

1940

County Senior Hurling Championship

Quarter-Final **April 28, 1940** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 10-5 Carrighdoun 3-2

This was Blackrock's opening game of the championship, as Carrighdoun had qualified through the divisional campaign, defeating Seandun and Avondhu.

The Blackrock team was undoubtedly the superior side, but never the less, they scarcely deserved, on the run of play, to have such a large margin in their favour.

Carrighdoun displayed all the faults of a team drawn from a division without having undergone a special course of training. Though individually they had many fine players, this did not apply to their forward division, who had a plentiful supply. They also had to face a wonderful display of goalkeeping from James Maher of Blackrock, who made three glorious saves in the first half. Blackrock led 4-2 to 0-1 at the interval. Carrighdoun gave a much-improved display in the second half, but it was however, during this period that the Rockies showed real grit and team work. Though they were the better balanced side, their forwards were outstanding, particularly Ted O'Sullivan, Martin Whyte and P.O'Keeffe, who made the best use of their opportunities, scoring all the goals between them. They got a plentiful supply of ball from John Quirke, John Norberg and Dermot Cogan.

James Maher; Seán Warren, Patrick O'Donoghue, Michael Cotter, John Quirke, J.P.Creedon, John Norberg, Jimmy Cooney, T.J.Barrett, Dermot Cogan, Tom Vaughan, William Twomey, Martin Whyte, Ted O'Sullivan, P.O'Keeffe;

Semi-Finals **June 16, 1940** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Glen Rovers 5-6 Blackrock 2-9

The game was in keeping with the great reputations of the two clubs, and was fought out in a manner that would have done credit to the best of inter county teams. From start to finish the huge attendance were kept on their toes.

John Quirke opened the scoring with a free from midfield after two minutes. However, the Glen fought back with an early goal, only for William Twomey to deflect a long drive from John Quirke to the net and restore Blackrock's lead. Within a minute, the Glen forced in another goal, but John Quirke narrowed the deficit with a second point. Back came the Glen again with a goal and a point, before Ted O'Sullivan got a second goal for Blackrock. All this happened in the opening hectic sixteen minutes.

There was no scoring for the next nine minutes of hard fast hurling, which was followed by a Glen goal. John Quirke then scored another point, and P.O'Keeffe also scored a point on the stroke of half time, with the Glen leading 4-2 to 2-4.

Within a minute of the second half, Jack Lynch crashed in a goal for the Glen. John Quirke came back with a point for Blackrock, and soon after Martin Whyte added another a few minutes later. The Glen got the next point before John Quirke placed a seventy in the goalmouth. In the scramble that ensued, P.O'Keeffe landed a point. The teams then swapped points, Martin Whyte scoring for Blackrock. The Glen led 5-4 to 2-8 entering the final quarter. Blackrock kept pounding away at the Glen goalmouth, trying for a goal, when points were there for the taking. The Glen managed to break away a few times and scored two more points, while Blackrock only managed one point from Tommy Kelly.

James Maher; Seán Warren, Patrick O'Donoghue, Michael Cotter, Paddy Hayes, John Quirke, John Norberg, Jimmy Cooney, T.J.Barrett, Tom Vaughan, Tommy Kelly, William Twomey, Martin Whyte, Ted O'Sullivan, P.O'Keeffe;

Subs:- J.P.Creedon; Derry Hayes;

Beamish Shield

April 19, 1940 **Mardyke**
Sarsfields 7-6 Blackrock 3-5

The small attendance saw some smart hurling, the Rockies being a better side than the scoreline suggests. The game finished in semi-darkness, with Sarsfields leading 5-5 to 0-2 at half time.

Cobh Carnival Committee Tournament

August 17, 1940 **Carrignafoy.**
Blackrock 6-5 St.Finbarrs 3-4

Both sides fielded strong teams, much to the delight of the local patrons. Blackrock gained a surprise victory for a valuable set of medals. James Maher; John Norberg, Frank Norberg, J.P.Creedon; D.McCarthy, John Quirke, Ted O'Sullivan, J.O'Sullivan, Parick O'Donoghue, Derry Hayes; William Twomey, Willie O'Mahony, C.O'Shea, Eugene Cotter, T.J.Barrett,

Fermoy Tournament

Final **September 22, 1940** **Fermoy**
Blackrock 3-5 Tallow(Waterford) 1-2

The first ten minutes were all in favour of Tallow, but each attack was repelled by a stout Blackrock defence. Martin Whyte then in the space of a few minutes scored two points. Back came Tallow with a fine goal. Blackrock immediately replied with a goal from W.O'Mahony. Soon after Ted O'Sullivan scored a second goal for Blackrock, followed by a point from John Norberg, which left them leading 2-4 to 1-1 at half time. Tallow came out strongly after the resumption, but an early point was to be their only second half score. A late goal by T.J.Barrett secured the win for Blackrock.

