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St Clarets GFC: We make The Village People look tough.

Mossie Trapped

On Your Tryc

Concerned family members of St Clarets midfielder Paddy Donaghy, this week breathed a huge sigh of relief with the news that he has traded two wheels in for three.

Donaghy, a somewhat accident prone cyclist, has been terrorising motorists in the Hayes area in recent weeks by crashing into them at random and causing thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Indeed, the London Borough of Hillingdon were about to slap Donaghy with an ABCO (Anti Bike-Cycling Order) had he continued to persist to try and balance on two wheels.

Thankfully, wife Nicola spotted a rather snazzy three wheeler in adult size while out shopping for son Tadhg's new bike and immediately placed an order.

Donaghy is said to be delighted with his wheels, although complains that he can't do wheelies on it.

Exactly the point Paddy!



Paddy's new bike

Senior Claretian officials were this week said to be furious as news broke of the double life of one of the club's most valued members.

Mayo / Roscommon man Eamonn Colleran, affectionately known as Mossie to all, was this week pictured assisting Giovanni Trapattoni with the preparation of the Irish soccer team at the Euro 2012 competition.

Photographs showing the current St Clarets Clubman of the Year handing out training bibs during a pre-tournament session last week have caused outrage within the St Clarets camp.

One member, who did not wish



Colleran pictured before Euros

Dad ain't all that

Ultra-competitive youngster Liam Hession is said to be "chomping at the bit" to get a chance to take on his father, Claretian legend Martin, in a bit of one-on-one at training.

Liam, a new recruit to the youth teams, has developed at an astonishing rate and under-10s manager Denis McCarthy is having to work hard to hold him back as the prodigy tries to fast-track his way into the senior team.



The main man Mossie: Colleran in the middle of the Irish players.

to be named, merely said: "I'm stunned that Mossie has done this. It goes against everything we thought he stood for."

Meanwhile, another senior figure within the club has questioned the recent decision of the St Clarets senior team to change training to Wednesday evening, and now feels that it is a ruse on behalf of Mossie to facilitate his increased involvement with the Irish soccer team.

"We're disappointed" the unnamed official said. "We've all invested a lot in Mossie over

the years and bought into his ideas, but this is a real shock."

Mossie himself was unavailable for comment, as were many of his St Clarets team mates, most of whom seem to have followed Colleran's lead and headed off to the old Eastern Bloc for the duration of Ireland's involvement in the Euros.

It is unclear what reception Mossie will receive upon his return to St Clarets, but it is felt that there will be a thorough internal enquiry into his conduct in this matter.

However, father Martin is keen to avoid any such scenario,

It's said that Martin isn't necessarily afraid of playing against

young Liam, but he is aware that he is isn't the force he once was.

To us here at *The Echo*, that sounds very much like fear!



Game face: Liam front row ready for action against dad (far right back)