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St Clarets GFC: Been there, done that.

Just As Keane As Ever

Donie and Mac

With just three more issues of *The Echo* due in 2012, readers have been inundating us with important news to be included before year end.



Hoax or genuine?

Foremost amongst what has been received, is this disturbing picture of two of the club's leading figures, Paddy Donaghy and John McDermott, in what could only be described as a "Chuck and Larry" moment.

Fearful that the picture might be a cruel Photo-shop hoax, we sent it for examination and results proved it to be genuine.

St Clarets die-hard Gary Wynne, who has had a very public man crush on John McDermott, is said to be "devastated".



Wynne: devastated

Stay-away St Clarets attacker Colin Keane, has finally lifted the lid on his ten-year self-imposed exile from the club.

Keane, 40, has been a notable absentee from the St Clarets senior team since the early part of the last decade, but made a sensational goal-scoring return last weekend in the club's fixture against Heston.

And in an exclusive interview with *The Claretian Echo*, the former child star has come clean on



Good to be back: Colin Keane

the events of the past ten years, explaining in detail the reasons behind what many viewed as his "wilful and deliberate withdrawal of services", which in plain language translates as "strike".

"At the time, probably around about 2001, I wasn't really feeling the love" Keane told *The Echo*, in what turned out to be an emotionally charged interview.

"I was trying to get my voice heard, but with Mickey McConomy in the team at the time, well let's just say it was hard to get a word in edge-ways."

And then I went on holidays to South America, just to clear my head, and I met Carlos Tevez.

We got along really well and started to play some golf together, and although I wasn't really up to his standard, we enjoyed the rounds we shared.

"It was at that point that I decided that I wasn't leaving Argentina, although a lot of people seemed to be under the impres-



Keane and Tevez on the green

sion that I was working as a carpenter in Clare at this time.

"Carlos then signed for West Ham but he told me to keep practicing and that he would be back, and sure enough, last year he came back and we enjoyed a phenomenal six months of golf.

"Carlos persuaded me to return to football at the same time as he did, but unfortunately I got stuck in a bunker on a tricky 17th hole in Buenos Aires, and it took me the last six months to get out of it" Keane concluded.

Super Agent Dupes 'Pool ... Again

Influential soccer super-agent Patrick Lynott was this week busy finalising the details on his latest mega-bucks transfer deal.

The Echo can exclusively reveal that the hardcore Manchester United nut, has persuaded Liverpool to splash out a combined fee of £57m on the joint transfer of St Clarets icons Martin Falvey and Mick Shea.

The move involving the Irish duo, neither of whom has yet been capped internationally, is just one in a succession of trans-

fer deals involving Liverpool players that Lynott has orchestrated in recent times.

Sources close to Liverpool have told *The Echo* that Lynott was



Falvey & Shea ready to sign for 'Pool

also central to the deals which brought Andy Carroll, Jordan Henderson and Stewart Downing to the Anfield club, for a combined transfer fee of £75m.

With that triumvirate having contributed a total of 8 league goals last year, Lynott insists that Liverpool got genuine value for money at nearly £10m a goal.

Despite his very public Man Utd devotion, Lynott insists that he has nothing but the future success of Liverpool FC at heart in these deals.