



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Oran Bambrick



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

Living in Brooklyn, New York. Tipping away, I have a small consultancy that works with Irish companies that are coming to the States.

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

Probably a 10-year stretch somewhere between 2001-2011-ish. I was involved from U12s right up to the men's team when we were intermediate and emigrated soon after the lads went senior - probably held them back!

What were the highlights of your time playing with the club?

We had a great group of lads underage all the way up. We won the U16 championship, Luke Bradley (Chopper) was a man possessed that day. We lost out in a minor final then the following year or two, but we had a serious team of Darren Hayden, Roddy Carroll, Craig Smullen, Red Lad (Sean Horan), Ronan Hanaway - a serious group.

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

Minor championship games against Baltinglass, there were some great games with nothing to separate the sides.

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

We were lucky with Fergus O'Brien, Ray Barry and Alan Keating on one team and then Paul Hayden and Phil Smullen also. Two different styles certainly, Fergus would be reciting poems and mad stuff, then Philip and Paul would be clipping you around the ear if you weren't up to scratch, both effective techniques and great mentors - owe them all a lot.

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

Lots of big nights at Deco O'Mahony's gaffe after the championship would finish up - some doors and windows were repaired through the years.

Favourite teammate?

Plenty of top teammates. I lived with Deco O'Mahoney for a while in Dublin, playing with Darren Hayden and Roddy Carroll was unreal to see them compete, but I was groomsman at Ronan Hannaway's wedding last year and he was a serious full back too so he earns top spot.

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

Not as much since I've gone Stateside, the odd game up in Gaelic Park, but follow Eire Og results from afar via Instagram.

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

If I was toggging out again, I'd be worried for the club! But Danny English has my debit card details so I'll be in the lotto drawing til my account is overdrawn..