James Maher; Mikey O'Brien, J.P.Creedon; Paddy Hayes, John Norberg, Tom Vaughan, D.McCarthy, James Leahy, T.J.Barrett, M.O'Shea, Ted O'Sullivan, William Twomey, Martin Whyte, Willie O'Mahony, P.O'Keeffe;

1941

County Senior Hurling Championship

Quarter-Final **May 25, 1941** **Riverstown**
Blackrock 5-6 Imokilly 2-2

A large crowd was in attendance, in distinctly unfavourable conditions. Some smart hurling was seen however, with Blackrock the far better side, winning comfortably.

James Maher; D.Twomey, J.P.Creedon; John Norberg, Florence O'Brien, Paddy Hayes, James Leahy, Tom Vaughan, T.J.Barrett, John Quirke, M.O'Flynn, William Twomey, P.O'Keeffe; Ted O'Sullivan, P.Reid;

Semi-Final **July 27, 1941** **Mardyke**
Ballincollig 6-3 Blackrock 3-6

In a wonderfully entering game, Ballincollig surprised many with a great performance in eliminating Blackrock from the championship. Blackrock opened the scoring with a point from Tom Vaughan, only for Ballincollig immediately to reply with a goal. After a few missed chances by both sides, Ballincollig increased their lead with two points. M.O'Flynn then struck a point for Blackrock, followed by the equalizing goal from Ted O'Sullivan. From here to half time Blackrock took control with goals from J.Leahy and P.Reid, along with a point from P.O'Keeffe, leaving the Rockies in front 3-3 to 1-3 at the interval.

For the second half, the Blackrock defence were under constant pressure. Soon the net fell for a goal, and inspired by this, Ballincollig soon equalized with another goal. Back came Blackrock with two points from J.Leahy and M.O'Flynn to regain the lead, but then Ballincollig scored their fourth goal. Again Blackrock equalized with a point from P.O'Keeffe. However, Ballincollig finished the stronger with two more goals.

for the number of stoppages, particularly in the second moiety, the game would have been a very fine one.

In a smart breakaway, Martin Whyte opened the scoring with a rasping shot by notching a goal in the first minute. Eddie John O'Sullivan added a point in the next minute, and then D.Cotter saved his posts at the other end, it appeared very auspicious for the Rockies. Denis O'Brien and F.Sorenson each added a point before Ballincollig scored their first point. Following a free in midfield, Ballincollig secured a goal when the ball was rushed into the goal. They followed this with a point, but just before half time, T.J.Barrett scored a point to give Blackrock the lead 1-4 to 1-2 at the break.

Play was even for some time on the resumption, both sets of forwards being dominated by the defences. Soon after Ballincollig scored a point, and then doubling on a hopping ball, they went into the lead with a goal. Play now became very robust and excitement ran high. Denis O'Brien and S.O'Sullivan both pointed to equalize, and then F.Sorenson added a beauty of a point from a very difficult angle to regain the lead. A seventy to Ballincollig levelled the score again, but very quickly, two goals for Ballincollig seemed to settle the issue. However, John Quirke with two quick points closed the gap, but time ran out on them.

Blackrock Hurling Tournament

Blackrock applied to the County Board in January to run a tournament to help defray the cost of the new pitch they were renting in Church Road. This was granted, with the following result of the draw:- Blackrock v Ballincollig; St.Finbarrs v Glen Rovers; Sarsfields v U.C.C.;

Round-1 **March 7, 1943** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 5-5 Ballincollig 2-3

The first half was a tame affair, with little scores, but both sides were level at the break. In the second half Blackrock asserted their authority and won comfortably.

Semi-Final **March 27, 1943** **Mardyke**
Glen Rovers 4-6 Blackrock 2-3

Jack Lynch was in top form for the Glen. He controlled the game and Blackrock could not find any one to match him. The first half was notable for spectacular overhead play, while the second period was mainly ground play. The state of play at half time saw the Glen leading 1-2 to 1-1. T.J.Barrett scored a goal for Blackrock. In the second half, Eddie John O'Sullivan scored Blackrock's second goal.

Michael Cotter; Paddy Hayes, Tadhg Delaney, James Leahy, D.O'Neill, John Quirke, P.Kidney; T.O'Connor, T.J.Barrett; S.O'Sullivan, F.Sorenson, Denis O'Brien; Jer Cogan, Martin Whyte, Eddie John O'Sullivan;
Subs:- M.O'Flynn; Derry Hayes; P.Maher; Ned Cotter; Michael Warren;

Riverstown Challenge for a set of Hurleys

April 18, 1943 **Riverstown**
Blackrock 8-5 Sarsfields 1-8

Neither team was at full strength, Michael Cotter(2-1); Paddy Hayes, James Leahy(3-1), Martin Whyte(1-0), F.Sorenson(1-0), Jer Cogan(1-0), Eddie John O'Sullivan(0-3);

