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The Echo: Nobody's fool

Sporting thought for the week:

If you make every game a life-and-death thing, you're going to have problems. You'll be dead a lot. - Dean Smith

Joshua floored by Alfie

Claretian lightweight Alfie McNulty this week became an internet sensation when he posted a picture trolling defeated heavy-weight boxing champions Anthony Joshua.

The British boxer was famously defeated by rank outsider Andy Ruiz from Mexico a fortnight ago, in a fight that most felt was a formality for the more nibble and

athletic Joshua, who was also the reigning champion.

St Clarets man McNulty decided to goad Joshua with a tweet early on Sunday morning on his way home from the pub, by posting a picture of himself receiving a knockout blow from veteran London GAA stalwart Chris Byrne.

Along with the pic, McNulty tweeted: "@anthonyjoshua you're not the only one who can be knocked out by someone well past their prime #TheSwan #gostclarets #ilovespurs".

The picture, which saw McNulty receiving a hefty left-hand jab to the right side of his face, led to Alfie receiving hospital treatment and being unable to attend The Swan for three nights running.

When he returned, his face was



Tweetie-pie: David and Goliath - or in this case, the fly and the swat.

said to be so disfigured that door-men asked him for I.D.; this despite the fact that he is a Platinum Loyalty Card holder at the Stockwell venue.

Joshua failed to see the funny side of McNulty's tweet and has offered to go toe-to-toe with the

silver-tongued Claretian, to see exactly who is past their best.

Fellow former champion heavy-weight Tyson Fury is said to have been amused by the picture and has asked if McNulty would like the other side of his face reconfigured as well.



Ruiz and Joshua

Buggy Wars

A furious row has broken out within the St Clarets hierarchy in the run-up to the annual Golf Day, when it came to light that there were no golf buggies left for hire at the Grim's Dyke Golf Club in Watford.

Enquiries were made by senior figures within the club as to the

availability of the electric carts, but they were told that a Mr Patrick Donaghy had rented them all for that day.

When approached by *The Echo* on this matter, Claretian entrepreneur Paddy Donaghy denied any knowledge of the matter, but did say that if anyone needed a buggy, that he "knows a man, who knows a man".



Buggy? What Buggy?: Paddy Donaghy

Sticky Fix

Ageing Claretians John and Teresa Kelly were left embarrassed recently at a high-class social function, when Teresa's chin accidentally became stuck to the top of her husband John's head (right).

The emergency services were called in an attempt to separate the pair, and after a rather embarrassing six-hour wait in A&E, the couple were eventually prised apart.

While tests are still being carried out as to exactly what caused the sticky situation, it is believed that some over-enthusiastic application of gel by John on the evening of the exclusive black-tie event led to

John's head resembling a sticky toffee pudding.

Regrettably for the Galway native, sticky toffee pudding happens to be his wife's favourite dessert. It appears she couldn't resist having a wee nibble while they waited for the dinner to be served.

