

# 1888

**October 17, 1888**

## **Blackrock National Hurling Club**

The club held their annual meeting on Monday evening, October 15th., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

The following officers were elected,

Patrick Leahy, president; E.D. Barry, vice-president; P. Cox, vice-president;

Thomas Nagle, treasurer; John O'Riordan, secretary;

Stephen Hayes, captain; Corneilous O'Keeffe, vice-captain;

Committee, Timothy O'Shea, Denis Scannell; P. Ahern; T.O'Leary;

J. Murphy;

**October 19, 1888**

## **County Convention**

Cork Nationals representatives John O'Riordan and Edward Fitzgerald.

Blackrock National Club representatives E.D. Barry and Thomas Nagle.

Mr. Edward Fitzgerald was proposed as chairman of the county board by

Fr. O'Connor (St. Finbarrs) and seconded by Fr. Buckley (Buttevant). Mr.

Eugene Crean was proposed by Mr. J.C. Forde and seconded by

Mr. T.O'Riordan.

Mr. Eugene Crean was elected, even though he was not in attendance.

Mr. Edward Fitzgerald said he supposed that if Mr. Crean were present he

would thank his supporters, but he though beaten was not disheartened.

From the move that was made about the open voting he was not

surprised at the result, but he would be a cowardly man if he did not go

to the poll not withstanding. He did not care whether he was elected or

not, as he said last year, when he was also defeated, but he would,

regardless of what had just happened, keep a close look after the

interests of the G.A.A. He allowed himself to be put forward as a protest

against the way in which the business of the county was managed last

year. If it had been taken up by men who understood it, things would not

have been managed as they were last year. He was sorry to say that a

great deal of apathy was displayed by the committee last year, in

consequence of which outsiders had to come in and carry the

championship through. The meeting turned out to be stormy from then

on, several attempts were made to elect a number of the clergy, but each

time they were not supported.

**November 2, 1888**

## **County board meeting.**

A letter was read from the secretary of the Blackrock club, stating they

would take no further part in either the Coachford, Little Island or Cork

Park tournaments.

**November 14, 1888**

A meeting of the Cork National Hurling Club was held at Drawbridge

street last evening, Edward Fitzgerald, president in the chair. Jeremiah

O'Riordan, member of committee, was called before the meeting to

explain his action in violating the laws of the G.A.A. by attending the last

meeting of the club, at which he was selected as delegate to the county

convention, he having previously accepted the position of honorary

secretary to the Blackrock hurling club. He apologised, and stated he

acted in ignorance of the rules. The following resolution was proposed,

seconded and carried unanimously, the chairman alone dissenting:- That

no action be taken on the circular received from the clubs dissenting

from the present county board.

**November 16, 1888**

## **Cork county board.**

The secretary brought under notice to the board a circular emanating

from the secretary of the Blackrock National Hurling Club, Mr. Jeremiah

O'Riordan, and signed by a few seceding clubs. The circular was placed in

his hands through the kindness of one of the city clubs. Its object was to

disturb the harmony of the association by taking preliminary steps to

form another county board in opposition to the present legally constituted board. He considered the board should take some stern action in the matter.

The following resolution was unanimously agreed to, That, as the principal trust of our office is to preserve independently the discipline of the G.A.A., we see no course open to us than to suspend the following clubs for wilful violation of the rules, and in conformity with rule 12. The following clubs were expelled from the association, and ceased from henceforward to be members of the G.A.A.; Blackrock, St. Finbarrs, Little Island, Ballygarvan, St. Peter and St. Paul's, Ballyhooly, Emmets.

**November 23, 1888**

A meeting of the temporary committee of the suppressed clubs was held

last evening at the League of the Cross Hall, Charlotte Quay, Rev. Fr.

O'Connor presiding. Edward Fitzgerald was in attendance. He was elected

as hon. Treasurer.

**November 26, 1888**

Dear sir, we have no desire to interfere in the present controversy between certain clubs and the Cork county board, but we deem it our duty to contradict a statement which appeared in your issue Wednesday

21<sup>st</sup>. inst over the signature of Jeremiah O'Riordan, hon. Secretary

Blackrock Hurling Club, in which he said that he "did not apologise" at a

meeting of the committee of the Cork National Hurling Club, held on the

12<sup>th</sup>. Inst, for his conduct at a previous meeting. His action on that

occasion must be explained to be understood. It was as follows,

On Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup>., he attended a committee meeting of the Cork

National Hurling Club, held for the purpose of electing two delegates to

attend the annual county convention to be held the following Thursday.

He was elected one of the delegates. The night before October 15<sup>th</sup>., he

attended a meeting of the Blackrock Hurling Club, but he did not mention

that fact at our meeting. He was questioned on this point on the day of

the convention, but denied that he was that person. We subsequently

obtained that his statement was false. So much for his truthfulness! A

meeting of the Cork National Hurling Club was held on Monday 12. Inst,

to consider a circular received from the dissentient clubs. Mr. O'Riordan

attended on invitation to explain his grossly dis-honorable conduct at the

previous meeting. A charge of misleading the club was brought against

him. He pleaded guilty and humbly apologised for his conduct, giving as

his excuse his ignorance of the rules of the G.A.A. He was then called

upon to withdraw from the meeting, and he did so with the best grace

possible under the circumstances. This statement shows that

Mr. O'Riordan is deficient of two necessary qualities in every true Gael. It

shows a total disregard for truth, and that he is also in blissful ignorance

of the rules of the G.A.A., though he aspires to the secretaryship of the

proposed dissentient county board about to be formed. As to the

publication of the proceedings at our meeting, we cannot see on what

authority Mr. O'Riordan said it distinctly stated that they would not be

published, unless that it is "a little flight of imagination" on his part,

considering that he was compelled to withdraw from the room half an

hour before the proceedings terminated, and that no such undertaking

could therefore be given him. As to his remarks about "wire pullers", we

treat it with the contempt it deserves, and now leave the public to judge

of Mr. O'Riordan's action in this matter. We may state that Mr. O'Riordan

was a member of our club, the Cork National Hurling Club, for a very

short time only, and never took part in any of its matches.

We remain, sir, yours etc. James C. Leahy, captain;

J. O'Keeffe and E. Heaphy, members of the committee;

W. J. Meade, hon. secretary Cork National Hurling Club.

**November 30, 1888**

To the secretary Cork county board, Sir, I am directed to inform you that

at a meeting of the Blackrock National Hurling Club held last evening, it

was resolved unanimously that the players do not take further part in the

Park Tournament, as a protest against insults offered to our priests at the late convention by a clique at present ruling the county board, I am yours, Jeremiah O'Riordan

A scratch match was played in Cork Park between Blackrock and St.Finbarrs in the absence of Little Island in the Cork Park tournament.

**December 5, 1888**

**Cork County board meeting.**

Mr.Meade, secretary of the Cork National Hurling Club, said, in reference to his club, that it was reported that they passed a resolution condemning the county board. He, as secretary of the club, knew nothing of any meeting called for such a purpose.

**December 8, 1888**

Under the auspices of the New City Board, open to all affiliated clubs, hurling and football will be commenced on St.Stephens Day in Cork Park. A valuable silver cup for hurling and one gold and twenty silver medals for football.

Cups and medals specially supplied by the president and treasurer of the board. Clubs of the O'Brien board in north Cork invited to compete.

**December 29, 1888**

The Central Council has recognised the new city board, which from today on is to be called the Cork Board. The new tournament will begin in January due to extra clubs joining.

## 1889

**January 24, 1889**

Annual convention in Thurles.

Edward Fitzgerald was one of the Cork Board delegates.

### County Senior Hurling Championship Cork Board

**Quarter-Final May 12, 1889 Cork Park  
Blackrock 3-12 Greenmount 0-1**

The crowd in the Park was immense and Blackrock as might be expected, had matters all their own way.

Greenmount won the toss, and soon worked the ball down to their opponents lines, but Blackrock were quick to response, and the ball travelled up the ground in double sharp time. Greenmount were well to the fore, however, and they returned to the charge with the result that the leather was once more sent speeding towards the Blackrock lines. Some equal play was now put in, when Blackrock charged up, and after one repulse, scored three points in succession. Some mid-ground play followed, when Blackrock once more clustered together near the Greenmount goal, and added four more points to their score, Greenmount not being able to make even a show of a stand against their able opponents. The score at half time was Blackrock leading seven points to nil. The second half opened as inauspiciously for Greenmount as the former, and when Blackrock added three points and a goal to their former total, Greenmount refused to continue, alleging that the goal was not fairly obtained. Eventually they resumed after wasting some time, and for the first time scored a point.