Sancta Maria Girls Tournament

August 22, 1943 **Mardyke**
Blackrock 5-3 Ballincollig 5-2

As the score indicates, there was very little between the sides, though perhaps Ballincollig were a trifle unlucky not to have at least a draw. This was the perfect preparation for them, facing into a second successive county final in the coming weeks. The hurling was of a high standard. Blackrock opened the scoring with a point, and then Ballincollig replied with a goal. Soon after they scored a second goal, to complete the first half scoring, Ballincollig leading, 2-0 to 1-1 at the break. In the second half, Blackrock led off with a goal and two points, and Ballincollig replied with two goals and a point. Blackrock came back with a goal, only for Ballincollig to score a goal and a point. Leading by five points, they

seemed set for victory, but Blackrock rallied to score two late goals to win by a single point.

Timmy Finn's Benefit Tournament

Semi-Final **November 14, 1943** **Mardyke**
St.Finbarrs 8-4 Blackrock 0-0

St.Finbarrs organized this tournament to aid the dependents of their former player.

The Barrs had almost all their county championship winning team on duty, while Blackrock were not at full strength, and they lost John Quirke to a serious hand injury in the first half. As can be seen from the scoreline, Blackrock were outclassed all over the field.

1944

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1 **May 21, 1944** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Sarsfields 1-7 Blackrock 2-3

Sarsfields were the better-balanced team, while Blackrock had a few weak links. That the teams were remarkably closely matched can be judged from the fact that the teams were level three times in the first moiety. There were five minutes of lively exchanges before Sarsfields scored the first point. Seven minutes later Paddy Hayes equalized. A goal by Martin Whyte and a point by John Quirke gave Blackrock the lead. However, Sarsfields soon pulled back and drew level, but John Quirke gave Blackrock the lead again with another point. Sarsfields finished the half stronger, with two more points, to lead 1-4 to 1-3 at half time. Both sides showed the effects of the hard first moiety. After the interval, twenty minutes elapsed before Sarsfields added a point. Two more points followed, before Blackrock staged a great rally. Blackrock were going all out for a goal and when a free was awarded close in, Paddy Hayes came from the half back line to take it. He drove it low like a bullet to the net. Keeping up the pressure, Blackrock tried everything they could, but time was up soon after, and Blackrock were defeated.

Beamish Shield

Glen Rovers 1-2 Blackrock 1-0; Sarsfields 5-1 Blackrock 1-3;

1945

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1 **May 20, 1945** **Mardyke**
Carrighoun 4-4 Blackrock 4-2

The first big shock of the season was witnessed at the Mardyke, as Carrighoun stunned a young Blackrock side with five goals in the last six minutes.

The match took what appeared to most spectators as a normal course, with the cleverness and team work of the Blackrock boys very apparent as they had the upper hand throughout the first half in particular. Eddie John O'Sullivan lashed home a goal after ten minutes of play, and eight minutes later McCarthy added a clever goal, while S.Leahy landed a point from a 70. Mossie O'Riordan added the third goal just before half time, leaving Blackrock on top 3-1 to nil.

On the resumption, Carrighoun scored a point. John Quirke then replied with a characteristic goal. Carrighoun next got a point, only for John Quirke to also score a point, to leave Blackrock in front 4-2 to 0-2. Blackrock held this lead with only six minutes to go. Carrighoun scored three goals in as many minutes to set off an exciting finish. Blackrock tried to fight back, but missed a few chances, and then Carrighoun had a goal disallowed. In lost time, they were back with a whirlwind finish with a goal and two points to win in sensational fashion.

Cork Juvenile Board Tournament

Semi-Final **April 1, 1945** **Mardyke**
Blackrock 3-3 Army 3-0

This game did not reach a very high standard. Blackrock drew first blood with a goal, but the Army quickly equalized. Before half time, Blackrock added a further goal and a point, to lead 2-1 to 1-0 at the break. On the resumption, Blackrock were on top still, and before long added a further goal and two points. Towards the end of the game, the Army scored two consolation goals.

Final

Unable to find any information of the final.

Passage Challenge

April 15, 1945

Passage West

Blackrock 5-1 Passage Selection 3-2

Before a very large attendance, in an exciting game, Blackrock came out on top. The Passage selection started off strongly, with a goal and a point in the first ten minutes. Then they added a second goal and point, before Blackrock got going. At midfield, Blackrock gained control. From the plentiful supply, Mossie O'Riordan scored three quick goals, to which John Quirke also scored a goal, to leave Blackrock in the lead at half time, 4-0 to 2-2. In the second half, play was very keen with low scoring, but tough pulling. Passage selection scored a goal midway in the half, to reduce to lead to a point. In the closing minutes, Mossie O'Riordan again stood out, with a further goal and a point.

