

Appeal for missing man

GARDAI yesterday renewed their appeal for help in their search for a missing man.

Gerard Taylor, 55, was last seen leaving his home in Sandyford, South Dublin, at 9am last Saturday.

He is described as 6ft, of medium build, and has grey hair and blue eyes.

A spokesman at Dundrum Garda station said: "He was wearing a navy blue jacket with a hood and green trousers."

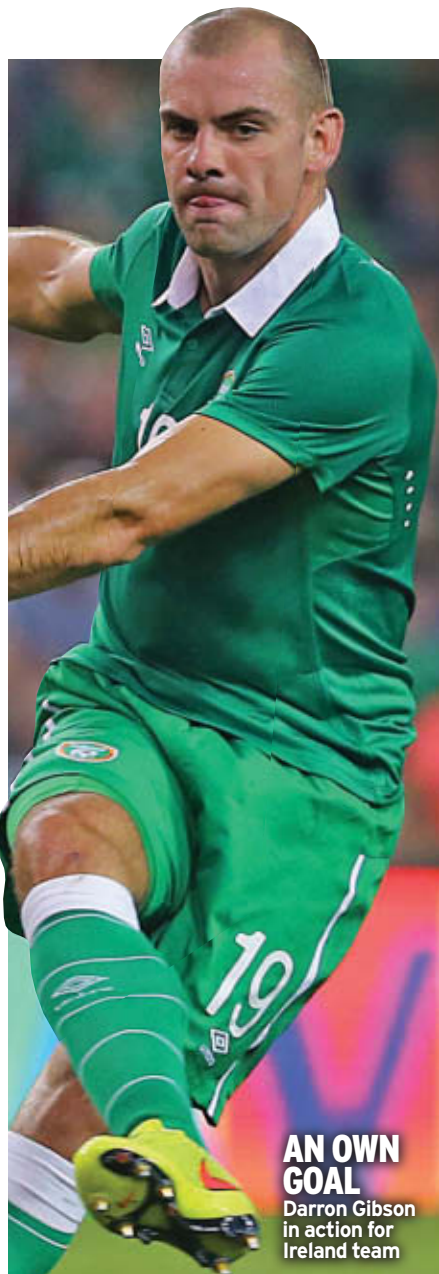
Sport fans get slice of action

A FEAST of sport will spark the busiest day of the year for pizza orders.

Liverpool and Spurs will first battle it out in the Champions League Final before boxer Anthony Joshua's fights Andy Luiz Jnr.

The English Premiership Rugby Final and the Epsom Derby are also on.

Domino's spokesman Scott Bus said: "Two clubs with massive followings in the Champions League Final could see the biggest pizza occasion of 2019."



AN OWN GOAL
Darron Gibson in action for Ireland team

I'm too busy to do community service

Drink-drive star Gibson tries to escape unpaid work

BY CAMERON SINCLAIR

DRINK-drive soccer star Darron Gibson has tried to wriggle out of completing community service - claiming he is too busy to do it due to "pressing work commitments".

The shamed 31-year old, who is on holiday and without a club, was ordered to do 250 hours' unpaid work.

It was his second alcohol motoring offence when he was three times the limit.

But the Republic of Ireland midfielder has only completed 77 hours since the order made in May last year.

The ex-Manchester United, Everton and Sunderland player has only played for latest club Wigan 18 times since joining last August and last week the club announced he was being axed.

He was last seen on the bench during Wigan's last Championship match

against Millwall on May 5. At Manchester magistrates this week, his lawyer Peter Grogan said: "This is an application to remove an element of the community order.

"You will be aware that he has been engaging and has made good progress. While the progress has been good, due to pressing work commitments, he is struggling to meet the requirements of the order and still has one more year to go. He apologises for not being here but he is on a family holiday.

"It was a pre-booked holiday and he went to Spain on May 22. His training resumes next month."

Judges said: "On the basis of work commitments, the football season is coming to an end, so it is possible that

he will have time. The bench is mindful to refuse the application."

Last year Gibson had been facing jail when he crashed into a taxi, five parked cars and a wall on St Patrick's Day, as he drove from his former flat in Durham to a physio session at Sunderland when he was still playing for the club.



SHAMED
Gibson at court

He was breathalysed at the side of the road and gave a reading of 105 microgrammes of alcohol in 100ml of breath when the legal limit was 35mg.

A second reading showed 95mg and Gibson said he taken two sleeping tablets and drank from a bottle of vodka the night before.

He was given a two-year community order with 250 hours of unpaid work.

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