

1920

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1 **May 9, 1920** **Midleton**
Blackrock 8-4 Cobh 1-2

The weather was good and the attendance large. The match was lively from the start, but it was evident after the first quarter that there was only one team in it. Notwithstanding the one-sided nature of the score, play was at times interesting. No team lists or account of game

Quarter-Final **July 18, 1920** **Riverstown**
Blackrock 3-8 Midleton 1-1

Before a large crowd, Blackrock opened their account with an early point by John Cotter. Although Midleton tried to reply, Blackrock contained them and added two more points, the second by Michael Leahy to lead comfortably after ten minutes. Blackrock then went in search for a goal, and despite several efforts they were repulsed and it was Midleton who came and secured a point. Despite that the Rockies kept up the pressure and in another effort for a goal, the Midleton keeper deflected the ball over the bar. Blackrock were not to be denied however, as Michael Leahy broke through for a well-deserved goal just before half time.

In the second half, Midleton started brightly and went in search of a goal, but Edward O'Connell was in sparkling form and kept them at bay as the Rockies forwards were picking off some more points. Midleton never gave up and a goal was eventually scored. Almost immediately after that Michael Leahy replied with a goal, and soon after added a point followed by another goal. In the end Blackrock ran out comfortable winners.

It would be almost two years before the semi-final would take place, due to the ongoing war of independence and the civil war which followed.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; John Mehigan; Michael Murphy; Arthur Scannell; Thomas Cox; Matthew Murphy; Phil O'Sullivan; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; John Cotter; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy;

Semi-Final **June 25, 1922** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 3-1 St.Finbarr's 0-2

St.Finbarrs won the toss and decided to play with the aid of a strong breeze. Much to everyone's amazement, neither side managed to register a score during the entire first half. Both defences were on top form as the forwards struggled to get space to launch a serious attack. Seán Óg Murphy, Edward O'Connell, Phil O'Sullivan and Michael Murphy were doing Trojan work for the Rockies in the backs as the first half finished scoreless. On resuming for the second half the Barrs were in the ascendancy but once again they found Seán Óg Murphy in particular, too difficult to beat. The Rockies eventually began to exert some pressure and Patrick Ahern opened the scoring with a rasping goal. Immediately the Barrs came back and within five minutes pulled off two points. Back came the Rockies for Michael Leahy this time to score a great goal. Hectic play ensued from here to the finish with the leather flying up and down the field as Blackrock added a goal and a point to their tally. Although the pitch was strewn with broken hurleys and several players received injuries, it was one of the most strenuous matches ever witnessed and credit must go to both sides for a most sporting encounter.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Phil O'Sullivan; Michael Murphy; Arthur Scannell; Matthew Murphy; Eugene O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Delea; Thomas Cox; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Timothy O'Donovan;

Final **July 17, 1922** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 14-4 Fairhill 2-0

Examiner report:- The senior hurling final of 1920 was decided in a rather disappointing manner, for contrary to anticipation, based altogether on the previous performance of Fairhill, the big fight which they were expected to put up to Blackrock was entirely absent, and more

the pity because the patronage which was extended to the match was certainly of the most liberal character, the followers of Fair Hill being present in full strength.

Having won choice of position, which meant a fairly strong wind, favored the Hill men, they figured to serious disadvantage when the short whistle went, the position being Blackrock five goals and a point to a goal. Not only was the discrepancy very pronounced, but there seemed small hope of the Fairhill side reaching anything like level terms, as it was apparent that there best had been made in the initial stages. They, however faced the big odds with light hearts, and fighting gamely for the greater part of the second half, they suffered serious reverses, which bad as they undoubtedly were, might have been worse but for the fine defense of Clifford, who saved splendidly on several occasions.

Blackrock hurled in brilliant fashion, their combination was perfect and there was considerable power in their drives, with Michael Leahy and Eudie Coughlan most prominent in the scoring department.

The I.R.A. Pipers band played on the ground up to the time of the start of the match. The pitch was in splendid condition and the weather ideal. A rather strong wind blew towards the eastern end of the ground. Both teams marched around the ground prior to hostilities with Padraig O'Keefe as referee.

Blackrock broke away from the start and captured the net in the smartest fashion. A sharp tussle next took place in the Blackrock lines, but relief was affected, and with play at midfield one the Blackrock players was injured but resumed. The game was restarted with Blackrock putting up another strong offensive. The Hill's backs fought desperately to hold their opponents and eventually Timothy O'Donovan finished the attack with a goal. The delivery saw Fairhill put up an effective defense and carry well inside the opposing lines, where some lively hurling was witnessed. In the height of the engagement, one of the Fairhill fifteen was temporarily disabled, but continued to play. The game was resumed with a seventy to Fairhill. The shot was not helpful and a Blackrock winger placed the Fairhill posts in danger, but Clifford's defense work was magnificent, and the Rockies had to go back. They speedily returned, to be met again by a smart defense. A free to the Hill proved useful, but the ball went over the line. On resuming, Blackrock forwards were soon at the other end, where the objective was lost. The next stage of the play saw Fairhill extending their opponents for all they were worth. The Rockies backs had their hands full to save their posts. The tussle went in favour of Blackrock, who getting a free close in, Eudie Coughlan smashed through the opposing net for their third goal. Fairhill replied with an over, after which Blackrock again secured possession, and from a sharp encounter, Michael Leahy found the net. At last, the Hill's chance came. With a nice passing movement, they secured a footing for Riordan to send in a beautifully judged goal shot. A lot of play of the give and take order having been witnessed, Eudie Coughlan was responsible for the next goal. A free to the latter was not rewarded, but it was neutralized by a sound defense. Some neat long exchange shots characterized the next phase of play, the Hill's saving work being greatly admired. The play was exceedingly fast and most determined. A Blackrock man lay on the field but soon resumed, and play restarted with a hot assault on the Fairhill posts. The attack wound up in an over, a similar result occurred in the opposite end a minute later. A smart move by Clifford saw play at midfield, from which Blackrock forced the pace for Eudie Coughlan to finish up with a point. Fairhill were now hurling very effectively, but were somewhat unlucky in most of their invasions and trailed at half time.

The wind had moderated on the opening of the second half. Fairhill faced the music gamely, though the odds were sufficiently formidable to dishearten an ordinary fifteen. They opened with an over, after which Blackrock opened with the storming of the Fairhill net by Eudie Coughlan. Soon after a Blackrock player met with an accident, but continued to

play. Following two successive ineffectual attacks by the Rockies, Michael Leahy put in a nice centre, which was not improved upon. The aggression was renewed with a show of success, this time the minor flag being raised. Closely following this, two successive goals went down to the Rockies, to which Fairhill responded with a goal. From this forward Blackrock were complete masters of the situation, running up score after score.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Michael Murphy; Arthur Scannell; Thomas Cox; Phil O'Sullivan; Matthew Murphy; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Timothy O'Donovan; Patrick Delea;

Beamish Shield

Round-1 **February 15, 1920** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 2-1 Redmonds 1-1

No team lists or account of game.

No further games in this competition due to War of Independence.

Easter Holiday Challenge

April 4, 1920 **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 6-4 Boherlahan(Tipperary) 1-2

Both sides had early chances and both failed to register any score in the first ten minutes. Boherlahan began to gain the upper hand with a very strong backline keeping the Rockies at bay. They opened the scoring with a point and soon after found the net. Up to this point, Blackrock appeared sluggish, but roared on by a large following they quickly sent over two points and as half time approached, they scored a goal in a goalmouth scrimmage.

The second half was all Blackrock as they got an early goal to settle them and from there to the end were in complete control.

Matthew Murphy; Thomas Cox; John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy; Eudie Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Edward O'Connell; Eugene O'Connell; John Cotter; Eugene McCarthy; Patrick Ahern; John Mehigan; Michael Murphy; Phil O'Sullivan; Arthur Scannell;

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No GAA activity this year due to ongoing war of independence and the civil war which followed.

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Quarter-Final **August 6, 1922** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 8-2 Carrigtwohill 0-0

Only three weeks after winning the 1920 county title, the Rockies were back in championship action again, this time for the current year. Carrigtwohill, featuring three inter county players were expected to give the Rockies a stern test. From a neutral point of view this was as disappointing as the county final win over Fairhill as Blackrock won as they pleased. Leading six goals and two points to nil at half time, the goals coming from Eudie Coughlan, Patrick Ahern and Michael Leahy, the second half was a non-event as Blackrock added two more goals despite losing both Eudie Coughlan and Michael Leahy to injury.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Eugene O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Phil O'Sullivan; Michael Murphy; Arthur Scannell; Matthew Murphy; Thomas Cox; Michael Leahy; Patrick Ahern; Timothy O'Donovan; Patrick Delea;

Semi-Final **November 12, 1922** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 6-3 Sarsfields 1-1

The first half was an excellent display of hurling at its best. Both sides

fought tooth and nail up and down the field. Unfortunately for Blackrock they lost Eudie Coughlan to injury in the first ten minutes. Despite this set back they were first to score when Patrick Delea got in for a goal, that sailed just under the crossbar. Immediately after Sarsfields attacked and quickly equalized. Blackrock went back on the attack after this set back and pounded the Sars goal only for their custodian James Hurley to deny them time and again. Blackrock then put up a point, only for Sarsfields to again reply in like manner. Late in the half Michael Leahy got through a rasping shot for a goal, which divided the sides at half time.

As the second half progressed Blackrock assumed the control and though they still found it hard to score early on, they eventually wore down the Sarsfields resistance. Though the game could not be described as dirty, several Blackrock players were injured with three having to retire before the game was over.

Matthew Murphy; John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Arthur Scannell; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Delea; John Casey; Eudie Coughlan; Michael Leahy; Timothy O'Donovan; Patrick Ahern;

Final **November 19, 1922** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
St.Finbarrs w.o. Blackrock

Only a week after their hectic encounter with Sarsfields, Blackrock asked for a postponement to November 26 as several of their players were injured. The County Board refused to concede to their request.

As a result St.Finbarr's were awarded the title by the county board. A most disappointing factor was that no one was willing to back the Rockies, not even their opponents, who decided to take the title in a bloodless victory. This was to leave a very sour taste for many years to come.

Gold Medal Tournament

Round-1 **April 30, 1922** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 4-5 Kinsale 3-0

Blackrock started in fine form, scoring a goal and a point before Kinsale settled. Hard and fast pulling was now the feature of the game as Kinsale pulled back a goal. Soon after Eudie Coughlan went off injured. Kinsale scored a second goal, and before half time Blackrock pulled back two points to level the scores at half time.

Patrick Ahern got the Rockies off to a great start in the second half with a customary goal, and shortly after they rushed in another goal in a goalmouth melee. Kinsale kept up the fight with a goal also, but the better-balanced Rockies combination saw out the game comfortably. Matthew Murphy; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Scannell; Edward O'Connell; Christopher Hayes; Phil O'Sullivan; Thomas Cox; Eugene O'Connell; John Mehigan; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Delea; Patrick Ahern; John Casey; John Coughlan; John Delea;

Quarter-Final **May 6, 1923** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 6-7 Sarsfields 1-2

The hurling was of a much higher standard than would be indicated by the disparity in the scoreline. At various stages of the contest, there was some skillful and exciting passages, apart from the forward departments, with the Blackrock forwards far superior.

