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St Clarets GFC: Makes the Olympic Games look like a village fair.

Ono He Didn't - Oh Yes He Did

News in brief

Versatile Claretian legend John McDermott has revealed this week how he has been seeking expert equine help in search of a solution to the scoring slump he is currently in the middle of.

It is believed that McDermott has visited the horse training yard of ex-England centre forwards Mick Channon and Michael Owen in search of suggestions.

After carefully assessing the facts and observing McDermott in action, Channon recommended wearing blinkers during future games. Attempts by John to start last Sunday's match in blinkers were dashed by referee Declan Flanagan.

Instead McDermott removed one contact lens so as to try and focus his vision in one direction.

The man sent to retrieve McDermott's second half attempt at goal from distance, is expected to return with the ball by the middle of next week sometime.

Veteran Claretian midfielder Brian MacNeice has vowed to break current manager Tony Murphy's playing record for St Clarets.

Having starred in Sunday's Championship win, the high fielding star merely said: I'm 43 now, another 12 years and I'll break Murphy's record I think I can do it.

"It's a phenomenal landmark he's reached, but there's nothing like setting a challenge for an Armagh man.

The Claretian Echo is delighted to announce this week that new mother Nicola Donaghy has ended her Yoko Ono style protests over husband Paddy's obsession with all thing GAA.

Reacting to the brainwashing of first born child Tadhg before he could talk, highlighted by the fact that his first words were not "mama" or "dada", but "O'Neills", Nicola refused to leave her bed after the birth of second child Tiernan, until Paddy changed his GAA ways.



Paddy in jersey talking to Mick Keane (left) and after the chat (right)



Following on from what was described by one family member

as "a lengthy heart to heart on the sofa" with father-in-law Mick Keane, Donaghy finally realised the error of his ways and agreed to ditch the O'Neills apparel in favour of a more natural look.

Excited by this news, Nicola immediately ended her protest and rejoined her family.

However, she was shocked to find a shirtless Paddy lying on the sofa along with her sons, with Paddy protesting that he had promised a more natural look and that's what he was giving her.

You're On Your Yoko Ono

New mother Nicola Donaghy has this week taken a dramatic stand against her husband Paddy's obsession with football.

In an attempt to divert Paddy's attention away from the high ball, Nicola has taken a leaf from the book of Yoko Ono and started a Bed-In, reminiscent of the famous peace protest that Ono and her husband John Lennon undertook in the 1970s.

Sources close to Nicola say it's a desperate move to try and get Paddy to focus on things other

than Tyrone and St Clarets.

It's a tactic that Nicola feels she must introduce as she can't put up with another baby thinking that their father doesn't have any clothes other than Tyrone jerseys and St Clarets tops.

The situation got so severe during eldest child Tadhg's early days, that his first word was "O'Neill's".

Nicola has vowed to remain in bed until she receives assurances from Paddy that he has changed his fanatical ways.



We shall not be moved. Nicola and baby Tiernan during their protest

Last week's story covering Nicola's protest over Paddy's O'Neill's obsession

Is There An Echo In The Room?

Several major news providers throughout the UK and Ireland were this week reporting that the Grimes twins, aka *Jedward*, are to compete in the 2013 series of *Dancing on Ice*.

This news will come as no sur-



Jedward on Ice: our biggest scoop

prise to regular readers of *The Claretian Echo*, as this was a story we broke at the height of our own dance epidemic back in March 2012 (see below right).

The news has been greeted with great cheer by fans of *Jedward*, although their enthusiasm has been tempered somewhat by the fact that the pair will be forced to dance against each other, with skating bosses saying it would not be possible for a professional dancer to dance with two partners at the same time.

Whether the suggestion made in

The Echo that the pair would dance on their famous barnets comes true remains to be seen.

But don't forget folks, for the best in breaking news, read *The Claretian Echo*.

Elsewhere, in a desperate attempt to hold on to their place as Ireland's 47th most popular double act, Jedward have contacted ITV television bosses with a proposal that they would skate on their heads in order to secure a spot on the show.

The story we broke in Issue No. 5