

1950

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1 **June 4, 1950** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 7-5 Sarsfields 3-5

After a very even and exciting first half, Blackrock dominated matters in the second half. The game could not be described as of a very high standard, with a good deal of bad timing and wild hitting.

In the first quarter it was so even, with the ball travelling from end to end, as Sarsfields held the early lead.

Gerry O'Riordan was prominent in the opening minutes, send a long clearance to David Owens who was fouled, and Denis Murphy pointed from the resultant free. Almost immediately Brenan put Sars in front with a great goal. Blackrock fought back, and in a melee in front of the Sarsfields goalmouth, several Rockies forwards combined to send the ball to the net. Next Sarsfields equalized with a point. Straight from the puck out, David Owens cut through the Sars defence, to part to Mossie O'Riordan, who made no mistake with a beauty of a goal. They extended the lead with another point from Denis Murphy, before Paddy Barry scored Sarsfields second goal, and then pointed to draw the game again. Sarsfields took the lead with a point approaching half time, but Tom Coughlan, with a quick flick of his hurley, scored the nicest goal of the match, to give Blackrock the lead 3-2 to 2-3 at half time.

Two minutes after the resumption, Mossie O'Riordan worked one of his characteristic goals by scooping the ball to the net although hard pressed by three or four Sarsfields defenders. Then David Owens worked the ball in with a flick to Mossie O'Riordan, who scored another goal, which knocked the wind out of Sarsfields. Blackrock eased to victory with further goals from Eddie John O'Sullivan and a late one from David Owens.

Mick O'Driscoll; Michael Warren, Gerry O'Riordan, Patsy Lyons; Willie O'Mahony, Paddy Hayes, Patrick Ahern; Mick Cashman, Denis Murphy; Seán Hayes, Derry Hayes, Eddie John O'Sullivan; Mossie O'Riordan, Tom Coughlan, David Owens;

Sub:- Bob Tobin;

Quarter-Final **August 20, 1950** **Buttevant**
Rath Luirc 5-6 Blackrock 1-5

Before a large attendance at Buttevant, Blackrock were defeated by a hard hitting Rath Luirc side. Weather conditions were ideal, and the hurling was in good order throughout the game.

From the outset, Rath Luirc went on the offensive, and Michael O'Driscoll was called on to make several outstanding saves in the first half. He was ably assisted by Mick Cashman and Paddy Hayes who tried manfully to stem the tide, while the Rockies forwards were held by a tight defence. At half time, Rath Luirc led 2-3 to nil.

Aided by a stiff breeze, Blackrock attacked on the resumption , and two quick points were scored by Denis Murphy and Paddy Hayes; These were soon nullified. Strong play was witnessed throughout the second half, with Blackrock unable to break through for a goal until the closing minutes.

Mick O'Driscoll; Michael Warren, Gerry O'Riordan, Patsy Lyons; Paddy Hayes, Mick Cashman, Willie O'Mahony; Denis Murphy, Eddie John O'Sullivan; Seán Hayes, Mossie O'Riordan, Tom Coughlan; David Owens, Derry Hayes, M.Aherne;

Beamish Shield

St.Finbarrs 4-2 Blackrock 3-2; Blackrock 3-7 Rath Luirc 1-5; Glen Rovers v Blackrock;

Glenbower Woods Tournament

May 7, 1950 **Killeagh**
Blackrock 1-8 Imokilly 3-2

Imokilly were the chief attackers, but their erratic marksmanship and a superb Blackrock defence were the main factors in cheating them of a victory.Imokilly were first to score, an early point. But soon after, Tom Coughlan scored a goal for Blackrock. Ten minutes before half time, Imokilly scored a goal also, and very quickly added a second one. Just before the break, Paddy Aherne scored a point for Blackrock.

Blackrock began the second half in great form, adding three points in the opening ten minutes. Imokilly went a point up again, but then Blackrock came back with two points to lead with time running out. Imokilly then scored a goal to go two in front, but Blackrock were not to be denied, and late points ended the game on level terms. Best for Blackrock were, Tom Coughlan; Pat Aherne, Derry Hayes, Denis Murphy, Eddie John O'Sullivan; Bob Tobin;

O'Donovan Rossa Tournament

July 2, 1950 **Skibbereen**
St.Finbarrs 6-2 Blackrock 1-8

The president Seán T.Kelly threw in the ball to start the game. Both sides were short some of their regular players. In the first half the hurling was fast and even, and at the interval, Blackrock led 1-6 to 2-1. The concluding stages of the second half, was where St.Finbarrs took control to win convincingly.

D.Cotter; Michael Warren, Tim Delaney, Eddie O'Connell; Patsy Lyons, Paddy Hayes, Willie O'Mahony; John Farnan, Mick Cashman; T.Ahern, Derry Hayes, Seán Hayes; Bob Tobin, Tom Coughlan, Dan O'Sullivan;

Bandon Carnival

October 8, 1950 **Bandon**
Banon 3-1 Blackrock 5-2

Cold and showery rain marred this fixture, as the match was rather scrappy.

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Round-1 **April 29, 1951** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 2-5 Carrigdhoun 1-3

Described as a very low standard championship match. The scoring was very low indeed, with Carrigdhoun leading 1-3 to 0-3 at the interval. They were two pints to nil up after ten minutes, but Mick Ryan, a Tipperary player, soon had two points himself, to equalize. Carrigdhoun again took the lead with a point, only for Mick Cashman to do likewise from a free. Then five minutes before half time, Carrigdhoun scored a goal.

In the second half the Blackrock defence held firm, keeping their opponents scoreless. It did not take Blackrock to go in front, as Mick Ryan got a quick point, and then had a lucky goal. His shot hit one of the Carrigdhoun defenders in the face, and the ball ended up in the net, Later, in another attack, Blackrock hit the goalpost, but Seán McSweeney was on hand to crash home the rebound.

Patsy Lyons; Michael Warren, Derry Hayes, Eddie O'Connell; Seán Hayes, Mick Cashman(0-1), Patrick Ahern; Tommy Furlong, Denis Murphy; Seán McSweeney (1-0), Mick Ryan(1-4), Eddie John O'Sullivan; Bob Tobin, Gerry O'Riordan, William O'Connell;

Quarter-Final **September 9, 1951** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 4-9 Imokilly 3-4

This game produced much excitement and first class hurling, Blackrock led from beginning to end, and must feel serious contenders as they face Glen Rovers in the semi-final.

Bob Tobin has an early goal for Blackrock, followed by a point from Tommy Furlong. Minutes later, a second goal was scored in a goalmouth melee, to which bob Tobin added a point. Imokilly fought back with a goal and a point, but Blackrock took command again with Mossie

O’Riordan and Denis Murphy adding three points, and Bob Tobin scoring his second goal. Imokilly came out on the resumption in form and soon scored a goal and two points, followed by a point from Paddy Ahern for Blackrock. Imokilly added further points to reduce the lead to two points. Blackrock settled in the closing stages with points from Mossie O’Riordan and Mick Ryan, and a third goal from Bob Tobin. Mick Cashman; Michael Warren, Derry Hayes, Gerry O’Riordan; Seán Hayes, Paddy Hayes, John Farnan; Patsy Lyons, Patrick Ahern; Mossie O’Riordan, Mick Ryan, Denis Murphy; Bob Tobin, William O’Connell, Tommy Furlong;

**Semi-Final September 23, 1951 Cork Athletic Grounds
Glen Rovers 5-7 Blackrock 4-4**

The standard of this game was never that high, although periodically it did improve. Joe Twomey opened the scoring for the Glen with a point, and Christy Ring soon added to this with two more. Bob Tobin then equalized with a grand goal. The Glen hit back with a point before scoring two goals, the second of which was scored by Christ Ring following a great solo run. Mick Cashman in goal was having an outstanding game, with spectacular saves. Glen Rovers led 2-4 to 1-1 at half time. On resuming, the Rockies were through for a surprise goal. The Glen quickly replied with two goals of their own to increase their lead. Mossie O’Riordan got a Blackrock point, as the Glen added points to lead 5-6 to 2-2 with time running out. Blackrock rallied to hit back with goals from Mossie O’Riordan and Mick Ryan and a point from Paddy Ahern, but ran out of time. Mick Cashman; Michael Warren, Derry Hayes, Gerry O’Riordan; Seán Hayes, Paddy Hayes, John Farnan; Mick Ryan, Patrick Ahern; Mossie O’Riordan, Patsy Lyons, Denis Murphy; Bob Tobin, William O’Connell, Tommy Furlong;

Ballinsheen Fire Fund

**February 25, 1951 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 3-5 St.Finbarrs 2-1**

On new year’s eve three cottages in Ballinsheen were gutted by fire. The cottages were owned by William Hegarty, William O’Keeffe and Daniel Kidney. Fortunately they were no casualties. A benefit match was arranged to help the three families, with St.Finbarrs agreeing to assist those in need. Within five minutes of the start of the game, Patsy Lyons opened the scoring with a point, followed by a Paddy Ahern goal. Blackrock continued to dominate the first half as Eddie John O’Sullivan a goal and two points, and Paddy Ahen with a second point had Blackrock in command approaching half time. The Barrs scored a point just before the break. On the resumption St.Finbarrs scored an early goal to give them hope. Play was even then for a long period, before they scored a second goal midway through the second half to close the gap significantly. However, Blackrock raised their game again, as William O’Connell with a goal and Denis Murphy with a point, made sure of a Blackrock victory.

City Cup Bord na n-Óg Benefit

**Semi-Final March 17, 1951 Cork Athletic Grounds
Sarsfields 3-4 Blackrock 2-4**

Blackrock looked to be swamped early on, as Sarsfields were 3-1 to nil up approaching half time, then Blackrock scored 1-1 to give them a fighting chance. As the second half progressed, Blackrock fought hard to draw level, but ran out of time. The scorers were:- Denis Murphy(0-2); David Owens(1-0); Paddy Ahern(1-0); Tom O’Riordan (0-2);

Patrician School Buliding Fund

**Semi-Final March 25, 1951 Mallow
Blackrock 2-2 Glen Rovers 0-3**

A very strong wind mitigated against a high standard of play. Scoring was at a premium, as the wind and good defensive play, made it difficult for both sets of forwards. Dan O’Sullivan opened the scoring after about fifteen minutes with a point, and later a free by Paddy Hayes was finished to the net by William O’Connell, to leave Blackrock in front 1-1 to nil at half time.

