

# The Echo

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Did the Devil really go down to Georgia?

## Sporting thought for the week:

“Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out they’ve got a second.”

# President In Kidnap Drama

The truth behind Claretian stalwart Tony Murphy’s surprise defection to Tir Chonaill Gaels last season has finally come to light.

Following an in-depth investigation by *The Echo*, we can reveal how club President, Rose McCarthy, was used as a hostage in the plan to force Murphy to leave St Clarets.

Investigators working on behalf of *The Echo* have uncovered secret footage of Tony Murphy being locked in the back of a Transit van parked along Berkley Avenue, while being forced to watch a live video link of Rose McCarthy being driven around the Greenford playing fields in a golf buggy by Gaels’ Chairman Tom Mohan.

In scenes reminiscent of Fr Dougal’s ill-fated attempt at becoming a milkman, Mohan drove around the vast expanses of Greenford at exactly four-miles-an-hour, talking incessantly to Rose, recounting stories of previous Gaels’ victories score by score, in what some witnesses have described as the most soul-destroying, monotonous monologues anyone could ever have been subjected to.

All the time, Murphy was forced to watch Rose’s ordeal from a distance, with Gaels’ manager Paul Coggins holding a pen in front of him, telling him he could stop it all by signing on the dotted line.

After what Murphy would later describe as “the most brutal three hours of my life”, the Offaly man relented and signed a binding contract with the Tir Chonaill outfit.

When presented with the evidence, a clearly emotional Murphy told

*The Echo* that he couldn’t bare to see Rose being put through that hell any longer. “Rose should never have been caught up in this. She’s a completely innocent victim here. What Mohan was doing to her was barbaric. When he threatened to turn on the Daniel O’Donnell mixed tape, I knew I had to sign. It’s clear to see that those Donegal men have no souls at all.”



Hostage situation: Rose McCarthy and her captor Tom Mohan



Fr Dougal’s terrifying ordeal.

When approached by *The Echo*, Rose simply replied: “I don’t know why Tony felt he had to come to my rescue. I once sat beside Paddy Donaghy for four hours at a dinner dance. If I can survive that, I can survive anything.”

## Messi Situation

Senior manager Pat McLoughlin is trying to figure out what to do with troublesome star Paddy Nutley.

Less than a month into his new role, McLoughlin has been presented with a “play me or sell me” ultimatum from Nutley, who has recently been busy on Instagram telling his followers how he is pulling all the strings on the team (right).

The self-proclaimed “cello player” is adamant that the team should be built around him. Conversely, McLoughlin feels that a less central role would be more fitting to the attacker with the Messi-complex.

Speaking to *The Echo*, McLoughlin said: “We’re currently considering

our options with Paddy. We’ve had a few suggestions, but I think we are looking to send him out on loan. The London Philharmonic Orchestra have expressed an interest. I think his talents would be better appreciated there”.



Baside sesh with the gaelic team tonight, the found out why nickname is the cello player, because I was pulling the strings tonight

## Doubling Donaghy

Claretian Aidan Donaghy (below left) insists that he has no intention of carving out a new career as a look-a-like for TV3 personality Noel Cunningham (below right).

Donaghy, known to be a big fan of the Donegal star, has



recently taken to dressing in an identical fashion to his hero.

Friends are hoping that this obsession doesn’t go as far as his last craze for country singer Keith Urban (above), because I think we can all agree, that was just ridiculous!

