

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	2 nd Sept 2010
Location	JJ's home, Cavan, Co. Cavan
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	JJ Reilly
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1948 Home County: Cavan
Education	Primary: De La Salle, Co. Cavan Secondary: St. Patrick's College, Cavan Third Level: St. Patrick's College, Maynooth
Family	Siblings: 4 brothers
Club(s)	Cavan Gaels
Occupation	Retired Secondary Teacher
Parents' Occupation	Mechanic [Father]; Nurse [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Paddy Murray
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1948 Home County: Cavan
Education	Primary: De La Salle, Cavan Secondary: St. Patrick's College, Cavan
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers & 4 sisters Current Family if Different: Married to Mags with 2 daughters
Club(s)	Cavan Gaels
Occupation	Accounts Clerk
Parents' Occupation	Labourer in England [Father]; Woolworths [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Sinn Féin
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	County Cavan Golf Club, Hacklers Drama Group

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Jimmy Sheridan
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1937 Home County: Cavan
Education	Primary: De La Salle, Cavan Secondary: Cavan Technical School, Co. Cavan
Family	Siblings: 3 brothers & 1 sister Current Family if Different: Married to Mary Teresa with 3 sons and 1 daughter
Club(s)	Cavan Gaels; Cavan Harps
Occupation	Manager of Cable TV Business
Parents' Occupation	Labourer [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	None
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Golf Club

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Mick McCarthy
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1933 Home County: Westmeath
Education	Primary: CBS St. Mary's, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath Secondary: St. Mary's, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers & 1 sister Current Family if Different: Married to Patricia with 2 sons and 3 daughters
Club(s)	Cavan Gaels [Cavan]; Mullingar [Westmeath]; Naas [Kildare]; Stradone [Cavan]
Occupation	Garda
Parents' Occupation	Board of Works Area Supervisor [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Golf Club (Captain, 1987), Badminton

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Teddy McCormack
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1932 Home County: Cavan
Education	Primary: St. Felim's NS, Co. Cavan Secondary: Cavan Vocational School, Co. Cavan
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers & 1 sister Current Family if Different: Married to Pauline with 3 sons and 2 daughters
Club(s)	Cavan Gaels
Occupation	Newspaper Compositor
Parents' Occupation	Motor Mechanic [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	None
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	5 th July 2012
Period Covered	1940s – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Cavan, Westmeath, Monaghan, Down, Dublin, Cork, Great Britain, England, Americas, USA, Cayman Islands
Key Themes Covered	Grounds Travel, Supporting, Facilities, Playing, Training, Coaching, Officials, Celebrations, Administration, Commiserations, Fundraising, Material Culture, Education, Religion, Media, Emigration, Involvement in GAA Abroad, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Culture, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Outsider's Perspectives, Alcohol, Politics, Northern Ireland, The Troubles, Ban on Foreign Games, Relationship with the Association, Professionalism, Retirement, Socialising, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships, Economy / Economics
Interview Summary	<p>J.J, Paddy, Jimmy, Mick and Teddy discuss the GAA in Cavan and the formation of the Cavan Gaels Gaelic Football Club in Cavan Town. They discuss how it originated from an amalgamation of two previous teams in Cavan Town; the Harps and the Slashers. They tell how Cavan Gaels bought their grounds, Terry Coyle Park and the challenge they faced in acquiring this. The group have all been involved with the GAA since childhood and they provide numerous stories about travelling to matches, playing football and about the characters they met along the way.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:52 (JJ) Earliest Cavan Gaels memory is in 1958, at the age of ten, playing in a county final as goal-keeper. He remembers Jimmy Sheridan scoring three goals. He mentions winning the county championship in 1965.</p> <p>01:45 (JJ) Earliest memory of the GAA is listening to Micheál O'Hehir commentating on the radio.</p> <p>02:10 (Paddy) Earliest memory is in 1958. He talks about how he and JJ went to De La Salle Primary School in Cavan Town and mentions some of the characters there, including a Brother named Cyril and a boy named Greg Sheridan who supported Crosserlough.</p>