Seán Óg Murphy; Patrick McCarthy; Phil O'Sullivan; John Cotter; Edward O'Connell; Matthew Murphy; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Delea; Patrick Barry; Patrick Ahern; Florence Mehigan; Michael Leahy; Timothy O'Donovan; Eugene O'Connell; Tom O'Donovan;

Semi-Final **October 1, 1923** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 10-2 Shamrocks 1-1

It was regretted that the contest was so one-sided, which was surprising as recently Shamrocks had won the Beamish shield. As can be seen from the scoreline, it was all too easy for the Rockies.

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; John Cotter; Michael Scannell; Patrick

McCarthy; Edward O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick Delea; Patrick Ahern; Arthur Scannell; Eugene Hayes; W. Leahy;

Final **March 21, 1926** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 8-4 St.Finbarrs 5-1

This tournament was promoted by the Cork Athletic Grounds Committee in 1922. The first half was exciting and close, with both sides swapping the lead throughout the half. Blackrock finished the stronger and led 4-2 to 3-0 at half time. With Seán Óg Murphy controlling things at the back, Michael Aherne and Michael Leahy did the damage in the front line to see Blackrock win out the tournament, four years behind schedule.

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; Edward O'Connell; Matthew Murphy; Eugene O'Connell; Michael Scannell; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick Barry; Eudie Coughlan; Jim Hurley; Patrick Delea; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Michael Ahern; Michael Murphy;

J.J.Walsh Senior Hurling Cup

March 4, 1922 **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 9-5 Redmonds 0-1

Mr.J.J.Walsh, T.D., presented a valuable cup to help with the Athletic Grounds funds. The match itself was most disappointing as Redmonds had a particularly bad day as the Rockies were in top form.

Matthew Murphy; John Coughlan; Edward O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Michael Murphy; Michael Scannell; Arthur Scannell; Phil O'Sullivan; John Mehigan; Patrick Delea; John Cotter; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; John Casey;

Passage West C.Y.M.S. Hall Fund

April 16, 1922 **Passage**
Shamrocks 3-4 Blackrock 1-8

Before a large local crowd, on a bitterly cold day, Blackrock elected to play with the elements in the first half. Aided by a strong wind, the Rockies soon had the first point. A couple of seventies followed, which also resulted in points, and then a goal. Blackrock were looking comfortable at this stage, but Shamrocks were beginning to put up a stout defense. Shortly before half time, they got a seventy themselves, which resulted in a goal, to reduce arrears at the break, Blackrock leading 1-5 to 1-1.

The second half opened well for Shamrocks, with an early goal and a point. Blackrock replied with a point, only for Shamrocks to do likewise. Entering the final ten minutes, Blackrock led 1-8 to 2-3. Assisted by the wind, Shamrocks forced a seventy which went all the ways to the net to give them the lead. Just before the final whistle, they added a point. Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Murphy; Eudie Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Thomas Cox; John Mehigan; Michael Scannell; John Casey; Patrick Delea; Edward O'Connell; John Cotter; Phil O'Sullivan; Eugene O'Connell; John Coughlan;

South Infirmary Tournament

May 21, 1922 **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 11-2 Fairhill 1-2

All too easy for the Rockies, for as hard as Fairhill tried, they were no match for a Blackrock side who were on top of their game.

John Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Christopher Hayes; Michael Scannell; John Casey; Edward O'Connell; Patrick Delea; Phil O'Sullivan; John Mehigan; Eugene O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Ahern; Arthur Scannell; Timothy O'Donovan; Patrick McCarthy;

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Round-1 **May 13, 1923** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 8-4 Nemo Rangers 1-2

A very one-sided affair with the result obvious from an early stage. Blackrock led six goals and three points to nil at half time. They eased up in the second half in a most disappointing clash.

Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Matthew Murphy; Arthur Scannell; Eudie Coughlan; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick Delea; Patrick Ahern; Patrick McCarthy; John Cotter; Florence Mehigan; Patrick Barry; Eugene O'Connell; John Mehigan; Eugene Hayes;

Quarter-Final **July 15, 1923** **Riverstown**
Blackrock 6-6 Midleton 3-1

Midleton were expected to put up a stronger challenge. Blackrock were on top form to win convincingly.

Semi-Final **August 19, 1923** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 4-5 Castletreasure 2-2

Straight from the throw in Blackrock attacked and soon had a goal from Michael Leahy. Keeping up the pressure, Phil O'Sullivan added a point. Castletreasure at this point began to find their feet, in what was their first season as a senior team. They scored a point, only for the Rockies next attack yielded a goal by Eugene O'Connell. From here to half time Seán Óg Murphy commanded his defense in great style. Blackrock began the second half similar to the first with early scores. Castletreasure tried hard and got some good scores also, but the outcome was never in doubt. Seán Óg Murphy; Florence Mehigan; Michael Scannell; Edward O'Connell; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Eugene O'Connell; Arthur Scannell; Eugene Hayes; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Delea; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Timothy O'Donovan;

Final **September 9, 1923** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
St.Finbarrs 0-6 Blackrock 1-2

Up to ten thousand spectators turned up for this eagerly awaited final. Blackrock were over whelming favorite's, following their many victories throughout the season so far. A surprise was in store for them as they failed to recapture their true form and St.Finbarrs made the most of it. The first half was a dour affair with neither side showing the flair associated with their fame. Towards half time, Blackrock began to show some flashes of what was expected of them and went in leading by two points. The second half was far more exciting, with both sides showing more determination and skill. St.Finbarrs were more resourceful, and despite introducing some new players to a county final, they wore down the Rockies as they never relaxed their energies from start to finish. Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Scannell; Edward O'Connell; Eugene O'Connell; Timothy O'Donovan; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Arthur Scannell; Eudie Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Delea; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; John Coughlan; Florence Mehigan;

Poor Childrens Excursion Fund

January 21, 1923 **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 4-5 Sarsfields 1-1

Blackrock's first match since May 1922. They had huge support and led at half time 1-3 to nil. The defense were very strong with the forwards after taking time to settle, found their rhythm to win convincingly.

Matthew Murphy; John Coughlan; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick Delea; Edward O'Connell; Michael Scannell; Arthur Scannell; Patrick McCarthy; Eugene O'Connell; Michael Leahy; Eudie Coughlan; John Cotter; Patrick Ahern; Timothy O'Donovan; James Delea;

Hennebry Cup

Quarter-Final **June 7, 1923** **Mardyke**
Blackrock 9-2 St.Marys 1-1

Blackrock had no issues in dealing with the St.Mary's challenge. The forwards were in sparkling form, scoring at will. At no stage did St.Mary's mount any real resistance.

Seán Óg Murphy; Florence Mehigan; Patrick McCarthy;Edward O'Connell; Michael Scannell; Phil O'Sullivan; Timothy O'Donovan; Patrick Delea;

Arthur Scannell; Matthew Murphy; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; John Cotter; F.O'Donovan;

Semi-Final **June 13, 1923** **Mardyke**
Blackrock beat St.Finbarrs

Teams not listed. Only account of the game was that Blackrock won as they pleased, by quite a large score.

Final **June 15, 1923** **Mardyke**
Blackrock 6-5 Sarsfields 1-2

Professor Hennebry donated a cup to be played by senior hurling teams on summer evenings for the first time ever. This proved very popular by both players and spectators alike. Blackrock won all their games by large margins and proved worthy winners.

Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Timothy O'Donovan; Patrick Ahern; Patrick McCarthy; Phil O'Sullivan; Eugene O'Connell; John Mehigan; Arthur Scannell; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Delea; Michael Leahy; Eudie Coughlan; Florence Mehigan; Thomas O'Donovan;

Fever Hospital Cup

Round-1 **April 15, 1923** **Mardyke**
Blackrock 4-2 St.Marys 2-2

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Phil O'Sullivan; Michael Scannell; Arthur Scannell; Eudie Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Delea; John Cotter; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Timothy O'Donovan;
Subs:- Christopher Hayes; William O'Keefe; James Barry; Eugene Hayes;

St.Vincent De Paul Tournament

October 22, 1923

Blackrock 3-7 St.Finbarrs 2-3

Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Phil O'Sullivan; Arthur Scannell; John Mehigan; Eugene O'Connell; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Delea; Michael Leahy; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Ahern; Timothy O'Donovan; James Barry;

Morsecock Cup

July 29, 1923 **Turners Cross**

Blackrock 2-2 Shamrocks 1-1

Seán Óg Murphy; Florence Mehigan; Michael Scannell; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Phil O'Sullivan; Arthur Scannell; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Delea; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; John Cotter; Michael Leahy; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene Hayes;

Morsecock Cup was a tournament promoted by Redmonds H.C. following the opening of their new grounds at Turners Cross.

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Quarter-Final **May 25, 1924** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 3-7 St.Finbarrs 1-1

Huge interest in this match from neutrals as well as the team's supporters themselves. Blackrock were on a revenge mission, following last season's county final defeat. Very close exchanges were the order of the day during the first half with once again Seán Óg Murphy controlling things at the back. Both teams were up for the fight and scores were difficult to come by. Michael Leahy broke the deadlock with a goal, only for the Barrs to equalize soon after. At half time both sides only managed a further point each. As the second half got under way, Blackrock assumed the offensive, with Patrick Delea pointing. There was a stoppage for a few minutes when players from both sides were treated for injury. On resumption, Matthew Murphy scored a wonder point from way out on the wing.

Next up was Michael Leahy in for his second goal of the day. Blackrock

now were in the ascendancy and try as hard as they could, the Barrs had to concede defeat.

John Coughlan; Arthur Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Matthew Murphy; Michael Murphy; Michael Scannell; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Eudie Coughlan; John Cotter; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Delea, Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy;

Semi-Final **July 20,1924** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 2-4 Mallow 0-1

This was Mallow's first appearance in Cork in the county senior hurling championship. They really put it up to the Rockies. and despite the scoreline they were a very skillful team. Patrick Delea was the main difference between the sides, as he was all over the field, scoring, assisting, and defending. He opened the scoring with a point and then placed John Cotter for a bullet of a goal. Mallow came back with a point, but John Cotter was on hand to add a point just before the break. In the second half Seán Óg Murphy kept the Mallow forwards in check and marshaled his defense superbly. As the game wore on the Mallow men tired and Patrick Ahern got in for a goal, followed by points from Patrick Delea and Eudie Coughlan.

