

GAA Oral History Project
Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Eileen McCallion
Date of Interview	30 th Apr 2011
Location	Interviewers home, near Kildress, Co Tyrone
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Una McGlinchey (nee Heagney)
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Female
Born	Year Born: 1966 Home County: Tyrone
Education	Primary: St Mary's Dunamore, Co. Tyrone Secondary: Our Lady's secondary, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone. Third Level: Dungannon Technical College
Family	Siblings: 3 Brothers; 2 Sisters Current Family if Different: Married; 2 girls; 1 Boy
Club(s)	Kildress Wolfe Tones GAC [Tyrone]
Occupation	Hairdresser
Parents' Occupation	Retired Farmers
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	13 th July 2012
Period Covered	1971 – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Tyrone
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Managing, Refereeing, Officials, Administration, Education, Religion, Media, Emigration, Role of Clergy, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Identity, Rivalries, Irish Language, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Challenges, Northern Ireland
Interview Summary	<p>Una talks about growing up in Tyrone and her introduction to the GAA, and in particular rounders. While she talks about playing football, her first love and passion is rounders. She explains what it was like playing the game as she grew up, about travelling down to Croke Park to play, and eventually playing at the senior level. She explains why the club is key to the community.</p> <p>00:30 Member of Kildress Club.</p> <p>00:36 Played Rounders in Primary School, when she was 12 or 13 and stayed overnight many times down South to play rounders.</p> <p>00:59 Played for St Mary's Dunamore Primary School Team.</p> <p>01:13 Two schools in parish St Mary's and St Joseph's Killeenan joined as a mixed Team.</p> <p>01:36 Played Rounders for 10 years and competed in Schools and Club matches every week.</p> <p>02:02 Trained initially by Patricia Totten (teacher) and then Peadar Totten took over the training.</p> <p>02:19 There was a schools competition every year coming up to the end of term.</p> <p>02:51 School presented certificates for rounders winners.</p> <p>03:05 Played Rounders for Kildress Football Club and for Our Lady's secondary school Cookstown.</p> <p>03:21 Recalled going to play rounders in Dublin when she was 12 and Peadar Totten provided the transport and they</p>

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	<p>stayed in the houses of the other teams. They would have a BBQ that night and play rounders the next day.</p> <p>03:55 Recalled the great memories she has from travelling in Peadar Totten mini bus and from staying over in other peoples houses.</p> <p>04:36 Recalled how the families from the opposition teams would supply the BBQ and the excitement they experienced as at 12 and 13 years of age it was their first time away from home.</p> <p>05:45 Recalls that the clubs that played rounders at that time were Pomeroy in Co Tyrone and Lissan and Ballinderry from Co Derry. There were no trophies presented then, it was just an occasion for fun and meeting up with others.</p> <p>06:25 Describes winning an All Star for playing rounders in 2006 and how she represented Tyrone in a rounders game at half time in a senior match and how proud she felt marching behind the band.</p> <p>08:36 Recalls playing rounders for Kildress in club championship in Croke Park and how lost they felt in the big stadium.</p> <p>10.27 For 3 years she has been training children in mixed teams as she wants to promote the sport of rounders.</p> <p>10.45 For last two years has been organising a Mary McCullagh rounders tournament. Held in Kildress with local families and friends from age 16 – 90</p> <p>11.28 Rounders season is from Easter – Sept and her local club has played teams such as Cavan, Laois and Lissan. They usually meet half way and play a couple of matches.</p> <p>12.20 Describes how she organises a local children’s tournament with local schools at the end of the school term and it usually lasts a full day. Training usually after school and then up at the football pitch.</p> <p>14.25 Recalls how her family had no interest in sport but that she developed an interest in camogie, rounders and football from school.</p> <p>14.52 Describes how she played camogie for Tyrone and how herself and Anne-Marie Jackson would cycle 20 miles to and</p>
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	<p>from Dungannon every Saturday morning for training.</p> <p>15.50 Played two games for Tyrone and as one of the youngest players played for both the minor and senior team.</p> <p>17.04 Describes how she cracked her ankle playing football for Kildress Wolfe Tones.</p> <p>17.41 Played football until she was 25 and recalls how she got a black eye playing against Drumquin.</p> <p>18.34 Explains how as a married woman with a black eye she decided to call it a day.</p> <p>19.02 Describes how football always came first and when the children were young she would take them with her and how her daughter and son now plays rounders and football.</p> <p>19.43 Describes how Health and Safety issues has resulted in changes to the sport</p> <p>20.58 Describes how few changes have been made to the game of rounders in the last 30 years</p> <p>22.15 Explains that she made many good friends through sport and it is a good means of keeping in touch after people got married and moved away.</p> <p>23:24 Recognises that women can play football and acknowledges rounders in that women and men can play together in the one team.</p> <p>24.00 Refers to Parish Priest Fr Hegarty who enjoyed the sport including camogie and regularly watched the games</p> <p>25.25 Best memories was that of travelling in mini bus to Dublin and sleeping in sleeping bags in hostels and how they had to take their lunch with them.</p> <p>26.25 Worst memory was receiving a black eye and that put the fear in her and she had to give up playing football which she loved after that.</p> <p>26.44 Describes growing up playing rounders and loved it, great memories win or lose.</p> <p>27.10 Describes that the GAA gets kids out to play sport instead of watching TV and gets kids from both ends of the</p>
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	<p>parish of Kildress (Killeenan and Dunamore) to get to know each other. Big part of the community.</p> <p>28:10 All time hero is Peter Canavan</p> <p>30:10 Úna recalls a happy memory of a trip away as a teenager and the adventures had by her and her friend Breda including sneaking out to meet boys and being searched for by Peadar Totten.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Played from 1971 – 2011.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Format</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>Length of Interview: 00:32:19</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>

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To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: Eileen McCallion

Date: 3rd Dec 2011

