Richard Vant discovered the calf in a field near Ashford, Kent. Part of the balloon and a label with the address of Lyndhurst Primary School in Camberwell, South-East London, were hanging out of its mouth.

**SHOCKTOPUS**  
STAFF at Hunston Saddle Centre in Norfolk discovered Roland the octopus was in fact a calf when the bald baby

**GADGITS**



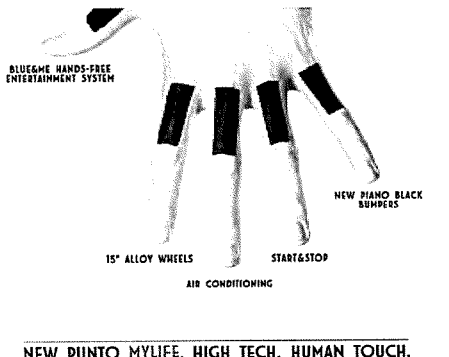
**LA Noire is the thinking man's CSI**

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### 7ft cross torched

A SUSPECTED arsonist was arrested yesterday on suspicion of setting fire to a church cross TWICE. Police received reports that the 7ft religious symbol had been set alight at 1pm and 7.40pm after a Good Friday service. A 64-year-old man is being held. The Rev Geoff Cook, of Faversham Baptist Church, Kent, said: "It's most likely a grudge."

**DOUGH-NUTTER!**  
SWEET-toothed Ben Fister, 22, camped outside a new bakery in Cardiff for 17 hours to win a year's supply of doughnuts.



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## 62% of Britons back our campaign

MILLIONS of you are on the march behind our Justice for the Brave campaign. Nearly two thirds of the nation support us in our battle to force Prime Minister David Cameron to act on his pledges to protect servicemen and women's welfare with a legally-binding Military Covenant.

And this week an民意 group of MPs is taking the fight to Parliament. A telling ComRes poll commissioned by the Royal British Legion shows just how strongly Britain feels about the shoddy way our Boys and Girls are treated after they come home from war.

Whooping 62 per cent said the treatment and care of armed forces families must be enshrined in law. And 87 per cent of the nation believes if the PM goes back on his pledge made aboard HMS Ark Royal he needs to explain why.

**WOUNDED**  
The same percentage of you believe it is important that there is specialist healthcare for heroes and their families.

More than seven out of ten agreed that forces children must have access to good education.

And 84 per cent said good homes for war wounded are important.

This week Tory MP Philip Hollobone introduced a bill of amendments to the Armed Forces Bill, with the Covenant at its forefront.

Now we want MP's from all parties to sign an Early Day Motion backing him.

An army of celebrities are already backing us.

Ex-SAS TV survival expert Bear Grylls said: "From my own experience, I know the legacy these individuals display every day. This is a vital campaign that has been too long coming on."

Concluding on his favourite Denise Welch, a close pal of fellow competitor Johnson Beharry added: "It is a betrayal to the government to support our heroes in any way possible no matter what the cost. As far as I'm concerned, this is the hard thing."

Angry... Brian said he is today

# TORMENT OF VETERAN ABANDONED BY HIS COUNTRY

**AN injured frontline soldier, doomed to a life of mental and physical torture by a booby trap bomb, last night called on David Cameron to keep his word and enshrine the Military Covenant in law.**

Hero Brian Smith—who has post traumatic stress so bad he's often too terrified to sleep for days—told how his country deserted him in his hour of need, forcing him to battle SEVEN YEARS for his war pension.

He said: "There's no doubt that if the Military Covenant had been backed up by law I'd have been much better looked after."

The 37-year-old, furious, that servicemen who shed blood for Britain are not looked after better by our government, pledged support to our Justice for the Brave campaign.

Brian, then a private aged 16, was on a patrol with the Devonshire & Dorset Regiment when he and three pals were blown up by a massive booby trap car bomb.

He suffered crippling back injuries, burns to his hands and feet, plus the loss of hearing in one ear and his sense of smell.

But far more traumatic was the horrific sight of buddy Lance Corporal Steve Lawrence engulfed in fire.

Brian told us: "We were desperately trying to put the flames off. It was horrendous. The bomb was made from petrol and oil, a crude form of napalm. It rained fire, it inflicted 75 per cent burns on Steve and he died eight days later."

**SCARED**  
"I've suffered with post-traumatic stress disorder ever since. It flares up every October 31 and gets steadily worse through to Bonfire Night which is when Steve died."

"It's only Remembrance Day on November 11 that eventually brings a temporary closure. But it can creep up on me at other times too—always when I'm stressed but sometimes when I'm least expecting it."

"It's like the devil jumping into my rucksack. It starts with pain, rages in the soles of my feet which gets so bad they're left raw and bleeding."

"I still wake up in the middle of the night in a sweat, having had that same recurring nightmare about the explosion. Then for the next three or four nights I'm scared to even go to sleep in case it comes back."

"I used to drink until I realised that it only made everything last longer. Now I just cut myself off from everyone for a while until I've managed to get a hold."

"But I've had to accept I'm going to suffer like this for the rest of my life."

Despite his shattering experience at the hands of the IRA in 1982 Crossmaglen, Northern Ireland, Brian stayed in the Army for another seven years until the injuries finally took their toll.

"I desperately wanted to stay in an infantry role but my back injury and loss of hearing meant I could no longer do the job the way I used to," he told us.

"I eventually came out in 1993. The Royal British Legion said I was in line for compensation. Seven years later I'd been paid nothing and was still fighting for it."

"I was offered a one-off payment of £2,000. The legion told me to take it, which I did. Eventually I was awarded a 50 per cent disabled pension of £16 a week."

Then Tony Blair came to power and he'd got rid of all the pensioners.

But in-

stead he cut all the war pensioners. I was slashed to a 30 per cent pension. A year later they reduced me to 25 per cent. I was asked to prove I was even in an explosion.

"That was so disrespectful. I had to apply for my own Army medical records to take them to a tribunal."

Angry Brian added: "When David Cameron first spoke about the Military Covenant and how he wanted to make it law, I thought we'd finally got someone who understood about the sacrifices servicemen make."

"But at the end of the day he lied to us because he turned on us. A lot of servicemen feel very let down by him."

Security worker Brian, now 41, and living in South London, is convinced



Boy hero... Brian on patrol and, right, aftermath of the IRA bomb he was hit by

"Horror creeps up on me. It's like the Devil jumping into my rucksack"

# COURAGE BETRAYED

that rights backed up by law would have saved him much heartache and hardship.

"When I came out of the Army I tried to get on the council housing list," he recalled. "But having served my country and been stationed all over the place, I was told I hadn't resided long enough in the area. I was put to the bottom and told I'd have an eight-year wait."

"It frustrates me that someone from overseas has more chance of getting a council house than someone who's actually served the country. That's shameful."

"If we're shed blood for this country, with terrifying memories to haunt us for the rest of our lives, then we should get treated with respect."

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**RALLY TO OUR CAUSE**

I, the undersigned, call on the Government to honour the pledge to enshrine the Military Covenant in law.

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Or email us a message of support to [covenant@nctv.co.uk](mailto:covenant@nctv.co.uk)



Heroes: Support floods in

FRONTLINE troops and their families as well as thousands of readers have flooded our office with letters and offers of support.

Servicemen were denied strict rules to contact us from Afghanistan.

One Marine said: "I'm proud to do my job and face all that comes with war, but the Government needs to face it too."

Born Two Zero SAS hero Chris Ryan told us: "We must give our forces the recognition they deserve and set in stone our duty of care to them."

Our 24-month-old girl's daddy needs to know she would be looked after and would have a secure future.

IF YOU want to join our Justice for the Brave campaign fill in the coupon below—or give us your backing online at [now.co.uk](http://now.co.uk).

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**HEALTH**  
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**SCHOOLS**  
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**PENSIONS**  
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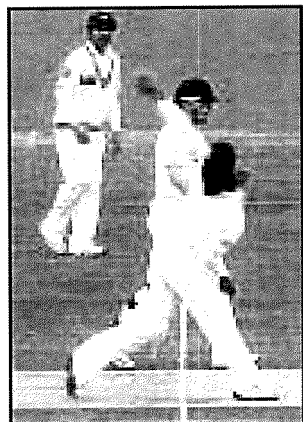
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# CAUGHT!

**Match-fixer pockets £150k as he rigs the England Test at Lord's**



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CHEAT! Amir steps way over the line and no-balls to order

BY MAZHER MAHMOOD

THE News of the World has smashed a multi-million pound cricket match-fixing ring which RIGGED the current Lord's Test between England and Pakistan.

In the most sensational sporting scandal ever, bowlers Mohammad Amir and Mohammad Asif delivered THREE blatant no-balls to order.

Their London-based fixer Mazhar Majeed, who let us in on the betting scam for £150,000, crowed "this is no coincidence" before the bent duo made duff deliveries at PRECISELY the moments promised to our reporter.

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# CRICKET IN THE DOCK: GREEDY FIXER STRIKES HIS BARGAIN TO CHEAT FANS

I'll give you  
3 no-balls..  
they're all  
organised.  
If you play  
this right  
you'll make  
a lot of cash

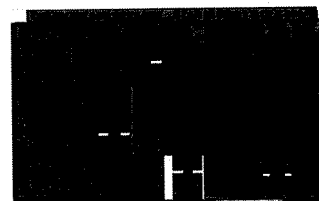
MATCH-FIXER MAZHAR MAJEED  
on Wednesday night

BY MAZHAR MAHMOOD & AMANDA EVANS

THE world of cricket is in total disgrace today as the News of the World exposes a string of top international players who FIX matches for cash.

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Last night, armed with our damning dossier of video evidence, Scotland Yard launched their own probe into the scandal.

Millions around the world watched Pakistan star bowlers Mohammad Amir and Mohammad Asif deliver three no-balls in the Test against England on Thursday and Friday at the historic home of cricket, Lord's in London.

Unsuspecting fans packed the ground yesterday to watch Pakistan collapse as they were bowled out for 74 in their first innings and forced to follow on.

But today our shock footage of the players' fixer Mazhar Majeed taking a massive £150,000 cash, and telling us **EXACTLY** when the no-balls would come, proves the game was **RIGGED**.

Having already trousered a £10,000 upfront deposit—which he insisted had gone to the stars—Majeed sat in our west London hotel room at the Copthorne Tara on Wednesday night and eagerly counted out the £140,000 balance in bundles of crisp £50 notes—our "entry ticket" into his already successful betting scam.

Our undercover team was posing as front men for a Far East gambling cartel. In return for their suitcase of money Majeed then calmly detailed what would happen—and when—on the field of play next day, as a taster of all the lucrative information he could supply in future.

He promised: "I'm going to give you three no-balls to prove to you firstly that this is what's happening. They've all been organised, okay?"

"This is **EXACTLY** what's going to happen, you're going to **SEE** these three things happen. I'm telling you, if you play this right you're going to make a lot of money, believe me!"

### Greed

We can sensationally reveal Majeed identified young Pakistan captain Salman Butt as the ringleader of the band of cheats. He also named wicket keeper Kamran Akmal and boasted he had a total of **SEVEN** corrupt cricketers in his pocket, all banking huge sums from bookies and betting syndicates.

The scam, fuelled by greed, is a betrayal by the players not only of their sport but of their cricket-crazy homeland.

As millions back home in Pakistan struggle against hunger and disease amid devastating floods, the cheats were defiling the reputation of Lord's and lining their own pockets.

In a meeting with our investigators puppet-master Majeed:

● **BRAGGED** that the scam is rife and future games against England this summer are already earmarked for cheating.  
 ● **CONFESSED** his match-fixing around the world had netted shady customers **MILLIONS**.

● **REVEALED** how he oversees cheating by using no-balls, specifying how many runs will be scored or conceded in certain overs, with signals such as changing gloves to confirm the fix is on.

● **ADMITTED** he abuses his position as owner of non-league Croydon FC to launder his illicit gains.

● **BOASTED** he even went on to the field of play personally to help a bowler tamper with a ball.

At one stage Majeed told us our syndicate could make "absolutely millions, millions" by paying him up to £450,000 a time for info on matches, then placing

bets on the carefully choreographed outcome. And he tried to excuse the players' shameful behaviour, claiming: "These poor boys need to. They're paid peanuts." Majeed said he had even opened Swiss bank accounts for the cheats to hide their ill-gotten gains.

We launched our investigation two weeks ago after a tip-off. The Pakistan side has long been dogged by match-fixing allegations. Only today has the full shocking extent been laid bare.

Property tycoon Majeed, 35, has a £1.8 million home in Surrey and is a familiar face at cricket grounds around the world. We infiltrated his criminal network posing as wealthy businessmen on the make.

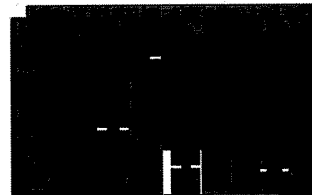
Majeed turned up for our first meeting on Monday, August 16, at the Hilton in London's Park Lane, casually dressed in jeans and a brown sweater. He immediately started bragging of his connections with the Pakistani team. "I manage ten of the players," he told us. "I do all their affairs like contracts, sponsorship, marketing, everything really. I work very closely with the PCB (*Pakistan Cricket Board*)."

Our reporters told him they wanted to organise their own Twenty20 tournament in the Middle East. Majeed claimed he would be able to provide his players for the right fee.

### Wink

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When our man assured Majeed the players would do well out of it, he immediately said with a wink: "I know what you're talking about because I know what goes on!"

Majeed then hinted at the extent of cheating in the game...

