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St Clarets GFC: Where it feels like Christmas every day

Joyless Joyce

Healing Design

Frustrated by the style of clothes currently available on the High Street, Claretian legend Matthew Healy (below) has decided to launch his own line of retro wear.

The as-of-yet unnamed range is said to have received a lukewarm reception among UK retailers, although Omar's Cash and Carry in Addisababa, Ethiopia have put in a bulk order for Christmas.



Mac on course

With live-in babysitter Mick Shea now enjoying freedom Down Under, Claretian John McDermott has installed a "virtual driving range" in his front room, so that he can continue to improve his swing while looking after baby Joseph..

Wife Rebecca has been told that the purpose of the lush fairway that has replaced their wedding photo in the living room, is in fact a computer graphic of a "big job" that John is pricing up.

As is the case every year, Christmas is a time when all are encouraged to consider the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves, and sadly within St Clarets GFC, we do not have to look too far to find such people.

Case in point is hard working club stalwart Michael Joyce who, as regular readers of The Echo will know, has suffered more than most in 2012.

Having been unceremoniously dumped by his regular dance partner Pat Queally earlier in the year, in what was the entertainment story of 2012, Joyce then found himself homeless, having quite literally put his house on Galway winning the All Ireland Hurling Final.

After attending the drawn final, along with 40,000 other delusional Galway fans, Joyce was certain the Tribesmen had the tools to dismantle the Kilkenny machine second time around.

History will show that Galway's dream of glory was just that, and the above photograph will also demonstrate the price that Joyce has had to



Home sweet home for Michael: any bench will do

pay for his foolish thinking.

Friends of Mike's within St Clarets have since put him in contact with fellow Claretian Phil Daly, another figure well known for regular bouts of homelessness and rough sleeping. Daly's problems are of course more closely linked to his prudent Cavan roots than any misguided notions of the Breffini men ever winning anything worthwhile in sport again.

Unfortunately, it would appear that

Joyce has failed to learn his lesson, and is now rumoured to be betting big on a player named Joyce appearing for Galway in the SFC this year.

With legend Paucic recently retired, the word is that Mike is backing his own cause on this one!

Looks like Christmas 2013 is going to be even more bleak for Mike!

Niall's electric performance

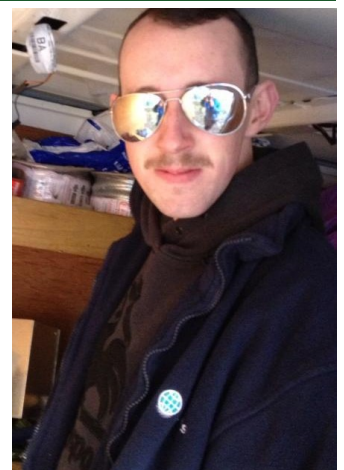
Injury plagued Claretian defender Niall Comer has been keeping himself busy in recent months by exploring new avenues of employment.

Friends of Comer have told *The Echo* that his latest obsession is the pursuit of the thespian arts and that he is hoping to make it big in the movies.

A recent screen test for the role of *Goose* in the remake of *Top Gun* proved to be a huge success for Comer and he was called back for a second reading. However, prospects of him landing the part seem slim after he was heavily critical of the

electrical installations of the set of the proposed new movie. His comments led to an immediate walk-out of all electricians in the highly unionised Hollywood prop-making working environment..

However, there does appear to be some light on the horizon for Comer, and he has been approached by several adult movie companies with enquiries about whether he would be interested in playing the electrician in a number of upcoming projects. Directors feel that he has a "look" that fits very well with their genre of movie.



Did someone call for an electrician?