With the wind at their backs, Blackrock were much improved and got a further goal and a point, before the Glen rallied late with three points. The scorers were:-Paddy Hayes(0-2); William O’Connell(1-0); Michael Ryan(1-0);

**Final June 17, 1951 Mallow
Blackrock 3-4 Avondhu 2-3**

After a shaky start, in which they trailed 1-1 to nil, Blackrock settled down when Seán McSweeney scored a very good goal. Soon after Noel O’Connell scored their second goal to go in front. But before half time, Avondhu equalized with two more points. Early in the second half, John Farnan put the Rockies in front again with a point, to which Noel O’Connell also get a point. Despite increased Avondhu pressure, Blackrock held firm, and on a breakaway, Seán McSweeney scored a goal. This score gave them the platform to win the tournament final. Mick Cashman; Michael Warren, Derry Hayes, Eddie O’Connell; John Farnan(0-1), Seán Hayes, Michael Roche; Patsy Lyons, Denis Murphy; Bob Tobin, Eddie John O’Sullivan, Tommy Furlong(0-1); Noel O’Connell(1-1), Dan O’Sullivan(0-1), Seán McSweeney(2-0);

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**Round-1 May 4, 1952 Ballincollig
Blackrock 6-7 Muskerry 1-2**

Blackrock had a comfortable win in a game that never reached great heights, due mainly to the superiority of the Rockies. Almost straight from the throw in, Blackrock had a point. Not long after that the first of first half goals came. As they gained in confidence two more goals were scored, before Muskerry seemed to get a lifeline with a goal for themselves. However, Blackrock went back up the field and added two points and a fourth goal to lead 4-3 to 1-0 at half time. Denis Murphy scored goal number five on the restart, as the game was as good as over at that stage. Blackrock eased off after that as the wound it’s way to the inevitable conclusion.

Mick Cashman; Michael Warren, John Farnan, Eddie O’Connell; Seán Hayes, Paddy Hayes, Michael Roche; Paddy Ahern, Tommy Furlong; Mossie O’Riordan(0-1), Tom O’Riordan(0-1), Eddie John O’Sullivan(0-1); David Owens(2-1), William O’Connell(3-1), Denis Murphy(1-2);

**Quarter-Final July 6, 1952 Cork Athletic Grounds
St.Finbarrs 4-3 Blackrock 1-10**

As expected, a huge crowd were in attendance to see a fast open game, with plenty of excitement in the closing stages. The Blackrock midfield men served their forwards well, but they found the Barrs defence very strong in protecting their goal.

The first half was where Blackrock played their best, with Paddy Ahern opening the scoring with a point in the third minute. St.Finbarrs then went in front with a goal, but shortly afterwards Paddy Hayes scored a goal with a low shot from out on the sideline. Blackrock then settled as they built up points, but then close to half time, St.Finbarrs end the half with a goal and a point, to see Blackrock leading 1-7 to 2-1.

Rockies scored first in the second half, with Derry Hayes pointing. Then St.Finbarrs began to win the ball two out of three times as they then scored third third goal. They then went in front with a point, only for Derry Hayes to point again for the Rockies. Several missed chances cost Blackrock on the run in, as St.Finbarrs scored a fourth goal to triumph.

Mick Cashman; Eddie O'Connell, John Farnan, Michael Warren; Michael Roche, Derry Hayes(0-2), Paddy Ahern(0-1); Mick Ryan, Tommy Furlong (0-1); Seán Hayes(0-2), Tom O'Riordan, Eddie John O'Sullivan; Mossie O'Riordan(0-1), Paddy Hayes(1-1), William O'Connell(0-1);

Beamish Shield S.H.L.

Semi-Final St.Finbarrs 0-1 Blackrock 1-2;
Final July 19, 1953 Midleton
Blackrock v Imokilly

Postponed due to flooding.
Re-fixed final November 15, 1953 Midleton
Blackrock 4-10 Imokilly 1-4

In the early stages of the game there were some very effective clearances by both sides, and it was not until the fourteenth minute for the first score, a point by William O'Connell put Blackrock going. Eddie John O'Sullivan added a second point before Imokilly responded with a point. John Bennett and Denis Murphy increased the lead with points, followed by a William O'Connell goal. A point for Imokilly was followed with points again from John Bennett and Denis Murphy, and a goal from Seán Horgan. Leading 2-6 to 0-2 at half time, Blackrock were in a good position. Imokilly tried hard in the second half, which was interesting for about ten minutes, then Blackrock got a third goal to kill the contest. Blackrock eased through the remainder of the game to victory. Michael Maher; Robbie Hayes, John Farnan, Jimmy Brohan; Patsy Lyons, Mick Cashman, Eddie O'Connell; Terry Hassett, Denis Murphy; John Bennett, Eddie John O'Sullivan, Tommy Furlong; Joe Fahy, Seán Horgan, William O'Connell;

Official Opening of Dr.Manning Park

March 30, 1952 Passage
Blackrock 4-7 St.Finbarrs 4-2

A magnificent silver cup, presented by Mr.D.Hegarty, Passage was the prize on offer following the official opening. William O'Connell scored the first point in the fourth minute. Almost immediately St.Finbarrs got the ball back up the field for a goal. They then missed a chance from a seventy, after which from the puck out, David Owens won the ball and crashed it to the net to regain the lead. From here to half time, the Rockies defence were in control, and supplied plenty of ball to the forwards, with points coming from Denis Murphy, Bob Tobin and Tommy Furlong. Blackrock led 1-5 to 1-0 at half time. On resuming, the Barrs with a stiff breeze behind them, quickly added a goal. A point and a third goal soon followed as Blackrock were struggling at this point. Then against the run of play, William O'Connell broke through for a Rockies goal in a melee. As excitement grew, St.Finbarrs went back in front with their fourth goal. Blackrock rallied again, for Seán Hayes to score a point and William O'Connell gat his second goal. The Rockies were now dominating again, and further scores form David Owens, a goal and a point from Tommy Furlong assured a victory for Blackrock over their fierce rivals. Mick Cashman; Michael Warren, Derry Hayes, Eddie O'Connell; Patsy Lyons, Paddy Hayes, Michael Roche; Denis Murphy(0-2), Paddy Ahern; Seán Hayes(0-1), Bob Tobin, Tommy Furlong(0-2); Frank Tobin(0-1), David Owens(2-0), William O'Connell(2-1);
Subs:- Eddie John O'Sullivan; Jimmy Brohan;

School Shield Tournament Browne & Nolan Cup

April 13, 1952 Mardyke
Blackrock 1-8 St.Finbarrs 1-6

The standard of play was quite low, but the closeness of the scoring, kept the attendance interested. Blackrock began very well with three quick points from Paddy Ahern, Eddie John O'Sullivan and Denis Murphy. St.Finbarrs went in front with a goal and a point, only for Tom O'Riordan to smash in a goal, and Eddie John and Denis Murphy adding points, to see the Rockies 1-5 to 1-2 in front at the midway.

Paddy Ahern and Eddie John O'Sullivan added points in the second half to increase the lead, and very late in the game the Barrs closed the gap, but could not equalize.

City Cup Bord na n-Óg Benefit

Semi-Final May 11, 1952 Mardyke
Blackrock 4-7 Glen Rovers 3-2

Both teams were slightly below full strength, but the display was all the most meritorious as the pitch was a little slippery after heavy showers. Following a great save by Mick Cashman in goal, Paddy Ahern placed William O'Connell for a great goal. Tom O'Riordan then added a point, after which Christy Ring got the Glen going. Tom O'Riordan then scored a second point before the Glen took over and went into the lead approaching half time, until Jimmy Brohan levelled matters with a point. On resuming, Blackrock raced into a big lead, with points from Jimmy Brohan and Patsy Lyons, and a goal from Paddy Hayes. Led by Christy Ring, the Glen fought back to close the gap, but another goal from William O'Connell and a point from Paddy Ahern, ensured Blackrock qualified for the final.;

Final November 2, 1952 Mardyke
Sarsfields 5-7 Blackrock 4-2

Sarsfields raced into an early lead with a goal and three points inside the first ten minutes. Tommy Furlong won a great ball and passed to Jimmy Brohan who scored a goal, soon followed by a second goal, this time by Tommy Furlong to equalize. Back came Sars again to score a goal, but then Tom O'Riordan got through for a goal also. Sarsfields then hit a good period, adding three points. Just before half time, Blackrock were level again with a goal from Bob Tobin. The second half was low scoring, with Blackrock only getting two points from Tom O'Riordan and Denis Murphy, while Sarsfield's Micka Brennan powered into the game in the final ten minutes with two goals, to give his side victory. Michael Maher; Michael Warren, John Farnan, Eddie O'Connell; Michael Roche, Derry Hayes, Paddy Ahern; Patsy Lyons, Denis Murphy; Tommy Furlong, Eddie John O'Sullivan, Jimmy Brohan; Bob Tobin, Tom O'Riordan, William O'Connell;

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Round-1 May 31, 1953 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 6-7 Avondhu 1-3

The reigning county champions were heavily defeated by Blackrock in the opening round of the county championship. Blackrock laid the foundation for this victory in the first half. William O'Connell opened the scoring with a point after three minutes. Then after several wides, Mick Cashman placed a ball for the forwards to rush in a goal. Several further attempts at goal were saved by an alert Avondhu goalkeeper, before William O'Connell scored a second point. Shortly after the score, an incident resulted in the referee sending a player off from each side. For the remainder of the first half Eddie John O'Sullivan scored a point and William O'Connell two goals, as Avondhu got some late scores, to leave Blackrock in front 3-5 to 1-3. Immediately on the restart Blackrock got another goal, which effectively killed off the Avondhu challenge. The main feature of the game was the magnificent display of Blackrock defender Mick Cashman. John O'Grady; Derry Hayes, Bobby Hayes, Mick Cashman; Patsy Lyons(0-1), Jimmy Brohan, Eddie O'Connell; Seán Horgan(1-0), Flor O'Mahony; John Bennett, Paddy Healy(1-0), Denis Murphy; Tom Furlong, William O'Connell(2-3), Eddie John O'Sullivan(1-1);

Quarter-Final September 20, 1953 Riverstown
Midleton 4-5 Blackrock 3-5

Giving a fine display of fast clever hurling, Midleton sprang a major surprise, in a game classed as a thriller, which kept the attendance on their toes right up to the final whistle.

