

# The Echo: Seriously serious about serious news

## The Weekend **ECHO**

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Clarets at centre of huge shake up at RTE's Sunday Game



## Silver Screen Awaits Claretian Silver Fox

Claretians were delighted to learn this week that the senior managers Tony Murphy and Tadhg Lee are to reprise the roles of Fr Ted and Fr Dougal for a new movie based on the series *Fr Ted*.

The film sees the Craggy Island GAA team winning promotion to the SFC

for the first time ever. When the team manager is mistakenly buried alive by Fr Maguire, the club ask the prayerful pair of Ted and Dougal to take over.

Producers are delighted with the authenticity that silver haired Murphy and his young sidekick Tadhg Lee are bringing to the roles. One insider told **The Echo** that writers have stopped penning dialogue for them as: "The stuff those two come up with on the side-line themselves is comedy gold. They certainly don't need our help."

This news explains the re-appearance



Tony and Tadhg: Hollywood beckons

of veteran shot-stopper Paul Meyers in St Clarets colours last week, with studio insiders saying that Paul is set to be cast in the role of the ageing, arthritic, cantankerous, short-tempered cleric Fr Jack Hackett, who comes out of retirement to play a key role in the Islander's march to the county final.



The original Ted and Dougal on the sidelines.

### Youngsters left in limbo by O'Neill

Concern is growing over the increasing influence former Thai lady-boy Keith O'Neill is beginning to exercise over many of the younger St Clarets players.

One insider told *The Echo* that they felt that O'Neill's exotic past was a thing of great curiosity to many of

the younger, more innocent players. The insider, highlighted O'Neill's recent display of limbo dancing outside of the Ruislip clubhouse last weekend as an example of how the Roscommon man was glamorising the years he spent living and working in Bangkok.

Fuel was added to the fire when personal items belonging to young midfielder Sean Killeen, including a loyalty card to *Maria's Hair, Nails & Beauty* in Yeading were discovered in the ladies toilets in Ruislip, leading to suggestions that Killeen had already entered a "transitional phase" in his life, due entirely to the influence of O'Neill.



O'Neill: exotic past

### MMA Twitter feud erupts

Keyboard warrior Ryan O'Connell spent most of this week trash-talking Ireland's Mixed Martial Arts World Champion Conor McGregor over the Dubliner's refusal to fight the young Claretain.

Using his Twitter account #ROCManofSteel, O'Connell accused McGregor of being "too scared" to take him on.

Teenager O'Connell also dissed McGregor's old-school hipster dress sense, asking whether the closet he'd just come out of was in Chris Eubank's house?

After days of taunting, a furious McGregor posted: "#ROCManofSteel – more like Scrawny Smurf just figured out how to take a selfie. #Notorious-I-Am"

Claretians everywhere are awaiting Ryan's next move.



#ManofSteel O'Connell (left) and MMA Champ McGregor