	<p>03:15 (Paddy) Earliest memory of the GAA is listening to Micheál O'Hehir commentating. He mentions listening to an All-Ireland on the radio when he lived in Jubilee Terrace. He discusses listening to the radio with neighbours.</p> <p>03:47 (Paddy) discusses photographs he found taken outside the Castle Hotel in Dublin on the day of the National League final when Cavan played Down. He names the people in the photograph as himself, his mother, and a man named Packie Doonan and talks about the Hogan Stand. He talks about how after the match going to Woolworths Cafeteria in Dublin and going back home on the bus.</p> <p>05:00 (Jimmy) Earliest memory is playing football at school, also De La Salle, Cavan Town. He also discusses listening to the All-Ireland final between Cavan and Kerry in New York in 1947 on the radio with neighbours.</p> <p>06:27 (Mick) Discusses being from Mullingar and attending the local Christian Brothers school where he played both hurling and football. He tells how on his fourteenth birthday he won a county minor medal. His local club was Mullingar, but he explains how they split into Mullingar Shamrocks and Oliver Plunketts.</p> <p>07:35 (Teddy) Earliest memory of Gaelic football in going to Breffini Park with his father in the early 1940s. He mentions his neighbour named Nicky Meehan. He describes his next earliest memories as travelling by train to Croke Park in 1946, 1948, 1949, and 1951.</p> <p>08:22 (Teddy) Discusses the All-Ireland Football final of 1952. He mentions getting into the Cavan team's dressing room after the match with the aid of a man named Hughie Smith.</p> <p>08:52 (Teddy) Mentions how he played Rugby before the Cavan Gaels were formed.</p> <p>09:32 (Teddy) Talks about how he and three friends formed a Rugby club in 1949. He talks about how he played Rugby until the Cavan Gaels were formed.</p> <p>10:00 He talks about his involvement with the Cavan Gaels marking the pitch and keeping the place clean. He mentions Paddy O'Neill and his neighbour and friend Jim Meehan.</p> <p>10:48 (Jimmy) Talks about the history of the Cavan Gaels. Tells how there were two teams originally, the Cavan Harps and the Cavan Slashers. He tells the story of how the two teams became amalgamated into the Cavan Gaels, mentioning Jim Meehan, Eugene Monaghan, Tommy Gilroy,</p>
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	<p>and Paddy Conaty. He describes the reaction of some to this change.</p> <p>15:50 (Jimmy) Describes the different areas the Harps and the Slashers drew on for their players. He says the Harps came from the working class people and the Slashers were what he calls the counter-jumpers (shop workers). He discusses the areas known as the 'old half-acre' and Lake View Terrace.</p> <p>17:08 (Jimmy) The Harps raised money to run the club by hosting annual céilís and frequent card games, by which the Treasurer took a penny out of each pot at the end of each game. He tells how the Harps leased a field in Tirquin from Mrs. Ronaghan for about three pounds per year and tells a story about its ownership.</p> <p>18:52 (Jimmy) Tells how many of the Harp players used to play with a team called Crubary in Killygarry and how the Harps won the Junior Championship in 1927. Discusses how the Harps originated in the working class area of the old half-acre.</p> <p>20:22 (Mick) Describes how he came to live in Cavan Town in November 1957. Discusses how he was accosted by Father Garrigan and Hughie Smith to play for the Cavan Gaels. He talks about being injured in January 1958 and how the Cavan Gaels were beaten that year.</p> <p>21:24 (Mick) Tells about how teams were picked in a pub called Eugene Monaghan's.</p> <p>22:02 (Mick) Talks about J.J Reilly and his brothers living outside the barracks on Ashe Street and how they played football and hurling in the Farnham Gardens.</p> <p>22:30 (Mick) Describes the success of the Cavan Gael minors to have given him the most pleasure in recent years. They have won nine out ten championships in the last ten years. Discusses the juvenile setup they have.</p> <p>23:23 (Teddy) Discusses the Bingo fundraisers run by Cavan Gaels that started in 1964, and how they used to go to the White Star pub afterwards.</p> <p>24:32 (Jimmy) Discusses the members of the club and maintains that there were some 'outsiders' (non-locals) but with county experience. He talks about tensions within the club and the affect the 1965 county championship had on these.</p>
