

St Clarets— we wouldn't give 50p for Raheem Sterling

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Keith O'Neill talks about his years working as a lady-boy in a Bangkok opium den.



Cheer-Weir-O, Cheer-Weir-O, Cheer-Weir-O

Tony Murphy's plans for the season have been thrown into turmoil after several of his squad indicated that they would prefer to be part of the new cheerleader troop, rather than play.



Lynch's X-Factor audition

The cheerleaders are intended to entertain the St Clarets fans before matches and also at half time.

However, having already moved wayward defender Luke Kelly into the cheerleader squad, it appears that both Lawrence Weir and former skipper Barry Lynch also have ambitions to "dance like no one is watching", as Lynch told a female friend from Mayo he recently spent a long weekend with.

The news broke as Weir threw a high class soiree at

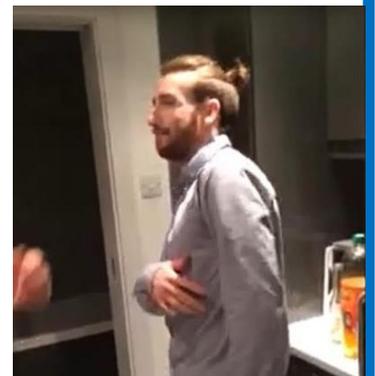
his residence, where he performed his audition routine for his guests.

Speaking to *The Echo*, Tyrone man Weir announced that while "football is a hobby, dance is my passion" adding that: "I just cant wait to get my pom-poms out and show Murphy what I'm all about."

Meanwhile, deposed skipper and former *X-Factor* hopeful, Lynch, views the troop as his ticket back to respectability after his ban.

Elsewhere, Chairman Denis McCarthy is irate at the

news, and told a source that he has had to sell his front row tickets for a West End production of "**Lord of the Dance**" on eBay, so as to avoid any blame in this developing story.



Weir practicing his moves

Coming up smelling of housemate

Frugal Tomas Gilmore has defended his domestic "same bath water policy" (picture), insisting that the environmental and financial benefits outweigh any personal discomfort.

When challenged by one Galwegian housemate about the hygiene issues, Dunmore man Gilmore merely replied: "Sure it's no different to an away game in Glenamaddy."

Paul Keen-on Lucy Ewe

Recent recruit Paul Keenan has responded to media rumours about his love life by posting his current iTunes playlist on Facebook.

Notoriously secretive Keenan, was believed to have

been dating a female from a rural farming community in Wales, with several news outlets linking him with such Welsh babes as Charlotte Church and Alex Jones.

However, Keenan has finally revealed Lucy Ewe to be the new "plus one" in his life, and it appears the young Claretian has fallen head-over-heels into the dipping trough for her, with his "most

listened to" songs featuring such farming classics as: *Stuck on Ewe; Ewe spin me right round; Wild Thing – I think I love Ewe; and even Nothing Compares to Ewe.*

Concerningly though, a close friend of Lucy Ewe have revealed to *The Echo* that she has a reputation as a real heartbreaker, telling this reporter: "Lucy's a real wolf in sheep's clothing when it comes to men. Poor Paul is a lamb to the slaughter here. She'll make minced meat out of him. She'll chop him up and skewer his heart, kidneys and liver. She's left more than one man in an emotional stew."



Touching moment between Paul and Lucy