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

I've been living in Sydney since the beginning of 2019 and I am currently working at Salesforce here.

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

I've played since U-10 level back in 2005 up to senior in 2018.

Did you have much or any success?

Winning the U-16 championship in 2012 and Senior league in 2015 probably stand out most. Reached two senior championship semi-finals in 2015 and 2017 as well.

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

It's a painful memory but the semi final loss to Rathnew in 2015 probably stands out the most. Losing by a point after being up by 5 or 6 at half time was a tough pill to swallow.

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

I couldn't speak highly enough of every coach I had down in Eire Og throughout the years like Cossy, John Keane, John Wynne, Paul Hayden and James Leonard. I owe them a huge thanks for all of their sacrifice and effort. I think John Wynne was probably involved in every team I played in from 2005 all the way up to 2017. He was a great motivator and man manager, always had time for everyone on and off the pitch.

Favourite team mate?

It's very hard to single out one player. I loved my time playing and made great friends. I played in teams with Niall Deeney, Pooch, Anto and Liam Maguire for about 10 years straight so I'll give the nod to them lads.

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

No, I have put it on the long finger to join a team here in Sydney and think I will eventually at some stage. Although, I'd say I'd be very rusty now after a few years off.

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

I'm 25 so would definitely look to tog out in the blue and white again in the not so distant future.