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	<p>26:06 (Jimmy) Names the original administrators. These were Tommy Gilroy, Eugene Monaghan, Paddy Conaty, Father Jimmy Reilly, Morris Brady, Tommy Hughes, Mattie Corcoran, Sean Galligan, and Johnny O'Rourke.</p> <p>27:11 (Jimmy) Describes the difficulties originally encountered with the formation of the Cavan Gaels. Talks about some of his regrets and what happened to those who did not join the Cavan Gaels on its amalgamation.</p> <p>28:46 (JJ) Describes how he perceived the Cavan Gaels during its first few years as a spectator.</p> <p>30:18 (Paddy) Talks about how he perceived the dispute between the two clubs as a child in the early 1950s.</p> <p>31:07 (JJ) Discusses a man who was a member of the Cavan Harps but did not join the Cavan Gaels.</p> <p>32:10 (Teddy) Talks about the Gold Watch Tournament in Monaghan. Talks about the Cavan Gaels playing Cootehill in Virginia in 1957 in the county championships.</p> <p>32:52 (Mick) Talks about why the Cavan Gaels were known as the League of Nations.</p> <p>33:16 (Jimmy) Tells a story about a man named Sean Keogan from Ballyjamesduff who played for the Cavan Gaels. He refers to him as a counter-jumper. Mentions John Sheridan's sister Sue from Killinkere.</p> <p>34:00 (Jimmy) Talks about the level of junior teams in Cavan in relation to senior football teams. He mentions the Harps playing a junior football final in 1954 and the play-offs in 1956, the year before the amalgamation.</p> <p>35:34 (Jimmy) Talks about the four clubs in the parish; Killygarry, the Cavan Gaels, Drumalee, and Butlersbridge.</p> <p>36:31 (Jimmy) Tells a story about when he was secretary of the Harps in 1956, which were playing a semi-final of the four divisions. He talks about Terry Weir and a set of boots.</p> <p>38:02 (Paddy) Tells a story about going to club game in Breffini Park in the late 1950s / early 1960s and the events that took place during half time. He talks about a sports journalist for the Anglo-Celt, Pat O'Neill and how he describes what happened at the match.</p> <p>39:35 (Paddy) Discusses how the Cavan Gaels got their GAA grounds. He mentions how they used Breffini Park as their</p>
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	<p>training ground.</p> <p>40:44 (JJ) Talks about getting involved in fundraising for the club in 1970. He mentions that the grounds were bought in 1963 and opened in 1970. He talks about Tommy Ryan starting bingo fundraisers on Friday nights and how this has occurred since 1970.</p> <p>41:42 (Teddy) Talks about the fundraising he took part in doing collections around local neighbourhoods. He talks about how he collected with Tommy Hughes. On College Street, Farnham Road, Highfield Road, Swellan, and near the Loretto.</p> <p>42:20 (JJ) Talks about Packie Phair and his wife Susan sending the club a subscription.</p> <p>43:00 (JJ) Talk about the Bingo and Larry Cunningham and the Mighty Avons.</p> <p>44:30 (Teddy) Tells a story about the treasurer Cavan Gaels who used to go to the pub, the White Star, after meetings and one night broke his hip.</p> <p>45:43 (JJ) Talks about how he started playing with the Cavan Gaels in 1967 and how before the opening of the club grounds they trained in Breffini Park, St. Patrick's College, and Drumalee pitch.</p> <p>47:05 (JJ) Talks about the possibility during the Celtic Tiger of moving to different grounds.</p> <p>47:36 (Jimmy) Tells a story about a man named Terry Coyle who won two All-Irelands in 1933 and 1935 and why the Cavan Gaels' grounds are named after him. He originally played with the Slashers, mentions Sonny Magee and Blessing.</p> <p>48:43 (Jimmy) Tells how the Cavan Gaels chose their club colours.</p> <p>50:45 (JJ) Remembers going to see the Cavan Gaels playing Bailieborough travelling by bus. He tells how people used to gather at the bus office to go to a match.</p> <p>52:55 (Jimmy) Talks about the bus office and how the buses were GNR buses (Great Northern Railway), which are CIE today. He mentions a man named Gerry Lovett, who instigated bus rentals. He tells stories about these gatherings on buses on the way to matches.</p> <p>54:00 The group gives an example of the goings on that</p>
