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The Echo: If Carlsberg made newspapers

Sporting thought for the week:

“It’s all about the two Ms; movement and positioning.” Ron Atkinson

Dummy War for Daithi

The secret showbiz past of free-scoring Claretian Daithi Colton came to light last week, when pictures emerged of him during his previous life as a ventriloquist act.

Emyvale native Colton, who has been pulling the strings in the Clarets forward line all year, has been revealed as one half of the once famous double-act *Daithi and Didhe*.

The pair first came to fame when winning the Monaghan heat of the GAA talent competition *Scór na nÓg* back in 2012, with their hysterical Irish language debate on the price of oven ready ducks from the world famous Silver Hill Duck Farm in Emyvale.

The dynamic duo then garnered further success when, not only did they win the Monaghan senior *Scór* in 2015, but also the Ulster title.

Nationwide tours followed as *Daithi and Didhe's* material expanded, and there were famous sketches on Thierry Henry's infa-



Happier times: Didhe and Daithi.

mous handball goal, the Tribunals involving Bertie Ahern and the forgotten suitcases full of money, as well as his crowd pleasing skit about the fantasy land occupied only by Mayo football supporters, in which the men in green and red actually win an

All Ireland senior title. This won the pair the Irish Comedy Award three times.

The revealing pictures, which were discovered on a now-deleted MySpace page owned by Daithi and Didhe, show the pair just before going on stage at the London Palladium, where they were appearing in the prestigious Royal Variety Performance at the invitation of members of the English royal family.

Regrettably though, Didhe's behaviour that night was deemed to be beyond the realms of good taste and shortly after the pair announced that they would be going their separate ways, due to what they termed as “irreconcilable differences”.

It was at this point that Colton decided to move to London and return to the life of oblivion from which he had come.

Meanwhile, the dummy Didhe, has made a new career for himself impersonating Irish President, Michael D Higgins.

Healy Skipped To The Loo

Claretian Matt Healy was said to have been devastated last week when he returned home to find that his mother, Patricia, had replaced his First Communion photo with one of her,



along with Luke Kelly and his son Cian (below).

Healy's Communion picture has sat above the family mantelpiece for the past 19 years but has since been relegated to the downstairs loo.

Matt has been coming to terms with the fact that he is, (at best), the third favourite of Patricia's three children.

In an emotional interview with *The Echo*, he said that he has been fighting a life-long battle for his mother's affection with Luke, who Patricia once babysat for half an hour in 1995.

Matt is currently considering his next move, but reckons he will find it hard to find anywhere else where he can live rent free, with an open fridge policy, so is said to be prepared to swallow his pride on this occasion.

Gaughan Just Hasn't Got It

Claretian Ronan Gaughan's attempt to break into the lucrative world of male modelling has failed, after several top agencies rejected his portfolio.

The Mayo-native has been spotted across London, posing with some confused looking Latvian labourers, as he tried to build a collection of hunky hot-shot pics. Sadly for Ronan though (middle, below right), the agencies are looking for a little less of what they call “the Guinness effect” around the midriff and more “ripped, rugged and ready” (below left).

