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The Echo: Yesterday's chip paper

Sporting thought for the week:

“Work hard to be good, then work harder to be better.” - Jose Mourinho

Ronan's Hypnotic Presence

Conjuring Claretian Ronan Gaughan is celebrating the success of his new hypnosis show, which he premiered in Ruislip recently.

Having captivated the audience with his powers throughout, Gaughan finished the event by inviting Claretian brothers, and fellow Mayo men, Mikey and Jack Lavelle onto the stage for his grand finale.

Gaughan successfully put the boys into a deep sleep and then attempted to convince them that Mayo would win the All Ireland in 2019, assuring both the brothers (and the

audience), that as soon as the two of them woke, that Mayo would have everything they need to be All Ireland football champions.

At the time of going to press, Gaughan is still struggling to wake the two of them from their trance.

This of course is not the first time that Gaughan has attempted these illusions in public, and last year he received a severe reprimand from the Magic Circle after he put Matt Healy under while performing an uncensored show in Athlone.

According to senior team manager Pat McLoughlin, he is still waiting for Matt to wake up, with McLoughlin telling *The Echo*: “It's obvious that the lights are on with Matt, but I'm not sure there's anyone at home!”

Gaughan has been working hard perfecting his craft over recent months and last week, at what was described as a “private intervention”, he is said to have persuaded veteran Claretian Colm Lynott that it was 1991 again.



Healy Under: Gaughan's show in Athlone

As a result, 59-year old Lynott was spotted galloping around Kingshill Ave last Saturday, chasing after pigeons and squirrels, while the senior team took on Wandsworth Gaels in a league game.

With word of Ronan's incredible powers now starting to spread, suggestions are that Mayo manager James Horan is considering approaching Gaughan in an attempt to get him to convince his bunch of serial losers that they are no where near as bad as their record suggests.



Gaughan puts the Lavelle brothers to sleep

Come in Number 9

(Your dinner's ready)

Dedicated Claretian Matt Healy was said to be delighted last week when his mother, Patricia, handed him a gift for no apparent reason.

Upon opening the parcel, Healy discovered a carefully folded St Clarets jersey, bearing his name on the back, along with the No.9.

Initially, Matt was said to have been overjoyed with the gesture, thinking that his mother was suggesting he should be playing mid-field for his beloved St Clarets; that is until brother Liam reminded him how their mother likes to number each of her three sons' clothes in

order of her preference for them.

As revealed by *The Echo* in Issue 5, Matt had previously been ranked third out of three. Looks like things have taken a turn for the worse for the committed corner back.



Healy's new jersey

A “Euro”vision in glitter

BBC mainstay Graham Norton is said to be very concerned about his future at the corporation, after video emerged of a special Eurovision Song Contest party hosted by Claretian mathematician Tadhg Lee last weekend.

Lee, who compered the event wearing a spectacularly sequined suit with matching top hat (right), was said to have been “devastatingly brilliant” and “delightfully dishy” by a number of those who attended the event.

With the Beeb under pressure to increase their pool of talent,

suggestions are that Lee could well be set to become the third Irish presenter to host the annual Eurovision extravaganza, following in the footsteps on Terry Wogan and Norton.

The skills Tadhg has gained working as a maths teacher will also come in very useful no doubt when it comes to keeping track of the scores.

