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St Clarets GFC: Every little thing we do is magic.

A Problem In Poznan

A Hell-Of-A Liquid Lunch

Outstanding St Clarets prospect Matthew Healy was this week said to be contemplating moving out of home, due to the increasingly disruptive behaviour of his younger sibling Conor.

Matthew has been leading an almost monastic life over the past number of months, having recently travelled down what he says was his "own personal road to Damascus", or Coldharbour Lane to the rest of us.

Sadly though, Matthew's clean-living example is not being followed by Conor (18), who last week came crawling home at 4am after an epic day-long session at the *Liquid* club in Uxbridge.

Unable to find his key and unwilling to disturb his less-than-tolerant mother Patricia, Conor decided to phone Matthew to demand to be let in.

Matthew, who prefers his *Path of Discovery* re-birth name, Saul, opened the door for his wayward brother, before returning upstairs to continue the 12 hours of sleep he feels his body, mind and spirit need each night in order to be able to exist in perfect harmony.

Conor meanwhile went into the family living room, put on his *Best of Meat Loaf* CD and proceeded to belt out his own, very unique, version of *Bat Out Of Hell*, before collapsing in a drunken heap, where he was found in the morning, slumped on the sofa, clutching a hair brush.

Claretian die-hards Stephen O'Rourke and Marc Collentine this week revealed to *The Echo* the full extent of the suffering endured by the travelling Irish fans during the Euro 2012 football extravaganza in Poland and Ukraine.

Concerns had been raised before the tournament about both the quality and price of accommodation that would be available to the hundreds of thousand of football fans who would be descending on the two former Eastern European countries.

Despite assurances from UEFA that there would be an abundant choice of high-class hotels for the visiting fans, O'Rourke and Collentine discovered that this was not the case.

Upon arrival in Poznan, the Claretian duo were informed that they would have to share their "luxury suite" with a bloke called "Grambo" from Meath, something that Westmeath man Collentine found particularly unpalatable.

However, things were to get much worse when they entered the "suite"



Doing a Poznan: O'Rourke, Grambo and Collentine sharing suds in Poznan.

to discover that not only would they be sharing their room with Grambo, but also their bed, as the "suite" equated to little more than a futon in the corner of a broom cupboard.

Despite Collentine protesting vehemently to the hotel manager and quoting a plethora of legal statutes he made up as he was standing there, the manager merely said "You want own bed, you stay at home. Here in Poland, we share. We friendly people."

And share they had to, as our pair of intrepid travellers found out later, when they were forced to bath together, along with the by now ever-

present Grambo, due to the fact that there was only sufficient hot water, for one bath... for the entire hotel.

Having waited several hours in the corridor, while a selection of other Irish fans washed their weary bodies, the three amigos, displaying what could only be described as "the spirit of the Blitz" happily plunged into and frolicked in the tepid bath water, with several on-lookers remarking just how comfortable the three appeared in the situation.

The term "Doing a Poznan", championed by Man City fans as a means of celebrating a goal, has now taken on a whole new meaning.

What Niall Did In The Woods

The truth behind the serious injury suffered by Niall Comer has finally come to light.

The St Clarets starlet, who has been unable to play for several months due to a shoulder problem, has come clean on the origins of the injury.

On a recent trip to Romania, Comer rented a cabin on the edge of some woods; remote enough for peace and quiet, but close enough to walk to the pub.

Upon returning from a night

out, Comer was confronted by a grizzly bear. As soon as he realised what it was (which took him a few moments given his condition) he did what all men would do.... And after that, he ran!

The seconds before Niall fell and broke his shoulders were captured by locals and forwarded to *The Echo* for your enjoyment. However, Niall's underwear had to be incinerated!



Niall attempts to out-run the bear. However, the bear can smell the fear!