REPORTER: "If there's two or three that are on for the other side, the betting side, then good luck—they'll be really happy."

MAJEED: "There's more than two or three. Believe me. It's already set up. That's already there. I'm very wary speaking about this simply be-

cause I don't know you guys. I've been dealing with these guys for seven years, okay? Who we deal with and how we deal with it is very, very important. This is the main thing. I'm only dealing with certain people. How we do it and what we do is very, very crucial."

REPORTER: "You're already dealing with another party on this matter? Give us some tips as well if you've got any. Happy to cut us in?"

MAJEED: "Yeah I'll give you tips."

REPORTER: "If there's anything we need to know in the forthcoming match let me know. Happy to pay."

Majeed said he was worried our men could be wearing tape recorders and he would check them out before going further.

Two days later at the Bombay Brasserie Indian restaurant in central London, Majeed told us we had begun to gain his trust. He had spent the day at the Oval where

Pakistan bowled England out for 233 on the first day of the third Test. After a trusted source vouched for our credentials, Majeed relaxed and laid his cards on the table...

MAJEED: "I do feel that I can speak to you about this, okay? Now, yes... there is very big money in it."

REPORTER: "There's still? I know there was, but they clamped down on match fixing I heard."

MAJEED: "They've toned down match fixing a lot, yeah. They've made it very, very difficult."

"These guys won't deal with just anybody. The only reason they'll deal with me is because they know I'm professional, they've known me for so many years, yeah."

"I've been doing it with them, the Pakistani team, for about 2½ years. And we've made masses and masses of money." Later that night Majeed boasted how it was the players who got HIM into match-fixing. He told us: "The players would never tell

anybody else. They were the ones who actually approached me about this. This is the beauty of it.

"I was friends with them for four, five years and then they said this happens. I said really?"

Majeed then described how the betting scam operates. He reached into a carrier bag, pulled out a white BlackBerry phone and flicked through a series of messages.

### Shady

"I deal with an Indian party," he said. "They pay me for the information." Then Majeed explained how many cricket bets are placed on what he called "brackets"—events happening in a group of 10 overs.

If players score well in the first three overs punters would be likely to bet on that continuing for the next seven. But if the fixed players then deliberately STOP scoring or slow down, anybody in on it can

"make a killing", said Majeed. The same happens with bowlers giving away runs or throwing no-balls.

Not only is Majeed's information invaluable to syndicates involved in spread betting—where wagers are staked on a range of possible outcomes—it is also gold dust for shady bookies looking to manipulate the odds in their favour.

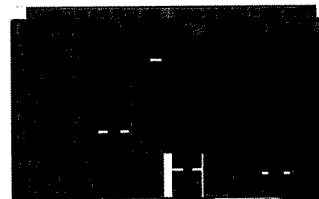
The following night—Thursday August 19—Majeed demanded £10,000 then revealed to us there would be two no-balls in the following day's Oval play.

That fix was cancelled on the day. So was a promised maiden over by captain Salman Butt on the Saturday—final day of the Test England lost. But days later—with our extra £140,000 in his hands—he delivered the promised goods at Lord's.

Last night a Scotland Yard spokesman said: "Following information from the News of the World we have today arrested a 35-year-old man on suspicion of conspiracy to defraud bookmakers"

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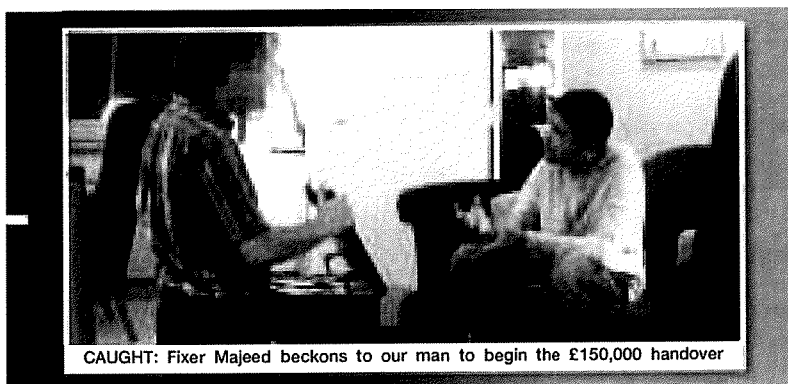




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CAUGHT: Fixer Majeed beckons to our man to begin the £150,000 handover

**4 PLAYERS WHO SHAMED GAME**



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Skipper Butt



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Bowler Asif



**NAMED**

Bowler Amir

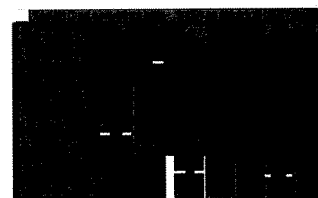


**NAMED**

Keeper Akmal

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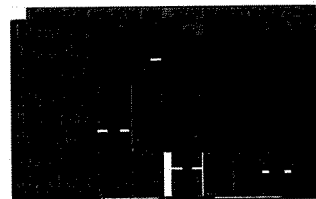
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# CRICKET IN THE DOCK: THREE BALLS THAT WILL SHAKE WORLD OF SPORT

## THE CHEATS DELIVER

BY MAZHER MAHMOOD  
& AMANDA EVANS

**THEY are the three no-balls that will be recorded in the statistics books forever—and will be remembered for shaking cricket to its core.**

Millions of fans who watched Pakistan bowlers Mohammad Amir and Mohammad Asif send down the trio of deliveries over two days' play at Lord's, had no idea they were bowled as part of a match-rigging scam.

Incredibly, during live coverage, respected TV and radio pundits exclaimed to worldwide audiences how bad every one of the faked no-balls looked—little knowing they were ordered by money-grabbing fixer Mazhar Majeed, who just a day earlier had collected £150,000 from undercover News of the World reporters.

And it all played out like clockwork exactly as Majeed promised it would. He claimed the players had demanded we pay the cash as our entry ticket into an existing shady gambling syndicate based in India.

In return he revealed solid details of the three no-balls he'd planned for the Lord's test...

**MAJEED:** "There's no risk, there's no signal... these three are definitely happening. They've all been organised, okay? So, the first ball of the third over of the innings, yeah.

"Asif and Amir are going to be bowling. Asif is to bowl the first over (meaning he will also bowl the third), yeah?"

"Okay? Then the tenth, the last ball... sixth ball of the tenth over."

**REPORTER:** The tenth over. Who's bowling it?

**MAJEED:** Asif will be bowling it. Majeed then explained that the

third ball would come in the first over that teen wonder boy Amir got to deliver to an England right-hander, after one of the opening two left-handers had been dismissed.

Just to convince us Amir was on side Majeed telephoned the young star at his hotel. "Are you sleeping

f\*\*\*er?" he asked crudely. Amir confirmed that's what he was trying to do.

"Okay, sleep," said Majeed. "We've spoken about everything before anyway. Okay, don't mind. You sleep."

But when Amir prepared for his day's work at the 4th Test on Thursday morning, he was certainly awake to what was expected of him.

Pakistan captain Salman Butt strolled out to meet England skipper Andrew Strauss in the middle of the ground shortly before the weather-delayed toss at 1.10pm on the opening day of the test.

Pakistan won the toss and elected to put England in to bat. Butt had his customary huddle with his team but bizarrely did not even bother to inspect the recently uncovered wicket like his opposite number

Strauss. As predicted Butt put Amir and Asif on to open the bowling.

And, as promised, on the **FIRST BALL** of the **THIRD OVER** to England opening batsman Alistair Cook Amir overstepped the white line marking his bowling crease by a huge margin.

### Signal

Umpire Billy Bowden immediately raised his arm to signal the no-ball at 1.56pm.

Pakistan's 18-year old rising star had sealed cricket's shame on the pitch once illuminated by legends including WG Grace, Ian Botham and Don Bradman.

But the sly player brazenly tried to hide the truth, raking the spikes of his boots across the line and asking for sawdust to be put down as he falsely blamed the no-ball on loose footing.

Bemused Sky commentator Ian Botham exclaimed: "No-ball. Because of the one-dayers, you don't see that too often with the bowlers who play two forms of the game. They've got into the discipline of keeping behind that front line."

The BBC online commentary read: "Dirty great no-ball from Amir, that was fully two feet over."

Seven overs later, yet more disgrace was heaped on the game, as 27-year-old Asif also overstepped the crease on the **LAST BALL** of the **TENTH OVER**. He too went through the masquerade of calling for sawdust to dry the ground.

Former England captain Mike Atherton commented: "There's been

a couple of bigish no-balls. He was over that front line by a good half a foot or so."

Play was abandoned due to bad light and rain at 5.45pm so the third no-ball promised by Majeed didn't happen.

But after play ended for the day Majeed smugly rang our reporter to brag. "You a bit more comfortable now?" he asked. "Told you. Once you showed your hand, I showed my hand, okay?"

Then he revealed how he had arranged another no-ball for the following day's play.

"Right, it's going to be Amir's third over and third ball," he said.

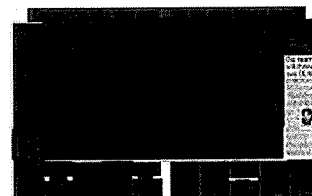
"It'll be his third over, not the third over of the game." He ended the call by reminding our man: "Boss, I'm telling you, you're deal-

ing with the right person, you're not dealing with an idiot, all right?"

But on Friday morning Majeed

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contacted our man saying that he'd received a message from Amir.

Majeed said: "He's briefed up. He's just texted me now to say 'Shall I do it or not?'"

### Blitz

And Amir DID do it—despite getting off to a sensational start, taking three quick wickets in nine balls.

Commentators described him as being "on fire" as England wickets tumbled to his pace attack. Amir managed to skittle out England batsmen Kevin Pietersen, Paul Collingwood and Eion Morgan without any of them scoring a single run. It was only the fifth time in history the

third, fourth and fifth batsmen in an order had been dismissed for ducks. During the blitz, former West Indian fast bowler Michael Holding, commentating for Sky, said: "It's been Mohammad Amir's morning. He's made that ball talk."

His colleague Michael Atherton said: "Remarkable stuff this morning from Pakistan and in particular Mohammad Amir. Just 18 years of age. He's running in from the Pavilion End. He's like an old hand."

"He looks like he's going to get a wicket with every ball he bowls."

With Amir tearing through the batsmen, Majeed quickly contacted our man, warning that the promised no-ball might have to be cancelled and that we shouldn't place big bets on it. He said the captain might tell Amir to keep up the onslaught. "So

much is happening out there at the moment," he added. Majeed was right—captain Salman Butt, who Majeed boasts is one of his players in the fixing scam—did have a quick word with Amir just before the **THIRD BALL OF THE THIRD OVER.**

Usually mid-over conversations between bowlers and captains would be about the placement of fields and whether to any make changes.

On this occasion, no changes were made, prompting commentator Michael Holding to chip in: "A quick conference between captain and the bowler. Hasn't resulted in the field being changed. Not yet."

But there WAS a sudden change in Amir's form. As promised, he bowled and again placed his foot over the crease, into the banned

area—a no-ball. The umpire had a word with Amir about the surprise delivery, pointing out how far over

the line his foot had been.

On the TV replay, the side view showed he placed his foot at least eight inches past the line. It prompted bowling legend Michael Holding to exclaim: "How far over was that? Woh!"

### Hostile

Ian Botham added: "It's like net bowling"—referring to when bowlers don't try so hard when they are practising in the nets.

With his next ball Amir bowled a delivery that again caused problems for Jonathan Trott, with both commentators saying how good a ball it had been. Test Match Special listeners on BBC Radio 4 heard Jonathan

Agnew and England legend Geoffrey Boycott recall how Amir had massively overstepped the crease the day before and called the delivery a "hostile ball". Agnew explained to listeners that Amir's boot was over the line "by a foot".

They then discussed the possibility that Amir could have done it on purpose in a bid to deliver the quicker ball closer to the batsman.

After the disgraceful cheating by Amir, Majeed rang back and told our man: "I'm not a joker, boss, okay? So you're confident?"

Grasping Majeed demanded yet another £10,000 payment. He said: "Try and get it to me four or five o'clock, yeah? Because I can give it to them as soon as they're finished, then that's done."

He explained how he was due to meet the team straight after close of play to accompany them to a charity dinner organised by the Pakistan Cricket Board. In an emotional interview after Friday's play on Friday, Amir hid his secret shame and told of his pride at bagging his first five-wicket haul at Lord's.

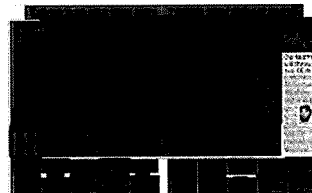
The young bowler, who made a big show of kneeling to kiss the hallowed turf on reaching the landmark, told Test Match Special: "These moments are for me good. At Lord's I wanted my name on the (honours) board and I did it."

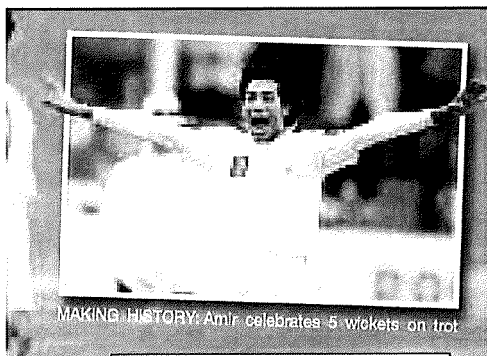
He called the delivery that snared England's Alistair Cook—shortly before he carried out his third bent no-ball—the "most delightful wicket."

