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So, where are you living now and what are you up to?

I moved to the US to play collegiate soccer in 2010 and now live in Charlotte, North Carolina. I'm working for a small Real Estate Financing company with predominantly Irish staff and house hunting with my wife Madeline and son (who turns 1 on the first of May) Cian.

When did you play for the club and which teams were you on?

I played football for the club from roughly 2000 (u8s) to 2010 (minor).

Did you have much or any success?

We won multiple county championships in that time, at the u12, u14, and Minor levels, if I remember rightly. Please check my facts here but something tells me that team won the club its first ever Minor championship?

Is there a particular match that stands out in your memory?

I remember the u14 final in Wicklow vs Bray Emmets fairly well, but the match I'll always remember most was the first Minor final vs Rathnew in Ashford. The game itself is a bit of a blur but I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say the stand-out memory is Emmet Bollard's last minute goal to get us a replay which we'd go on to win. (Unfortunately, I missed the replay but didn't miss the celebration).

What mentors stand out who had a big impact on you?

Honestly, I could name each and every one of the coaches from the entire 10 years but Ronan Sweeney was a manager, a father figure and a friend to all of us for those years, we owe a lot of our success as young players and young men to his mentorship.

Any funny or amusing story from your time with the club?

I can't think of a particular story but we had a core group of 10/11 lads who were playing football, soccer, golf and even tennis together for a huge amount of time during those early teen years and I cherish that time to this day. Being so close as a group definitely helped us perform well and enjoy each training session or match that little bit more.

Favourite team mate?

No, I couldn't choose a favourite teammate but I'll give a special mention to Seán Ryder who is one of my closest friends to this day. I'm due to come home in late September to be in his wedding so I'm buzzing to get back home for that and hopefully see some of the old teammates while I'm back.

Have you played or been involved in Gaelic games at all since leaving the club?

Yes, I couldn't play GAA from 2010-2014 because of my soccer commitments, but since moving to Charlotte in May of 2014, I've been a proud member of the Charlotte James Connolly's club. We play a qualifying campaign each year to get out of the "Southeast" division and go to the National tournament put on by the USGAA. As a club we've had plenty of success over the years but we haven't won a men's championship since 2013 so that remains the goal for now. Hopefully we can achieve that in Boston later this year.

Any possibility of returning to Greystones and maybe evening wearing the jersey or getting involved in some capacity again?

I really hope so. I'd love to wear the jersey on the same team as my younger brother Sean, so I suppose I'll have to make that happen at some stage in the future