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St Clarets GFC: It's life Jim, but not as we know it.

The Farmer Gets A Wife

Soap story

Claretian Chairman John Kelly this week flew into the eye of a rather soapy storm when trying to offer some birthday advice to his wife Teresa.

The club's Assistant Treasurer and occasional kit-washer Teresa Kelly, celebrated a "very special birthday," last Friday, so John decided to take the opportunity to offer her a helping hand with her kit washing duties, by buying her a jumbo box of Daz.

Needless to say, the gift wasn't well received, and after hosing himself down from the tsunami of suds he was soon drowning in, John told *The Echo*. "There had been complaints from the players about the kit and

Notorious Claretian lothario Stephen O'Rourke has spoken to *The Echo* about his pride in winning the recent RTE series of *The Farmer Wants A Wife*.

In a revealing interview, the County Cavan native has told *The Echo* how the countless lonely hours spent milking and working the bog had affected his confidence with women, but that the top-rated show had done wonders for his confidence with the opposite sex.

Having insisted that he could offer an woman "A Good Life" should they pick him, O'Rourke

went to extreme measures to ensure that he was in line to take home the "best of the breed" at the end of the series.

Using techniques picked up from watching Hulk Hogan and The Rock on WWF as a kid, O'Rourke (pictured right with one of his many conquests) proved to be a dab hand at getting hold of just about any woman that he wanted..

So determined was O'Rourke to come out on top and win the show, that he also hired a group of "heavies" to assist him in his pursuit of love, and any woman



Fine girl you are O'Rourke's in love

who failed to fall at his feet immediately, was corralled before being dragged away by O'Rourke's waiting henchmen.

Stephen though was unrepentant about his approach during filming, insisting that a competition like that was about winning and also claiming that "I have a whole lot of loving to give" and: "The woman hasn't been born yet who could resist the sophistication of my charm whenever I decided to switch it on".

Garda in Cavan are currently investigating three claims of kidnap arising from the show.



O'Rourke's heavies drag another of his conquests away during filming

A Claretian Carry On With Harry

The name of St Clarets GFC was once more splashed across the front pages of the tabloid press in Britain, as the paparazzi got hold of pictures of some of the club's biggest names partying

in Vegas along with Prince Harry.

The group, that included Marc Collentine, Stephen O'Rourke and Paul Nolan were spotted in

the foyer of the same hotel as the third in line to the crown.

Keen to avoid detection, the trio of Claretians disguised themselves in fancy dress costumes when entering the hotel, but once in Harry's suite, there was no hiding their identity.

Given the family nature of *The Echo*, and under strict instructions for the club's committee, we are unable to publish the pictures from Harry's suite, but let's just say, that none of the three have much to boast about!



Nolan, O'Rourke and Collentine, with friends, outside Harry's Vegas hotel



Happy Birthday Teresa

I didn't want to be saying anything to Teresa in case it upset her. So I thought 'actions speak louder'.

"All I can say now, is that I'm glad I didn't buy an iron to encourage her to iron the kit before games. She can be quite vicious."