

# 1910

## County Senior Hurling Championship

**Quarter-Final**      **April 3, 1910**      **Riverstown**  
**Blackrock 1-8 Carrigtwohill 1-3**

A small crowd witnessed this opening championship game of the season. The weather was shocking with several showers of sleet rendering it most difficult for both sides. Blackrock settled best in the first half with Tom Coughlan, Andy Fitzgerald, William Mackessy and Michael Kidney, goal scorer, all performing to the best of their ability. Leading by six points at half time, conditions became worse in the second half as scores dried up, although Carrigtwohill did manage a second half goal.

Tom Coughlan; William Mackessy; Andy Fitzgerald; Andy Buckley; Denis Barry; Stephen O'Riordan; Tom O'Riordan; Charlie O'Sullivan; Michael Dorney; Paddy Mehigan; Walter Parfrey; Barry Murphy; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Kidney; Larry Flaherty; John Madden; Denis Kidney;

**Semi-Final**      **June 19, 1910**      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 4-1 Redmonds 1-1**

On a beautiful day for hurling, a crowd of almost three thousand gathered for this eagerly awaited clash. Blackrock had matter's all their own way in the first half, with two goals from Charlie O'Sullivan and the third from Paddy O'Brien. The Redmond's goalie, Joe O'Reilly was one of the busiest men on the field, denying Blackrock many more scores. At the other end, the Blackrock defense led by Tom Coughlan, were completely on top as Blackrock led three goals to nil at half time. Redmond's made a better effort in the second half, but the first scores came to Blackrock where Andy Buckley scored a goal and Denis Kidney added a point. Redmond's only scores came very late as a consolation.

Tom Coughlan; Andy Buckley; William Mackessy; Tom O'Riordan; Stephen O'Riordan; Cornelius Ronayne; Andy Fitzgerald; Michael Kidney; Jeremiah Deasy; Larry Flaherty; Charlie O'Sullivan; Denis Barry; Denis Kidney; Barry Murphy; John Madden; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Dorney;

**Final**      **August 8, 1910**      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 6-3 Dungourney 3-1**

Examiner report:- Upwards of seven thousand spectators assembled at the Cork Athletic Grounds yesterday afternoon to witness the match between Blackrock and Dungourney in the final of the County Senior hurling championship for the present year. During the different stages of the competition, both teams displayed excellent form, and it was not surprising that the sole topic of conversation, not alone in the city, but throughout the county should have been about this contest. There was much speculation as to which seventeen would prove victorious, and as a consequence the attendance reached record dimensions. Special trains were run over the different rail centers and these brought large companies of visitors who were eager to witness the game in the city. Glorious weather was associated with the proceedings, and thanks to the excellent arrangements that were made by the Cork County Board, everything was carried out without the slightest hitch. From the moment that the eleven turnstiles at the spacious enclosure were opened and the game commenced, there was a steady stream of people into the grounds and at no time was there the slightest congestion at the entrances. This may be placed to the credit of the excellent arrangements made with regard to the sale of tickets, these being disposed of along the route to the grounds. In this way the only work left to the staff at the turnstiles was the collection of tickets. At the close of the match, it was announced that the receipts amounted to the substantial sum of two hundred and twenty five pounds. The ground was found to be in excellent order, while the game proved to be one of the most exciting and interesting witnessed in Cork for some time. Last year Dungourney gained a rather easy victory over Blackrock, and the latter were determined to wipe out

that defeat. The seventeen selected to do duty for the club had been training hard for some time, but Dungourney also paid attention to practice work and were confident that they would repeat their victory of the previous year. Their calculations were upset as Blackrock asserted their superiority in a striking manner and eventually gained a good victory. Blackrock played splendidly in every department and their victory was thoroughly deserved. They set a very fast pace from start to finish, and it was evident in the closing stages of the game that they were better trained than Dungourney. It was a splendid game as the exhibition of hurling on both sides was clever and clean and the game fought in a most friendly spirit. It is right to mention that the nets were fixed behind the goal posts for the match, and these proved of extreme advantage. The Cork Pipers Band was in attendance and discoursed an interesting selection of national airs.

First half:- Blackrock won the toss and elected to play from the city end with a slight wind in their favour and the sun at their backs. The players on both sides heartily cheered the High Sherriff before he threw in the ball, and the game commenced at ten minutes past three. Blackrock had the better of the start as Charlie O'Sullivan captured the ball, and hotly pursued by Hennessy and Jamsey Kelleher he dribbled to within ten yards of the Dungourney goal. He was however overtaken by Jamsey Kelleher, who checked his shot and then cleared. At midfield Tom Garde received and put in a nice dribble along the left wing, but he was penalized in the Rockies territory for fouling Denis Kidney. The free was taken by Tom Coughlan, and Michael Dorney doubling it at the centre brought operations to the Dungourney end, where Tom O'Riordan was prominent in trying to break through the opposition, but Jamsey Kelleher effected a splendid clearance. The next item of interest was a great dash by Hennessy to the Blackrock quarter and an equally brilliant save on the part of Tom Coughlan. The next to receive was Larry Flaherty, who sent the leather to Charlie O'Sullivan and he sent it to Andy Buckley, but his shot was well saved, and play returned to midfield. Larry Flaherty received from touch and cleverly raising the leather sent it to Charlie O'Sullivan who placed a point to the credit of Blackrock after play had been in progress four minutes. Encouraged by his success, Michael Dorney who received Jamsey Kelleher's puck out led the Blackrock's forwards to their opponents end and Con Ronayne sent in a nice centre. It was taken by Jeremiah Deasy to William Mackessy and not withstanding a great defense on the part of Jamsey Kelleher and Hennessy, the leather was captured by Charlie O'Sullivan and transferred to Andy Buckley and he landed a fine goal amidst great enthusiasm. Play had now being in progress six minutes. Useful play by Cronin gave Dungourney a footing in the Blackrock territory, and with a long high puck James Ronayne scored a point. Andy Fitzgerald's puck out was doubled by Michael Dorney and in a second Larry Flaherty sent it to Charlie O'Sullivan. He managed to deceive Jamsey Kelleher and had a shot. It was saved by John O'Shea, but before he could clear, Charlie O'Sullivan rushed into the mouth of the goal and brought off Blackrock's second major. On resuming Tom Garde and James Ronayne figured in some combined play on the right wing, but amidst applause Tom Coughlan took the leather from them, and raising it, sent it to Michael Dorney who also managed to take it on his hurley, and with a strong high puck from the centre registered a point. Jamsey Kelleher re-opened, and though Walter Parfrey returned, William Hennessy put his front division in possession and the home goal was placed in danger. Thanks however, to Denis Kidney, Dungourney was unable to penetrate the defense, and once again play was brought to the centre. Doubling work by Jeremiah Deasy, Michael Dorney, Larry Flaherty and William Mackessy was responsible for putting the Dungourney backs on the defensive, but they were equal to the occasion. A brief attack by Dungourney led by James Ronayne and Cronin was repulsed by Stephen O'Riordan, and a moment

later Tom Coughlan who was playing a grand game, held up an attack from a fine drive off the left hand touch line by Pat Leahy. A free to Blackrock in their own territory saw Tom Coughlan send the ball to the Dungourney end, but Jamsey Kelleher cleared, and play was quickly removed to the Rockies quarter. A fine chance was afforded James Ronayne but he blundered in trying to raise the leather, and Michael Dorney changed the scene of attack to the Dungourney quarter. Shortly afterwards however, Dungourney returned to the attack and from a nice centre from James Ronayne, Blackrock's backs were kept busily engaged. Attempt after attempt was made by Jack Kelleher and James Ronayne to upset the defense of Tom Coughlan and Denis Kidney and eventually Andy Fitzgerald was forced to leave his goal and drive the leather to the centre. From here Larry Flaherty sent to Con Roynane who quickly put Charlie O'Sullivan in possession. Andy Buckley came to his assistance, but Jamsey Kelleher nullified their efforts. A further attack opened by Con Roynane and Walter Parfrey was also checked by Jamsey Kelleher and then Maurice O'Shea dribbled to the Blackrock end where Dungourney were awarded a free. It was taken by Jamsey Kelleher who sent the leather into the mouth of the goal, but Denis Barry effected a brilliant save. Larry Flaherty, Michael Dorney and Charlie O'Sullivan now figured in a combined attack on the Dungourney goal, but Jamsey Kelleher and William Hennessy brought off splendid saves, as did Denis Barry and Barry Murphy a few seconds afterwards at the Blackrock end. Dungourney kept up the pressure, and after Andy Fitzgerald had saved a good shot by Timothy Lynch, relief was gained by Denis Barry. Some fine play opened by Con Roynane saw the leather go to James Ronayne. He tried to deceive William Mackessy but failed, and Mackessy dribbled to the Dungourney line on the left hand side before centering. The leather landed at Andy Buckley's feet and he recorded another goal for Blackrock. A fine puck by Jamsey Kelleher went to Jack Kelleher, but his shot went wide. Shortly afterwards Tom Garde received an injury on the head, but the wound was soon bandaged and play continued. Blackrock immediately attacked, but a delay by Michael Kidney lost a certain goal. A free to Blackrock gave the same player another chance, but the shot went wide, and Dungourney then had their turn at attacking. From the right wing, J.Cronin raised the ball and sent it into the mouth of the goal, and Jack Kelleher forced it through for a major score. On resuming Charlie O'Sullivan, William Mackessy, Michael Kidney and Andy Buckley led an attack of the Blackrock forwards, but Jim Desmond and Jamsey Kelleher defended in fine style and brought relief. At the centre Denis Kidney raised the leather and drove the ball about eighty yards to the Dungourney end, but it passed outside, and play returned to midfield, where half time was announced. Blackrock 3-2 Dungourney 1-1.