It was a hard dour game at times, with some hard hitting. Playing with a slight breeze Paddy Healy opened the scoring with goal, but Midleton fought back with three points. Midway through the first half Midleton went in front with a goal, but soon after, Mick Cashman placed Seán Horgan for a goal also. Midleton went back in front with a point, but the Rockies finished the half stronger with points from John Bennett, Bob Tobin and Patsy Lyons.

On the resumption, Midleton attacked strongly, but John O’Grady stopped them twice with great saves, but in a melee he ended up in the net with the ball. Following consultation with the umpires, the referee allowed the goal. Blackrock replied with a point, but for the next couple of minutes, play became somewhat robust, which saw a player from both sides sent to the sideline. At this stage, Jimmy Brohan was playing an outstanding game, and one of his clearances reached John Bennett who promptly crashed in a goal. The remaining ten minutes were full of excitement as Midleton somehow clawed their way back and won the game with a point in added time.

John O’Grady; Derry Hayes, Eddie O’Connell, Jimmy Brohan; Patsy Lyons(0-1), Mick Cashman, John Farnan; Tom Furlong, Eddie John O’Sullivan, John Bennett(1-1), Paddy Healy(1-1), Flor O’Mahony; Brian Tobin(0-1), Seán Horgan(1-1), William O’Connell;

Sub:- M.O’Keeffe;

Blackrock lodged an objection on a ground that a Midleton player had been ordered off the field in an East Cork junior hurling championship game the week previous to the county senior championship match with Blackrock. A meeting of the G.P.C. on Septemnbner 29, failed to reach a decision on the objection. It was decided to invite the Midleton representatives and with them two brothers who had played in the junior match.

October 6, Blackrock were re-admitted to the county championship following a meeting in private of G.P.C. It transpired that the Blackrock was well founded, and the board voted by twenty votes to four, and Midleton were eliminated.

Semi-Final	October 11, 1953	Cork Athletic Grounds
	Glen Rovers 1-13	Blackrock 0-8

Before a crowd of over twelve thousand, Blackrock faded in their challenge in the second half. Denis Murphy scored a point for Blackrock in the first minute, but then the Glen took over with four points. Blackrock fought back to equalize with points from, Denis Murphy, Andrew Maher and Declan O’Connell. Blackrock then regained the lead with points from Eddie John O’Sullivan and Denis Murphy. The Glen fought back to equalize again, and then almost scored two goals. John O’Grady made two spectacular saves near half time, first when he raced off his line to deny Christy Ring, and then when he was bundled into the net by Josie Hartnett, he managed to save it again. Blackrock then scored a point, to go in front 0-7 to 0-6 at half time.

On resuming Blackrock forced the pace but inaccurate shooting let them down. Glen Rovers then got going and were in control for the remainder of the second half, with Blackrock’s sole score coming in the final minute. John O’Grady; Bobby Hayes, John Farnan, Jimmy Brohan; Declan O’Connell(0-1), Derry Hayes, Seán Horgan; Denis Murphy(0-3), Eddie John O’Sullivan(0-2); John Bennett(0-1), Flor O’Mahony, Tom Furlong; Andrew Maher(0-1), Paddy Healy, William O’Connell;

Beamish Shield	S.H.L.
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Group C:- Blackrock w.o. Carrigdhoun; Bandon; Nemo Rangers; Unfinished.

Sciath na Scoil Hurling Tournament		
Semi-Final	April 5, 1953	Mardyke

Blackrock 3-8 Carrigtwohill 1-4

Blackrock stormed into the game with two points from Flor O’Mahony and a goal from D.Cronin, before Carrigtwohill had a chance to settle. They did score next, a point, but Flor O’Mahony and D.Cronin were on form and both pointed to give Blackrock a six point lead. In the closing few minutes of the first half, Carrigtwohill fought back to reduce the lead to a point, 1-4 to 1-3.

The second half was fairly one sided, with Blackrock scoring four points in a row. Then Carrigtwohill scored a point, but then there was a period on no scoring. Late in the game, D.O’Driscoll and William O’Connell pounced for goals to give Blackrock a convincing win.

Mick Cashman; Derry Hayes(0-1), Flor O’Mahony(0-3), D.Cronin(1-1), Tommy Furlong(0-1), Eddie John O’Sullivan(0-1), Patsy Lyons(0-1), D.O’Driscoll(1-0), William O’Connell(1-0);

Final	May 8, 1953	Mardyke
	Blackrock 3-9	St.Finbarrs 1-2

Blackrock had a convincing victory in a game that produced periods of fast, attractive hurling, especially after the resumption when the Barrs tried to reduce the arrears. Blackrock led 2-5 to 1-1, and were never in danger of losing the game.

D.Cronin(1-0), Patsy Lyons(1-3), Seán Horgan(0-1), John Bennett(0-1), William O’Connell(1-1), P.Healy(0-1), Mick Cashman(0-1), Tom O’Riordan (0-1);

Opening of Manning Park	
April 26, 1953	Passage West
	Blackrock 3-8 Carrigdhoun 2-4

In the opening half Blackrock dominated the exchanges, but the forwards were badly off the mark for most of it. Blackrock led 1-4 to 0-2 at half time.

On the change-over Blackrock extended their lead with a goal and a point. Carrigdhoun fought back with two goals which put new life into the game. Blackrock asserted themselves late in the game to win the day. Scorers were:- P.Healy(1-0); D.O’Driscoll(0-1); Flor O’Mahony(0-1), William O’Connell(2-2); M.O’Keeffe(0-1); John Bennett(0-1); Eddie John O’Sullivan(0-1);

Riverstown Tournament		
Semi-Final	May 3, 1953	Riverstown
	Blackrock 4-12	Midleton 5-3

A first class hour’s hurling was witnessed, in a hard fought tussle, in which the first half was most exciting. Hard knocks were given and taken in the keen tackling, as the pace never slackened. Blackrock led at half time 4-8 to 4-3. The scorers for Blackrock were, Eddie John O’Sullivan; P.Healy; William O’Connell; John Bennett; John Farnan; D.Cronin;

Final	February 28, 1954	Riverstown
	Blackrock 5-5	Carrigtwohill 2-2

Blackrock had very little difficulty in defeating Carrigtwohill, in a really poor game. Blackrock adopted better to the underfoot sodden conditions. It took ten minutes for the first score, a point from Tommy Furlong, and shortly after added a goal. Then followed goals from Seán Horgan, Terry Hassett and Furlong again. Just before half time, Carrigtwohill scored a goal, to leave the half time score, Blackrock leading 4-1 to 1-0. On resuming, Blackrock forged further ahead, Terry Hassett firing in his second goal, followed by points from Tommy Furlong, Eddie John O’Sullivan and Flor O’Mahony. Then followed a long scoreless period, before Carrigtwohill got some late consolation scores. William O’Connell finished the scoring with a point.

John O’Grady; Patsy Lyons, John Farnan, Jimmy Brohan; Declan O’Connell, Derry Hayes, Mick Cashman; Flor O’Mahony(0-1), Denis Murphy; John Bennett, Eddie John O’Sullivan(0-1) Terry Hassett(2-0); Tom Furlong(2-2), Seán Horgan(1-0), William O’Connell(0-1);

Cappoquin Feis

May 17, 1953

Cappoquin

Blackrock 2-9 Tourin 2-2

Early in the first half Tourin took the lead with a point, but this was quickly followed by a goal from D.Cronin, and points from Eddie John O'Sullivan and John Bennett saw Blackrock in front 1-6 to 0-1 at half time. Tourin began strongly in the second half, with two goals. Later Blackrock settled and further scores from D.Cronin, Eddie John O'Sullivan, John Bennett and M.O'Keeffe saw Blackrock run out easy winners.

Muintir na Tire Week

August 14, 1953

Mardyke

Sarsfields 6-4 Blackrock 2-4

Sarsfields superiority was in evidence in the early stages they raced into an early lead which turned to be 4-2 to 1-2 at the break. On the resumption, Blackrock tried hard, and a goal and two points reduced the lead to a manageable size. However, that was as good as it got, as Sarsfields finished the stronger.

Seán Horgan(2-0); Patsy Lyons(0-2); John Bennett(0-1); William O'Connell(0-1);

Matty Murphy Benefit Match

November 29, 1953

Mardyke

Blackrock 5-3 Glen Rovers 4-5

Playing against a blinding sun in the first half, Blackrock led 2-3 to 1-2 at the interval. Their scorers were Jimmy Brohan with a goal and a point, then Seán Horgan a goal, Joe Fahy and Terry Hassett with the points. Seán Horgan got a goal soon after the resumption. Although Christy Ring replied with a goal, Derry Hayes scored a goal from a seventy. Later John Bennett added the fifth goal. Christy Ring tried his best to rescue, scoring 4-3 of their total, but the Rockies held out.

Eddie John O'Sullivan, John Farnan and Jimmy Brohan were the top stars for Blackrock.

John O'Grady; Patsy Lyons, John Farnan, Bobby Hayes; Mick Cashman, Derry Hayes(1-0), Declan O'Connell; Jimmy Brohan(1-1), Denis Murphy; John Bennett(1-0), Flor O'Mahony, Eddie John O'Sullivan; Joe Fahy(0-1), Seán Horgan(2-0), Terry Hassett(0-1);

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Round-1

April 25, 1954

Buttevant

Blackrock 4-5 Avondhu 1-2

Blackrock got quickly into their stride, and John Bennett shot a point in the first minute, and repeated it soon after. The next score was a goal from William O'Connell, which was followed by another goal from Denis Murphy. At this stage Blackrock were in complete control, but then slackened off towards the end of the half, leaving Avondhu to finish stronger, scoring a goal and a point, which left the half time score, Blackrock leading 2-2 to 1-1.

