

GAA Oral History Project

**Interview Report Form**

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	N/A
<b>Date of Interview</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011
<b>Location</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Pat Lee
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> N/A <b>Home County:</b> Meath
<b>Education</b>	N/A
<b>Family</b>	N/A
<b>Club(s)</b>	Kingscourt GAA [Cavan]; Cú Chulainns GAA [Dublin] St. Mochua's GAA, Derrynoose [Armagh]
<b>Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Religion</b>	N/A
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

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<b>Date of Report</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1960s - 2011
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Armagh, Meath, Cavan, Dublin
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Education, Religion, Emigration, Role of Clergy, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Career, Challenges, Northern Ireland, The Troubles, Relationships, Economy / Economics
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>Pat Lee discusses his sporting journey from Meath to Cavan to Dublin and, finally, to Armagh. Born and based in Meath, his introduction to football came courtesy of a priest in Kingscourt, Co. Cavan, with whom he played his underage football. Returning to Meath to play his adult football before moving to Dublin, his subsequent marriage in the early 1970s led to his move to Derrynoose. Lee discusses the football fortunes of the club through the 1970s and 80s, the highlight of which was his captaining of a championship winning team in 1985. He retired soon after and he reflects on playing both in goal and outfield throughout his playing career, as well as his fulfilment of various administrative roles with the club. In addition, Lee assesses the challenges facing the Derrynoose club and compares and contrasts the GAA experience in the various club in which he has been involved,</p> <p>Sports covered: Gaelic football</p> <p>00:00:01 Talks about being from Meath, attending school in Kingscourt and up mother buying a football every summer for Lee and his brothers.</p> <p>00:00:40 Invitation from priest, Fr, Daly, to train and play with Kingscourt under 14s and continued involvement through to under 18.</p> <p>00:01:02 Living in Meath and being from Meath, he was required to return to play club football in Meath. Joined Meath Hill.</p> <p>00:01:30 Move to Dublin and joining Cu Chulainns in 1971 along with flatmates. Discusses his playing record with the club a reunion he attended with the team in 2010.</p> <p>00:02:25 Marriage in 1973 and move to Derrynoose and being approached to join club.</p>

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	<p>00:02:54 Talks about his first game against Ballymacnab in junior championship in Crossmaglen and being surrounded by soldiers on arrival at ground.</p> <p>00:03:36 Reaching final of championship in 1973. Comments on other players on the team.</p> <p>00:04:25 Discusses fortunes of the club through the 1970s, winning leagues in the third and fourth divisions.</p> <p>00:04:40 Refers to the popularity of tournaments and the success they enjoyed. Lists some of the places which held tournament during the 1970s.</p> <p>00:04:55 Talks about working long hours and transferring temporarily to Grange, near his workplace, to continue his playing days.</p> <p>00:05:20 Returning to Derrynoose around centenary year and becoming captain in 1985, winning championship.</p> <p>00:06:05 Decision to retire and the reasons for it.</p> <p>00:06:25 Comments on the other roles held in Derrynoose: PRO, Treasurer, Secretary, County Board delegate.</p> <p>00:06:45 Talks about how well he was received as an outsider into Derrynoose community. Talks also about the friendships forged through football.</p> <p>00:07:30 Mentions career starting off in goals and that four of his five brothers were also goalkeepers.</p> <p>00:07:40 Says he started to play outfield in Dublin and with Derrynoose, before returning to goals.</p> <p>00:08:13 Considers the major changes in Gaelic football – speed of game, dedication of players and professionalism. Mentions also the lack of facilities and poor quality of pitches in the past and contrasts this with the present situation.</p> <p>00:09:10 Reflects on the challenge of keeping young people interested, as well as the problem of emigration.</p> <p>00:10:10 Comments on the similarities and differences among the various clubs he played with. Refers to the number of country people involved with Dublin clubs and to playing against St. Vincents and St. Oliver Plunketts.</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></p>	<p>✓ Supporter ✓ Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p>

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	<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): _____
<b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)	Captain of 1985 Derrynoose Intermediate championship winning team
<b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)	Has occupied various administrative roles: PRO, Treasurer, Secretary, County Board delegate
<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 00:11:19
<b>Language</b>	English

**To be filled in by Interviewer:**

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