Second half:- After the interval the slight wind that had prevailed, had ceased and the sun also went down. As soon as they were set in motion, William Hennessy broke away, but he was overtaken by Tom Coughlan, and his efforts to have a shot were frustrated. The leather was however, received by a Dungourney man twenty yards from the Blackrock line, and he made a fine effort to score, the leather just passing outside the net. From the restart, Dungourney again assumed the aggressive and Jim Ronayne got a nice centre, but before Jack Kelleher could have a shot, Tom Coughlan intercepted and sent to touch near midfield. From here Tom O'Mahony sent to Jim Ronayne, and play was brought within close proximity of the Blackrock goal. A great struggle took place between the forwards of Dungourney and the backs of Blackrock, but the latter asserted their superiority and Tom Coughlan sent to Michael Dorney, who had play transferred to the Dungourney quarter. The stay was of short duration, as Jamsey Kelleher with one of his long and strong drives, sent the Dungourney forwards on another visit to the Blackrock quarter. A maul ensued here, and while Andy Fitzgerald had to leave his goal to defend, the leather passed across the mouth of the goal, but William

Hennessy who was close by, missed and a score was lost. Shortly afterwards Dungourney were awarded a free, but Jamsey Kelleher shot wide of the mark. A further attack on the part of Dungourney ensued, and Jack Kelleher had a shot, but it was well saved by Andy Fitzgerald, and James Barry transferred play to the centre. William Mackessy got through some clever work and play was taken to the Dungourney quarter, but William Daly saved in fine style. Martin Collins received, and after putting in a good run along the left wing he centered, and though Tom Coughlan and Andy Fitzgerald looked like relieving, Timothy Lynch got possession, and with a good shot registered a goal for Dungourney amidst applause. From the puck out by Andy Fitzgerald a good dribble was made by Tom O'Riordan, but his centre was captured by Jamsey Kelleher, and his Dungourney forwards returned to the attack. They were however penalized, and a long puck by Tom Coughlan gave Blackrock an opportunity of scoring. The ball went to Charlie O'Sullivan and he had a shot, but one of his own players, Michael Kidney ran against the leather and it went wide. On resuming Michael Dorney raised the leather at the centre and sent it to Charlie O'Sullivan and he deceived Jamsey Kelleher before parting to Andy Buckley. He shot, but it was saved by John O'Shea, but he was unable to clear, and Andy Buckley having another stroke at the leather drove it into the net amidst great excitement. On resuming Tom O'Mahony received at the centre and sent to William Hennessy, but before he could transfer to Jack Kelleher the leather was captured by Denis Barry and sent to midfield. Loud applause now greeted the performance of Stephen O'Riordan in taking the ball from two Dungourney men, raising it and pucking it to Michael Dorney who was playing a determined and steady game at the centre. He transferred Con Ronayne and Larry Flaherty, and Paddy O'Brien also participating in the movement. Jamsey Kelleher and Jim Desmond had their work cut out for them to save the situation, but they succeeded in doing so. Splendid defense play by Denis Barry, Tom Coughlan and Barry Murphy upset a good attack by Dungourney forwards, but they again pressed and had to be conceded a seventy yards puck. Jamsey Kelleher's puck however went wide. From the puck out Tom O'Mahony gave Dungourney another footing in the Rockies territory, but Denis Barry took the leather right the attackers and cleared. Good doubling work from one of the field to the other by Denis Kidney, Tom O'Riordan, Michael Dorney, William Mackessy and Charlie O'Sullivan terminated by Andy Buckley receiving on the right wing close to the goal, but it was too difficult an angle from which to score. Shortly afterwards Charlie O'Sullivan raised the ball over his head at the Dungourney end but it went outside. Shortly afterwards Jim Ronayne got hurt, but was able to continue. A nice high puck by Denis Kidney went to William Mackessy, and Charlie O'Sullivan worked hard to improve Blackrock's lead, but the play of Jamsey Kelleher was very sound, and he quickly cleared. From the left hand touch line the ball came to Con Ronayne and he took it on the hop, but it missed the scoring margin. On resuming Michael Collins sent the Dungourney forwards attacking, and from the right wing Jack Kelleher got in a good centre William Hennessy was waiting for the ball near the goal, and catching it in his left hand, drove into the goal with a shot that could not be stopped. Good play by William Daly enabled Dungourney to pay another visit to the Blackrock end, but Stephen O'Riordan held up the rush, and he along with Michael Dorney also stopped another attack led by Patrick Fleming some minutes after. Jeremiah Deasy, Paddy O'Brien and William Mackessy were then responsible for an attack by Blackrock, and though J.Cronin cleared Denis Kidney, who was playing his usual good consistent game, sent the leather down to Larry Flaherty and he doubled it to the Dungourney territory. Michael Dorney quickly had Con Ronayne set in motion and Paddy O'Brien and Michael Kidney rendering assistance, William Mackessy received near the Dungourney goal and raised the green flag with a great shot. A short delay was now occasioned by Denis

Kidney receiving an injury to his leg. From the restart Michael Dorney with a well directed puck, sent to Charlie O'Sullivan and he brought off a nice point with a puck twenty yards from the line. On resuming, William Mackessy figured in another attack on the Dungourney territory, but Jamsey Kelleher saved Dungourney, who appeared to be tiring towards the close, were now repeatedly called upon to defend, and Jamsey Kelleher and Jim Desmond proved equal to the frequent visits that were paid to their end by the Blackrock forwards, Play was proceeding in the Dungourney quarter when the full time whistle sounded, leaving Blackrock winners of a fast and interesting game on the score.

Tom Coughlan(c); Andy Fitzgerald; Cornelius Ronayne; William Mackessy; Walter Parfrey; Tom O'Riordan; Jeremiah Deasy; Stephen O'Riordan; Andy Buckley; Barry Murphy; Denis Barry; Larry Flaherty; Michael Dorney; Denis Kidney; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Kidney; Charlie O'Sullivan.

**Dungourney:-** Jamsey Kelleher; Jim Ronayne; John Lawton; John Daly; Jeremiah Desmond; Thomas Garde; John Kelleher; Timothy Lynch; John O'Shea; Patrick Leahy; Tom O'Mahony; Martin Collins; George Buckley; Patrick Fleming; William Fleming; William Hennessy; Maurice O'Shea; William Daly;

### Ballincollig Hurling Tournament

**Round-1**                      **June 25, 1910**                      **Ballincollig**  
**St.Finbarrs 6-1 Blackrock 3-5**

Both sides were short some regulars, but despite that it was a most enter-taining match. St.Finbarrs had the better of the early exchanges and raced into an early lead. Blackrock had a plentiful supply of chances themselves as the first half progressed, but failed to make use of the most of them. Despite that fact they managed to be on level terms at the break. As the second half progressed St.Finbarrs once again gained the imitative and with the early scores this time their defense held firm and they ran out deserving winners.

Tom Coughlan; Andy Buckley; Denis Kidney; Michael Dorney; Cornelius Ronayne; Barry Murphy; William Mackessy; Charlie O'Sullivan; Maurice Buckley; Larry Flaherty; Paddy O'Brien; John Madden; Jeremiah Deasy; Michael Kidney; Thomas Cox; William Dorney; Denis Barry;

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### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Quarter-Final**                      **14-5-1911**                      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 5-0 Dungourney 1-1**

It was estimated that over nine thousand spectators assembled to witness a tussle between these two giants of club hurling. A number of civic dignitaries along with the Lord Mayor, who threw in the ball, gathered for this hugely anticipated clash. Dungourney began in style putting up attack after attack. The Rockies defence were under fierce pressure, but Larry Flaherty, Jeremiah Deasy, Con Ronayne Paddy O'Brien, and Tom Coughlan dealt with almost everything that was thrown at them. Eventually the pressure paid off as Dungourney opened the scoring with a goal after ten minutes. Blackrock were finding to make headway against a Jamsey Kelleher inspired Dungourney, but great work by Paddy O'Brien and Patrick Ahern made an opening for Charlie O'Sullivan to equalise. This had a settling effect on the Rockies and they then began to play in the style expected of them and soon after Charlie O'Sullivan was again on hand to cleverly raise the leather and score his second goal. Blackrock now began to get the upper hand, but a scrimmage near the Dungourney square, saw Tom O'Riordan get sent off. Even down to sixteen men, Blackrock kept up the pressure and Andy Buckley rushed into the goal mouth to dispossess the defenders for Blackrock's third goal as half time approached. The second half belonged to Blackrock, but without doubt the top

performance came from Jamesey Kelleher, who almost single handed repulsed attack after attack from the many forays into the Dungourney defence. Blackrock did manage two more goals through Andy Buckley, both coming from his unique timing and opportunistic instinct. Tom Coughlan; Andy Fitzgerald; Charlie O'Sullivan; Jeremiah Deasy; Tom O'Riordan; Con Ronayne; William Mackessy; Barry Murphy; Denis Kidney; Denis Barry; Stephen O'Riordan; Michael Dorney; John Madden; Larry Flaherty; Paddy O'Brien; Patrick Aherne; Andy Buckley.

**Semi-Final**                      **June 11, 1911**                      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 2-4 St.Finbarrs 2-3**

Played in delightful weather, it is no exaggeration to say that this was the most interesting and well contested county championship seen for many years. Clean swift and faultless hurling was played by both sides. Blackrock made the initial forays into the Barrs defence, but Harrington in goal made two marvellous saves. After ten minutes the first score, a goal was scored by the Barrs, to be followed shortly by a point. Blackrock went on the offensive again and continued to try for goals, but time after time their efforts were in vain. Eventually after great work by Larry Flaherty and Charlie O'Sullivan, Michael Kidney succeeded in opening the Blackrock account with a point. This was the spur his side needed and after several near misses Andy Buckley was on hand to lash home a goal through a scrimmage of players. Blackrock kept up the pressure as half time approached and William Mackessy put them in front with a point. Just on the stroke of half time the Barrs equalised to set up a most interesting second half.

Blackrock forced things straight from the throw in and after a few minutes Michael Dorney registered a point. Play from both sides was now amazing, as a period of doubling and ground play followed, with both defences under fierce pressure. The Barrs were in front with a point before they increased it further with a well worked goal. Larry Flaherty, Tom O'Riordan, Michael Dorney and Jeremiah Deasy were now doing their utmost to get Blackrock back on terms as the game went a long time without a score as the Barrs forwards continued to press to put the game beyond the Rockies reach, but were forced back each time until Michael Dorney, placed by Larry Flaherty, scored a point. Shortly after, the Barrs again tried for a goal and from the clearance Charlie O'Sullivan managed to poke home the leather in a maul. Minutes from the end, Nolan had a chance to equalise, but one the Blackrock defenders threw his hurley to distract him and he mishit it, an action which the referee was unable to see.

Tom Coughlan; Andy Fitzgerald; Barry Murphy; Charlie O'Sullivan; Con Ronayne; William Mackessy; Tom O'Riordan; Denis Kidney; Stephen O'Riordan; John Madden; Larry Flaherty; Jeremiah Deasy; Michael Dorney; Paddy O'Brien; Denis Barry; Michael Kidney; Andy Buckley.

