

The Echo: That's all for this season folks

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Signing off from the 2015 season just as we signed in - packed full of hard hitting, well researched, factually correct news, that our readers just can't get enough of.

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Bucks from Bucks

Controversial Claretian Shane 'Peachy' Buckley this week launched his own money lending website Peachy.co.uk. Already he has been contacted by Paddy Donaghy who is looking to borrow money to help pay off debts accumulated in the final stages of the All Ireland Championship.



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Thunderbirds aren't go for Alfie

Claretian wool-loving groom-to-be Tadhg Lee has dropped a pre-wedding bombshell by announcing that he will be looking outside of St Clarets for his wedding apparel.

The news, which has rocked the club, comes after stricken young gun Alfie McNulty presented his specially commissioned off-the-

shoulder, one-of-a-kind offering to Lee, hoping that he would persuade Tadhg of his credentials as a designer. However, Lee has dismissed the design, claiming that it made him look like a character of out *Thunderbirds*.

A devastated McNulty, who suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in the recent county final, told *The Echo* that his design had been inspired by his own one-armed plight and that he had been hoping to appeal to Lee's good nature with this creation. In a further development, Lee has announced that golf legend Nick Faldo will be presiding over the ceremony, telling close friends that: "This was always going to be a wool wedding, and there's no one does wool as well as Faldo."



Coach in sheep's clothing: Lee



Thunderbird Alfie (above) gutted



Faldo checking the Altar wine

"Not coming" Comer awarded for his absence

Claretians everywhere were quick to congratulate former child protégé Niall Comer upon being handed the Senior Player's Player of the Year award last week.

The decision, which has been well received in all quarters of the club, was voted for by the players in a specially convened meeting, in which they also discussed at length the future (or lack thereof) of senior team manager Tony Murphy.

However, the main talking point coming out of the clandestine gathering was the choice of Player's Player of the Year.

Despite a squad-wide media ban, *The Echo*, can reveal exclusively that the reasoning behind the choice was based purely on the enormous and selfless contribution that Niall has made to the team's success this year.

One insider told us: "Basically we haven't seen sight nor light of Niall in about three years now, and with each year that passes, the team has got better and better.

"Most players don't think that it's a coincidence that this improvement has coincided with Niall's absence.

"Niall has decided to go into a kind of early retirement and we will be spending the winter break working hard to make sure he doesn't reverse that decision" the source continued.

"Basically we are a far better team without him and as long as he stays away, then I think St Clarets will always have a chance of winning things. His lack of effort is appreciated"

Meanwhile, manager Murphy, told us that Niall's absence had made his own life a little easier too, as it is one less "arm around the

shoulder" chat that he has to have each week. Elsewhere, Sean McCarthy is said to be furious at the decision, claiming that he stayed away far more than Comer did.



Niall Comer receives his award from Paul Keenan