1946

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1

April 21, 1946

Riverstown

Blackrock 4-9 Imokilly 6-3

A draw was perhaps a fitting result, for neither side deserved to lose. The lead changed hands frequently in the second half, but the pace was never relaxed as both sides strove for mastery. Blackrock were the better side in the first half, leading 1-7 to 1-1 at half time. Blackrock opened strongly, with six unanswered points, before Mossie O'Riordan scored the first goal. Imokilly finished the half better, with a goal and a point. On resuming, Imokilly soon equalized with two quick goals. Then they went in front with a point, only for Paddy Madden to reply with a goal. Keeping up the pressure, Michael Warren made a splendid save to deny Imokilly, but soon after, they scored another goal. They then added a point, only for Eddie John O'Sullivan regained the lead again for Blackrock with a goal. Imokilly then took over and added two further goals to open up a five points lead. With time running out, Mossie O'Riordan swept through the Imokilly defence for a magnificent goal, with Eddie John O'Sullivan and J.Horgan adding points to equalize. Almost on full time, Paddy Hays scored a goal direct from a seventy, but it was disallowed. Michael Warren; E.O'Connor, Willie O'Keeffe, John Quirke, Paddy Hayes, Paddy Aherne, Denis O'Brien, John Farnan, Denis Murphy (0-2); M.Kelly, William Attridge, Mossie O'Riordan(2-3), Kevin O'Riordan, Paddy Madden(1-0), Eddie John O'Sullivan(1-3); Sub:- Timmy Horgan(0-1);

Replay-

August 11, 1946

Cork Athletic Grounds

Imokilly 8-4 Blackrock 2-5

The first major surprise of the championship, as Imokilly inflicted a crushing defeat on a much-fancied Blackrock. Excellent team-work, speed, stamina and first class marksmanship won the day for Imokilly. The game was played in a fine sporting manner, expect for an altercation early in the first half, when the referee had reason to send one player from each side sent to the line. Shortly after the throw in, John Quirke sent a long ball into Eddie John O'Sullivan, who doubled it over the bar for the opening score. Continuing the pressure, Blackrock failed to raise a green flag, with the Imokilly keeper in outstanding form. Kevin O'Riordan scored the second point for Blackrock. Shortly after, Imokilly went in front with an easy goal, but very quickly, Denis Murphy equalized for Blackrock with a point. Then

Imokilly regained the lead with a superb goal, only for Mossie O'Riordan to do likewise and equalize again. Imokilly got another goal, before Kevin O'Riordan scored a point, and then on the stroke of half time, Imokilly goaled again.

After the resumption, Imokilly took the fire out of Blackrock with an early goal, quickly with a further goal and a point. Mossie O'Riordan and Eddie John O'Sullivan were unlucky on a few occasions not to score. Late in the second half, Kevin O'Riordan pointed and Timmy Horgan scored a goal.

Michael Warren; Denis O'Brien, Willie O'Keeffe, John Quirke; Derry Maher, Paddy Hayes, Paddy Aherne; Denis Murphy(0-1), John Farnan; Eddie John O'Sullivan(0-1), Timmy Horgan(1-0), William Attridge; Mossie O'Riordan(1-0), Andrew Maher, Kevin O'Riordan (0-3);

1947

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1

June 1, 1947

Buttevant

Avondhu 6-9 Blackrock 3-5

Avondhu scored a thrilling and convincing victory over Blackrock, after the sides were level at half time, at 1-4 each. William Attridge opened the scoring for Blackrock with a fine point. Avondhu came back with two points, and Michael O'Driscoll made a great save to prevent a goal. Then William Attridge scored a point from a free, before Denis Murphy put Blackrock back in front with a point. Avondhu regained the lead with a goal, quickly followed by a goal and a point from William Attridge, and the equalizing point from Avondhu, to end a really thrilling first half. Avondhu mounted strong offences on Blackrock as the second half was underway, and were rewarded with a goal. Blackrock fought back with a Kevin O'Riordan point. Avondhu took over again to increase the lead with goals and points, but back came Blackrock with goals from Derry Maher and William Attridge. Avondhu were not done yet, they finished two more goals and points, to advance to the quarter-final.

Michael O'Driscoll; P.O'Sullivan, Willie O'Keeffe, Mossie O'Riordan, Kevin O'Riordan(0-1), Denis Murphy(0-1), T.J.Barrett, Paddy Aherne, John Farnan, William Attridge(2-3), Derry Maher(1-0), Donald Maher, John Quirke, John Norberg, V.Foley;

Lismore Pitch Re-opening

April 13, 1947

Lismore

Mount Sion 3-7 Blackrock 2-5

Blackrock broke away from the start, scoring the opening three points. Mount Sion rallied and scored tow points, and their attempts for goals were thwarted by Michael O'Driscoll. Blackrock then scored a goal, followed by a point and a goal by Mount Sion. At half time, Blackrock led by 1-5 to 1-4.

