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The Echo: The paper where it all started to go wrong for Andy Coulson

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"If you're not going to tell the truth ... why start talking?"

Barry's disappearing act

The mystery surrounding captain Barry Lynch's non-appearance at a recent league game against Shalloe Pearse has been solved by *The Echo*.

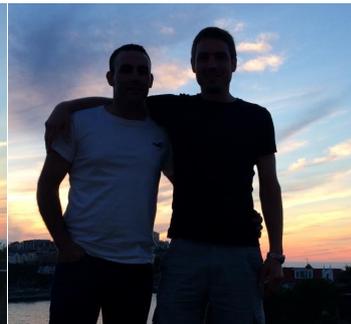
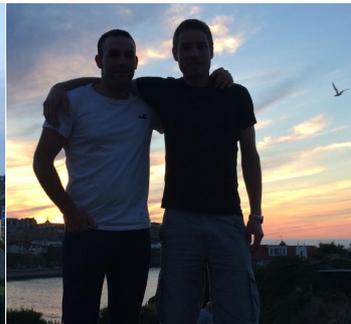
Rumours persisted that Lynch had abandoned his

troops in exchange for a romantic break in Newquay with "friend" *Baff O'Connor*.

However, *The Echo* can exclusively reveal today that while O'Connor did indeed accompany Lynch to the

Cornish town, his role wasn't that of romantic companion, but that of magical distraction, as he and Lynch attempted the highly acclaimed "Disappearing Man" illusion that they have been practicing for months.

O'Connor's role as "eye candy" is a similar role to that performed by Debbie McGee for Paul Daniels in the 1980s, and is designed to draw the attention of the crowd, while illusionist Lynch pulls a slight-of-hand manoeuvre.



Going - Going- Gone: Barry and his lovely assistant Baff perfect Lynch's disappearing act.

The pair proved so accomplished as a double act, that Lynch is still missing, ten days after the trick was played. Lynch's flatmate Aidan Donaghy is unconcerned, although staff at The Swan are facing redundancy as takings have dropped considerably in Lynch's absence.

Woolly advice from Lee



Frustrated by his recent lack of coverage in *The Echo*, Armagh man Darren Mallon has sought the advice of team coach Tadhg Lee on how best to attract more interest from the sporting paparazzi.

Lee, an experienced life coach and mentor, is said to have kept his advice simple and straightforward, by telling Mallon (left) to buy himself a snazzy bit of knitwear and stand beside someone better looking and better dressed.

Given Lee's track record (inset), it was sound advice and now Darren's back on the front page.



Col's career down the pan

Club snapper Colin Keane has failed his recent audition to appear as the Andrex puppy in the toilet paper commercials.

"It's a crap decision" Keane (above) blasted. "They just used me and threw me away."