

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Eadaoin Leahy & Emma Kavanagh
Date of Interview	28 th Feb 2010
Location	Donal's home, near The Rower, Co. Kilkenny
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Donal Kavanagh
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1941 Home County: Kilkenny
Education	Primary: The Rower, NS Secondary: Good Counsel College, New Ross Third Level: UCD
Family	Siblings: 1 sister & 4 brothers
Club(s)	The Rower-Inistioge GAA [Kilkenny]
Occupation	Retired Secondary School Teacher
Parents' Occupation	Teachers
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fianna Fáil
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	25 th August 2012
Period Covered	1950s – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Kilkenny
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Administration, Sponsorship, Education, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Professionalism, Socialising
Interview Summary	<p>Donal recalls his youth and playing for the Rower-Inistioge club in Kilkenny. He talks about the memorable games they played, his trips to Croke Park as a spectator and changes he has seen in the GAA over the years.</p> <p>00:15 Role in the GAA. Administrative involvement.</p> <p>0:30 Reason for his involvement.</p> <p>00:45 Family involvement - brothers as players and father as administrator.</p> <p>01:05 Changes he has seen in the GAA - facilities, professional approach, sponsorship.</p> <p>01:50 Impact of GAA on his school life. Winning a championship in 1955. Attending Good Counsel College in New Ross.</p> <p>02:20 Playing whilst at college in UCD.</p> <p>02:35 Friendships he has made through the GAA.</p> <p>03:00 Club successes during his time with Rower-Inistioge.</p> <p>03:25 Rivalry with Bennettsbridge, James Stephens and Rathnure, Wexford.</p> <p>04:20 Attending games in Croke Park. Travelling by car. Match day rituals. Atmosphere.</p> <p>05:35 Great games he has been involved in. 1968 county final against Bennettsbridge in Nowlan Park.</p>

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<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" 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>Kilkenny U14 Hurling Championship (1955); 2 Senior Hurling Leinster Colleges Championships; 2 Football Championships with Good Counsel New Ross; 2 Fitzgibbon Cup medals; 2 Dublin Senior Hurling medals (1968,); 1 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Final medal (1968); 2 Kilkenny special junior medals.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Chairman (Club Captain) UCD (1970, 71); Secretary UCD (1971,73)</p>
<p>Format</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>Length of Interview: 00:06:42</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>

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Signed: _____Eadaoin Leahy & Emma Kavanagh_____

Date: _____28/02/2010_____