Blackrock broke quickly for William to score a point, and shortly after he played Sean Horgan for a goal. This score took much of the pep out of the game, and it was not until the fiftieth minute. Avondhu only scored a point in the second half as Blackrock coasted into the quarter-final.

The foundation for the victory lay in the defence, where John O'Grady, Patsy Lyons and Declan O'Connell acquitted themselves very well. But the man who gave a faultless display was Derry Hayes. This was all the more creditable, because at the end of the first quarter, he received a severe head injury, only to resume heavily bandaged.

John O'Grady; Bobby Hayes, John Farnan, Jimmy Brohan; Declan O'Connell, Derry Hayes, Patsy Lyons; Mick Cashman, Flor O'Mahony; John Bennett(0-2), Tom Furlong, Denis Murphy(1-0); William O'Connell(2-1), Seán Horgan(1-1), Eddie John O'Sullivan;

Sub:- J.Coffey;

Quarter-Final

July 11, 1954

Cork Athletic Grounds

Blackrock 4-5 Carrighdoun 4-4

In a game full of thrills and excitement, Blackrock scraped through to the semi-final after a difficult assignment.

Blackrock backs, of whom Derry Hayes, Mick Cashman and Jimmy Brohan were outstanding, kept sending long clearances to their forwards. Mick Cashman opened the scoring with a point from a free, then Derry Hayes and Denis Murphy both scored a point each. Twenty minutes had elapsed at this point, with Blackrock leading three points to nil. Then shortly after, Carrighdoun equalized with a goal. Eddie John O'Sullivan put Blackrock back in front with a point, but Carrighdoun scored two points, to lead 1-2 to 0-4 at half time.

On the resumption, Tommy Furlong scored two quick goals, before Carrighdoun replied with three points. Tommy Furlong scored his third goal, but then Carrighdoun replied with another goal. As excitement grew in the final minutes, William O'Connell scored a goal which seemed to settle matters, but again, Carrighdoun fought back for a goal also to make for a thrilling finish.

John O'Grady; Bobby Hayes, John Farnan, Jimmy Brohan; Declan O'Connell, Derry Hayes(0-1), Mick Cashman(0-1); Denis Murphy(0-1), Michael Kidney; John Bennett, Seán Horgan, Flor O'Mahony; , Tom Furlong(2-0), William O'Connell(1-0), Eddie John O'Sullivan(0-1);

Semi-Final

August 29, 1954

Cork Athletic Grounds

Blackrock 4-15 Bandon 0-6

Blackrock coasted to an easy win over Bandon. It was expected to be a lot closer, as Bandon had knocked out Carrigtwohill to qualify for the semi-final. Blackrock were first to score, and went a goal and three points up before Bandon opened their account. Credit to them then, as they closed the gap to two points nearing half time, but then Blackrock hit back with a further goal and two points, to lead 2-5 to 0-5 at the break.

Once again Blackrock's strength lay in their defence, Derry Hayes, Mick Cashman and Patsy Lyons regularly breaking up the Bandon attacks. The second half was so very one-sided, Blackrock scoring two goals and ten points, to Bandon's single point.

John O'Grady; Bobby Hayes, John Farnan, Jimmy Brohan; Mick Cashman(0-3), Derry Hayes(0-1), Patsy Lyons; Denis Murphy(0-1) Michael Kidney; John Bennett(1-2), Flor O'Mahony(0-2), Tom Furlong(1-0); Eddie John O'Sullivan (1-6) Seán Horgan, William O'Connell(1-2);

Sub:- J.Coffey;

Final

September 26, 1954

Cork Athletic Grounds

Glen Rovers 3-7 Blackrock 3-2

Examiner report:- In the presence of 20,752 spectators, Glen Rovers won their fifteenth Cork County Senior hurling championship within twenty years, when they beat Blackrock at the Cork Athletic grounds, having led at half time by two goals five points to two points. In doing so, Christy Ring, who captained the winning team, also won his eighth county senior hurling medal, and thus completed a unique double, as three weeks ago he also won his eighth All-Ireland senior hurling championship medal. One of the most pleasing features of the game was the manner in which Blackrock stood up to the star studded Glen Rovers team. In fact not a spectator left the ground until lost time period had started in the second half.

Critics before the All-Ireland final, were inclined to stress the fact that Cork was a one man scoring team, which, however, was proved all wrong. With Glen Rovers team having no fewer than seven of the All-Ireland champions on their team, Dave Creedon, John Lyons, Vincent Twomey, Eamonn Goulding, Christy Ring, Josie Hartnett and John Clifford, along with two subs, Seán O'Brien and Donie O'Donovan, as compared one player from Blackrock, Derry Hayes and two subs, Mick Cashman and Jimmy Brohan, it looked as if Blackrock had but a very poor chance. Yet,

so well did Blackrock play, that Glen Rovers were kept at full stretch all through, and in fact were given one of the hardest games ever contested by them in a county final. The game thus showed the fine standard of hurling in the county at the moment, and in bringing this season's championship to a close, the entire competition showed that there is a great wealth of first class material in Cork.

Glen Rovers are of course noted for their high class team work, but their display in this respect was not so superior as usual, for the Blackrock players also shone in this respect, while the close tackling by the Rockies defence left little latitude to the Glen forwards to manoeuvre or to steady themselves with the result that the Glen Rovers tally was kept down and almost every score had to be hard earned, while they had more than their customary percentage of overs.

Two players who undoubtedly enhanced their already high reputations were both goalkeepers. Dave Creedon the county goalkeeper, as usual brought off some amazing saves, but he had the advantage over his opposite number in that he had the county full back in front of him and the understanding between this pair is well known. In the Blackrock goal, John O'Grady gave an amazing performance also, and was far more severely tested than Dave Creedon. In fact, his saves were of the most daring kind, and had his efficiency been anything less than it was, then the margin in favour of the winners would have been much larger.

The Blackrock defence cannot however. Be blames for the defeat of their side and there was not much either way between both midfield pairs. The real difference between the teams was in the forwards. It was fortunate for Blackrock that they had a player like Derry Hayes to mark Christy Ring, and the duels between this pair was one of the highlights of the entire hour. Fortune favoured the one then the other, but on the whole it could be stated that they more or less neutralized each other, for Christy got away with a few of his characteristic solo runs. However, the wing men, Mick Cashman and Patsy Lyons, both of whom are hard workers all through, got more spectacular clearances. Mick Cashman in particular, being one of the outstanding players on the field.

It was however, the front line forwards that failed to rise to the occasion for Blackrock, and all three failed in turn to use the scoring opportunities to good account. Of course they had a strong trio in John Lyons, flanked by Seán O'Brien and Seán French to contend with. but nevertheless they should have done better, especially in the first half. The Glen Rovers half backline were kept moving all through by a hard working trio in Flor O'Mahony, flanked by John Bennett and Tommy Furlong, but any advantage here was due to a fine performance by Vincie Twomey. Blackrock won the toss and elected to play against a strong breeze and bright sunshine. The breeze appeared to lessen during the course of the game and there was no advantage from the sun in the second half, so that on the whole, the game was played under good weather conditions. Seán French was called early to clear, and in doing so was fouled, but a free to Blackrock quickly materialized the advantage. Mick Cashman and J.Coffey put the Rockies forwards attacking, but the defence held and veered to the other end, where Johnny Clifford had a near miss. Derry Hayes and Mick Cashman combined to stem a Glen onslaught and the latter sent a long drive to Flor O'Mahony who turned a neat ball over the bar from a distance of about fifty yards to open the scoring with a point in the third minute. In a flash the Glen forwards got going and following a solo run by Christy ring, a seventy by Vincie Twomey resulted. John O'Grady was loudly cheered for two magnificent saves before play veered to the other end, and here Dave Creedon electrified the crowd with a grand clearance. In the sixth minute The Glen forwards attacked, and a weak clearance came out towards to Josie Hartnett who drove to the net with great power for a wonderful goal. Again the Blackrock forwards attacked but finished weakly, and in the ninth minute Christy Ring pointed a free for the Blackpool side. Each side had an over before a drive

by Denis Murphy was doubled by Seán Horgan that hit the bar thirteenth minute. Glen Rovers forced a seventy, which ended in a free at a very difficult angle on the left wing. Christy Ring just greased the target in the wrong side. In the eighteenth minute, Eamonn Goulding added a nice point, and in the twentieth and twenty first minutes, Christy Ring from a free at a very difficult angle on the right wing, and P.J.Rodgers each added a point for the holders.

At this stage, Bobby Hayes retired injured and was replaced by Pat Philpott, a minor on the county side this season. In the twenty fourth minute, Glen Rovers launched a full blooded attack, and although the defence held for a while, P.J.Rodgers showed great opportunism when he raced in and met a weak clearance. He got terrific power into his drive and sent the ball speeding to the net. Glen Rovers forced a seventy before Eamonn Goulding completed the scoring in this half with a fine point in the twenty ninth minute. In the eight remaining minutes of which seven were for lost time, there were some exciting clashes in which both goalkeepers effected some very clever saves.

On resuming, the Glen made some positional changes, Eamonn Goulding and P.J.Rodgers switching places. John Lyons effected a fine clearance in the first minute and play quickly veered to the other end where John O'Grady brought off a miracle save, receiving a hand injury in doing so. He resumed following attention. Blackrock had three overs in a row before Glen Rovers forced a seventy. Jimmy Brohan was prominent in clearing. John Farnan being injured in a rush, and having to retire. He was replaced by Declan O'Connell. Blackrock again got going and forced a seventy, and amidst tense excitement an over resulted. Eamonn Goulding had a near miss at the other end. The Rockies forwards again went all out, and a drive by Flor O'Mahony was stopped by Dave Creedon, but Eddie John O'Sullivan intercepted and sent a rasping drive to the net in the fifteenth minute. Three minutes later, Christy Ring replied with a point from a free. Derry Hayes and Seán O'Brien were prominent before Joe Fahy retired injured and was replaced by Tom O'Riordan. The play was hard and scrappy with the Rockies forwards making desperate efforts to narrow the margin. John Lyons effected some fine clearances, while John O'Grady continued to shine between the posts at the other end. The ball was kept moving quickly between both sets of defences, so that the interest in the game was being well maintained. In the twentieth minute, Tommy Furlong added a great goal for Blackrock, and with only four points separating the sides, excitement began to mount.

