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Lionesses surge into World Cup final after beating Australia

Headline

The biggest headline on the page is called the "main splash". This is a serious story so no jokes are made in the headline. Headlines are written by subeditors.

Jonathan Liew
Stadium Australia

The girl in the Sam Kerr mask was weeping. No tears were actually visible. The cardboard surface itself remained impassive, but you could tell what was going on from the way the chin quivered, from the mother's arm draped around hunched shoulders. For Australia, the co-hosts and the stirring soul of this tournament, the party is over. Then again, nobody ever reached a World Cup final without breaking a few hearts along the way. And on a crisp Sydney night, England moved one step closer to a peak they have been trying to scale for 30 years. Their 3-1 victory was not flawless, and nor was it entirely free of dread or drama. But it was nerveless and efficient in all the right places: a performance carved from the austere gospel of Sarina Wiegman, the brilliant



Caption

Captions describe the photograph and link it to the news story. Often they include the photographer's name.

▲ England players mob Alessia Russo, second right, after she scored her side's third goal to seal victory over Australia PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE CHRISTO/AFP/GETTY

PM stands by pension triple lock despite surging costs

Larry Elliott
Rowena Mason

Byline

The name of the writer(s). Sometimes their job title or where they are writing from is included.

receiving the full annual uplift, which cost the taxpayer £12.4bn this year and is due to rise by a further 8% in April, according to the latest economic data. "Of course the government is committed to its policy on the triple

lock," Sunak told ITV, brushing aside concerns about the affordability of a scheme that was introduced by the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition in 2011. "The triple lock has been a success story. It has protected pensioners from the effects of inflation and has helped to reduce poverty. It is a key part of our social security system and we will continue to support it." However, the trend continues into next month and earnings do not end up boosting next year's state pension, even as inflation falls, there's likely to be heightened debate around the long-term affordability of the triple lock and by extension, the state pension.

long-term viability. Paul Johnson, the director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies think-tank, said pensioners had received two years of protection from the UK's cost of living crisis, benefiting from

Body Text

The main text of a news story, written by the reporter.

see the government abandoning it in the run-up to an election. "Politically, that's extremely unlikely." A breakdown of the result of the 2019 general election showed that support for the Conservatives increased steadily with age, with two-thirds of the over-70s backing Boris Johnson.

the triple lock runs from May to July, with the figure due out in the middle of September.

Sunak gave no hint that the government was preparing to abandon the triple lock despite warnings from the Office for Budget Responsibility of its mounting cost. "Now there is a statutory, a legal, process for determining the increase in pensions and benefits that happens in the autumn and that's where those final decisions are made," the prime minister said.

Labour is also firmly sticking by the triple lock, with a senior source say-

ing as a policy and would maintain it. Managing director of Standard Life, said: "The figure of 8.2% is a positive news for pensioners and pensioners. However, if the trend continues into next month and earnings do not end up boosting next year's state pension, even as inflation falls, there's likely to be heightened debate around the long-term affordability of the triple lock and by extension, the state pension."

Page furniture

Anything on the page which is in addition to the article itself

£10bn

Estimated extra cost of the pension guarantee next year, up £2.5bn on the figure given in the spring budget

Turn

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