

Worksheet 4B: Player From The Past - Pat Spillane

Pat Spillane is famous as the presenter of the RTÉ programme *The Sunday Game*. He is also well known as one of the best Gaelic footballers ever. He first played for Kerry when he was only 18 in the year 1974. In 1975 he was one of the stars of a young Kerry team led by famous manager Mick O'Dwyer to win the All-Ireland against Dublin. In fact, because the captain was injured in the final, Pat went up the steps and accepted the Sam Maguire Cup. There were great battles between Kerry and Dublin in the next few years, with Dublin winning in 1976 and 1977. However, after that Kerry became the best team in the country winning seven All-Ireland finals in nine years. For the last three titles Pat was joined by his brothers Tom and Mick. Pat retired from football in 1991 after winning eight All-Ireland senior medals. He also won nine All-Star awards, more than any other footballer. In 2000 he was named at right-half forward on "The Football Team of the Millennium", meaning he was the best player in his position that ever played.





Learning Activity 2

Strand: Human Environments

Strand Unit: Living in the local community

Aim:

Children to learn about their local GAA club and the members of the community who run local clubs.

Suggested Activities:

1. Discuss local clubs in your area. Ring a grandparent senior citizen in your family and ask them of their experiences playing with their club. Find any photographs of relatives who played with their club.
2. Write the names of those in the club who help you.
3. Draw a picture of you and a friend playing for your local club.
4. Complete worksheet 5A to profile your club



USE FOLLOWING WORKSHEETS





Worksheet 5A: My Local Club

The GAA club is very important in the community as it is a place where you can go with friends and have fun.

Club Colours

Write about your club:

Club name: _____

Nickname: _____

Coaches: _____

Name of club pitch: _____

Clubs you have played against: _____

Famous players from your club: _____

Finish this sentence: I like my club because _____



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