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Healy's Meat Market

Controversial custodian Liam Healy has threatened to go on strike if club chairman, Denis McCarthy continues with his hard-line stance on insisting that the Hayes-born keeper wears a regulation club jersey during games.

The situation came to a head recently when the senior team



paraded in their new Kefo Projects sponsored jerseys, only for Healy to line-out for the official team picture wearing a different jersey, bearing the name of his own personal sponsor, Richmond Sausages (left).

Speaking to *The Echo*, Healy said: "I have finally found a jersey I am comfortable in, I will not be changing my position on this matter. Richmond Sausages have been very good to me, and I am proud to endorse their Irish-sourced, thick, juicy sausages. And I'm very grateful for the box of pork goodies they deliver to my house every week.

"I totally respect what Colin and

Sporting thought for the week:
'I'd like to play for an Italian club, like Barcelona.' - Mark Draper

Jim from Kefo Projects have done for the club with the new strip, and I am certainly happy to discuss the situation with them.

"If the two lads want to come to my house and show me their meat, then maybe we can come to some sort of a resolution. If not, then I guess the Clarets will

sors and stakeholders and as a result, we expect the players to respect the work we do behind the scenes.

"It's obvious that Liam is going on some sort of a solo run here, which in itself is ironic, because he if was actually able to solo, he wouldn't be stuck in goals."



St Clarets seniors in new Kefo jerseys

need a new keeper."

When asked for comment by our reporter, Denis McCarthy said: "We work very hard to nurture good relations with our key spon-

When told about McCarthy's comments, Healy simply said: "Steak-holders? Nobody mentioned anything about steak. Where do I sign?"

Kelly's Porkies

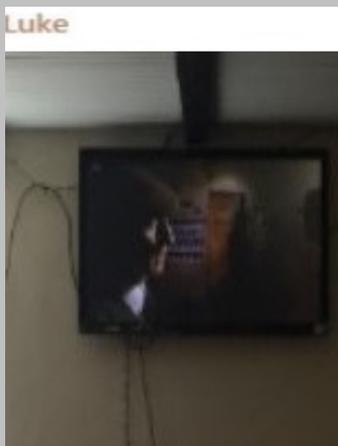
In further pork related news, long-time Claretian, Luke Kelly, has opened up about his pre-match rituals in an exclusive behind the scenes interview with *The Echo*.

The former child prodigy granted us an access-all-areas pass to his life, during which time he sat down to explain his favourite pre-match customs.

"First up, I like to get up early with my son Cian and get in a few episodes of *Peppa Pig*, five or six if we can manage it. It starts to get me in the mood for the game.

"After that, I move on to some more in-depth motivational stuff like *The Muppets - Miss Piggy's Best Bits*. I find it helps to

channel the aggression in me. "After that, I know I need to come down a bit, because if I went into the changing room crackling like I am after *Miss Piggy*, then I have no doubt a few words would be spoken, and none of them too pleasant.



Prematch prep #Babe 🐷

So, I generally go with a 20-minute segment of *Babe*, just enough to slow the pulse rate down a bit (left).

But then, just before we leave the changing room, I will get the phone out and either go *Porkies* or *Jamón Jamón*, depending on the opposition.

"If we are playing a team from south London, and we have to cross the water, then I usually go foreign and erotic with *Jamón Jamón*.

"But if it's your regular crew from north of the river, then I keep it simple and go *Porkies*.

"It's a tried and tested ritual" he continued. "These games are important and every time we step over the line, it's all about bringing home the bacon for the club."



Up The Rossies

Last Sunday, hospitals in the west of Ireland were inundated with patients from Roscommon, all suffering from alcohol poisoning, following their county's unlikely Connaught Championship win.

Loyal Rossie Keith O'Neill joined the phenomenon by pouring himself into Hillingdon Hospital.