

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Brian Becker
Date of Interview	7 th July 2010
Location	St. Stephens Green, Dublin
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Mark Farrelly
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1990 Home County: Cavan
Education	Primary: Killinkere NS Secondary: Virginia Vocational Third Level: NUI Maynooth
Family	Siblings: 1 sister
Club(s)	Killinkere GAC
Occupation	Student
Parents' Occupation	Farmer [Father]; Wageclerk [Mother]
Religion	Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership (Optional)	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s) (Optional)	N/A

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Date of Report	26 th July 2010
Period Covered	Mid 1990s – July 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Cavan, Kerry, Mayo, Tyrone, Monaghan
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Playing, Training, Managing, Coaching, Officials, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Education, Media, Role of Teachers, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Culture, All-Ireland, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Relationship with the Association, Professionalism, Socialising, Economy/Economics
Interview Summary	<p>Mark Farrelly is recorded while he is working as a volunteer on the GAA Oral History Project. Mark recalls his early memories of the GAA, travelling to match and the role GAA played during his school days. He talks in detail about Killinkere club and his role on the club committee, particularly as PRO. He discusses the different social events organised by the club and the role the GAA plays in the local community.</p> <p>0:25 He recalls his uncle bringing him to matches as his earliest GAA memory. Killinkere and Knockbride are mentioned.</p> <p>1:25 Killinkere GAC is described. Football, women's football, and camogie are mentioned.</p> <p>2:10 He describes football in national school and secondary school.</p> <p>2:45 The role of teachers is discussed.</p> <p>3:30 Travelling to games with both his father and uncle is described.</p> <p>5:20 Loyalty to club and county is discussed. Cavan and Monaghan All-Ireland contention are mentioned.</p> <p>6:45 He discusses the social importance of the GAA in his community.</p>

	<p>7:06 The popularity of rugby is discussed. The competition for players, soccer, and Celtic soccer club are mentioned.</p> <p>8:15 All-Irelands are discussed. Peter Riley is mentioned.</p> <p>9:10 He recalls celebration of the return of the team following victory.</p> <p>9:30 He recalls his first time in Croke Park. Teams from Kerry and Mayo are mentioned.</p> <p>10:10 Being a child in Croke Park is discussed. Tyrone and Cavan supporters are mentioned.</p> <p>11:38 Experiences as a player are discussed. He recalls playing on five different teams.</p> <p>12:32 He recalls the challenges of playing for his club while enrolled in college. Travelling home for training and matches is mentioned.</p> <p>14:34 His roles as PRO and volunteer with the GAA Oral History Project are discussed.</p> <p>16:00 The social importance of football is discussed. Positive and negatives are mentioned including politics, passion, county boards, and administration in Croke Park are mentioned.</p> <p>18:05 The community importance of the GAA is discussed. An example of a county player who died attempting to rescue another is given.</p> <p>18:55 The death of another player is recalled with mention of community closeness.</p> <p>19:15 Community pressure placed on players is discussed. Opinions, social limitations, and player confidence are mentioned.</p> <p>20:53 Professionalism and the pressure to win is</p>
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	<p>discussed.</p> <p>21:35 He discusses quality of play.</p> <p>22:00 Player payment is discussed.</p> <p>22:49 He discusses his potential for GAA involvement later in life. Larry Riley, Michael Riley, Peter Riley, and his blog 'Why Larry Riley is Better than Pele' are mentioned.</p> <p>24:45 His appointment as PRO is recalled. Coaching and managing are mentioned.</p> <p>25:25 He discusses his role as PRO. Promotion, club news, match reports, club website are mentioned.</p> <p>26:05 The Killinkere Jamboree is described. Honda X-Fighters, monster trucks, air show, music, guess the weight of the pony, Bonnie Baby contests, dancing, promotional videos, and hen racing are all mentioned.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input 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 type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____Journalist_____</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Mark played for 12 years and won 2 vocational schools championships.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Club PRO (1 year)</p>
<p>Format</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>Length of Interview: 0:27:57</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>

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To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: _____ Brian Becker _____

Date: _____ 26th July 2010 _____