*Ironically, the cheat said it was the best day of his career so far.*

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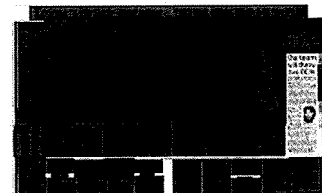




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# Our team will throw two ODIs

**CALLOUS** Majeed revealed he was plotting for Pakistan to lose TWO of the One Day Internationals (ODIs) against England next month.

He said: "Boss I'm telling you, the timing you've come into. It's perfect because the one days and Twenty20s are about to start and we're going to be making a hell of a lot money."

Incredibly, he said he could guarantee Pakistan would LOSE two one-dayers.

He explained many players want Test skipper Salman Butt to remain captain for all matches, but the Pakistanis have drafted in veteran Shahid Afridi to lead the side for the one day Internationals and Twenty20 matches. Majeed said:

"A lot of the boys want to f\*\*\* up Afridi because he's trying to f\*\*\* up things for them.

"They all want Butt to be captain. They want to lose anyway.

"Let's say for example Twenty20, I'll tell you the bowlers, how many minimum runs they're

going to concede. And the batsmen. I'm going to tell you how many, like say it was on the two opening batsman, Salman and Kamal, for example, you've only got twenty overs, they're going to waste two overs, three overs.

"The Twenty20s are easiest. Then the bowlers as well, yeah, they will certainly give a certain amount of runs and they're going to be battling as well and give their wickets. We'll finalise a price for each one and we'll just take it off the balance. We'll take it off the 150 (grand) balance until we're square."

And he reassured: "Boss believe me, you are talking to the right people."



HATED: Honest Afridi

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**CRICKET IN THE DOCK: MASTERMIND** **POCKETS HIS MONEY AFTER PAY-OFF**

**COAT IN THE ACT**

Mr Big stuffed the £10k in his jacket then went to meet players

See the shocking video at [notv.co.uk](http://notv.co.uk)

BY MAZHER MAHMOOD & AMANDA EVANS

**FIXER** Mazhar Majeed twice tried to rig the recent Third Test between England and Pakistan at the Oval to prove to our undercover reporters that he could do it.

He demanded a £10,000 down payment before guaranteeing two no-balls on the second day of the match during a secret meeting outside a restaurant where he was dining with the team.

Then he stuffed the money into his jacket pocket before later opening up the coat in front of players to show them what he'd got.

But Majeed's plan was scuppered when the no-balls fix—already arranged for another gambling client and planned for the third day on August 20—had to be scrapped because the Pakistani bowling coach had warned his stars to tighten up their bowling.

Undaunted, the brazen crook then offered our man the guarantee that

Pakistan skipper Salman Butt would score no runs from the first six balls he faced on the fourth day—a maiden over. Majeed even phoned a number known to be linked to Butt to confirm it.

The player's secret signal to let gambling clients know that the cheating was on was to be Butt tapping midwicket with his bat during the over, as if flattening a bump.

However, again the fix was foiled. It was then that the focus shifted to fixing the current Test at Lord's.

*Our fake betting syndicate front man had already met Majeed on August 16 and 18. But the first handover of cash in the match-rigging scandal came on the evening of Thursday the 19th.*

**Proof**

Majeed had invited our man to join him and the players for dinner at the Al Shishawi restaurant in London's Edgware Road. He introduced him to Pakistan captain Salman Butt and to players Wahab Riaz and Umar Amin.

The property tycoon—whose company Bluesky Developments has

sponsored several high profile sporting events and charities—then borrowed Wahab's cream jacket to pop out to our man's Merc for a secret chat.

Majeed said: "Just to show you its really OK, I'm going to show you two no-balls tomorrow."

"Then you just pay as I said minimum for that, OK. Just £10,000. I'm telling you big money can be made."

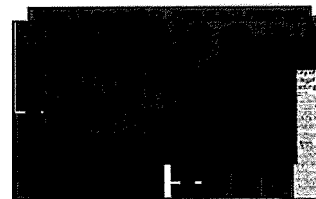
He even offered to call the players in front of our man to prove he could control them: "You sit with me. OK, and I'll ring each player who I've got and even talk to them about it. Isn't that enough proof for you?"

Our man handed Majeed ten £1,000 bundles of notes in crisp £50 notes and he quickly shoved them in his jacket pocket. Then he said: "I'm just going to give you two no-balls quite simple. And I'll tell you which bowler's going to do it, and which ball he's going to do it in. This is just a taster. I'll let you know that tonight or tomorrow morning."

Showing his experience at match-fixing, he bragged: "Boss, I'm telling you, OK."

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I've been doing this constantly and for the next month you're going to see how constant it is.

"So I'm going to say to them (the seven players he controls in the team) I've got a new party. I think he's good, yeah, we'll deal with him. OK?" He pulled the £10,000 bundle out of his pocket and waved it about. "This is to show how serious they

are. OK. That will be the deposit. After that... then payment has to be made within 24 hours either in England or Dubai. In cash."

Then Majeed announced that our man would have to pay a huge deposit if he wanted to know the planned RESULTS of fixed matches so he could coin it in by placing bets.

He added: "In terms of deposit, it's gonna be a minimum of £150,000. That's just for your trust."

"That's for me to pay my boys, yeah, right a certain amount each. OK? Then they give me the authority to work with you. Once the authority is there to work with you, I'll give you everything we do. After that, I don't want any money up front, I just want the money paid after the

thing's done." But he said there would be no fixing the actual results of the Oval and Lord's Tests—"because we're trying to win this game and the Lord's game. Because we want Salman Butt as captain."

Our man asked him: "Is he onside as well. Is he in the fixing?" Majeed claimed: "Of course, of course."

He went onto boast of his past successes—saying, "Every single result we've done has come off, every single one"—before revealing that he and his bent players had arranged for Pakistan to lose some of the forthcoming One Day International matches against England.

"We've got one result already planned and that is coming in the next three and a half weeks," he said. "Paki-

stan will lose." Majeed also spelled out that he was already running match-rigging with other gambling syndicates, including "one party in India".

With the dirty deal done, Majeed took our man into the restaurant and ordered captain Salman Butt and other teammates to join us. The players who were eating lamb and chicken kebabs, were relaxed in Majeed's company, joking with our reporters and sharing anecdotes about fellow cricketers.

After Majeed showed our team out of the restaurant he walked back to a group of his players standing outside

and opened the jacket into which he'd stuffed the money to show them what was inside.

But on the Friday morning, Majeed rang our man saying that his bowlers

would not be able to bowl the two no-balls. He then invited our reporter to his luxurious home in Croydon on Saturday at 8am to discuss another possible fix before play at the Oval began.

The imposing house in Croydon is hidden behind electronic gates. A Range Rover, flash black Jaguar and Golf were parked in the drive.

### Signal

Inside, Majeed claimed captain Butt would bat a maiden over just to prove that fixing was taking place. On one of his white BlackBerrys he uses as a "safe line" to call players—which he says he disposes of every fortnight—he rang a number known to belong to Butt. He said:

"Boss, just stick to what we said last night OK? The first full over you play, you just make sure you play a maiden. OK? After the second ball, just go and tap the middle of the pitch as a signal."

Majeed said if Butt gave the signal then people around the world would know that it was time to put massive bets on as the fixing was about to take place.

He then boasted about the players he claimed were working for him in the betting scam—claiming to have seven on his books, including Butt, Asif, Amir and Kamran Akmal, the wicket-keeper already accused of match-fixing by the coach of the Pakistan team, Intikhab Alam.

Majeed also revealed how he laun-

ders match-fixing money through the football club he owns, Croydon Athletic in south London. "The only reason I bought a football club is to do that," he said. And he spilled the beans on how he helps his players hide their money.

"I've opened them all Swiss bank accounts as well, all numbered accounts," he said. "I've got them even English bank accounts too."

To prove it he showed off bank details stored on his BlackBerry including a Clydesdale Bank account number he claimed was Butt's.

And to hammer home the amounts of money our man could win, Majeed called an Indian bookie he regularly deals with and asked him how

much he would pay for a definite

Oval Test result. Majeed demanded \$1.2million but the bookie replied, "I'll give you one (million)."

Majeed—who has a wife Sheliza and two daughters aged 4 and 6—flicked through recordings on a TV to show off previous matches he claimed to have fixed.

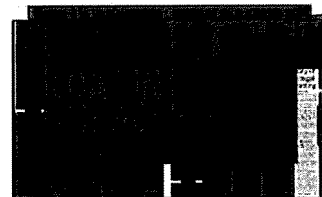
Later, explaining why Butt did not bat the promised maiden over, Majeed told our man the pitch was too lively for the skipper to guarantee not accidentally edging the ball for a run.

"There was no signal," he said. "He obviously felt the ball was doing too much off the pitch and he couldn't do a maiden. I've not given you any wrong information."

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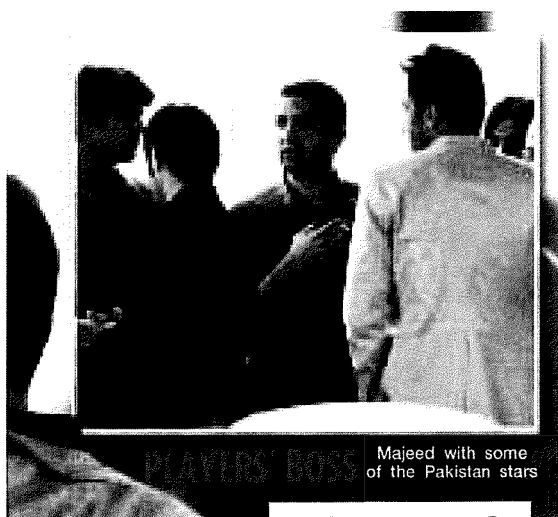
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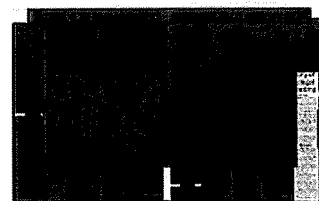
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Pakistan  
captain  
Butt



PLAYERS' BOSS Majeed with some  
of the Pakistan stars

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**CRICKET IN THE DOCK: MATCH-RIGGER BOASTS OF SYNDICATE'S SHADY FORTUNE**

**Tests are where the big money is.. we made £830k when Pakistan collapsed in the Aussie match**



BY MAZHER MAHMOOD & AMANDA EVANS

**CRICKET** rigger Mazhar Majeed boasted that cheating in the sport is rife, with one controversial Test this year netting a shady betting syndicate more than £830,000.

His revelation that fixes go on in all forms of the game—Tests, One Dayers and Twenty20—will horrify millions around the world who follow the sport.

And they will force cricket authorities to confront, once and for all, the match-fixing rumours that have dogged the noble game for years.

High on their list of investigations will be the Second Test between Australia and Pakistan in Sydney

last January.

At the start of the fifth and final day Pakistan were in a supremely dominant position...but managed to lose dramatically.

Australia led by a mere 49 runs with just two wickets of their second innings remaining and with only one recognised batsman left.

In extraordinary scenes, Australia's last two batting partnerships managed 124 runs. That set Pakistan the relatively easy target of 176 runs to win. But they were bowled out for just 139 and lost.

There were widespread accusations of cheating at the time.

Pakistani coaches raised doubts about wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal, who dropped four catches and missed an easy run-out.

Three of the dropped catches were off the bat of Michael Hussey, who went on to score 134 not out.

**Scam**

But today we provide evidence from vile Majeed's own mouth.

To the astonishment of our undercover team, he provided detail of how the test WAS rigged and how crooked gamblers pocketed 1.3million dollars (£837,000) from it.

The part-time Muslim TV channel presenter opened up during a meeting in our car outside the Bombay Brasserie restaurant in Gloucester Road, west London, on August 18.

Explaining the scam he said: "Let me tell you the last test we did. It was the Second Test against Aus-

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tralia in Sydney. Australia had two more wickets left. They had a lead of ten runs, yeah. And Pakistan had all their wickets remaining.

"The odds for Pakistan to lose that match, for Australia to win that match, were I think 40-1. We let them get up to 150 then everyone lost their wickets. That one we made 1.3. But that's what I mean, you can get up to a million. Tests is where the biggest money is because those situations arise."

Majeed then continued to detail how he runs his slick operation.

Reporter: "Do we get information like there will be three no-balls in the third over?"

Majeed: "Of course, everything. And you get the indication to show if it's on or not. They'll change gloves at a certain point."

Reporter: "You will be relaying it."

Majeed: "Yeah, it all comes through me. We don't do results that often. The last one we did was against Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup which was about two months ago. And you get a script as well."

Reporter: "What does that mean, a script?"

Majeed: "This bowler is going to concede this many runs, this batsman will do this."

The spoils of Majeed's sordid trade have brought him a life of luxury in which he mixes with

superstars of film, TV and sport. At the August 18 meeting, he boasted how he was involved in movies and name-dropped stars.

He claimed: "Our production company used to do all the generic TV adverts for Showtime Arabia. Showtime is the largest TV network in the world. We made a film in 2006 called Paradise Now which won an Oscar and Golden Globe. Went down really well."

During an earlier meeting at London's Hilton Park Lane, the slippery crook even name-dropped celebs he could invite to a launch party for our investigator's "business venture".

Majeed boasted: "I know a lot of footballers and I know a lot of English actors as well."

He then added that he knew one of the most famous Hollywood

actors "very well." The News of the World is not naming him but he is a global superstar.

Majeed also bragged of knowing one of the world's top tennis players and claimed he had arranged for Salman Butt to be in pictures with

pop stars and a world famous US rapper.

