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# The ultimate lads' weekend

Incredible 24 hours of sport...and we saw the lot



Ultimate lads' weekend ... Sun writers Lee Price and Nick Francis

By LEE PRICE and NICK FRANCIS Published: 11 hrs ago

SPORTS fans were spoiled with a bumper schedule of top-flight events over the Bank Holiday weekend.

From the pinnacle of European football to the Monaco Grand Prix, by a sweet quirk of schedule devotees were treated to more top events in 24 hours than ever before.

While it's easy to watch the drama unfold on TV, what about those who prefer a front row seat? With so little time between each event, surely it would be impossible to attend each fixture.

Or would it?

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Here's how they got on.

### 12:00 SATURDAY PGA CHAMPIONSHIPS. WENTWORTH

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Bags of fun ... Sun men caddy for Paul McGinley at midday on Saturday

To tee off, London-based Lee and Nick needed to get themselves no further than the M25 to watch the cream of Europe's golfing talent, including Sergio Garcia, Lee Westwood and Ryder Cup captain Paul McGinley.

THEY SAY: "While golf isn't our favourite sport, it was a welcome, sedate start to the weekend.

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"To make our assignment tougher, we were told by bosses each photo had to have something your average fan would not see.

"No pressure then!

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Paul McGinley ... at the PGA Championship at Wentworth

"After a slight panic, up to our ears in golfing slacks and bizarre terminology, we managed to get ourselves next to McGinley.

"Better than that, the Irish ace let us caddy his clubs for him, although only on the practice green. Still, good enough for us."

SCORE: Fore out of ten.

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# **18:45 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL, WEMBLEY**



Bird's eye coup ... Sun men meet Sky Sports' Jeff Stelling on Saturday at 6.45pm

For many readers, the most illustrious clash in club football will have been the highlight of the weekend.

This year the final was held at the home of English football, Wembley.

**THEY SAY:** "What we thought would be the easiest transit between events — no more than 15 miles from the golf — turned into a maddening crawl along the M25 stuck in the Wembley traffic.

"We felt our blood boil in the afternoon sun

"Kick-off was just an hour away by the time we met with the throng of buoyant German fans packing out Wembley Way.

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"As we watched Dortmund and Bayern Munich fans mingling happily, we revealed our allegiances, pulling on a club shirt each. Rushing to find our seats, we managed to blag our way into the best viewpoint in the 90,000 capacity arena — the stunning Sky Sports studio.



Goal celebration ... Arjen Robben of Bayern Munich at Champions League Final

"And who was there to meet us? Presenter and cult hero Jeff Stelling.

"As regular pundits Jamie Redknapp and Gary Neville were hauled into make-up, we took our chance to fill their seats. A great souvenir of an amazing match."

SCORE: Zehn out of ten.

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# 21:40 CARL FROCH v MIKKEL KESSLER, GREENWICH



Winners ... Sun men with bruised boxing champ Carl Froch

The biggest fight on UK soil in years, Nottingham's Carl Froch was putting his IBF supermiddleweight belt on the line and looking to take the WBA belt off long-time Danish rival

It was watched by a sellout crowd at London's O2 Arena.

THEY SAY: "As soon as the final whistle at Wembley sounded, we bolted from our seats, not pausing to take in the trophy presentation, fearing another nightmare journey.

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TONED actress Richards, 42, was the picture of health at a



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**Mariah Carev** does the splits! "Thankfully, London's usually clogged North Circular was kind — meaning we arrived at the O2 in the east of the city with time to spare. Escorted into the venue's most exclusive seats — Sky's Backstage Bar — we watched the fight from a perfect vantage point.

"After Froch's thrilling victory, we snuck down to the dressing room area and waited eagerly for the newly crowned champion.

"And waited, and waited. And then waited some more.

"Finally, at 2am, Froch emerged, his swollen face stitched up, and in an apologetic mood.



Champion ... boxer Carl Froch, right, bashes opponent Mikkel Kessler

"He explained that he had been delayed by a mandatory drug test.

"In the otherwise deserted O2 corridors, we were the first to congratulate the newly crowned champ, left.

Who else could say they put their arms around a British boxing champion before the sweat had even dried from his brow?

"Spotting our Help For Heroes Sun T-shirts, he said: 'Top lads for supporting our troops, they're the real champions."

SCORE: A knock-out nine.

### **12:00 SUNDAY MONACO GRAND PRIX**



Home straight ... Sun men with commentator Eddie Jordan at the Monaco Grand Prix at midday on Sunday

### Singer busts out of her dress

VIDEO: DIVA is left red



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ROSIE partied at Cannes Film Festival while Sid sunned himself on a yacht



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Stars UNDRESS to impress at The jewel in the Formula One crown, Monaco is famed for being one of the most exclusive sporting events in the world.

Its guest list reads like a who's who of celebrities and millionaires — miles away from the lives of two journalists. Surely this would be a step too far for our boys?

**THEY SAY:** "Tamara Ecclestone, David Hasselhoff, and Michael Douglas — all spotted within half an hour of entering Monaco.

"A welcome sight after the journey from hell.

"Having bid farewell to Carl Froch at nearly 3am, we then had to travel across the capital to reach our hotel, ahead of our flight from Heathrow early on Sunday morning.

"We were almost at the point of defeat, as we finally checked into the hotel.

"By the time our heads hit the pillows, all of us — including Sun snapper Dan Charity — had lost the will to live.

"Our alarms were set barely an hour later — who needs sleep anyway, right?

"The next morning was a huge struggle, with conversation at an absolute minimum, and plenty of stares from airport staff as we shuffled like zombies through the terminal to catch the BA flight to Nice.

"Then a helicopter ride from Nice to Monaco perked us up.

"As we swooped over the millionaire's playground, it made us feel like we actually belonged.

"Thanks to our friends at Sky Sports, we had grandstand seats, just a stone's throw from Lewis Hamilton's pit.



Racing to victory ... the Monaco Grand Prix was last on the lads' timetable

"But we knew the bosses wanted better and, feeling mischievous, hit Monaco's most exclusive party aboard the Red Bull Energy Station, a purpose-built yacht in the iconic harbour.

"No sooner had we stepped aboard and before we could even sink a drink, we bumped into Formula One legend Eddie Jordan.

"Toasting our success we mingled with the A-list crowd, and joined them as they partied into the night, long after Nico Rosberg had secured victory.

"We looked, and felt, exhausted, but we had pulled off the ultimate sporting weekend — and geared up for one final night of no sleep, before our early flight home.

"But not before asking the boss for a week off to recover."

SCORE: F1 was A1 — ten out of ten.

- All events were televised on Sky Sports. Next season their six channels will show 116 Premier League football matches.

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