John Coughlan; Arthur Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Matthew Murphy; Michael Murphy; Michael Scannell; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Eudie Coughlan; John Cotter; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Delea, Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy;

Final **October 26, 1924** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 3-5 Redmonds 1-2

Examiner report:- Blackrock having won choice of position, played towards the city goal. Redmonds pressed after a couple of exchanges for Seán Óg Murphy to affect a clearance. Returning the offensive Blackrock removed the danger and carried play to the other end. Michael Leahy being placed in possession the Redmonds net had an escape, the ball going out. From the delivery Blackrock got away on a rush which was checked by Con Sheehan with much length. Play next centered at the wing where frequent hard bouts were witnessed and the players found it no easy matter to hold their feet. The game was taken to centre field where a series of strenuous challenges were seen. Con Sheehan succeeded in getting in another telling shot, for Michael Murphy to return strongly. Redmonds regained ground with the aid of Ramsell and Mullins, and the tussle which looked promising for Redmonds, resulted in a seventy, which was beautifully directed, and in the ensuing play Michael Murphy brought relief to Blackrock side, whose side were now performing with much effectiveness. Soon Blackrock were penalized, but Redmonds failed to improve on the advantage. Blackrock getting away after a couple of hard tests, worked back to the opposing territory. John Cotter had a try for the net to miss by a small margin. From the send out, Eugene O'Connell replied with a lengthy drive, the ball travelling all the way for a point. The opening score having been secured by Blackrock, the game was resumed with marked determination. Brady, who keeping the Redmonds net, having given a display of his powers. Blackrock forced another opening and Eugene O'Connell wound up with a second point. Renewing the invasion, Blackrock were once more dangerous, but John Cotter missed the objective when a goal seemed possible. Blackrock again challenged the defense, and after some smart work by the Redmonds backs, Paddy Delea sent outside. A free to Redmonds was shot wide by Wade, and not many minutes later, Sheehan was responsible for a wide at the Blackrock end. Another encroachment was affected by the Blackrock forwards, who were held up by Brady at the cost of a seventy. Paddy Aherne took the shot and raised a minor flag. A free to Redmonds was neatly taken by Higgins. It was supported by T.Sheehan, who from the wing, landed a point. Getting the better of the subsequent test, Blackrock put up a great rush, for Paddy Delea to capture the net. The next stage of the game saw Blackrock receive a seventy, which Eudie

Coughlan sent clean over. A further point having gone down to Blackrock, Paddy Delea got his side on the move again. Con Sheehan however, proved too much for the opposition, and in turn the offensive was taken by the Redmonds, for Seán Óg Murphy to reply effectively and save his lines. After considerable play on the wing, Redmonds took the offensive again, but Matthew Murphy cleared. Attacking from a free later, O'Keefe found the Blackrock net. Excitement was now at a very high point. A big rush by Blackrock was frustrated by Con Sheehan, who sent to the side line. From here the vigorous assault was maintained on the Redmonds net, which was brilliantly held up by Brady. After a couple of exchanges, Arthur Scannell raised the white flag, and the game was strenuously fought to the half hour, with Blackrock leading 1-5 to 1-1.

A minute after the restart, Blackrock had a seventy. Michael Murphy's shot was looking dangerous for the Redmonds, until Couch brought off a timely save and the ball was fought to an over. A smartly conducted movement by the Redmonds held forth much promise. It was pressed against a great defence, and eventually a wide was the outcome. The onslaught was repeated many seconds later against a reliable defense, in which Seán Óg Murphy figured prominently. Redmonds came through the ensuing tussle with advantage, closing in on the net. A Blackrock received a slight injury which necessitated a temporary suspension of the game. On resuming Blackrock at once assumed the offensive. The defense was all that could be desired. Con Sheehan was prominent in warding off the attack. Some severe encounters were seen along the wing, which culminated in the Redmonds defense prevailing. The latter side followed up an advantageous clearance, and getting a free, the chance was narrowly missed. In all divisions of the game there now tremendously hard slogging, the ball passing from end to end of the pitch with remarkable rapidity. A change was brought about by a free to Redmonds. It was entrusted to Wade, who made the most of his chance and only lost it by inches. Hard hitting in every department characterized the next stage. Redmonds had a free close in, to be beaten by Matthew Murphy. After a smart piece of saving by the Blackrock custodian, Redmonds were awarded another free. Higgins who took it sent outside. Blackrock got down following the delivery and were pulled up by Con Sheehan. Daly, Couch, Ramsell and McCarthy were responsible for an entry into the Blackrock ground and Heffernan supported. The opposing forces responded gamely, notably Eudie Coughlan, Matthew Murphy, Michael Scannell and Paddy Delea, and some interesting hurling followed. Blackrock worked through for a seventy, which enabled Eudie Coughlan to put his side again forward on the scoring sheet. A free to Redmonds was taken by Higgins whose effort produced an interesting minor. Redmonds were within inches of pulling off another score, but the slowness of a few players in controlling the ball was noticeable. The next stage of the game saw Blackrock set up a powerful offensive, the climax being reached as Eugene O'Connell recording a creditable goal. The game was now in Blackrock's keeping.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Michael Murphy; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Eudie Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Delea Patrick Ahern; John Cotter; Eugene O'Connell; Michael Leahy; C.O'Connell

Redmonds:- Con Sheehan; Bertie Mullins; James Heffernan; W.Higgins; J.Ramsell; P.Leahy; M.McCarthy; Tim Sheehan; T.Wade; J.Prior; R.Couch; C.McCarthy; T.O'Keefe; R.Brady; D.Daly;

Republican Prisoners Dependants Fund

March 8, 1924 **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 6-4 St.Finbarrs 1-0

Both sides tried some new faces for their first game of the year. St.Finbarrs new players found the going tough, as Blackrock were first to almost every ball and won with ease.

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; Michael Murphy; Patrick Barry; Phil O'Sullivan; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick Delea; Matthew Murphy; Eugene O'Connell; Timothy O'Donovan; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Arthur Scannell; Michael Ahern;

Lee Rowing Club Tournament

March 30, 1924 **Turners Cross**
Blackrock 8-3 Redmonds 3-2

A match was arranged to assist Lee rowing club in funding their equipment for the seasons regattas.

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Michael Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Phil O'Sullivan; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene Hayes; Patrick Delea; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy; John Delea; Michael O'Sullivan;

Charleville Tournament

Quarter-Final **May 31, 1924** **Charleville**
Blackrock 6-3 Fedamore 2-2

In splendid weather before a very large attendance, the Rockies won by substantial margin. Fedamore featured two of the Limerick All-Ireland team, but they were no match for Blackrock.

Semi-Final **September 28, 1924,** **Charleville**
Blackrock 6-4 Croom 3-0

Before the start heavy rain fell, which made to pitch greasy. Blackrock adopted to the conditions better and soon had the first score, The first half was fairly even, with Blackrock leading 3-2 tom2-0 at half time. On the resumption, Blackrock took control and won very convincingly. Seán Óg Murphy, Mick Murphy and Michael Leahy were the top performers.

Final **November 16, 1924** **Charleville**
Blackrock 2-4 Young Ireland (Limerick) 1-3

A clash between the county champions of Cork and Limerick drew a huge crowd to Charleville on a foggy damp day. The sod was soft and on the heavy side, which tested the strength, stamina and resourcefulness of the contestants. It was a wonderfully fine match, with the issue in doubt up to the final five minutes. Blackrock were well served by the brilliant goalkeeping of John Coughlan, as time and again he was applauded for his efforts.

John Coughlan; Michael Murphy; Michael Scannell; Edward O'Connell; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Matthew Murphy; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Delea; Arthur Scannell; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; John Cotter; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Barry;

Muskerry Challenge for Silver Cup

August 10, 1924 **Aherla**
Blackrock 3-6 Muskerry 2-4

Following the formation of the Muskerry board, a challenge was arranged to promote the division.

John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Scannell; Michael Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick Delea; Matthew Murphy; Eugene O'Connell; John Cotter; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; John Flanagan;

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County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1 **April 19, 1925** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 5-4 Redmonds 1-4

Torrential rain the night before made conditions very difficult for both sides, but the lighter Redmonds found it too much a disadvantage. The Blackrock defense were in top form and easily coped with anything the Redmonds could throw at them. Leading by two goals and two points to two points at half time, the second half was scrappy due to more rain and

a very soft surface.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Michael Murphy; Patrick McCarthy; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Barry; Patrick Delea; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy; John Flanagan;

Quarter-Final **May 31, 1925** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 8-7 Collins 2-7

A first ever meeting of the Rockies clashing with the soldiers of Collins Barracks. The soldiers were all big, strong and fit men, who surprised the Rockies with their skills and enthusiasm during the first twenty minutes, where they completely outthured and outran the Rockies. During that period the amassed a goal and four points without reply. Eventually Patrick Ahern shook off his restraints and pounced for a goal, followed by a point by Eudie Coughlan, to leave them only three points behind at half time. Coming out for the second half, a totally focused Rockies were on top all over the field following a quick goal by Michael Leahy.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick Barry; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick Delea; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy; Matthew Murphy;

Semi-Final **July 6, 1925** **Mardyke**
Blackrock 7-3 Cloughdub 2-2

Blackrock were expected to overcome their opponents without much difficulty, but the first half was a very close hard-fought matchup. Eudie Coughlan got them off to a good start with an early goal. Midway through the half Michael Leahy added a second and it looked as if the game was going away from Cloughdub. Great play from Dinny Barry Murphy ensured Cloughdub kept in touch as they finished the stronger with a goal and a point before the break, with the Rockies leading by two points at half time.

An early seventy for Blackrock was taken by Eudie Coughlan and went straight to the net. This had a huge effect on the game as a contest. Cloughdub failed in their next attack as the Rockies swept back up the field for Michael Ahern to score another goal. From there to the end, Blackrock won comfortably.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick Barry; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick Delea; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy; John Flanagan;

Final **August 24, 1925** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 6-4 St.Finbarrs 2-3

Examiner report:- Blackrock retained the title, but they had to go all out to do so, and the final score flattered them. St.Finbarrs made a splendid effort for victory, and up to ten minutes of the final whistle, the issue was in doubt. From the throw in St.Finbarrs got away, but Michael Scannell cleared. Patrick Ahern got possession, but sent wide. The delivery was returned, but the Barrs keeper saved well from Eudie Coughlan. The next few minutes saw Eudie miss the objective by inches. Continuing to press, Blackrock were rewarded with a point by Michael Ahern. A scrimmage by the Barrs goal was cleared in good style. A powerful drive by Eudie Coughlan was saved at the expense of a seventy. Edward O'Connell took the puck and scored a point. Up to this stage Blackrock had altogether the better of the exchanges, but now the Barrs began to play with more confidence. The Blackrock defense however were steady, and Seán Óg Murphy and Edward O'Connell cleared well in succession. A free to the Barrs was sent in with a grand shot, but John Coughlan brought off a splendid save, and clearance. The Barrs continued their offensive and there came a thrilling moment, when the ball was placed in the Blackrock goalmouth. After a fierce struggle, the ball grazed the outside of the post. Immediately afterwards, the Barrs had another fine opportunity, however they were slow to raise the ball and the chance was lost. Relief

came to the Rockies when Seán Óg Murphy cleared up field. The movement ended in a wide. Eudie Coughlan returned the delivery and the ball went to Edward O'Connell, who registered a point. A free to the Barrs close in followed, but the ball was sent over the line. From the puck out, Patrick Ahern had a shot at goal, but it went wide. Barrs first score was as a result of a free on the twenty-one yards mark. Blackrock quickly retaliated. The puck out went to Patrick Ahern, who centered to Michael Leahy who found the net. A moment later, Patrick Ahern scored a goal himself. At the other end, the Barrs scored a powerful goal, but straight from the puck out, Edward O'Connell scored a goal, which Eudie Coughlan followed up with a point just before half time.