On the resumption, Mount Sion equalized, and then went in front with a further goal and a point. Blackrock made a few positional changes, which had the desired effect, scoring a quick goal and two points. However, Mount Sion finished the stronger, adding the scores to win by five points.

1948

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1

June 13, 1948

Cork Athletic Grounds

Blackrock 1-9 St.Finbarrs 0-2

For the first time in ten years, Blackrock defeated their old rivals, St.Finbarrs. Although the game did not produce any of the style and class associated with these great rivals, the air of excitement and rivalry was present throughout the game.

Blackrock went into the game with determination from the opening minutes, and soon had a point on the board. Leading by five points to one at half time, John Quirke was the inspiring figure of a young Rockies side.

In the second half, Mossie O'Riordan scored the only goal of the game, to secure a magnificent victory. Others to shine were, Gerry O'Riordan, David Owens, Eddie John O'Sullivan and Derry Hayes.

Midfielders John Farnan and Patsy Lyons controlled matters here. Michael O'Driscoll; Michael Warren, Mikey O'Brien, Mike Kelly; Willie O'Mahony, Paddy Hayes, Paddy Aherne(0-1); John Farnan, Patsy Lyons(0-2); Derry Hayes(0-1), John Quirke(0-1), Eddie John O'Sullivan; Mossie O'Riordan(1-3), Gerry O'Riordan, David Owens(0-1);

**Quarter-Final August 29, 1948 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 6-9 Imokilly 2-7**

The game was only a few minutes old, when John Quirke crossed a lovely pass to David Owens, who sent it to the net. A point soon followed, then John Quirke again sent in a pass, this time to Eddie John O'Sullivan, who flicked it past the goalkeeper. Back came Imokilly to score a goal themselves, and not long after scored a second goal, to leave just a point between the sides. In quick succession however, Gerry O'Riordan pointed twice, and Paddy Aherne also scored a point. Imokilly then scored a point, but just before the end of the half, David Owens scored his second goal, leaving Blackrock in front 3-4 to 2-1.

The opening sequences of the second half were very even, each side scoring three points, John Quirke with two, and Gerry O'Riordan with the other for Blackrock. From there on, Blackrock were in control, Derry Hayes scored a goal, Mossie O'Riordan a goal and a point, with John Quirke and Gerry O'Riordan finishing the scoring.

Michael O'Driscoll; Michael Warren, Mikey O'Brien, Mike Kelly; Willie O'Mahony, Paddy Hayes, Paddy Aherne; John Farnan, Patsy Lyons; Mossie O'Riordan, Gerry O'Riordan, Derry Hayes; David Owens, Eddie John O'Sullivan, John Quirke;

**Semi-Final September 26, 1948 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 2-5 Sarsfields 1-6**

Sarsfields scored a very early point, and after a few wides from both sides, Gerry O'Riordan equalized. Sarsfields now settled into their stride, and soon were leading 1-4 to 0-1. Blackrock looked in trouble, but then Gerry O'Riordan with a point and a goal spurred them back into contention. Soon after, Eddie John O'Sullivan raced in from the left wing to score a great goal. Just before the break, Sarsfields equalized. For fifteen minutes of the second half, neither side could score, both defences doing excellent work. Sarsfields then went ahead, and in the last few minutes John Quirke equalized from a free. The best point of the game came quickly after that, from Eddie John O'Sullivan.

Michael O'Driscoll; Michael Warren, Mikey O'Brien, Derry Hayes; Willie O'Mahony Paddy Hayes, Paddy Aherne; John Farnan, Denis Murphy; Mossie O'Riordan, Gerry O'Riordan(1-2), Eddie John O'Sullivan(1-1); David Owens, L.O'Keefe, John Quirke(0-2);

**Final October 17, 1948 Cork Athletic Grounds
Glen Rovers 5-7 Blackrock 3-2**

Examiner report:- In the presence of approximately 25,000 people and amidst scenes of the wildest excitement and enthusiasm, Glen Rovers once again proved themselves to be Cork's hurling champions when they defeated Blackrock by double scores in the county final at Cork Athletic Grounds. The game will not by any means go down in the annals of the G.A.A. as the best final ever played, but it will be remembered for the marvellous display of skill, stamina and brilliant team-work displayed in which the Blackpool team showed all the old fire and determination which brought them so many victories in the past.

The Rockies made a gallant fight of it. Every inch was contested gamely, and when early in the second half John Quirke reduced the arrears to a single point, the excitement became intense. Spirit and gameness however, were of little avail against the experience, craft and brains of a side which simply would not hear of defeat. Blackrock's day will come

again, but yesterday it was Glen Rovers all the way, and seldom have they earned a more richly deserved title.