**Final**                      **December 11, 1911**                      **Riverstown**  
**Blackrock 3-2 Aghabullogue 0-0**

Examiner report:- The long delayed county final has at last been decided, in with which the Cork County Board has been responsible for much of the delay by not asserting their authority over club interests. With anything approaching proper management, the fixtures should have been played in mid summer, but there was a question of neutral venue raised as a result of which Aghabullogue came badly out of the tussle. They had to travel a longway to keep their arrangement yesterday, but against desperate odds they adhered to the agreement come what may. The contest started with the most commendable punctuality and it was touch and go up to the last five minutes. Not withstanding the heavy condition of the ground, the display was altogether in favour of Aghabullogue whose forwards however ruined their chances of success be repeatedly sending wide. Shortly from the start of the first half the Rockies got through for a goal, but this fact did not take a shake out of the Aghabullogue men, who played with great dash, but when it came to the

matter of scoring they were not unluckily in it. And more was the pity, because their backs and centrefield men were excellent. The first half closed, the Rockies showing the way. It was either sides game up to the last five minutes, when Blackrock had matters to their liking, and won the game by three goals and two points to nil. Perhaps the result did not make much difference to the Aghabullogue men, for had they won they could not, owing to an extra ordinary ruling of the County Board have entered for more ambitious honours. The attendance was, as anticipated, on the small side for such an important fixture as the hurling final of the county, and for this the members of the Cork County Board are much to blame by not bringing off the event in more seasonable weather. First half, Aghabullogue won the toss, but there was little to choose in the prevailing conditions, beyond the fact that the field was decidedly bad. The game had not been long in progress when Michael Kidney got through for a goal for Blackrock. This was effected immediately on the start and naturally put the Rockies in great form. However, the Aghabullogue men were not downhearted, and fought every in of the ground with their opponents. After a good deal of missing, William O'Mahony sent Aghabullogue attacking, but Jeremiah Deasy quickly returned, and Patrick O'Mahony following up well, Barry Murphy sent in a fine scoring shot. In the next bout, Con Ronayne gave Blackrock a great chance of a score, but the leather went dead. After the shot was sent out, Healy sent in a telling shot and play was carried to the Rockies ground where Denis Kidney and Con Ronayne put in some fine play. Aghabullogue pressed, but Tom O'Riordan and William Mackessy saved well. In the next encounter Patrick O'Mahony did some great work for Aghabullogue, who were awarded a seventy. He took the free, but nothing came of it. The game had soon to be suspended owing to an injury to Pat Buckley of Aghabullogue who had to go off and his place was taken by Maurice Murphy. On resuming, Aghabullogue forced the play, and a series of dangerous rushes were neutralized by Hickey, who saved the Aghabullogue posts in brilliant fashion. The bout ended in a seventy to Blackrock, taken by Tom Coughlan, who badly muffed, and Aghabullogue eventually sent over. A good shot by Patrick O'Mahony, who did great work for Aghabullogue, was replied to with effect by Larry Flaherty, and the tussle wound up with William Mackessy missing the net by inches. So far, the game was entirely in favour of Aghabullogue, who played with great dash, their centrefield men and backs working like trojans, but the scoring line was completely off colour. An exciting bout finished up by Andy Buckley distinguishing himself by Blackrock getting a seventy. William Dorney took the shot, and the defence by Aghabullogue was all that could be desired. Patrick O'Mahony cleared in fine fashion, and D.Murphy followed up, putting Blackrock on their mettle. The defence was very sound, and the ball went dead. From the delivery, Aghabullogue had the advantage, D.Healy had a try for a score, but missed by inches. In the ensuing onslaught, Aghabullogue were in a tight corner, but Crowley, who played a consistently fine game, saved the situation by a telling long field drive. The play was now characterized by frequent visitations to each end of the field, in which Aghabullogue more than held their own. The game was particularly fast and most exiting, not withstanding the fact that the ground was not quite favourable to such a display, as the recent heavy rain had left the ground distinctly on the heavy side. Aghabullogue had placed their opponents in many difficulties, but the scoring line was not able to get there. After a lot of give and take play, Tom O'Riordan got possession and covered a lot of ground along the right wing, and Stephen O'Riordan, who played right through an admirable game, dispatched Blackrock on an attacking mission, only to be met with a marvelous defence by Crowley who repeatedly saved. Closing on the full time, Blackrock had some narrow escapes, the Aghabullogue men rallying time and eft their opponents stronghold. An exciting half hour finished up with Blackrock showing the way, a goal to nil.

The score in the first half could not be accepted as indicating the merits of the teams, for had Aghabullogue proved successful of many of their incursions the first half would have given them a distinct lead. Blackrock pressed, and Crowley saved in vigorous style, after which a series of long field exchanges were witnessed. Aghabullogue got possession, but William Dorney came to the rescue and Halloran circumvented letting Aghabullogue back again. Barry Murphy frustrated and soon after play had to be suspended owing to an injury to Maurice Murphy, Aghabullogue. On resuming, the Aghabullogue men put in some fine work, in which both O'Mahony's shone, with the Healy's, Moynihan and Halloran giving a good account of themselves. On the Rockies side, William Mackessy, Stephen O'Riordan, Tom O'Riordan, Larry Flaherty, Con Ronayne, Denis Kidney, Andy Buckley, Jeremiah Deasy and William Dorney appeared to much advantage. Another vigorous attack by Aghabullogue went wide, after which Blackrock came along, but the efforts to get through the opposing backs failed. The match now became doubly exciting and the pace which was maintained showed no slackening. Aghabullogue again scaled their opponents and missed the objective by the narrowest conceivable margin. Another chance offered Aghabullogue, but William Mackessy quite destroyed the project. In turn Blackrock attacked, but the movement was spoiled by Moynihan who played an excellent game for Aghabullogue. Barry Murphy saved some dangerous rushes on the Blackrock posts, and Jeremiah Deasy gave valuable aid. Very determined attacks ensued, which were met with equal stubbornness. Charlie O'Sullivan got through for a minor and then William Mackessy followed suit. Blackrock were slowly but surely asserting themselves, and when Andy Buckley in the nest encounter pulled off a goal it was about all up with the Aghabullogue men. It was now close on full time with Blackrock going well and having the match well in hand. No way discouraged, the Aghabullogue seventeen fought gallantly to the finish and not withstanding their fine display, they could not secure a place on the scoring sheet, and the full time whistle went with Blackrock as winners.

Tom Coughlan©; William Mackessy; Barry Murphy; Denis Barry; Stephen O'Riordan; Larry Flaherty; John Madden; William Dorney; Con Ronayne; Paddy O'Brien; Jeremiah Deasy; Charlie O'Sullivan; Michael Kidney; Andy Buckley; Denis Kidney; Tom O'Riordan; Patrick Aherne.

**Aghabullogue:-** Michael Lynch; Timothy Manning; William O'Mahony; Dan M.Murphy; Maurice M.Murphy; Denis Healy; Dan Healy; Frank Murphy; Jack Crowley; Daniel Buckley; Pat O'Mahony; Mick Moynihan; Dan O'Halloran; Daniel Hegarty; Jack Healy; P.Buckley; J.O'Regan;

#### Egan Cup

February 19, 1911

Cork Athletic Grounds

**Blackrock 3-3 Sarsfields 3-3**

The very strong wind played a major part in this result, as neither side managed to score while playing against it. Blackrock with the aid of the wind were slow to settle, but once Charlie O'Sullivan opened the scoring with a point, it was attack after attack up to half time. William Mackessy scored two goals, and points coming from William Dorney and Michael Dorney. The second was mainly all Sarsfields although the Blackrock defense held out until the final minute when Sarsfields equalized. Tom Coughlan; Stephen O'Riordan; William Mackessy; Christopher Hayes; Denis Barry, Michael Dorney; Michael Kidney; Charlie O'Sullivan; John Madden, Barry Murphy; Cornelious Ronayne; Patrick O'Brien; William Dorney; James Dorney; Jeremiah Deasy; Andy Buckley; Larry Flaherty;

#### Roche Cup

March 10, 1912

Cork Athletic Grounds

**Blackrock 2-1 Redmonds 1-0**

Torrential rain spoiled this encounter as Blackrock captured this valuable cup, donated by A.Roche MP. Blackrock made the early running and a

goal by Michael Kidney set them in motion. This was followed shortly by Michael Dorney adding a point. Redmonds attacked later but the found very strong resistance from the Rockies rear guard. There was no further scoring up to half time, and as the second half progressed, Redmonds had some good efforts, but each time the Rockies defence were up to the task. Blackrock eventually got going again and a good break through the Redmonds midfield, and Paddy O'Brien scored a magnificent goal to give his side a clear lead. Redmonds to their credit, never gave up and were rewarded with a goal late in the game.

Andy Buckley; Barry Murphy; Denis Barry; Con Ronayne; Jeremiah Deasy; Patrick O'Brien; Michael Kidney; Michael Cotter; Sean Óg Murphy; John Madden; William Dorney; Thomas Cox; Michael Dorney; Pat McCarthy; William O'Keeffe; John Mehigan; John Higgins

## 1912

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Quarter-Final**      **May 5, 1912**      **Coachford**  
**Blackrock 2-1 Cloughduv 2-1**

Played in torrential rain, the pitch was slippery and difficult to play any type of good hurling. Blackrock appeared to treat their opponents lightly and were nearly caught at the end by a very determined Cloughduv who played a good game. Blackrock settled first, but found score difficult to come by due to the conditions, however Michael Kidney did manage a goal after a few near misses. Towards the end of the half, he scored a point as Blackrock led a goal and a point to nil. In the second-half, Cloughduv on strong and soon equalised. Midway through the half, William Mackessy got through for a great goal to send the Rockies in front again, but back came Cloughduv to score a goal themselves. The last ten minutes were frantic as both sides tried for the winner, with Cloughduv equalising in the last minute.

Andy Buckley; Barry Murphy; William Mackessy; Andy Fitzgerald; Denis Barry; William Dorney; Larry Flaherty; Michael Dorney; John Mehigan; Jeremiah Deasy; Michael O'Mahony; Stephen O'Riordan; Seán Óg Murphy; Thomas Cox; Pat McCarthy; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Kidney;

**Replay**      **June 9, 1912**      **Bandon.**  
**Blackrock 4-4 Cloughduv 2-1**

Andy Buckley; Barry Murphy; Denis Kidney; William Dorney; Denis Barry; Larry Flaherty; Michael Dorney; Seán Óg Murphy, Jeremiah Deasy; Andy Fitzgerald; Con Ronayne; John Madden; Thomas Cox; Charlie O'Sullivan; Michael Kidney; Paddy O'Brien; Tom O'Riordan

An enormous crowd turned up at the Bandon venue, but the arrangements by the host club could not cope with the crowd, as were impatient in getting into see the match and with only one entrance, they broke down the gate and hundreds get in for free. The rope around the field of play was knocked down with many spectators encroaching onto the field of play. Blackrock controlled matters in the first half, leading three goals and three points to a point at the break. The goals coming from Andy Buckley, Jeremiah Deasy and Paddy O'Brien. As the second half progressed, Cloughduv got on top and made several attempts for goals, but Andy Fitzgerald was in inspiring form, saving several stingers and making valuable clearances. Late in the half Michael Kidney made an opening and scored a great goal to kill off the Cloughduv challenge. Top performances for Blackrock came from Andy Fitzgerald, Andy Buckley, Denis Barry, Michael Kidney, Larry Flaherty, Jeremiah Deasy, Paddy O'Brien, Michael and William Dorney.