Con O'Keeffe (c); Denis Scannell; Denis O'Mahony; James Delea; Thomas O'Connell; David Hayes; Paddy Flaherty; Patrick Coughlan; Tim O'Leary; Patrick Ahern; John Murphy; John Cashman; Patrick Kelly; Dan Murphy; Patrick Murphy; James Kelleher; Denis Lane; John Kelly; Daniel Gould; Jeremiah Norberg; Jeremiah O'Riordan.

**Semi-Final May 26, 1889 Cork Park  
Blackrock 2-6 Passage 0-2**

The match was nearly called off due to incessant rain earlier in the day. There was a large attendance. Blackrock won the toss and played throughout the game with their usual vigor and spirit. The Passage made a splendid defence, and for the first half it was very doubtful who would be victorious, but in the second half their opponents played with much skill, and it is not surprising that they should at the conclusion have two

goals and six points to their credit. The Passage men did all that was possible to avert defeat, and succeeded in scoring two points. One of the goals obtained by the Blackrock team is disputed, but in any case, the victory is pretty decisive.

Stephen Hayes; Con O'Keeffe; Sylvester O'Callaghan; David Hayes; Denis Scannell; Tim O'Leary; Patrick Coughlan; Thomas O'Connell; James Delea; John Cashman; John Murphy; Paddy Flaherty; Denis O'Mahony; Patrick Ahern; John Kelly; Patrick Murphy; Dan Murphy; Denis Lane; Daniel Gould; Patrick Kelly; Jeremiah Norberg;

**Final June 16, 1889 Cork Park  
Blackrock 2-4 Carrigtwohill 1-0**

An extremely large concourse of people assembled in the Park on Sunday to witness between Blackrock and Carrigtwohill teams, which was to decide the championship of the district under the sway of the Cork Board. The day was a most favourable one. Rev. W.McCullagh, Blackrock and Rev. P.M.Lynch, Carrigtwohill, were present on the ground, with the teams from their respective districts. Carrigtwohill won the toss and kept their backs to the sun for the first half, during which by far the best play was shown. After the puck out, the Blackrock men worked their way to the Carrigtwohill ground, but the visitors saved their lines, and after a splendid rush up the centre length of the field, scored a goal. Dashing play in the centre ensued, from which a body of Blackrock men emerged with the ball before them, and scored a rather easy goal, thus equalizing the score. Blackrock then attached their opponents stronghold with vigor, and a hot piece of play was witnessed ten yards from the posts. They succeeded several times in getting the leather over, but failed to score up to half time. Within the first three minutes of the second half, Blackrock secured a free puck, and from the position of the ball another goal should have been scored, but they scored a second one immediately afterwards, and seemed likely to still further reap the advantage of the position they were held were it not for the splendid defence play of a few Carrigtwohill backs. These latter then changed the scene of operations, and the Blackrock lines were fiercely invaded. Carrigtwohill, however, sent the ball over outside the point posts, when a little judicious play would have easily secured their scoring, and play was again brought in close proximity to their own citadel. Blackrock got another free, and scored a point from it. During the next ten minutes they played anything but a plucky game, getting the ball inside the side lines frequently and obviously for the purpose of not giving the others a chance of scoring. Before call of time, they added three more points to their score.

Stephen Hayes(c); Con O'Keeffe; David Hayes; John Murphy; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Denis Scannell; Denis O'Mahony; Thomas O'Connell; John Cashman; John Kelly; Patrick Coughlan; Paddy Flaherty; Dan Murphy; Patrick Murphy; James Delea; Patrick Ahern; Patrick Kelly; Tim O'Leary; Daniel Gould; Denis Lane; Jeremiah Norberg;

### Cork Board / O'Brien Board

**Co. Final September 8, 1889 Mallow  
Blackrock 1-2 Ballyhea 0-1**

Cork Examiner report:-Blackrock won choice of sides and played with the sun and breeze behind them. They immediately to cut out the work, and after a bit of unexciting play they scored a point. This they followed up with a second point and a goal, and then things began to warm up. Ballyhea showed the way up the field and went near scoring, but the Corkmen getting on to the leather came along with some of their long over ground strokes, making the Ballyhea men feel anxious for a while. But the latter were not long in showing the stuff they were made of, and after a well sustained defence attacked in their turn, and a grand exchange of play followed all through the field. After ten minutes of this sort of thing, Ballyhea with a united charge beat down a skillful and resolute defence and placed a point to their credit. But the leather was

not left rest, and back to the other end again it travelled. Here in front of the posts it waxed hot, and exciting, and several times luck was against the Cork men, they all but scoring each time. Changing places, the play on both side staking it all round, could scarcely have been better. Misses were occasionally made, but the fast and excited nature of the match made these excusable. The play was very evenly balanced, and so far as this half was concerned it was anyone's game up to the last moment. But though every nerve was strained by the players to do some-thing in the second half, the result was barren, and it closed a blank, leaving the Rockies the winners on the whole play by a goal and two points to one point.

Stephen Hayes(c); Con O'Keeffe; David Hayes; Denis O'Mahony; Patrick Ahern; John Murphy; John Cashman; Thomas O'Connell; Dan Murphy; Patrick Coughlan; Paddy Flaherty; Patrick Kelly; Patrick Murphy; Denis Scannell; John Kelly; Tim O'Leary; James Delea; Daniel Gould; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Denis Lane; Jeremiah Norberg;

**Ballyhea:-** James O'Connell; Moss Foley; Jim Casey; Pat Clancy; John Downey; John Barrett; Tim Flaherty; J.Dahill; J.Quinn; M.Lehane; T.Desmond; D.Burke; P.Bartley; J.O'Connell; P.Foley; J.O'Callaghan; J.Murphy; J.Maher; T.White; P.Daly; J.Mc.Carthy;

### Cork Park Tournament

**Round-1**                      **January 13, 1889**      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 2-4 Tower Street 0-0**

Yesterday the opening tie in the series of tournament matches organized by the new Cork Board, was played off in the Park.

The puck out was given at about half-past three, and some very quick and exciting play took place soon after. The ball was sent rapidly up and down the field, and a Blackrock man scored the first point. The Tower Street team then showed some very skillful playing, and carried the ball quickly up the field, and almost immediately scored an over. Although the Tower Street men were hot favourites for this match as they were county and Munster champions, it soon became evident that they were not equal either in dexterity or strength to their opponents. Just after they had scored an over, they certainly played a very good game, but the Blackrock team soon shot out ahead, and a goal was scored, after the same man obtained an over. Some magnificent play was then witnessed, David Hayes receiving a great ovation for the manner in which he handled the ball. A point was soon afterwards gained by the Blackrock team, and more well contested play took place. Half time was then called, and it was believed the Tower Street men would make some records in the second half. Such was not the case. They certainly played more quickly, and were the recipients of great applause for their splendid pucking, but their opponents were too much for them, and after a quarter of an hour's play they scored a goal. Although a point was added to this before half time was called, and when the game had concluded the Tower Street men were beaten.

Stephen Hayes(c); Con O'Keeffe; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Daniel Gould; Patrick Coughlan; Denis Lane; John Murphy; Jeremiah Norberg; John Kelly; Michael Bermingham; Patrick Ahern; Patrick Murphy; Dan Murphy; Patrick Kelly; John Cashman; John O'Leary; James Delea; Tim O'Leary; Denis O'Mahony; Denis Scannell;

**Semi-Final**                      **March 17, 1889**      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 4-5 Carrigtwohill 0-2**

This match proved to be an unequal contest, Blackrock team showing a considerable superiority. Carrigtwohill won the toss, and immediately after the ball was thrown up, the Blackrock men secured a point, which was followed in quick succession by two similar scores and a goal. At the expiration of ten minutes exciting play in neutral territory, the Blackrock team added another goal to their score. The Carrigtwohill team then succeeded in rushing the leather towards their opponents territory, but

did not succeed in scoring. Blackrock again making an effort, scored a goal, which was followed by a point. Half time then been over, play assumed a much more even character, but several well directed efforts of the Carrigtwohill team were rendered futile by the unerring vigilance of the Blackrock goal minder. After ten minutes the Carrigtwohill team scored a point, but did not follow up their success, as their opponents added another goal to their already increased score. Towards the end the play lagged, the only other score being a point in favour of Carrigtwohill. Stephen Hayes; Con O'Keeffe; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Denis Lane; Patrick Coughlan; Jeremiah O'Riordan; Tim O'Leary; Patrick Kelly; Jeremiah Norberg; Denis O'Mahony; Patrick Ahern; Patrick Murphy; John Kelly; David Hayes; Michael O'Donovan; Daniel Gould; Paddy Flaherty; James Kelleher; Dan Murphy; John Murphy; James Delea; Denis Scannell;

**Final**                              **March 24, 1889**      **Cork Park**  
**St.Finbarrs 1-1 Blackrock 0-2**

Blackrock won the toss, and played with a good breeze in their favour. They at once forced the play and rushed the ball into St.Finbarrs territory, the point post being skimmed as the ball crossed the goal line. When in motion again, the Finbarrs made a dashing charge, and an unchecked rush was made up the field, but the Blackrock goal keeper was wide awake, and the leather came down the playground at express speed. A lot of well-balanced play now put in by both teams, Blackrock having whatever advantage was finished by several overs. Several times they tried hard to score, but were again and again repulsed until at the end of fifteen minutes play a hard won point was registered to their credit. Blackrock working well together scored another point. When half time was sounded, Blackrock led two points to nil.