*It was during the Bombay Brasserie meeting that he revealed the Oval test being played at the time against England was fixed.*

He said: "England, there's brackets. Like tomorrow (August 19) there is no bracket because the Indian market is not open. The third day (August 20) there's brackets."

"I give out the information the night before or morning. What's going to happen at the end of the fourth day. But we now are not going to do any results for the next

two games because we want Salman Butt to be captain long term."

Then he outlined the prices bookies pay him for his information.

"The results, like brackets, we charge anything between £50,000 and £80,000 pounds per bracket."

"And for results, Twenty20 is about £400,000. No-balls is easy. No-balls, you know, there's not that much money anyway, we know that."

"You can make a bet if you wanted no-balls you could probably get up to £10,000 each, yeah. That's simple. "But in terms of results, depending on who we are playing, sometimes it

can be £300,000. The max it can be is £450,000. You can speak to any bookie in India and they will tell you about this information and how much they'll pay. If you had the information and they knew that it was coming from the source they'd pay you that money themselves."

He said his prices were justified because he had to bribe senior players. Majeed explained: "If you've got six players, they're taking such a big risk, yeah."

In an earlier meeting, he had told of the players' desire to get in on match-fixing. "They will be up for it."

I told you they will be up for making money. They need to make money."

His name-dropping and endless bragging was interrupted by phone calls from Pakistan captain Butt and keeper Akmal. But two-faced Majeed wasted no time in having a go about his own players.

He said: "You'll find there's only a few players who are genuine and

who are actually here for the love of the game and there's not many believe me. A lot of them are just looking for money, women and food."

"They make money and they need to make money. The problem is if

they don't then they're not going to have enough money for the rest of their lives. In cricket there's not enough money."

"How much they're getting paid is a joke. I came from a football background and I can see the difference in football and cricket. It's huge."

Majeed, who runs a property company with a multi-million pound portfolio called Bluesky Developments, also admitted being party to ball tampering, another cheating ruse that has blighted cricket.

He shamelessly claimed: "I used to go out on the pitch to give the play-

ers their drinks. Whenever we couldn't get a wicket I'd have a lump of Vaseline on my hand. Shake their hand. They'd put it on one side of the ball and the ball would suddenly start in-swinging."

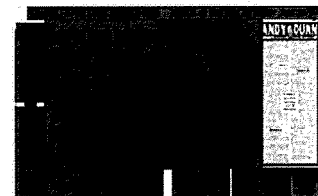
*Today, after our astonishing revelations, Majeed's tampering with cricket has finally come to an end.*

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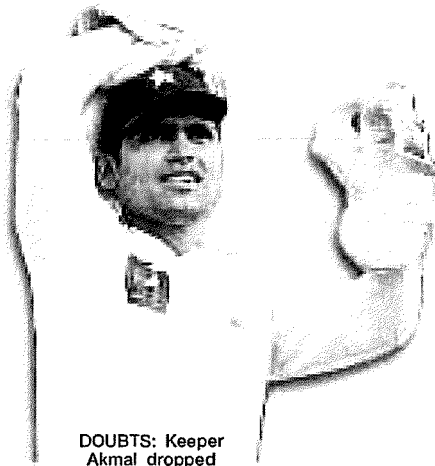




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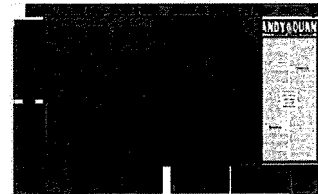
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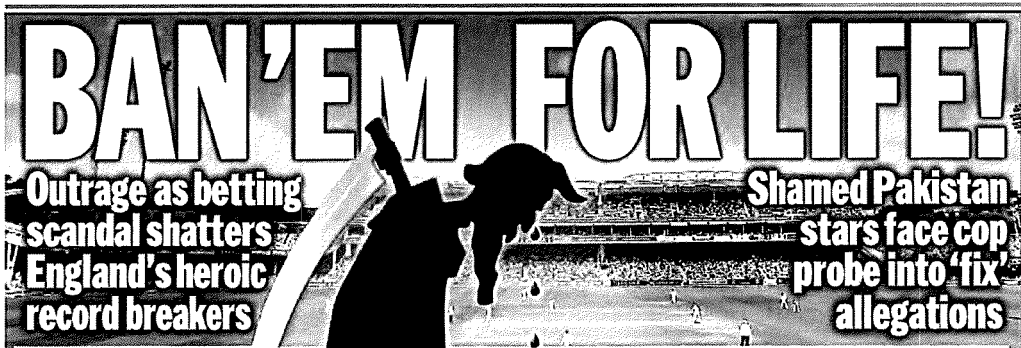
**DOUBTS: Keeper Akmal dropped four catches**

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# CRICKET IN THE DOCK



By **SAM PETERS**

**O**N FRIDAY night I sat questioning Stuart Broad about his maiden Test hundred at Lord's, full of admiration for a young man who had fulfilled his childhood dream.

Broad beamed with joy at the prospect of exchanging some good-hearted banter with his dad, Chris, over his father's own personal failure to make it onto the honours board at the home of cricket.

His voice cracked only slightly when he spoke with pride about how his late step-mother Mische, who lost her fight with motor neurone disease in July, was on his mind for every minute of his innings.

His chest puffed up when he realised he and his father had become the first father and son both to score Test-match hundreds.

Sorry Stuart, it means nothing.

Yesterday morning I walked in through the Lord's gates and saw a boy, perhaps eight years old, pulling at his dad's coat tails full of excitement at the

thought of watching live Test cricket for the first time.

His dad smiled as

the boy struggled to contain his joy at the prospect of seeing his heroes play.

No doubt that boy would have loved every minute of what, on the surface, appeared to be another enthralling day of Test cricket.

Sorry son, it meant nothing.

Yesterday Steve Finn, a 21-year-old England fast bowler

who has gratted to reach the top of the game, picked up three wickets in front of his dotting parents.

Finn's joy as he was embraced by his new team-mates encapsulated everything that is good about team sport.

Sorry Steve, it meant nothing.

At the start of this now forever to be tarnished Test series, Salman Butt told us a winning national team could put the smile back on the faces of Pakistan's stricken people after the devastating floods.

Pakistan leg-spinner Danish Kaneria was allegedly involved, along with his Essex team-mate Mervyn Westfield, in spot-fixing.

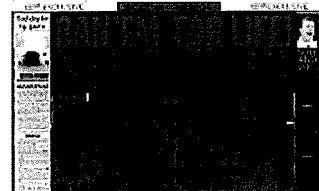
And now this.

Lifetime bans must be handed out, prison sentences if necessary, because at the moment we are all being made fools of.

Any freak result, any questionable call, is now

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going to be highlighted as a possible act of treachery.

And rightly so. Until this cancer of corruption has been forever eradicated from our sport, its integrity will continue to be questioned.

As for the rest of this Pakistan tour, how on earth can it continue?

Arrests are expected to be made today, with up to seven of the team playing in yesterday's excuse for a game likely to spend time in police custody.

How much remains to be seen, but whatever happens between now and the first Twenty20 game scheduled for next Sunday in Cardiff, cricket will be on the front pages for all the wrong reasons.

Whoever the personnel wearing the Pakistan shirt, they will be suspected of being cheats.

The ECB should do the honourable thing and cancel the two Twenty20 games and the

ensuing five-match one-day series. The upcoming one-dayers should be called off now to allow the sport time to catch its breath and establish clear, stringent guidelines to prevent this ever happening again.

Don't hold your breath. Sadly the ECB have a sorry history of putting financial gain ahead of doing the right thing.

They have an opportunity this week to change that by ending this sorry tour and implementing change in a sport that has lost its soul.

Sport only works when trust is maintained – and cricket is no longer trusted by the people who matter most, the paying spectators.

Cricket faces a pivotal moment in its history. If the administrators fail in their duty it will never recover.

**Mire**

How many more times must our sport be dragged through the mire before action is taken?

How many more times will cheats be allowed to flourish in a game where sportsmanship and honesty were once by-words?

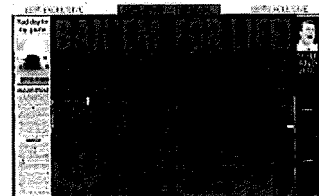
Yesterday, that little boy watched on as Pakistan crumbled pathetically for the umpteenth time this series.

Who knows if they'd got wind of the *News of the World* being on to them?

They will lose this Test, and the series, and should hang their heads in shame.

They've cheated that little boy, they've cheated Stuart Broad, they've cheated the people of Pakistan. They've cheated all of us.

Cricket's name? At the moment, it means nothing.



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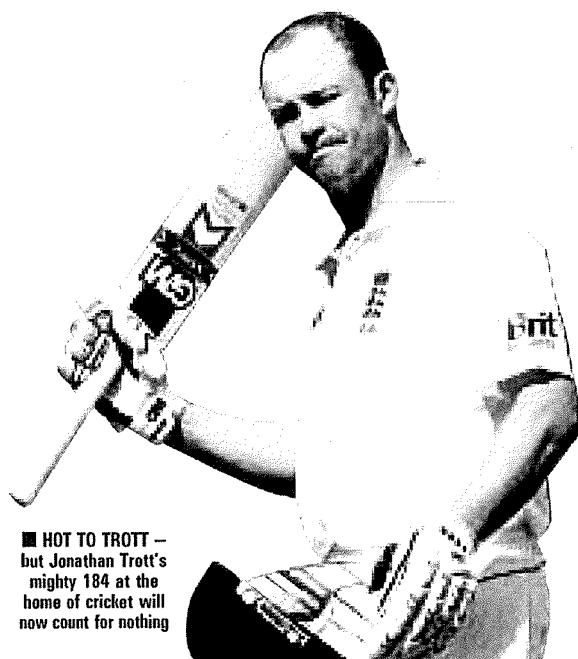
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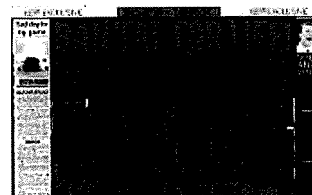
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■ HOT TO TROTT – but Jonathan Trott's mighty 184 at the home of cricket will now count for nothing

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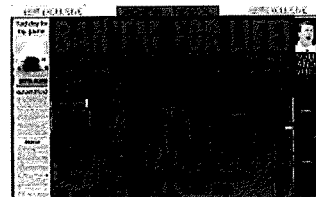




■ **BROAD BAT** – but Stuart Broad's record-breaking eighth wicket stand with Trott has been tarnished by the scandal

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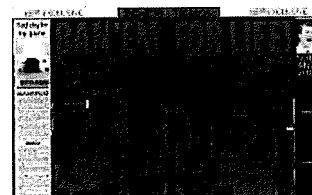
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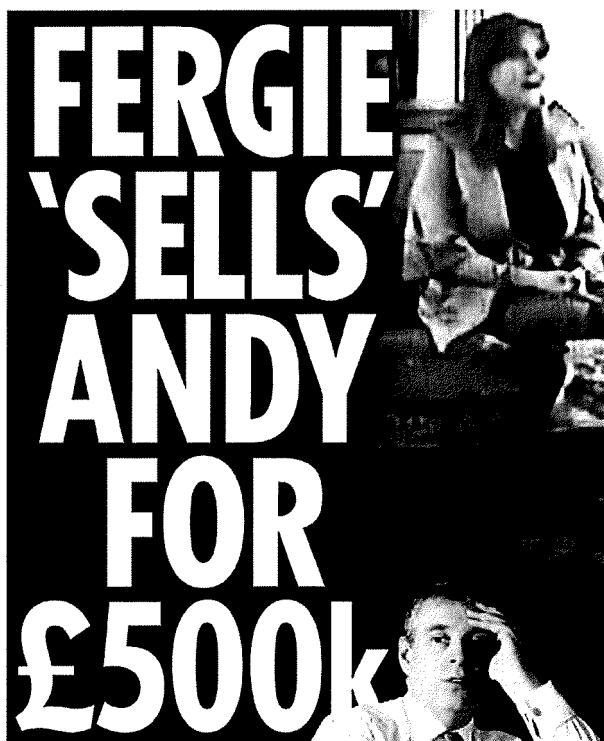


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# CASH FOR ROYAL ACCESS SENSATION



## EXCLUSIVE

BY MAZHER MAHMOOD

**THE Duchess of York is shamelessly plotting to sell access to her trade envoy ex-hubby Prince Andrew for £500,000.**

Greedy Sarah Ferguson, 50, was filmed on Tuesday night taking a \$40,000 cash down-payment from an undercover News of the World reporter.

Unknown to the Prince, Fergie PROMISED to introduce us to him, CLAIMED he'd help fix lucrative deals and DEMANDED a cut of all profits. She vowed: "Look after me and he'll look after you. . .you'll get it back tenfold. I can open any door you want."

**FULL STORY: Pages 4-8**

**She makes bogus claims he'll help business deals**

**Takes \$40k cash deposit & demands share of profits**

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CASH ON THE TABLE: Fergie on Tuesday, sitting in a Mayfair flat negotiating the £500k deal. Her eyes light up at the sight of our \$40,000 "down-payment".

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## CASH FOR ACCESS | DESPERATE FERGIE LIES TO MAKE MONEY OUT OF PRINCE,

# 'Andrew said to me: 'Tell him £500,000' Look after me and he'll look after you'

**EXCLUSIVE**  
 BY MAZHER MAHMOOD  
 INVESTIGATIONS EDITOR

**GRASPING Sarah Ferguson** sensationally tried to use ex-husband Prince Andrew in an outrageous attempt to sell royal access for megacash.