**Semi-Final**      **August 11, 1912**      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 1-7 St.Finbarrs 1-2**

A crowd of over four thousand turned up for this exciting and brilliant exposition game of hurling. Both sides fought a fine hard game with

neither giving an inch. The first half was most exciting as in the very first attack the Barrs gave away a free, which William Dorney pointed. Following this a series of Barrs attacks yield nothing, as Barry Murphy and Con Ronayne kept them at bay. The Barrs then missed a free and from the puck out, Thomas Cox gathered and pointed. Back came the Barrs again, where once again Barry Murphy made some good clearances. They did win a free and got their first point. Shortly after they had a great chance of a goal, but Andy Fitzgerald saved magnificently. Following some hard play in midfield and a hold up for some minor injuries, Blackrock won a free, which William Dorney pointed again. Then came the best time for the Barrs, a mistake in midfield left them in for a point, which was almost immediately followed by a goal to put them in front against the run of play. The Rockies responded admirably, with the next charge they won a seventy, which William Dorney pointed. Close on half time William Mackessy, from a tight angle, fired over the equaliser. In the second half, scoring was at a premium, Blackrock did score early from another pointed free by William Dorney, but from here to the last ten minutes the play was up and down the field with everyone giving every last ounce of strength to claim victory. During this period the outstanding men for the Rockies were Barry Murphy, Con Ronayne, Jeremiah Deasy, Paddy O'Brien, Michael Dorney, Larry Flaherty and Michael Kidney. When the next score came it was a point from Paddy O'Brien. This gave the Rockies a two point advantage, but then victory was assured when a great blockdown by William Dorney was sent to William Mackessy, who outwitted the Barrs defence to score Blackrock's only goal.

Andy Buckley; Barry Murphy; Seán Óg Murphy; John Mehigan; Denis Barry; William Mackessy; William Dorney; Thomas Cox; Michael Dorney; Andy Fitzgerald; Con Ronayne; Paddy O'Brien; Jeremiah Deasy; John Madden; Michael Kidney; Pat McCarthy; Tom O'Riordan.

**Final**      **September 30, 1912**      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 4-2 Redmonds 0-1**

Examiner report:- The unparalleled interest which been manifested in the issue of the Cork County hurling final was decided yesterday, was unmistakably reflected in the enormous dimensions to which the attendance reached. For hours previous to the time appointed for the battle, the accommodation of the spacious grounds was being rapidly availed of by the thousands of admirers of our native pastime and by enthusiastic supporters of the active participants. Huge crowds began to flock into the venue, and when the hour had come for the lining out of the aspirants of the championship, the scene presented was one of remarkable animation and speculation as to the fate in store of the seventeens that had won their way to the final by a series of brilliant feats. The enormous attendance was a tribute to the popular esteem in which the national code is held, a gratifying outcome of the appreciation of our leading exponents of the hurling art and a practical recognition of the growing importance and influence of the G.A.A., the ambitions of its members to develop and maintain that athletic prowess for which Irish manhood has been remarkable in the world of athletics. Decidedly fortunate were the members of the local governing body regarding that ever dubious element in our climate, the weather. There was quite an unexpectedly bad break and the weather indications of the morning caused much misgivings as to the prospects of holding the match. However, the rain had ceased afternoon, and by two o'clock the conditions were highly favourable. An inspection of the ground showed that it had not suffered to any material extent as a result of the downpour.

First half:- It was exactly quarter of an hour behind the advertised time when the teams lined out, and Blackrock, having won the toss elected to defend their home goal. Five minutes more passed before the ball was set rolling and Tom O'Riordan was first to set the pace. He sent the ball to Joe Cronin, who gave to Daniel J.O'Callaghan, and this player sent the

game back to midfield. Here Dan O'Keeffe had a free and sent the leather to Seán Óg Murphy who found the side line. A moment later Dan O'Keeffe sent in to Jerry Desmond, but the latter's direction was faulty and the ball went wide. From the restart Blackrock transferred play to the other end, principally by means of some good work by Tom O'Riordan. Though Con Sheehan retrieved, Jeremiah Deasy replied strongly. Blackrock were not able then to take advantage of the opening, and the Redmonds, returning to the attack, Barry Murphy, endeavouring to save, let the ball over off his hurley, and the Redmonds had a free. Dan O'Keeffe took the free and landed it in front of the goalmouth, but Andy Fitzgerald brought off a magnificent save, and play moved out to centrefield. Con Sheehan however sent it back, and Patrick Lehane gained further ground, but Larry Flaherty and Barry Murphy relieved in turn. Then Thomas Cox sent up a great delivery to William Mackessy, whose shot went narrowly wide. The next movement of interest was a sideline puck by Daniel J.O'Callaghan to Hubert McPhillips who looked dangerous, but the side was held up for a foul, and Michael Dorney, taking the free, sent the leather well up the field. Here Blackrock were penalized, and Daniel J.O'Callaghan sent Dan O'Keeffe's puck into the Blackrock territory. Jerry Desmond gained further ground, and again the Redmonds looked dangerous, when in the nick of time Barry Murphy relieved with a strong delivery. The game then drifted towards midfield, but Daniel J.O'Callaghan, beating two of his opponents for possession, sent it back. There was a struggle in the Blackrock territory for a moment, but Jeremiah Deasy got it away, and then William Mackessy, by means of a tricky bit of work, got play up to the opponents posts. Here, Joseph Cronin in endeavouring to save, conceded a seventy. William Dorney took the puck, but Con Sheehan and Daniel J.O'Callaghan in turn relieved, and the next minute the latter player sent Con O'Brien, who brought play up to the Blackrock posts. There were some short, sharp exchanges between the men on both sides and on a couple of occasions, Denis Barry was called upon to save. He did so cleverly and John Madden eventually relieved, but Daniel J.O'Callaghan sent them back. The stay in Blackrock territory was of short duration and the game moved out to midfield, where a strenuous struggle was witnessed. The ball went out to Dan O'Keeffe who had no difficulty in raising and striking it, the leather just missing the posts. From the puck out, Tom O'Riordan was instrumental in sending his side to the attack, but Patrick Murphy and then Joe O'Reilly relieved and Thomas Cox sent it over. After the restart Dan O'Keeffe just beat Stephen O'Riordan for possession, and a moment later the Redmond player had a free for a foul, but this was returned cleverly, and Larry Flaherty delaying too long, David Aher took over possession, but in attempting to save conceded a free. After great defence by James Gilleece and Joseph Ronayne, the Redmond territory was cleared and Con O'Brien was instrumental in sending the play to the other end, where Blackrock were penalized, but Dan O'Keeffe's shot went just wide. Andy Fitzgerald sent out strongly, and after some exchange, the ball going over off one of the defenders, Blackrock had a seventy. This went wide, and from the restart William O'Gorman carried play along the side line, but was held up by Larry Flaherty. Daniel J.O'Callaghan beat Jeremiah Deasy for pace, and sent in a good delivery, but Michael Dorney relieved. From a good shot, by Andy Fitzgerald, Tom O'Riordan went away along the wing, and Blackrock looked like scoring, but Joe O'Reilly taking the ball on his hurley was loudly applauded for a magnificent save. The leather from the restart Redmonds forced the game to the other end, and a nice opening presented itself, but Jerry Desmond failed to materialize. A moment later, Patrick Lehane was fouled, but Dan O'Keeffe failed to score from the resultant free. Some long exchanges followed the puck out, and Joseph Ronayne taking a side line puck, the ball went to Barry Murphy who sent it over the line on the opposite wing. From this puck the ball went to Stephen O'Riordan who sent the game along the wing to the other end.

Michael Kidney had a shot at goal, but the ball crossed in front of the posts and went wide. The puck out was quickly returned, but to no effect as Daniel J.O'Callaghan relieved timely, and though William Dorney returned, relief again came this time through Hubert McPhillips, and then Joseph Ronayne gained further ground. The ball however went to Larry Flaherty, who sent to William Mackessy. Then it went to Seán Óg Murphy who, centered beautifully and William Mackessy just touching it with his hurley sent in the first goal. From the restart Blackrock returned the attack, but the game had to be stopped for a minute as Con Sheehan was injured. He was able to resume, and though Joseph Ronayne relieved, the ball went to Tom O'Riordan, who had little difficulty in landing the ball on top of the net. The game was now in Redmond territory, but Joe O'Reilly saved beautifully, and then Dan O'Keeffe and Con Sheehan in turn relieved. Hubert McPhillips sent the ball out to Michael O'Keeffe at midfield. He went away on his own, but with only the custodian to beat, he sent the ball wide and the half time whistle went, leaving Blackrock leading a goal and a point to nil.

Second half:- After the opening exchanges Blackrock had a free near midfield, and William Dorney centered beautifully, but Con Sheehan relieved. The leather went to Jeremiah Deasy who sent in a beautiful shot which went only just wide. Jeremiah Deasy returned the puck out, and a moment later Thomas Cox had a shot on his own. The ball went to Tom O'Riordan, who sent in a beautiful stroke, and Joe O'Reilly in taking the ball on his hurley, allowed it to glide off it into the net. Soon the Redmonds had a free taken by Con Sheehan, and Daniel J.O'Callaghan improved the position further, but Thomas Cox replied strongly and Paddy O'Brien sent it over. Dan O'Keeffe and William Keating were now responsible for sending the game to their opponents territory, but Denis Barry relieved, and then Tom O'Riordan sent towards the posts. There were some exchanges between James Gilleece and Larry Flaherty, the movement ending up in the Redmonds territory. Con Sheehan sent up a strong puck, but Barry Murphy got it away. Joseph Ronayne and Jerry Desmond put Blackrock on the defensive, but Denis Barry relieved smartly. The ball went to Andy Buckley, who sent on to Charlie O'Sullivan and he beat Joe O'Reilly for a goal. Blackrock returned to the attack again, but William Mackessy sent it wide. A little later, William O'Gorman delayed too long in getting in his puck, and he lost possession, but James Gilleece relieved. Redmonds now had an innings, but their forwards were at fault more than once. Con Sheehan sent up a strong puck, but Barry Murphy got it away. Joseph Ronayne and then Jerry Desmond put Blackrock on the defensive, but Denis Barry relieved smartly. The ball went up to Andy Buckley who sent it on to Charlie O'Sullivan, who beat Joe O'Reilly for a goal. Blackrock returned to attack again, but William Mackessy sent wide. A little later William O'Gorman delayed too long in getting in his puck and he lost possession but James Gilleece relieved. The Redmonds now had an innings, but their forwards were at fault more than once. Con Sheehan sent the leather up to the posts with a powerful puck, but Denis Barry was allowed to clear and the game settled at half way. Here the Redmonds were penalised, and William Dorney taking the puck landed the ball on top of the net. The puck out was returned and William Mackessy made a good effort to score, and though the ball landed on top of the net, the shot was from the wing, and it gone behind the posts. Blackrock were now pressing, but Daniel J.O'Callaghan relieved finely. The Rockies returned however, were awarded a seventy yards free, the shot going just wide of the posts. The game was now mostly in the Redmonds territory, and Con Sheehan sent it over the side. The game was stopped for a couple of minutes as Dan O'Keeffe was hurt, but he was able to resume. From a sideline puck, Michael Dorney had a well directed shot, and though Con Sheehan returned, Tom O'Riordan met the ball and sent it to William Mackessy who raised the green flag. The puck out was a good one, and after a scrumage at the centre the ball went to

Michael O'Keeffe who gave Redmonds their score, a point. The re-start saw Tom O'Riordan put his side on the attack, and a goal was scored, but was disallowed as it inside the circle. Then the game went to the other end, and the Redmonds had a chance of improving their position, but the forwards were weak, and the ball going Stephen O'Riordan, he relieved. There were some long exchanges and the leather went into the Redmonds territory, but Charlie O'Sullivan's shot went across just behind the posts. Once again the game went into the other end and M.McCarthy had a shot, but it hit the post and came back out the field. The game had to be stopped for a couple of minutes owing to an injury to Andy Buckley, and though he resumed, he had to retire a couple of minutes later, and his place was taken by John Mehigan. The game went again into Redmonds territory, but Stephen O'Riordan sent it wide, and the whistle went moments later with Blackrock champions once again.