On opening play, St.Finbarrs availed to the full advantage the wind's aid, and brought the leather to their adversary's ground, but their efforts were unavailing. Some splendid play was now exhibited by Blackrock, and after a hard tussle the ball was sent flying over the ground outside the point post. Dashing play now characterized the match, and the leather played over the field in a twinkling, the play and speed on both sides was hard to decide which team was the better. The ball now was over from the sideline, and St.Finbarrs getting settled, swept it down to the Blackrock end line, with the result that a point was scored, which seemed to enthuse the crowd mightily. The Blackrock men now got the ball up the field against the wind, but the St.Finbarrs were not to be denied, and just within half a minute of call of time, the southside men made a goal, at which both the crowd and the team went mad with delight. Stephen Hayes(c); Con O'Keeffe; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Denis Scannell; Jeremiah Norberg; Paddy Flaherty; Denis O'Mahony; Dan Murphy; Patrick Ahern; Denis Lane; Patrick Coughlan; Patrick Kelly; James Delea; David Hayes; John Murphy; Patrick Murphy; Tim O'Leary; Daniel Gould; William O'Keeffe; Harry Ahern; John Kelly;

## 1890

### County Senior Hurling Championship Cork Board

**Quarter-Final**                      **April 13, 1890**      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 5-8 Knockraha 0-0**

No contest here, as Knockraha could not muster a full team and were four men short. Blackrock won as they pleased. Con O'Keeffe (c); Arthur O'Leary; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Denis Scannell; Jeremiah Norberg; Patrick Coughlan; James Kelleher; Denis Lane; Denis O'Mahony; Jeremiah Sheehan; John Cashman; Thomas O'Connell; David Hayes; Paddy Flaherty; Maurice Carey; Patrick Murphy; Daniel Gould; John Murphy; John O'Shea; J.Cronin;

**Semi-Final**                              **May 4, 1890**              **Cork Park**  
**St.Finbarrs 2-6 Blackrock 1-4**

Team not listed:- A huge crowd of spectators turned up to witness yet another battle between these fierce rivals. Blackrock scored first and led

a goal and a point to nil inside the first ten minutes. St.Finbarrs soon settled and gained the lead just before half time. Again Blackrock scored first in the second half, but found St.Finbarrs in top class form and they dominated the play in a fair and exciting contest.

### Queenstown Tournament

**Round-1**            **March 9, 1890**    **Newtown**  
**Blackrock w.o. St.Finbarrs (2).**

**Quarter-Final**    **March 30, 1890**   **Newtown**  
**Carrigtwohill 3-8 Blackrock 2-5**

Team not listed:- Fairly even first half, with Blackrock not playing up their usual standard. Carrigtwohill scored first and led 2-1 to four points at half time. As the second half progressed Carrigtwohill gained control of matters and were deserving winners. A number of unsavory incidents took place during the game with a lot of ill feeling between a number of players. Con O'Keefe;

### Bride Valley Tournament

**Quarter-Final**    **August 17, 1890**   **Killumney**  
**Blackrock 4-8 Cloughduv 0-0**

Team not listed:- Blackrock in control from start to finish as they gained an easy win.

**Semi-Final**        **September 14, 1890**   **Killumney**  
**Blackrock 1-9 Carrigtwohill 0-5**

A cold and wet day making conditions difficult for both sides. Players were slipping and falling throughout the match, but Blackrock after a shaky start and trailing from early on, soon began to improve and leveled matters before the break. In the second half things remained very tight and even until Patrick Murphy scored the only goal of the game to see Blackrock qualify for the final.

Con O'Keefe(c); James Delea; Sylvester O'Callaghan; James Kelleher; Michael Bermingham; Denis Lane; Patrick Murphy; John Cashman; Dan McCarthy; Patrick Coughlan; William O'Keefe; Denis Scannell; David Hayes; Tim O'Leary; Michael Cronin; Thomas O'Connell; Daniel Gould; Jeremiah Norberg; Denis O'Mahony; Paddy Flaherty; Thomas Cremin;

**Final**                **October 19, 1890**   **Killumney**  
**Blackrock beat St.Finbarrs**

Blackrock win final, no result or teams listed  
 No medals were awarded to Blackrock, the Cork Board asked to intervene. Cork Board disbanded before a resolution was found.

## 1891

### February 6, 1891

Blackrock A.G.M    Blackrock decide to withdraw from Cork Board and apply to re-join the County Board.

### February 10, 1891

County Board Weekly Meeting.  
 Blackrock's application is successful and they enter into to the draw for the county championship.

### County Senior Hurling Championship City Section

**Semi-Final**        **March 22, 1891**    **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 1-2 St.Finbarrs 0-2**

In the presence of over fifteen thousand people, these two great sides played out thrilling and exciting game as ever played down the park. St.Finbarrs were firm favourites, but the Rockies with their overhead pucks and sweeping strokes as well as their tipping from one player to another were exceptionally good.

The men who played best were Stephen Hayes, Denis Scannell, John Murphy, Daniel Gould, Con O'Keefe, James Delea, Michael Cremin and T.Geary.

Stephen Hayes(c); Denis Scannell; Sylvester O'Callaghan; John Cashman; Jeremiah Norberg; Denis O'Mahony; Con O'Keefe; Thomas O'Connell; Paddy Flaherty; Patrick Murphy; Michael Cronin; John Murphy; James Delea; Tim O'Leary; Daniel Gould; Patrick Ahern; David Hayes; James Cremin; Patrick Coughlan; James Kelleher; T.Geary.

**Final**                **April 12, 1891**        **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 6-3 Wm.O'Briens 0-1**

No doubt about the outcome of this match. O'Briens are more renowned for their football ability and have a few good hurlers, but Blackrock were in rare form and won easily. The half time score was 2-3 to nil.

Stephen Hayes(c); Denis Scannell; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Patrick Ahern; Con O'Keefe; Jeremiah Norberg; John Cashman; Michael Cronin; Paddy Flaherty; Patrick Coughlan; James Cremin; James Delea; Denis O'Mahony; David Hayes; Tom O'Connell; Patrick Murphy; Daniel Gould; Tom Tobin; John Murphy; Tim O'Leary; John O'Shea;

**Co. Semi-Final**    **May 10, 1891**        **Midleton**  
**Blackrock 1-7 Dungourney 1-1**

Blackrock were hot favourites to win this match easily, even though they had to travel outside the city. They were in for a surprise as Dungourney put up very stern resistance and even got an early goal to lead for a short period. Blackrock soon recovered from this setback and managed a goal and a point before the break. As the second half progressed, the Rockies began to exert more control of matters, but Dungourney fought hard and proved to be worthy opponents.

Denis Scannell; Con O'Keefe; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Dan Gould; David Hayes; John Murphy; Jeremiah Norberg; Tim O'Leary; Patrick Ahern; Denis O'Mahony; Patrick Coughlan; James Delea; Patrick Murphy; Tom O'Connell; John Cashman; James Cremin; Michael Cronin; Paddy Flaherty; Tom Tobin; John O'Shea; Denis Coughlan;