As the Duchess of York set out her stall for a News of the World reporter this week, she blatantly put a price tag on an introduction to Britain's unsuspecting trade envoy Prince, opening the door to lucrative international deals.

Behind her ex's back, Fergie claimed to have discussed it with him and lied: "Andrew said to me, 'Tell him £500,000'."

"He knows that he's had to underwrite me up to now because I've got no money. So if you want to meet him in your business, look after me and he'll look after you... you'll get it back tenfold."

The greedy 50-year-old Duchess, who believed she was dealing with a rich businessman, was then filmed at a secret meeting pocketing an extra \$40,000 down-payment in cash.

Along the way she also **INSISTED** on one per cent commission on any deals we might strike due to her royal connections, and **DEMANDED** we wire the main £½million backhander into her private HSBC bank account.

After the shady deal was sealed with a handshake just before midnight on Tuesday Fergie again tried to drag unwitting Prince Andrew, also 50, into it. She bragged: "That

opens up everything you would ever wish for. And I can open any door

you want. And I will for you."

Her astonishing offer will shock the Queen, the royal family and the Government, for the loose cannon Duchess's ludicrous claims that Prince Andrew—unpaid UK Special Representative for Trade and Investment—could be party to such a scam jeopardise Britain's global reputation for honesty and fair play.

And her willingness to give an unvetted businessman access to her Who's Who contacts book of the world's most influential figures raises huge security fears.

We began investigating the scandal after a close royal associate blew the whistle and told us Fergie was already cashing in on unknowing Andrew by setting up deals with foreign

businessmen. She even claimed she had set up a new company last month to handle the dodgy transactions.

And the News of the World has details of **TWO** tycoons she boasted she had introduced to Prince Andrew.

After our investigators infiltrated her close circle of associates, Fergie agreed to a private meeting with our man, posing as an international tycoon, without once checking his credentials.

That first meeting was at a New York hotel, after Fergie had primed her aides to try to persuade our man to pay a hefty advance fee of \$40,000.

Then—again without any security checks—brazen Fergie texted our man on Monday to arrange a dinner meeting back in London at the exclu-

sive Mosimann's dining club the following night. In a bid to keep the deal under wraps, she sent an advance party of two assistants to the Belgravia restaurant with a detailed seven-page confidentiality agreement they claimed the Duchess wanted signed **BEFORE** the dinner date.

The contract would effectively prevent our reporter ever discussing anything he had spoken about with Fergie to anyone—a voluntary gagging order.

But even though our reporter refused to sign the document, cash-strapped Fergie still turned up and willingly chatted away.

At a discreet corner table the grinning Duchess—who was wearing a blue suit—immediately dragged her unsuspecting former husband into

the negotiations by claiming: "I did ask Andrew about meeting you."

**FERGIE:** I never talk about money ever, but since we've got business hats on I'm going to...

**REPORTER:** Sure.

**FERGIE:** So I said to Andrew, well what do I do because really I think you two could really do some good business together and I think, I think what would happen is that you would. He never makes money because he's ambassador for trade.

**REPORTER:** Of course, sure.

**FERGIE:** So he wouldn't want to.

**REPORTER:** No of course, no, no.

**FERGIE:** But I can. So he would... introduce you to whoever, but it wouldn't be about HIM it would be about ME.

The Duke and Duchess of York divorced in 1996 but have remained

close friends.

And as she tucked into her £12.50 pea soup accompanied by a £95 bottle of burgundy, she made it clear she was willing to try to exploit that closeness.

**FERGIE:** I could bring you great business. I'd like to think that if I, for example, if I introduced you to...

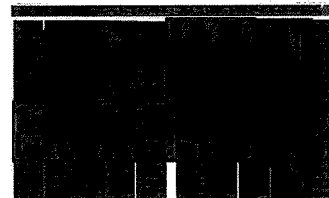
**REPORTER:** Andrew for example?

**FERGIE:** Andrew for example... and he opened up doors for you which you would never possibly do.

Then, depending if it was a very

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big deal with I don't know, I can't imagine, then each deal you and I discuss the percentage of it.

**REPORTER:** Absolutely.

**FERGIE:** And so that's what we would be doing.

**REPORTER:** That's absolutely clear, no problem whatsoever.

Fergie then insisted any such arrangement must be kept secret—even from the aides who had just left the restaurant.

And she proceeded to describe how she planned to manipulate her relationship with the Prince to her advantage behind his back.

**FERGIE:** Perhaps he might just mention to me some of the, you know...

**REPORTER:** Viable projects?

**FERGIE:** Some really interesting things which I might find interesting. And I'll look into them and maybe then they will ask me to find investments, in which case I might come to you.

At that point the Duchess made her totally unfounded allegation that Andrew suggested the £500,000 intro-

duction fee. She assured our man it would be "a good investment".

As the £30 main course of lamb and vegetables arrived, attention turned to the \$40,000 advance.

When told that the bundles of \$20 notes were waiting for her at our man's apartment around the corner, she promised him a kiss on payment.

Throughout the dinner suspicious Fergie kept asking if our man was a reporter from the News of the World or another paper. But the thought of cash in hand proved more convincing than her fears.

At one point conversation moved to Fergie's daughters, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie. Beatrice recently became the first royal to complete the London marathon.

When our undercover reporter said he wished he'd sponsored her,

greedy Fergie quipped: "No, you're sponsoring the mother!"

After our reporter picked up the £223.25 dinner bill plus £50 tip, Fergie happily jumped into the back of a limo with him—again carelessly risking her personal security—and was chauffeured to the Mayfair flat.

There she boasted about her privileged position and proclaimed: "I'm a complete aristocrat. Love that don't you? I love it. It's tremendously fabulous. But I've never admitted that to anyone by the way!" As she relaxed on the sofa with a glass of wine, Fergie asked our man to donate one per cent of profits from any business deals to her charity, set up to build schools in Asia.

But she soon remembered that charity begins at home.

**FERGIE:** "Next! On to the next

thing, £500,000, when you can, to me... open doors.

**REPORTER:** It would be Prince Andrew?

**FERGIE:** Yeah.

**REPORTER:** Is that a deal?

**FERGIE:** Yeah.

**REPORTER:** But I've got to give you \$40,000.

**FERGIE:** Yeah.

**REPORTER:** Which I've got now as a deposit. Which is in my safe. But how am I going to give it to you? I haven't got a bag.

At that point the grinning Duchess made a silent "Gimmel" motion with her hand. She then accompanied our man into the next room, watched as he pulled out wads of crisp notes from the safe and carried them into the lounge, and then gasped: "Oh my God, you are a genius!" She said the

money would go towards paying school fees for an old friend in the States.

But as she stared at the pile of cash before her Fergie was prompted to get down to business again—and the outstanding £500,000.

**FERGIE:** If you want to go and do a big deal with Andrew, then that's the big one.

**REPORTER:** I do. Of course. So you need 500,000 in pounds...

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**REPORTER:** That has to be in wire transfer obviously.

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**REPORTER:** If you give me the bank account details I'll arrange that, no problem at all.

**FERGIE:** Then you open up all the channels that ever you need. Whatever you want. Then you meet Andrew and that's fine. That's when you really open up whatever you want.

The Duchess then boasted of her special bond with Andrew.

"He's so amazing," she said. "We're the happiest divorced couple in the world."

But then she stretched credulity by claiming her ex told her he'd happily play along with her cash-for access-plot.

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he's (our reporter) going to be kind enough to want to play, then Andrew will play."

**REPORTER:** Let's play!

**FERGIE:** And he (Andrew)

says, 'Let's play, we'll play' as long as it's nothing to do with him... But you will be his friend.

I will listen to the friendship talk between you two. And then I do it.

**REPORTER:** OK.

**FERGIE:** You two talk.

**REPORTER:** Right

**FERGIE:** I listen.

**REPORTER:** Ok.

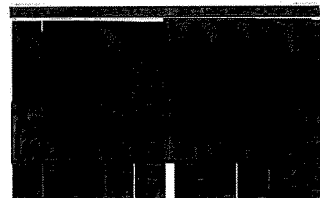
**FERGIE:** Then I activate... he meets the most amazing people. And he just throws them my way.

**REPORTER:** He throws them your way, fantastic. Well, and you throw them my way.

**FERGIE:** Yes. But, we, we, I've never said that... he never does accept a penny for anything... he does not and will not and he is completely whiter than white.

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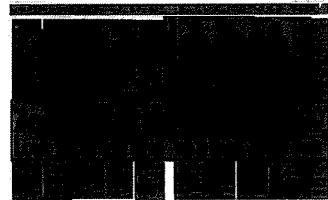
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SHAKE ON IT: Fergie agrees her shady deal with our man at his plush Mayfair apartment

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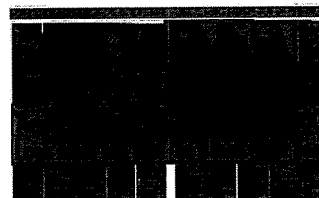
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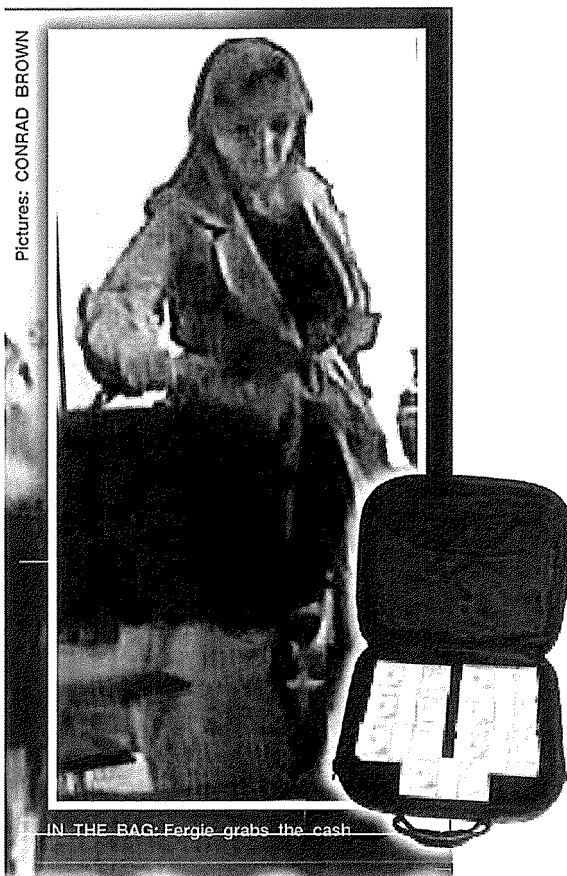


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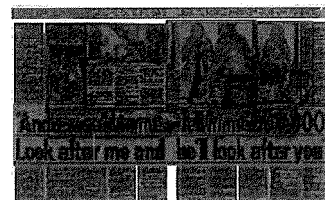
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CASH FOR ACCESS | FERGIE PLEADS POVERTY AS SHE PLOTS BETRAYAL



**EXCLUSIVE**  
BY MAZHER MAHMOOD  
INVESTIGATIONS EDITOR

**FERGIE'S shocking money-grabbing scheme is not the first time she tried to cash in on her link to Prince Andrew behind his back, the News of the World can reveal.**

We were tipped off by a whistleblower that the devious Duchess had been endangering the royal family's security and putting her ex-husband's good reputation on the line.

And at the meetings which followed she was always keen to point out how hard up she is—even claiming during one conversation with our man that she hadn't "a pot to p" in".

The duchess faces a High Court action for unpaid bills amounting to almost £200,000. Her New York Company Hartmoor—founded to encompass various ventures—folded with

debts of £650,000 last October. So, desperate for cash, she has stooped to betraying Prince Andrew in a scandal that will devastate the royal family.

Our investigation began shortly after Fergie made contact with a businessman she hoped to lure into her scheme to make money from Andrew's unpaid role as the Government UK Special Representative for International Trade and Investment.

When they eventually met in January it was arranged through an intermediary so shady Fergie described him as "dangerous" in a phone call to the alarmed royal associate who tipped us off about her dealings.

**Rash**

And the scheming duchess even had a codename for Prince Andrew—Billy—as she bragged to our stunned source how she would make money by introducing the royal to the businessman, whose identity we are protecting.

She said: "You see if I can get Billy to introduce quite good business things to [redacted], then [redacted] gives me a lick of the

spoon and that saves my bacon."

Our source told us that when Fergie met the man she began negotiating with him to meet unsuspecting Prince Andrew even though he showed her NO CREDENTIALS and had only a mobile phone number to give her as contact. She did not bother to check out his background.

"She told him she could fix up meetings between him and Prince Andrew in Kazakstan and Abu Dhabi," said our source.

"As long as Sarah thinks you are rich she will be all over you like a rash. She will say she can arrange meetings with Andrew even though he has no idea what is going on. It's incredible."

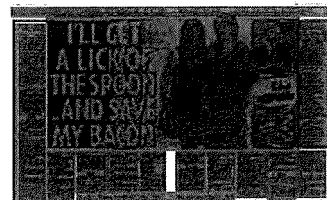
It was a modus operandi the Duchess repeated when our undercover reporter, posing as a wealthy infiltrated Fergie's closest circle of associates.

The word soon got to her that our man was interested in her introduction service to Prince Andrew.

It led to an initial meeting with her for dinner at the famous New York boutique hotel, The Mark, on May 13.

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She was accompanied by two assistants. Over a glass of vodka and tonic, the Duchess began with some small talk, announcing that she is writing a new book.

"It's going to help men with how to deal with irritating, greedy wives,

who are completely out of control," she boasted, oblivious to the irony of what she'd said.