Glen Rovers victory means that they have won the county title eleven times in fifteen years, a record never before achieved. There have been finals in which they had far easier victories than was the case yesterday, but it can scarcely be claimed that any of their teams in the past decade and a half excelled in the style and cleverness of yesterday's victory. They were up against a team brimful of confidence and including many first-class hurlers, but from an early stage it was obvious that Glen Rovers were superior in almost every department of the field. While their victory was characterized by the excellent way every man fitted into his part and pulled his weight, it cannot be denied that a few of their players stood out head and shoulders above the rest.

Once again it was a real day out for the veterans. Jack Lynch's display was one that he must have seldom equaled in all his many Croke Park appearances. This player, who was a substitute on the 1934 team which brought the title to Blackpool for the first time, won the plaudits of the crowd yesterday by his magnificent performance. He started at left corner forward and before very long he had shown a stylish touch by pointing from far out on the wing. It was when he moved to midfield however, that he really began to be the moving force behind tactics which led to the Rover's victory. He completely dominated play around midfield and he seemed to revel in the difficult ground conditions prevailing. As the game drew to a close, he was untiring in his efforts as at the beginning.

The other more experienced players on the side also shone. D.J.Buckley was the most spectacular of the defenders, but he was ably assisted by Paddy O'Donovan and Jim Young. Those three caught the eye most frequently, but the other backs all played a solid part in the stone wall Glen Rovers defence, which was the despair of the Blackrock forwards. That defence was called into action before the game was long started, because Blackrock started in lightening fashion and almost before the Glen settled down, scored a most spectacular goal. Heartened by that success, they kept up the pressure for a lengthy period, and certainly forwards like Eddie John O'Sullivan, John Quirke, David Owens and the O'Riordan brothers would not have been thwarted by any but the very strongest defenders.

There was a very surprising development when, following a brief incident, which occurred while the attention of the majority of the spectators was focused elsewhere, the referee S.Vaughan, ordered a Glen Rovers midfielder mad to the side line. Shortly afterwards a Blackrock player was sent off for dangerous play. For the rest of the game there was not a single unpleasant incident, and the referee handled the game in a very capable fashion.

On the Blackrock team the defence was also the strongest sector. Paddy Hayes at centre-half, was outstanding, and many of the others, especially Willie O'Mahony and Michael Warren, were unsparing in their efforts to stem the Glen tide. All through the Blackrock men played gamely and they demonstrated in unmistakable fashion that the very welcome hurling revival in Blackrock is no myth. However, they were far more hampered by the heavy sod than were their more confident opponents, and they seldom got any length or power into their drives. Players such as Mossie O'Riordan, who are known to possess speed and skill at the game, were never allowed to get into their stride, and though they never relaxed their efforts, they were fighting a losing battle at least from early in the second half.

Donie Twomey at full forward for Glen Rovers did not register a score himself, but his timely and unselfish distribution of the ball brought a number of scores. Lynam had two most spectacular goals, Lynch, Hartnett, Flaherty, Donovan, Ring and Tierney all added their

contributions. At the other end of the field, David Creedon had an inspired game.

It was in the first quarter of the second half that most of the thrills came. Glen held a narrow lead at the interval, 2-2 to 1-1, and after the resumption, despite the fact that a heavy shower during half time made the pitch very greasy, the game reached a very high level. When the margin was reduced by the Rockies to a single point, following a goal worked by Paddy Fox Ahern, and a point from John Quirke, it looked for a brief period if the Rockies could forge ahead, but Jack Lynch continued to exert his superiority at mid-field, and before long the Glen had the game well in hand.

The greatest interest taken in the match was reflected in the huge attendance of spectators coming from nearly every part of the county and even outside it. The pitch was in excellent condition despite the rain of the early morning and previous afternoon.

The attendance included Dr. T.F.O'Higgins, Minister of Defence and senior Dáil deputy for Cork. The teams were played onto the pitch by the Carrigaline Pipe Band.

Glen were faster on the move after the throw-in, but a wide resulted. Play veered to the other end, and in less than three minutes a grand free puck taken by Derry Hayes, the Blackrock mid-field man, sent straight to the net. At the other end, Twomey and Lynch had narrow wides, and then the latter, from a most difficult angle, sent straight between the posts to open the Glen tally. A raid initiated by Paddy Ahern was broken up by Jim Young, and then David Creedon brought off the first of his many grand saves when he stopped a point blank shot by John Quirke.

Glen were awarded a free, and Christy Ring, without the slightest indecision, put the Glen two points up. Rockies attacked and Mossie O'Riordan breaking loose from the attention of about three Glen defenders, made no mistake with a grand point. Creedon maintained his reputation, being ably guarded by Buckley and Hogan.

Jack Lynch was now at midfield, and he sent his side attacking for C.O'Flaherty to finish a lovely movement to the net. Monaghan was injured and replaced by Tierney, and as the half drew to a close, Lynam raced across to the left wing and sent in a fast low shot beyond Michael O'Driscoll's reach. The score then stood 2-2 to 1-1 in favour of Glen Rovers.

