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The Echo: It cried "more, more, more".

Sporting thought for the week:

The only bad workout is the one you didn't do.

A Right Kipper

Club secretary Tadhg Lee was this week hauled before club chairman, Denis McCarthy, after photos emerged of him sleeping on official St Clarets duty, while attending a meeting at Ruislip.

A furious McCarthy told *The Echo*: "I know we see this club as something of a sleeping giant, but Tadhg was taking it a bit too far last week."



Sleep time: Tadhg Lee

Meanwhile, a clearly frustrated Claire Lee, wife of Tadhg, told *The Echo*: "Tadhg falling asleep on the job, welcome to my world. I can assure you, that's not the first time that's happened!"

The Juggernaut Gets Shirty

Hard-hitting Claretian Ronan Gaughan is this week at the centre of a charitable trust enquiry. The Mayo-native posted pictures on social media of him wearing a variety of football tops that had been donated for the victims of the massive flooding in Mozambique.

Gaughan recently set up the "Juggernaut Charitable Foundation" having been touched by the plight of the thousands of Mozambicans who were left with nothing following the recent cyclone disaster in their country.



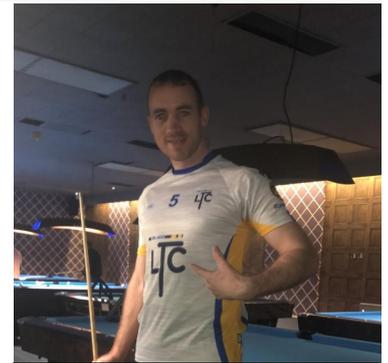
Shirtless: Onyekachi

Indeed, Gaughan, went so far as to personally sponsor a young victim of the flooding, Onyekachi Onwuatuwegwu, promising the homeless orphan a specially commissioned No.5 LTC jersey.

However, this promise appears to have been a hollow one, as once Ronan took possession of the consignment of shirts intended for Onyekachi and his fellow villagers, he appears to have decided to keep them for himself.

When approached by *The Echo* on the matter, Gaughan insisted that his decision to keep the shirts was an environmental one, as it now meant that he would never have to wash another jersey after training, thus saving gallons of water and protecting a valuable resource.

"Think of the water I'm saving" he told our reporter. "And let's face it, the one thing that Onyekachi and his mates aren't short of at the minute is water. And that Africa



Environmentalist: Ronan Gaughan

place would pure boil you anyway, so he's no need for clothes really."

However, sources close to Ronan told *The Echo* that Gaughan's reasons for holding on to the jerseys had nothing to do with the environment.

Apparently, the Kiltane native has lost so many shirts on Mayo in recent years, that he's desperate to re-stock his supply in preparation for another summer of Mayo letting him down again.

Weir's Nigel !!!

Brexit supporting Claretian, Lawrence Weir, has defended his decision to join the former UKIP leader Nigel Farage and his supporters on the last leg of their march from Sunderland.

Speaking to *The Echo* outside the Houses of Parliament on Friday March 29th, Weir explained that he was a massive fan of Farage and his fashion sense, and that he felt it only right that he joined

them on their long walk to Westminster to try and help out in whatever way possible.



Nigel Farage: Weir's idol

Weir spent the previous Sunday distributing food and refreshments to the marchers on a lay-by off the A4141 just south of Birmingham, a fact that hadn't gone un-noticed by

senior team manager Pat McLoughlin. After that Sunday's win over Bros Pearse, McLoughlin told *The Echo* that he had been surprised to see that Weir's in-shirt GPS tracker had shown that the Tyrone man had covered a quite remarkable 220 miles during the game.

Lawrence insisted that it was well worth upsetting the manager and described how it was an enormous thrill to finally meet his political hero. "The guy's immense" Weir said. "I love his style. I try hard to replicate it, but let's face it,

Nigel's a one-off."

Asked why he was a supporter of the notion of a No Deal Brexit, Weir admitted that by Britain closing the border, he was hoping to hold on to his place on the St Clarets team for another year.

"The way I see it" he continued. "I'm just about hanging in there as it is, and if there are any new faces turning up in the next few months, I can kiss Championship football goodbye. Age hasn't been kind to my legs, and I've heard of a few lads



Farage Fashion Fan: Weir

down in Monaghan that could take my place easily. So I'm relying on Nigel and the rest of the lads to close the border, keep the foreigners out and keep me on the team."