The resumption saw St.Finbarrs play with great speed and determination. They were awarded a free close in, and in a rush on the Blackrock goalmouth, scored a goal. The Blues came on again, but this time they were repulsed, and then the Rockies had a chance, only to send wide. Barrs returned and narrowed the gap between them with a point. Still attacking determinedly, they experienced hard luck, when they just mixed the objective with a fine shot. Seán Óg relieved the pressure by driving well up the field, and a good attempt by Leahy, just went wide. The Barrs made a further attempt to reduce the lead with another point, leaving only a goal and a point between the sides now. With St.Finbarrs striving desperately to draw level, the excitement ran high. Every stroke was greeted with shouts of support and whenever there was a chance of a score being obtained, a hush fell upon the enormous crowd. St.Finbarrs pinned Blackrock to their posts, and twice in succession missed the net by inches. The champions defense eventually prevailed, and a clearance was affected. Barrs defense was then called on and saved at the expense of a seventy. Edward O'Connell took the puck, and his brother Eugene doubled it to the net. Nothing daunted, the Barrs again attempted to score. Several frees saw the Rockies net in danger more than once, but the defense was splendid and no more scores were obtained. Play changed rapidly from end to end, and five minutes from time, Blackrock got through for another goal.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Jim Hurley; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Delea; Matthew Murphy; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy;

St.Finbarrs:- Thomas Aherne; Dan Ring; Denis Ring; Sean Hyde; Dan Coughlan; Maurice O'Brien; Stephen Murphy; John Clarke; Michael O'Connell; Christy Cronin; Thomas O'Brien; Joe Kearney; John Herlihy; G.Cronin; F.Murphy;

Beamish Shield **S.H.L.**

Blackrock v Collins

Blackrock v Redmonds

Blackrock v Shamrocks

Blackrock 4-3 St.Finbarrs 2-0

Final **October 23, 1925** **Mardyke**
Blackrock 7-2 Collins (Army) 5-3

The game opened with a strong wind in Collin's favor. The opening exchanges were of even character, the defense of both sides being tested. Collins were looking particularly dangerous when John Coughlan brought off a fine save, and Seán Óg Murphy cleared from the goal line. From the delivery, Blackrock got away and Michael Leahy got the opening goal with a swift low drive. Following this, Collins missed several good chances of scoring, and eventually the Rockies went further ahead when Balty Ahern landed the ball on top of the net for a minor. Immediately after, John Coughlan was made to save a fine shot again. He did so, but was unable to clear, and in the scrimmage that followed, Leahy scored for Collins. The Army men were not playing with great determination and obtained a well-deserved lead, when Murphy with a splendid drive from

centre field, beat John Coughlan. The delivery was returned, and the Blackrock net fell again, but the score was disallowed. Collins continued to display their superiority in every department, and just before the interval, Ahern scored their third goal.

Blackrock took command on the resumption and forced two seventies, both of which were cleared. In another rush however, the defense was beaten and the Rockies raised a green flag. Collins then made several fruitless attacks and eventually scored another goal. Following this they made a bad mess of a glorious scoring opportunity, but made amends immediately by getting in for number five. Blackrock replied with a similar score. A few minutes Balty reduced arrears with a second point, and then there was only a point between the sides when the Champions raised a green flag. A Blackrock played was ordered off the field for rough play, and off the free, Collins landed a point. Excitement became intense when Blackrock secured the lead when they scored a goal, and then Collins levelled with a point. Rockies now put in a characteristic last-minute dash, and after a prolonged tussle, regained the lead per Michael Leahy. Collins replied with a minor. Victory for the Rockies was assured when Mick Murphy scored a fine goal from a free.

John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Scannell; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; James Heaphy; Patrick Barry, Matthew Murphy; Jim Hurley; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Delea; Patrick Ahern; John Cotter; Michael Leahy;

Roche Cup

June 14, 1925

Mitchelstown

Blackrock 2-5 Boherlahan 1-6

In broiling heat, in a hurling contest to aid a fund for the building of a new gymnasium for the pupils of Mitchelstown C.B.S., and also to purchase an athletic grounds for the town. A silver cup was presented for the winners by Mr. Michael Roche, Cork.

The contest was hard and fair, with strong pulling and fierce determination from both sides. Blackrock led at half time by 1-3 to 0-3. Boherlahan had a very fine goalkeeper who was kept busy saving a string of efforts from the Blackrock forward division.

John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Scannell; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; John Flanagan; Matthew Murphy; Michael Murphy; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Delea; Michael Ahern; Eugene O'Connell; John Delea; James Heaphy; Patrick Barrett;

1926

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1

April 25, 1926

Mardyke

Blackrock 7-8 Glen Rovers 1-3

Blackrock were all over the Glen men, and gave them very little opportunity for any appreciable play. There were some moments during the first half that the Rovers hurled well, but once the Rockies settled, their combination work and general style of play, and their aptitude to avail of chances coming their way, were simply in a different class.

John Coughlan; Michael Murphy; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Michael Scannell; Patrick McCarthy; Eudie Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Barry; Patrick Barrett; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy; Jim Hurley; Patrick Delea; Frank O'Donoghue;

Quarter-Final

June 13, 1926

Mardyke

Blackrock 5-2 Collins 0-2

Before the game began, both captains accused each other of having illegal players on their teams. Despite that, the referee got the game underway. Collins had the better of matters in the first half, although Blackrock had plenty of chances, but faulty shooting with several wides

and balls dropping short. It was a robust first half, with rough play outweighing scientific play. Collins led two points to one at half time, Eudie Coughlan getting Blackrock's only score.

The second half was all Blackrock, as they held Collins scoreless. Matthew Murphy equalized with a quick point, which was followed with some severe clashes, where several hurleys were reduced to splinters. Next Michael Leahy smashed in a goal. Further goals by Michael Ahern, and two more from Michael Leahy saw the Rockies qualify for the semi-final. John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Phil O'Sullivan; Patrick McCarthy; Matthew Murphy; Jim Hurley; Patrick Delea; Eugene O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy;

Sub:- John Cotter;

Semi-Final

August 29, 1926

Cork Athletic Grounds

Blackrock 12-6 Mallow 2-1

As the scoreline suggests, Blackrock were never under any sort of pressure, as Mallow completely lacked any combination or skill to compete with the Rockies. Every one of the Blackrock team played with the speed and skills associated with this famous club.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Murphy; Edward O'Connell; John Flanagan; Patrick McCarthy; Matthew Murphy; Jim Hurley; Patrick Delea; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Christopher Hayes;

Final

November 7, 1926

Cork Athletic Grounds

St. Finbarrs 6-2 Blackrock 5-4

Cork Examiner report:- Blackrock played in the direction of the city goal. Halloran and Cronin had a few useful exchanges, which enabled the Blackrock lines to be crossed. Jim Hurley, Patrick McCarthy and Michael Scannell effected a clearance, and Matthew Murphy, Michael Ahern and Michael Leahy taking up the running. Blackrock moved in for the ball to go outside. There was much length in O'Keeffe's delivery, and the Barrs follow up the advantage, a series of exchanges ensued.

The major flag was raised for the Barrs, a feat in which Clarke largely shared. From the send out, the Barrs set up another vigorous assault, in which Cronin and Kenneally figured, but Dr. Kearney was given no chance of getting in his shot, which went wide by inches. Blackrock having tested unsuccessfully; their lines were next in danger. A free came opportunely, but the Barrs defense obtained, and the forwards getting away, John Coughlan saved splendidly for Blackrock. After further clashes, Blackrock were given a free and the spectators were treated to some lively passages. St. Finbarrs forwards secured a sure footing in their rivals territory. They were quickly dislodged by the backs, Seán Óg Murphy Michael Murphy and Edward O'Connell having cleared, a free came the Blackrock way. It was taken by Jim Hurley, who lifted the ball all the way. The Barrs were now playing a particularly hard and fast game, their forwards giving a lot of trouble to the defenders. Play now had to be suspended owing to an accident to a Barrs player. On resuming there were a few incidents that for the time looked ugly, and resulted in two prominent players of the Blackrock side being put off. The game was not long in progress when another interruption occurred and wound up in a St. Finbarrs player being ordered to the side line. Play was again continued, with Blackrock pressing. Eugene O'Connell and Matthew Murphy did some solid work for the side, and Michael Ahern taking charge, lowered the St. Finbarrs net. The send out was speedily checked and a great dual was seen at the half way mark. Dan Ring, D. Coughlan and Cronin were giving good displays on the Barrs side. The encounter finished with a penalty to Blackrock, but it did not prove helpful and St. Finbarrs working smartly to the Blackrock end, Dr. Kearney did some effective work, but Clarke failed by the smallest margin when a score looked promising. Setting up another offensive, the Barrs were held by Michael Murphy, whose long drive brought much needed relief, and the