But moments later Fergie began to make her pitch, telling us she had her ex-husband so much in her pocket that she still lives in the same house—a guest room at the 30-bedroom Royal Lodge in Windsor. She she boasted that he called her "five times a day".

"We're the happiest divorced couple in the world," she said. Then she began her sales pitch, proudly telling our reporter: "He's ambassador for trade".

Effectively, Andrew is our Government's super salesman for UK business abroad—and works hard to develop relationships in the Middle East, South East Asia, India, China and North Africa.

Since he started work in 2001, he has helped dozens of British firms try to win business abroad including Roll Royce, Shell and HSBC. Sarah ensured our man knew the benefits of such a contact and reeled off details of the Prince's move-

ments in an astonishing breach of royal security.

As the ordered lobster arrived on the dinner table, Fergie then made her first move to get our reporter and Andrew together—by inviting a "businessman" she barely knew into the heart of a royal residence—the Duke's country home and former official residence of the late Queen Mother, in the shadow of Windsor Castle.

### Talk

"What I want you to do next is to meet Andrew," she said. "At this moment he's someone you really need to meet, not just because of the man he is.

"So as soon as you come to London, come to Royal Lodge. I'll introduce you and sit down, and you'll talk to him about whatever." After that first meeting, Fergie reported

back to our source who was acting as intermediary. In a phone call she pretended she had set up the deal—and named her price.

She said: "OK, well I spoke to, Billy and Billy is happy to meet with him but *(he)* has to know that

for Billy to meet with him etc, etc, he has to give me £500,000."

She also told her pal to ask our man to arrange the \$40,000 deposit she wanted in cash so she could pay off bills.

Then came the meeting on Tuesday at top London restaurant Mosiman's followed by a trip to what she believed was our man's Mayfair apartment in which she set about clinching the deal.

During the negotiations, the duchess indiscreetly spilled the beans about her financial hardship and her relationship with the royals. Revealing her divorce settlement was

only £15,000 a year, Fergie bleated: "I have not got a bean to my name. I'm a taxpayer, a British taxpayer and I left the royal family for freedom and in freedom it means I am bereft, I'm hopeless."

REPORTER: Your divorce settlement must've been...

FERGIE: Zero

REPORTER: 50 million

FERGIE: Zero!

REPORTER: Pounds

FERGIE: No, £15,000

Fergie snapped: "Do you understand that I absolutely have not a pot to p's in?"

"I left the royal family with friendship, no money. Diana left with 20 million. And that's why the Queen is my friend because I never took a bean from them. The Queen of England sent lawyers in to divorce me from Andrew because he is a taxpayer so she pays him. I got half a

naval salary—a naval salary is £30,000. I believed it was right at the end of the day never to ask Andrew for anything because it wasn't his money, it was the Queen's.

"The lawyers said, 'Go to court with the Queen' and I won't because she's a wonderful lady."

### Horses

When our man, trying to make small talk, casually asked why accomplished rider Fergie didn't keep any horses, she retorted: "Cos I haven't got any money and you're going to sort that out for me."

Then came more moaning about money—which almost exploded into a row as our man suggested that a British royal need never be broke.

FERGIE: I have the biggest heart and the biggest of everything. But I have zero money. I have nothing.

REPORTER: You have got money.

You're a duchess. You're on the government payroll.

FERGIE: Bull\*\*\*\*. You're full of shit. Take it back.

REPORTER: OK, not the British government—the British taxpayers pay for you.

FERGIE: Nope, No, I'm a taxpayer. REPORTER: No, but the royal family are paid for by the taxpayers.

FERGIE: No. Not a bean. No, 'cos I'm not part of the royal family.

REPORTER: You are part of the royal family. You are a Duchess.

FERGIE: I'm not, I'm not.

REPORTER: You're a liar. You are part of the royal family.

FERGIE: Did you just accuse me of that?

REPORTER: Because you're a royal. You're a Duchess.

FERGIE: You're full of sh\*t. Why would I honestly ask you for any money, a bean, if I was paid for?

REPORTER: Because that's business and you're a businesswoman.

FERGIE: That's fine. Yeah, I'm a businesswoman but I haven't got a bean to my name.

Even after the £500,000 deal was sealed by a handshake, Fergie again began pleading poverty.

Her financial problems include being accused of causing the collapse of a firm she hired to organise a New York celebrity ball in 2007.

It was in aid of her charity the Sarah Ferguson Foundation—but invited A-list celebrities such as Brad Pitt, George Clooney and Cameron Diaz failed to appear.

And the USA seems to be growing weary of 'Brand Fergie.' She is no longer the £2 million-a-year international ambassador for WeightWatchers, but her PR handlers insist it was her decision to give it up and move. Fergie claimed her two children—Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie—were bailing her out.

"At the moment, my children pay for me. They have a trust fund from

Andrew and they pay for me," she said. "They are funded by Andrew. The Queen pays for Andrew.

"He has an amazing job but he doesn't get any money and he won't ever receive any money.

"He does it for his country because he's the Prince of the country. His children get a little fund from him. Right?"

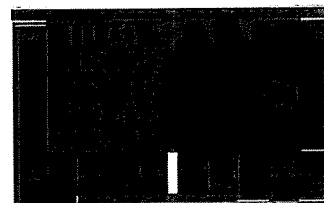
"And I've agreed a settlement because I chose friendship with the Queen."

### Fight

She even rounded on our businessman for being rich as she pressed home her lack of money and complained that she had to drive around

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in a friend's Bentley and fork out for a chauffeur.

"Have you forgotten what it's like? she snapped. Have you forgotten what it's like to have nothing? I've changed millions of children's lives but they (the royals) still leave me with nothing. It's okay because I'll fight and I'll win. That car, my

Bentley, is lent to me by a friend of mine. And the driver's a cabbie. He cost me 50 quid. I don't have a house. I have a rented guestroom in Andrew's house."

But the next minute she was inviting our reporter and any friends he could drum up to join her and her daughter Princess Beatrice and their friend Sir Elton John at the charity Butterfly Ball in Battersea Park, London, on Thursday.

But there was a price-tag, as usual.

She said: "Have you got any friends in London who want to spend? Well to sit on my table with Beatrice and me with Elton John its pretty cool.

"It's Thursday night and we need, well our table's like, we're eight seats short. We need some sort of fat cats around."

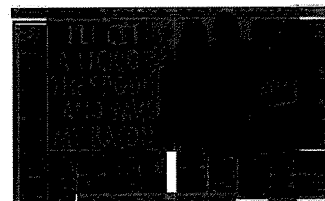
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## **How she says she's poor.. but well-connected**

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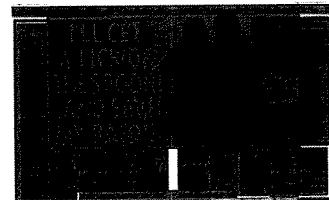
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**CASH FOR ACCESS**  **ROLLERCOASTER OF SCANDAL**



KISS: But bliss ended. Right: In 1993 A Knockout

PUBLIC IMAGE: with family

**'Vulgar, vulgar, vulgar' Sarah brought down by greed**



FALL OF FERDIE: Her marriage disintegrated into too-sucking shame and greedy greed



BY **ROBERT JOBSON**  
ROYAL EDITOR  
WHO KNOWS HER BEST

**THE Duchess of York has always had a unique talent for reinventing herself.**

She has ridden a rollercoaster of Royal scandal for years with breathtaking sexual and financial indiscretions.

Somehow, she has always bounced back. But with the "cash for royal access" scandal, Sarah has plumbed new depths.

She has tried to use the good name of her ex-husband Prince Andrew—our country's Special Representative for International Trade and Investment—in return for a fistful of dollars.

*I have known her well for 17 years. We first met when I joined her on a charity trip in the Himalayas in 1993. That's us in the picture above.*

She undertook the mission—in aid of disabled climbers—off her own bat. She earned no money from it. It was typical Sarah—always keen, maybe too keen, to help those in need if she could.

She has raised millions, a lot of it commendably for needy children.

But the arrogance with which she tried to sell her links to Prince Andrew—and in doing so our royal family and country—in exchange for money is as astonishing as it is outrageous.

She is clearly desperate—without a "pot to piss in", she says. But that cannot excuse her behaviour, abusing her title and royal connections to feed her greater greed.

The last person to hold that title—Duchess of York—was Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. She was a woman who dedicated her long life to public service, loyally standing by King and country at our darkest hour in World War II, refusing to leave London in the Blitz.

**Shame**

The Queen Mother will be turning in her grave. Like a bad penny, Sarah keeps coming back to haunt the royals and embarrass her former mother-in-law the Queen, a woman she says she respects so much that she did not want to go to court to get a proper divorce settlement.



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I am sure the Queen is rueing the day she did not dig a little deeper with a substantial clean break deal.

Sarah harks back to how Diana was paid off with £20million when she divorced Prince Charles. That is true. But given Sarah's track record, if she had received the same deal she would have probably blown the lot within the blink of an eye.

Sarah should hang her head in shame. Andrew has tried to support her, coming to her aid time and time again. She is even living in his country home, the Royal Lodge at Windsor, ironically once the Queen Mother's residence.

Andrew takes his trade ambassador's role seriously. When I interviewed him in his private office at Buckingham Palace this year he talked with passion about the need for ministers, businessmen and academics to pull together to enable British industry to be more successful.

*He was proud of the work he does—and of his country. Now, through Sarah's greed, a decade's good work as super salesman for Great Britain PLC abroad has been put at risk.*

Behind his back his desperate ex is trying to trade on his name, risking his and our country's reputation.

She has also exposed herself to possible blackmail and endangered royal security—including that of her own daughters Beatrice and Eugenie—all for "a lick of the spoon" to save her bacon, as she crudely put it.

It beggars belief. To many, especially the grey-suited royal courtiers who really run the Monarchy, Sarah has been a bad joke ever since the infamous toe-sucking pictures, ever since she threw bread rolls around the first-class cabin on a transatlantic aircraft. Perhaps, for many, ever since 'It's A Royal Knockout.'

But she has now plumbed new depths with grubby behaviour that might once have seemed beyond even her.

Her willingness to trade cachet for cash has drawn her to into the company of unsuitable characters. Even before we were tipped off about her behaviour, she boasted to a source that a "dangerous" contact had put her in touch with a businessman she claimed to have introduced to Andrew.

It's hard to believe today, but once upon a time Sarah Ferguson seemed like a good idea. When she married Prince Andrew in 1986, even the hard-to-please Duke of Edinburgh saw the daughter of Charles's risqué polo manager Major Ronnie Ferguson as a breath of fresh air through a monarchy seen as out of touch.

She had a job, with a publishing firm. She had had at least two previous relationships, with a ski instructor, Kim Smith-Bingham, and a racing driver, Paddy McNally.

But the expectations were impossible. She has claimed that her royal marriage was doomed because she saw Andrew, a serving naval officer then, an average of 40 days in each of the first five years. Without Andrew there to "protect" her, she was exposed. She

was dubbed "The Duchess of Pork" after putting on weight. Her next nickname was "Freebie Fergie" after accepting gifts of clothes and holidays.

Sarah spoke publicly of how she "worshipped" her husband, was derided for leaving behind firstborn Beatrice when she joined him in Australia and was criticised for her many foreign trips. The 50-room house she had built in Sunninghill Park was dubbed "South York" after the glitzy mansion in TV's Dallas and branded vulgar.

She has always loved the jetset lifestyle. In 1990 she flew to Morocco in the private plane of American millionaire, Steve Wyatt, who was soon calling her "Mah woman" in his Texan drawl.

She was brazen about the relationship. In March 1992, photographs of the pair on holiday with Beatrice and Eugenie were discovered at a flat previously rented by Wyatt in Eaton Square.

*It was the final straw. Within weeks, Andrew and Sarah's separation was announced.*

Within months, that "scandal" was overshadowed by publication of photographs of the bare-breasted duchess having her toes sucked by her financial adviser, Wyatt's pal Johnny Bryan.

She later complained that the Palace "Old Guard" ganged up on her, later confirmed when the the Queen's former private secretary, the late Lord Charteris, described Fergie as "vulgar, vulgar, vulgar".

After a briefing at the Palace with two senior courtiers, a veteran BBC correspondent famously emerged to report: "The knives are out for Fergie at the Palace."

They were, and it was the end of the marriage. She was stripped of her HRH title and hung out to dry. She was also in serious debt. After her divorce in 1996, she was said to have owed as much as £3 million to Coutts Bank. Sarah was forced to cash in on her royal name and reinvent herself in America.

She did so with aplomb—clearing her bank debt with a successful career in the US where she earned millions as the face of WeightWatchers until last year.

More recently, she produced the successful film "Young Victoria". She has also made TV films, documentaries, and touted herself on the lecture circuit.

But Brand Fergie finally came unstuck in the US, and last year she had to come home and seek refuge with loyal Andrew.

*Last October we revealed how the debt-ridden duchess was forced to close her US business after losing at least £1.35 million.*

She had to pull the plug on her lifestyle-and-promotions outfit Hartmoor LLC, based in New York, after failing to land any major endorsement deals despite bids to promote herself.

Then she fell out with her majority business partner, swanky US multi-millionaire investment banker Todd

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Morley.

The once-close friends invested hundreds of thousands of pounds launching Hartmoor in a blaze of publicity in 2006. They were pictured at several US functions together as they pumped in more money and encouraged others to invest too.

### Desperate

Sarah and Morley were forced to pay back creditors after taking out a loan understood to be as much as £667,000.