Andy Buckley; Barry Murphy; Andy Fitzgerald; Seán Óg Murphy; Denis Barry; Michael Dorney; Stephen O'Riordan; Jeremiah Deasy; Charlie O'Sullivan; Thomas Cox; Paddy O'Brien; William Mackessy; Michael Kidney; Tom O'Riordan; John Madden; Larry Flaherty; William Dorney;  
**Redmonds:-** Dan O'Keeffe; Michael O'Keeffe; Daniel J.O'Callaghan; David Aher; Patrick Murphy; James Gilleece; Con Sheehan; Joseph Cronin; Joe O'Reilly; William O'Gorman; Joseph Ronayne; Jeremiah Desmond; Hubert McPhillips; William Keating; Cornelious O'Brien; Patrick Lehane; Michael McCarthy;

### Lees Tournament

**March 31, 1912** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 5-2 St.Finbarrs 1-1**

Blackrock made the better start pressing several times before the first goal came from Michael Dorney. Keeping up the pressure, before long Michael Cotter added a second. At this stage the Barrs get into the game, but found William Dorney in goal and Denis Barry in fine form. Despite their efforts, the Barrs did manage a goal and a point just before half time. The second half began with Blackrock on the attack and before long Michael Cotter had the ball in the net again. The Barrs tried hard without success and midway through the half some heat was introduced into the game with the referee sending one of the Barrs players off. Blackrock used the extra man to good effect and Michael Cotter added another two goals, while William Dorney added a point.

Barry Murphy; Andy Buckley; William Dorney; Denis Barry; John Madden; Larry Flaherty; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael O'Mahony; Jeremiah Deasy; Michael Dorney; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Cotter; William Mackessy; Thomas Cox; Con Ronayne; Michael Kidney; Pat McCarthy;

### South Infirmary Tournament

**Semi-Final** **December 1, 1912** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Redmonds 4-1 Blackrock 1-4**

Incessant rain nearly caused a cancellation of this match, but the referee decided to go ahead as a fairly sizeable crowd turned up. Only thirteen Blackrock players made an appearance, as Redmonds had a full complement. Despite the numerical disadvantage, Blackrock opened the scoring with a point from William Mackessy, quickly followed by another from Michael Kidney. Redmonds then began to assert themselves, but Trojan defensive work by Barry Murphy kept them at bay. Blackrock made a break and Michael Kidney was on hand to finish to the net, which was soon followed up by another point by William Mackessy. Despite this comfortable position, Redmonds came thundering back and two quick goals, both from overhead first time hurling had them level, and they added a third before half time.

Both sides had early chances in the second half, but the keepers were on song. Blackrock had the first score, a point by Barry Murphy, but Redmonds finished stronger to run out clear winners.

Barry Murphy; Denis Barry; Seán Óg Murphy; William Mackessy; Paddy

O'Brien; Con Ronayne; Pat McCarthy; William O'Keeffe; John Mehigan; Michael Kidney; Patrick Vaughan; William Dorney; John Madden;

### Roche Cup

**September 15, 1912** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 6-5 Cloughduv 1-1**

A well contested match which was eagerly anticipated as both sides had met twice in the championship earlier in the season, with Blackrock winning after a replay. The pace was fast and furious with goalkeeper Andy Fitzgerald in top form, being one of the busiest men on the field, particularly in the first half where he made several top class saves and some well directed clearances. Blackrock's first goal was a goalmouth scramble, while the second came from Pat McCarthy, who had an easy task to finish to the net. Leading by two goals and three points to a point at half time, Blackrock added a third goal shortly after the re-start by Paddy O'Brien. Cloughduv tried hard but were outclassed on the day and further goals by Pat McCarthy and Michael Kidney saw Blackrock retain this valuable silver cup.

Barry Murphy; Stephen O'Riordan; Denis Barry; Andy Fitzgerald; Paddy O'Brien; Con Ronayne; William Dorney; Michael Kidney; John Madden; Pat McCarthy; Seán Óg Murphy; Jeremiah Deasy; Michael Dorney; Larry Flaherty; William O'Keeffe; John Mehigan; Maurice Buckley;

## 1913

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Round-1** **May 17, 1913** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 2-7 St.Marys 0-2**

St.Marys were not expected to mount much of a challenge to the Rockies especially since they were missing three first choice members. Blackrock must have expected an easy passage as they never managed to get into their stride and were pushed all the way by a very gutsy St.Marys side. St.Marys started brightly, scoring an early point. Shortly after, Michael Dorney pointing from a free equalised, followed by Charlie O'Sullivan scoring a goal to put the Rockies in front. A lot of hard play followed. Then a serious injury to Denis Barry, he broke his ankle, and was replaced by Stephen O'Riordan. Just before half time, Tom O'Riordan got a point. As the second half progressed Blackrock were in complete control with Stephen O'Riordan back to his best. Points from Michael Dorney and a goal by Charlie O'Sullivan saw Blackrock run out easy winners.

Barry Murphy; Larry Flaherty; Andy Fitzgerald; William Dorney; Denis Barry; Seán Óg Murphy; Pat McCarthy; Thomas Cox; Paddy O'Brien; John Madden; Charlie O'Sullivan; Thomas O'Sullivan; Tom O'Riordan; Michael Kidney; John Mehigan;

Sub:- Stephen O'Riordan;

**Quarter-Final** **Blackrock w.o. Cloughduv**

Cloughduv withdrew from the championship as they felt it unfair to have to travel to the city to play a city side.

**Semi-Final** **November 9, 1913** **Fermoy**  
**Blackrock 3-2 Carrigtwohill 2-1**

There was acrimony prior to the throw in as the match was originally fixed for September 14th., but the County Board cancelled it the morning of the game due to torrential rain. A Kelleher Shield match went ahead at the venue and Carrigtwohill toggled out after it and claimed the match as Blackrock failed to show. Blackrock abided by the decision of the County Board and the match was re-fixed, but the venue was changed to Fermoy as a token to Carrigtwohill.

The match itself was played on a miserable wet day, although the pitch held up well. Blackrock began in fine fashion with Larry Flaherty the star of the day. He was involved in most passages of play, and time and time again frustrated Carrigtwohill in their attempts to score. Andy Buckley

was the Rockies top scorer with all three goals, and William Dorney got the two points.

Barry Murphy; Larry Flaherty; Stephen O'Riordan; Thomas Cox; Charlie O'Sullivan; Denis Barry; Seán Óg Murphy; William Dorney; Pat McCarthy; John Madden; Michael Dorney; Michael Kidney; Tom O'Riordan; Paddy O'Brien; Andy Buckley;

**Final** **November 30, 1913** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 3-3 Midleton 2-2**

Examiner report:- The opening stages revealed the advantages of training on behalf of the Midleton side, who at once put the Rockies to the test with a clever combined movement, to which Blackrock responded in the game fashion, and Andy Buckley all but captured Grandon's net. It was a close shave with Midleton. From the send out O'Leary proved dangerous, but Larry Flaherty came to the rescue of the Rockies with a telling shot and that lithe form of Andy Buckley at once again covered the ball which was placed in Grandon's net to the big surprise to the Midleton supporters, and the cheering of his own supporters. In the next encounter, Ramsell, Cahill, Deasy and Kearney did good work for Midleton, while Thomas Cox, Jeremiah Deasy, Pat McCarthy and Paddy O'Brien gave great support in circumventing a perilous invasion. A seventy was not converted, Midleton pressed time and again, but there was more in the Blackrock players than they had calculated upon. The game proceeded merrily, with a fairly liberal allowance of interchanges, and some frees to Midleton were badly handled. An exceedingly bad miss by Midleton let the Rockies away for Andy Buckley to annex a point, after which Midleton took command, and Andy Fitzgerald was tested and replied with effect. At this stage the pace was a clinker and well maintained, but the attempts at passing left much to be desired. The next score was Blackrock's, and Tom O'Riordan who was playing a great game, was responsible. Matters thus far were looking well for the Rockies, but with about five minutes to go Midleton sprung a surprise, O'Keefe and Gorman having disposed of Barry Murphy's opposition, they next cleverly outmaneuvered Andy Fitzgerald and Gorman with a cannon ball shot found the net, leaving Blackrock in front by two points at the break.

On the restart, Gorman had a chance, but he let it slip, and on the transfer, Thomas Cox lost by an inch. Had he left it to Andy Buckley there might have been a different result. However, in the next action he landed a point. Another big tussle saw Midleton in occupation of Blackrock territory, for Egan to shoot so closely that the umpires had to be appealed to. Their decision was no score. The next feature of the fight was a fine performance by Thomas Cox, who landed clean in the net. The Rockies followers were at this time in complacent mood, but the match was far from won. Blackrock had soon to concede a seventy and D.Twomey taking the shot had the white flag raised. It was perhaps the best feat of the day, he displayed wonderful accuracy and judgment, the ball passing birdlike through the air, so to speak, and perching on top of the net. The Rockies replied with a goal, in the getting of which Andy Buckley and Thomas Cox shared the honour. Midleton followed with a point, and a few minutes of the full time, Bertie Walsh had the green flag flying.

Barry Murphy(c); Andy Fitzgerald; John Madden; Denis Barry; Stephen O'Riordan; Thomas Cox; Larry Flaherty; Tom O'Riordan; Michael Dorney; Seán Óg Murphy; William Dorney; Jeremiah Deasy; Paddy O'Brien; Pat McCarthy; Andy Buckley.