The defences however, were giving a sound display and it was not until the second minute of the eleven minutes of lost time, that the next score came, when Christy Ring placed a free with fine precision in the Blackrock goalmouth, and as half a dozen hurleys were drawn on a dropping ball, Jim Lynam got his stroke in first, to send it to the net. Still undaunted, both sides continued to battle hard, and following a seventy, John O'Grady again electrified the spectators, before Eamonn Goulding from a timely pass from Christy ring, added a neat point from close on sixty yards range. In the ninth minute of lost time, Seán Horgan added a goal for Blackrock to leave the Glen boys still in front and secure their fifteenth county championship.

John O'Grady; Bobby Hayes, John Farnan, Jimmy Brohan; Mick Cashman, Derry Hayes, Patsy Lyons; Denis Murphy, J.Coffey; John Bennett, Flor O'Mahony(0-1), Tommy Furlong(1-0); Joe Fahy, Seán Horgan(1-1), Eddie John O'Sullivan(1-0);

Subs:- Pat Philpott; Declan O'Connell; Tom O'Riordan; William O'Connell;

Glen Rovers:- Dave Creedon; Seán French, John Lyons, Seán O'Brien; Donie O'Donovan, Vincie Twomey, Val Dorgan; Joe Twomey, Jim Rodgers (1-1); Eamonn Goulding(0-2), Christy Ring(0-4), Josie Hartnett(1-0); Jim Lynam(1-0), Donie O'Sullivan, Johnny Clifford;

Beamish Shield S.H.L.**Bandon 0-1 Blackrock 2-9; U.C.C. 3-4 Blackrock 4-7; Blackrock 8-7 Nemo Rangers 2-1;****Semi-Final February 27, 1955 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 0-8 Sarsfields 1-5**

At first Sarsfields appeared to be the better lot and had good combination with plenty of ground hurling. Blackrock on the other hand, were inclined to favour individual efforts, but had less fumbling with the ball. Although there was still little between the sides, the changeover saw a faster game, and Blackrock were quick to settle down. Leading by three points with time almost up, Sarsfields staged a massive attack to score the equaling goal.

John O'Grady; Patsy Lyons, Jimmy Brohan, Michael Maher; Pat Philpott, Mick Cashman, Seán Hayes; Terry Hassett(0-1), Tom O'Riordan; John Bennett(0-4), Flor O'Mahony(0-1), Michael Murphy; J.Kidney, Seán Horgan(0-2), Bob Tobin;

**Replay- June 10, 1955 Mardyke
Sarsfields 2-6 Blackrock 2-6**

Sarsfields and Blackrock once again could not be separated. At the interval the were also level, at three points each. The second half was much better with plenty of excitement with Sarsfields taking the lead. Late in the game Blackrock fought back, and went a goal in front. As in the drawn game, Sarsfields fought to the end to draw in the final minute.

**2nd. Replay July 3, 1955 Riverstown
Sarsfields 4-8 Blackrock 1-7**

The second replay saw Sarsfields have much the better of the exchanges and were deserving winners. In the first half Sarsfields settled down quickly and after a few minutes had complete control of play, scoring 2-5 to 0-2 at half time. On the resumption Blackrock improved greatly and had an early goal from Pat O'Sullivan. However Sarsfields rallied and got the scores to run out winners.

Pat O'Sullivan(1-0); Eddie John O'Sullivan(0-3), Michael Murphy(0-3), John Bennett(0-1);

City Cup Bord na n-Óg Benefit**Semi-Final March 7, 1954 Mardyke
Blackrock 4-5 Glen Rovers 5-1**

The game provided some very close and exciting passages, especially in the closing stages. The Glen were not at full strength, however they were more than a match for the Rockies. The Glen had the opening score, a goal, in the first minute. The Blackrock reply was swift, with two quick goals, one each from Eddie John O'Sullivan and Eugene O'Connor. John Bennett then added a point, but the Glen fought back with their second goal. They then went in front with their third goal. Several minutes, William O'Connell put Blackrock back in front with a goal, and Terry Hassett stretched it further with a point. As the half time approached, the Glen snatched a fourth goal, followed by the equalizing point from Mick Cashman.

Just like the start of the game, the Glen had a quick goal. Later Blackrock closed the gap with points from Denis Murphy and Mick Cashman. There was a long period of no scoring, until ten minutes from time, a melee in the Glen goalmouth, resulted in a goal for Blackrock. The Glen then scored a point, but the Rockies held out for a great win.

John O'Grady; Patsy Lyons, John Farnan, Jimmy Brohan; Declan O'Connell, Derry Hayes, Mick Cashman(0-2); Flor O'Mahony, Denis Murphy(0-1); John Bennett(0-1), Terry Hassett(0-1); Robbie Hayes, Tom Furlong, Eddie John O'Sullivan(2-0) Eugene O'Connor(1-0);

**Final May 21, 1954 Mardyke
Blackrock 3-8 Sarsfields 3-3**

An interesting game as Sarsfields fought back in the second half. Blackrock were the better side in the first half and opened up a seven point lead at half time. Ten minutes into the second half Sarsfields

equalized and shortly after went a point in front. In the closing stages Eddie John O'Sullivan and Seán Horgan broke through for goals to secure victory for the Rockies.

John O'Grady; Patsy Lyons, John Farnan, Jimmy Brohan; Declan O'Connell, Derry Hayes, Mick Cashman; Flor O'Mahony, Denis Murphy; John Bennett, Terry Hassett; Robbie Hayes, Tom Furlong, Eddie John O'Sullivan, Seán Horgan;

Glenbower Tournament**May 2, 1954 Killeagh
Blackrock 5-1 Carrigtwohill 1-1**

On an unusually bitterly cold day, with rain and sleet storms. Blackrock, like their opponents were understrength. They took an early lead when Seán Horgan goaled, followed by a J.Coffey point. Three further goals followed, by Denis Murphy, John Bennett and Seán Horgan to see Blackrock leading 4-1 to nil at half time.

Early in the second half Mick Cashman scored the fifth goal. As the weather got worse, the scores dried up until late in the game as Carrigtwohill scored a goal and a point.

Fermoy Tournament**Semi-Final June 20, 1954 Fermoy
Blackrock 2-8 Carrigtwohill 1-5**

This tournament was organized to fund a new school building at Clondulane. Both teams were slow to settle, but the Rockies eventually got into their stride and dominated the first half, and led 1-4 to 0-3 at half time. On the turn over, Carrigtwohill lost no time in closing the deficit.

Late in the game Carrigtwohill went in front, but a last minute goal by Seán Horgan gave the Rockies victory. Scorers were:- Denis Murphy(0-5); Seán Horgan(1-0), Eddie John O'Sullivan(0-1), John Bennett(0-1), Tom Furlong(0-1), Eugene O'Connell(1-0);

Unable to find final of tournament.

Rath Luirc Tournament**Semi-Final September 12, 1954 Rath Luirc
Blackrock 6-4 North Cork Selection 4-10**

No account of game.

Unable to find final of tournament.

1955**County Senior Hurling Championship****Round-1 May 15, 1955 Cork Athletic Grounds
St.Finbarrs 4-6 Blackrock 2-5**

In front of an attendance of over five thousand, St.Finbarrs got the better of Blackrock in a game of two halves, the first being desultory, while the second half made one hundred percent amends.

Blackrock were favoured by the breeze and periods of bright sunshine in the first half which saw them build up a lead at the break of 2-4 to 0-2.

Blackrock muffed a few early chances before the Barrs opened the scoring with a point. It took until the ninth minute for Blackrock to score. Flor O'Mahony sent in a shot from forty yards, which went into the net. Almost immediately Séamus Hearne added a point. Minutes later Tommy Furlong placed Eddie John O'Sullivan for a goal to further extend the lead. He later added a point as the Barrs also scored a point. Just before half time, Mick Cashman scored a point from a free.

On the resumption, the Barrs pulled back a goal and a point. Then in the fifth minute they scored a second goal and a point to level matters. After a period on even play, a melee occurred in front of the Blackrock square, which resulted in a St.Finbarrs goal. A minute later they scored their fourth goal. John Bennett pulled back a point for Blackrock, but St.Finbarrs finished the stronger.

John O'Grady; Patsy Lyons, Derry Hayes, Jimmy Brohan; Pat Philpott, Mick Cashman(0-1), Seán Hayes; Séamus Hearne(0-1), J.Coffey; John

Bennett (0-1), Flor O'Mahony(1-0), Carbery Lyndon; Tom Furlong, Eddie John O'Sullivan (1-2), Joe Fahy;
Sub:- Seán Horgan;

Beamish Shield S.H.L.

Blackrock 0-8 Sarsfields 1-5;

City Cup Bord na n-Óg Benefit

**Final April 11, 1955 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 3-8 St.Finbarrs 2-6**

A small attendance saw Blackrock retain the Cork City Tournament Cup, with out being put to any great trouble. Always the better side, they ruled midfield where Tom O'Riordan and J.Coffey gave a plentiful supply to the forwards, Up front, Tommy Furlong, Seán Horgan and Eddie John O'Sullivan gave the Barrs defence a torrid time.

