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St Clarets GFC: We'd rather be the hammer than the nail.

Wor Kevin Eyes Trap

McHacker

The Claretian Echo can this week reveal the truth behind John McDermott's disastrous 117-over par round at the club's recent golf day.

As he hacked his way around the course, rumours grew that Declan Moroney had paid McDermott to play so badly, in order to compromise Paddy Donaghy's chances of winning the team event; this the result of a long-standing golf day feud between the pair.

However, sources close to McDermott say this is far from the truth, and that in fact, McDermott was feeling the strain of having to cope without the family au pair Mike Shea, who was away at the Euro 2012 tournament.

McDermott's ever-supportive wife Rebecca, has admitted that John had struggled to come to terms with the added distraction of looking after Joseph while also getting himself in "the zone" for golf.

Thankfully for all golfers who might be following John around a course this weekend, Shea returned to his au pair duties this week.



Shea (centre) enjoying the break from his au pair role

Pressure appears to be mounting on Ireland soccer manager Giovanni Trapattoni this week, with news that former St Clarets star Kevin Lynott is considering mounting a bid for the top job in Irish football.

Lynott, a highly decorated player with the club throughout the 1980s, is rumoured to have decided on the Jackie Charlton approach in his bid for the top job and as such, has taken to wearing a cloth cap at all times, in homage to his football management hero.

With the help of several other Claretian players who had been summoned to Poznan by Lynott, the brigade of scouts are said to have



Wor Jackie in his Ireland days.



"Wor Kevin" (extreme right) along with his scouts and a recent Polish recruit

worked tirelessly to try and unearth any unknown talent that may be eligible to play for the Irish team, should Lynott's bid be successful.

Using the loosest qualification criteria possible, Lynott is adamant that merely being in the same room as a group of Irish people for the time it takes to drink a pint of Guinness, should be sufficient to ensure qualification for the Irish team.

"Wor Kevin" as he now insists on being called, a further reference to Geordie Jack Charlton, is said to be delighted with the efforts of his

scouts over the last two weeks and believes that he now has 25,568 more people who are potentially eligible for the Ireland team should he take over.

It would appear though that US resident Lynott has decided to follow one lead from the Trapattoni era, by deciding that the ability to play football should in no way compromise a person's chances of representing Ireland.

A note of continuity that will no doubt please the suits at the FAI and several of the current Irish squad.

Like Father Like Son

Just when all Claretians felt that they had heard the last of the dance craze that threatened the entire season, *The Echo* has been handed a secret file that proves there is still an underground-dance scene within the club.

With club chairman John Kelly still reeling from the revelations made against him in May, the Galway native now finds himself having to defend his son, Luke, who is pictured right along with his long-standing dance troop "No Direction".

The Echo has learned the Kelly (19) has been secretly attending auditions for many top TV talent shows with "No Direction", instead of appearing at St Clarets training sessions.

When questioned on this matter, Luke's mother Teresa merely said: "Don't look at me, I haven't a step in my body. You may speak to his dad. Any jitterbugging around here is his fault."



Luke Kelly (third from left) proving he really has no direction or much hope!