

# 1887

For the first county championship, until 1894, clubs like Cork Nationals and Blackrock, could have two teams entered. These teams were called the seconds. There was only the senior championship at the time. They also could compete in the many various tournaments.

## County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1                      March 6, 1887                      Cork Park  
Glasheen 1-2 Cork Nationals (2) 0-0

This was the first ever county championship match and it was played in a very sporting manner. Glasheen won the toss and played with the wind in the first half. Glasheen were a bigger and stronger team and controlled matters for most of the game. The Nationals team was made up mainly by young lads.

P.O'Connell; Thomas Tobin; John Cashman; James Cremin; James Delea; John Kelly; David Hayes; Matthew Murray; J.O'Donovan; W.Collins; E.Nugent; P.O'Donovan; C.Hart; T.Collins; P.O'Riordan; D.Tobin; J.Cronin; C.O'Driscoll; M.O'Riordan; P.Fitzgearld; J.Calnan;

# 1888

Blackrock seconds did not take part in the county championship

# 1889

## County Senior Hurling Championship                      Cork Board

Round-2                      April 7, 1889                      Cork Park  
Carrigtwohill 2-4 Blackrock (2) 0-1

Carrigtwohill won the toss and played with the wind in their favour, but the advantage was slight, as there was only a faint breeze prevailing. Carrigtwohill was a much heavier team, and from the start they had the best of the play. They kept the ball in the Blackrock ground, and in the first quarter of an hour they scored a goal and a point but they were robbed of a second point by the crowding in front of the goal and point posts of the friends of Blackrock team. However, Carrigtwohill had their revenge, as within the next five minutes a goal was added to their score, and this was followed by a point. When half time was called Blackrock, had not scored, and Carrigtwohill scored 2-2. They began well again on the resumption of play, and soon scored a point. Blackrock now put forth every effort to score, and twice they brought the ball up to their opponent's goal line, but both attempts were fruitless. However, a free puck now fell to their lot, and from the 40 yards mark, the leather was sent flying over the crossbar, and thus was Blackrock's first point registered. There was some very fine play on both sides after this, Carrigtwohill making a terrible rush into Blackrock ground, but the defence of the local team was remarkably good, and thrice were their opponents charges on the goal repulsed.

Michael O'Donovan(c); John Cashman; James Kelleher; Michael O'Leary; Thomas O'Riordan; James O'Keeffe; Jeremiah Sheehan; Matthew Murray; James Walsh; Michael Huffe; Denis O'Leary; John Leahy; John O'Shea; Michael Cronin; Michael Dineen; Arthur O'Leary; Maurice Carey; Patrick O'Regan; Dan McCarthy; Thomas Cremin;

## Cork Park Tournament

Quarter-Final                      March 10, 1889                      Cork Park  
Little Island 2-0 Blackrock (2) 0-1

Blackrock's second team played extremely well against the first selection of Little Island. They conceded an early goal in each half before getting their point. Towards the end of the game, they scored a goal which was disallowed by the referee.

Michael O'Donovan(c); Jeremiah Sheehan; Michael Huff; James Spillane; Arthur O'Leary; Michael Cronin; Thomas Cremin; Andrew Forde; James Walsh; Dan McCarthy; John O'Shea; John Cashman; Maurice Carey; Thomas O'Leary; James Kelleher; Michael Murphy; John Hegarty; Thomas O'Riordan; James O'Keeffe; John Leahy; Michael Dineen;

## Knockraha Tournament

Round-1                      December 1, 1889                      Little Island  
Blackrock (2) 3-11 Carrigtwohill (2) 3-0

Play commenced with some rapid hitting in the centre of the field, the ball was swept into the Carrigtwohill ground, where for ten minutes some fine play was witnessed, during which the Blackrock men scored a goal and a point. A puck out followed up by the Carrigtwohill men, and they succeeded with a rush in scoring a goal. This was disputed by Blackrock, and it was some time before play was resumed. The ball was not in play many minutes when another point was scored by Blackrock. This was repeated a few minutes later. After an exciting five minutes more J.Cronin, who was remarkable throughout the match for his brilliant hits, put in a goal for Blackrock from the middle of the field. From this until half time the ball was kept in the Carrig ground.

After the change both teams went to work with renewed vigour. The ball was brought close to the Carrig line, where they struck a forfeit, and the forty yards puck resulted in a point for Blackrock. Two minutes later the Blackrock men again scored a similar score. By a succession of fine hits the ball was now carried to the opposite end of the field, and a goal was scored by Carrigtwohill. Some fast and very interesting play now took place in the centre. The Blackrock men were always where they were wanted, and were able to defeat the Carrigtwohill at all points. Carrigtwohill however, played a very plucky game and added another goal to their score. This was their last score, as Blackrock continued to score until the time was called.

Con O'Keeffe (c); Michael Bermingham; John Murphy; Denis Scannell; Patrick Coughlan; Denis Lane; John O'Shea; Denis O'Mahony; Jeremiah Norberg; Dan Murphy; Jeremiah Sheehan; Patrick Murphy; John Kelly; John Cashman; James Kelleher; Daniel Gould; Maurice Carey; James Delea; David Hayes; James Cremin; J.Cronin;

Field umpire, Jeremiah O'Riordan; Goal umpires Denis Cremin and E.D.Barry.

# 1890

Blackrock seconds did not take part in the county championship

## Queenstown tournament

Round-1                      March 23, 1890                      Newtown, Cobh.  
Carrigtwohill (2) w.o. Blackrock (2)

A big disappointment for spectators as Blackrock failed to turn up for this tie, and as a consequence Carrigtwohill (2) were awarded the match.

