

## GAA Oral History Project

## Interview Report Form

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Regina Fitzpatrick
<b>Date of Interview</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2010
<b>Location</b>	Irish Pub, Bornheim, Frankfurt, Germany
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Stephen Lynch
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1980 <b>Home County:</b> Clare / Dublin
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Scoil Mhuire, Shankill, Dublin <b>Secondary:</b> Clonkeen College, Dublin <b>Third Level:</b> DIT Mountjoy Square
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 2 brothers, 2 daughters & 1 son
<b>Club(s)</b>	Frankfurt Sarsfields GAA [Europe]
<b>Occupation</b>	Finance
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Engineers
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	None
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	None

Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Damon Bergamini
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1974 <b>Home County:</b> Great Britain
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Brockwood PS, Great Britain <b>Secondary:</b> Halsey <b>Third Level:</b> Cavendish
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 1 brother & 1 sister
<b>Club(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Occupation</b>	Banking
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Floor Layer [Father]; Retail [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	N/A
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

<b>Date of Report</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1974-2010
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Germany, Europe
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Travel, Supporting, Playing, Training, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Emigration, Involvement in GAA abroad, Role of the Club in the Community, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Outsider's Perspectives, Alcohol, Food and Drink, Socialising, Relationships, Economy / Economics
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>Stephen talks about his GAA involvement in Clare and Dublin when he was young while Damien talks about his trips to Ireland in the summertime and the impressions he formed of the GAA. They also talk about the GAA scene in Frankfurt and their involvement in playing, fundraising and carrying out administrative duties. Although their club is relatively young, they have attracted enough members - both Irish and non-Irish - to enable them to travel and compete in tournaments around Europe. For them the GAA overseas is an all-inclusive organisation that binds people together and allows them to enjoy each other's company without things becoming overly serious on the field of play.</p> <p>00:15 Born in 1980.</p> <p>00:20 Damien born in 1974.</p> <p>00:35 (Stephen) Earliest GAA memory - Ger Loughnane teaching in Ennis.</p> <p>01:20 (Stephen) Moving to Dublin when he was 10. Trying to join Coolock and Kilmacud Crokes.</p> <p>02:00 (Stephen) Playing for Scoil Mhuire and Clonkeen near Cornellscourt. Playing football.</p> <p>02:55 (Damien) Holidaying in Thurles. Being at Hayes club.</p> <p>03:25 (Damien) Watching GAA on Channel 4 in England.</p> <p>04:20 (Damien) Going into a nightclub in Tipperary and being questioned by locals afterwards.</p>

	<p>05:25 (Damien) Comparing GAA to other sports.</p> <p>05:55 (Damien) Witnessing the excitement of an Under-21 final.</p> <p>07:25 (Stephen) Watching GAA games in the pub when he arrived in Frankfurt in 2005.</p> <p>07:55 (Stephen) Irish community in the area.</p> <p>08:35 (Stephen) Club in the area that became defunct. Bobby Bashford playing for an Amsterdam club.</p> <p>09:15 (Stephen) Being in Budapest and seeing GAA being played there. Deciding to start a club.</p> <p>10:00 (Stephen) Starting the club with Ray Coleman and others.</p> <p>10:40 (Stephen) Playing in a tournament in Munich.</p> <p>11:00 (Stephen) Players they recruited and how they did that.</p> <p>12:05 (Stephen) Getting sponsorship. Fundraising.</p> <p>12:45 (Stephen) Reasons for setting up the club.</p> <p>13:10 (Stephen) Going out after tournaments. Non-Irish people playing the games.</p> <p>14:10 (Stephen) Past GAA experience of people who join them. Captain, Jimmy Doran, having played for London.</p> <p>14:35 (Stephen) Non-Irish members of their team.</p> <p>15:10 (Stephen) Training and facilities.</p> <p>16:00 (Stephen) Benefits of having GAA in Frankfurt.</p> <p>16:35 (Stephen) Future prospects for the team. Administrative set-up.</p> <p>17:10 (Stephen) Professions of club members.</p> <p>17:30 (Damien) People coming and going.</p> <p>17:45 (Stephen) Moving to Hannover.</p>
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	<p>18:10 (Stephen) Prospect of a ladies team.</p> <p>19:20 (Stephen) What playing there means to him.</p> <p>20:25 (Stephen) Main rivals - Amsterdam and Liffre.</p> <p>21:45 (Stephen) Financing trips to tournaments.</p> <p>22:50 (Stephen) Contact with Croke Park and the European County Board.</p> <p>23:30 (Damien) Meeting new people through the GAA.</p> <p>24:20 (Stephen) Impact of GAA on ex-pat community.</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></p>	<p><b>Stephen:</b></p> <p><input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Damon:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p><b>Stephen:</b> European Shield Runner up 2009</p> <p><b>Damon:</b> None specified</p>
<p><b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p><b>Stephen:</b> Frankfurt Sarsfields club treasurer for 2 years.</p> <p><b>Damon:</b> None specified</p>

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<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 00:24:51
<b>Language</b>	English

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Signed:            Regina Fitzpatrick

Date:              14<sup>th</sup> June 2012