

BETS ON THE BOX

with **KEN ROBERTSON**



Pat Kenny is tipped to become the ultimate King of the airwaves if plans to have his morning show pushed back to 9am on Radio 1 get the nod from RTE big wigs. It's thought Radio 1 bosses are worried that Tubridy's move to 2FM could cause listenership figures to plummet.

While there have been many names bandied about to take Tubridy's slot on Radio 1, none are safer than the veteran jock himself, Pat Kenny.

Paddy Power make Pat their 1/2 favourite to emerge with a larger audience than Tubridy at the end of 2010 and have also opened betting on what Ryan's debut listenership figures will reach when he takes to the airwaves in the last week of August.

Between 300,001 and 310,000 people are expected to tune in to Tubridy's first radio show on 2FM following G. Ryan's tragic passing earlier this year.

BABES

Michelle Heaton is the 9/4 favourite in the bookies list of soon to be 'Yummy Mummies'!



Following TV3 star Colette Fitzpatrick's recent baby news, Paddy Power have revisited their baby betting market and have made the former Liberty X singer their most likely celebrity to announce she's expecting next!

Model and reality TV babe Pippa O'Connor, who is currently engaged to presenter Brian Ormond, is second favourite on the list at 3/1, followed by actress Amy Huberman at 6/1.

Fellow model Rosanna Davison, whose love life is hitting the headlines for all the wrong reasons lately, is further down the list at 8/1 while newly single Andrea Roche is 14/1.

STEVE G

Meanwhile Steven Gerrard is now just 11/8 to leave Liverpool FC. The England skipper was keen to avoid discussion of his future while on World Cup duty but will not be able to avoid the speculation much longer, particularly with new boss Roy Hodgson taking the reins at Anfield.

Gerrard has also been popular with punters to be part of the next celebrity couple to split with his and Alex Curran's odds tumbling from 8/1 all the way down to 13/8 with Paddy Power, who report a consistent trend of bets on the couple.



They have now usurped Prince Harry & Chelsy to become the betting favourites to follow in the footsteps of Cheryl & Ashley Cole, Tiger & Elin Woods, and Kelly Brook & Danny Cipriani, who have all called time on their relationships this year.

ENDA

Finally, after Enda Kenny announced his new front bench this week, the Mayo-man remains Paddy Power's red hot favourite to be Taoiseach after the next election.



The bookie predicts that many of the new front bench will be Cabinet Ministers next time around, offering odds of 9/4 that eight make the cut and 9/2 that there will be room for ten or more at the Cabinet table.

It is likely that those lucky enough to make the Cabinet will have to share with their Labour colleagues, as it's still a very likely 4/11 that the next Government is a Fine Gael/Labour coalition.

Kenny himself is the bookie's second favourite to be the first front bench casualty at 4/1 with odds of only even money available about another attempted Coup d'Etat in the party.

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EXCLUSIVE IT'S RAPID FOR FOUR

WEIR UP



COOL AND CALM: Screams as Geraldine heads down a weir once again

Our reporter goes up the creek..but at least she still has a paddle

HANGING ON: The experts took control as the canoe headed through the white water

As a *Sunday World* reporter I'm used to meeting dodgy punters.

And they often tell me to go jump in the river.

So when some blokes rang up offering to dump me in the Liffey I knew I was in for a rough ride.

Especially when the boss told me to paddle my own canoe.

Luckily for me the lads were just offering to give me a guided tour of the city - by water.

Forget driving, cycling or walking - rafting is the new way to get around town according to Shane Cronin, Killian Kelly, Mark Downey and Warren McIntyre.

To prove it, they had mapped out a route which would take us from Lucan to Palmerstown in less than two hours.

While that might seem a bit slow even by rush-hour standards, I thought it would be a lot more fun than sitting in traffic.



There was just one snag - I'd have to go over four weirs.

"Yes, it will be white water", Warren warned me as I got cold feet on the shoreline.

But it was sink or swim time.

Moments later I found myself in rubber dinghy with four other beginners and instructor Warren. The three ladies and one gent were all taking part in a corporate team-building exercise.

Tackle

They were determined to beat a rival boat full of their colleagues, with *Sunday World* snapper Ciaran McGowan on board.

Before we could tackle the waterfall, Warren gave us a crash course - literally. As we bumped into rocks and trees growing out of the water, then got stuck in the

reefs, it was no wonder the three little boys swimming above the weir were laughing at us.

Warren tried to explain the basics of paddling and steering, but, no matter how hard we rowed, the boat kept spinning around.

Finally, with Warren steering, we approached the waterfall. We got a bit weir-y when we heard the screams from the other boat which had just gone over.

"Paddle fast - forward!" Warren yelled.

But the boat just stopped on top of the weir. As the crew below laughed at us, we had to paddle in reverse and approach it again. "Faster!" Warren roared. He began counting the paddle strokes.

Suddenly we were flying over the top. "All inside!" Warren cried and this time we instantly obeyed. We flung ourselves into the middle of the raft.

Moments later we were spinning around again at the end of the waterfall.

Amazingly, none of us had fallen out.

As we raced to catch up with the other raft, we paddled furiously - but after a few minutes common sense took over and we just enjoyed a leisurely trip.

Every so often the craft would get stuck in shallows or get carried by a current into a fallen tree.

But around every bend there was something interesting.

Hideaway

As we rowed past private gardens, dogs barked as if we were trespassing.

I was intrigued to pass by Luttrellstown Castle where David and Victoria Beckham had married in 1999.

The castle is also a secret Holiday hideaway for Madonna - who must be thanking her Lucky Star that rafting is still a minority sport.

We also got close enough to the Hermitage Golf Club to put an