## Bride Valley Tournament

Round-1                      July 6, 1890                      Killumney  
Blackrock (2) 2-3 Cloughduv (2) 0-1

From the very moment the ball was put in play it was evident that the match was one sided, Blackrock the dominant force.

John O'Leary(c); Thomas Cremin; Jeremiah Sheehan; Stephen Hayes; Thomas O'Riordan; Michael Huff; Jeremiah Coughlan; Maurice Carey; Michael Murphy; Thomas O'Leary; Patrick O'Regan; Tom Coughlan; Arthur O'Leary; Michael Walsh; S.Lyons; Tom Tobin; D.Tobin; P.O'Donovan; M.McGrath; M.Reynolds; J.Cronin; D.Leahy;

Quarter-Final                      August 17, 1890                      Killumney  
St.Finbarrs (2) 2-2 Blackrock (2) 1-1

St.Finbarrs started off by scoring a goal, and with the slight breeze with them seemed as it would make matters hot for the Blackrock team. Grand play then ensued in midfield, and bringing the leather slowly, but

surely towards the goal posts, St.Finbarrs secured another goal. This put the Blackrock men on their mettle and they made things lively for a few minutes, and finally put a goal in to their credit. Before half time, Blackrock added a point to their score. The second half of the match was if possible more exciting than the first, with an exhibition of camán wielding seen, with the St.Finbarrs men adding to their tally.

## 1891

**Blackrock seconds did not take part in the county championship**

## 1892

### **County Senior Hurling Championship**

**Round-1                    April 10, 1892                    Cork Park**  
**Blackrock (2) w.o. Bride Valley (2)**

Walkover for Blackrock, as Bride Valley failed to turn up for the match.

**Quarter-Final            May 15, 1892                    Cork Park**  
**Redmonds (2) 2-3 Blackrock (2) 1-5**

At last, a match was eventually played involving a Blackrock team. Redmonds, newly formed this year, won the toss and adopted a system of play that got them success in round 1. They came close to the posts, but were repulsed, with Blackrock gaining the advantage and scoring a point. For the next ten minutes the hurling was tip top, with Blackrock on the offensive, but failing to score. Now Redmonds managed to get on top at midfield, and with a determined rush scored a goal. A minute later they added a point. From here to the interval, they held the advantage, and with Tom Irwin and his clever play, added a goal before the half time break. The second had only begun when Blackrock attacked and scored a point, only for Redmonds to reply on the puck out. Back it travelled again, with Blackrock scoring another point. Redmonds replied again with another point, before Blackrock began to settle down to the task and gain control. In a short time they added two quick points, followed by a goal. About six minutes from time, Blackrock attacked up along the sideline, where the ball went amongst the people. The referee blew the whistle, but the Blackrock men, either not hearing or heeding it, continued to play and landed a goal. The referee disallowed the goal and Blackrock refused to continue. As a result, the referee awarded the match to Redmonds. John Kelly(c); Patrick O'Regan; Tom Coughlan; Denis Coughlan; Michael Huff; John Kidney; Arthur O'Leary; Michael Cotter; Michael Hayes; John O'Leary; Michael Murphy; Michael Walsh; Daniel O'Leary; John Martin; Jeremiah Sheehan; M.Casey; S.Lyons;  
Field umpire David Cremen, goal umpires John Nagle and Thomas Nagle.  
**May 17, 1892**

At the weekly meeting of the county board, the referee gave the score as 2-4 to 1-5. He said Blackrock refused to play out the remaining minutes, and produced the objection Mr.Nagle gave him, claiming Blackrock had scored 2-5. A deputation of Blackrock appeared before the board, and said Redmonds second goal was not legally scored, as the referee admitted to the Blackrock goal umpire. He then allowed the score to stand for Redmonds. The chairman Michael Deering said there was nothing in the objection about that goal. After some discussion, the referee's decision was upheld.

### **May 26, 1892**

At the monthly meeting of the club, the chairman, Patrick Leahy, characterized the action of the county board as very unfair in awarding the match to Redmonds. He went on to say the club should refrain from taking any further part in the championship. Mr. John Nagle, vice-chairman, said he gave a detailed account to the county board, as his opinion was Redmonds were prepared to win at all costs, considering the previous contests of their first team against both Aghabullogue and Bride Valley, ended in dispute, with the county board favouring the Redmonds on those occasions also.

### **Cork Park Tournament,**

**Round-1                    October 16, 1892                    Cork Park**  
**Wm.O'Briens (2) w.o. Blackrock (2)**

Blackrock could only field twelve players and had to concede a walkover.

## 1893

### **County Senior Hurling Championship**

**Round-1                    May 21, 1893                    Cork Park**  
**Redmonds (2) 3-3 Blackrock (2) 1-6**

Drenching rain spoiled this contest between two evenly matched sides. The pitch was in parts flooded and slippery all over. Redmonds were the younger and lighter team and managed the conditions better. Redmonds opened the game by scoring an early goal, and continued to press hard for a second goal, only for the Blackrock custodian to be in excellent form. Blackrock then settled down, and managed two points before half time.

In the second half, Blackrock spent the first ten minutes on the attack and scored three points. Redmonds then took control and scored a goal and a point. Blackrock replied strongly and also scored a goal and a point. The condition of the ground was in a very bad state, but as play continued, Redmonds scored a goal in the dying minutes.

