

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)	Tony McMahon
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1942 Home County: Limerick
Education	N/A
Family	N/A
Club(s)	Monaleen GAA [Limerick], Mungret St Paul's [Limerick]
Occupation	Retired
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	1950s – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Limerick
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Playing, Managing, Coaching, Education, Role of Teachers, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Retirement, Relationships
Interview Summary	<p>Tony McMahon discusses his father's involvement with the great Ahane and Limerick teams of the 1930s and his own early playing experiences. He reflects on his move to Mungret, becoming involved with a very successful underage team and the satisfaction to be derived from watching young players develop and grow.</p> <p>00:00:10 Interviewee introduces himself as a member of Mungret/St. Paul's.</p> <p>00:00:30 Discusses growing up in Annacotty on the borders of Ahane. Mentions that Jackie Power was a neighbour. Also refers to playing on roads and attending few games due to difficulties with transport.</p> <p>00:01:08 Mentions that father's playing career was 'nearly over' at the time of his birth. Notes that father played with Ahane and Limerick, and alongside the Mackeys and Jackie Power, in the mid to late 1930s until the early 1940s. Mentions that injury ended his career.</p> <p>00:01:30 Discusses beginning to play with Monaleen in 1958 – says under 16 was first team. Reflects on subsequent success with Monaleen in the early 1960s.</p> <p>00:02:00 Recalls moving to Mungret and his sons involvement with the club.</p> <p>00:02:20 Interviewer credits interviewee with putting together a very successful underage club football team in Mungret.</p> <p>00:02:40 Interviewee reflects on the reasons for their underage success, commenting on the role of St. Paul's school.</p> <p>00:03:28 Talks about travelling to Cavan for Feile and the involvement of the young players in other sports.</p> <p>00:03:55 Talks about the satisfaction of being involved with</p>

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	<p>underage teams.</p> <p>00:04:40 Interviewer mentions that interviewee is retired from work, but serving the club as a City Board delegate.</p> <p>00:04:50 Interviewee discusses the value of GAA membership and the friendships it helps forge.</p>
Involvement in GAA	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" 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>
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	Local Championship with Monaleen.
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: 00:05:24
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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