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

I'm currently living in London and working in Marketing

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

I started playing for the club when I was about 9 years old - I believe they had just one underage team at the time. I was a bit young to be playing U14 but Oliver Leonard let me come down to training. I played on every ladies team from that point up until we were unable to field a team one year

Did you have much or any success?

We had quite a bit of success over the years. I was part of the Feile team at u14 level and still have my jacket from that year (surprisingly it still fits!). We won the Minor County Championship beating Bray Emmets and went on to win the Junior County Championship in 2008, beating Batlinglass who were our main rivals at the time. We got to the Senior final in 2012 but we were beaten by Tinahealy in the end

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

Definitely the Junior County Championship in 2008, it was a big step up for the club in terms of Ladies Football and was one of the best teams we had in my time at Éire Óg

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

Definitely Oliver Leonard & Seamus Ahern! They played a key role in my football career over the years, as well as making Ladies Football in Eire Og what it was back then and even how it has developed over the years.

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

The first thing that comes to mind is the U14 Feile photo... I won't say too much about it but Tracey O'Halloran enjoyed laughing at it a lot. The Dinner Dance was always great craic to

Favourite team mate?

Honestly, I couldn't pick. Throughout the years of playing at Eire Og I was fortunate enough to play the very best of the club and make friends for life.

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

I have indeed. Originally I took some time off but last year I got back into playing. I've been playing with Holloway Gaels and this year we won the All-Britain Championship. We're currently in the All Ireland Championship now and playing the Leinster winners, St. Sylvesters on Saturday, 8th January 2022. Looking forward to playing my first game in Ireland in over 8 years.

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

I would love to but somehow I think the chances of me being able to afford to live in the 'Global Most Liveable Community 2021' might be slim but we'll see.