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"People only lie because they are afraid of the truth"

Every-Daly is like Mardi Gras

Dowdocream

Aggressive corner back John O'Dowd has been working hard at softening his teak-tough image.

Known for his nastiness on the field, O'Dowd has undertaken a revolutionary skin care treatment programme to make his face as soft as a baby's bottom.

The treatment is sponsored by baby product makes Sudocream.



Baby bum smooth: O'Dowd

Reigning St Clarets Footballer of the Year Ricky Daly has been left embarrassed Down Under after a Mardi Gras prank went horribly wrong.

Upon arriving in Oz, Daly was persuaded to throw his lot in with the annual gay and lesbian celebration known as Sydney Mardi Gras.

Never known for taking shortcuts, Daly, enthusiastically joined in with 20,000 gays, lesbians and transsexuals taking part in the annual summer festival.

Sadly for Daly though, he was the subject of a rather cruel prank, when the face paint he was given turned out to be of the permanent variety. Now, almost a month after the parade, Daly is still sporting his rather fetching make-up.

He has tried desperately to salvage the situation by growing a beard, but as can be



Daly beauty therapy: Facepaint can't hide Ricky's sadness

seen by the picture, it only goes to make him more appealing to members of the transvestite community.

When approached by The *Echo* for comment, close

friend Tomas Gilmore simply said: "Well it's no news to me, but I guess the world was going to find out eventually. Ricky's been dabbling in this stuff for a while now."

All cops and no clobber

A drunken game of "cops and robbers" went horribly wrong for returning Claretian Daniel O'Reilly recently, when he attempted to apprehend a pretend shop-lifter.

O'Reilly, playing the role of "cop" chased the would-be-thief

down the street shouting in his deep Cavan brogue: "Stap, stap, stap in the name of the laa."

When he finally caught up with the fugitive he then began to scream at him: "You're underreesed", at which point the young man took

down his trousers and said: "It's a fair cop"

Within minutes a real policeman joined in the charade by marching both O'Reilly and his accomplice to the police station and charging them with indecent exposure.



O'Reilly and friends prepare for arrest.