John Kelly(c); Jeremiah Sheehan; Denis Coughlan; Tom Linehan; Jeremiah Canniffe; Jeremiah Norberg; Patrick O'Regan; Matthew Murray; Michael Walsh; William Huff; Michael Hayes; John Kidney; Peter Nagle; Michael Cotter; John O'Brien; David Cremin; D.O'Callaghan;  
Field umpire:- Patrick Coughlan; Goal umpires:- John Nagle and David Cremin;

## 1894

### **County Senior Hurling Championship**

**Round-1                    May 27, 1894                    Cork Park**  
**Blackrock (2) 4-4 Blarney (2) 0-4**

Entertaining game between two strong sides, Blackrock winning out in impressive fashion.

Denis Coughlan(c); Denis Cremin; Jeremiah Cremin; Peter Nagle; Arthur O'Leary; William Huff; Sylvester O'Callaghan; John Buckley; Michael Leahy; Jeremiah O'Riordan; John Kidney; Michael Hayes; John O'Brien; T.Hurley; Patrick Cantillon; J.Murphy; Michael Brady;

**Round-2                    July 8, 1894                    Cork Park**  
**Blackrock (2) 3-7 Evergreen (2) 0-0**

Team not listed:- A fairly closes first half with Blackrock leading four points to nil at the break. An early second half goal settled the game as a contest.

**Quarter-Final            July 22, 1894                    Cork Park**  
**Redmonds (2) 3-7 Blackrock (2) 0-3**

Despite the scoreline this was a fast and skillful encounter. Redmonds had the better of the first half and led six points to one at the break. On resuming some very tough play occurred around the Blackrock goal, eventually resulting in a goal for Redmonds. Blackrock mounted several attacks after that but could only get two more points, while the Redmonds finished strongly.

Denis Coughlan(c); William O'Connell; Jeremiah Cremin; Denis Cremin; William Huff; Sylvester O'Callaghan; John Buckley; Michael Leahy; Peter Nagle; Jeremiah Canniffe; David Cremin; Matthew Murray; John Kidney; Michael Hayes; T.Hurley; Patrick Cantillon; P.Canty;  
Field umpire:- Patrick Coughlan.

## 1895

The county board decided to create a separate championship for seconds teams.

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

**Quarter-Final**      **May 26, 1895**      **Shanbally**  
**Blackrock 4-8 Tracton 1-3**

Blackrock won the toss and decided to play with the sun in their eyes, Tracton made a splendid rush, which resulted in them scoring a point. Blackrock now pulled themselves together, and from this on, ran up score after score. Though it was apparent that the Tracton men were no match for their opponents, still some very good points were exhibited by them. Once or twice during the game, they played in real dashing style, but the irresistible tactics of the Blackrock team again proved too much for them, and in the second half, Tracton fell away completely.

Jeremiah Cremin(c); David Cremin; Dan Coughlan; Jeremiah Coughlan; Paddy O'Brien; John O'Leary; Michael Brady; J. Leahy; J.O'Connell; W. Leahy; D. Shanahan; J. Higgins; D. Cashman; M. Hayes; J.O'Leary; J. Murphy,

**Semi-Final**      **July 21, 1895**      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 3-5 Blarney 1-2**

Blarney won the toss and played with a strong wind, and soon had two points scored. Blackrock now took up the attack and after a piece of brilliant play, scored a point. Close to half time Blarney placed a goal to their credit, before Blackrock replied with a point before the break. Within a minute of the second half, Blackrock equalized with a goal. Blarney tried hard to register another score, but Blackrock held the upper hand for the second half.

**Final**      **August 11, 1895**      **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 1-4 Evergreen Nationals 1-1**

**Cork Examiner report:**-Owing to the recent heavy rainfall the ground was in a heavy condition, but this circumstance did not seem to interfere in any appreciable manner with the playing. The match was a well contested one, and were it not for a few disputes which caused play to be suspended for over a quarter of an hour in one instance, it would have proved very interesting. Why such long delays should occur over comparatively trifling circumstances, seem inexplicable, and it would be well that the referee's decision on matters in dispute should be accepted without the interference of outside parties. Yesterday's match was fixed for one o'clock, but it was half past three when it concluded.

The toss for choice of sides was won by Blackrock who played towards the eastern goal, favoured by a strong wind. They commenced well by getting the leather into the Evergreen ground and here a stiff resistance was offered, for a time the Evergreen posts were in danger, but the backs proved equal to the occasion, and offered a grand defence. The play that followed was of even character and each sally of the Blackrock men was repulsed. Blackrock managed to send the leather flying down the field and between the goal posts after a good defence. Before half time was called, Blackrock had scored two additional points, while the Evergreen team still had a clean sheet. Change of sides however brought with it the advantage of the wind and they proceeded to show up better than hitherto. For the first five minutes a really good display of hurling was witnessed and every stroke was carefully watched. The Evergreen men finally succeeded in getting possession, and their forwards playing well together quickly transferred the leather to the Blackrock lines. There the Blackrock backs were on the alert, and the contest was carried on for some minutes outside their posts. Evergreen eventually getting the advantage, which they utilised by sending the ball between the goal posts. Matters now waxed warm, and both sides put forward their best efforts. Blackrock again changed the scene of action, the Evergreen men were put on the defensive and a splendid contest resulted in the goal being saved, but Blackrock managed to add another point. Soon after one

of the Blackrock men, in a tussle for the ball, received a nasty cut over the left eye, and had to be taken to the South Infirmary. Blackrock continued to score a few additional points.

Blackrock became the first winners of the county seconds hurling championship.