**Co.Final**            **May 31, 1891**        **Mallow**  
**Blackrock 4-4 Inniscarra 0-0**

Cork Examiner report:-There was a fairly large crowd in attendance with an amount of wagering on the outcome. Blackrock won the toss and having both wind and the slope of the ground in their favour. Inniscarra began quickly and brought the ball a little distance up the field, but Blackrock speedily rallied and the leather travelled fast to their opponents goal line, a goal being scored on the run. Inniscarra now got an opening and the ball was swept up the field near the Blackrock goal line. They failed to score however and Blackrock returning the charge they carried the leather against all opposition to the other end of the ground. Twice the ball was sent flying over the end line without result. When again in motion it was brought by Inniscarra to mid-ground and here Blackrock made a good stand, which ended in another goal being placed to their credit. The ball was no sooner in motion than a flying shot by a Blackrock man landed it between the point posts and another point was added a minute later. For the space of five minutes there was some nice even play by both sides, at the end of which Blackrock got well in position and a goal was landed. Up to neutral territory the ball sped and Blackrock made another charge sweeping the leather down to almost between the point posts, but the Inniscarra cúlbaire deftly deflected it outside the scoring grounds. For a minute there was a scrummage close to the goalposts, but eventually Inniscarra relieved the tension of the situation and sent the ball out of danger for a time. From the centre of the field, Blackrock drove the leather down ground and here an Inniscarra man inadvertently struck it over his own end line which allowed a forty yard free to Blackrock. Nothing came of it however. Inniscarra now made a good rally, but they could not get near their opponents goal line, and Blackrock again getting well behind the ball, added two more points in quick succession. At half time they led three goals and four points to nil. On the resumption of hostilities, Blackrock swept the ball up the field and over the end line, but Inniscarra got well

together and charged down the field, the ball however going outside the point posts. The Blackrock men now played even than before and carried the war into their enemy country and twice did they bring the ball over the Inniscarra endline. Inniscarra could not succeed in getting the ball beyond midfield and Blackrock made two more assaults on the goal posts but were repulsed. A third time they rushed the attack and a goal was scored. Immediately John O'Shea of Blackrock was struck over the left temple by an Inniscarra's man hurley and for some time there was great excitement, a serious disturbance being barely avoided. The referee ordered the Inniscarra man off the field, but the Inniscarra team demurred to this unless a substitute was allowed, which the referee refused. As a result, Inniscarra refused to continue and play terminated. The referee did what he was bounded to do and awarded the match to Blackrock.

An interesting fact is that Inniscarra were County Board champions and Blackrock were Cork Board / O'Brien Board champions of 1889.

Stephen Hayes (c); Denis Scannell; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Dan Gould; Denis O'Mahony; James Delea; Patrick Coughlan; Paddy Flaherty; John Cashman; John Murphy; John O'Shea; Jeremiah Norberg; David Hayes; Tom O'Connell; Patrick Murphy; Maurice Carey; Patrick Ahern; Tim O'Leary; James Cremin; Michael Cronin; Tom Tobin;

**Inniscarra:-** William Ryan; Denis Lane; Thomas Finnegan; Denis Murphy; John Richardson; John O'Mahony; Jeremiah O'Callaghan; Con Murphy; Jeremiah O'Mahony; John Forde; Patrick Fogerty; Timmy O'Callaghan; Denis Forrest; Eugene O'Brien; Tomas Ryan; Con Moynihan; M.Ryan; P.Forde;

### Munster Senior Hurling Championship

**Semi-Final**                      **September 20, 1891**                      **Killarney**  
**Kerry 2-7 Cork 0-3**

At the time, county champions represented their county in the Munster and All-Ireland championships. It was four months since Blackrock played a match as the game was only ratified the previous week and no practice was done leading up to it. To add to Blackrock's misfortune, they were without five players, Stephen Hayes, Sylvester O'Callaghan; Jeremiah Norberg; Con O'Keefe and Denis Lane.

The play of the Kerry men was delightful, with their long heavy sticks, they kept the ball on the ground and swung it from end to end. Blackrock could not manage any score in the first half but matched the Ballyduff team in the second half. Denis Scannell in goal could not be faulted and was their most consistent performer.

Even though it was a shock for Blackrock to lose, it transpired that this Ballyduff team were very special, as they went on to win both the Munster and All-Ireland championships.

Denis Scannell(c); James Delea; David Hayes; Patrick Murphy; Tom Tobin; Denis O'Mahony; Patrick Ahern; Patrick Coughlan; Maurice Carey; Tom O'Connell; Paddy Flaherty; Dan Gould; Tim O'Leary; John Cashman; John Murphy; John O'Shea; John Kidney; James Cremin; Michael Cronin; Denis Coughlan; J.Walsh.

## 1892

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Round-1**                      **March 27, 1892**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock w.o. Carrigtwohill**

Carrigtwohill objected to coming to the park, stating instead it should be played in Queenstown. The County Board refused to entertain their objection and awarded the match to Blackrock.

**Quarter Final**                      **May 1, 1892**                      **Kilcrea**  
**Blackrock w.o. Kilmurry**

A very disappointing affair once again. Over three hundred spectators travelled out from the city only to waste time and money. Kilmurry could

only muster eleven players, as Blackrock waited for over two hours to see if Kilmurry could make up the numbers. The referee had no choice but to hand Blackrock another bloodless victory.

**Semi-Final**                      **June 12, 1892**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 4-5 Wm.O'Briens 0-1**

An exciting game in the first half with both sides playing a fast and skillful type of hurling. Neither side quarreled or committed a foul stroke. Wm.O'Briens were a match for the Rockies, only for their forwards to let them down on occasion. When they were on target they met stiff resistance from Denis Scannell in goal, who, along with John Cashman and Stephen Hayes kept them at bay.

In the second half it was all Blackrock, who ran out easy winners. Denis Scannell; Jeremiah Norberg; Sylvester O'Callaghan; James Delea; Con O'Keefe; Paddy Flaherty; Denis O'Mahony; Stephen Hayes; John Cashman; James Cremin; Dan Gould; David Hayes; Denis Lane; John Murphy; Patrick Murphy; Michael Cronin; Patrick Coughlan.

**Co. Final**                      **July 17, 1892**                      **Cork Park**  
**Redmonds 2-4 Blackrock 0-5**

Redmonds, hardly a year in existence were the surprise team of the championship and were not really expected to trouble Blackrock that much.

The report on the match stated it was one of the poorest and disappointing championship matches witnessed to date. Neither side showed any glimpses of the skill that had seen them reach the final, with Blackrock guilty of being very lack luster. Stephen Hayes was the only Rockie who played anyway near his best.

Denis Scannell; Jeremiah Norberg; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Stephen Hayes; James Delea; John Murphy; David Hayes; James Cremin; Denis Lane; Michael Cronin; Paddy Flaherty; John Cashman; Con O'Keefe; Patrick Coughlan; Patrick Murphy; Maurice Carey; Daniel O'Leary.

**Redmonds:-** William O'Callaghan; John Kenneally; Con O'Callaghan; Jeremiah Meade; James Murphy; James Lyons; Eugene O'Conner; Tom Irwin; Denis O'Halloran; Michael Casserly; William O'Conner; John Leahy; John O'Conner; James Keegan; Michael Sheehan; Michael Hegarty; James Conway.

### Cork Park Tournament

**Quarter-Final**                      **November 13, 1892**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 5-4 Wm.O'Briens 1-1**

A very even first half saw both sides fight for every ball in extremely slippery conditions as heavy rains overnight and in the morning left the field soft with puddles of water everywhere. Blackrock led two goals to a goal and a point at the break, but once the second half began Blackrock took complete control and ran out easy winners.

John Murphy(c); Jeremiah Norberg; John Cashman; David Hayes; Patrick Coughlan; Paddy Flaherty; Patrick Murphy; James Kelleher; Michael Huff; Maurice Carey; John Martin; John O'Shea; Michael Walsh; James Delea; Michael Cronin; Dan O'Leary; John O'Leary.

**Semi-Final**                      **December 11, 1892**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock w.o. Bride Valley**

Bride Valley failed to put in an appearance and Blackrock.

**Final**                      **December 18, 1892**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock w.o. Redmonds (2)**

Redmonds refused to play as Tom Irwin was suspended for allegedly attending a rugby match.

## 1893

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Quarter-Final**                      **May 28, 1893**                      **Midleton**  
**Blackrock 3-7 Dungourney 1-1**

A huge crowd turned up for this match in Midleton. The first fifteen

minutes were even until a Blackrock player was injured and had to go off. Following this a row broke out which delayed the match for ten minutes. Blackrock were the superior team throughout, but Dungourney showed that they had some very skillful players also.

John Murphy; Jeremiah Norberg; Denis Scannell; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Patrick Coughlan; Michael Cronin; John Cashman; Michael Murphy; James Kelleher; Paddy Flaherty; Patrick Murphy; Maurice Carey; Dan O'Leary; James Delea; Michael Huff; David Hayes; John O'Leary.

**Semi-Final June 11, 1893 Cork Park  
Blackrock 5-6 Evergreen 0-0**

As the scoreline suggests, Blackrock had an easy victory. It must also be stated as they are one of the oldest teams in existence, Evergreen were only founded this year. They did possess some very experienced hurlers from the now defunct and former county champion team, Tower Street.

John Murphy; Jeremiah Norberg; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Michael Murphy; James Delea; Denis Scannell; Michael Cronin; Patrick Coughlan; James Kelleher; John Cashman; David Hayes; Maurice Carey; Michael Huff; Dan O'Leary; John O'Leary; Patrick Murphy; Paddy Flaherty.