She has no home of her own, but has a trust fund. Intellectual property such as her book character Budgie the Little Helicopter, antique art and furniture that could be used as surety.

The Duchess and Morley—who covered his losses out of his own pocket—were forced to pay thousands of dollars of unpaid US tax bills. Both refused to file for bankruptcy, as they feared that move would cause them “embarrassment”. Instead they vowed to settle their huge debts.

Once again Sarah tried to bounce back. She announced that rights to her Little Red children’s books had been sold to a Hollywood studio, and she flagged up that she was about to secure a deal to make a TV documentary series.

Now she is clearly desperate. She says she is close to bankruptcy.

One of the reasons—apart from her compulsive spending—is the fact that the British royal family hung her out to dry when she and Prince Andrew divorced in 1996.

She secured an absurdly paltry divorce deal—£15,000 a year, which was half his Royal Navy salary at the time. She was left with no house, no car, not even that pot.

The settlement was more about ensuring the couple’s two daughters were cared for and permitting Fergie to stay friends with the royal family, the Queen in particular.

Now she has come back to haunt them once again, despite being excluded from royal family gatherings for years.

She is not on the guestlist for official events. Even at Christmas, her children go off to Sandringham without her.

Some have felt sorry for her. But she has exhausted any remaining sympathy today.

Clearly Prince Philip, who is the head of family matters for the Windsors, knows his ex-daughter—warts and all—better than anyone.

*Now we know why he has been so determined to set her adrift. She is nothing more than a liability.*

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# SNOOKER CHAMP HIGGINS BRIBES SCANDAL



**NEWS OF THE WORLD** exposes £1¼ m plot to lose

**EXCLUSIVE**

BY MAZHER MAHMOOD

**SNOOKER** world champion John Higgins has sensationally been caught agreeing a massive £261,000 bribe to FIX matches.

As other stars prepared to battle out today's Crucible final, he sealed a dodgy deal with our undercover team to lose frames in FOUR matches later this year.

Asked how he'd cover up the cheating, Higgins, 34, bragged: "It's easy!"  
FULL STORY: Pages 4, 5, 6 & 7

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SNOOKERED! HOW WORLD CHAMPION HIGGINS PLOTS TO BETRAY HIS FANS FOR CASH



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EXCLUSIVE BY MAZHER MAHMOOD INVESTIGATIONS EDITOR

MILLIONAIRE World Snooker champion John Higgins is captured here on camera shaking hands on a disgraceful deal to fix a string of high-profile matches after demanding a £300,000 kickback.

The scandal will cast a dark shadow over the final of this year's championship which starts today and disgust the millions of fans tuning into the BBC to watch their sporting idols.

After 34-year-old Higgins' shock defeat in the tournament at the hands of veteran Steve Davis, he flew to the Ukrainian capital of Kiev and in a meeting with undercover News of the World investiga-

tors on Friday shamelessly:

● AGREED to deliberately LOSE frames in four matches so that illegal gambling syndicates could clean up.

● HAGGLED over the best ways to cover up the bribe—finally settled at Euro 300,000 (£261,000).

● BRAGGED it was "easy" to fool fans into believing they were watching genuine snooker action.

Astonishingly, the entire deal was set up and agreed with Higgins' agent Pat Mooney, a board member of the World Professional Snooker and Billiards Association and one of the sport's top four officials charged with POLICING the game.

Crooked

At first, Greedy Mooney and Higgins saw the chance of making a legal fortune out of our team, who were posing as businessmen interested in organising a series of events linked to the World Snooker Series—effectively a European Tour of snooker.

But they could not resist the

lure of making extra illegal cash on the side from game fixing.

During the 10-minute conversation that sealed their crooked deal Higgins never once questioned the legality or morality of cheating for cash.

Instead he was more interested in how he could HIDE the massive payments he'd get.

Asked by our man if there was any danger he might not be able to deliver on his promise to lose a certain frame, Higgins—who was awarded the MBE for his services to sport—insisted: "It's easy, it's easy!"

Then came the subject of how he'd get paid and he bleated:

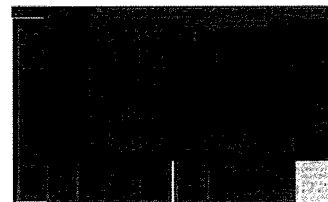
"But then I'm thinking to myself how do I swallow 300,000 pounds or Euros coming in...?"

Father-of-three Higgins—who has won the coveted world crown three times and is nicknamed the Wizard of Wishaw—was not worried about the disgrace his tricks could bring on the game.

He was more concerned about covering his back.

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Dressed in a pin-striped suit, Higgins at one point even jokingly asked if there were hidden cameras in the plush Kiev hotel suite—little suspecting that every word **WAS** being captured by our

team, who he'd met for the first time just hours earlier.

Having raised the subject of match fixing with Higgins' grasping manager Mooney at previous meetings, our investigators sat down with the two men on Friday morning to sort out the mechanics of the scam.

### Stupid

The idea agreed earlier by Mooney was for Higgins to deliberately lose four frames in separate tournaments. Now the player himself had to rubber-stamp the details.

**REPORTER:** "Right, this will purely be four, we'll shake hands on it and that's the end of the matter. But more important is how would you lose a frame?"

That's what I want to know, how would that work?

"Because, you know, you're the bloody world champion!"

**HIGGINS:** "Who would it be against?"

**REPORTER:** "Well you tell me. I mean... you can't lose against a Ukrainian player here and then go to Warsaw and lose against a Polish, go to bloody Prague and lose against a Czech."

"That's stupid, that's plain stupid. And it doesn't make financial sense for these guys (the shady betting syndicates financing the proposed events).

"It has to be against somebody that is..."

**HIGGINS:** "Against somebody that's goodish and it's easier."

**REPORTER:** "Against someone like one of the other boys (meaning other top names who'd be joining in the tournament). No one needs to know."

Mooney and Higgins then suggested **THREE** prominent stars of the game by name.

### Hidden

**HIGGINS:** "It's easy. Its easy."

**MOONEY:** "You make one mistake..."

**HIGGINS:** "You don't even have

to make a mistake."

**REPORTER:** "You have to be sure if you're going to tell him 'Frame three I'm going to lose.'"

**HIGGINS:** "Oh yeah. Frame three I'm going to lose, yes, yes."

**REPORTER:** "Yeah, but I mean what if he gets a good break? What's the risk factor I mean?"

**HIGGINS:** "No risk. No, because you can miss."

Having agreed to the proposed deal, Higgins and Mooney were keen to discuss the money—even suggesting that it be hidden as a payment for wearing a sponsor's logo on Higgins' waistcoat.

And they raised the possibility the illicit payment be hidden as a sponsorship deal which, under EU rules, would allow them to avoid tax.

Not that the star needs the money—he has banked more than £5 million prize money since turning professional in 1992 and winning his first tournament two years later.

As the talks continued, Higgins—now playing an active role in the discussions—had his own ideas about how the cash could be paid over without raising

the suspicions of the authorities. Turning to Mooney, he said: "I've got a property in Spain."

"I'm thinking to myself... is there any way... if you get a small mortgage or something on the property and you can pay it off. Would they look me out if you paid it off in a lump sum?"

### Selfish

Mooney replied: "They would be asking where that money came from."

All Higgins' ducking and diving will shock fans who admire his straightforward family image. The keen Celtic supporter married wife Denise in 2000 and have two sons and a daughter. Earlier this year the couple appeared on ITV's Mr and Mrs

show which they won. And after last year's World Championship victory, Higgins paid a special tribute to his wife.

He said: "Denise is the biggest drive behind me these days."

"I think all snooker players can get a bit selfish and lazy. You get down

on yourself and start to think you won't win anything ever again. Then it's up to the wives, who are basically kicking you up the backside and telling you that you *are* good enough."

*Denise will be telling him something else today.*

For, still obsessed with his own safety and hiding the illicit payments rather than the image of snooker itself, Higgins told our

men: "I'm just frightened that obviously..."

**MOONEY:** "That it comes up on the radar?"

**HIGGINS:** "It is a hell of a lot of money."

**REPORTER:** "For a professional bloody snooker player? I mean you earned something like close to a million last year didn't you? The books show you earned 500 something thousand."

**HIGGINS:** "Yeah, what I am saying is that it is a hell of a lot of money..."

**MOONEY:** "...to kind of appear."

Then Higgins seems to be wondering how much the backroom paymasters will making.

**HIGGINS:** "Let me get this straight. For four frames, so you're thinking, divide that, £75,000. You've got to earn more than that per frame."

**REPORTER:** "Don't you worry about our side. You worry about your side. How you want to get paid?"

**HIGGINS:** "I'm not worrying about your side."

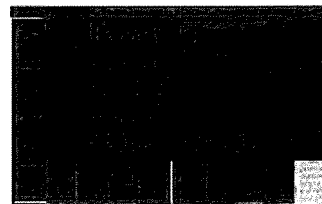
As the conversation continued, our reporter once again checked that Higgins was clear about what was expected of him, losing four separate frames, one per tournament.

Higgins simple damning response was a definite: "Yes!"

*Moments later the snooker star and his agent rose to their feet and shook hands to seal their dodgy deal.*

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# ‘SNOOKERED!’ SECRET NOTES, GREED, SUSPICION AND A SHABBY CONSPIRACY TO CHEAT

## ‘Saviour’s disgrace’

PAT Mooney’s appointment to World Snooker’s board of directors in January—alongside Barry Hearn, legend Steve Davis and players’ agent Brianston Patten—gave the sport a badly needed boost.

Chairman Hearn boasted how the Scot’s “experience” and “enthusiasm” would rekindle its glory days.

But it was just two years ago that the Nottingham-based promoter threatened to quit snooker. Rescued by a powerful consortium including John Higgins, Mooney launched the World Series of Snooker as a major rival to the game’s official governing body. It wrought havoc in the sport’s beleaguered, stagy events across Eastern Europe, India and far-flung outposts in the Middle East.

The governing body hesitated to bring Mooney in to the fold to unite the game.



POTTED: We confront Higgins at his Scotland home as wife Denise looks on

### THE DEAL

REPORTER: OK. Very clear, very clear. Will John lose a frame?

MOONEY: Yes, absolutely.

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MOONEY: Anywhere between probably 200 and 300,000 Euros a year would be very, very sweet money for John. There’s several ways that can happen. The cleanest way is to say ‘let’s put more in sponsorship’, so it doesn’t necessarily go directly to the player.



THE PICKERS: Our man with Higgins and Mooney in Kiev on Thursday

### HOW IT WORKS

MOONEY: It’s nothing for John to lose a frame to me. It’s his high credibility. The odds aren’t great, but it’s absolute certain. You could guarantee, for example, a frame. You could guarantee a match score of 5-3. For John to win two frames against me is a certainty. That’s not an 11, right, there’s a certainty.

REPORTER: But will you know about it?

MOONEY: I don’t even have to know there’s a bet on. I’d say... television we need this to go 5-3 either way. I could say that to any of them. I could say that to any of them.

## £100k to throw it!

BY NEIL GOULDING

SNOOKER ace Mark King last night revealed how he was offered £100,000 to throw a match at a major tournament. But the world No 15 TURNED DOWN the bribe and has insisted anyone even had the nerve to ask him to cheat. The star, who has won 100 titles, said: “Two years ago someone approached me and went, ‘I’ll give you £100 grand if you throw one.’ I said ‘No, I don’t want to go straight away. I didn’t even have to think about it.’ “You got closed out and banned from the game for ever, and how does £100,000 look then? It’s just not worth it!” “I’ve been told my life, my family and £1.5 million of future earnings for £100,000. I’d have been a mug.”

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## Dogged by ‘fixes’

OUR shock revelations today finally expose the rotten backbone to today’s snooker fix. The sport has been in denial about match-fixing for years despite a spate of cheating allegations as well as betting markets in the Far East place millions on exact scores. World No2 Stephen Maguire and fellow Scot Jamie Burnett are among five men who may face criminal charges following irregular betting patterns in a match two years ago. And Stephen Lee was arrested on suspicion of cheating on February 23. All three players are being investigated.

## THE match-fixing scandal that will rock world snooker was set up by one of the most POWERFUL and INFLUENTIAL men in the game.

In a series of shady meetings leading up to the shocking Friday deal with John Higgins, the player’s grasping agent Patrick Mooney promised his undercover reporters his players could easily lose frames for money. Mooney, a 47-year-old Scot who sits on the board of the game’s governing body alongside Steve Davis and promoter Barry Hearn—set the ball rolling in April... with a piece of paper carefully pushed across a table in an Edinburgh hotel. He was then worried that our ‘businessman’ might be a journalist and that he was being traced. But his greed soon outweighed his suspicions. A question on whether the three-time world champ could throw a frame, over the shouting voices: “No doubt it’s possible.” By Thursday in Kiev, almost a month later, that possibility had be-

## BY MAZHER MAHMOOD INVESTIGATIONS EDITOR

come definite—almost signed and sealed—and Mooney was talking openly about getting Higgins to lose frames to other snooker stars to make it look genuine. As Higgins played a game against a Ukrainian at Kiev Snooker Hall, Mooney explained to our man how he intended to work the scam during the World Snooker Series later this year. MOONEY: We’re looking for John to maybe get heat by the likes of Series—effectively a snooker European Tour of snooker. Coated

## medium of talent then it doesn’t look obvious and again that’s a certainty. When he said he would open the putting the scheme to Higgins, our man missed: “One frame will do it.” Tellingly, Mooney replied “Exactly.” It was all a far cry from our initial to meet him after being tipped off by a sports insider worried that Mooney and Higgins could be involved in match-fixing.

