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St Clarets GFC: Never has so much been owed by so many to so few.

Perfectly Pretty in Pink

Not Feeling The Healing

After a period of relative calm, Claretian bad boys Conor and Matthew Healy struck again last weekend, with this particular stunt resulting in younger sibling Liam being dashed to A&E.

The incident that led to this visit occurred after the three brothers had watched the arm breaking scene in the film "Escape To Victory".

After the movie, Matthew had goaded Liam into allowing them to break his arm, while offering assurances that with his alleged "special healing powers", he could have the arm broken and repaired before his mother knew anything about it.

Apprentice pipe-fitter Conor was a more than willing volunteer to do the breaking, quickly fashioning a barbaric contraption from some spare pipes he had in the shed.

Alas though, Matthew's powers of healing were nowhere near as potent as he believed them to be, and the family spent what was described as "a rather tense 15 hours" in A&E at Hillingdon Hospital.



Victim Liam Healy

Recovering St Clarets star Barry O'Connor has been putting his spare time to good use since his injury, by re-training to be a hairdresser.

The Corkman, sidelined for the past 12-months with a series of injuries, has exchanged his boots for brushes, as he styles a new career for himself.

Having recently passed an intensive course involving styling, cutting and colouring, O'Connor has rewarded himself by purchasing a new Audi TT (below) which he had specially



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ordered in his favourite shade of pink, describing it as "an essential accessory for any self-respecting stylist".

O'Connor is said to be planning on opening his own salon in the very near future, with a pink theme running through the whole establishment, and he recently premiered his proposed new staff uniform at a party hosted in his honour.

The uniform has a distinctive western theme, but was widely complimented by those present.

O'Connor himself is said to be delighted with it and was heard to boast "If you think the hat's a hit, you should see what's under the hood."

Coincidentally, O'Connor, when announcing the purchase of his new TT on Facebook, also spent a great deal of time telling his on-line friends about what was under the hood of his new pink chariot.



O'Connor models the western style uniform for his new salon.

It remains to be seen what Barry's intentions are with regards to his football career. However, the fear is that his success with the scissors may lead to a premature ending of his playing career.

With this in mind, silver-haired St Clarets stalwart Tony Murphy was hoping to avail of any "friends and family" discount on colouring that a top stylist like O'Connor may make available, particularly after the green balloon debacle Murphy suffered last month.

It's A Family Au Pair

All-round good-guy Mike Shea was this week winning further praise for the outstanding role that he has played in helping to raise the new born child of club legend John McDermott.

It is only two weeks ago that *The Echo* was able to announce that Shea had been signed to present his own show based on a combined home improvement and keep fit regime called *Yogapentry*.

Now though *The Echo* can also reveal that McDermott has also engaged Shea as the family's full-time live-in au pair.

Rebecca McDermott is said to be overjoyed by the new addi-

tion to the family, and pretty pleased with little Joseph as well.

A close friend of Rebecca's has been quick to acknowledge the importance of Shea in the early days of young Joseph's life.

"Basically he's been there for everything" they told *The Echo*. He did the Lamaze classes with Rebecca, he was her birthing partner, he helped to negotiate a compromise in the pram debacle earlier in the year and he has been up changing nappies.

Meanwhile John, who returned to work recently after paternity leave, during which time he managed to squeeze in an impressive seventeen rounds of

golf, was complimentary to Shea.

"Before Mike came along, my swing was all over the place and because of Joseph, I'd no time to practice. Now thanks to him, I've spent some time on the course and I'm good to go for the club's golf day."



The day before Joe came Mike and Rebecca on the eve of the birth