Rockies giving a display of their characteristic style, rushed a point. Their opponents replied with a similar register not many minutes later. Clarke being responsible. The next offensive was initiated by Blackrock, and was supported strongly by Michael Murphy, Eugene O'Connell, Patrick McCarthy and Michael Scannell. Jim Hurley made the most of the ball coming his way, and in an interesting piece of play, settled down a short distance from the Barrs net. The finishing touch to the assault was supplied by Michael Leahy, who lashed through a goal, a very creditable performance indeed. The Barrs lost no time in taking up the offensive, but Edward O'Connell with a lengthy high stroke checked the movement, and Blackrock burst through for a goal, which Michael Ahern was responsible. The game was scarcely restarted when some player shot an impressive point far out. A free to the Barrs taken by Dan Ring was frustrated by Edward O'Connell. The score at this stage was Blackrock leading 3-2 to 1-1. A seventy to Blackrock having being nullified by O'Keefe. Blackrock ran up a minor. Half time was then whistled. The game was resumed, but after a few minutes Michael Leahy was temporarily incapacitated. On resuming there were vigorous exchanges, each end being visited at short intervals. Receiving a seventy, Blackrock increased their lead with a point by Jim Hurley. Blackrock next maintained a strong attack on their opponents' posts. It was a close thing for the Barrs defenders, for whom D.Coughlan was fighting strenuously. Having beaten off the attack, the Barrs were awarded a free, which was entrusted to Dan Ring, who pulled off a smart point. Blackrock were next to test, but the movement, which looked menacing, was spoiled by Dan Ring. A free to Blackrock inside their lines eased the pressure on their ground, but the Barrs renewed the attack, to send wide. After further duels, the Barrs net enjoyed a close escape, but transferring play, the Blues worked through the opposing forces for a goal per Kenneally, who scooped the leather very smartly to the net. The score now was 3-4 to 2-2 to Blackrock. A powerful delivery by John Coughlan was aided by Jim Hurley and Patrick McCarthy, but the defense was equal to the demands. A long shot by Clarke, off Dan Ring was supported by Dr. Kearney, whose scoring effort was checked by Seán Óg Murphy. A long range drive by D.Coughlan saw M.O'Connell cover much useful ground for the Barrs, who, however, had to concede the advantage gained, and , Blackrock returning to the fray, Michael Leahy sent up another major flag. This was soon followed by a similar score to the same side, and now Blackrock now appeared to have the game well in hands. A big rush by the Barrs produced a quick change, a goal going to that side. There was now much activity in all departments of the game, in the course of which the Barrs were awarded a free and captured the Blackrock net after a big defense. The score now stood, 5-4 to 4-2 in Blackrock's favor. The Rockies didn't appear to be doing well at this stage, while their rivals had if anything improved their form. Dan Ring and Cronin were now playing an outstanding game for the Barrs, who again put their opponents to the test and pulled off a goal, which reduced the Rockies lead to two points amidst considerable excitement. A free to Blackrock having proved unavailing, the game was continued with unabated vigor. At a crucial moment the Barrs had a seventy. It was taken by dan Ring and well centered, but the Blackrock defense prevailed. The Barrs returned to the assault amid tense excitement, and taking a free from the sideline the Blackrock net fell, and with it all hopes of success. It was the turning point in a sensational game. The full time whistle went very soon after, leaving the St.Finbarrs champions.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Jim Hurley; Arthur Scannell; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Delea; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy;
St.Finbarrs:- John Barry-Murphy; Patrick Canton; John Clarke; Denis Ring; Dan Coughlan; Dan Coughlan; Michael O'Connell; Dan Ring; Eugene

Lynch; Joe Kearney; Christy Cronin; Thomas Lee; J.O'Keefe; Eddie O'Halloran; John Kenneally;

Clonmult Memorial Tournament

Quarter-Final February 13, 1926 Midleton
Blackrock 9-6 Redmonds 0-0

On a miserable wet day, the large attendance were surprised by the poor display of Redmond's, as Blackrock won as they pleased.

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick Barry; Eudie Coughlan; John Cotter; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Delea; Michael Ahern; Richard Geary; John Flanagan; Frank O'Donoghue; Patrick Barrett;

Semi-Final June 27, 1926 Midleton
Blackrock 5-6 Carrigtwohill 1-1

Over 5,000 spectators turned up expecting an exciting tussle. However they were disappointed, as Blackrock controlled thigs right throughout the game, and won convincingly.

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Michael Scannell; Patrick McCarthy; Thomas Delea; John Flanagan; Jim Hurley; Eugene O'Connell; Michael Murphy; Frank O'Donoghue; Michael Ahern; Edward O'Connell; Patrick Barrett; John Mehigan;

Final March 20, 1927 Midleton
Blackrock 8-8 Midleton 1-2

The tournament was organized to aid in the proposed memorial to commemorate the memory of those who fell in the battle of Clonmult on February 20th. 1921.

The game itself was disappointing from the point of view that it was so one-sided. Midleton tried hard, but were simply outclassed by a very strong Blackrock team.

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; Jim Hurley; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Frank O'Donoghue; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Edward O'Connell; Patrick Delea; John Flanagan; Matthew Murphy; Patrick McCarthy; M.O'Connell; Dinny Barry Murphy;

Charleville Inter County Hurling Tournament

Semi-Final February 28, 1926 Charleville
Blackrock 9-6 Cloughaun (Limerick) 3-1

The weather conditions were perfect in the new Deerpark enclosure, where the pitch was in superb condition. Cloughaun were short a few of their best men, which made for a one-sided game, as Blackrock tore into them from the start and won at their ease.

Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Scannell; Patrick McCarthy; Richard Geary; Michael Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Jim Hurley; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Delea; Eudie Coughlan; Michael Ahern; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Eugene O'Connell; J.O'Regan;

Final March 14, 1926 Charleville
Blackrock w.o. Mallow

The committee of the Charleville club were most disappointed as Mallow failed to field a team for the final of the tournament. Blackrock did not have to travel as Mallow informed the club two days before hand. A set of gold medals were awarded to Blackrock.

St.Francis Hall Tournament

Final June 30, 1926 Mardyke
Blackrock 4-4 Redmonds 2-1

Blackrock and Redmond's agreed to play for this tournament to raise funds for the upkeep of a very popular venue.

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; Michael Murphy; Jim Hurley; Matthew Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Michael Scannell; John Flanagan; James Heaphy; Frank O'Donoghue; Patrick Delea; Patrick Barry; Patrick Barrett;

1927

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1 **May 15, 1927** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 4-2 St.Finbarrs 1-0

Blackrock won the toss, but it was St.Finbarrs who did most of the early pressing. Seán Óg Murphy repelled them as usual, with his forceful style. Eventually Blackrock settled, and with Jim Hurley now dominating the midfield area, Blackrock got on top, but were wasteful in the scoring area. Several near misses and wides ensued, before the Barrs got on top again. John Coughlan saved his goal following a terrific drive, then Seán Óg Murphy and Matthew Murphy were strong at the back. St.Finbarrs forced a seventy, which went all the way to the net, to give them an unexpected lead. After a couple of tough bouts in a couple of departments, Blackrock renewed their efforts, for Paddy Aherne to equalize. Shortly before half time, Matthew Murphy did likewise to give Blackrock the lead 2-0 to 1-0 at the interval. Early pressure on the resumption by Blackrock, saw Jim Hurley and the Aherne's test the Barrs defense, before Michael Aherne scored a point. Just then, Michael Leahy had to retire due to a second head injury, and was replaced by John Cotter. At this stage the match was suspended temporarily due to a short scuffle. On resuming, the play was hard and fast, going from one end to the other, both goals barely surviving. Then Eugene O'Connell from out on the wing, landed a splendid point for Blackrock. Late in the game, two further goals, ensured the Rockies march on to the quarter-final. John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; John Flanagan; Michael Murphy; Matthew Murphy; Jim Hurley; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick Delea; Michael Ahern; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Dinny Barry Murphy;
Sub:- John Cotter.

Quarter-Final **July 17, 1927** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 2-6 U.C.C. 2-2

Straight from the throw in, U.C.C. attacked and almost immediately scored a point. Blackrock came back with several attacks, and Michael Aherne, hooking the ball from a neat pass, sent it to the net. U.C.C. then assumed the offensive and scored a goal, only for it to be disallowed and a seventy awarded. After the clearance, Paddy Aherne scored a long-range point. Play was even for some time, before a strong finish by Blackrock yielded a further three points, to lead 1-4 to 0-1 at the interval. Once again U.C.C. started the half with a strong attack, scoring a very quick goal, to bring them back in the contest. Despite some intense pressing, they failed to add to their total until very late in the game. In the meantime, Eudie Coughlan with a point, and Michael Leahy with a goal, saw the Rockies advance to the semi-final.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Frank O'Donoghue; Michael Murphy; Jim Hurley; Patrick McCarthy; Eugene O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy; Patrick Delea; Dinny Barry Murphy;

Semi-Final **October 2, 1927** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Collins 7-4 Blackrock 2-6

There was a bit of controversy before the game began, as the Blackrock captain lodged an objection to the illegal constitution of the Collins fifteen. However, the referee noted it, and the game started. Collins launched the first attack, but Jim Hurley took control and cleared. Shortly after, Blackrock got a free from which Eudie Coughlan scored a fine goal from an angle which by no means was easy. Soon after, Jim Hurley landed a point, from another acute angle. Now Collins pressed hard, but the Rockies defense held firm, and then Michael Aherne increased the lead with a point. Blackrock kept up the pressure, then Michael Leahy was injured and had to retire, with John Cotter taking his

place. Paddy Delea was next up with a point, but then Collins took the game to Blackrock, where Dinny Barry Murphy, Edward O'Connell and Paddy Delea put up stout resistance. The Blackrock got a free, which Jim Hurley landed a point. Closing in on half time, Collins eventually broke through the Blackrock rearguard to score a fine goal. Quickly followed by a point, the Rockies led 1-5 to 1-1 at the interval.

Collins pressed hard on the resumption, but some big clashes by D.B.Murphy, Edward O'Connell and Paddy Delea put up a fight against them. Blackrock then got stuck in, but failed to score from a free and a penalty. After a lot of play up and down the field, Eudie Coughlan scored a point. Quickly then, Collins scored two goals to go into the lead. From the next attack, Eudie Coughlan landed a second goal for the Rockies, and from this, the play was marked by much vigor and tensivity in the height of which the umpire was attacked and Eudie Coughlan ordered off the field by the referee. Collins having the better play, scored with comparative ease.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Murphy; Patrick McCarthy; Dinny Barry Murphy; Eudie Coughlan; J.Horgan; Jim Hurley; Edward O'Connell; Patrick Delea; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy;
Sub:- John Cotter;

At the County Board meeting on Tuesday 4th. October, Mr.Jim O'Regan referee submitted his report. Seán Óg Murphy objected to some of the Collins team, coming from outside counties. During the course of the match, Eudie Coughlan was ordered to the line for striking an umpire, who was removed to hospital. At this stage some members of the Gardaí interfered.

Seán Óg Murphy then handed in a letter stating the names of five of the Collins team and the reasons for the objection, mainly they played championship games with their own clubs, three in Limerick and one each in Roscommon and Westmeath in the current year.

The question of legality or otherwise of the counter objection by Collins hurling club to Blackrock hurling club, came before a meeting of the G.A.A. in Dublin. It was pointed out that the counter objection was lodged on October 15, the last day for such objection being lodged, without fee. Mr.Seán Óg Murphy said the Collins club contended that there was no necessity for any fee being lodged with the counter objection. The Chairman, Mr.R.O'Keeffe, Laois, held that the fee should have accompanied the counter objection, and as it did not it could not be entertained.

Following a meeting at central Council of the objections committee, it was found that the three Limerick players were illegal, but no evidence was proven of the other two. As a result, Collins were suspended, and Blackrock declared to play in the county final.