T.Hurley(c); Dan Coughlan; Paddy O'Brien; Jeremiah Cremin; Michael Brady; David Cremin; M.Walsh; Michael Hayes; J.O'Brien; D.O'Leary; D.Madden; J.Coughlan; D.Shanahan; D.Cronin; J.O'Connell; D.Cashman; M.Hayes;

**Evergreen Nationals:-** John Twohig©; Thomas Coughlan; Con Goold; John O'Halloran; Daniel McCarthy; Thomas Eustace; Denis McCarthy; John Forde; Dan O'Donovan; John O'Donovan; James Galvin; Dan Madden; J.Dynan; B.Barry; J.Duncliffe; T.Wheeler; C.Crowley;

## 1896

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

**City / Mid.Cork Section:-**

**Round-1**      **July 12, 1896**      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock w.o. Bride Valley**

Bride Valley did not put in an appearance, referee awarded match to Blackrock.

**Quarter-final**      **August 2, 1896**      **Cloghroe**  
**Blarney w.o. Blackrock**

Referee awarded the match to Blarney, as Blackrock failed to put in an appearance.

### Gaelic League Seconds Tournament

**Quarter-final**      **April 12, 1896**      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 7-6 Aghada 1-3**

Blackrock won the toss and played with the strong wind. However, Aghada driving the ball quickly into the Blackrock, opened the scoring with a point. Back came Blackrock on the offensive, and scored a goal. From here to half time Blackrock assumed full control, and led 7-5 to a point at the break.

When the match resumed, Aghada got to work quickly and scored a goal. Most of the play in the second half was confined to midfield, with Aghada adding two points to Blackrock's one.

**Semi-Final**      **July 19, 1896**      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 4-9 Evergreen 3-1**

Blackrock took control quickly, and had a goal and a point in the first five minutes. Evergreen tried to make a break, but the Blackrock defence held firm, and on the next attack scored a point. Back came Evergreen again to no avail, as Blackrock replied with a second goal and a point. Very quickly, Evergreen eventually scored appoint before the break.

The second half was far better, with Evergreen scoring three goals, but it was not good enough as Blackrock managed to keep well in front.

W.O'Connell(c); Peter O'Brien; M.Linehan; J.Twomey; D.Cashman; D.O'Leary; D.Cremin M.Cotter; P.Murphy; Michael Brady; M.Walsh; M.Geary; Michael Hayes; W.Leahy;

Field umpire:- Patrick Coughlan; Goal umpires:- Daniel O'Keeffe and Dan Coughlan;

**Final**      **July 26, 1896**      **Cork Park**  
**Redmonds 2-5 Blackrock 1-2**

Blackrock won the toss and played with the wind in their favour. Immediately, when the ball was thrown up, Blackrock took possession and brought it close to the Redmonds goal. In a short time after the commencement, Blackrock scored a goal and two points, and the Redmonds placed a similar score to their credit in the first half.

In the second half, Redmonds secured by keeping Blackrock scoreless, while adding a goal and three points to their total.

J.Murphy(c); C.Cremin; John Shanahan; D.Cashman; M.Linehan;

P.Murphy; N.Geary; M.Cotter; J.Dinan; J.Twomey; Peter O'Brien; Michael Brady; T.Callanan; Michael Hayes; M.Walsh; M.Carey.

## 1897

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

Quarter-Final      **June 6, 1897**      **Mallow**  
**Doneraile v Blackrock**

No account of this fixture, Doneraile advanced in the county championship.

## 1898

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

Quarter-final      **July 10, 1898**      **Cork Park**  
**Redmonds 0-13 Blackrock 0-4**

This was a very exciting and well contested match. During the first half, Redmonds had the best of play, their forwards in top form, and they led 0-8 to 0-2 at the break. In the second half, matters assumed the same complexion, Redmonds continued to increase their score, though towards the end, Blackrock tried hard to get close to their opponents. Peter O'Brien(c); John Shanahan; F.Coughlan; E.O'Halloran; J.Barry; W.Kidney; D.Cashman; D.Lyons; T.O'Leary; J.Loftus; E.Reddy; B.Buckley; F.Flaherty; W.Sweeney; T.Twomey; A.Dorney; Michael Brady

## 1899

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

Quarter-final      **September 17, 1899**      **Mallow**  
**Blackrock v Ballyhea**

No account available.

Semi-Final      **September 24, 1899**      **Cork Park**  
**Blackrock 2-5 Blarney 1-4**

Game started in rapid fashion, with both teams running at each other and the play swift. Blarney were the better combination in the first half getting all their scores, while Blackrock only scored a point. A little controversy occurred when one of the Blackrock team was sent off, only to re-appear, with a different jersey. After a short period, he was sent off a second time.

Michael Hayes(c); Stephen O'Riordan; John O'Driscoll; James Cremin; Dan Buckley; Jeremiah Lyons; John Shanahan; Michael Brady; J.Foley; A.Lynch; D.Cashman M.Cronin; M.Dorney; Edward Cotter; H.Lynch; T.Warner; R.Twohig;

Final      **November 5, 1899**      **Cork Park**  
**Redmonds 6-1 Blackrock 5-2**

There was a good attendance with the weather fine, but the ground was soft from recent heavy rains. This did not interfere with the play as both sides served up an exciting high scoring game.

Michael Hayes (c); Stephen O'Riordan; James Cremin; Patrick Coughlan; John O'Driscoll; Dan Buckley; Jeremiah Lyons; John Shanahan; J.Powell; Edward Cotter; J.Hayes; W.Walsh Michael Brady; J.O'Brien; M.Cronin; M.Dorney; H.Lynch.