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	<p>occurred on bus journeys to matches. They mention Gerry Brady and John Foley as the lead singer and they sing the Cavan Gaels theme song:</p> <p><i>“We don’t care whether we win or lose or draw, damn the hair we care, for we only know that there’s going to be a match and the Cavan Gaels will be there.</i></p> <p><i>It’s a grand old team to play for, it’s a grand old colour to wear, and when you read the history, its enough to make your heart go sigh</i></p> <p><i>We don’t care whether we win or lose or draw, damn the hair we care, for we only know that there’s going to be a match and the Cavan Gaels will be there.”</i></p> <p>55:38 (Jimmy) Comments on the effect modernisation has had on club camaraderie.</p> <p>55:53 (JJ) Talks about Tom Kelly who after the final in 1965 wrote a song and Tommy Monaghan, son of Eugene Monaghan, who has written a poem about every successful Gaels team.</p> <p>56:25 (Paddy) Discusses travelling to matches. Talks about Cavan getting to several Ulster finals in the 1950s. He discusses playing in the Cavan boy-scouts band and training in Breffini Park for the Ulster final. He mentions his scout master, John Donohoe, and practising for the parade.</p> <p>58:00 (Paddy) He discusses the last time he was in the boy-scouts band in 1962 at Casement’s Park when Cavan played Down.</p> <p>58:26 (Teddy) Discusses travelling to matches by train and bus. He talks about the Cavan Gaels winning the county championship in 1965 and discusses the parade held in Cavan Town after it.</p> <p>59:36 (Mick) Talks about playing hurling and football in Mullingar and Kildare in the 1950s. He tells a story about a coal merchant in Mullingar named Paddy Whelan and how they used to travel to matches in the back of his lorries. He also talks about the scarcity of dressing rooms.</p> <p>01:00:55 (Mick) Talks about the influence of GAA in Mullingar.</p> <p>01:01:27 (Jimmy) Talks about hurling in Cavan Town and mentions the late 1970s and early 1980s. He claims that because of the proximity to the border, a hurling team was</p>
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	<p>formed by the influx of soldiers and guards from hurling counties.</p> <p>01:02:48 (Paddy) Talks about the level of interest in the GAA when he was in school.</p> <p>01:03:26 (JJ) Discusses the De La Salle Brothers who came to Cavan in 1942. He discusses the history of their time in Cavan and their contribution to the Cavan community and the GAA. He mentions Brother Cyril, from Cloyne Co. Cork and Christy Ring.</p> <p>01:04:44 (JJ) Discusses how the Cavan Gaels won four Under-14 championships in a row in 1957, 1958, and 1959. He talks about Brother Cyril's football tactics.</p> <p>01:05:28 (Jimmy) Tells how Brother Cyril came to Cavan in the early 1950s and how within a few years he instigated the formation of an underage team.</p> <p>01:08:00 (JJ) Tells how the majority of underage Cavan Gaels players go to school in St. Patrick's Primary School.</p> <p>01:10:11 (Mick) Talks about the role the GAA played in his school in Mullingar. Tells how it was a Christian Brother school and was Irish speaking.</p> <p>01:11:08 (Teddy) Talks about a Brother Denis, who was very involved in football in the area</p> <p>01:11:29 (JJ) Discusses the De La Salle school leagues, where games were played in Breffini Parks. He discusses the parade at finals and how it promoted the GAA.</p> <p>01:12:48 (JJ) Tells a story about his memory of a school league final medal he owns.</p> <p>01:14:00 (Paddy) Talks about how the Brothers appointed team members. Tells a story about a final he played at.</p> <p>01:14:50 (Jimmy) Describes his best memories in the GAA. Also describes his most disappointing memory as losing the county final in 1958 and why.</p> <p>01:17:33 (Jimmy) Describes what the GAA has meant to him.</p> <p>01:18:22 (Paddy) Discusses where the school football was played. Talks about playing in the Drumalee pitch in the 1950s as the Cavan Gaels did not have a pitch at the time.</p> <p>01:19:05 (JJ) Talks about the history of Breffini Park and dates it back to 1923. Talks about going to watch matches in</p>
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	<p>Breffini park as a child and the feelings it created.</p> <p>01:20:23 Mentions John Sexton, the care-taker of Breffini Park, who lived on Breffini Park lane. He tells how he used to let them in through his house to the park.</p> <p>01:21:26 (JJ) Talks about how Breffini Park was re-shaped in 1952 and 1977.</p> <p>01:21:50 (JJ) Discusses the development of Terry Coyle Park, Cavan Gaels pitch. He mentions a man named Tommy Gilroy who spear-headed the development.</p> <p>01:23:02 (JJ) Discusses how the show-grounds previously owned the pitch and talks about the condition that they were entitled to the use of the grounds for one day per year.</p> <p>01:23:55 (JJ) Talks about how many of the best pitches in Ireland, such as Breffini Park and Killarney, are Prunty pitches. Talks about how in 1987, Cavan Gaels and Crosserlough were the first two clubs in Cavan to get a decent pitch. He discusses the amount of money spent on the Prunty Pitch (£30,000) and why this was a good investment. He mentions Tommy Gilroy.</p> <p>01:25:53 (JJ) Talks about his brother living in the Cayman Islands and his memories of Brother Cyril and Terry Coyle pitch while at school.