John Galvin; Derry Hayes, Jimmy Brohan, Seán Hayes; Pat Philpott, Mick Cashman(0-2), Joe Fahy; Tom O'Riordan, J.Coffey; Terry Hassett, Flor O'Mahony, John Bennett(0-1); Tommy Furlong(1-5), Seán Horgan(1-0), Eddie John O'Sullivan(1-0);

Glenbower Tournament

**May 1, 1954 Killeagh
Blackrock 3-3 Abbeyside(Waterford) 1-3**

A day that was marred by inclement weather, the teams produced a lively affair. An early point by Bob Tobin was cancelled out a few minutes later when Abbeyside scored a goal. They soon added two points before Foley pulled back a point for Blackrock. Almost on the stroke of half time, Blackrock scored the equalizing goal from Michael Murphy. Within a minute of the second half Abbeyside went back in front again with a point, which was to be their last score. Blackrock controlled the rest of the game after Michael Murphy pounced for his second goal. Bob Tobin(0-1); Foley(0-1); Michael Murphy(2-0); J.Coffey(0-1); Eddie John O'Sullivan(1-0);

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County Senior Hurling Championship

**Round-1 June 24, 1956 Mardyke
Blackrock 3-10 Sarsfields 2-5**

Before a large crowd Blackrock got the better of Sarsfields, having trailed for long periods. The first half was fairly even, with a poor start. It took seventeen minutes for the first score, and that point came from a Sarsfields free. They had several chances prior to that which they failed to convert. Then Paddy Barry took charge and added a goal and a point to stretch the lead further. Eventually Blackrock got on the scoreboard in the twenty first minute when Michael Murphy, from a free opened the Rockies tally. Two more followed in quick succession from Michael Murphy and Flor O'Mahony. Sarsfields scored next with a point, but before the interval John Bennett added a point, to leave Sarsfields in front 1-3 to 0-4.

Sarsfields added a quick point on resuming, but this was cancelled out by Flor O'Mahony. Then in the seventh Sarsfields scored a second goal to widen the gap, and things were looking ominous for Blackrock. Then in the ninth and eleventh minutes, Seán Horgan rattled in two goals to change the complexion of the game. Four points were added by John Redmond, Tommy Furlong, Sean Horgan and Mick Cashman to drive Blackrock on to the quarter-final.

Outstanding for Blackrock were Jimmy Brohan, electrifying the crowd with his brilliant clearances, along with Pat Philpott and Mick Cashman. John Galvin; Declan O'Connell, Jimmy Brohan, Patsy Lyons; Pat Philpott, Mick Cashman(0-1), David O'Brien; John Redmond(0-1), Séamus Hearne; John Bennett(0-1), Flor O'Mahony(0-3), Tom Furlong(0-1); Terry Hassett, Seán Horgan(3-1), Michael Murphy(0-2);

Subs:- Martin Thompson; Eddie John O'Sullivan;

**Quarter-Final August 26, 1956 Riverstown
Blackrock 4-10 Midleton 1-4**

Blackrock were first to settle and soon jumped into a big lead. Seán Horgan scored a goal and a point early on, followed by another goal by Michael Murphy. Midleton replied with a point, but the Rockies then came back with points by Flor O'Mahony, Michael Murphy and Séamus Hearne. Midleton fought back late in the half with goal and a point. Just before half time, Mick Cashman pointed from a seventy.

The opening five minutes of the second half was a period of missed chances by both sides. After Blackrock missed a great chance of a goal, Midleton broke down the field and scored a point. Blackrock raided again, but fluffed chances until Pat Philpott soon after scored a point from far out. Next, in a goalmouth melee, Eddie John O'Sullivan scooped in a goal, which he quickly added with a point. Although Midleton got the next score, a point, Blackrock finished the stronger with Séamus Hearne and Michael Murphy added points.

John Galvin; Declan O'Connell, Jimmy Brohan, Patsy Lyons; Pat Philpott(0-1), Mick Cashman(0-1), Martin Thompson; John Redmond, Séamus Hearne(0-3); John Bennett, Flor O'Mahony(0-1), Tom Furlong; Eddie John O'Sullivan(1-1), Seán Horgan(1-1), Michael Murphy(1-2);

**Semi-Final September 30, 1956 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 1-12 Carbery 1-5**

Blackrock as expected defeated Carbery in the semi-final of the county championship, but the manner of their victory left a lot to be desired. Perhaps the explanation is that they underestimated the opposition. Whatever the reason, Blackrock were hard pressed to get the better of Carbery, and it was Jimmy Brohan who broke the hearts of the west Cork men. Time and time again, he made sweeping clearances with great coolness.

Blackrock had the perfect start, an early goal from Jimmy Twomey and a point from Eddie John O'Sullivan, gave them the cushion they held throughout the game. Carbery got off the mark with a point, but Seán Horgan and Tommy Furlong hit back with points to extend the lead. Carbery scored a point soon after, but again Tommy Furlong and Flor O'Mahony hit back with points. Nearing half time, Carbery got their third point, as Tommy Furlong completed the first half scoring with another point, to leave the Rockies 1-6 to 0-3 at half time.

On resuming, Blackrock were sluggish, but the defence held firm, as the plentiful supply to the forwards was wasted on several occasions. They did however increase their lead with points from Joe Dermody, two points and John Redmond. Carbery finished stronger, scoring the next goal and two points, before Blackrock Flor O'Mahony scored two late points for Blackrock.

Noel O'Connell; Declan O'Connell, Jimmy Brohan, Patsy Lyons; Pat Philpott, Mick Cashman, Martin Thompson; John Redmond(0-1), Séamus Hearne; Jimmy Twomey(1-0), Flor O'Mahony(0-4), Joe Dermody(0-2); Tom Furlong (0-2), Seán Horgan(0-1), Eddie John O'Sullivan(0-1); Sub:- Michael Murphy;

**Final October 14, 1956 Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 2-10 Glen Rovers 2-2**

Examiner report:- Twenty five years ago, in 1931, Blackrock last won the Cork County Senior Hurling Championship, and in that year was born Mick Cashman, the man who was yesterday chaired off the field at the Athletic grounds after the hurlers from the little fishing village had regained the coveted trophy, for the first time since the club's halcyon days. An attendance of 28,000 saw a final that must rank with the best ever seen at the venue. It lived fully up to expectations of what a Cork final should be and ended in the recording of the most popular victory in years.

Brimful of first class hurling, delicate touches of artistry, and accuracy in ground and air, the game will be remembered by all who saw it as one

properly to mark the comeback of the famed Rockies to the top of the hurling scene. Three times the scores were level, and each time it was the relentless Blackrock men who came from behind, showing a determination and spirit that belied their semi-final display.

The Glen team was very highly thought of since their triumphant defeat of the then reigning champions St.Finbarrs, and with a scoring genius like Christy Ring in the attack, it must at all times stand to the Rockies credit that yesterday held the favourites scoreless for a total for thirty minutes, the last ten minutes of the first half, and the closing twenty minutes of the second half.

Being the underdogs, the Rockies had the sympathy of the neutral viewers, but near the end of the hour there were hundreds of Blackpool supporters who were ready to lift their hearts to a game fifteen, who recorded the club's twentieth victory in the championship on merit alone.

There was nothing lucky about the win, Blackrock faced a breeze in the first half, and were it not for a typical Ring goal, would have enjoyed an interval lead, instead of being two points in arrears, 1-2 to 2-1. They were on level terms after four minutes of the restart, lost it, but came again to level the scores for the second time in this half, and then pulled ahead to run out comfortable winners. Only a team moulded on champion lines could have held together as they did and turn on top pressure as they did during the last quarter.

Nobody will begrudge Blackrock their win, though some carping critics will, doubtless hold that the result would have been different had the Glen struck their semi-final form. Both teams, in fact, showed a complete reversal of semi-final performances. The new champions, who were quite indifferent and unenterprising against Carbery, were yesterday as coolly and calculating efficient as the Glen were against ex-champions, St.Finbarrs.

The seeds of victory were sown in the first half, though at the time it had not looked so. Glen Rovers backed by a slight breeze, opened well with a goal in the second minute, and when Christy ring broke through for another entering the second quarter, it began to appear as though favourites could raise the green when the occasion really demanded it. But the first gleam of hope for Blackrock became noticeable during this half, and it was the increasing number of times centre back Mick Cashman was beating the Glen's semi-final hero, Jackie Daly.

So accurate was the Blackrock captain in the air and quick striking on the ground, that before the interval Johnny Clifford had been switched on to him, and before the match was over, Christy Ring had been shifted from the corner in a fruitless bid to get more balls to the Glen attack. Mick Cashman was indeed a captain, a man to rally his side and inspire them with a faultless display that included a well taken point from a seventy. When the Blackpool supporters set about finding the fault for their defeat, the finger of guilt will be pointed at the forwards, and yet, though the sextet did not show their semi-final dash, they must be pardoned in light of the fact that they were opposed by a sterling defence, the sheer anchor of which was the half back line of Paddy Philpott, Mick Cashman and Martin Thompson a comparative newcomer, covered themselves in glory, Philpott by his insatiability for work, Cashman by his leadership, and Thompson by his efficiency against the much more experienced Joe Twomey.

There was a very capable behind them also. Young Noel O'Connell in goal, brought off one particularly good save when he went on his knees to clear a tricky ground shot from Christy Ring. Right back Declan O'Connell was in no way awed by Ring's reputation, and though he was slipped at times by the latter's superior craft, he held his own on the whole. Jimmy Brohan is fast building himself a name as a full back, and yesterday, after a not greatly impressive start, he never put a foot wrong, to support further the belief that he will someday take over from Lyons

on the county lineout. Veteran Patsy Lyons on his left, was ever efficient and ready to seal off the break-through.

The exchanges at midfield broke about even, for Wexford's Séamus Hearne never showed his All-Ireland form, though he did enough with fellow county man, John Redmond to offset the work of the Glen's Jim Rodgers and Francie O'Regan, neither of whom had better than an adequate hour.

The doubtful line of the Rockies team, the half forwards, clicked into top gear, and it must have been in the hope that Tommy Furlong might do better on the forty than Florrie O'Mahony, that led to the pair switching positions early in the second half. Wingers Jimmy Twomey and John Bennett had plenty of speed, and made amends for the first half over-eagerness by their resourcefulness later on. Hero of the front line was Michael Murphy in the left corner. He scored a goal and three points that ere to prove a most valuable contribution. Veteran Roundy Horgan adopted bustling tactics against experienced Lyons, and kept the county full back busy all the time.

