

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Eddie Nangle
Date of Interview	23 rd Dec 2011
Location	Interviewer's house, near Enniscorthy
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Ed Nangle Jnr.
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1980 Home County: Wexford
Education	Primary: St. Marys, CBS, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. Secondary: CBS, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford Third Level: University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA
Family	Siblings: 2 sisters
Club(s)	Rapparees-Starlights GAA [Wexford]; University of Central Lancashire GAA [Great Britain]; Preston GAA [Great Britain] Akron Celtic Guards GAA [Americas]
Occupation	Golf Course Manager. Post graduate student
Parents' Occupation	Teacher [Father]; Nurse [Mother]
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Period Covered	1988 – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Wexford, England, Australia, Americas
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Coaching, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Material Culture, Education, Media, Emigration, Involvement in GAA abroad, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Politics, Economy/ Economics
Interview Summary	<p>00:00:30 Born in 1980 in Co. Wexford. Provides details of parent's occupational backgrounds and mentions that he is one of three children, with one old and one younger sister.</p> <p>00:00:56 Mentions that he is PhD student in Ohio State University in the United States.</p> <p>00:01:10 Earliest memories of the GAA: hitting ball in back garden, underage training in the club and watching games with family on television.</p> <p>00:01:38 Influence of family on early participation.</p> <p>00:02:05 Family involvement in the GAA: mentions that grandfather was Secretary of Ferns, St. Aidan's; and uncles and aunts who played with hurling and camogie with club and county.</p> <p>00:02:37 Talks about the time involved in playing underage hurling and football.</p> <p>00:03:13 Mentions some of the individuals who were influential in Gaelic games in his primary school, including lay teachers, a Christian brother and an external GAA coach.</p> <p>00:03:55 Mentions the local club heroes growing up – Adrian Fenlon, Declan Ruth (both county players) and Padge Walsh. Mentions also Wexford players from other clubs, Liam Dunne and Billy Byrne.</p> <p>00:04:30 Discusses family involvement at various levels of the GAA, including father, Uncle and cousins.</p> <p>00:05:00 Discusses his involvement with Raparees-Starlights during his childhood.</p> <p>00:05:30 Mentions other sports played - soccer, rugby, golf – and balancing participation across different sports.</p>

	<p>00:06:30 Mentions that the main rivals of Raparees-Starlights, situated on the western side of the River Slaney, were the Shamrocks on the eastern side of the River Slaney. Other rival clubs mentioned Oulart, Rathnure, Buffers Alley in hurling.</p> <p>00:07:37 Outlines underage successes: an Under 12 county medal, an Under 14 county medal and a Minor county football medal.</p> <p>00:08:12 Emigration: talks about moving to Australia in 2003 and the reasons for it. Talks about subsequent move to the United States, where he has been based for seven years, and previous study experience in England.</p> <p>00:08:50 Becoming involved in the GAA abroad; mentions joining a club in university (University of Central Lancashire in Preston) in England, becoming club President and what this role involved. Discusses the levels of participation, the breakdown in nationalities involved, the emphasis on football and the challenges involved.</p> <p>00:11:00 Reasons for continued involvement with GAA abroad.</p> <p>00:12:00 Different nationalities involved in the GAA in England.</p> <p>00:12:30 GAA involvement in Australia: hurling in Melbourne. Mentions also playing Gaelic football and Compromise (International) Rules. Talks about the turnover in membership in Melbourne club.</p> <p>00:15:05 GAA involvement in the United States: playing hurling with a junior C team, Akron Celtic Guards Hurling Club, who play in Mid-west league. Mentions other GAA activity in the region and refers to the levels of non-Irish participation in hurling, explaining how they came to be involved and their diverse sporting backgrounds.</p> <p>00:17:15 Efforts of U.S. club to encourage youth participation.</p> <p>00:17:45 Comments on the Irish heritage of club members.</p> <p>00:18:15 Impact of Irish economic recession on Akron hurling club and rules precluding large Irish-born involvement with clubs.</p> <p>00:19:00 The role of GAA among emigrant communities. Contrasts the GAA scene in big cities and beyond.</p> <p>00:20:00 Discusses efforts to raise coaching standards and work of coaching Games development officers in United States.</p>
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	<p>00:21:55 Discusses keeping in touch with GAA developments while away – mentions the importance of the internet and websites used.</p> <p>00:23:23 Discusses the challenges of organising Gaelic Games in the United States. Mentions the difficulties caused by the distances between clubs, the holding of exhibition weekends and the emergence of city leagues. Talks about sponsorship and pub teams.</p> <p>00:26:15 Fundraising for Akron hurling club.</p> <p>00:27:55 Players expenses.</p> <p>00:28:25 Discusses the differences between the GAA in Ireland and the United States. Reflects on issues of organisation and the politics between established emigrant clubs and newer American-dominated clubs.</p> <p>00:29:33 Observations on the changes in the GAA in Ireland: remarks on the improvements in facilities, clubs outreach in community, club clothing.</p> <p>00:31:05 Discusses viewing and listening to Gaelic games in Australia and the United States and refers to following games in pubs, on the internet and using his phone.</p> <p>00:32:40 Downplays the influence of the GAA on personal and national identity.</p> <p>00:33:18 Highlights of GAA experience: discusses the winning of minor county final and the growth of the hurling club in Akron.</p> <p>00:35:20 Biggest disappointments in his GAA experience: losing county minor hurling final two weeks after winning minor football title.</p> <p>00:35:50 Greatest teams he has seen play – discusses the 1996 Wexford All-Ireland winning team. Recalls experience of attending the 1996 final.</p> <p>00:37:00 Reflects on the minor teams that he was part of.</p> <p>00:37:50 Mentions Adrian Fenlon as all-time GAA hero and explains why.</p> <p>00:38:22 Comments on his potential involvement in the GAA into the future and impact that career will have on it.</p>
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Involvement in GAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input 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): <hr/>
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	U12 Wexford Football title 1992; U14 Hurling title; Minor football 1997; Senior football title 2003
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	President Central Lancashire GAA club 2001-2 Committee member Ohio State University 2007
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:39:00
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: Eddie Nangle

Date: 23rd Dec 2011