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We're sticking at it until Mayo win Sam

In next week's Echo:



Matt Healy's
botox hell.

Pep-talk convinces Pat

Strict disciplinarian Pat McLoughlin has revealed how the resurrection of *The Echo* was an essential part of his negotiation when taking on the most sought-after job in London GAA.

The tough talking tactician, who recently took over as manager of the senior team, explained in his first interview with the recently re-launched *Echo*, that it was only after a phone call with his prodigy Pep Guardiola, did he realise just how vital a good relationship with the press was.

"Pep called me one evening" McLoughlin explained. "He was beside himself with anger after discovering, from the media, that star defender Benjamin Mendy was actually in Hong Kong,

when Guardiola thought he was in Barcelona receiving treatment.

"Pep was furious" Pat continued. "And I knew from that moment on that I needed trusted journalists to act as my eyes and ears. And I know that I can trust *The Echo*."

"I'd heard all the stories about the famous Healing Crew, The Craicheads and Lawrence Weir's weird fetish for his Spiderman outfit. *The Echo* broke all those stories and I know that if I am to be able to concentrate solely on my coaching duties, then I need to know that the lads are being kept in line. *The Echo* is my secret weapon and it can do that for me"



New St Clarets manager Pat McLoughlin

Clarets Pumped For New Season

Eyebrows have been raised at the immediate impact that newly elected Club PRO Ciara Hession is having on the senior football team.

Just weeks after her appointment, Irish dancing champion Hession is already making her influence felt among the senior squad, and appears to have been brought into the inner circle by new manager Pat McLoughlin.

Such is the speed of Hession's rise to the top in the club, that it wasn't until McLoughlin announced last week that the senior players were to bring Irish dancing pumps and hard shoes to pre-season training, that the full extent of her influence became apparent.

In an email to senior players, they were told that wigs were optional at training (but advisable), as they would form part of the team's new kit for the 2019 season, along with sequined shorts and fake tan.

Meanwhile, Mrs Healy was said to be livid when she went to get dressed the other morning, only to discover that all her tights were missing. It appears that her sons have promised to supply the entire first team squad with appropriate leg wear for the grueling pre-season regime.

Patrick jumps in at the shallow end

It has been discovered that aging Claretian Pat Lynott has pushed his famous obsession with self-improvement to a new level, by recently buying a self-help book - "*An Adult's Guide to Stroking Yourself - Swimming for Late Starters*".

Lynott has been spotted reading the manual in the shallow end of several swimming pools around the London boroughs of Hillingdon and Ealing, as he displays his customary grit and determination, desperately trying to master the basics of staying afloat.

Despite several warnings about loitering in the shallow end while reading a book with the word "Stroking" in the title, Lynott has determinedly persisted with his quest.

The exact reason for the newly found aquatic obsession is as yet unknown, but a source close to Patrick claims that he is pining for his "special friend" Barry Lynch, who has been in hiding on his native Valentia Island, off the coast of Kerry since before Christmas.

With the rough winter seas cancelling the fortnightly ferry connecting the remote Atlantic outpost to the mainland, Lynott has decided to take to the water himself, aspiring to swim across the choppy channel to be reunited with his best pal.

A source close to the Lynott family said that they haven't seen Patrick so determined since he was trying to get past the bouncers in the Lady Boy club where Keith O'Neill was working in Bangkok back in 2012.

"It's admirable" the source said. "When Pat sees something he wants, he goes for it".



Lynott: clinging to the edges for dear life.

Given Patrick's well known aversion to playing Gaelic football before the summer solstice in June, *Echo* readers might have to wait until July before we can bring you an update on whether Patrick's attempts to teach himself to swim were a success or not.

Alternatively you can tune in to "*Love Island-Valentia Style*" on RTE to see how Pat and Barry get on.