</p> <p>01:26:41 (JJ) Talks about the people originally involved in Cavan Gaels Club and how they felt when Terry Coyle Park was opened in 1970.</p> <p>01:27:06 (JJ) Talks about the Cavan Gaels playing Crosserlough in the County Challenge. Also talks about Cavan playing Kerry, the All-Ireland football winners, and mentions Mick O'Connell.</p> <p>01:27:28 (Paddy) Talks about selling programmes at the Cavan vs. Kerry match and tells a story about meeting Mick O'Connell who was inquiring about dressing rooms.</p> <p>01:27:48 (Teddy) Tells a story about a man named Tom McNamara who was umpire at the Cavan vs. Kerry match, and Mick O'Dwyer.</p> <p>01:28:10 (Paddy) Talks about the contribution Teddy has made to the Cavan Gaels as their caretaker.</p> <p>01:28:35 (Teddy) Describes how he feels about Terry Coyle Park. He discusses cleaning the club dressing rooms, and</p>
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	<p>flagging and marking the pitch among others.</p> <p>01:30:02 (JJ) Eugene McGee wrote about Knocknavanna Gaels and Larry McCann and the un-sung heroes of the GAA. He discusses this in relation to Teddy.</p> <p>01:30:36 (Teddy) Discusses how he joined the FCA. He mentions Jim Cullen, a coach in the FCA, and Jim Brady, a professional boxer.</p> <p>01:31:10 He talks about how he was a masseur for the 1st championship in 1965 and was until 1993 and how this affected his viewing of matches. He describes his experiences as a masseur. He discusses how he did not have a physiotherapy background and talks about the increased professionalism of the GAA in this regard.</p> <p>01:33:06 (Mick) Remarks on the level of hamstring injuries in present day GAA. He maintains that there were less of these injuries in the past as people cycled and walked more rather than driving.</p> <p>01:33:40 (Teddy) Remarks that the first time he ever heard of a slipped disk was in 1952 when it happened to Tony Tighe.</p> <p>01:33:55 (Paddy) Discusses how the style of Gaelic football has changed over the years. Puts emphasis on the increased level of hand-passing done in Gaelic football now.</p> <p>01:34:42 (JJ) Talks about how he played for the Gaels senior team for 27 years, from 1967 to 1993. He discusses how the game has changed in that time. He mentions a man named Gabriel Kelly who trained his team in the 1970s, when they won three club championships. He talks about how the levels of physical contact have changed over the years.</p> <p>01:36:25 (Paddy) Mentions Johnny Farrelly as one of the characters within the Cavan Gaels.</p> <p>01:36:30 (JJ) Mentions a man named called John Foley-Rourke, who played as goal-keeper for the Cavan Gaels in the early 1970s. He refers to him as one of the characters of the club and explains why. He also mentions a man named Gerry Brady.</p> <p>01:37:57 (Teddy) Talks about his worst experience with injuries in the GAA and describes this as when a player broke his neck in Dungannon at an Ulster Under-21 football game. He mentions a man named Laurence Brady from Laragh and discusses how they dealt with the situation. He mentions the</p>
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	<p>Mater Hospital in Belfast.</p> <p>01:39:12 (JJ) Discusses injuries he has received, such as fracturing his cheekbone and breaking his wrist. He tells how he had a brother who broke his leg.</p> <p>01:39:30 (Paddy) Discusses how an injury to his finger ended his junior football career. He mentions Eugene Monaghan.</p> <p>01:40:11 (Paddy) Discusses how the GAA catered for injured players. He discusses club insurance and physiotherapy.</p> <p>01:41:42 (JJ) Talks about the expense on clubs as a result of physiotherapy. He discusses the clubs stance on physiotherapy.</p> <p>01:42:26 (Mick) Describes how he broke his leg in 1959 in Cornafean, which left him out for six months.</p> <p>01:43:36 (Mick) Describes Cavan Gaels biggest rivals. He mentions Crosserlough, who beat Cavan Gaels in 1958 and won three club championships in a row, Mullahoran, Gowna, Bailieborough, and Cootehill as the Cavan Gaels biggest rivals.</p> <p>01:45:08 (Paddy) Tells how local clubs would not give Cavan Gaels much support as there is rivalry within the parish.</p> <p>01:45:50 (JJ) Discusses the difference between towns versus country clubs.</p> <p>01:46:27 (Mick) Tells a story about a County Councillor in Breffini Park heckling at a match to “Go home to the half-acre”, a derogatory term used to antagonise Cavan Town clubs. He mentions that Brian Crowe was refereeing the football match.</p> <p>01:47:19 (JJ) Discusses how in his time, Cavan Gaels did not win any titles in twenty-three years.</p> <p>01:47:49 (Paddy) Names Cavan’s inter-county rivals in the 1950s and 1960s within Ulster to have been Monaghan. He talks about a man named Paddy Tavey, from Castleblayney in Monaghan, who played for Cavan Gaels and Cavan county. His brother John Tavey played football for Monaghan. He tells a story of when Cavan played Monaghan and the two brothers had to play against each other.</p> <p>01:48:44 (Teddy) Tells how in the 1960s Cavan’s inter-county rivals were Down. The group comments on how Fermanagh is perceived.</p>