**Midleton:-** Gerald O'Shea; William Twomey; Jeremiah Egan; Richard O'Gorman; Pat Cahill; J.Grandon; W.Twomey; J.O'Connell; T.Deasy; M.Ramsell; P.O'Leary; M.Kearney; W.O'Donovan; D.O'Keefe; D.Twomey; B.Walsh;

### Beamish Shield

**Quarter-Final** **March 3, 1913** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Redmonds 3-0 Blackrock 0-0**

In most difficult conditions, a heavy downpour throughout and another game played before hand, made the sod slippery and broken up. Despite that Redmonds appeared to have more appetite for this game as they sought revenge for last year's county final defeat. From start to finish they controlled the match, with the Blackrock defence doing well to keep the scoreline down.

Barry Murphy; Andy Fitzgerald; Denis Barry; Seán Óg Murphy; Maurice Buckley; John Madden; Thomas Cox; Michael Kidney; Michael O'Mahony; John Mehigan; Paddy O'Brien; Pat McCarthy; William O'Keefe; Pat Vaughan; John Higgins, Dan Keane; John O'Keefe;

### Nils Tournament

**April 6, 1913** **Ballincollig**  
**Blackrock 5-2 Cloughduv 3-1**

In perfect weather, a huge crowd travelled to Ballincollig for this eagerly awaited clash. With a firm sod, both sides played a fast skilful game, with Blackrock having much the better first half. Goals by Thomas Cox and John Mehigan, and a point by Michael Dorney put the Rockies in a good position at the break. The early exchanges in the second half were controlled by Cloughduv, as an early point gave them confidence. Soon after a goal followed, and constant pressure yielded an equaliser. At this point the fitter mid Cork men were expected to continue on for a victory, but the experienced head of Stephen O'Riordan got Blackrock a foothold in the Cloughduv territory, he passed to Charlie O'Sullivan who scored a goal. Now Blackrock turned on the style, first Michael Dorney added a point, which was followed soon after by a goal from Paddy O'Brien. Late in the game John Mehigan also scored a goal.

Barry Murphy; Andy Fitzgerald; Denis Barry; William O'Keefe; Stephen O'Riordan; Seán Óg Murphy; John Madden; Michael Dorney; Tom O'Riordan; Thomas Cox; William Dorney; Michael Kidney; Pat McCarthy; John Mehigan; Paddy O'Brien; Thomas O'Sullivan; Charlie O'Sullivan;

### Riverstown Tournament

**June 2, 1913** **Riverstown**  
**Blackrock 2-1 Carrigtwohill 2-1**

A great game played in glorious sunshine before a large crowd. Blackrock started well but found the Carrigtwohill defensive unit very difficult to break down. Eventually they got a seventy, which was not cleared and Charlie O'Sullivan crashed it to the net. Then both sides gave an exhibition of hurling, fast ground hurling with the leather flying up and down the field. Carrigtwohill soon equalized and quickly went in front with a point. Blackrock fought back with Stephen O'Riordan landing a great point. As the game neared half time, Michael Kidney broke loose to score a goal, leaving Blackrock a goal up at the break.

Blackrock failed to score in the second half as Carrigtwohill came storming back to get the only goal of the second half to equalize.

Despite only one score, the second half was very exciting as both sides gave it their all.

Barry Murphy; Larry Flaherty; Stephen O'Riordan; Seán Óg Murphy; Pat McCarthy; John Madden; Andy Fitzgerald; Maurice Buckley; Thomas Cox; Paddy O'Brien; Thomas O'Sullivan; John Mehigan; Michael Kidney; Charlie O'Sullivan; Jeremiah Deasy;

### Senior Challenge

**May 7, 1913** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 5-3 Wednesday League Selected 0-5**

A unique match up saw Blackrock prepare for the upcoming championship by playing a selection from the business houses in the city, some of which came from the likes of Redmonds and the Barrs. The better combination of the experienced Rockies was the telling factor in a



convincing win.

Barry Murphy; Denis Barry; Andy Fitzgerald; Seán Óg Murphy; William Dorney; Tom O'Riordan; John Mehigan; Pat McCarthy; Charlie O'Sullivan; Michael Kidney; Larry Flaherty; Pat Vaughan; Thomas O'Sullivan; William Mackessy; Stephen O'Riordan;

## 1914

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Quarter-Final**      **April 26, 1914**      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 3-4 St.Finbarrs 0-1**

A frantic pace from both sides in the first ten minutes failed to yield any scores, with both sets of defenders on song. Eventually the first score, a goal from Pat McCarthy, settled Blackrock as they ran out comfortable winners. Michael Dorney added two further points before half time. The Barrs never were able to play to their potential as Blackrock always held the upper hand. Further points by Thomas Cox and Michael Kidney extended their lead, before goals from John Mehigan and Michael Dorney sealed an easy win.

Barry Murphy; Larry Flaherty; Stephen O'Riordan; John Madden; Seán Óg Murphy; Andy Fitzgerald; Pat McCarthy; Michael Dorney; Thomas Cox; Jeremiah Deasy; Tom O'Riordan; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Kidney; John Mehigan; Denis Barry;

**Semi-Final**      **May 10, 1914**      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 2-2 Redmonds 1-3**

The game was a magnificent exhibition right through the hour, bristling with thrills. Up and down the field went the early exchanges, until a free to Redmonds saw them go in front early in the first half. Redmonds continued to press, where Andy Fitzgerald performed magnificently time and again, but he was eventually beaten as Redmonds goaled. Blackrock forwards were making little headway, as Larry Flaherty and Andy Fitzgerald tried valiantly to stem the storm. Another point for Redmonds, was replied by Jeremiah Deasy on the stroke of half time.

Trailing by five points at half time, Blackrock needed to come out fighting. That they did and Larry Flaherty was first to try, but it went wide. Then Michael Dorney had a free, that somehow ended up in the Redmonds net, the Rockies were back in the match. Not to be outdone, back came Redmonds with appoint and for the next minutes both sides threw caution to the wind as each side had chances, but failed to avail of them. An attack to Blackrock saw the ball deep into the Redmonds rearguard, where Andy Buckley doubled on it and crash it to the net. The excitement had hardly died down when Redmonds again responded with a point, but Michael Dorney had the last say with a second point.

Barry Murphy; Larry Flaherty; Stephen O'Riordan; John Madden; Andy Fitzgerald; Seán Óg Murphy; Pat McCarthy; Denis Barry; Michael Dorney; William Dorney; Jeremiah Deasy; Andy Buckley; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Kidney; John Mehigan;

**Final**      **November 11, 1914**      **Mallow**  
**Midleton w.o. Blackrock**

Six months after qualifying for the final, Blackrock were called to play the final in Mallow in treacherous weather conditions. This final never took place as the British army had commandeered the Cork Athletic Grounds and the final was transferred to Mallow.

Due to a misunderstanding, Blackrock did not travel to Mallow as the weather was particularly bad on the morning of the match and as Midleton did travel, the County Board had no option but to award the match to Midleton.

At the County Board meeting on November 13, Stephen O'Riordan apologized to the Midleton club and their followers for the inconvenience to which they had been put. He said that was the only apology he would

make. They deserved consideration as they had been put to the terrible disadvantage of travelling to the country to be disappointed. As far as the Blackrock team was concerned, nineteen of the twenty players were at the Cork station to play the match. He was on the way to the station on a pony and trap, with hurleys for the players, but he was met on the way by the captain of the team who told him the match was postponed. Who postponed the match he did not know, but it was what he was told, but he had since learned that the Blackrock club came to the conclusion that their team would not travel. Rain was pouring down at the time, and he did not see a soul on the streets. The public had only been disappointed and Blackrock were sorry for disappointing the public, while to their friends in Mallow, who were disappointed, they tendered their sympathy. He did not wish to add anything further to that statement except to say that the public in general seemed to think that the Blackrock team had done no wrong. The only loss sustained, in his opinion was the loss to the association. It was no loss to Blackrock, and he was better able to talk that night and also walk than if he had played the match, it was a great ease to him. Blackrock decided owing to the condition of the day, that it was not a fit day upon which to play a match and they did not travel. As regards the decision about the match he had nothing to say as the referee could have done nothing else.

### Benefit Match

**April 12, 1914**      **Dungarvan.**  
**Moondharrig (Kilkenny) 5-4 Blackrock 3-2**

This was a benefit match organized for J.Kelly of Moondharrig, who was emigrating to America.

Barry Murphy; Larry Flaherty; Tom O'Riordan; John Madden; William Ahern; Pat McCarthy; Paddy O'Brien; Thomas Cox; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Hegarty; Con Ronayne; Thomas O'Sullivan; William O'Keefe; J.O'Donovan;

## 1915

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Round-1**      **March 21, 1915**      **Carrigtwohill**  
**Blackrock 5-8 Sarsfields 0-1**

Blackrock proved too strong for Sarsfields in a contest that lacked any real championship feeling. The play at times was sloppy, with both sides guilty of poor play. It was apparent that neither side had done much practice before hand. Despite that the Blackrock forward division made the most of the opportunities that came their way. Goals from Charlie O'Sullivan, John Mehigan, Michael Kidney and two from Thomas O'Riordan saw Blackrock win comfortably in the end.

Larry Flaherty; Michael Dorney; Patrick McCarthy; Michael Kidney; Seán Óg Murphy; Charlie O'Sullivan; John Mehigan; John Madden; Thomas Cox; William Dorney; Thomas O'Riordan; Denis Barry; Barry Murphy; Stephen O'Riordan; Paddy O'Brien;

**Semi-Final**      **May 2, 1915**      **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Collegians 1-6 Blackrock 1-4**

The result of this match caused quite a shock in the hurling world. Collegians, a very fine side, fully deserved this victory as they appeared more committed than their more experienced opponents. They elected to play with a strong breeze in the first half, and despite Blackrock creating the early chances, it was first blood to Collegians with an early point. They continued to make the elements count as not alone did they build on this score, they kept Blackrock scoreless up to half time. As expected, Blackrock used the breeze to good effect early in the second half with points coming from Tom O'Riordan, Michael Dorney and Thomas Cox, but Collegians also managed to score two points. Blackrock

were poor in attack with numerous missed chances. A scrambled goal in the last few minutes gave the scoreline a more respectable look. Larry Flaherty(c); Michael Dorney; Barry Murphy; Thomas Cox; Seán Óg Murphy; John Madden; William Dorney; Denis Barry; Patrick McCarthy; John Mehigan; Thomas O'Riordan; Jeremiah Deasy; Jeremiah Brady; Michael Kidney; Paddy O'Brien;

#### **Nils Tournament**

**April 18, 1915**

**Riverstown**

**St.Marys 3-1 Blackrock 0-0**

Playing with the aid of the elements St.Marys had most of the play in the first half, leading by two goals and a point to nil at half time. They attacked from the start and but for some brave and excellent saves from Jeremiah Brady would surely have been further in front. Blackrock for their part, wasted the few chances that came their way. On the change over the story was the same for Blackrock, and no matter how hard they tried nothing worked out for them. To compound matters, St.Mary's added a second half goal.