Final **November 28, 1927** **Mardyke**
Blackrock 5-5 Redmonds 2-1

Examiner report:- The meeting of Blackrock and Redmond's in the final of the Cork county senior hurling championship at the U.C.C. grounds, was favoured with exceptionally fine weather and the attendance was quite proportionate to the issue involved. It was not only large, but the enthusiasm evoked during the progress of the great clash compared very favorably with the best performances yet witnessed in the championship. The younger Redmond's team, were up against more seasoned hurlers in the Blackrock side, but for the most part of the test Blackrock had not too much of which to boast, though they had won with a pretty comfortable margin. The first half hour saw the Redmond's at their best, and at the close of this period only one point divided the rivals. This advantage was in favor of the Redmond's, whose play in the second half was chiefly in the nature of the defensive work. And to their credit if must be said that the back division, in which Con Sheehan figured prominently, was worthy of all the applause which it elicited. It was only in field craft alone that

the Redmond's had to concede the honor's to their rivals, after a match which deserves of high place in the history of the home finals. Jim Hurley was the star turn on the Blackrock side, working as usual with characteristic conscientiousness. He was ably supported by Seán Óg Murphy, who gave some fine defensive displays. Dan O'Keeffe of the Redmond's, was a hard nut to crack. A great game finished with Blackrock getting the verdict.

Blackrock played towards the western goal with a strong sun in their faces. Breaking away smartly, they set up a strong test of the defending forces, amongst whom Madden, Aylward and Sheehan figured. Blackrock continued to hold possession of their rival's territory, and the clashes were more than ordinarily forceful. A timely free enabled Redmond's to clear their lines. The clearance was soundly followed up with fine cohesion in all departments. The Blackrock backs fought exceedingly hard to dislodge the invaders, but the ball coming out to Dan O'Keeffe, he lifted the ball for a shot that ought to have found its mark. Shortly after the delivery from goal, Jim Hurley, lifting a great stroke, dispatched Blackrock to the attack, for Eugene O'Connell made a bold but ineffectual effort to register. Redmond's got away from the ensuing delivery, but John Coughlan checked. Redmond's still holding their ground. William O'Connell saved the situation at the expense of a seventy. The free was taken by D.O'Keeffe, finely centered, and magnificently saved. Hard exchanges now ensued, with Redmond's having the better of the argument, Mullins, McCarthy, D.O'Keeffe and Barry having participated in the movement, the Reds closed in, but Seán Óg Murphy, being unmarked, a ready clearance was effected. The next stage saw Jim Hurley send up a long shot which took some beating. Sheehan stopped the rush, but not sufficiently to avert danger, and a free going to Blackrock, Jim Hurley had the ball over for a classy point. Redmond's retaliated with much power in a movement that proved fruitless. After some clever passages, J.McCarthy sent the Redmond's away, and their forwards working like a piece of machinery, a goal was rushed to the accompaniment of a good deal of excitement. The next movement was an over at the Reds end, and on the ball coming again into play, Blackrock made herculean efforts to score. Sheehan upset their calculations with a brilliant save, but renewing the offensive, Eugene O'Connell got through for a minor. After a great dual at the centre, Redmond's closed in, but were beaten in defensive tactics by Seán Óg Murphy who pulled his side out a perilous situation. Following on a series of vigorous exchanges, Redmond's again forced the pace with a narrow shave of their opponent's net. After this Matthew Murphy brought Blackrock up for the ball to go out. The Rockies side again tested off Jim Hurley and Matthew Murphy lost his chance by inches. D.B.Murphy, who was playing much of the ball, let the Redmond's away with a mis-stroke, and getting a free a couple of yards out, D.O'Keeffe had the point flag up. Redmond's were now making the Rockies travel for all they were worth. A free entrusted to Jim Hurley saw that side with the advantage, but Michael Leahy was too well marked to get his shot in. At this stage Jim Hurley was slightly injured, and the game was continued with Michael Aherne dispossessing Mullally. Play was carried up to the Reds posts, and in the thick of the fight, Matthew Murphy met with an accident which subsequently caused his retirement. In the next stage of play Blackrock had a seventy off which Jim Hurley scored a point. The first half closed with the advantage in favor of Redmond's who led their rivals 1-1 to 0-3.

On the opening of the second half the sun's rays were less pronounced. Blackrock initiated a strong attack and Sheehan having frustrated the ball eventually went out. Changing the delivery, Sheehan was again called on to hold up the Reds net, and Blackrock's forward line had to retire. Jim Hurley, always dangerous, lifted a hot one from a big space inside the area and put the Rockies up a point. This feat equalized the scores and the spectators and supporters of the respective teams gave full vent to

their pent-up feelings. The Reds replied with a wide after Mulins, E.Madden, Couch, D.O'Keeffe, Mullally and Aylward had given a good account of themselves, against John Coughlan, Edward O'Connell, D.B.Murphy, Patrick Delea, Michael Scannell, Patrick Aherne and Michael Aherne. Blackrock next moved up and the movement looked like materializing, when Michael Leahy sent to Patrick Aherne who lost on the smallest margin. The players named had been doing good work. Blackrock's performances were now beginning to make for success. They launched quite a number of offensives which were replied to with equally good defenses and the spectators were treated to fine passages. The outcome was a seventy to Blackrock, accurately centered by Jim Hurley. It fell slightly short, and in the ensuing tussle a goal was rushed. This had the effect of stimulating the Redmond's to to greater endeavors. The music of the ash rang out in all departments until a free was awarded to Redmond's. It was given to D.O'Keeffe to raise the major flag, and the teams stood again with level scores. The position was, however, soon changed when Michael Leahy smashed through the Reds net, and from this stage onward Blackrock gave evidence of having got the measure of the opposition. They continued to supplement, but their every score was dearly purchased by the magnificent defenses of the Reds. A seventy to Blackrock was taken by Jim Hurley and was foiled by Sheehan and Madden. After an interchange between Patrick McCarthy and John Coughlan, Paddy Delea the test with a major flag for Blackrock. Patrick McCarthy sent down another powerful drive which was countered by D.O'Keeffe, and eventually John Flanagan missed his mark. Redmond's having sent wide, Blackrock were soon at the other end, where Sheehan shone in the defense, and after a further struggle the ball passed over the line. At this stage Matthew Murphy, suffering from the accident suffered in the first half had to retire. The game was resumed with Patrick Aherne putting up a goal for Blackrock off Michael Leahy.

John Coughlan; Michael Scannell; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; William O'Connell; Michael Murphy; John Flanagan; Jim Hurley; Paddy Delea; Patrick Ahern; Eugene O'Connell; Michael Leahy; Michael Ahern; Patrick McCarthy; D.B.Murphy;

Redmonds:- Bertie Mullins; Morgan Madden; Con Sheehan; Dan O'Keeffe; James Long; J.Beale; M.Mullally; P.Aylward; R.Couch; L.McCarthy; P.Clancy; M.Coughlan; T.O'Keeffe; J.McCarthy; J.Barry;

Morsecock Cup

Semi-Final **January 23, 1927** **Turners Cross**
Blackrock 4-1 Carrigtwohill 3-1

A very exciting match between two evenly matched sides. Carrigtwohill opened the scoring with a goal, and keeping up the pressure Seán Óg Murphy kept them at bay with strong defensive play. Jim Hurley and Patrick McCarthy began to control the middle area, and soon after Michael Leahy equalized. Carrigtwohill immediately attacked again, only for Michael Murphy to save brilliantly when a goal looked most likely. Keeping up the pressure, the Blackrock net fell for a second time. The fast pace continued to half time, when just before the whistle, Blackrock rushed the equalizer. Immediately on the resumption, Carrigtwohill got through for a goal. Blackrock replied with pressure, but were held up by a good defense. Continuing the game, Blackrock keeping up the pressure, secured a goal by Eugene O'Connell. A fierce tussle ensued, with Matthew Murphy and Jim Hurley excelling. Michael Murphy again denied Carrigtwohill another goal, but they regained the lead with a point. With the game drawing to a conclusion, Blackrock worked their way into the Carrigtwohill back line to equalize with a point. Close to the end, a free by Jim Hurley was inches wide, but after the clearance, Blackrock attacked again for Michael Leahy to score the winning goal.

Seán Óg Murphy; Michael Murphy; Frank O'Donoghue; Denis Daly; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Jim Hurley; Michael

Leahy; Matthew Murphy; Arthur Scannell; Patrick Barrett; William O'Connell;

Final **March 12, 1928** **Turners Cross**
Blackrock 3-8 Nemo Rangers 0-0

It was a can be seen by the score, a one-sided contest, Blackrock monopolizing the play. Late in the first half tempers frayed with a few scuffles, with one of the Blackrock players being sent off. The second half was quiet, with Blackrock going through the motions. The cup was presented to Blackrock by its doner, Captain Palmer.

Seán Óg Murphy; William O'Connell; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Michael Scannell; Matthew Murphy; Jim Hurley; Patrick O'Donoghue; Paddy Delea; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy;

1928

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1 **March 25, 1928** **Turners Cross**
Blackrock 5-7 Glen Rovers 2-1

In good weather and a fine pitch, the county championship began. Blackrock were attacking from the start, and within four minutes, Michael Aherne had the first goal. The Glen then advanced, only to be repulsed and Michael Aherne this sending up a minor score. Shortly after he tried for another goal, but the Glen keeper saved, only for Michael Leahy to follow up and score the Rockies second goal. Keeping up the pressure, Jim Hurley from far out delivered to Michael Aherne, who with remarkable precision, sent a stinging shot to the net. The Glen then with a great spurt succeeded in breaking through for a goal. Soon after they won a free, with a point resulting. After a good attempt for a score for Blackrock went wide, the Glen attacked in force, with a second goal the result. After this the play was mainly in with the Glen defending, but Eudie Coughlan with a goal, and Patrick Delea with point pushed the Rockies further ahead. Blackrock led 5-5 to 2-1 at half time. The second half was very even, the Glen with the strong wind behind them, made Blackrock fight all the way, and they had some good stickmen. However, the experienced Rockies were clearly the better side on the day.

John Coughlan; Edward O'Connell; Seán Óg Murphy; Patrick McCarthy; William O'Connell; Patrick O'Donoghue; Jim Hurley; Paddy Delea; Eudie Coughlan; Patrick Ahern; Matthew Murphy; Michael Leahy; Eugene O'Connell; Frank O'Donoghue; Denis Daly;

Quarter-Final **July 1, 1928** **Blarney**
Mallow 3-3 Blackrock 3-2

There is no denying the fact that Mallow sprang a big surprise on their own followers as well as the general public when they dumped Blackrock out of the county senior hurling championship.

Straight from the start, Mallow attacked, with the strong wind assisting them. Quickly they put the Blackrock defense under pressure, and when Seán Óg Murphy slipped in a dual with Holmes of Mallow, it allowed Mallow the opening to score the opening goal. Blackrock then made a number of attacks, but each attempt for a goal was repulsed by the strong Mallow rearguard. Back came Mallow again, and Holmes, causing serious problems for the Rockies defense, fired in his second goal. Blackrock were now realizing they had to work hard, and soon they registered their first score, a point. Mallow replied with a point of their own, and then Michael Ahern brought the Rockies back into the game with a stinging shot for a goal. This did not deter Mallow at all, and securing frees, they added two more points before half time, with Jim Hurley replying with one for the Rockies, leaving the half time score 2-3 to 1-2 in favor of Mallow.

