BLACKROCK NATIONAL HURLING CLUB

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

PAT MOYLAN







B O R N W I N N E R



Paddy Moylan's career is notable for a relentless level of success across the club and inter-county scene. His list of honours is the stuff of dreams and few players have carried themselves with such grace and sportsmanship on and off the playing pitch.

Pat was part of one of the greatest club teams of the modern era when The Rockies dominated Cork & Ireland in the 1970s and he was a key contributor to these famous victories.

With Cork, Pat amassed an equally impressive haul of medals and individually he reached the pinnacle when awarded an All Star in 1976.

Pat has worked tirelessly for his club since retirement from playing. Most recently, he was a mentor for the 2019 Intermediate County Champions, an honour cherished by the club and a huge achievement to win a county with the club's second team.

Paddy's legacy as a great Rocky on and off the pitch is indisputable. A giant of Blackrock National Hurling Club.

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THE INDIVIDUAL

What are your first memories of hurling for Blackrock?

Playing for Ard Fallen Gaels in the Ballinlough/Blackrock Parish leagues - I started in goal and got praised by Bill Daly for making a save during the match. I remember winning a trophy underage and we were all lined up on the green across the way from where Saint Anthony's now is and we all got a slug of Cidona! I also remember in the street leagues in Church Road, Jimmy Brohan walked past us a week after I saw him playing in Thurles with Cork.

Besides your immediate family, who had the biggest influence on your hurling career and how?

Bill Daly, Derry Cremin, Tom Clancy, Ned Kidney, Jack O'Shea, Paddy O'Shea, Mr O'Leary, John Farnan and Frank Murphy. In the North Mon school, we had Brother Barry, and Brother Vaughan. With the Blackrock minors, Johnny Hayes and John Redmond and Joe McGrath with the Blackrock seniors. With the Cork minors, under 21 and seniors we had father Troy and Frank Murphy.

What is the best advice you have been given in your hurling career?

Keep hurling and keep practising your skills!

What was your favourite position to play and why?

I played mostly in centre field - I felt you were always involved in the play, you had a big influence on the game. Anywhere in the forwards also! "We were all lined up on the green across the way from where Saint Anthony's now is and we all got a slug of Cidona!"

What do you think was your greatest attribute as a player?

Dedication to the game and confidence in my hurling.

Out of all your achievements, which one stands out as the most significant and why?

Winning a county with the club and also winning an All-Ireland with Cork.



ΤΗΕ ΤΕΑΜ

How do you think your teammates would have described you as a teammate?

Dedicated, quiet and reliable for training and matches.

Who was the best teammate you ever had and what made him so special?

Would not like to pick out one - there are so many!

What do you think made the teams you were part of so successful?

There was a great bond with all of the teams I was part of. All of the teams were also very dedicated and trained very hard consistently.

What characteristics did you most value in a teammate?

Respect, dedication, determination, hurling intelligence and reliability.



Back row LtoR: Pat Moylan, Pat Kavanagh, Conor O'Brien. Donal Collins, Frank Cummins, Tom Cashman, Eamon O'Sullivan, Eamon O'Donoghue,

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Front row LtoR: Frank Norberg, Ray Cummins, Tom Lyons, John Horgan (c), John O'Grady, Tim Murphy, Dermot McCurtain

THE CLUB

What three words would you associate with Blackrock National Hurling Club?

Community, friendship and history.

What are the characteristics you would always want to see in a Blackrock team?

Never say die attitude.

How would you like to be remembered in Blackrock National Hurling Club?

As a good clubman.

What does Blackrock National Hurling Club mean to you?

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