## 1900

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

Quarter-Final      **July 18, 1900**  
**Redmonds w.o. Blackrock;**

But Mr.Dooley, secretary of the county board, said he received a letter from Michael Horgan, secretary Blackrock hurling club, stating that Blackrock would not take part in this year's championship.

As a consequence, this resulted in Redmonds getting a walkover.

## 1901

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

Quarter-Final      **October 20, 1901**      **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 4-8 St.Finbarrs 0-12**

Highly skilled teams for operating in the second grade. Blackrock's ability in getting goals the only difference between these two sides.

E.Cantillon(c); Edward Cotter; Charlie O'Sullivan; Dan O'Donoghue; Tim Collins; Denis Cremin; J.Mc.Carthy; W.O'Keeffe; T.O'Sullivan; C.Richmond; J.Fenton; T.Murray; William Collins; W.Talboy; J.Collins; J.Twomey; F.O'Brien

Semi-Final      **March 9, 1902**      **Turners cross**  
**Blackrock 1-7 Ballincollig 1-6**

Blackrock were the better of the sides in the first half and led by seven points to two at half time. Ballincollig came out after the break and really put it up to Blackrock. Very late in the match, Blackrock worked through the tough Ballincollig rearguard to score the winning goal.

Edward Cotter(c); Dan O'Donoghue; William Dorney; Dan Dorney; John Murphy; Michael Brady; W.O'Keeffe; T.O'Sullivan; W.Daly; C.Richmond; E.Cantillon; W.Talboy; J.Barrett; Tim Collins; J.Twomey; J.Collins; E.Brady.

Final      **April 6, 1902**      **Blackpool**  
**Blackrock beat Sarsfields**

At the county board meeting on Tuesday 8th. April, the match referee J.O'Keeffe of Carrigtwohill, reported Blackrock the winners.

No further information available.

## 1902

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

Rest Of County Section:-

Round-1      **August 24, 1902**      **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 1-13 Redmonds 3-4**

Redmonds won the toss, but it was Blackrock who quickly scored a point. It was up and down the field with fast play. Redmonds scored the only goal of the first half, which helped them to lead one goal and three points to four points.

In the second half, Blackrock made all the early running and totted up some impressive points, followed by a goal. Late in the half, Redmonds got through for another goal, but it was too late.

Michael Hayes(c); Tom Moroney; Charlie O'Sullivan; William Dorney; Denis Barry; William Daly; D.Cleary; Tim Collins; Jeremiah Cleary; Jack O'Keeffe; E.Cantillon; J.Hayes; E.Brady; C.Richmond; Dan Dorney; W.Talboy; M.Fenton;

Round-2      **February 1, 1903**      **Queenstown Junction**  
**Churchtown w.o. Blackrock**

On a miserable wet and windy day, Blackrock failed to put in an appearance, the referee awarded the match to Churchtown.

Round-2      **February 22, 1903**      **Carrigtwohill**  
**Blackrock 3-12 Churchtown 1-3**

Churchtown sportingly agreed not to accept a bloodless victory, as was their right, and a very sporting game ensued. Blackrock soon had the measure of their opponents and playing splendidly right through, ran out easy winners.

Michael Hayes(c); John O'Driscoll; Larry Flaherty; William Dorney; John Brady; Dan Dorney; William Daly; Tim Collins; E.Mc.Sweeney; C.O'Leary; Jack O'Keeffe; C.Richmond; W.Talboy; D.Cleary; E.Brady; M.Fenton; J.Collins.

Quarter-Final      **March 8, 1903**      **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 4-6 St.Marys 2-7**

With heavy down pours before and during the second half, both teams put in a good account of themselves despite the heavy conditions.

St.Marys opened the scoring, and it was score for score right throughout the game. Blackrock led by two points at half time and increased it to five by the end.

Michael Hayes(c); William Dorney; John O'Driscoll; Larry Flaherty; John Brady; Dan Dorney; William Daly; Jack O'Keeffe. J.Hayes; W.Talboy; E.Brady; E.Mc.Sweeney; C.Richmond; J.Gillespie; James Flaherty; D.Palmer; J.Collins;

**Semi-Final**                    **April 12, 1903**                    **Turners Cross**  
**St.Finbarrs 1-6 Blackrock 1-3**

A gale force wind made it difficult for both sides. Blackrock had the wind advantage in the first half, but failed to build up a sufficient lead. They led one goal and three points to two points at the break and failed to score in the second half as St.Finbarrs made full use of the wind to advance to the final.

Michael Hayes(c); John O'Driscoll; Larry Flaherty; William Dorney; Paddy O'Brien; Dan Dorney; William Daly; J.Dooley; C.Richmond; D.O'Connell; E.Brady; Jack O'Keeffe; J.Collins; M.Fenton; D.Cleary;

### **Three Club Tournament for Seconds teams**

**April 20, 1902**                    **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 3-8 Redmonds 1-13**

This contest was very fast throughout, and from the commencement the interest of the large gathering of spectators was well maintained. Blackrock were hard pressed at various stages, but their excellent combination helped them considerably. Redmonds gave a very good exhibition, and ought to have scored on a few occasions when openings offered.