Larry Flaherty; Michael Dorney; Denis Barry; Barry Murphy; John Murphy; John Madden; Thomas O'Riordan; William Dorney; Andy Buckley; Thomas Cox; Michael Kidney; Paddy O'Brien; Jeremiah Brady; John Mehigan;

#### **Roche Cup**

**October 10, 1915**

**Cork Athletic Grounds**

**Redmonds 9-2 Blackrock 3-3**

This annual trophy, with the proceeds divided between both clubs, attracted an enormous crowd in bright sunshine. The first half of this match was most enthralling as each side had short periods of dominance, yet at the interval the scores were level. The second half saw Redmonds attack in waves and scoring freely as Blackrock mounted only a few raids, one of which resulted in a goal. It was a most disappointing and inexplicable second half collapse.

Larry Flaherty; Barry Murphy; Jeremiah Brady; Thomas O'Riordan; Seán Óg Murphy; William Dorney; Michael Cotter; Jeremiah Deasy; Eugene O'Connell; Denis McCarthy; Brendan Considine; Matthew Murphy; Andy Buckley;

#### **Carrigtwohill G.A.A. Fund Raising Match**

**October 17, 1915**

**Carrigtwohill**

**Blackrock 1-6 Midleton 2-2**

Owing to the unfortunate circumstances surrounding the 1914 county final, Blackrock and Midleton agreed to play one another in a match in Carrigtwohill to help defray the costs of the local club in erecting an enclosure for their pitch. Both sides had strong panels available and a very good struggle was witnessed by a fairly large attendance. Midleton had the better of the early exchanges and led two goals and two points to three points at half time. Blackrock came out for the second half in determined mood and held their opponents scoreless during that period. Blackrock scored three quick points before becoming wasteful, with a huge number of wides. Just as it seemed that it was not to be their day, they managed to scramble a goal in the last few minutes to win by a point.

Larry Flaherty; Seán Óg Murphy; Patrick McCarthy; Maurice Buckley; Patrick Hegarty; Eugene O'Connell; Andy Buckley; Thomas Cox; Michael Cotter; Thomas O'Riordan; Brendan Considine; William Dorney; William Ahern; Denis O'Regan; Matthew Murphy;

#### **Shanbally Benefit Fund**

**November 28, 1915**

**Shanbally**

**Shamrocks 1-6 Blackrock 2-2**

A fine day with a stiff south east breeze made things difficult for both sides playing against it. Shamrocks won the toss and decided in playing with the elements. They caused Blackrock endless problems, scoring at

will and leading a goal and six points to a point at the break. While they failed to score in the second half, they managed to curtail the Blackrock forward division. Even though they scored two goals, their wayward shooting and a sound Shamrocks defense ensured Blackrock left empty handed.

Larry Flaherty; Maurice Buckley; Patrick Hegarty; Michael Cotter; Michael Dorney; Patrick McCarthy; Eugene O'Connell; Thomas Cox; Matthew Murphy; Paddy O'Brien; Denis McCarthy; Timothy O'Donovan; J.Butler; J.Crowley; M.Healy;

#### **Challenge**

**April 18, 1915**

**Riverstown**

**Blackrock 9-1 Dalcassions 2-0**

Easy win for Blackrock against Dalcassions-Glasheen, played before the Nils tournament match.

Maurice Buckley; Matthew Murphy; Jeremiah Brady; Pat Vaughan; John Cotter; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Hegarty; Christopher Hayes; William Ahern; Thomas O'Sullivan; Eugene McCarthy; Timothy O'Donovan; D.Ahern; M.Murphy; F.Mulligan;

#### **E.G.M.**

REV. Fr. Crowley said the object of the meeting was to reorganize the club to put it the front ranks of hurling clubs, a place it always held. The chairman E.J.Fitzgearld said he was sorry to see so few of the older hurlers present but was encouraged to see so many young men and new members. The defeat in this year's championship was surprising, but it may be the want of young blood. The older players who upheld the honour of the club for so many years could not hold out for ever. It was decided to enter as many tournaments and challenges as possible in order to give the youth a chance to learn and develop into a strong side once again.

## **1916**

#### **County Senior Hurling Championship**

**Quarter-Final**

**April 23, 1916**

**Cork Athletic Grounds**

**Blackrock 6-5 St.Finbarrs 1-3**

On the day before the Easter Rising in Dublin, Blackrock got their championship season off to a good start. It did not seem to go that well at the start, as St.Finbarrs were the better side and very quickly had a goal and two points scored, before Blackrock launched any sort of offensive. When the Rockies eventually took up the challenge, Andy Buckley was on hand to fire in a goal to close the gap, which was further reduced a few minutes later with a point. A this stage the game was fast flowing with several bouts of overhead hurling. One of the St.Finbarrs players was ordered off and on resuming Maurice Buckley had to retire due to an accidental head injury. At half time Blackrock trailed by a point. On the resumption the Barrs opened with a point, but shortly after, Michael Kidney scored a great goal. He followed this with a point before another goal put Blackrock in control. The closing stages of the match were tame as the Rockies took complete control and added three goals and three points to run out easy winners.

Larry Flaherty; Seán Óg Murphy; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Kidney; Eugene O'Connell; Pat Vaughan; Pat McCarthy; Maurice Buckley; William Dorney; John Mehigan; Andy Buckley; Denis McCarthy; Tom O'Riordan; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Hegarty.

Sub:- Eugene McCarthy.

**Semi-Final**

**September 3,1916**

**Cork Athletic Grounds**

**Midleton 5-2 Blackrock 2-3**

Blackrock got the perfect start with a goal from William Dorney in the first few minutes. Following a number of attacks by Midleton, in which

Larry Flaherty excelled in preventing scores, Blackrock were awarded a free in which William Dorney added a point. From here to the half time whistle, Midleton, with a physically stronger team were the better team and recovered to be level at the break. Once again Blackrock started strongly and had the opening scores, a goal and a point by Andy Buckley. This is as good as it got though as Midleton quickly goaled twice.

Although William Dorney did reply with a point, Midleton finished strongly to run out convincing winners. They went on to become county champions.

Larry Flaherty; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Kidney; Pat Vaughan; Eugene O'Connell; William Dorney; Thomas Cox; Denis Carey; Denis McCarthy; Patrick McCarthy; Michael Scannell; Jeremiah Deasy; Andy Buckley; Patrick Hegarty; Matthew Murphy;

### **Egan Cup**

**December 12, 1916 Riverstown  
Blackrock 4-3 Midleton 2-3**

The Egan Cup, a beautiful trophy presented by Egan Jewellers, was played off in fairly decent conditions despite the time of year. Both sides played out an exciting game with very little between the sides until late in the game Blackrock managed to pull clear.

Team not listed.

### **Murphy / Duggan Benefit Fund**

**September 24, 1916 Cork Athletic Grounds  
Redmonds 3-1 Blackrock 1-2**

These old rivals drew a huge crowd in delightful weather. The first half was very even, but the Rockies tired in the second half as Redmonds finished strongly.

Larry Flaherty; Seán Óg Murphy; Denis Carey; Patrick McCarthy; William Dorney; Eugene O'Connell; Eugene McCarthy; Thomas Cox; Andy Buckley; Denis McCarthy; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Hegarty; John Cotter; D.Kiely; J.Crowley;

## **1917**

### **County Senior Hurling Championship**

**Round-1 June 10, 1917 Cork Athletic Grounds  
Blackrock 5-2 Shamrocks 4-2**

Due to lack of newsprint in these troubled years, team lists were rarely available. Included William Dorney; Tom O'Riordan; Andy Buckley; Very close first half with Blackrock getting the better of exchanges with early scores. Shamrocks came back strongly towards half time and there was only a point between the sides at the break.

Blackrock opened the second half strongly with an early goal and added two further goals to lead by thirteen points at one stage. Shamrocks fought hard to close the gap to a goal before time ran out on them.

**Quarter-Final July 1, 1917 Cork Athletic Grounds.  
Blackrock 3-2 Collegians 1-2**

The Rockies appeared to be in trouble from the start as Collegians had all the play and continuously attacked. Their forwards were off form as they had numerous wides as well as the Rockies defense were very sound. From a break away Blackrock produced a point and although Collegians replied immediately with a point, Blackrock took control to rattle off two more goals and a point before half time. The second half was poor enough with both sides failing to take their chances. Collegians scored a goal late in the game which proved only to be a consolation.

William Dorney(c); Pat McCarthy; Andy Buckley; Thomas Cox; Michael Kidney; Seán Óg Murphy; Timothy O'Donovan; William O'Donnell; Eugene O'Connell; Michael Dorney; Michael Scannell; John Mehigan; Matthew Murphy; Tom O'Riordan; John Cotter;

**Semi-Final July 29 Cork Athletic Grounds.  
Midleton 5-4 Blackrock 1-8**

No team lists. A brilliant game full of excitement right through. Midleton started in fine fashion but the Rockies stayed with them and there was only two points separating them at half time. As the second half got underway, Midleton again made all the running and at one stage it looked as if they would run out easy winners. But the Rockies came back strongly to reduce the gap again to two points. At this stage Seán Óg Murphy, who was playing a sterling game, had to retire injured. With five minutes to go and still two points between them Midleton got in for a goal and a point to qualify for the final.

### **National Aid Tournament**

**March 17, 1917 Cork Athletic Grounds  
Blackrock 5-0 Midleton 2-3**

Very fast paced game with both teams excelling in first time ground hurling. Blackrock just about deserved the win as both sides played very well for the early season clash.

William Dorney; Pat McCarthy; Andy Buckley; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Scannell; Michael Kidney; Michael Dorney; Pat Hegarty; John Mehigan; Thomas Cox; Matthew Murphy; Tom O'Riordan; Eugene O'Connell; Denis McCarthy; William O'Donnell;

### **Egan Cup**

**Semi-Final April 15, 1917 Cork Athletic Grounds  
St.Finbarrs beat Blackrock**

No result, team lists or account of game available.

### **Fitzgerald Cup**

**Semi-Final February 25, 1917 Cork Athletic Grounds  
Blackrock 2-2 Redmonds 1-5**

No team lists or account of game.

**Replay July 15, 1917 Cork Athletic Grounds  
Blackrock 3-4 Redmonds 2-2**

No team lists or account of game.

## **1918**

### **County Senior Hurling Championship**

**Round-1 April 14, 1918 Cork Athletic Grounds  
Blackrock 4-4 Cobh 1-4**

No team lists. Blackrock were expected to overcome Cobh quite easily, but it was not the case as Cobh had belief in their own ability. They began in fine fashion with an early point, but more importantly, their defense was superb, keeping the Rockies scoreless in the first half. The Rockies defense was also in form and despite a lot of pressure held Cobh to three points in the first half. On the changeover Blackrock exerted the pressure which their experience saw them fire in four goals to kill off the Cobh challenge.