**Final June 25, 1893 Cork Park  
Blackrock 2-5 Redmonds 1-1**

Cork Examiner report:-One of the biggest crowds ever to attend a match in the park were packed in to watch the county champions of the past two years fight it out for supremacy.

Redmonds won the toss and availed of whatever advantage was to be gained from a slight breeze. After some side line maneuvering the Redmonds swept the ball into their opponents territory and attacked the goal, but the repulse was as brilliant as the attack and almost without a pause Blackrock getting well in possession drove the leather up the field and scored a well made goal. The puckout marked mid ground as the arena of conflict and the Redmonds getting busy at swooped down on the Blackrock territory and landed the ball under the crossbar. Superb play characterized the next five minutes work almost every yard of ground being hotly contested, but eventually Blackrock not to be stalled off, got the leather between the point posts. The Blackrock men again worked up from the centre of the field, but their attack on the goal was not made in sufficient force and no score resulted. Up and down the ball was now propelled and to vary the lightening flash pucks the side line was occasionally resorted to by both sides. Finally, Blackrock charged the Redmonds goal, but nothing came of it, and a second, third and fourth attack met with a like result. Half time time was now called with Blackrock leading a goal and a point to a goal.

The second half opened with the Redmonds charging twice in quick succession on their opponents goal, but no score being made. The Redmonds got a free puck owing to a mistake of a Blackrock man in striking the ball over his own end line, but O'Callaghan of Redmonds failed to score. However, they were not discouraged by this fact, and coming again with all guns on deck, they scored a nice point. This made the scoring equal and the excitement of the crowd became intense. It was the Blackrock's men turn now to attack in force, which they did in fine form, but they could not get through the lines of the Redmonds defenders, and the scene of hostilities was speedily transferred to neutral territory. A Redmond's mistake gave Blackrock an opening and from the free puck they scored a point. This was followed by a second charge on the Redmonds goal. The defence was not alone stubborn, but brilliant and ultimately the Redmonds got the best of the tussle and the leather was sent up the field to the Blackrock goal line. No score resulted. Blackrock replied with the same operation with a like result. Some beautiful play was now witnessed, the leather travelling up and down at express speed and finally Blackrock scored another point. The succeeding minute a goal was credited to them also. Redmonds made a rally to stem the tide of disaster that had set in so strongly against them, but it was to

no avail, and soon after the Blackrock men had placed another point, the referee sounded the final whistle.

John Murphy(c); Jeremiah Norberg; Sylvester O'Callaghan; Denis Scannell; Denis O'Mahony; Michael Huff; John Cashman; Patrick Coughlan; James Delea; Michael Cronin; Patrick Murphy; James Kelleher; Maurice Carey; Dan O'Leary; John O'Leary; David Hayes; Michael Murphy.

**Redmonds:-** William O'Callaghan©; John Kenneally; Denis O'Halloran; William O'Conner; Michael Casserly; Con O'Callaghan; James Keegan; James Lyons; James Conway; John O'Conner; Edward Gleeson; Tom Irwin; John Leahy; Michael Scully; Tom Scully; T.Cash; M.Shorten;

### **C.J.Kickham Tournament**

**September 17, 1893 Clonturk Park, Dublin  
C.J. Kickhams 0-1 Blackrock 5-21**

The report on this game described it as a farce as Kickhams were no match for the Rockies. It was their invitation to Blackrock, but the arrangements were poor and the opposition even poorer. To make matters even worse Patrick Murphy injured his kneecap and was removed to hospital.

John Murphy; Jeremiah Norberg; Denis Scannell; Paddy Flaherty; James Delea; David Hayes; Dan. O'Leary; John O'Leary; Maurice Carey; Michael Murphy; Patrick Murphy; Michael Walsh; Michael Huff; John Cashman; Patrick Coughlan; John Cremin; John O'Shea.

### **Patrick Murphy Benefit Match**

**December 3, 1893 Wilton  
Blackrock 4-1 Rest Of Cork 0-4**

Team not listed:- Patrick Murphy was injured almost three months ago in Dublin and is still in hospital as the game was played.

Twenty pounds and seventeen schillings were raised to help himself and his family in this difficult time. Some of the top players in the county gave their time for this most worthy cause.

## **1894**

### **County Senior Hurling Championship**

**Round-2 June 3, 1894 Cork Park  
Blackrock 5-6 United Nationals 1-2**

A surprise start to the game with unfancied United Nationals scoring a goal in the first couple of minutes. However Blackrock quickly settled and set about controlling the rest of the game. They led two goals and three points to a goal at the break and continued to add to their tally in the second half.

John Murphy; Denis Scannell; Patrick Coughlan; Paddy Flaherty; Michael Murphy; James Kelleher; James Delea; Michael Cotter; Jeremiah Norberg; John O'Leary; Michael Walsh; Stephen Hayes; Michael Huff; David Hayes; Dan O'Leary; Michael Cronin; John O'Brien;

**Quarter-Final August 5, 1894 Mallow  
Blackrock 2-3 Ballyhea 0-3**

Ballyhea put up a stern challenge to Blackrock in a close hardfought contest. A gale force wind spoiled the game somewhat, but both teams fought manfully against each other as well as the elements. Because of this, scores were hard to come by and both sides were level two points each at half time. An early second half goal set Blackrock on the road to victory.

John Murphy; Patrick Coughlan; Paddy Flaherty; Jeremiah Norberg; Denis Scannell; John O'Leary; John Kidney; Michael Hayes; David John Cashman; Michael Murphy; James Delea; Denis Coughlan; Michael Cronin; Michael Walsh; Hayes; Denis Cremin; J.O'Connell;

**Semi-Final August 26, 1894 Cork Park  
Blackrock 3-7 Redmonds 2-1**

A thrilling contest between two evenly matched sides. Both teams exhibited equal amounts of skill and determination. Blackrock led by three points at half time, two goals and four points to two goals and a point. Redmonds failed to score in the second half, despite several fierce attempts and Blackrock's third goal came on the stroke of full time from David Hayes.

The most notable displays for Blackrock came from David Hayes, Denis Scannell, John Cashman, and Denis Coughlan.

John Murphy; Jeremiah Norberg; Patrick Coughlan; Paddy Flaherty; James Delea; Denis Scannell; David Hayes; James Kelleher; John Cashman; John Kidney; Denis Coughlan; Michael Cronin; John O'Leary; Stephen Hayes; Denis Cremin; Michael Walsh; Michael Murphy.

**Final** **September 1, 1894 Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 1-5 Blarney 0-2**

Cork Examiner report:- Blarney were favoured by the toss and played from the city with the wind against them. Blackrock got the ball when it was put in motion and carried it up the field, but the country team recovered it from them and play for a considerable time was in the Blackrock territory. No score was affected, though the leather which was perilously near the posts, went over the end line. Blarney still kept their rivals on the defence and it was not long before, breaking through the opposition they scored a point, which was disallowed by the referee. Blackrock now relieved the tension on their goal, and a fine puck brought the ball within measurable distance of their opponents uprights. After which a series of short strokes carried it to the goal minder who manfully prevented a score being made. The attack on the posts continued till a badly directed puck sent the ball over the enclosure altogether. When the game resumed the leather was kept well in Blarney territory and Blackrock narrowly missed a point, the ball going about an inch outside the post. They were unfortunate when they made the next effort to score, for they put the ball well in between the point posts. Blarney men were now kept on alert, but at length they carried the ball into Blackrock territory. It did not remain there for long, however the Blackrock men returned it by dint of splendid play. A most brilliant game was now played for a short time. Siege was laid to the Blarney goal posts, but each successive attack was well repulsed, till perseverance was the reward, and Blackrock placed an additional point to their credit. After the puck, the country team got the leather into their hands and after a few well directed pucks a point was secured. At half time Blackrock led (0-2 to 0-1) When the game was resumed, the Blackrock got the ball in hand, who with commendable celerity procured a point. Some exciting play followed, Blarney came very near scoring, but the ball was returned to the other side of the field. Here some fast play took place and a fierce attack was made on the Blarney posts. A great defence was offered however, and Blarney repulsed Blackrock for the time being. The latter resumed their attack and after a good bit of work obtained a goal amidst great hurling. Play still remained in Blarney territory in proximity to the posts, and a puck well directed for goal was finely diverted by the Blarney goal minder. The Blackrock men were now in fine fettle and still hurling splendidly added another point to their score.

John Murphy(c); Jeremiah Norberg; Patrick Coughlan; David Hayes; Denis Scannell; John Cashman; Paddy Flaherty; Denis Coughlan; James Delea; Michael Walsh; Michael Cronin; Michael Murphy; Stephen Hayes; James Kelleher; Denis Cremin; John O'Leary; John Kidney.

