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St Clarets GFC: Sometimes we like to wrap ourselves in bows and call ourselves "gifted".

Will Barry avoid lynching in "Cowgate" trial?

In brief

Club legend Mick Keane was said to be furious last week when he received an anonymous call from a photographer. The paparazzi claimed that he had pictures of son-in-law Paddy Donaghy on the pull the previous weekend.

Keane agreed to meet the snapper in a quiet café in Hayes where he was handed the evidence (below).

The photographer claimed it wasn't the first time Paddy had been caught either.



On hearing the margin of defeat in last weekend's game, one St Clarets supporter was heard to ask: "How many games did they play to lose by that much?"

St Clarets regular Barry Lynch was at the centre of a dramatic court room testimony last week, as he faced a compensation claim following a fender-bender involving a truck and Barry's beloved Ford Transit van.

In a trial that has captured the attention of the nation and been dubbed "Cowgate" by the media, the prosecuting solicitor questioned Lynch about the events after the accident.

"Didn't you say to the police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?" he enquired.

"Well" Lynch began in his Kerry brogue. "I'd just taken the Transit for a spin."

"I didn't ask for any details", the solicitor interrupted, before turning to the Judge. "Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, Mr Lynch told the police that he was fine. But now, he is trying to sue my client. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

However, the Judge replied: "I'm a bit of a fan of the old Transit myself. I'd like to hear what Barry was up to".

"Well as I was saying" Barry proceeded. "I had just got the old Transit up to about 45mph and stuck on a bit of

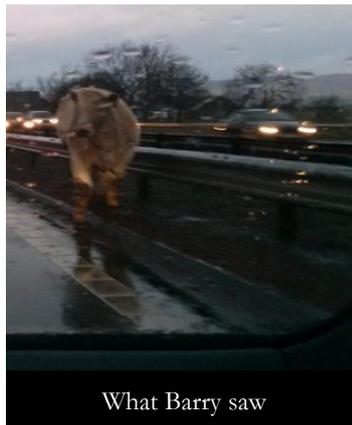


Not looking too good for Barry or the cow— the cops approach

Mick Flavin, and next thing a cow stepped out in front of me. I swerved to avoid it and when I looked up. I saw this truck coming down the road in the opposite direction.

"I had no choice but to hit the cow and I sent it into a ditch. It's not something I'm proud of" Lynch apologised.

"Then I lost control of the old Transit and the truck hit me and sent me into the



What Barry saw

other ditch."

"Go on" the sympathetic Judge encouraged Lynch.

"Well as I lay there, I could hear the cow groaning and I knew she was in terrible pain" Lynch continued, as the court sat transfixed.

"Then a policeman turned up. He could hear the cow groaning, so he went over to her. He saw her condition, took out his gun and shot her" Lynch informed the courtroom, with a statement that brought a collective gasp from the gallery.

"Then the policeman came across to where I was, the gun still in his hand, and said, 'How are you feeling?'

"Now what the feck would you say?" Lynch concluded.

The Judge has retired to consider his verdict.