**Quarter-Final June 23, 1918 Cork Athletic Grounds  
Blackrock 5-1 Midleton 1-3**

No team lists, included Tom O'Riordan, Charlie O'Sullivan and Andy Buckley. Blackrock were first to score, with Tom O'Riordan leading the charge. Midway through the half Charlie O'Sullivan smashed in a wonderful goal. At half time the Rockies led a goal and a point to two points. The Rockies were in for an early goal in the second half, only for Midleton to reply soon after. A lot of play then ensued up and down the field, until William Dorney buried in two unstoppable frees to get two great goals. Midleton had no way back after that.

**Semi-Final September 1, 1918 Cork Athletic Grounds  
Blackrock 3-4 U.C.C. 2-4**

The first half was controlled by the Rockies, as they rarely left Collegians

encroach into their territory. Blackrock got early goals to set the trend and although Collegians came back with three late points, the Rockies led by three goals and a point to three points at half time. Collegians improved in the second half even though Blackrock opened the scoring with a Michael Dorney, Collegians replied with a goal. This was the encouragement they needed and soon they cut the lead to two points. Blackrock sensing danger got going again to finish the better side and qualified for the final.

Michael Dorney; Pat McCarthy; William Dorney; John Mehigan; Michael Scannell; William O'Donnell; Eugene O'Connell; Seán Óg Murphy; Paddy O'Brien; Matthew Murphy; Charlie O'Sullivan; Tom O'Riordan; Andy Buckley; Philip O'Sullivan; John Cotter;

**Final** **September 30, 1918** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Carrigtwohill 4-1 Blackrock 1-7**

A huge crowd gathered for this final as much was expected of both sides. Carrigtwohill won the toss and began brightly, but Blackrock soon settled and had the first score from Matthew Murphy. Shortly after Michael Dorney had them two points up from a free. At this stage Carrigtwohill began a few attacks but each one was repulsed by a solid defense.

Blackrock got another break and scored a third point before conceding a free in front of goal for the equalizer. There were no further scores until very late in the half with points from both sides to go in level at the break. The second half opened with great excitement as first Blackrock got in for a goal only for Carrigtwohill soon drawing level again. Next Tom O'Riordan put the Rockies back in front with a point, quickly followed by a goal for Carrig. Blackrock responded with another point as both sides gave everything. The result was that the attendance was on their toes throughout the second half with the ball flying up and down the field with each side taking their chances. Blackrock could not pierce the Carrigtwohill defense for another goal, which ultimately caused their defeat.

Andy Buckley; John Cotter; William Dorney; Paddy O'Brien; Seán Óg Murphy; John Mehigan; Michael Dorney; Matthew Murphy; Eugene O'Connell; Tom O'Riordan; William O'Donnell; Michael Scannell; Pat McCarthy; Charlie O'Sullivan; Philip O'Sullivan;

**Carrigtwohill:-** William Kennedy(c); Tim O'Leary; Jim Kennedy; Jim Grey Edward Grey; Jack Mulcahy; Mattie Fouhy; Tom Walsh; Jim O'Connell; Patrick Cotter; Pat Whelan; John O'Keefe; Garrett Cotter; Jack O'Flynn, William P.Aherne;

Sub:- Jim Barry;

### National Aid Tournament

**Semi-Final** **March 3, 1918** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 1-1 St.Marys 1-1**

No team lists. Andy Buckley in goal played a magnificent game, saving two point blank efforts in the first half. A very hard fought game with the forwards on both sides having an off day. Timothy O'Donovan opened the scoring with a point and just before the half time whistle Charlie O'Sullivan got in for a goal. St.Marys repeated the same scoring in the second half as Blackrock failed to score, ensuring a replay.

**Replay** **March 24, 1918** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 5-4 St.Marys 3-0**

Blackrock won out easily in this replay. Controlling matters in the first half, the Rockies led by four goals and two points to a goal at half time. The second half was a little closer, but Tom O'Riordan, John Cotter, Pat McCarthy, Michael Kidney and William Dorney played starring roles. Pat McCarthy; Andy Buckley; William Dorney; Michael Scannell; Timothy O'Donovan; Paddy O'Brien; Michael Kidney; Eugene McCarthy; Matthew Murphy(c); John Cotter; William O'Donnell; Tom O'Riordan; Philip O'Sullivan; Michael Dorney; John Mehigan;

**Final** **March 23, 1919** **Cork Athletic Grounds**

### Blackrock 7-0 Cobh 2-3

No team lists. A large crowd assembled for this national event and Blackrock got off to the perfect start with a Michael Scannell goal in the first attack. After some fruitless Cobh attacks, the Rockies again took charge with Eugene O'Connell scoring his sides second goal. Next up was Timothy O'Donovan for the third goal and just before half time, fourth went in. The second half was much more competitive as Cobh opened with a goal and a point in the first five minutes. Although the Rockies replied with a goal, Cobh made a very interesting match of it before the Rockies settled and claimed victory. Others to play for Blackrock were William Dorney, Pat McCarthy and Sean Óg Murphy.

### Connolly Cup Tournament

**June 2, 1916** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 5-3 Shamrocks 2-3**

No team lists Almost all the scoring was done in the first half with Blackrock opening the scoring with a goal followed by a point for Shamrocks. This pattern continued for the first scores each, until Blackrock added two points before half time. The second half was poor as the result was never in doubt.

### Kinsale Exhibition

**November 10, 1918** **Kinsale**  
**Blackrock 1-2 Kinsale 1-2**

Blackrock accepted an invitation from Kinsale to try and encourage an interest in hurling in the south east area. Kinsale had recently won the south east hurling league and were anxious to ply their trade against one of the top teams in the county. Poor weather spoiled the day as a spectacle, but besides the wind and rain both sides gave a good exhibition of hurling, with Kinsale leading for most of the game and the Rockies drawing level late in the game.

## 1919

### County Senior Hurling Championship

**Round-1** **May 11, 1919** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 5-1 St.Marys 2-1**

A top class game played in a sporting manner. St.Marys were first off the mark with a goal after a few minutes, which was quickly followed by a point. Play was now settling as Blackrock pressed hard but a combination of wides and a strong St.Marys defense kept them at bay. Just before half time St.Marys got in for another goal, but it was disallowed for "square ball". Trailing by a goal and a point to nil at half time, Blackrock went on the offensive from the start and after some close calls, they eventually scored a goal. This was the impetus they needed and from here on they were in the ascendancy as three more goals followed by the twentieth minute. At this juncture St.Marys came back again and scored a goal, but the Rockies finished the stronger with a further goal and a point.

Andy Buckley; William Dorney; Christopher Hayes; Timothy O'Donovan; Paddy Aherne; John Cotter; Michael Scannell; John Mehigan; Edmund O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Arthur Scannell; Eugene McCarthy; Matthew Murphy; Eugene O'Connell; D.Sugrue.

**Quarter-Final** **June 15, 1919** **Cork Athletic Grounds**  
**Blackrock 7-0 Redmonds 2-1**

Redmonds got off to a great start with a point in the first minute. Blackrock then launched several attacks but the Redmonds defense proved a match for it. Eventually the pressure told and Blackrock got in for a soft goal. The play at this stage was quite open with it swinging from end to end. Within another ten minutes the Rockies broke through for another two goals. Just before half time, Redmonds managed to squeeze in a goal also. Once again Redmonds tried hard on the restart, but Blackrock held firm and goal after goal went in to run out comfortable

winners.

Andy Buckley; William Dorney; Michael Scannell; Christopher Hayes; Edmund O'Connell; Philip O'Sullivan; John Mehigan; Matthew Murphy; Timothy O'Donovan; Eugene O'Connell; Arthur Scannell; Paddy Aherne; Eudie Coughlan; Thomas Cox; John Cotter;

**Semi-Final August 10, 1919 Cork Athletic Grounds  
Blackrock 5-7 Cobh 0-1**

A huge crowd assembled for this county semi-final, so it was a great pity that it was so one sided. Blackrock were in top class form and controlled every aspect of the game. There wasn't a single weak link in the team. As for Cobh, though they tried hard, they were completely out of their depth on the day.

John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy; William Dorney; Edmund O'Connell; Philip O'Sullivan; Arthur Scannell; John Mehigan; Matthew Murphy; Eugene O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Paddy Aherne; John Cotter; Thomas Cox; Timothy O'Donovan. M.O'Connell;

**Final September 14, 1919 Cork Athletic Grounds  
St.Finbarrs 5-3 Blackrock 4-1**

The final curtain came down in the county championship in front of an enormous crowd. From the moment the referee threw in the ball the clash of ash resounded all over the field. Steadying down to their work, each side testing in turn, the attacks and defenses being of the most strenuous order, and first score going to the Barrs. The outstanding feature was the fast work of the Barrs and the strong defense of the Rockies, who had to bear the brunt of the fight. Blackrock soon had reason to lift the siege with Seán Óg Murphy playing an inspiring game, Thomas Cox broke away to score a goal with a stinging shot. Not to be outdone the Barrs came back and scored a goal of their own. At this stage an altercation occurred and one of the Blackrock players was sent off. Despite that, Blackrock were back for a second goal, this time by Matthew Murphy. At half time the Barrs led by a point. The Barrs began strongly in the second half and were in for an early goal following a mix up in the Blackrock defense. Not too long later they were in for a second goal to move seven points clear and it was feared that the match would fizzle out. Inspired by Seán Óg Murphy, Blackrock steadied and following a number of attacks, John Cotter slipped through for a goal. Another altercation saw one of the Barrs players receive his marching orders. They came back with a point, but in the next attack Blackrock got in for another goal following a scramble in front of the Barrs goal. With time running out and excitement building, the Barrs got in for another point to claim the title.

John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy; Matthew Murphy(c); William Dorney; Michael Scannell; Arthur Scannell; John Cotter; Edmund O'Connell; Eugene O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Thomas Cox; Timothy O'Donovan; Paddy Aherne; John Mehigan; Philip O'Sullivan.

**St.Finbarrs:-** Maurice O'Brien; Dan Coughlan; Jeremiah Beckett; John Finn; Dan Ring; Denis Ring; Con Neenan; James Murphy; Pat Canton; J.Ronayne; T.Cronin; J.Herlihy; Tom Aherne; John Dorney; Tim Finn(c);

### **Knockraha Church Tournament**

**August 17, 1919 Harpers Island, Cobh Junction  
Blackrock 3-3 County Selection 1-4**

This match was organized for a worthy cause in a new pitch situated close to the railway. It was used to prepare the Cork hurlers for their forthcoming Munster final and for Blackrock in the county final.

Christopher Hayes; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Scannell; Eugene O'Connell; William Dorney; Arthur Scannell; Thomas Cox; Philip O'Sullivan; John Mehigan; Timothy O'Donovan; John Cotter; Edmund O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; John Coughlan; Paddy Ahern;