C.Richmond(c); T.Talboy, Michael Dorney, Michael Hayes, William Collins, J.O'Sullivan, M.Fenton, J.O'Callaghan, D.Cantillon, Steve Murphy, Charlie O'Sullivan, Michael Huff, John Kidney, D.Brady, J.Russell, J.Daly, Jack O'Keeffe;

### **Cork National Monument Seconds Tournament,**

**Quarter-Final**                    **August 17, 1902**                    **Coachford**  
**Blackrock 4-8 St.Marys 2-6**

St.Marys won the toss and immediately went on the offensive, scoring a point. Blackrock equalized, but then St.Marys scored a goal and continued to dominate the rest of the half, leading two goals and four points to one goal and two points. On the resumption, Blackrock took over and rattled off some impressive scores to run out easy winners. Michael Hayes(c); Charlie O'Sullivan; Tom Moroney; Michael Dorney; John Kidney; Denis Barry; Dan Dorney; Tim Collins; John O'Driscoll; D.Cleary; C.Richmond; J.O'Callaghan; E.Mc.Sweeney; E.Cantillon; Jack O'Keeffe; W.Tallboy; T.O'Sullivan;

**Semi-Final**                    **January 11, 1903**                    **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 5-7 Redmonds 3-4**

Amazing first half which kept the small attendance very much on their toes. Blackrock opened the scoring in the first couple of minutes with a goal. Redmonds replied shortly after with a point followed by a goal. Blackrock scored next, and on it went up and down the field with the forwards on both teams on song. At half time Blackrock led five goals and two points to two goals and two points.

It was no surprise that the second half was slower, as both sides had put in a tremendous and exciting first half display.

Michael Cotter; Tom Moroney; William Dorney; Edward Cotter; Michael Hayes; James Delea; William Daly; Jack O'Keeffe; Tim Collins; C.O'Leary; Larry Flaherty; C.Cullinane; M.Fenton; P.O'Driscoll Jeremiah Cleary; C.Richmond; John Brady.

**Final**                    **December 13, 1903**                    **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 4-5 Evergreen 2-1**

The much delayed final of this 1902 tournament was finally brought to a conclusion over twelve months behind schedule.

The clash was worthwhile as both sides showed some very skillfull hurling despite the poor condition of the ground after recent heavy rain.

Evergreen were first to score with point, but Blackrock hit back with two goals. Then Evergreen replied two of their own, before Blackrock scored again just before half time, leading 3-0 to 2-1. In the second half the young Evergreen team had to give second best to the Rockies.

James Delea(c); William Mackessy; William Dorney; Michael Dorney; Dan Dorney; Larry Flaherty; Paddy O'Brien; P.Shaw; M.Fenton; William Daly; Tim Collins; Dan O'Donoughue; T.Quirke; E.Brady; D.Cleary; M.O'Keeffe; W.Tallboy.

## **1903**

### **County Seconds Hurling Championship**

**Round-1**                    **March 11, 1903**                    **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 7-6 Éire Óg 2-0**

Though Éire Óg tried valiantly, they were no match for a fairly experienced Blackrock side, who led five goals and four points to nil at half time. In the second half both teams went through the motions as Blackrock won easily.

Eugene Cotter; Charlie O'Sullivan; Tom Moroney; Michael Huff; William Dorney; John O'Driscoll; John Brady; Dan O'Donoughue; Stephen Hayes, James Flaherty; E.Brady; W.Talboy; D.Cashman; Tim Collins; J.Collins; T.Quirke; E.McSweeney;

**Round-2**                    **November 22, 1903**                    **Coachford**  
**Blackrock 4-9 Inniscarra 1-3**

Blackrock had this game sown up in the first half as they led three goals and four points to a goal at the break. In fairness to Inniscarra they tried hard and had a few very skillful hurlers.

James Delea; Charlie O'Sullivan; Denis Kidney; Jeremiah O'Leary; Denis Deasy; Michael Hufte; Tom Moroney; William Dorney; John O'Driscoll; Dan Dorney; Dan O'Donoughue; T.Quirke; M.Fenton; E.Brady; J.Collins; D.O'Connell; E.Mc.Sweeney;

**Quarter-Final**                    **January 31, 1904**                    **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 2-12 Redmonds 1-2**

As the score-line suggests, a very one-sided game, with William Mackessy doing the bulk of the scoring.

James Delea; William Mackessy; Charlie O'Sullivan; Edward Cotter; Denis Kidney; Jeremiah O'Leary; Paddy O'Brien; Denis Deasy; William Dorney; Dan Dorney; John Brady; William Daly; T.Quirke; M.Fenton; M.O'Keeffe; D.Cashman Michael Dorney;

**Semi-Final**                    **May 8, 1904**                    **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 1-9 St.Marys 0-7**

An excellent game in perfect conditions, with both sides playing fast and skillful, showing that second teams can produce an enjoyable spectacle.

Although St.Marys were first to score, Blackrock soon got their measure and went in leading by seven points at half time. The second half belonged to St.Marys, but they could not claw back the lead.

James Delea; Charlie O'Sullivan; Larry Flaherty; Paddy O'Brien; Edward Cotter; Seán Murphy; Tom Moroney; Dan Dorney; Denis Deasy; John Brady; William Daly; D.Cashman; M.O'Keeffe; E.Brady; Michael Dorney; Tim Collins; T.Quirke;

**Final**                    **June 26, 1904**                    **Turners Cross**  
**St.Finbarrs 3-16 Blackrock 4-6**

1903 County seconds hurling championship final, very much behind schedule, still saw a large attendance gathered to witness these two fierce opponents, even if it was only their second teams.

St.Finbarrs started strongly and had a goal in the first couple of minutes.