**Blarney:-** John Horgan; Michael Madden; Timothy Mescall; Denis Hayes; William O'Riordan; John Lynch; John Twomey; Tim O'Connor; John O'Brien; D.J.Buckley; T.Aherne; T.Healy; D.Higgins; J.Morrissey; D.Sheehan; D.O'Mahony; D.O'Leary;

**1895**

**County Senior Hurling Championship**

**Round-1** **May 26, 1895** **Shanbally**  
**Blackrock 3-7 Tracton 0-0**

Tracton put up stern resistance as they gave Blackrock a tremendous battle in this first round of the championship. Blackrock led four points to nil at half time, and it was not until late in the game when Paddy Flaherty scored a goal that Blackrock settled and added further scores to win comfortably in the end. John Cashman and James Delea, along with Paddy Flaherty were the stars on the day.

Tracton objected to the constitution of the Blackrock team and at the following county board meeting a replay was ordered.

Patrick Coughlan; Paddy Flaherty; Denis Coughlan; William Huff; Michael Murphy; John Cashman; Jeremiah Norberg; Michael Huff; Jeremiah Canniffe; James Delea; David Hayes; John Martin; Michael Cotter; John Kidney; Michael Cronin; Denis Cremin; J.O'Connell;

**Replay** **June 16, 1895** **Douglas**  
**Blackrock 3-7 Tracton 0-1**

Tracton put up a brave display, but were always under severe pressure to the more experienced Rockies. Leading two goals and three points to a point at half time, Blackrock ran out comfortable winners in the end.

Patrick Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; John Cashman; Stephen Hayes; William Huff; Michael Murphy; James Delea; Michael Huff; Paddy Flaherty; Jeremiah Norberg; John Kidney; Michael Cronin; Jeremiah Canniffe; David Hayes; John Martin; Denis Cremin; Michael Cotter;

**Round-2** **July 28, 1895** **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 6-7 United Nationals 0-0**

An extremely easy victory for Blackrock as United Nationals were outclassed all over the field. Only for an excellent display by the keeper it would have been an even higher score. Early in the second half, after Blackrock had added two more goals, the Nationals withdrew and Blackrock were awarded the match.

Patrick Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; John Cashman; Michael Cronin; Jeremiah Norberg; Denis Cremin; Michael Murphy; Paddy Flaherty; John Kidney; Michael Huff; Maurice Carey; William Huff; Stephen Hayes; David Hayes; Jeremiah Canniffe James Cremin; Michael Cotter;

**Quarter-Final** **September 1, 1895** **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock w.o. Ballincollig**

**Semi-Final** **October 20, 1895** **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 2-5 Redmonds 1-1**

It was expected to be another classic between the two best teams in the county, if not in all Ireland. But it turned out to be a shambles as the huge crowd in attendance, continually encroached onto the field and interfered with play throughout the match. The scoring was close for most of the game but towards the end Redmonds attempted to score a goal only for the Blackrock goalkeeper to save and clear his lines. The Redmonds supporters near the goal then attacked him and only for the intervention of the referee, order was soon restored.

Patrick Coughlan; John Cashman; Denis Coughlan; Denis Cremin; John Kidney; Jeremiah Norberg; Paddy Flaherty; Michael Murphy; Dan O'Leary; William Huff; James Delea; Michael Cronin Michael Huff; John O'Brien; David Hayes; John Cremin; John O'Leary.

**Final** **November 3, 1895** **Mallow**  
**Blackrock 1-2 Ballyhea 1-1**

Cork Examiner report:- Ballyhea winning the toss played towards the eastern goal. At the outset a lively skirmish took place, and the ball went outside the lines in neutral territory. It was sent into play again, and the Ballyhea men, by means of good pucking, managed to work the ball gradually towards their opponents goal, and drew first blood by cleverly scoring a point amid great excitement. The puck out was splendidly received by a Ballyhea back who took the ball cleverly and sent it in close proximity to the posts, here Gorman got possession and sent it flying

between the goal posts. Blackrock now closed together, and by means of dexterous play, changed the scene of action, but the leather was sent again into midfield, and from this over the Blackrock end lines. The puck out was followed by some smart play, both sides working admiringly, the play was entirely in midfield, and each stroke excited the great enthusiasm, the leather eventually going outside the side lines. Some loose play followed which was mainly confined to the side lines.

Eventually Ballyhea succeeded in carrying the ball to the Blackrock territory, and after a good defence by Blackrock they sent the ball over the endline. The puck out was well followed up by Blackrock and by means of some clever scouting, the leather was carried into the Ballyhea ground, and after a stiff tussle the Blackrock men put up a point. Soon the ball was sent into play again. Blackrock cried a foul and a free puck was awarded, which would undoubtedly have led to a goal were it not for the fine defence of the Ballyhea cúlbaire, who sent the leather into play with a splendid stroke. At half time Ballyhea led a goal and a point to a point.

Sides quickly changed, and Blackrock succeeded in continuing the play for several minutes to their opponents ground, and were dangerously near scoring. The play again assumed an even character, and the exhibition on both sides was admirable. At one period a Blackrock man sent the leather into midfield from the side line where it was taken by another player, who went very near scoring. Following this an exciting tussle took place in the Ballyhea ground which resulted in the ball going over the end line. Soon after Blackrock were awarded a free puck which they succeeded in cleverly converting into a point. Blackrock now played in splendid form and frequently stormed their opponents posts, the assaults being well defended by their opponents. During one of these attacks the Blackrock men claimed a free puck on the ground that the ball was hit over the Ballyhea end line by one of their team. This was disputed by the Ballyhea team, but the referee gave the decision in favour of Blackrock, and play was resumed on the forty yards puck, which was well defended. The subsequent play was confined mainly to the side lines in the Ballyhea ground, and the monotony was broken by an exciting skirmish in midfield, the outcome of which was that the Blackrock men sent the ball over the endlines. The ball was quickly in play again in the vicinity of the Ballyhea ground, where it was taken of James Delea who passed to John O'Leary by whom it was sent through for a goal. Shortly after, the referee sounded the final whistle.

Blackrock became the first club to win the double in county championships when their senior and second teams each won their respective championships. It was also the first three in a row.

Patrick Coughlan(c); Michael Cronin; James Delea; Michael Huff; John O'Leary; Dan O'Leary; John Kidney; Michael Murphy; Jeremiah Canniffe; William Huff; John O'Brien; Denis Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; Denis Cremin; John Cremin; David Hayes; Paddy Flaherty;

**Ballyhea:-** Michael Flaherty; John Roche; Robert Mooney; Jeremiah Flaherty; Paddy O'Gorman; Tom O'Gorman; Jim Walsh; Matthew Flaherty; W.Fennessy; P.Bartley; M.Boddy; J.O'Mahony; M.Reidy; P.Daly; J.O'Connell; J.Murphy;

## 1896

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Round-1**                      **May 31, 1896**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 4-3 Blarney 1-2**

Blackrock opened the scoring early in the first half with a goal, but Blarney surprised them shortly after by scoring a goal themselves. Stunned by this set-back, Blackrock upped the tempo and secured a hard earned victory.

Patrick Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Michael Huff; Michael Murphy; James

Delea; William Huff; Paddy O'Brien; John O'Brien; Jeremiah Norberg; James Cremin; John Kidney; Dan Coughlan; David Hayes; Jeremiah Coughlan; Paddy Flaherty; John Cashman; Michael Cronin

**Quarter-Final**                      **September 20, 1896**                      **Passage**  
**Redmonds 1-3 Blackrock 0-4**

Great interest was generated in this match long before it was played. Blackrock refused to play in the original venue of Cork Park as they felt they were unfairly treated when playing there recently. Rather than gain a bloodless victory, Redmonds offered to play them in Passage with a condition that the losing would forfeit twenty pounds.

As a result, the throng that arrived in Passage for the match swelled to over fifteen thousand, many who had never seen a hurling match before. The constabulary issued a proclamation ordering all inns, public houses, etc. that were licenced to sell beer and spirits to close their premises between the hours of ten am and ten pm. The constabulary were out in force ready for a riot which was what they expected to happen.

As it turned out there was not a single incident, as all were enthralled with the match.

The first half was all that was expected from these great rivals as the leather spun from end to end with both teams intent on skill and manly pursuit. Redmonds were first to score, but very quickly Blackrock equalized and then led to half time by four points to two. As the second half progressed the crowd following every stroke began to encroach onto the playing area several times. Despite that both teams continued to display great skills with overhead striking prominent. Midway through the second half Redmonds scored the only goal of the game. A tiring Blackrock failed to score in the second half as Redmonds ran out winners.

Patrick Coughlan(c); Dan Coughlan; John O'Leary; Denis Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; Paddy Flaherty; John Cashman; Michael Cronin; Michael Murphy; David Hayes; Michael Huff; James Delea; James Cremin; John O'Brien; Denis Cremin; John Kidney.

