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The Echo: It ain't over 'til it's over

Sporting thought for the week:

"I owe a lot to my parents. Especially my mother and my father." Greg Norman.

Healing Hospitality

Reformed Claretian bad-boy Matt Healy is this week at the centre of an investigation following allegations of an illegal corporate hospitality venture at the recent London v Galway game at Ruislip.

The Echo has learned that the London County Board has opened an enquiry into how Healy was able to circumnavigate the complex ticketing system for the Connacht Championship encounter, in order to set up what was advertised as the "Magners Executive Suite".

Healy, who developed a reputa-

tion as a notorious gangster in his teens when he headed up the so-called *Healing Crew*, was said to have changed his ways since he found "love", or at least since he discovered how to use Tinder.

Rumours began to circulate about the alleged illegal corporate suite when Healy, along with a dozen or so other GAA fans from across London, appeared from behind a garden fence just before throw-in in Ruislip at 3.30pm on Sunday. They remained in place throughout the game, disappearing only at half-time to partake in

the BBQ which was part of the package being offered in the Magners Suite.

However, despite the obvious anger of GAA officials at this development, it is nothing compared to the anger felt by those who had purchased tickets through a well-known ticketing website for the event, at a minimum cost of £150 a head.

One patron, who did not want to be named, told *The Echo*: "I discovered the offer on-line for the 'Magners Suite'. Although it was a bit pricey I figured it was worth it. I was directed to an address on Masson Ave alongside the Ruislip ground and ushered into what they called the Magners Premier Lounge, which was basically an upturned Magners crate beside a fence, that backed onto the pitch.

"I was handed a complimentary can of Tesco's own brand cider

and told that if I wanted anything from the BBQ I'd have to cook it myself."

"Mind you" the source continued. "The guy standing beside me had paid £300 for his ticket, thinking he was getting into the Upper Premium Suite and all he got was an Magners draught keg to stand on rather than a crate."

When approached, Healy claimed that he had been carrying out some garden clearance for an elderly lady on Masson Ave as part of a Christian volunteers programme he is involved in, and that he may have inadvertently left the side gate open.

He added that he thought it would have been: "Unchristian to deny people the opportunity to watch the biggest game of the year just because they had been unable to purchase a ticket through the official channels."

Christian deed: Matt Healy enjoys the Magners Executive Suite



Tracking Ronan Down

Insult was added to injury for the London senior footballers last weekend when, following their heroic defeat to Galway, they were asked to donate their match day tracksuits to an urgent clothing appeal for destitute children in flood stricken Mozambique.

Several were shocked to discover Claretian Ronan Gaughan (right) walking around Greenford wearing one of the tracksuits on Monday morning.

It goes without saying that no one from the Clarets was in the least bit surprised!!



Charlie Zen

Young Claretian Charlie O'Donnell has revealed to *The Echo* how he has been channelling the spirit of the late Paudi O'Se in order to make himself the tightest marking corner back in London.

"Meditation is key to the whole process" O'Donnell told our reporter when discussing his connection to the Kerry great.

"I spend hours meditating, harnessing my inner Paudi. Connecting with him. I'm determined to be the best I can be and will do whatever Paudi tells me it will take do be just like him.

"So for me, it's meditation, meditation and more meditation. And Guinness. Lots of it. That's what Paudi has told me. If it was good enough for him, it will do me."



Meditative state: O'Donnell