They controlled most passages of play and scored freely leading a goal and nine points to three points at half time. Still the Rockies were undaunted and on the resumption scored a goal and a point to make an exciting second half with the St.Finbarrs running out deserving winners.

James Delea(c); Larry Flaherty; Tom Moroney; Charlie O'Sullivan; Paddy O'Brien; Edward Cotter; Seán Murphy; Denis Deasy; Dan Dorney; William Daly; T.Quirke; Michael Dorney; M.O'Keefe; E.Brady; D.O'Connell; P.McGrath; D.Cleary.

**St.Finbarrs:-** Denis Hartnett; Eugene Long; Denis Sheehan; John Cotter; David Hurley; John Twomey; Eugene McCarthy; C.McSweeney@; C.O'Leary; D.Long; J.Kelleher; W.Mullins; D.McCarthy; D.Mullins; J.Spillane; J.Fitzpatrick;

### **Cobh Seconds Tournament**

**Quarter-Final**      **April 19, 1903**      **Carrignafoy**  
**Blackrock v Inniscarra**

No account of result

**Semi-final**      **January 17, 1904**      **Carrignafoy**  
**Blackrock v Evergreen**

No account of result or game.

**Final**      **June 19, 1904**      **Carrignafoy**  
**St.Finbarrs 4-10 Blackrock 2-4**

St.Finbarrs secured victory with a first half display that had Blackrock totally outclassed. They scored four first half goals which settled them for a containing second half as they won comfortably.

Dan Dorney; Tom Coughlan; Dan O'Donoghue; Edward Cotter; John Brady; Paddy O'Brien; Denis Buckley; William Daly; Michael Dorney; D.Cleary; P.O'Riordan; E.Cantillon; D.Cashman; D.O'Connell; W.Collins; J.Fitzgearld; Tim Collins;

### **Blackrock & Nils Seconds Tournament**

**Quarter-Final**      **August 30, 1903**      **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 5-14 Inniscarra 1-2**

On a wet and misty day, Blackrock completely out classed Inniscarra, with the great majority of their scores coming from newcomer William Mackessy, who played an excellent game and should be worth his place on the first team.

James Delea, C.Richmond, Larry Flaherty, T.Quirke, William Daly, Michael Dorney, D.O'Connell, Dan Dorney, Dan O'Donoghue, Tom Moroney, Tim Collins, E.McSweeney, W.Talboy, John Brady, S.Collins, William Mackessy, Michael Huffe.

**Semi-Final**      **November 6, 1904**      **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 4-6 Sinn Féin 3-6**

Blackrock were the better team but nearly let it slip as Sinn Féin came back late in the game with two goals, but time ran out for them. Charlie O'Sullivan; William Huffe; John Brady; Tom Moloney; Dan Dorney; Dan O'Donoghue; James Flaherty; Seán Murphy; William Daly; W.Collins; J.Fitzgearld; E.Brady W.Talboy; C.Richmond; M.Twomey; M.O'Keefe;

## **1904**

### **County Seconds Hurling Championship**

**Quarter-Final**      **Dungourney w.o. Blackrock;**  
Blackrock decided not to partake in the county championships this year.

### **St.Stephens Day Exhibition**

**January 3, 1904**      **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 0-4 Redmonds 0-1**

The original fixture was to have been played on St.Stephens day but darkness forced the match to be re-fixed.

The match started brightly with Blackrock in command scoring four rapid points. After about fifteen minutes elapsed, a torrential downpour forced the abandonment of the match.

James Delea; Charlie O'Sullivan; Paddy O'Brien; William Dorney; William Daly; Denis Deasy; William Mackessy; Edward Cotter; Jeremiah O'Leary; D.Cashman; Tim Collins; D.O'Conner; Dan Dorney; T.Quirke; Michael Dorney; M.Fenton; E.Brady.

**Replay-**      **January 10, 1904**      **Turners Cross**  
**Redmonds 3-4 Blackrock 1-4**

At third time of asking this invitation tie was decided. Blackrock began promisingly and led for long periods, but Redmonds hit three second half goals to run out worthy winners.

James Delea; Tom Moroney; Charlie O'Sullivan; Dan Dorney; Denis Deasy; Dan O'Donoghue; John Brady; William Daly; Michael Dorney; T.Quirke; M.O'Keefe; W.Talboy; W.Collins; D.O'Conner; E.Brady; D.Cleary; D.Cashman.

### **Riverstown Seconds Tournament**

**Round-1**      **January 24, 1904**      **Riverstown**  
**Blackrock v Sinn Féin**

No account of game available.

**Quarter-Final**      **March 13, 1904**      **Riverstown**  
**Blackrock 3-9 St.Marys 0-4**

Had it not been for the slippery nature of the ground, this match would have provided a splendid complement to the day's sport. As it was however, Blackrock has matters pretty much their own way, and kept the men from Blackpool almost on the defensive during the whole time.

James Delea, William Daly, M.Fenton, Denis Deasy, F.Walsh, E.Brady, J.Brady, Charlie O'Sullivan, Michael Dorney, Michael Brady, Tim Collins, S.Collins, D.Cleary, P.McCarthy, M.O'Keefe, Dan O'Donohue, C.Buckley.

**Semi-Final**      **April 23, 1905**      **Riverstown**  
**Blackrock 3-11 Sarsfields 0-5**

Blackrock won the toss and elected to play with the wind in their favour. They quickly settled into the game and had things pretty much their own way for most of the game. Blackrock led 1-7 to a point at the break, and continued to dominate for the remainder of the match.