On resuming, Tierney had hard luck when he wided for the Glen. Twice in succession, David Owens centered fast balls to the Blackrock forwards, but Buckley, Hogan and Lyons were unbeatable. From the wing far out, Jack Lynch took a free, and it sailed high in the air and over the top of the uprights. This gave them a five points lead, but a moment afterwards came the most exciting incident of the game, when a long slanting shot from Paddy Fox Ahern reached the goal-line and greasily slipped over Creedon's hurley, being assisted to the net by John Quirke and David Owens. The Blackrock supporters went wild with jubilation, and this heightened still further a moment afterwards when John Quirke pointed from a free. Paddy Hayes was prominent in repelling a Glen attack, and Michael O'Driscoll was loudly applauded for some grand saves in the Blackrock net.

For a while the pace was fast and furious, but a seventy by Jack Lynch reached Flaherty, who flicked the ball to the net for what proved to be the decisive score of the game. From then on, the Glen's victory was never in doubt. The nicest score of the match came when Doney Twomey put Lynam in possession to goal from almost on the goal-line, halfway between the net and the corner flag. Jack Lynch followed up with a point from a free, and that was followed by two further points per Hartnett and Lynch. Shortly before full-time, David Owens who had changed places with Mossie O'Riordan, sent again to the centre, and a weak clearance was pounced upon by John Quirke, who combined with Gerry O'Riordan for the latter to score. At this stage the crowd was leaving the pitch, and

shortly before the final whistle, Hartnett a goal, and Tierney a point, increased the Glen's lead.

Michael O'Driscoll; Michael Warren, Mikey O'Brien, J.P.Creedon; Willie O'Mahony, Paddy Hayes, Paddy Ahern; John Farnan, Derry Hayes(1-0); Mossie O'Riordan(0-1), Gerry O'Riordan(1-0), Séamus Leahy; David Owens(1-0), Eddie John O'Sullivan, John Quirke(0-1);

Glen Rovers:- David Creedon; Din Joe Buckley, Paddy Hogan, John Lyons; Tom Logue, Paddy O'Donovan, Jim Young; Charlie O'Flaherty(2-0), Christy Ring(0-1); Donie O'Donovan, Eugene Monaghan, Josie Harnett(2-0); Jim Lynam(1-1), Donie Twomey, Jack Lynch(0-4);

Sub:- J.Tierney(0-1);

Beamish Shield 1947-48

Sarsfields 5-3 Blackrock 4-3;

Rath Luirc Silver Medal Challenge

March 21, 1948

Rath Luirc

Rath Luirc 4-6 Blackrock 4-1

Rath Luirc had the better of the exchanges in the early part of the game, scoring 2-2 before Blackrock replied late in the half with a Kevin O'Riordan goal. Blackrock tried in vain after the interval, but the Rath Luirc goalkeeper made several great saves. Rath Luirc then increased their lead with a goal and a point. Paddy Aherne then scored a goal for Blackrock, which seemed to spur them into action. However, Rath Luirc were not to be denied, as both teams gave their all right to the finish.

Gaeltacht Scholarship Tournament

March 28, 1948

Douglas

Blackrock 5-4 Glen Rovers 4-2

The first half of this game was very dull, due to the ground condition. It was not until after the interval that players from both sides displayed their skills, and for Blackrock the speedy forwards Mossie O'Riordan and Eddie John O'Sullivan were mainly responsible for their scores. The defence in which, Michael Warren, J.P.Creedon, Derry Hayes and Mick Cashman were outstanding, put up a great performance against the Glen. Mick Cashman; Michael Warren, Mikey O'Brien, Mike Kelly; Derry Hayes, J.P.Creedon, Paddy Ahern; John Farnan, Denis Murphy(0-1); Danny O'Sullivan(0-1), V.Fahy, Paddy Madden; Mossie O'Riordan(2-1), L.O'Keefe(1-0), Eddie John O'Sullivan(2-1);

Sub:- Derry Maher;

May Day Tournament

May 2, 1948

Killeagh

Imokilly 3-4 Blackrock 0-6

The match reached a high standard, with Imokilly first off the mark with a point, and then Paddy Ahern soon equalized. J.Leahy and Eddie John O'Sullivan also got points to put the Rockies in front, but Imokilly finished the half stronger, scoring two goals, to lead 2-1 0-3 at half time. Blackrock began the better side in the second half, with points from Denis Murphy and Derry Hayes. The excitement was now high as Blackrock closed the gap, but then Imokilly in a breakaway, scored a point. In the fifteenth minute, Derry Hayes scored his second point, which proved to be Blackrock's last score. Finishing stronger, Imokilly scored their third goal and two points to win convincingly.

