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Steve calls it a day after 12 seasons at the top

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Official opening of Gaelic Grounds

STEVE McDonogh has announced his retirement from the inter-county scene.

"I know it is the right time, I am 100 per cent happy with my decision

Senior hurlers complete league

"I have absolutely no problem with management", he stressed.

County senior football championship

McDonogh was first brought onto the Limerick senior squad by Phil Bennis in autumn 1992, and was a substitute when Limerick were knocked out of the championship by Clare in 1993.

Stephen McDonogh announces retirement

He made his championship debut against Cork in 1994, winning two Munster senior championship medals and a National League title.

AIL rugby semi finals

"As a young fella growing up, all I ever wanted to do was hurl for Limerick and that is worth more than any All-Ireland or All-Star."

An anxious month for Limerick FC

Profile of Gerry Collins

McDonogh was among the subs in Pearse Stadium last Sunday as Limerick completed their National League campaign - later that evening he informed County Board Secretary Jimmy Hartigan of his decision and the secretary passed the news to Padjoe Whelehan.

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"If I am to look at it, maybe the appetite is not what it once was - the appetite begins to wane and the training becomes harder", he said.

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End of Munster's European Cup

"I had a fairly awful spring - I was tied up at work and missed some training. I came back and felt well, the lads had qualified for the second series and I suppose I needed a few games - I am nearly 34 and I felt I would have needed to have played a few games to be properly prepared to play championship", he explained.

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His only appearance was as a 65th minute substitute against Waterford.

"I have spoken to Mark (Foley) and TJ (Ryan), who I have been around with for a while and I asked them to respect my decision."

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He added: "While there might still be a share of passion I always knew that I

He added: "While there might still be a sliver of passion, I always know that I would know, when the time comes to go. I have to look at it and put it into perspective. I had a great time, I was fortunate enough that I was relatively injury free for my 11 or 12 years."


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The corner back is widely recognised as one of the most committed players to the green of Limerick over the last decade.

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"I would certainly like to pass on my gratitude to the Limerick people - they were always brilliant to follow Limerick teams and I would like to say a personal thank you."

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