They posed as businessmen interested in organising a series of events linked to the World Snooker Series—effectively a snooker European Tour of snooker. Coated

We had two meetings with Mooney at the Radisson Blu hotel in the shadow of Edinburgh’s historic castle in April where the agent wanted to expose the potential business opportunities he could offer. Recalling a recent event in China where Higgins was mobbed by snooker fans, Mooney quipped: “You’d actually have thought that Jesus had walked into town.” After discussing TV rights, sponsorship and the personal business benefits of extending the World Snooker Series, our reporter tentatively raised the subject of match-fixing for a betting market. At a board meeting of with the World Professional Snooker

and Billiards Association, Mooney should have immediately slipped down any such suggestions and alerted the game’s authorities. Instead he became friendly. MOONEY: Are you with the Press? REPORTER: No, come on. MOONEY: After scribbling on a piece of paper and pushing it towards our man, I just take that right, OK. On it was written: “No doubt it’s possible.” REPORTER: OK. But you and me have got to work this out. The conversation turned to Mooney’s client Higgins and the possibility that he would fix matches and how he might do it. Mooney was happy to discuss the mechanics of how his client could ensure he lost. He said: “John could hit a ball in a pocket that would miss it by less than a quarter of an inch. These eyes can do that. It doesn’t look like he lost by much but the ball just rattled in the jaws and things like that. And that’s the capability of a great pro.” Again the agent got the fibres and raised his suspicions that the businessman was a journalist. When pressed if he could get Higgins to do what the betting syndicate wanted, he scribbled on another piece of paper saying: “I’m giving you this right, because the big man, one the difficult ones to actually work with—you can get a frame, you can get results.” REPORTER: OK. Very clear, very

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## Shame of the game

BY PAUL MCCARTHY IMAGINE Wayne Rooney sitting with his agent, negotiating the hundreds of thousands to throw a Carling Cup game. He considers it for a few moments before accepting, his only slight doubt being how he’ll disguise the amount from the taxman. It’s a monstrous laugh as right-minded sports fans would ever contemplate. Yet this morning, that’s exactly the sickening equivalent as snooker world champion John Higgins is expected to lose several frames to return for around £280,000. Snooker in 2010 is grossly protected and heavily sponsored, playing to the millions in the form of the World Championship final. Sadly, the current champion has desecrated his sport—and if he never fully recovers,

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Boxing champ Joe's shock confession

**EXCLUSIVE**  
BY MAZHER MAHMOOD

**Strictly star admits secret drug sessions**

**BOXING legend and Strictly Come Dancing star Joe Calzaghe last night sensationally confessed: "I take cocaine."**

After a News of the World investigation, the shamed ex BBC Sports Personality of the Year was forced to apologise for his secret drug sessions.

Calzaghe, 38, said: "I very much regret my occasional use of cocaine. I'm aware of the bad example it sets and I apologise to my family, friends and fans."

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# CALZAGHE'S SHAME Unbeaten in 46 fights..but KO'd by cocaine

## I'm sorry..I've let everyone down

**EXCLUSIVE**  
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 INVESTIGATIONS EDITOR

**UNBEATEN world champion boxing hero and Strictly Come Dancing star Joe Calzaghe was on the ropes last night — forced to seek help to deal with his cocaine shame.**

Fans of Calzaghe—one of the country's greatest ever fighters—will be shocked by the News of the World's bombshell revelations,

Cornered with a damning dossier of evidence from a detailed News of the World investigation, had to put his hands up—issuing a **CONFESSION** of coke abuse and an **APOLOGY** for letting the nation down.

The 37-year-old former BBC Sports Personality of the Year—honoured by the Queen with both an MBE and CBE—said: "I very much regret my occasional use of cocaine in what have sometimes been the long days since my retirement from the ring.

"I am fully aware of the bad example it sets to other people and particularly to youngsters and I apologise to my family, friends and fans."

His admission came after our undercover team posed as would-be sponsors to get close to Calzaghe following a tip-off from a worried friend. In a series of meetings the Welsh ring legend:

● **ADMITTED** he takes cocaine and gave advice on **WHERE** to buy it.

● **CLAIMED** a relative actually **SUPPLIES** drugs.

● **NAMED** a well-known soap star pal who he said could get him cocaine.

● **BAD-MOULTHED** fellow boxers including his pal Ricky Hatton.

Our investigation will shatter multi-millionaire Calzaghe's clean cut image—nurtured on TV's

Strictly—and cast a shadow over his astonishing boxing record of 46 wins which resulted in him being honoured **TWICE** at Buckingham Palace.

We approached Calzaghe through his dad, boxing trainer Enzo.

His son, who retired undefeated last year after holding super-middleweight and light heavyweight crowns, jumped at the chance to meet us at an apartment in London's Mayfair.

He turned up casually dressed in jeans, jacket and flat cap and immediately began bragging about his amazing record:

"Eleven years world champion and undefeated for 17 years, that's quite a long time!" he said.

But the conversation soon turned to drugs.

As he chatted to our reporters Calzaghe's nose was constantly running—one of the common signs of heavy cocaine use.

When our reporter said he knew about taking cocaine, Calzaghe relaxed and said: "I guessed that, I could tell."

As he downed a **ON HATT!**

glass of champagne Calzaghe, 38, casually asked: "Have you got any stuff on you now?"

He added: "I know the score, I done bits and pieces myself. Don't tell my dad for **f\*\*\* sake!** He's no idea."

"Of course, I do a bit, but the thing is most of it is **f\*\*\*ing s\*\*\*** in Wales. In London it's not too bad."

Keen to get snorting, Calzaghe telephoned one of his pals—a well-known soap actor—who he said might be able to pop round with some coke.

But the star, who we are not naming for legal reasons, was busy and couldn't turn up in time.

Calzaghe then showed his extensive knowledge of the drug scene in his hometown of Newbridge, South Wales.

When our undercover reporter complained that he had paid £100 there for a

gram of the illegal Class A drug, Calzaghe replied: "What? It's £40 normally. It's

### DN 6 His punch res

normally £40. And was it **s\*\*\*\***? Well you got **f\*\*\*\*ed** off then in Wales!"

When told that the drug was not even pure cocaine, Calzaghe explained: "The thing is now, especially in Britain, there's all **s\*\*\*\*** going out and you don't know what the **f\*\*\*** it is."

"So they just sell it and they buy it and it's **f\*\*\*ing s\*\*\***. It's like rubbish."

### Gamble

Then Calzaghe revealed that one of his own relatives back home in Wales also takes cocaine.

"He does a bit now and again," confided Calzaghe. "He always pays like 40, 50 quid."

In fact, at a later meeting in Los Angeles, the boxer went further and said the relative could actually **SUPPLY** us with the drug. "He's very handy," he said. "He'll sort you out next time you're there."

Back in Mayfair our reporter claimed he often bought drugs in

London nightclubs but the quality was poor.

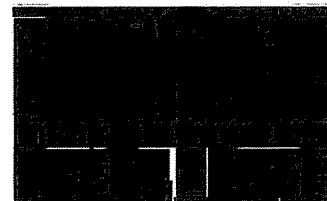
Calzaghe, now in full flow, revealed his knowledge of the seedy drug scene, chipping in: "**F\*\*\*ing** hell! It's a risk you take isn't it? It's a gamble isn't it? But £100 is a **f\*\*\*ing** joke."

He then grabbed a cigarette from our reporter's hand, believing it to be a cannabis joint and said: "**Is that a spliff? That's marijuana isn't it? Can I have a **f\*\*\*ing** puff?**"

Over dinner big-headed Calzaghe—known as The Italian Dragon because of his Welsh-Italian background—lashed out at some of his fellow boxers—starting with his mate **RICKY HATTON**.

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He said: "The main thing is your health. Look at Ricky Hatton for instance. You know he was knocked out really badly the last fight, knocked out two fights ago, and the reality is he's done himself a lot of damage.

"Regardless of when he fights again, and he says he's going to fight, he's been knocked out by a nobody hasn't he, because his punch resistance has gone as far as I'm

concerned." Then the gloves came off as he tore into **PRINCE NASEEM HAMED**.

"Naseem, he's living in London now," he said.

"Obviously he had that episode didn't he, where he went to prison (sentenced to 15 months after a 90mph car crash).

"He's quite big. He's only like five foot two. He's quite a size now."

Next Calzaghe had a swipe at young British boxing hero **AMIR KHAN**.

"He's not exceptional," he said. "If he fights against a tall guy he'll be knocked out again. He can't fight a puncher.

"He's been down like six times in his career. It's early times and he's been down six times.

In 26 years of boxing I went down four times."

Calzaghe then laid into soccer stars whining that they are paid too much while boxers struggle to make

ends meet. He said: "They're just asses, overpaid clowns. They're just idiots. They get in a week what I got for a fight, plus sponsorship.

"Some fighters pay 25 per cent to the manager, 10 per cent to the trainer, then you get one or two per cent taken off by the British Boxing Board of Control, and you get the rest minus training expenses—and then you get tax.

### Legacy

"Some fights you're lucky to see a million.

"Some fighters have got a day job. Duke McKenzie, five times world champion and he couldn't give up the day job."

Calzaghe added: "I thought 'quit while I'm ahead' but I've still got it in me—because my last couple of fights were probably my best performances

"But you weigh things up, listen to your body. I could have carried on but why? Eventually you're going to

get beat. To retire undefeated is a rare commodity. Nobody retires. Being undefeated your legacy grows, you have one defeat and you're like everybody else."

Calzaghe has certainly done very well out of his boxing career. Divorced Calzaghe who has two sons aged 15 and 12, has homes in Chelsea and Wales, a luxurious villa in Barbados and has invested in property in Yucatan, Mexico.

*But it's adding cocaine to his champagne lifestyle that has cost him dear.*

Our tip-off came from one of his closest pals, who told us: "Since Joe's given up boxing he's basically become a coke user. A few of us have urged him to stop but he doesn't listen. He started off doing it with some of his friends in Wales but now it's more often.

"After his ring career came to an end he's just gone wild, doing everything he couldn't do while he was in sport. He's gone off the rails, he's dumped his long-term partner, done the dancing show and thinks he has a career in films But his drug taking

is an open secret among mates and is definitely affecting his judgement."

A fortnight ago Calzaghe headed to Los Angeles for a break with his stunning new girlfriend, Russian dancer Kristina Rihanoff—the professional he was partnered with on last year's Strictly.

Calzaghe publicly ditched long-term girlfriend, model Jo-Emma Larvin, soon after meeting Kristina.

Talking about the show with our man, Calzaghe said with a huge grin: "When they asked me who do you want to do it with, I told them to find me someone single and pretty! If I'd paid more attention to dancing than trying to pull her I might have done all right. I was kicked out in week five!"

Calzaghe brought Kristina along to meet our reporters again at the Beverly Hilton, in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles. It was there he promised a relative would supply us cocaine when we got back to Wales. When Calzaghe invited our reporters to visit him again at his dad's

gym in a dingy industrial estate in Newbridge he showed off his ring skills, pounding punchbags hanging from the ceiling.

Then Calzaghe got furious as he leafed through a boxing magazine which rated **LENNOX LEWIS** as Britain's number one all-time great, with himself at number two.

### Power

"I should be number one!" he fumed. "Look at his record, 42 won and two lost. That's a disgrace. He's been down twice. I'm the only undefeated fighter!"

Dad Enzo joined in with his own tirade on Britain's top boxers, starting with Amir Khan.

"I wouldn't touch him with a bargepole," said Enzo. "I don't want him in my stable. I don't think he's a class fighter, he's manufactured."

But yesterday Enzo was having to face the shame and downfall of his own protégé—as son Joe was forced

to take the agonising decision to confess he had finally been caught with his guard down.

His full statement to the News of the World said:

"I very much regret my occasional use of cocaine in what have sometimes been the long days since my retirement from the ring.

"I am fully aware of the bad example it sets to other people and particularly to youngsters and I apologise to my family, friends and fans.

"It is not a major problem in my life but it is something which I am actively addressing.

"Many of the other conversations reported to have taken place simply involve men joshing or shooting the breeze over a drink.

"While some statements are either untrue or exaggerations I am, naturally, sorry for any embarrassment their publication may cause to entirely blameless third parties."

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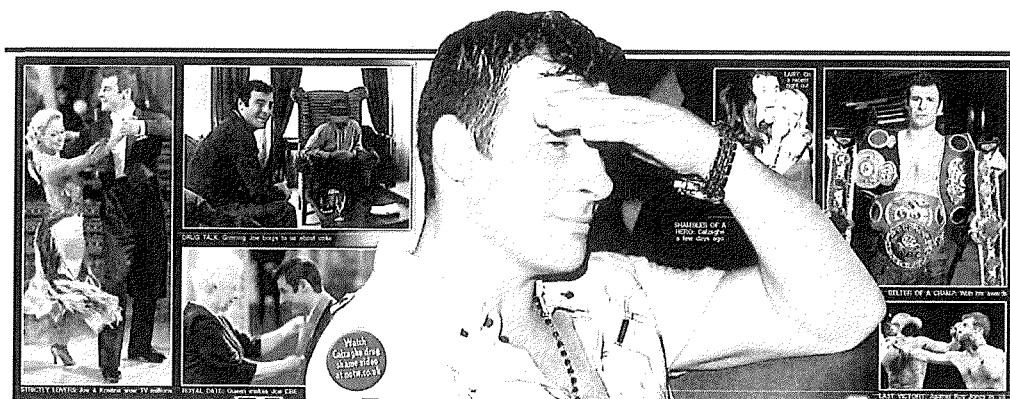




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