Michael O'Driscoll; Michael Warren, L.O'Keefe, Patsy Lyons; Derry Hayes, Willie O'Mahony, Paddy Ahern; Eddie John O'Sullivan, Denis Murphy; M.O'Shea, Andrew Maher, T.O'Sullivan; James Leahy, Timmy Horgan, David Owens;

Cork Athletic Grounds Tournament

August 8, 1948

Cork Athletic Grounds

Blackrock 3-12 Sarsfields 3-5

Play opened on a fast note, with Mossie O'Riordan raising a white flag. Next, Patsy Lyons scored a goal, followed by a Sarsfields point. Blackrock then took control with several points being scored from, Dan O'Sullivan,

Paddy Ahern, John Quirke, and three from Mossie O'Riordan, who also added another goal. Gerry O'Riordan at centre forward, was the main supplier to the scorers. Blackrock led 2-8 to 0-4 at half time. Sarsfields started impressively on the resumption, scoring three quick goals. They may have scored more, only for Mick Cashman in goal making some super saves. Andrew Maher scored a point for the Rockies, then T.Horgan, who came on as a substitute, scored a goal when he doubled an over-head ball to the net, to steady the ship. Before the end, Patsy Lyons and Gerry O'Riordan added points, to ensure a Blackrock victory. Mick Cashman; Derry Maher, L.O'Keeffe, Michael Warren; Willie O'Mahony, Paddy Ahern, Paddy Madden; Patsy Lyons, John Farnan; Dan O'Sullivan, Gerry O'Riordan, Mossie O'Riordan; John Quirke, Andrew Maher, Eddie John O'Sullivan;
 Sub:- Timmy Horgan.

1949

County Senior Hurling Championship

Quarter Final June 6, 1949 Cork Athletic Grounds
Glen Rovers 2-8 Blackrock 2-2

Once again the Glen Rovers successfully accounted for Blackrock's challenge, when in a thrilling game, they emerged with two goals to spare. Blackrock were making gallant efforts all through, but they came up against a very strong Glen Rovers defence. At half time, only a point separated the sides, with the Glen leading 1-2 to 1-1. Derry Hayes scored the point, and with the help of John Quirke, Derry Maher and David Owens, Eddie John O'Sullivan got the goal.

The Glen scored three points on the resumption, then Barry Healy scored a goal. However, the Glen finished the stronger and added the points to secure victory.

Michael O'Driscoll; Michael Warren, Gerry O'Riordan, Willie O'Mahony; Patsy Lyons, Paddy Hayes, Paddy "Fox" Ahern; Denis Murphy, Derry Hayes (0-1); Mossie O'Riordan, Eddie John O'Sullivan(1-1), Barry Healy(1-0); John Quirke, Derry Maher, David Owens;

Beamish Shield 1948-49

Blackrock v Imokilly;

Gold Medal Tournament

May 1, 1949 Killeagh
Imokilly 5-7 Blackrock 5-3

Blackrock attacked from the start, but were foiled for two great goal chances, as the Imokilly goalkeeper made brilliant saves. Then Imokilly went in front with a goal, but very quickly, Eddie John O'Sullivan equalized. Immediately after, David Owens put them in front with a point, followed soon later with a goal. Back came Imokilly with a terrific goal, and on the counter attack, David Owens, goaled again, only for it to be ruled out for an infringement in the parallelogram. Imokilly took over now, scoring three more goals and two points before half time, as Blackrock failed to score. To add to Blackrock's problems, Denis Murphy went off injured, with a head injury.

On resuming, Imokilly were quickly into their stride and added two more points. Paddy Ahern sent a free to Timmy Horgan, who finished to the net. Encouraged by this, they mounted another attack, in which D.McCarthy scored a goal, followed by a point from Eddie John O'Sullivan. Five minutes from the final whistle, Eddie John O'Sullivan, doubled on a ground shot to score another goal. Paddy Ahern added a point from a seventy, but were unable to close the gap any further.

Patsy Lyons; Michael Warren, Gerry O'Riordan, Mike Kelly; Willie O'Mahony, Paddy Hayes, Paddy Ahern; Denis Murphy, Derry Maher; Dan O'Sullivan, Derry Hayes, Eddie John O'Sullivan; Timmy Horgan, D.McCarthy, David Owens;

Sub:- Andrew Maher;

Blackrock Hurling Tournament

Semi-Final October 30, 1949 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 3-4 St.Finbarrs 2-7

The game was close all through, although the standard was not very high. St.Finbarrs led 1-6 to 2-2 at half time. Gerry O'Riordan played an outstanding game at full back, with Derry Hayes and Eddie John O'Sullivan also impressive.

Der Cotter; Michael Warren, Gerry O'Riordan, Patsy Lyons; Mick Cashman, Paddy Hayes, Paddy Ahern; Denis Murphy, P.McCarthy; Barry Healy(0-2), Derry Hayes(2-1), Tommy Furlong; Mossie O'Riordan(0-1), Eddie John O'Sullivan(1-0), David Owens;