### Gaelic League Tournament

**Round-1**                      **April 29, 1896**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 0-8 Midleton 0-1**

Low scoring game with Midleton defence quite strong. Blackrock found scores hard to come by and led four points to nil at half time. Midleton got an early second half point, but it all Blackrock thereafter, as the Midleton goalkeeper made some excellent saves.

Patrick Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Jeremiah Coughlan; David Hayes; Dan Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; Michael Huff; John O'Brien; John Cashman; John Kidney; James Kelleher; Michael Murphy; William Huff; Michael Cronin; Paddy Flaherty; John Martin; James Delea.

**Round-2**                      **May 10, 1896**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock w.o. Ballincollig**

Ballincollig failed to turn up, Blackrock awarded match.

Patrick Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Jeremiah Coughlan; David Hayes; Dan Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; Michael Huff; William Huff; John Cashman; James Cremin Michael Murphy; James Delea. Michael Cronin; John O'Brien; John Kidney; Paddy Flaherty; James Kelleher

**Quarter-Final**                      **May 31, 1896**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 4-3 Blarney 1-2**

This game doubled as the championship game.

Patrick Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Michael Huff; James Delea; Jeremiah Coughlan; Dan Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; Michael Murphy; Paddy Flaherty; William Huff; Paddy O'Brien; John O'Brien; James Cremin; John Kidney; David Hayes; John Cashman; Michael Cronin;

**Semi-Final**                      **July 19, 1896**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 2-10 United Nationals 1-1**

Easy enough victory, controlled matters from start to finish.

Patrick Coughlan; Dan Coughlan; Michael Murphy; Tom Coughlan; Denis



Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; John Cashman; David Hayes; James Delea; Michael Cronin; John O'Brien; Michael Huff; William Huff; Paddy Flaherty; James Cremin; John Kidney; J.Hurley;

**Final Blackrock v St.Finbarrs**

Never Played.

### Dungarvan Challenge

**April 19, 1896 Dungarvan  
Blackrock 2-7 Mooncoin (Kilkenny) 0-0**

A close first half with Blackrock finding it difficult to get used to the Mooncoin ball, which was heavier and bigger than Blackrock had ever used before. The superior skill of the Rockies was the difference, as Mooncoin a much more physical side, tried to upset Blackrock with pulling and dragging. In the second half, the Blackrock ball was used and with Patrick Coughlan, James Delea, John Cashman, Jeremiah Norberg, Michael Murphy all starring, Blackrock ran out easy winners. Patrick Coughlan; James Delea; Michael Huff; John Kidney; William Huff; John Cashman; Michael Murphy; Michael Cronin; Paddy Flaherty; James Cremin; David Hayes; Jeremiah Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; Denis Coughlan; Dan Coughlan; John O'Brien; James Kelleher.

## 1897

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Round-1 May 23, 1897 Cork Park  
Blackrock 8-11 Tower Street 0-2**

Denis Coughlan; Jeremiah Coughlan; Michael Murphy; Michael Cronin; James Cremin; Michael Huff; John O'Brien; James Delea; John Kidney; William Huff; David Cremin; Dan Coughlan; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Walsh; Michael Cotter; Michael Hayes; J.Shanahan; The scoreline tells its own story, Tower Street completely outclassed and but a pale shadow of their former teams.

**Round-2 June 27, 1897 Mallow  
Blackrock 5-10 Freemount 0-2**

Very easy victory for Blackrock over their very inexperienced opponents. Freemount were on the defensive for almost all the game and were no match for Blackrock.

Patrick Coughlan; Jeremiah Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Michael Huff; David Cremin; James Delea; William Huff; Jeremiah Norberg; James Cremin; John O'Brien; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Cronin; John Kidney; Michael Walsh; Michael Hayes; J.Jackson; M.Finucane;

**Quarter-Final July 18, 1897 Mallow  
Blackrock 2-7 Doneraile 2-0**

Patrick Coughlan; Jeremiah Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Maurice Carey; David Cremin; Michael Murphy; Jeremiah Norberg; Paddy O'Brien; John O'Brien; Michael Huff; James Delea; Michael Cronin; James Cremin; William Huff; Michael Cotter; Michael Hayes; J.Jackson; The anticipated easy victory for Blackrock did not arise, as Doneraile put up a stern challenge with skillful and splendid hurling. It took all of the experience gained over the years by Blackrock, to quell the north Cork men. Although held scoreless in the first half, Doneraile made many attacks into the Blackrock half, and were it not for the vigilance of the goalkeeper and the backs, they would surly have gotten scores. As it was, they trailed two goals to nil at half time but improved further in the second half managing two goals themselves, while Blackrock tapped over seven points.

**Semi-Final August 15, 1897 Cork Park  
Blackrock 3-11 St.Finbarrs 0-2**

Patrick Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Michael Murphy; John Kidney; David Cremin; Dan Coughlan; Jeremiah Coughlan; Michael Hayes; James Cremin; James Delea; Michael Huff; William Huff; Michael Cronin; John O'Brien; David Hayes; Michael Cotter; John Murphy;

A huge crowd witnessed the intense rivalry that exists between these two sides, regarded as the virtual county final by many. The pitch was soft after heavy overnight rain, but both sides made light of the conditions despite many slipping and sliding, to produce a game of skill and excitement, especially in the first half. Blackrock led five points to one at half time, but on the change-over, they quickly got into their stride and controlled matters to the final whistle.

**Final September 25, 1897 Cork Park  
Blackrock 5-8 Aghada 0-0**

Cork Examiner report:-The record of the Blackrock hurling club is a record of victories, which in number and brilliance surpass the victories of any other club in the country. Yet another victory was recorded yesterday, when in the final match of Cork County Championship, the old guard of the Irish hurling army inflicted a heavy defeat on Aghada. Weather was perfect and the ground in splendid order, while about eight thousand enthusiastic but orderly spectators watched the game. That Blackrock would win was the general belief, but that they would win by such a large score as they did was scarcely anticipated, except perhaps by a few very ardent supporters. The members of the Blackrock team are a very level-headed and cool body of men, who though holding almost an unbeaten record, are never over confident, or think any opponents unworthy of respect. This good quality has had much to say to the great achievements of the champions. Yesterday every man played in excellent form, even when victory was assured, and the combination of the team was as fine ever. Aghada team was a good team, and in their class would be hard to beat, but they were altogether outclassed yesterday. At no part of the game did they make any prolonged stand against the victors, and the fact that they were unable to score even one point tells its own tale. Three or four times they had chances of scoring, but want of accuracy told against them. From its one-sided character the game does not lend itself to detailed description, which would only be monotonous repetition of goals and points scored by Blackrock. During the first half the game never left the Aghada ground. Blackrock with the wind to their backs, started with a very hot attack, and though the pace slowed down afterwards their superiority was always manifest and at half time led two goals and five points to nil.

The second half was much the same as the first, except that Aghada Three or four times took the ball down to the Blackrock posts by long puck outs, but were unable to make any use of the advantage. Patrick Coughlan(c); David Hayes; Maurice Carey; Dan Coughlan; John O'Brien; James Delea; Michael Cronin; Denis Coughlan; John Kidney; Michael Murphy; William Huff; Jeremiah Norberg; Jeremiah Coughlan; Michael Huff; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Hayes; John Martin; **Aghada:-** Michael Lynch; R.O'Leary; J.Walsh; A.Wall; B.Wall; W.Hallahan; T.O'Mahony; W.O'Mahony; J.Busteed; N.Dunne; C.Foley; J.Ryan; J.Casey; W.Egan; J.Cotter; N.Power; W.Wall.

### Inchigeela Bazaar Hurling Challenge

**June 13, 1897 Inchigeela  
Aghabullogue 3-1 Blackrock 1-4**

Father Hurley P.P. of Inchigeela invited both teams to participate in a bazaar fund raising event. Tom Coughlan; Dan Coughlan; Jeremiah Coughlan; William Huff; James Delea; Michael Huff; Jeremiah Norberg; Jeremiah Canniffe; James Cremin; David Cremin; Michael Murphy; Maurice Carey; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Hayes; Michael Cotter; W.Leahy.

### Mallow Gold Medal Challenge

**October 31, 1897 Mallow  
Blackrock 3-6 Aghabullogue 0-1**

Following Blackrock's defeat to Aghabullogue in the challenge match in Inchigeela, several letters from both clubs in the newspapers were

published which caused much interest in this recent challenge put down by Blackrock.

Close on ten thousand people arrived at Mallow for this eagerly awaited clash. Blackrock welcomed back all their old hands and made full sure to overturn the previous defeat.

