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The Echo: The theory of everything

Sporting thought for the week:

“Well, either side could win, or it could be a draw” - Ron Atkinson

Gaughan in Ninety Seconds

Regular Claretian fundraiser Ronan Gaughan was at the centre of yet another charity controversy this week, once more giving rise to concerns for the short-term well-being of flood victims in Mozambique.

Gaughan, who over the last number of months has been fronting a campaign to raise much needed funds for victims of the African flooding disaster, recently took part in a marathon football competition designed to help raise money for a variety of good causes.

The Mayo man was being spon-

sored per minute of playing time during the 24-hour football tournament, with each of the players raising money for their nominated charity.



Sidelined: Gaughan

Sadly though, desperate homeless Mozambicans were once more let down by the Kiltane man, after he was sent-off just ninety-seconds into the 24-hour marathon, raising a grand total of just forty-seven pence for his chosen charity.

Organisers pleaded with the GAA authorities to try to get them to relax their strict disciplinary code for the event.

However, officials said that given the nature of Gaughan's offence, it would have set a bad example for the rest of the players had he been allowed to re-enter the tour-

nament. They feared a free-for-all had Ronan been given any clemency.

Gaughan was not available for comment when contacted by *The Echo*, but eye-witnesses say that he was spotted on his usual high stool in The Swan in Stockwell that evening, telling any girl who would listen to him about his heroic charitable deeds that day.

It goes without saying that he was wearing the free jersey that he was supposed to donate to a good cause at the end of the event. Looks like another cold night in Mozambique!

Ice Man

Senior manager Pat McLoughlin was furious this week when veteran Paddy Donaghy called in sick, citing serious bruising to his ribs.

Tyrone man Donaghy, claimed that he had injured himself while throwing himself in front of a bus that threatened to knock over a group of pensioners as they crossed the road.

However, extensive searches of police files and CCTV footage failed to find evidence of this act. Investigators for *The Echo* though did find footage of Donaghy taking a nasty tumble when practicing a difficult lift while ice dancing at Richmond Ice Rink last Monday evening.

It is unknown if the incident is related to Donaghy's absence, but we're sure you wouldn't have to be Stephen Hawking to figure it out.

Honeytrap

The mystery surrounding the location of former St Clarets captain Barry Lynch has finally been solved following extensive investigations by *The Echo*.

Kerryman Lynch, who had been a regular with the club for many seasons, vanished from the landscape in 2017, with friends and relatives struggling to locate him.

Rumours swirled around London about the exact whereabouts of the Valentia man, with some suggesting that he had been called into the Kerry panel as a direct replacement for Colm "Gooch" Cooper. Others were saying that he was busy working as Pat Spillane's script writer in recent times, after being recruited by the Kerry legend following several embarrassing, almost impotent showings by the multiple All Ireland winner during his verbal joist with Joe Brolly on *The Sunday Game* in 2018.

However, neither rumour was ever proved, which only led others to believe that he had attempted to gain admission to the *Celebrity Love Island* auditions. It's said Lynch claimed to be the greatest footballer ever to come from Valentia, a claim that was quickly dismissed by his family, who reckon he wasn't even the best footballer in their house, with his sister reported to be twice the player of Barry.

There were also further suggestions on the internet that Lynch was actually Donald Trump, given that neither he nor the American President had ever been seen in the same room at the same time. That rumour was quickly dismissed when people realised that their respective comb-overs were actually swept from different sides, and that the tinge of orange favoured by Lynch in his hair was several shades darker than that favoured by "The Donald".

Finally though, *The Echo* is able to reveal that Lynch has in fact spent the last two years driving around London, following a Vauxhall Vivaro van that advertises the fact that "Alfie Loves Men".

Our lawyers have advised us that it is best that we allow our readers to decide exactly why Barry might be so interested in a van advertising this fact!



Tailgater: Barry Lynch's honeytrap?