E.Cronin, Edward Cotter, Michael Hayes, Tom Moroney, Paddy Mehigan, D.O'Connor, E.Brady, John Brady, Tim Collins, Dan O'Donoghue, Philip Maher, J.Fitzgerald, D.Coughlan, E.Cantillon, John Delaney, Barry Murphy, William Daly.

**Final**      **May 6, 1906**      **Riverstown**  
**Blackrock v Redmonds**

No account of game available.

### **Butter Exchange Band fund.**

**May 22, 1904**      **Turners Cross**  
**Blackrock 1-11 St.Marys 1-2**

Two weeks after their 1903 county championship encounter, these sides met again, with a very exciting clash. The first half was very close, with Blackrock leading 0-4 to a point at the break. During the second half, Blackrock played with the incline, and were well on top. Heavy rain spoilt the entertainment during this period.

## **1905**

No county championships were held this year as the 1904 championships were so far behind schedule.

## **1906**

### **County Seconds Hurling Championship**

**Cork City Section:-**  
**Round-1**      **September 9, 1906**      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**St.Finbarrs 2-4 Blackrock 1-5**

A most disappointing day for Blackrock began with the second team playing one of their poorest games to date. Nothing seemed to their way, whilst at the same time St.Finbarrs were not a whole lot better. It was level at half time, and although the second half was strenuously contested a second goal by the Barrs was enough to win.

Fred Richmond; Patrick O'Callaghan; William Cox; Matthew Hayes; Denis Deasy; Patrick Hannigan; John Shanahan; Tim O'Keefe; James Flaherty;

John Brady; Dan O'Donoghue; William Daly; Michael O'Leary; William Carey; E.Cantillon; W.Heffernan;

## 1907

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

**Cork City Section:-**

**May 22, 1907**

At a meeting of the club, it was unanimously decided not to play Redmonds in both the senior and seconds hurling championship next Sunday, as six of the senior team would be in Dublin playing football in an inter-firm match against a Dublin inter-firm selection.

**May 26, 1907**

Cork county board awarded Redmonds walk-overs in both senior and seconds hurling championships as Blackrock failed to play, following a dispute over the unavailability of some players elected to play in Dublin on the same day.

**May 28, 1907**

Blackrock appeal to Munster council to have championship match against Redmonds played.

**June 23, 1907**

An appeal from the decision of the county board in awarding the senior championship match to Redmonds was discussed at the Munster council meeting. William Parfrey represented Blackrock. After a long discussion, it was decided the secretary write to the secretary of the Central council asking if he gave permission to the holding of the intercounty interfirm match.

**July 30, 1907**

Blackrock have appealed to the Central council from the decision of the Munster council regarding their match for the county championship.

**August 18, 1907**

Central council meeting in Thurles.

The appeal of Blackrock against the Munster council was heard, William Parfrey representing Blackrock.

After a long discussion Mr.Fraher proposed , and Mr. D.J.Gorey seconded, that the Cork county board be asked to re-fix the county championship match v Redmonds, on the ground that it was hard to deprive Blackrock for a small matter from taking part in the county championship.

Mr.Tom Dooley proposed and Mr.J.Harrington seconded that the decision of the Munster council be upheld, as they maintained unless they had discipline it would be impossible to work the organisation.

On a division, Messrs, Dooley, Harrington and Crowe voted for the amendment, and Messrs. Fraher, Gorey, Maher, and the chairman voted for the proposition which was declared carried.

**Semi-Final                      September 1, 1907                      Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Redmonds 2-4 Blackrock 0-5**

In a drenching downpour, both sides had a very difficult time in trying to make this an interesting match. Redmonds were worthy winners as they adapted to the conditions better.

Daniel O'Donoghue; Patrick Hannigan; Maurice Buckley; Edward Cotter; William Daly; John Mehigan; John Delaney; Thomas Cox; Michael Duggan; Denis O'Brien; Timmy Murphy; Matthew Hayes; Patrick Ahern; Philip Maher; William Carey; John Walsh; John Madden.

### Southern Challenge Cup

**July 21, 1907**

**Ballinhassig**  
**Blackrock beat Ballymartle**

## 1908

### County Seconds Hurling Championship

**Round-1                      May 24, 1908                      Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 10-20 St.Marys 0-0**

As the score-line suggests, this was over long before the final whistle. John Walsh, John Delaney, Charlie O'Sullivan, John Madden, Michael Fitzgerald, J.Lyons, J.Coughlan, Paddy Ahern, John Mehigan, William Hufe, Michael Duggan, W.Barry, M.Fitzgerald, C.Hayes, C.Kidney, L.Cotter, M.Kidney;

**Quarter-Final                      June 14, 1908                      Carrignafoy**  
**Blackrock beat Shamrocks**

Shamrocks were awarded the match as a Blackrock player whose name was not on the register of the County board, though his name was on the team list given to the referee.

John Walsh, M. O'Leary, John Delaney, Charlie O'Sullivan, John Madden Michael Fitzgerald, J.Lyons, J.Coughlan, Paddy Ahern, John Mehigan, Paddy Mehigan, William Hufe, Michael Duggan, C.Hayes, W.Barry, M.Fitzgerald, D.O'Callaghan, T.O'Keefe, W.Fehilly, William Daly, L.Cotter; Shamrocks agreed to a replay, but at their own grounds at Shanbally

**Replay-                      July 12, 1908                      Shanbally**  
**Shamrocks 2-11 Blackrock 0-8**

Blackrock refused to play for the championship, as the pitch was not marked properly, and there were no linesmen. They played a friendly instead. Shamrocks were awarded the match by the county board.