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The Echo: Anyone got Seamus Darby's number?

Sporting thought for the week:

"You have got to shoot, otherwise you can't score." - Johan Cruyff

Boss Fires Warning Shot

Senior team manager Pat McLoughlin has fired a mid-Championship warning to three of his star players, following his side's impressive start to their Junior Championship campaign in London in their absence.

In an exclusive interview, the St

Clarets supremo told a leading Sunday newspapers last week-end that there were no guarantees for the remainder of the year for the Irish trio of - defensive king-pin Sean McDonnell, ace-attacker Daithi Colton or super-sub, scoring-machine

Stephen Curley, after all three missed out on his side's last Championship outing.

Speaking to *The Echo's* sister publication, *The Sunday World*, McLoughlin (right) told the national that the three had allowed others to take their opportunity and now they must fight for the places for the remainder of the Championship (left).

However, somewhat controversially, when asked why another absentee, Tyrone-man Aidan Donaghy, had not be included

in the warning, McLoughlin simply smiled and said: "Why would he be included? He's British isn't he?"



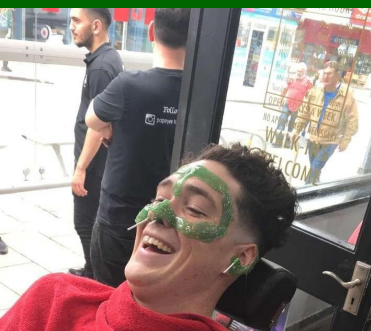
McLoughlin: Warning

CLARETS' IRISH TRIO MUST FIGHT FOR THEIR PLACE

Over the Brow

High-fielding Claretian midfielder, Jack Lavelle, this week proved that he was prepared to do whatever it takes to improve his aerodynamic performance as St Clarets search out every advantage they can in their pursuit of silverware.

The Mayo native recently took to shaving his legs and arms in order to improve his aerial prowess by reducing the wind-drag he was encountering while rising high to field goalkeeper Liam Healy's



Jack Lavelle: Ready to soar

booming kick-outs into midfield.

However, not satisfied with the return he was getting on this particular innovation, the Kiltane man has decided to finally tackle the mono-brow that many felt was quite literally holding him back when it came to high-fielding.

The problem area was finally tackled by not one, but two Turkish barbers as Lavelle took advantage of the three-day bank holiday break to try to sort out the issue.

The barbers, who worked without a break for 48-hours straight, were said to be delighted with the results, although both have also decided to quit barbering for good, with one telling *The Echo*: "I faced into the fires of hell doing that mono-brow. I have nothing more to offer as a barber.

"My soul has been destroyed. I am going to return to work on my uncle's goat farm in Turkey. There's less hair there than there was on that man's forehead."

Rhino Blows Them Away

Claretian ace Ryan O'Connell last week became the talk of Uxbridge Police Station after he was stopped in the street for a random breath test at 3am on the morning of a vital Championship match.

Having been unable to provide a breath sample, O'Connell spent the rest of the night in the cells as police waited for him to be able to provide one.

Impressively, when he was finally ready to blow into the bag, Ryan managed to fill the bag with unopened cans of Magners, a feat that left the desk sergeant speechless.

"I've seen a few sights in my time" the unnamed cop told *The Echo*. "To be honest, it

wouldn't be unusual for me to need a shower and a change of clothes after some of our 'guests' have finished blowing into the bag. But what that young fella did tonight, to manage to throw up that many cans of unopened booze... well that's legendary.

"Total respect to him. The guy wasn't even bothering to open the cans. Now that's bloody impressive."



Rhino: A "can-do" attitude