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	<p>01:49:40 (Mick) Discusses a man named 'Snowy' Smith who could not play in a county final because he played soccer.</p> <p>01:50:03 (Paddy) Talks about the team in the 1970s that won three county championships and maintains that everyone on the team, bar two players, were from Cavan Town.</p> <p>01:50:24 (JJ) Discusses how in the past it was common for people to play for a number of different clubs. He compares this to the stricter regulations that are in place now.</p> <p>01:51:31 (Mick) Talks about clubs in Westmeath and discusses when Moate played Kinnegad in the 1944 Senior football championships. He tells a story about how Moate lost the match over a Cavan man named John Keogan, who played for the Cavan Harps but played illegally with Moate.</p> <p>01:52:23 (JJ) Talks about vigilantism in relation to watching soccer in the 1970s. He maintains that there were vigilante officers attending soccer matches to see whether any Gaelic players were attending. He talks about attending soccer matches in Dublin.</p> <p>01:52:40 (JJ) Tells a story about when he was a clerical student in Maynooth, Dublin and discusses the popularity of the soccer leagues there. He talks about Micheál Ó Sé who played football for Kerry, who was in his class and had an All-Ireland Senior football medal. He tells stories about playing soccer in Maynooth with Micheál Ó Sé.</p> <p>01:53:21 (JJ) Recalls being at a debate in the club on whether to abolish the ban on foreign games in the town hall in Cavan Town. He claims that this occurred in the same room where the troubles were formed in 1971. He mentions Jim McDonald, Cavan Gaels and Cavan County player, who spoke in favour of the ban.</p> <p>01:54:06 (Mick) Talks about his school teacher in Mullingar, Brother Hogan, who was the brother of Michael Hogan who was shot on Bloody Sunday 1922 and who the Hogan stand is named after. He mentions a book called 'Dúnmharú í Páirc an Chrócaigh'.</p> <p>01:54:46 (JJ) Talks about playing County football at Under-21, junior and senior level and an Ulster championship against Monaghan. He tells how he played with Jimmy Sheridan, who played minor, junior and senior level football.</p> <p>01:55:13 (JJ) Discusses how Cavan played Kerry on an on-going basis in the early 1970s. He tells a story of travelling to Kerry by car to play Kerry in Killarney. He tells how he played</p>
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	<p>mid-field along with Hughie Newman against Mick O’Connell and DJ Crowley. He describes some of the players being unwell the next morning.</p> <p>01:56:28 (JJ) Discusses his inter-county career and Mick O’Connell as a player.</p> <p>01:57:33 (JJ) Talks about GAA in Maynooth. Discusses winning a Ryan Cup medal in Croke Park and being trained by Malachy Rourke. He mentions Father Mallon, a teacher in St Patrick’s, J.J. Cribben from Mayo and Mickey Reilly from Longford.</p> <p>01:58:38 (JJ) Discusses the GAA at Maynooth. Talks about playing hurling and mentions the two Fitzmaurice brothers, Paudie and Willy, and talks about playing hurling on Willies team and getting a hurling medal. He mentions Tom Cleary of Sligo.</p> <p>01:59:01 (JJ) Discusses Liam McDaid who played full-back for Ballyshannon in 1968 and is now Bishop of Clogher.</p> <p>01:59:57 (Paddy) Discusses playing with Cavan Gaels in a junior football final in 1968 against Templeport. He mentions Frankie Dolan and Sean Kelleher on the opposing team who were also in Maynooth.</p> <p>02:00:52 (JJ) Describes how priests who played for a club team played under a false name. He mentions Father Seamus Hetheron and Father Benny McGurk who played under the name J O’Brien.</p> <p>02:01:35 (JJ) Talks about students in Maynooth and Clonliffe not being allowed leave for All-Ireland finals. Mick mentions Jimmy Smith, who left the college over this issue.</p> <p>02:02:55 (Mick) Discusses the Mayo 1951 football team and mentions a priest who was a player but did not play under his own name.</p> <p>02:03:17 (JJ) Compares the GAA in St. Patrick’s College when it was a boarding school in Cavan Town and since the boarding stopped. He mentions Primary schools in Bailieborough and Virginia. He talks about a number of trophies the St. Pat’s team won, such as MacRory Cups, and one Hogan Cup in 1972.</p> <p>02:04:55 (JJ) Talks about the coaching in schools in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>02:06:38 (JJ) Remarks that schools lack of success impacted</p>
