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"If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed."

Con man Murphy outed

In Brief

St Clarets full back Liam O'Keefe has impressed selectors with his commitment to mastering the art of man marking, by spending last week standing beside a wax-work model of Ronaldo.

The Portuguese dummy only gave Liam the slip four times on Monday.



No escape for Ronnie

Claretian legend Tony Murphy spent last week defending his shattered reputation when it was revealed that he had been receiving coaching tips from Claretian WAG Colleen Lynott throughout 2013.

Following London's impressive form this year, London selector Murphy was being tipped for a seat in the RTE box for the rest of the Championship, as Joe Brophy recovers from surgery to repair several burst blood vessels following last Saturday's on-air meltdown.

London manager Paul Coggins is said to be bitterly disappointed that Murphy had been fooling him for the past three years and genuinely thought that the ideas that Murphy came up with were his own.

However, the Offaly man's con was discovered when eagle-eyed photographer Colin Keane caught Murphy and Lynott colluding in the Director's Box at a recent match in Ruislip.

Both wore sun glasses in an attempt to disguise their identities, but Claretian follow-



"You ain't seen me" -Murphy in disguise (right)

ers were instantly able to recognise Murphy as he took his seat beside Colleen, Mick Keane and Kevin Lynott and enjoyed the corporate hospitality on offer.

It's not clear yet

whether Coggins will retain Murphy's services for next year, or merely cut out the middle man and bring Colleen on board as a selector while London prepare to face her native Galway.

Eyes Wide Shut

Concerned Claretians have this week engaged the services of a sleep expert following the release of a series of disturbing pictures showing St Clarets defend-

er John O'Dowd in a near constant coma.

Specialists claim that O'Dowd is suffering from an extreme case of narcolepsy. As a result, the club's medical staff have invested

in sleep monitoring equipment, which they hope will help to regulate the Cork man's sleep patterns.

One senior Claretian scoffed at this scientific approach and merely said:

"I know what I'd give him and my boot is about as scientific as it would get."

Meanwhile, one senior team selector added; "It explains a lot... it explains an awful lot!"



The four leaked photographs of John O'Dowd that has led to the club to engaging the services of a sleep expert