The teams paraded prior to the match behind the Holy Rosary Band from Middleton, a brass band who won approval by the smartness of their uniforms and their ability on this their first visit to the Athletic Grounds. After the match the victors dressing room was jammed tight with well wishers. Mick Cashman was the centre of much handshaking as he excitedly told an Examiner reporter, "We will burn the place tonight". I'm a very happy man to have the honour of bringing the cup back to Blackrock after so long.

A Séamus Hearne free went to John Bennett who pointed in the first minute, but the next minute a Ring free was blocked down to Donie O'Donovan, who sent to the Blackrock net. Séamus Hearne sent a Blackrock free wide, before Vincie Twomey sent a Glen seventy sailing between the posts. In the eight minute the scores were level for the first time, when Mick Cashman's seventy broke to Roundy Horgan, who goaled. The Rockies forwards missed a good opportunity or two about this period, and at the other end, goalkeeper Noel O'Connell won the first round of applause when he saved from Christy Ring. The Glen star was soon in action however, again and this time he got the ball to the net. Daly on the right wing, crossed a shot that seemed certain to go over the endline, but Christy Ring chased it, swung back in possession, and jinked through before palming to the net for the best score of the game. Séamus Hearne's point from a free in the nineteenth minute closed the scoring in this half at 2-1 to 1-2 for the Glen.

On the resumption Glen Rovers had replaced Joe Twomey on the right wing with Mickey Cullinane. Two Micheal Murphy points left the scores level after four minutes, and though Johnny Clifford restored the Blackpool side's lead when he smartly doubled a ground ball over the bar. Michael Murphy just as quickly brought Blackrock on terms. Another pointed free by Séamus Hearne put Blackrock ahead in the ninth minute and they kept increasing their lead from this stage onwards without reply from the Glen. Michael Murphy's goal in the twelfth minute after O'Brien saved from Jimmy Twomey, put the seal on the Rockies victory. Spurring more, the winners tacked on four more points before the final whistle from Flor O'Mahony, Mick Cashman, Seán Horgan and Tommy Furlong. The statistics of the game showed that Blackrock had a total of seventeen wides, against the Glen's eleven, while they were awarded eighteen frees against the Glen's fourteen.

Noel O'Connell; Declan O'Connell, Jimmy Brohan, Patsy Lyons; Pat Philpott, Mick Cashman(0-1), Martin Thompson; John Redmond, Séamus Hearne(0-2); Jimmy Twomey, Flor O'Mahony(0-1), John Bennett(0-1); Tom Furlong (0-1), Seán Horgan(1-1), Michael Murphy(1-3); Sub:- Eddie John O'Sullivan;

Glen Rovers:- Seán O'Brien; Con Moynihan, John Lyons, Tom Murphy; Seán Kennefick, Vince Twomey, Seán O'Riordan; Jim Rodgers, Francis

O'Regan; Joe Twomey(0-2), Jackie Daly, John Clifford; Pat Healy, Donie O'Donovan(1-0), Christy Ring(1-0);
Subs:- Michael Cullinane; Donie O'Sullivan;

Beamish Shield S.H.L.

Glen Rovers 3-4 Blackrock 7-5; Blackrock 4-4 Sarsfields 3-3;

Group-Final March 3, 1957

St.Finbarrs 5-4 Blackrock 5-4

Replay- March 17, 1957

St.Finbarrs 0-12 Blackrock 2-2

Sarsfields Hurling Tournament

Semi-Final March 18, 1956 Riverstown

Blackrock 3-10 Glen Rovers 3-7

The defeat of the Glen was in a large measure to their inability to mark their opponents properly. While the Glen relied on individualistic hurling, Blackrock's teamwork paid rich dividends.

Glen Rovers opened the scoring with an early point, but Seán Horgan soon put his side in front with a goal. Scores then came quickly, three goals and three points for the Glen, and two goals and four points for Blackrock, scorers were Seán Horgan, Mick Cashman and Tommy Furlong. It was 3-4 each at the short whistle.

On the restart, the Rockies gained a slow but definite advantage, and though the Glen did score, they were obviously suffering in their forward line. Mick Cashman and his defensive colleagues put up a stout defence, while Mick himself, added three second points from frees.

Final March 23, 1958 Mardyke

Blackrock 6-2 Sarsfields 4-3

Almost two years after their semi-final win, Blackrock ran out convincing winners over Sarsfields, after a close first half. A quick start for Sarsfields saw then 1-1 to nil up after ten minutes, but then Flor O'Mahony broke through for a Blackrock goal. Sars then scored a point, before John Bennett scored a goal in the closing minutes. Then Sarsfields shot two quick points, with Cathal Hurley replying with a point for Blackrock. Within ten minutes of the restart, Michael Murphy and Seán Horgan with goals, and Tim Delea with a point, put them in front. Blackrock were now dominant, and Michael Murphy added two further goals.

Noel O'Connell; Declan O'Connell, William Coughlan, Patsy Lyons; Joe Dermody, Mick Cashman, Martin Thompson; Cathal Hurley(0-1), John Redmond; John Bennett(1-0), Tom Furlong, Flor O'Mahony(1-0); Tim Delea(0-1), Seán Horgan(1-0), Michael Murphy(3-0);

City Cup Bord na n-Óg Benefit

Semi-Final April 29, 1956 Cork Athletic Grounds

Blackrock 3-9 Seandun 1-2

Blackrock had a very win over a city selection. Leading 2-3 to nil at half time, the Rockies were never extended during the second half. John Redmond and Michael were the best players on the day, and the scorers for Blackrock were:- John Redmond(0-3); Michael Murphy(1-4); Seán Horgan(1-0), Séamus Hearne(0-1); Flor O'Mahony(0-1),

Final No account found if game was played.

Gaelic Week Tournament

Semi-Final May 22, 1956 Mardyke

Blackrock 6-7 St.Finbarrs 3-2

A fast and well knit Blackrock side, playing some exhilarating hurling, easily defeated the Barrs. The grip Blackrock had at midfield and at half back, nullified many Barrs attacks. Pat Philpott, Mick Cashman and newcomer David O'Brien, recently tranfered from Glenview, were the Rockies top stars. Leading by 4-2 to 1-1 at the break, the Barrs made a better effort in the second half, but Jimmy Brohan was in control to keep their score down, with some brilliant play. Scorers for the Rockies were:- Seán Horgan(3-0); Michael Murphy(1-7); Jimmy Brohan, Seamus Hearne(1-0); Flor O'Mahony(1-0);

Final Blackrock v Sarsfields

No account found if game was played.

Sancta Maria Girls Hostel Benefit

December 16, 1956

Mardyke

Blackrock 5-2 St.Finbarrs 4-1

County champions, in action for the first time since they won the title, were not impressive in the manner in which they defeated St.Finbarrs. Both teams were short a number of regulars. An icy shower in the final quarter dampened any enthusiasm of both sides. Blackrock opened stylishly when their Wexford stars were in command of midfield. With a plentiful supply of ball from Séamus Hearne and John Redmond, Flor O'Mahony got on the scoresheet early with a goal. Although St.Finbarrs replied quickly with a goal also, Flor O'Mahony restored the lead with a point, and then Michael Murphy extended it with a goal to close out the first half. St.Finbarrs opened strongly in the second half, but Jimmy Brohan and Noel O'Connell were on top form. Then two quick goals from Flor O'Mahony and Seán Horgan, and a point from John Bennett, seemed to settle the contest. However the Barrs fought back to close the gap, and before full time, Seán Horgan scored his second goal.

The proceeds of this game were to go towards the upkeep of Sancta Maria Girls Hostel.

Noel O'Connell; David O'Brien, Jimmy Brohan, Patsy Lyons; Terry Hassett, Mick Cashman, Martin Thompson; John Redmond, Séamus Hearne; Jimmy Twomey, Flor O'Mahony, John Bennett(0-1); Flor O'Mahony(2-1), Seán Horgan(2-0), Michael Murphy(1-0);

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County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1 April 14, 1957 Riverstown

Blackrock 7-7 Midleton 1-2

Blackrock swept aside the challenge of Midleton in a one-sided game. Midleton pressed first and Noel O'Connell saved and cleared. Shortly after, they went in front with a point. Cathal Hurley equalized moments later, and then Flor O'Mahony scored the first goal. Then scores began to flow for the Rockies, Cathal Hurley two points, Flor a point, Michael Murphy two points, Seán Horgan two goals and Tommy Furlong a point. Blackrock led 3-7 to 0-2 at half time. The second half was still one-way traffic, as Blackrock added four more goals, to one for Midleton in the final minute.

Noel O'Connell; Jimmy Brohan, Dan Brennan, Patsy Lyons; Declan O'Connell, Mick Cashman, Pat Philpott; John Redmond, Cathal Hurley(0-3); Joe Dermody(1-0), Flor O'Mahony(3-1), John Bennett; Tom Furlong (0-1), Seán Horgan(3-0), Michael Murphy(0-2);

Quarter-Final July 28, 1957 Cork Athletic Grounds

Glen Rovers 2-8 Blackrock 2-4

A game that was marred by too many incidents to allow room for much good class hurling, saw Glen Rovers defeat county champions Blackrock by four points. It was a game that began at a cracking pace and the first half was very good. The game was only three minutes old when Florrie O'Mahony had a Blackrock point, to which Seán Horgan added a very good goal. During the next ten minutes, there was a lot of misses by both sides, before John Bennett pointed. The Glen then got off the mark with a point, only for Florrie O'Mahony to do likewise for Blackrock. The Glen finished the half strongly, scoring a goal and a point, to trail 1-4 to 1-2. Although the Glen scored first in the second half with a point from a sideline cut, Declan O'Connell finished off a great movement with a goal for Blackrock to give them a four-point lead. This inexplicably was the final score for Blackrock, as the Glen took control as Blackrock appeared to be tiring, and scores began to flow for a Glen victory.