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	<p>on Cavan's lack of success as a county. Talks about the size of schools in Virginia, Cootehill, Bailieborough and Carrickmacross.</p> <p>02:07:19 The group discusses how the students in St Patrick's who were good at Gaelic football were treated compared to those who were not. Paddy discusses giving examples.</p> <p>02:07:48 (JJ) Tells a story about two famous Cavan footballers, Joe Stafford and his son Jimmy, who was a boarder in St. Patrick's. He also mentions Fr Mallon, a teacher at St Patrick's.</p> <p>02:09:20 (Mick) Discusses the present team in the Cavan Gaels.</p> <p>02:10:23 (Paddy) Discusses the role of women in Cavan Gaels and how loyalties can be split among families with brothers and sisters playing for different clubs.</p> <p>02:12:11 (JJ) Talks about Butlersbridge and Drumalee having Ladies Football teams and how there is rarely a Ladies Football team in each club in an area and usually only one or two.</p> <p>02:12:58 (Paddy) Talks about Cavan Gaels having a Ladies committee and how they prepare food for the boys after training. JJ mentions how more women are becoming involved in committee positions. Paddy and JJ discuss the lack of female involvement within the club compared to male involvement.</p> <p>02:14:41 (Paddy) Talks about the effect of emigration on the club. Discusses how summer emigration has affected the club. He mentions how the majority of the players from Cavan Gaels come from the Farnham Nation School. He mentions Killygarry and Drumalee.</p> <p>02:16:07 (JJ) Discusses emigration in the early 1980s as a result of the economic situation in Ireland. Talks about the affect emigration may have in the coming years on the Cavan Gaels and clubs in general.</p> <p>02:17:40 (JJ) Talks about Cavan Gaels' relationship with the County Board. Discusses how the success of the Cavan Gaels has led to a friction between the club and the County Board. He talks about how the Cavan Gaels have won 8 or 9 senior County Championships, putting the club in the Ulster league. He discusses how they were not accommodated by the fixtures committee and were forced to play a league final</p>
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	<p>before an Ulster first round.</p> <p>02:18:41 (JJ) Discusses the Cavan Gaels having to play a league final a week before playing Crossmaglen in the Ulster Club final.</p> <p>02:19:48 (Mick) Discusses the relationship between Cavan Gaels and the County Board when Tommy Gilroy was alive.</p> <p>02:20:22 (JJ) Discusses the relationship between Cavan Gaels and the Provincial Council. Mick discusses the Cavan Gaels playing Belturbet in a pitch in Bawnboy.</p> <p>02:22:06 (Paddy) Talks about how he feels about the notion of divisions between different parts of Cavan.</p> <p>02:22:20 (JJ) Discusses rivalries between neighbouring clubs. Mentions West Cavan and comments on how they might feel.</p> <p>02:24:12 (Paddy) Talks about the population of Cavan town.</p> <p>02:25:05 (JJ) Discusses the four clubs within the parish and whether there is room in Cavan Town for another club.</p> <p>02:25:44 (Mick) Talks about the lack of residency in Cavan Town. He mentions the Imperial and the half-acre areas.</p> <p>02:26:47 (JJ) Describes his best memory of the GAA and describes it as a final against Crosserlough in 1975, when he was captain of Gaels. He mentions Seamus McEntee and the Billy Joe Spears song "Blanket on the Ground".</p> <p>02:28:24 (Paddy) Describes his best memory. At county level, he describes it as playing in the scouts-band and watching Cavan win several Ulster titles. He mentions the 1962 final in Casement park and Sean O'Neill. He describes his best memory at club level to be the 1975 club final.</p> <p>02:29:55 (Mick) Describes his best memory as travelling from Naas to London. He talks about arriving at Euston Station; going to six o'clock mass in St Patrick's church in Soho, travelling to New Eltham the following morning to play hurling and football and winning both matches, then travelling back to Naas that night to start his shift. He mentions he was playing illegally for St. Mary's, Slough. He talks about playing illegally in Clare too with Cooraclare and the different names he used when doing so.</p> <p>02:32:14 (Teddy) Describes his best memories of the GAA as his first time in Croke Park in 1946 and then again 1952 n 1955. His biggest disappointment is Cavan not winning six football All-Irelands from 1947-1952. He talks about Joe</p>