The second half began with both sides in a fierce battle. The rain got

heavier and the ground conditions were slippy. Despite that there was intense excitement as Blackrock sought to get on the scoring board. The Mallow goalkeeper was having an excellent game and made some great saves. Blackrock, intent on scoring goals, left many chances of points behind them. Eventually, the Mallow custodian did make a mistake, for Patrick Ahern to take advantage a score a goal, to push the Rockies in front for the first time. It was expected that now, they would take control of the game, but wayward shooting saw several chances go wide. Sensing they still had a chance, Mallow got on the offensive and shocked everyone in the attendance by scoring a third goal and leading with only a few minutes to go. Blackrock pressed hard for an equalizer, but it was not to be, as Mallow recorded one of the greatest shocks in the history of the Cork county senior hurling championship.

John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Michael Scannell; Patrick O'Donoghue; Patrick McCarthy; Jim Hurley; Eudie Coughlan; Jack Egan; Matthew Murphy; Michael Leahy; Paddy Delea; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Denis Daly;

Beamish Shield Senior Hurling League

23/4/1928 **Blackrock 4-5 St.Finbarrs 1-5**
18/5/1928 **Glen Rovers 4-3 Blackrock 4-1**
24/5/1928 **Redmonds 7-6 Blackrock 5-6**
10/6/1928 **Blackrock 5-5 Collins 1-3**
Competition unfinished

Charleville Inter County Hurling Tournament

Semi-Final **February 26, 1928** **Charleville**
Blackrock 4-5 Young Ireland (Lk) 1-5

The match was played in Deer Park, Charleville in front of a large crowd, many of whom from the Limerick side. The popular Rockies put in an appearance in good trim. The Limerick side created an impression in the opening half with the wind an advantage. They were prominently in the picture during the first moiety of the game, while their goalkeeper was an outstanding feature of the tussle. Immediately on change of ends, Blackrock secured the measure of the opposition, and in all departments working with fine cohesion, the obstacles presented by Young Ireland's were steadily overcome. Scores then came freely as Blackrock secured no uncertain victory.

Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Michael Scannell; Jim Hurley; Eugene O'Connell; Paddy Delea; William O'Connell; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Eudie Coughlan; Michael Leahy; Patrick O'Donoghue; Jack Egan;

Final **August 24, 1930** **Charleville**
Blackrock 4-4 St.Finbarrs 1-6

John Coughlan; Edward O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Jim Hurley; Patrick O'Donoghue; William O'Connell; Paddy Delea; George Garrett; Peter O'Grady; Patrick Ahern; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy; Patrick McCarthy; Thomas Delea;

Franciscan Church Tournament

February 6, 1928 **Sports Field, Waterford**
Erins Own 2-1 Blackrock 3-7

A set of gold medals were offered to the victorious side, which Blackrock won rather easily. It was anticipated that the heavy sod would mitigate against the skillful Rockies. However, in the first half the sod held up well, and Blackrock led 2-3 to 2-0 at the interval. Shortly after half time, Patrick McCarthy, in goal was injured and had to retire, his place taken by P.Murphy. As the second half wore on, the sod got heavy, with players slipping and mistakes were frequent on both sides. Blackrock coped better in this half and won out easily.

Seán Óg Murphy; Patrick McCarthy; Edward O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Paddy Delea; William O'Connell; Jack Egan; Jim Hurley; Michael Ahern;

Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Eugene O'Connell; Denis Daly; John Cotter; John Flanagan;
Sub:- P.Murphy;

Silver Challenge Cup

March 3, 1928

Macroom

Blackrock 3-8 Éire Óg 1-3

This was organized by the Éire Óg club to pit themselves against the top team in the county in preparation for the county championship. They learned much from the exercise as they would go on to win their first county title.

John Coughlan; Edward O'Connell; Michael Scannell; Patrick McCarthy; Jim Hurley; Jack Egan; Paddy Delea; Eudie Coughlan; Eugene O'Connell; Denis Daly; John Cotter; William O'Connell; Matthew Murphy; Michael Ahern; Frank O'Donoghue;

Norris cup

April 15, 1928

Sports Field, Waterford

Erins Own 10-9 Blackrock 2-2

The proceeds for this match was for the Franciscan Church building fund. Playing with the wind in the first half, Erins Own put the Blackrock defense under severe pressure for most of the half. Despite that, Blackrock opened the scoring with a Eugene O'Connell point. Then Erins own upped the pressure to score several times and build up a lead of 5-3 to 2-2 at the interval. During the first half, Seán Óg Murphy, William O'Connell and Edward O'Connell tried very hard to repulse the Waterford men, with only Michael Ahern making any headway up front for the Rockies. Demoralization seemed to set in after the break, as Blackrock failed to score in the second half and Erins Own scored an easy victory. J.McDonald, Seán Óg Murphy, Edward O'Connell, William O'Connell, Eugene O'Connell, P.Barrett, Jack Egan, John Coughlan, John Cotter, Matthew Murphy, John Flanagan, Michael Aherne, M.Scanlon, Frank O'Donoghue, D.Barrett;

Daly Benefit Tournament

November 18, 1928

Turners Cross

Blackrock 7-4 Redmonds 4-0

Straight from the throw in, Blackrock had things very much in control. Michael Ahern had a quick point, then soon after, Denis Coughlan scored two goals. Before half time he added a third, before Redmonds forced home two goals of their own to leave the half time score 5-3 to 2-0 in Blackrock's favor. Redmond's attacked at the resumption and two mistakes in defense let them in for two soft goals. Blackrock replied them with a Michael Ahern point, followed later by two more goals. John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; William O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; Paddy Delea; Patrick O'Donoghue; Jack Egan; Matthew Murphy; Willie Donnelly; Michael Ahern; John Delea; Denis Coughlan, James Walsh;

Fever Hospital Tournament

Semi-Final

December 2, 1928 Mardyke

Blackrock 1-3 St.Finbarrs 1-3

A most exciting and skillful game between these close rivals, watched by over four thousand spectators. St.Finbarrs did most of the early pressing, which kept Seán Óg Murphy and Edward O'Connell very busy indeed. Despite their heroics, the Barrs broke through for a goal and two points by midway through the first half. When Blackrock did manage to attack, the forwards were off form and several wides ensued. Eventually they manage a point, and shortly before half time, Michael Leahy scored a great goal, after having missed a few easier chances earlier. Once again, the Barrs entered the Blackrock territory, only for Seán Óg Murphy to repel them again and again. Blackrock then began to assert themselves, and several attacks were launched, but the St.Finbarrs defence were on top. Eudie Coughlan to a seventy, which hit the cross

bar, but was cleared, before Michael Ahern equalized with a point. Not long after, Jim Hurley with a free put the Rockies in the lead for the first time. Five minutes from time, St.Finbarrs equalized. Both sides had chances to win it then, but faulty shooting and strong defenses meant the end result was a draw.

John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy; Edward O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick O'Donoghue; Matthew Murphy; Paddy Delea; Michael Leahy; Jim Hurley; Eudie Coughlan; Jack Egan; Michael Ahern; William O'Connell; Willie Donnelly; Denis Coughlan,

1929

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1

April 7, 1929

Riverstown

Blackrock 3-3 Sarsfields 1-2

On a fine sunny day, Blackrock started in great style with almost complete dominance in the first half. With Seán Óg Murphy dominant in defense and Jim Hurley controlling things around midfield, the forwards had a good supply of ball. However, they were wayward in their shooting at times. Eudie Coughlan scored an early goal and Matthew Murphy a point, but then they lost several other chances before the second goal came from a goalmouth scramble. Sarsfields did manage a late point before half time, as the Rockies led 3-1 to 0-1. The second half was a rather dull affair, with neither team able to avail of their scoring chances until late in the game. Michael Leahy scored a late point and Sarsfields got their goal with time almost up. Seán Óg Murphy; John Coughlan; William O'Connell; Patrick O'Donoghue; Willie Donnelly; Eudie Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Jim Hurley; Paddy Delea; Peter O'Grady; Michael Leahy; Patrick Ahern; Eugene O'Connell; James Walsh; Denis Coughlan,

Quarter-Final

October 6, 1929

Riverstown

Blackrock 9-3 Carrigtwohill 0-4

As can be seen by the result, Blackrock were never troubled. Paddy Ahern opened the scoring early in the first half with a goal. Carrigtwohill did reply quickly with a point, but Paddy Delea immediately got in for goal number two. Further goals by Michael Leahy and Jim Hurley, saw the Rockies leading 4-1 to 0-2 at the interval. Paddy Delea scored an early second half goal, but then for long periods neither team scored as both defenses tightened up, along with some wayward shooting. Late goals by Paddy Delea, again, and Paddy Ahern saw the Rockies win comfortably. John Coughlan; Eudie Coughlan; William O'Connell; Edward O'Connell; Patrick O'Donoghue; Patrick McCarthy; Jim Hurley; Paddy Delea; Peter O'Grady; Matthew Murphy; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Michael Ahern; Willie Donnelly; Jack Egan;

Semi-Final

November 3, 1929 Coachford

Blackrock 2-4 Éire Óg 2-1

In perfect conditions, both teams were in fine form to perform a thrilling encounter, with defenses on top, particularly in the first half. Blackrock scored an early point, only for a quick response for the equalizer. With only a few minutes in the first half, Paddy Delea made a break, before parting to Michael Leahy to crash home a goal. Leaving the Rockies in front at half time, 1-1 to 0-1

Blackrock opened the second half in fine style, Jim Hurley with an early point from a free, soon by another from Matthew Murphy. After this it was time for Éire Óg to step up their performance. Inspired by Dinny Barry-Murphy, they battled back with a goal to cut the deficit to two points. Back came the Rockies with another point, only for Éire Óg to equalize with a goal. Tension was at its highest as both sides made and missed several chances to regain the lead. There was heartbreak for Éire Óg, as in the last minute when the Rockies forced a goal.

John Coughlan; Edward O'Connell; Eudie Coughlan; William O'Connell; Patrick McCarthy; Patrick O'Donoghue; Matthew Murphy; Jim Hurley; Willie Donnelly; Peter O'Grady; Jack Egan; Patrick Ahern; Michael Leahy; Michael Ahern; Paddy Delea;

**Final November 18, 1929 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 5-6 St.Finbarrs 2-2**

Cork Examiner report:- Upwards of 15,000 spectators assembled at the Cork Athletic Grounds, under fine weather conditions, to witness the engagement between St.Finbarrs and Blackrock in the final of the Cork county senior hurling championship. A thrilling game was expected, but the gathering was disappointed, as the contest proved a tame and one-sided affair, victory going to Blackrock by a margin of thirteen points. Following the heavy rain of the past week, and the thawing of an overnight black frost, the ground was in a heavy sodden condition, and difficulty was experienced in hurling on such a pitch. As a consequence, the hurling was slow and indifferent so far as the performance of each side were concerned. The sod in its condition was not adaptable to St.Finbarrs style of hurling, and no doubt, the circumstances largely contributed to their moderate display. Their backs and forwards were weak, and there was never any combination between their players. Blackrock, on the other hand, fielded a well combined and clever fifteen, their backs, forwards and centre field being especially capable, and they had no difficulty in defeating their old time opponents. It was a hard struggle at certain periods of the game, but Blackrock were superior in every department, and their victory was assured from the moment that two majors were secured. St.Finbarrs fought the issue to the end in determined fashion, but were only rarely able to penetrate Blackrock's defense. Accidents were frequent, and largely due to the slippery condition of the sod, but roughness was very slight in a game that was keenly contested. Mr. Lanigan, the well-known Limerick hurler, was an excellent referee. Musical selections were rendered by the Cork Volunteers Pipers Band in acceptable fashion.

