

# The Echo—the paper FIFA’s millions couldn’t silence

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New signing Paul Keenan reveals the full story behind his latest relationship - “I think I love ewe”.

# New Dog In Town

Staff at Crawley Veterinary Clinic were stunned last Saturday when Aidan Donaghy burst through the doors, dragging his stricken brother Paddy behind him,



Mila: called up to seniors

while screaming for emergency medical assistance.

Initially the staff had no idea what Aidan was yelling about in his thick east Tyrone brogue. However, with the help of two interpreters, one from Lithuania, the other from Latvia, the on-duty vet discovered that what the St Clarets skipper was actually saying was “Big dog broke his wing” referring to a broken finger nail Paddy suffered during the club’s victory over Crawley.

Despite staff protesting that

he was in a clinic for sick animals and therefore they couldn't help Paddy, Aidan refused to budge, repeating over and over again “Big dog broke his wing”, while pointing at his injured brother who was lying on the floor, crying out for morphine and a nail file, while playing with a squeaky rubber toy.

Eventually the vet gave in to the howls of the pair, and after worming and de-lousing Paddy, as well as giving him a belly rub and a doggy treat, he sent the

pair on their way, advising Paddy to refrain from games of fetch for 6 weeks.

On hearing the news that “Big Dog” Donaghy would be absent for much of the summer, St Clarets manager Tony Murphy immediately called up Mila, the border collie and regular Under 14 team mascot, to the senior squad, saying: “Let’s face it, all Paddy ever does is run around in circles chasing a ball he never actually gets. I’m sure Mila can do the same and she’s gotta be fitter than him anyway.”

## Kelly Takes New Direction



Kelly (2nd right) rehearsing with other new cheerleaders—“The Claretas”

Boy band fan Luke Kelly has escaped censor after opting to attend a *One Direction* concert last week instead of a match.

Kelly, whose dancing antics caused problems for a number of previous managers, has in fact been praised by new boss Tony Murphy who, upon hearing the

news of Kelly's weekend escapade said: “I’m actually quite pleased. We’ve been looking to spice up the half time period in our games with a few dancers and maybe some cheerleaders. I’ll take Luke’s preference for dancing as a sign that he’ll be happy to be used in this role.

## Barry’s Boot

Claretian Barry Lynch has turned his attention to sportswear as he sits out his lengthy ban for doping.

The Kerryman has followed in the footsteps of former Liverpool player Craig Johnston, who famously designed *The Predator* boot, by coming up with a new GAA specific piece of footwear.

Lynch calls his “**The Terminator**” and he boasts: “One kick from this baby and it’s over for you”.

As of yet, none of the big bootmakers have shown any interest in the product, although several Ulster counties have asked for more details.



The “Terminator” boot.