

WAS A BAD CALL

Decision was Wee bit hard,



KINGDOM
COME... there is nothing Tomás Ó Sé can do when All-Ireland-winning senior boss Jack O'Connor (below) calls up his U-20s

CIARÁN BYRNE admits choosing Louth and a return to the AFL was a no-win situation.

By PAUL KEANE

The 27-year-old ultimately opted for his county but revealed there were always going to be regrets, whatever his decision.

Byrne was initially signed by Carlton in 2013 and made 22 AFL appearances during an injury-interrupted career before coming home in 2018.

best in whatever sport I pick and I see myself as a player who probably would have played 200-plus games if injuries went my way and if I had stayed over there for a wee bit longer.

"That's just the way it panned out for me.

"I'm happy with my decision now to be at home and hopefully next year goes well."

The midfielder (right) won a NFL Division 3 medal in April and has big ambitions for the Wee County - prompting him to knock back the chance of rejoining the Aussie outfit.



Speaking at the launch of the Enterprise Ireland-backed Sport to Start-Up Programme for 2022, Byrne said it was tough to say no.

He explained: "It is something I dwelled over for a long time.

"No matter what decision I made there was going to be regret.

"With my AFL career, I only played 22 or 23 games.

"I probably did succeed but I'm a high achiever and I want to be the

has been a constant critic of the AFL's links with the GAA over the years.

Byrne said: "It was well documented that when Cathal McShane in Tyrone considered going, Mickey spoke so highly about the AFL. "It's a sport he doesn't like. You can see why a lot of people don't like it because it is poaching the talented players within counties to go and play professional sport.

"Mickey and the likes, they can't stop a young fella from going over.

"It's a great opportunity to go out and to pursue a sport and to make a living. I have done very well out of it.

"I've learned a lot about myself. Financially, it was quite good as well."



HIT THE TECH... at the announcement of ClubSpot's initiative, which will see an investment of up to €250,000 in grassroots GAA, are (from left) ClubSpot strategic advisor Bernard Jackman, ClubSpot founder John Hyland and ClubSpot ambassador Tomás Ó Sé

at the same time we'd love to have all the players available to us and sometimes it is taken out of your control."

The five-time All-Star defender believes the split season is helping when it comes to the GAA schedule, but joked that the year would need 15 months to find the perfect calendar.

He feels there are too many competitions across the year between all levels - and he reckons inter-county players are suffering most.

He said: "The GAA are doing the best they can with it, but if there was 15 months in the year we'd be better off. "The club championship has been brilliant but there are too many competitions.

"There are certain players getting absolutely pummelled year in, year out.

"You have fellas that are involved, younger lads are involved for nearly 12 months of the year.

"It's very hard to find a solution to the whole thing, give it another couple of seasons

and we'll see how it goes but it seems to be non-stop for the inter-county lads.

"I've heard it back - all of those fellas are gasping for a break.

"It's not even the physicality of it, it's the mental side of it... of just being able to down tools for a couple of weeks.

"From my own perspective talking to club players, they did enjoy having all the senior lads with them and that was great to see and to hear.

"We have too many competitions in the GAA and we don't have the time to keep everybody happy."

Having taken his first steps into inter-county coaching last

year by joining the Offaly back-room team, Ó Sé looked destined to take the Faithful job when John Maughan departed.

But the former pundit took the Kerry Under-20 reins instead.

He did express an interest in taking charge of the Kingdom Under-20 side before Declan O'Sullivan took the role ahead of the 2021 campaign.

But Ó Sé reckons it has all worked out in the end.

He said: "I showed interest in the Kerry gig the time Declan got it.

"It came up again and I was fierce happy above in Offaly. "There was a fierce commit-

ment, it's time-consuming but I was enjoying it.

"I was nearly there but my professional life took a turn as well when I went for a principalship.

"And I made the right decision because the amount of time going into this job was more than I thought.

"Our focus will be getting the lads together, getting a good morale, having a good Munster championship and when the draw's made, focus on what we need to focus on.

"It's the perfect form of the championship. You have a back door in the senior grade, no back door in the Under-20s and there's a cutting edge that every game is so vital."

● TOMÁS Ó SÉ was speaking as Cavan sports tech start-up ClubSpot announced an investment of up to €250,000 in grassroots sports in Ireland by offering to create a free club-branded mobile app and provide one year's free subscription to ClubSpot's club management platform for all ladies and men's football, hurling and camogie senior club champions in all 32 counties. The app helps clubs to communicate with members, boosts revenues and reduces administrative workload for volunteers. To avail of the offer, county champions are asked to contact ClubSpot through www.clubspot.app/county/championsoffer or email info@clubspot.app.

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Legal Notices

Fingal County Council
We Aven and Daniel Mann intend to apply for planning permission for (1) Conversion of existing attic to storage/home office use (2) to replace existing side hip roof profile with gable roof (3) fit two no. rooflights to the front roof plane (4) fit two no. rooflights to the rear roof plane and all associated site works at 39 Kelly's Bay Drive, Skerries, Co. Dublin. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks, beginning on the date of receipt by Fingal County Council of the Application.

South Dublin County Council
Permission is sought for demolition of existing rear and side single storey extension, new single storey side extension, new rear partially single storey, partially two storey extension, some internal alterations, and associated site works, by Louise Kelly and Niall Heavin at 6 Knocklyon Cottages, Knocklyon Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and may also be viewed on the Council's website - www.sdcc.ie. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to South Dublin County Council on payment of a fee of €20 within 5 weeks of receipt of the application by South Dublin County Council and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

In the matter of Thomas McGuire Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and in the matter of the Companies Act 2014 Advertisment for creditors
The creditors of Thomas McGuire Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) are required, on or before 9 November 2022 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned the Liquidator of the said company and if so required by notice in writing from me, are to file such affidavits in proof of claims as they may be advised and to give notice of filing thereof to me and to attend at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or, in default thereof, they will be excluded from any distribution made before such debts or claims are proved. 16 November 2022 at 16:00 PM, has been appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the said debts and claims. Dated: 25 October 2022 Declan de Lacy, Liquidator: Century House, Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6W.

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL
Alan McCormick, Peter McCormick and David McCormick are applying for Outline Permission for the provision of a detached 3 bed, two storey house to the side garden plot of the existing dwelling at 2 Barton Road West, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14. To include for the provision of new independent vehicular access and all associated site works. This application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours of 9am - 4pm, Mon-Fri, and a submission or observation may be made to South Dublin County Council in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the application.

South Dublin County Council
Planning permission is sought for a Ground floor extension to rear (to create family ancillary accommodation) with internal modifications and associated site works at Castle Cottage, Lucan Road, Palmerstown, Dublin 20 for Mark Lynch. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
We Bolero Investments Ltd, intend to apply for a licence to place street furniture on the public footpath in front of Jack Nealon's, 165/166 Capel Street, D1. The Street furniture will consist of 10 No. Tables and 40 No. chairs in a screened area measuring 6.7 Meters Long 2.44 Meters Wide. This licence application may be inspected between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 4.30p.m. at the offices of Dublin City Council, Street furniture unit, Block 4, Floor 0, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Submission or observations in relation to this application may be made in writing to Dublin City Council at the above address within.