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Friday(ish) Flash – 15th April 2011



Welcome to this royal wedding special edition of the Friday Flash. As contributions from other quarters seems to be a bit light on the ground, you'll have to put up with the ramblings of a closet royalist.

Up until recently, there were some unauthorised photos of Miss Middleton playing tennis available to the great unwashed. Unfortunately, royal lawyers have seen fit to stamp their collective regal feet down upon anyone airing these pics either in print or on line, so, sorry lads, you'll just have to imagine what the princess' (to be) pair of pins looks like when unshackled.

Most blokes hate waiting rooms. The reason for this is, of course, that the chances of finding that V8 motor mag amongst all the Woman's Weeklies and New Ideas is almost zero. I, also, make hrumphy noises when forced to pick up a glossy with Britney or Lindsay on the cover, but secretly can't wait to devour the latest piece of royal goss. I want to know what Harry and Wills are up to. I am even interested in their respective Dads' latest foibles and blunders. I want to know whether Fergie's toe-sucking has left her with a case of athlete's foot in mouth. If princess Beatrice is kicking up her heels in Monaco, well, I want to see the pics!

This fascination is not borne of a deep-seated loyalty to the throne, but of a need to be entertained by upper-class twits. As Kathy Lette described the cream of British society: "rich, thick and prone to a good whipping." Says it all, really. The royal family might cost the British public an arm and a leg but they are worth every penny in my book. If this bunch of inbreds are willing to behave in an embarrassing, amusing, or otherwise entertaining fashion, then long may they reign, for as a commoner who lives in blissful obscurity, I wouldn't trade their fishbowl existence for a lifetime supply of gin and tonic.

So tonight, when you are settling back to watch the pomp and ceremony, don't be envious of poor old Kate. She is about to join the circus, and the paying customers won't always be applauding her royal gymnastics.

Maree's Bits:

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Kyle won the 2011 Slazenger National Championships 14s on Monday, beating Kiranpal Pannu 6-4 6-2 in the final. Well done Kyle!

Along with partner Rahwiti Williams, he was also runner up in the doubles.

Club Handicapped doubles

I am sure some of you would have seen the article in the Rivercity Press, but the photos can be found on <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/fbx/?set=a.195593047149228.42062.131015616940305&l=0c1cbf9446>

Referees course

Interested in becoming a referee? There will be a course run in Wellington on the evening of Friday 13th May and Saturday 14th May. Please contact me if you are interested and I can give you the email address of who to contact.

Assistant Junior Coach course, Manawatu

If you had registered your interest, then I am sure you have been contacted, but this course has been cancelled due to numbers. The next AJC course will be in Wellington in September.

Enjoy your tennis,

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