

# GAA HANDBALL WEXFORD PLAYER PROFILE

## *Pat Cleary, Ballyanne*

<b>Major honours:</b>	25-30 All Ireland softball and 4-wall championships from juvenile to overage, including 3 in a row 4 wall (40x20) senior doubles in 1982-84.
<b>Started playing at:</b>	Age 8
<b>Greatest influence on career:</b>	Simmy Cleary
<b>Favourite code (softball, 4-wall or 1-wall):</b>	Softball
<b>Favourite court:</b>	St. Mary's, New Ross
<b>Favourite shot:</b>	Right corner killshot
<b>Favourite players:</b>	Paul Brady and my partner John Fleming
<b>Toughest match:</b>	Against Tom Sheridan and James McGovern in Irish qualifier for the World Championships in Melbourne in 1988
<b>Toughest opponent:</b>	Ducksy Walsh
<b>Most enjoyable victory:</b>	That World Championship qualifier against Sheridan and McGovern
<b>The best softball (60x30) player of your era:</b>	Ducksy Walsh
<b>The best softball (60x30) player of all time:</b>	Ducksy Walsh
<b>The best 4-wall (40x20) player of your era:</b>	Paul Brady
<b>The best 4-wall (40x20) player of all time:</b>	Paul Brady/Naty Alvarado

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<b>Pre-game meal:</b>	Nothing in particular
<b>Tips you would give young players seeking to improve:</b>	Repetition, repetition, repetition
<b>Suggestions for making handball better (if any):</b>	It's in progress, but more tournaments needed
<b>Other sports played:</b>	Just about everything, including Rugby, GAA, Soccer etc
<b>Greatest sporting hero (all sports):</b>	Ducksey Walsh