

GAA Oral History Project
Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Donal Fitzgibbon
Date of Interview	7 th Dec 2011
Location	South Court Hotel, Limerick
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Michael Reynolds
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1936 Home County: Limerick
Education	N/A
Family	N/A
Club(s)	Mungret St Pauls GAA [Limerick]
Occupation	N/A
Parents' Occupation	N/A
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Period Covered	1940s – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Limerick
Key Themes Covered	Playing, Education, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices
Interview Summary	<p>Michael Reynolds, a member of Mungret/St. Paul's, discusses how his family circumstances and his farming commitments curtailed somewhat his involvement with the GAA at a young age. He tells a couple stories about a trip to a game in the Limerick Gaelic grounds as a child and about a game he played as a young player. Reynolds reflects on the changes in hurling, lamenting the loss of its rougher dimension.</p> <p>00:00:15 Michael Reynolds introduces himself as a member of Mungret/St. Pauls.</p> <p>00:00:20 Interviewer mentions that Reynolds occupation was as a farmer.</p> <p>00:00:38 Earliest memories of playing in school – names some of those he played alongside.</p> <p>00:01:18 Discusses how farming commitment hampered his GAA involvement - mentions father being killed when he was 4 and taking over the running of farm at 14 years of age.</p> <p>00:01:44 Refers to being taken to matches at a young age. Tells story of travelling to Gaelic grounds with Harry O'Grady with his sons.</p> <p>00:03:20 Mentions the club's rivalry with Ballybrown and talks about his attitude to playing at full-back and protecting his goal.</p> <p>00:04:00 Recalls a 'stylish' goal scored against him by Mike Hogan (from Ballybrown).</p> <p>00:05:26 Talks about Paddy O'Donoghue – describes him as a 'good club man' and tells story of a game he played alongside him – the story centres on the interviewee's preference for the physical dimension of the game.</p> <p>00:06:57 Contrasts the game of hurling in the past and present.</p>

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Involvement in GAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input 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): _____
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	N/A
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	N/A
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:07:19
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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