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Tug-au-pair

With the annual transfer window now open for the movement of au-pairs, a bitter battle appears to be developing between the McDermotts and Donaghys.

At the centre of the feud is in-demand super au-pair Mike Shea, who is currently in the service of the McDermott household.

However, sources close to Shea say that he is somewhat unsettled by the apparent lack of a succession plan with regards to a replacement infant for the fast-developing Joseph.

Shea is believed to be so concerned about his own future role that he is said to be considering his options.

Second time parents Paddy and Nicola Donaghy have been alerted by the news that Shea is unsettled and have sent representatives to meet with him to find out what it would take to get him to cross the Hayes Bridge and take up a role with them.

What could make the move more appealing to Shea is the fact that Donaghy has been boasting that he's "got a few more left in him yet".



Shea during happier times with Rebecca McDermott.

Following on from Tyrone's defeat in the All Ireland Qualifier series against Kerry on Saturday evening, new father Paddy Donaghy was quick to contact Tyrone manager Mickey Harte with suggestions for the future.

Donaghy, who is known to have a hot line to the Tyrone football guru, is reported to have engaged in a 45-minute call, explaining exactly where he thought Tyrone's current shortcomings were and more importantly, how he felt they could be fixed.

Central to his entire plan is the fast-track introduction of new-



Donaghy's hot-line: Mickey Harte

born Tiernan into the Tyrone development squad, with a view to the young hopeful being ready for senior action during the National League in 2014.

Known for his ability to dissect a game with just one glance, Donaghy is reported to have pointed out to Harte, that without the sort of movement in midfield that young Tiernan will be able to offer, then Tyrone will continue to struggle to recreate a winning team.

Donaghy is said to have emphasised to Harte the importance of role models to players, and he insisted that Tiernan could not have a better midfield role model than his high-fielding father.

Family friends however fear that Paddy's eagerness to get Tiernan into the Tyrone set-up so early is a strategic strike against grandfather Mick Keane, who cunningly, and unbeknown to Donaghy, introduced Paddy's eldest child Tadhg to the game of hurling.



Baby Tiernan and Tyrone: Paddy's perfect match

Galway native Keane was adamant that Tadhg would hurl before "he'd go kicking the shoes off himself at that football carry on."

However, after being ridiculed at home in Tyrone for the fact that his eldest son was playing that "muck-savage game they play in the wilds of Ireland", Donaghy has made a pre-emptive strike in the direction of Harte, in order to keep new-bom Tiernan out of Keane's hurling grip.

You're On Your Yoko Ono

New mother Nicola Donaghy has this week taken a dramatic stand against her husband Paddy's obsession with football.

In an attempt to divert Paddy's attention away from the high ball, Nicola has taken a leaf from the book of Yoko Ono and started a Bed-In, reminiscent of the famous peace protest that Ono and her husband John Lennon undertook in the 1970s.

Sources close to Nicola say it's a desperate move to try and get Paddy to focus on things other

than Tyrone and St Clarets.

It's a tactic that Nicola feels she must introduce as she can't put up with another baby thinking that their father doesn't have any clothes other than Tyrone jerseys and St Clarets tops.

The situation got so severe during eldest child Tadhg's early days, that his first word was "O'Neill's".

Nicola has vowed to remain in bed until she receives assurances from Paddy that he has changed his fanatical ways.



We shall not be moved: Nicola and baby Tiernan during their protest