St.Finbarrs won the toss and played from the city end, with a fairly strong sun and a north easterly breeze to their backs. Blackrock were first to attack, but Paddy Ahern sent over. A free to Blackrock ensued, and Jim Hurley registered a point. From the resumption C.Cronin put St.Finbarrs forwards in possession, but C.Kenneally, Staunton and D.Ahern were unable to make an impression on the defense of William O'Connell and Patrick McCarthy. Eudie Coughlan cleared and with Paddy delea driving well across to Paddy Ahern, the latter dribbled through St.Finbarrs backs and sent the leather into the net with a short low shot. Following an over at St.Finbarrs end, M.O'Connell fed St.Finbarrs front line with high deliveries. A chance came to J.Kenneally and C.Kenneally, but they were well tackled by Willie Donnolly and William O'Connell before Patrick McCarthy cleared. St.Finbarrs returned, BUT Ahern sent wide. Useful play by C.Cronin gave St.Finbarrs another opportunity of scoring, but Aherns shot was well saved by John Coughlan, and Patrick O'Donoghue sent play to St.Finbarrs end. An over followed. St.Finbarrs then conceded a 70 yards puck, taken by Jim Hurley, but it was cleared. From a midfield touch, Michael Leahy, Paddy Ahern, and Michael Ahern troubled St.Finbarrs backs, but Lynch and Maurice Murphy secured relief. A free to St.Finbarrs enabled Michael O'Connell to send their forwards attacking, but the defense of the Blackrock backs was perfectly sound. A scrumage ensued in the Blackrock goalmouth, and Patrick McCarthy was temporarily injured, a free to Blackrock was directed by Jim Hurley to his forwards and Paddy Ahern again found St.Finbarrs net with a stinging shot. Paddy Delea opened another forward movement for Blackrock and Michael Ahern missed a major score. At the other end, after a series of attacks by St.Finbarrs had been repulsed by Edward O'Connell and William O'Connell, J.McCarthy had a long shot for Blackrock goal, and a 70 yards puck was secured. Ring sent wide of the point area. Blackrock

again entered St.Finbarrs territory, but Michael Leahy's effort to goal went wide. Clever play by Patrick O'Donoghue and Peter O'Grady enabled Blackrock to remain in the St.Finbarrs quarter, but Paddy and Michael Ahern failed at goals. Play was confined to St.Finbarrs end for some time, but the defense prevailed, and operations were sent to below midfield where Cronin was injured. He resumed by sending a high shot to St.Finbarrs forwards, but Kenneally's centre to D.Ahern was intercepted by Patrick McCarthy and cleared. Michael O'Connell started another St.Finbarrs attack, but Kenneally sent over. St.Finbarrs were then conceded a 70 yard puck, but it fell short. A scrumage followed in St.Finbarrs goal and Michael Ahern and Michael Leahy were frustrated in their efforts to score. Peter O'Grady however, raised the leather and scored a point. As the leather passed through the point posts and landed in the net, the St.Finbarrs custodian and a Blackrock forward were in handgrips, but the referee stopped the fight. Alternate attacking followed to the interval, with score at Blackrock 2-2 St.Finbarrs nil. Play was resumed by Eudie Coughlan sending Blackrock forwards to attack. Sullivan, Ring and O'Connell relieved, but Blackrock were awarded a free, and Jim Hurley dropped the leather into the mouth of the goal. Cronin however, brought off a fine save and clearance. Ring afterwards put St.Finbarrs forwards in possession, but Edward O'Connell cleared. A second attack was initiated by Cronin, and in a scramble outside the Blackrock scoring area, St.Finbarrs received a point from a rising drive by one of their forwards. St.Finbarrs promptly returned to Blackrock's quarter, and a good centre was sent in by Cronin. The leather went beyond the Blackrock backs, to be recovered by Stanton, who forged his way through a scrumage of opposing backs and forwards and drove it into the Blackrock net. Cronin was again prominent in some centre field play, and J.Kenneally, as the result of his maneuvers, landed a point. With only a goal separating the teams, Paddy Ahern opened a strong Blackrock attack. Their forwards combined, and a nice piece of passing movement took place before Paddy Ahern raised the leather and drove it from the right in the direction of the St.Finbarrs goal. A struggle between backs and forwards was in progress in the goal mouth at the time, and the leather passed into the net. Blackrock kept up the pressure, and Ring, Michael O'Connell, Maurice Murphy and other backs were kept busily engaged defending and clearing their end. After a St.Finbarrs player had been injured, Paddy Ahern gave a dodging display with the ball on his hurley before placing another point to the credit of Blackrock. Cronin was again hurt before Jim Hurley, Eudie Coughlan Peter O'Grady and Patrick O'Donoghue opened a series of attacks on the part of the Blackrock forwards. Michael Leahy and Paddy Ahern, however were unable to score, and play was worked back to the Blackrock end for D.Ahern to fail at net. Donnolly was then injured. A fine attack by the Blackrock forwards, led by Matthew Murphy, Jack Egan, Paddy Delea and Michael Leahy, created a scrumage in the mouth of the St.Finbarrs goal, but Cronin and Lynch and Maurice Murphy made repeated saves and clearances. St.Finbarrs retaliated, but Eudie Coughlan relieved. Patrick O'Donoghue was then injured and had to retire, and his place was taken by M.Quirke. A determined attack by St.Finbarrs, in which Michael O'Connell, Sullivan, Cronin, Healy and McCarthy were prominent, followed and put Blackrock on the defense for a few minutes. Effective clearances were then made by Eudie Coughlan and Jim Hurley. Blackrock were conceded a 70 yards puck, but Jim Hurley's delivery fell short. From a ruck the leather went to Paddy Delea, who raised it and scored a point. St.Finbarrs attacked, and had a 70 yards puck, but were repulsed. After Peter O'Grady sent wide, Paddy delea added another point. Two seventies to Blackrock were ineffective, but after another Blackrock player had been injured, Jack Egan registered a point. An attack by St.Finbarrs followed, and in a scrumage D.Ahern scored a goal. In the concluding stages Blackrock pressed, and registering another major

score, were easy winners.

John Coughlan; Matthew Murphy; Edward O'Connell; William O'Connell; William Donnolly, Patrick McCarthy; Michael Ahern, Patrick O'Donoghue, Eudie Coughlan; Jim Hurley; Jack Egan, Peter O'Grady, Paddy Delea, Patrick Ahern, Michael Leahy;

St.Finbarrs:- Tim Cronin, Maurice Murphy, Eugene Lynch, Sean Vaughan, Dan Ring, John O'Sullivan, Michael O'Connell, Christy Cronin, Jack McCarthy, William Stanton, John Kenneally, David Ahern; D.Lynch, P.Healy, C.Kenneally,

Beamish Shield Senior Hurling League

10/5/1929 U.C.C. 2-3 Blackrock 1-2

Competition unfinished

Cork Athletic Grounds Tournament

**Quarter-Final March 3, 1929 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 4-7 Midleton 4-1**

In perfect weather and ground conditions, the match failed to live up to the billing. Blackrock with a number of newcomers, were far superior for most of this clash, with the first half quite dull with a poor display by both sides. The second half Blackrock asserted their superiority until very late in the game, when Midleton scored three goals in quick succession.

Eudie Coughlan; William O'Connell; Patrick O'Donoghue; Jack Egan; Paddy Delea; Matthew Murphy; Michael Ahern; Michael Leahy; James Walsh; Edward O'Connell; Ned Cotter, John Delea; Thomas Gillespie, Denis Coughlan, D.O'Riordan;

Buttevant Gold Medal Tournament

**April 14, 1929 Buttevant
Blackrock 4-1 Young Ireland (Limerick) 3-3**

In a thrilling encounter Blackrock just about deserved their victory. The first half belonged to the Rockies, leading 3-1 to 0-2 at half time. Young Ireland's came out fighting in the second half, but Paddy Aherne got a fourth goal for Blackrock before they could even mount an attack. From then on though, they battled hard and eventually the scores came.

Blackrock tried to score also, but erratic shooting left them down, even though they survived in the end.

John Coughlan; Seán Óg Murphy, William O'Connell, Eudie Coughlan, Patrick McCarthy, Willie Donnolly, Patrick O'Donoghue, Matthew Murphy, Jim Hurley, Jack Egan, Peter O'Grady, Patrick Aherne, Michael Aherne, D.Coughlan, D.Delaney;

Inter County Challenge

**May 5, 1929 Mitchelstown
Blackrock 5-4 Boherlahan 6-1**

Boherlahan set the pace with early goals. There were frequent stoppages due to players on either side being temporarily knocked out of action. At half time Boherlahan led 3-10 to 1-2.

Within minutes of the restart, Blackrock scored a goal and a point to reduce arrears to two points. Tremendous excitement prevailed for the second half as both sides fought valiantly, but Boherlahan increased their lead to four points with time almost up. Blackrock made a final spurt and scored a goal. With the last puck of the game, Blackrock were awarded a seventy, which brought the necessary equalizing score.

T.Gillespie; William O'Connell, Seán Óg Murphy, Edward O'Connell, Patrick O'Donoghue, Eudie Coughlan, Patrick McCarthy, James Walsh, Matthew Murphy, Eugene O'Connell, Denis Coughlan, Paddy Delea, John Quirke, E.Delaney, Michael Leahy;

**June 2, 1929 Buttevant
Blackrock 2-3 Young Ireland (Limerick) 3-0**

Blackrock struggled for most of the first half, with the Limerick side quickly getting into their stride. Early goals had them controlling matters until Michael Aherne opened the Rockies account late in the first half,

and soon after they added a point, with Blackrock trailing 2-0 to 1-1 at the interval. The second half opened with Blackrock storming the Young Ireland defense and soon scored a second goal. Late in the game two more points were added, and it looked like victory for Blackrock. Just before full time, Young Ireland scored a disputed goal to equalize. Eudie Coughlan, Edward O'Connell, William O'Connell, Jim Hurley, Jack Egan, Paddy Delea, Michael Aherne, Paddy Aherne, S.Delaney, Patrick O'Donoghue, Patrick McCarthy, Peter O'Grady, Willie Donnolly, Michael Leahy;