

# Vintage showing from Clarets

St Clarets.....1-16  
Robert Emmets..2-1

ONE LEADING St Clarets club member commented during the game that there was a "lot of experience out there", when referring to the age profile of the starting (and as it happens finishing) fifteen that his club

## SFL Div 3

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fielded on Sunday evening at Ruislip.

Such a statement was accurate in an understated sort of way; in the same way that it would be true to say that Bill Gates has a few bob, or that Elizabeth Taylor wasn't the shrewdest judge

of potential husbands and life partners.

The experience within the camp was considerable to say the least. In a previous era, these same St Clarets players were often referred to as the "Crazy Gang" - always good to spoil someone's party and pull of the occasional shock.

Nowadays the craziness has been tamed, as grey hair, knee bandages and push chairs have become more of a feature on the Clarets' landscape; still and all though, you can't but admire the spirit that still exists within the camp.

Key to this victory was the return to action of play-

er / manager / chairman John Kelly, who after a seven year sabbatical from serious competitive football, showed himself to be a master of finding space and a true disciple of his own preaching of "give and go" football, with the man from Ballygar excelling in the "give" department but struggling slightly with the "go" piece of the equation.

At times the St Clarets attack resembled a trial match for the Galway minors .... of 1983 that is .... as Kelly and fellow Galwegian Martin Hession tore into the Emmetts rear-guard with great efficiency, with the pick of their work being the flowing move

started an finished by the evergreen Hession, which included the deftest of one -twos between the two veteran cousins.

Not to be out-done by the sensational return to action of his manager Kelly, fellow long term servant Tony Murphy also popped up with a score and was involved in probably the score of the game, when the Offaly man gathered the ball in the dust-bowl of a bottom goal, before starting a move that resulted in Martin McQuillan pointing for the Clarets sixteenth and final point of the game.

Despite being totally over-run at times, Robert

Emmetts stuck solidly to their task and were rewarded with two second half goals, one from Chris Simpson and the other from Hugh Haughian, that took the bad look off the scoreboard.

Of the younger models on display for St Clarets, Colm Lynott, Steven Sherry, Gerard Lynott (all over 33) played well, while the explosive pace of Patrick Lynott was far too hot for the losers' defence.

And for the men in blue and gold, goalkeeper Mick Kenny had a superb game and pulled off three exceptional stops, while Hugh Haughian and Kevin McMullen also played well.



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