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"A lie has no leg, but a scandal has wings."

O'Dowd nails captaincy

Sherry boring

Steve Sherry's reign as senior manager got off to a less than exhilarating start last week when he failed to keep the team awake long enough to complete his team talk.

This has led some Claretian fans to ask of him: "Are you Moysie in disguise?"



Liam O'Keefe mid-team talk

Incoming St Clarets manager Steve Sherry is considering promoting die-hard corner back John O'Dowd to senior team captain for 2014.

The news comes on the back of recently released pictures of O'Dowd at his secret pre-season training camp in St Tropez, where the Cork native is said to have undergone an extensive programme of hair, nails and skin repair & rejuvenation, as well as some more invasive procedures.

Sherry, a stickler for standards, was said to have been "blown away" by the level of detail that O'Dowd went into as he prepared for life in the Junior Championship.

In a far ranging interview with *The Echo*, Sherry revealed



John O'Dowd and his entourage in St Tropez during pre-season

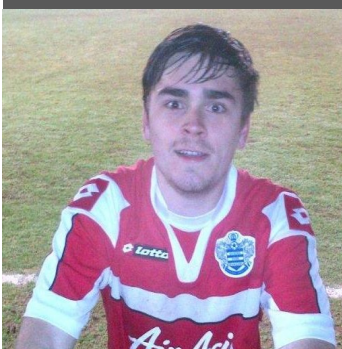
that he has been so impressed with the state of O'Dowd's hair and nails, that he is considering approaching the club about funding a team bonding weekend to St Tropez, so that all the senior players can look as good as John

First team stalwart Paddy Donaghy, no stranger to the

beauty salon himself, is said to be ecstatic at the notion of a trip to France. Meanwhile, upon hearing of this latest development, veteran Tony Murphy just pulled out another can of WD40, took a swig and said: "This provides me with all the colonic irrigation I need for the season."

Kelly only has eyes for Claretian legend

John Collins wannabe Luke Kelly has taken another drastic step towards attempting to become his childhood hero.



Kelly reveals passion for QPR

In a move that stunned both family and friends, Kelly this week announced to the world via his Twitter account @iwannabjc that he would now be following in his famous uncle's footsteps and supporting what he referred to as: "Those giants of West London football, QPR" thus abandoning his childhood team Chelsea.

Given Kelly's earlier failed attempts to emulate his uncle by playing in goals

for St Clarets, sources close to Luke have expressed their concern with this obsession and have told *The Echo*: "Let's face it, JC is unique, the guy's a legend. Luke's deluding himself if he thinks he can ever come near the very high standards JC set for both himself and those around him. He was a born leader."

However, Luke's father John, feels the whole idea will only help to improve his son.



Just like JC: Kelly in goals