The Hayes brothers were particularly in top form for the Rockies. Patrick Coughlan(c); Jeremiah Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Michael Huff; Dan Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; William Huff; John Kidney; James Cremin; David Cremin; Michael Cronin; David Hayes; John O'Brien; James Delea; Michael Murphy; Michael Hayes; Michael Cotter;

## 1898

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Round-1**                      **May 15, 1898**                      **Mallow**  
**Blackrock 0-0 Doneraile 0-0**

Patrick Coughlan; Dan Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; David Hayes; William Huff; Jeremiah Norberg; Jeremiah Coughlan; Michael Huff; John Kidney; Michael Cronin; Stephen O'Riordan; John O'Brien; James Cremin; J.O'Brien; Michael Cotter; Michael Hayes; John Murphy; Blackrock won the toss and elected to play with the strong breeze. Making an attempt to score, the Doneraile goal-keeper struck the ball out when it was in play. A misunderstanding at this point gave rise to a dispute as weather a free should be allowed, the contention by Blackrock being that the ball would have crossed the line had it not come in contact with the boot of one of the spectators, many of whom had encroached onto the point area. The referee awarded a forty yard free, but Doneraile kicked up and refused to play on. The match was abandoned and Blackrock were awarded match by referee and by the County Board.

**Quarter-Final**                      **July 17, 1898**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 8-18 Evergreen '98 0-2**

Team not listed:- As can be seen from the score, Evergreen were no match for Blackrock who won in a canter.

**Semi-Final**                      **August 21, 1898**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 0-3 St.Finbarrs 0-1**

The rain and wind was incessant overnight and continued as well through Sunday. The match started in a badly waterlogged pitch. Both teams tried their best to come to terms with the conditions, but common sense eventually prevailed and the referee with the agreement of both captains, abandoned the match for the safety of the teams.

**Replay**                      **August 28, 1898**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 2-6 St.Finbarrs 1-2**

As a result of last abandonment, patrons were allowed free to this replay, where an enormous crowd swelled the ground for this eagerly awaited clash. Blackrock were much superior in skill and led from start to finish. St.Finbarrs were worthy opponents, but could not match the experienced Rockies. The top players for Blackrock were the Coughlans, James Delea and Joe Hickey.

Patrick Coughlan(c); Dan Coughlan; James Delea; Michael Cotter; Jeremiah Coughlan; Stephen O'Riordan; Jeremiah Norberg; William Huff; James Cremin; David Hayes; Michael Cronin; John Kidney; Michael Hayes; Joe Hickey; John Martin; John O'Brien; J.O'Brien;

**Final**                      **September 12, 1898**                      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 2-9 Carrigtwohill 0-3**

Cork Examiner report:-The weather was of the most adverse nature, as to seriously mitigate against anything approaching a tussle worthy of the reputation of the teams engaged in this final. The attendance however was of fairly large proportions. Owing to the sodden condition of the field, the teams fought out at considerable disadvantage to both sides the men slipping on the grass on several occasions. The Blackrock veterans again asserted their superiority and therefore occupy the proud

position of being the premier county team.

Carrigtwohill won the toss and played towards the Blackrock end. When the ball was out for a minute or two in motion, it was returned to the Carrig ground, where after a brief tussle, it was sent over the end line. On the leather being put into play was taken to the off side of the field. Here it stood for a short spell, and Blackrock coming on sent the ball outside the posts. Some few minutes after, Carrig secured the first point. Numerous interchanges ensued, when the leather found itself again in the Blackrock territory and a second minor resulted. At his stage the rain had become lighter and Blackrock took advantage. With a brilliant rush forced their way through their opponents back division scoring a point, followed by a goal. After the puck out, Carrig became more active and things looked dangerous for a time. Neutral ground was the scene of operations, and a number of long pucks placed the Blackrock stronghold in jeopardy. Another point was secured by Carrigtwohill. From this point to the end of the first half, it was all Blackrock who led two goals and two points to three points at half time.

Entering on the second half, side line play of an uninteresting character was witnessed. A long delay was occasioned by the leather being sent over the enclosure. On the ball being thrown in again, Blackrock got away and pressed their opponents for a lengthened period, but failed to score. Here a Blackrock man had to retire injured. Play resumed and a white flag was raised for Blackrock. From there to the expiration of full time, Blackrock were practically masters of the situation.

Patrick Coughlan; Dan Coughlan; Michael Huff; David Hayes; Denis Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; Jeremiah Coughlan; Stephen O'Riordan; John Martin; John Kidney; Denis Cremin; John O'Brien; Joe Hickey; Michael Cotter; William Huff; J.O'Brien; James Delea.

**Carrigtwohill:-** William Fitzgibbon; Jeremiah Fouhy; William Mulcahy; James Mehigan; John Linehan; John Fitzgibbon; Michael Cleary; Pat Fitzgibbon; Dan McCarthy; John Barry; John O'Keeffe; Patrick O'Keeffe; Thomas Murphy; Dave Coughlan ; Jim Cummins; John Murphy; John Cotter;

### Mallow Inter County Challenge

**February 20, 1898**                      **Mallow**  
**Blackrock 4-11 Tulla (Clare) 2-2**

Team not listed.

### Barrack Street Band Benefit Fund

**April 24, 1898**                      **S.M.A Grounds, Glasheen**  
**Blackrock 2-5 Redmonds 0-3**

A benefit match was arranged for the Barrack Street band for their forthcoming Féile Ceol to be held in Dublin.

An enormous crowd turned up in brilliant sunshine, although the pitch was of poor condition. The field was badly marshalled as the spectators kept encroaching on to the pitch blocking scores and generally interfering with play. Blackrock were by far the better team and led a goal and four points to nil at the break. Redmonds made a better attempt in the second half, but could not close the gap.

Patrick Coughlan; Dan Coughlan; Jeremiah Norberg; John O'Brien; Michael Huff; Jeremiah Coughlan Denis Coughlan; Denis Cremin; John Kidney; William Huff; David Hayes; Stephen Hayes; Michael Cotter; Michael Hayes; Michael Murphy; Joe Hickey; J.O'Brien;

## 1899

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Round-1**                      **June 11, 1899**                      **Mallow**  
**Ballyhea 3-3 Blackrock 1-6**

A very subdued performance by Blackrock. Maybe it was the poor weather conditions or the fact that so many of the old hands were not

playing. In any case the first half produced a low scoring game with Blackrock first to score only to be overhauled just on the stroke of half time as Ballyhea scored a goal and a point to lead by two points. Ballyhea started the second half in determined fashion, forcing the ball in the Blackrock defence where fierce hurling was seen. Scores came rapidly until two minutes from time when Blackrock appeared to score a point, but the referee disallowed it. Blackrock argued long and hard but to no avail. They refused to continue and Ballyhea were awarded the match. Denis Cremin; Dan Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Michael Huff; Tom Coughlan; William Huff; Dan Buckley; Michael Cotter; Jeremiah Coughlan; John O'Brien; Paddy O'Brien; Tom Linehan; James Cremin; Denis Deasy; J.Dorney; J.Delaney; J.O'Brien;

#### **Barrack Street Band Benefit Fund**

**May 14, 1899**

**Turners Cross**

**Blackrock 3-7 Redmonds 2-3**

A benefit match was arranged for the Barrack Street band for their forthcoming Féile Ceol to be held in Dublin.

Unfortunately the weather was extremely bad and very few turned up to contribute to the fund.

The match was a close fought affair, particularly in the first half as both teams scored two goals and three points. In the second half Blackrock made best use of the worsening conditions to claim victory.

David Cremin; Denis Coughlan; Jeremiah Coughlan; Stephen O'Riordan; Dan Coughlan; Tom Coughlan; Dan Buckley; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Huff; Denis Deasy; John O'Brien; William Huff; Michael Hayes; Jeremiah Lyons; J.Doherty; E.Cotter; J.Shanahan;

#### **Lees Tournament**

**Round-1**

**November 12, 1899**

**Turners Cross**

**Blackrock v Ballymartle**

No account available.

**Semi-Final**

**February 4, 1900**

**Turners Cross**

**Blackrock w.o. Carrigtwohill**

Carrigtwohill conceded the match as they failed to show up.

**Final**

**March 11, 1900**

**Turners Cross**

**Blackrock 4-8 St.Finbarrs 3-6**

A crowd of over three thousand witnessed a hugely entertaining game between these two keen rivals. Both teams had many practice matches for this final which was played in a very sporting manner. For Blackrock Stephen O'Riordan, James Delea and Michael Hayes rendered a good account of themselves.

Denis Cremin; Denis Coughlan; Stephen O'Riordan; Dan Coughlan; Paddy O'Brien; John O'Brien; Michael Cronin; Michael Huff; William Huff; Jeremiah Coughlan; Denis Deasy; James Delea; Michael Cotter; Michael Hayes; Dan Buckley; Michael Brady; R.Breen;