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	<p>Stafford and why he blames him for Cavan losing the 1949 All-Ireland.</p> <p>02:33:50 (Mick) Describes his biggest disappointment as the 1958 club final against Crosserlough when he was injured and could not play. He mentions Jimmy Smith (the Miller), Foley-Rourke and Frank Cannon.</p> <p>02:34:57 (Paddy) Describes his biggest disappointment as losing the 1968 junior B final against Templeport and going for four in a row in 2006 but losing the match.</p> <p>02:36:46 (JJ) Describes his biggest disappointment as losing the County Club final in 1998 against Mullahoran.</p> <p>02:38:04 (JJ) Talks about playing Gaelic football in the Cayman Islands in 1987. Mentions his brother who has been living there since 1983. Talks about how there was no Gaelic football over there, just Rugby and Cricket, and how in the summer of 1987 they formed the Cayman Island's Gaelic Football club there. Mentions how it was formalised with Croke Park. Also mentions a report the Anglo-Celt published about it.</p> <p>02:39:48 (Paddy) Describes the furthest place he played Gaelic football to be New York in 1979 when Crosserlough and Ballyhaise went on a three week trip and he decided to join them. He tells a story about the clubs playing a club from Clare and how he had to stand in as goal-keeper for the Clare side. He mentions Frankie McGuigan.</p> <p>02:41:33 (Mick) Talks about playing football in Bakersfield, California in 1979 when he travelled over for his uncle's ordination.</p> <p>02:42:07 (Teddy) Talks about travelling all over Ireland with Cavan teams. He tells a story about travelling to Cork. He mentions a man named McGeraghty from Butlersbridge and Phil Brady, chairman of the county board.</p> <p>02:43:20 (Paddy) Tells how Teddy was Masseur for Cavan county team also.</p> <p>02:43:44 (Teddy) Discusses what the GAA means to him.</p> <p>02:44:46 (Mick) Talks about what the GAA has meant to him throughout his life. Summarises it by a quote from a teacher at school.</p> <p>02:45:08 (Paddy) Talks about what the GAA has meant to him and focuses on the social aspect of it. Talks about being</p>
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	<p>involved in the finance and bingo committee since the late 1960s.</p> <p>02:46:03 (JJ) Talks about the GAA being a second family to him and what it has meant to him throughout his life. Talks about how his family are also involved with the GAA.</p> <p>02:47:15 (Mick) Tells a story about being the free-taker in a match in the 1950s and how he gambled a half-crown on how many points he would score.</p> <p>02:48:05 (JJ) Talks about playing matches when he was still in school. He tells a story about how the players travelled by car but the supporters cycled through areas such as Belturbet and Killeshandra. He mentions meeting John Joe Reilly on Cavan Main Street for ice-cream.</p> <p>02:49:20 (JJ) Talks about Mick McCarthy and Frank Corrigan and their 'reserved' seats in Terry Coyle park.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p>JJ: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Paddy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Jimmy: <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Mick:</p>

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<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>JJ: Played from 1957 – 1978. Won 3 Under 14; 1 Under 16; Ryan Cup University Medal (Maynooth), 1968; various tournaments; 2 senior leagues, 1971 and 1976; 3 senior championships, 1975, 1977 and 1978.</p> <p>Paddy: Played for 5 years between 1966 and 1970 at minor and junior level.</p> <p>Jimmy: Played from the age of 15 for 27 years at club and county level. Won senior league titles with Cavan Gaels in 1959, 1960 and with the county got to 4 Ulster finals, a national league final and won an Ulster junior title in 1957.</p> <p>Mick: Played from the age of 7/8 to 32. Won juvenile and minor football and hurling titles in Mullingar; Naas junior football and senior hurling championships, 1952; and a senior league with Cavan Gaels, Easter Sunday 1959.</p> <p>Teddy: Played from the age of 12 to 20. One a School Boy League.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>JJ: Has been involved in administration since 1975. He was secretary of the finance committee for 20 years (1975 – 1995) and PRO for 22 years up to the present.</p> <p>Paddy: Was secretary to the Terry Coyle Park Committee in 1970</p>

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	<p>and has since been on the finance committee and is now club secretary.</p> <p>Jimmy: Got involved in administration in 1957. He was the 1st joint secretary of the Gaels in 1957; Chairman, 1989 – 1992; Delegate to the county board and President of the club.</p> <p>Mick: N/A</p> <p>Teddy: Got involved in administration in 1958 and was a committee member and member of the finance committee,</p>
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