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"Always tell the truth, even if you have to make it up."

Murphy irons out Exiles' issues

The Echo can exclusively reveal that St Clarets legend Tony Murphy has immersed himself in a number of housekeeping courses in a desperate attempt to hold on to his place on the London county management team.

It's come to light that Murphy was the subject of much criticism within the county set-up this year, with senior players believed to be unhappy with Murphy's performance throughout 2013.

The main focus of discontent appears to be with the way in which the team's jerseys were ironed before the Connacht Final.

One unnamed All-Star nominated player, told *The Echo* that his Connacht Final jersey "looked like something me oul' fella would wipe his hands with during lambing season" before adding: "When Mayo scored their first three goals, all six of us London forwards were in the changing rooms re-ironing our jerseys. Murphy's attempt was a disgrace."

The courses are believed to be a desperate move by Murphy to hold on to his coveted selector's role. The Offaly icon has undertaken a transformation regime, which he hopes will change him from **"Murphy to Martha"**, a

clear reference to American housekeeping goddess Martha Stewart.

It remains to be seen whether his efforts will convince London manager Paul Coggins that he still has a value to the county set-up.

A source very close to Mur-

phy has told *The Echo* that she doesn't hold out much hope for Tony keeping his London job; that is if his attempts at ironing his own shirts are anything to go by. "I wouldn't let him near the kid's clothes, let alone mine" she said. "I've no idea why Paul would want him."



Tony Murphy during pre-season training for the Exiles

Jordan fluffs up nicely



Darren and his fluffy boa

Returning Claretian Darren Jordan was left confused last week when he enquired about the dress code for this evening's Dinner Dance.

When told by a senior figure in the club that evening dress was "optional", Jordan immediately dispensed with the long ball gown he had been planning on wearing, and instead reached into his collection of feather boas and selected a rather fetching fluffy number.

Well he was told that a dress was optional !!

Kelly poles well



Ever-popular Luke Kelly will be putting on a special pole dancing display during this evening's event. Cheers Luke.