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St Clarets GFC: This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius.

Queally The Inquisitor

Small Ball Wars

Feelings are said to be running high between Claretian stalwart Mick Keane and his son-in-law Paddy Donaghy, following the recent publication of pictures of Donaghy's son Tadhg.

The Claretian Echo can exclusively reveal that the photos of two year-old Tadhg were taken at an elite Galway hurling training camp, to which he had been secretly enrolled by his Galwegian grandfather Mick.

Donaghy is said to be fuming at the prospect of his son's pure Tyrone football bloodline being polluted by that "muck-savage" carry on.

Sources close to Donaghy say that he is terrified that mixing hurling and football will effect his son's prospects of becoming the youngest footballer ever to represent the Red Hand senior team, a prospect he is said to have "invested heavily on".

However, one club insider commented "Let's face it, if they're relying on Paddy's DNA for football excellence, they'll be disappointed."



Two-year old Tadhg warming up at the hurling camp.

A huge shadow was this week cast over the future of *The Claretian Echo* as news broke of club member Pat Queally's intention to launch a rival publication to the much-loved *Echo*.

Rumours started to surface concerning his intentions after the Clare man was spotted leaving a



Queally and Brookes after their meeting at a top London restaurant.

top London restaurant with former *News of The World* editor Rebecca Brookes.

Sources close to both parties say that discussions are at an advanced stage in relation to the future strategy regarding their proposed new weekly newsletter *The Claretian Inquisitor*.

When asked to comment on the possibility of a new rival title to *The Echo*, Queally, whose only media experience has been writing a single match report for the St Clarets website said: "I believe St Clarets need a proper red top. All this political correctness that obviously consumes the editorial team at *The Echo*, is doing the readers a grave disservice.

"*The Echo* is blatantly pussy-footing around the big stories. They won't touch anything controversial. That's not a newslet-

ter, it's a snoozeletter" he joked. "I can assure readers, *The Inquisitor* won't shy away from any confrontation, no matter how contentious."

When quizzed on his relationship with Ms Brookes, Queally said: "I cant say much at the moment as I have been with my lawyers all day and they have advised me not to divulge any information at this point in time.

"I've been told not to talk about anything regarding Becks (Rebecca Brookes). However, I promise I will be issuing a full statement at a later date."

In the meantime, while Claretian Echo fans wait to hear more from Queally, St Clarets members have been advised not to use their mobile phones for fear of tapping and to only speak to each other in wide open spaces.

Hole Lot Of Bother For Mossie

The Claretian Echo can reveal that St Clarets legend Eamonn "Mossie" Colleran was at the centre of a major traffic incident along the A55 in north Wales during a recent charity cycle.

It appears that Colleran, famous for his once curly mop, was caught short by a sudden cloud burst while cycling close to the Welsh town of Conwy. In a desperate attempt to prevent his locks from becoming sodden, he reached into his bike-bag and grabbed an umbrella.

Having cycled for several hundred metres using just one hand, he then received a phone call

from fellow Claretian Paddy Donaghy, who had called him to check on his progress.

It has emerged that Donaghy had placed several substantial bets with other club members concerning just how far Colleran would get on his ride.

Less than impressed at losing his wager, a shouting match ensued over the phone, that led to Colleran becoming distracted momentarily, resulting in him hitting a large water-filled pothole on the road.

When quizzed, about the incident Donaghy angrily snapped: "My only regret is that I didn't call him earlier. He cost me £300

as soon as he crossed into Wales."

Colleran meanwhile brushed off the incident and said: "The pride was hurt, but on the upside, Midgard have won the contract to fill the hole in..."



Let's get ready to tumble. Mossie goes head first into the Welsh tarmac