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"A lot of truth is said in jest"

Healy's pregnant pause

Incoming St Clarets manager Steve Sherry was said to be flabbergasted last week when stalwart defender Matt Healy turned up for pre-season training carrying what could only be described as a "little extra Christmas weight".

First team coach Tadhg Lee reportedly fainted when Healy strode out on to the training pitch at Brunel, wearing a maternity frock with a Sligo crest sown on.

Team mates of Healy's told *The Echo* that they could see no noticeable difference in his speed or mobility, although attention was eventually drawn to his inflated shape when he stopped in

the middle of a complex drill and announced that his waders had just broken.

Immediately Barry Lynch stepped in to take charge of the drama, saying that he had delivered lambs before and was therefore best qualified to handle the situation.

Thankfully though it was a false alarm and Healy was able to complete the session, before being rushed into maternity at nearby Hillingdon Hospital.

Matt and baby are said to be doing well, while Martin Hession is delighted that there will be a new player on his under 10s next year.



Matt Healy: expecting the unexpected

Lynott steals a march



Lynott's 2030 jersey

Entrepreneurial Claretian Patrick Lynott has this week announced his latest business venture by launching a new range of jerseys to commemorate Manchester United's next Premier League title success.

The jersey, which carries the number 30, is a special issue to mark United's 21st title success in 2030.

Dragon's Den star Theo Paphitis commented that he felt the business plan was "a shade optimistic" from Lynott.

On the Button

St Clarets vice-chairman Mick Keane has moved to deny claims that he has been taking part in a secret drug trial for the controversial youth-restoring tablet nicknamed "The Benny Button", after the fictional character Benjamin Button.

Keane's appearance has been the subject of much talk in recent weeks, with many Claretians noticing a more youthful look to Mick. The man himself has merely said that he has changed face creams.

It appears that the drug has failed to deliver the promised hair growth.



Mick: before and after