Noel O'Connell; Jimmy Brohan, Dan Brennan, Patsy Lyons; Declan O'Connell(1-0), Mick Cashman, William Coughlan; John Redmond, Cathal

Hurley; John Bennett(0-1), Flor O'Mahony(0-3), Tom Furlong; Joe Dermody, Seán Horgan(1-0), William O'Connell;

Cork Churches Tournament

Quarter-Final	May 19, 1957	Mardyke
Thurles Sarsfields 2-11 Blackrock 2-3		

Battle of the county champions. From the moment the ball was thrown in, the pace never let up, and not alone provided a thrill a minute, but displayed camán craft that was a treat to watch. Thay contest was fair and fair, with the Tipperary men well on top in the first half, where they held Blackrock scoreless. Tony Wall and Mickey Byrne were outstanding in denying Blackrock the route to goal in the first half, while up front Jimmy Doyle was the most outstanding player on view. Starring for Blackrock were, Noel O'Connell; Jimmy Brohan, Declan O'Connell(0-1); Martin Thompson; Mick Cashman, Seán Horgan(1-0), Tom Furlong(1-1); Cathal Hurley(0-1);

Gaelic Week Tournament

Semi-Final	May 28, 1957	Mardyke
Blackrock 2-7 St.Finbarrs 2-3		

The match was far more closely contested than the scoring suggests. Both sides being below full strength, being short their representatives on the county team which leaves for the U.S.A. The standard was quite high, and Blackrock owed their victory to the fact that they made better use of their scoring chances.

Sonny O'Mahony(1-0); Flor O'Mahony(0-1), John Dempsey(0-2); Declan O'Connell(0-1); Pat O'Sullivan(1-1); Seán Horgan(0-1), Tom Furlong(0-1);

Final	May 31, 1957	Mardyke
Glen Rovers 2-13 Blackrock 4-5		

In a game that reached the highest championship standard, Glen Rovers beat county champions Blackrock, having led 1-8 to 2-2 at half time. The Glen forward division were much more effective than the Rockies, which was to prove the main difference. Blackrock left their rally too late, as the Glen held out for a narrow victory.

Scorers for Blackrock were, John Dempsey(1-0), Seán Horgan(2-0), Michael Murphy(1-0), Pat O'Sullivan(0-2), John Redmond(0-1); Flor O'Mahony(0-1), Tom Furlong(0-1);

St.Vincents Tournament

Semi-Final	November 3, 1957	Mardyke
Blackrock 6-2 U.C.C. 0-1		

A huge disappointment for the organisers of this tournament cup, as the weather forced the abandonment after only fifteen minutes due to a downpour, and also due to the fact that Blackrock were far superior.

Scorers for Blackrock were, Seán Horgan(2-1), William O'Connell(1-0); John Bennett(1-1), Joe Dermody(1-0), Mick Cashman(1-0);

Abandoned after fifteen minutes, due to a downpour;

Final	April 13, 1958	Mardyke
St.Finbarrs 3-5 Blackrock 2-5		

There was sixty minutes of fast and exciting hurling, during which fortunes fluctuated rapidly. The opening half saw St.Finbarrs go into an early lead, which they managed to sustain to the end, despite spells of heavy pressure, especially with time running out, as Blackrock made a desperate effort to pull the game out of the fire.The Blackrock attack was weakened by the absence of Seán Horgan, Flor O'Mahony and Michael Murphy.However, they got sterling service from Patsy Lyons; Pat Philpott; Mick Cashman and Martin Thompson. Scorers for the Rockies were, John Dempsey(1-0);Cathal Hurley(0-2); Mick Cashman(0-1); John Bennett(0-1); Doney Murphy(1-1);

Youghal C.B.S. Centenary Tournament

November 17, 1957	Copper Alley, Youghal
Blackrock 4-8 Sarsfields 3-4	

In rather inclement weather the current and former county champions clashed in a decent game, despite the very poor conditions. Blackrock began with only thirteen players, and trailed 2-4 to a goal at half time. Once they were a full strength for the second half, they soon got into their stride, and won convincingly. Best for the Rockies were, Jimmy Brohan, Mick Cashman, John Redmond, Cathal Hurley;

1958

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1	May 25, 1958	Cork Athletic Grounds
St.Finbarrs 3-9 Blackrock 1-10		

The first half was where St.Finbarrs built up a huge lead, which was to sustain to the end. The game was played in front of a crowd over eleven thousand. Tommy Furlong got the first score, a point. The Barrs then settled and score a goal and two points. Then Blackrock got going again, for Michael Murphy to point, and Seán Horgan to goal and level matters. St.Finbarrs then hit three points in a row before Michael Murphy pointed again. The Barrs attacked and scores two more points, to lead 2-7 to 1-3 at half time.

On resuming, Blackrock took control, with seven points with only one in reply. Excitement was fever pitch at this stage, only a point separating the sides. St.Finbarrs attacked again, and managed a goal against the run of play, followed by a point in the final minute.

Pat Philpott was the star for the Rockies, with great assistance from Mick Cashman and Martin Thompson. Up front, Eddie John O'Sullivan worked tirelessly, with Seán Roundy Horgan and Michael Murphy also showing well.

Noel O'Connell; Declan O'Connell, Jimmy Brohan, Patsy Lyons; Pat Philpott, Martin Thompson; John Redmond, Tom Furlong(0-1); John Bennett, Eddie John O'Sullivan, Flor O'Mahony; Donal Murphy(0-1), Seán Horgan(1-3), Michael Murphy(0-5);

Sub:- Tim Delea; Cathal Hurley;

Beamish Shield S.H.L.

Blackrock 2-8 U.C.C. 3-11; Glen Rovers 5-5 Blackrock 2-6; Na Piarasigh v Blackrock; Blackrock 6-8 Carrigtwohill 4-5; Sarsfields 4-14 Blackrock 4-6; Blackrock 6-11 St.Finbarrs 3-7;

Cork Churches Tournament

Quarter-Final	April 6, 1958	Mardyke
Thurles Sarsfields 6-12 Blackrock 0-7		

For the second successive year, Thurles Sarsfields defeated Blackrock in this tournament. However on this occasion, Blackrock had no answer to skill of the visitors, especially Tony Wall and Jimmy Doyle, who scored 2-8. The display of these men alone was sufficient to ensure victory.

John Dempsey; Willie Coughlan, Declan O'Connell, Patsy Lyons; Martin Thompson, Mick Cashman(0-2), Pat Philpott; John Redmond, Joe Dermody; Tommy Furlong(0-4), John Bennett, Tim Delea; Doney Murphy, Seán Horgan(0-1), Michael Murphy;

Mick Daly Benefit Tournament

Semi-Final	May 5, 1958	Cork Athletic Grounds
Blackrock 4-5 Glen Rovers 3-6		

This tournament was organized by Nemo Rangers.

A tremendous finish when all seemed lost brought Blackrock to victory in an exciting semi-final. In a close first half, Blackrock led by two points. As the second period began, Glen Rovers flashed in two goals in quick succession and proceeded to seem to coast to victory. However, Blackrock staged a fighting finish to cut the lead to two points. Pat Philpott then shot to the net in a melee to secure a hard-fought win.

Scorers for Blackrock were, Flor O'Mahony; Seán Horgan; Michael Murphy; Pat Philpott; Joe Dermody;

Final	June 27, 1958	Mardyke
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Blackrock 6-3 Seandun 2-5

The game which provided some excellent hurling, was featured by the brilliant play of Pat Philpott. Time and again his lengthy clearances gave his forwards some excellent opportunities. The Blackrock defence all played well, especially Jimmy Brohan and Martin Thompson. Around midfield, John Bennett was well on top, while in attack Joe Dermody and Noel O'Connell were best; Scorers for the Rockies were, Joe Dermody(1-1); Noel O'Connell(3-0); D.Hurley(1-0); N.Murphy(1-0); Cathal Hurley(0-2);

1959

County Senior Hurling Championship

Round-1 **June 3, 1959** **Mardyke**
Blackrock 5-11 Duhallo 0-3

An expected runaway victory for Blackrock, despite a sluggish start. Thirteen minutes in, Blackrock led 1-3 to 0-1, while playing a little bit sluggishly. Then Tony Connolly soloed through for a goal which opened the floodgates. The Rockies defence was never troubled for the hour, and the drubbing they gave to Duhallo can do little for hurling in the area. John Dempsey; Jimmy Brohan, Dan Brennan, Declan O'Connell; William Coughlan, Mick Cashman, Martin Thompson; John Bennett, John Redmond; Pat O'Sullivan(1-5), Tony Connolly(1-0), Finbarr O'Regan; Tim Delea(1-2), Noel O'Connell(1-1), Michael Murphy(1-2);
Sub:- Joe Dermody(0-1);

Quarter-Final **September 13, 1959** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 3-7 Sarsfields 2-3

Blackrock pulled away from Sarsfields in the second half, after an even and low scoring first half, which saw Blackrock 2-0 Sarsfields 1-3. There were some notable showings in this game. Memorable was Mick Cashman. Far out the field, he was too good for all that Sarsfields could throw at him, he bound the half back line together and his coolness became more apparent as the hour neared the end. Behind him, Jimmy Brohan was a strong pillar, gave a fine display of recovery and clearances. The other backs, Jimmy O'Brien, Declan O'Connell, Dan Brennan and Martin Thompson were strong and allowed few openings. Tommy Furlong was on top at midfield, while Donal Murphy and Finbarr O'Regan exploited the wings, while Joe Fahy took a few nice scores, John Dempsey; Jimmy Brohan, Dan Brennan, Jimmy O'Brien; Declan O'Connell, Mick Cashman, Martin Thompson; Tom Furlong, Pat O'Sullivan; Donal Murphy, Noel O'Connell(0-1), Finbarr O'Regan(1-1); Tim Delea, Flor O'Mahony(1-2), Joe Fahy(1-3);
Sub:- William Coughlan;

Semi-Final **September 27, 1959** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Blackrock 5-11 Seandun 2-6

It took a long time for Blackrock to shake off the lethargy that overcame them in the first half. Level terms drawing to the half time whistle, Florrie O'Mahony scored a goal immediately before the whistle to put the Rockies in front.

But then, four minutes into the second half, Blackrock were shocked when a shot from all of fifty yards ended up in the net, and they were level again. Then, after that, Noel O'Connell's goal started a long series of flag-waving, the majority of scores going to the Rockies. Once again two men stood out for Blackrock, Mick Cashman and Jimmy Brohan. Others to catch the eye were John Dempsey, John Bennett and Joe Fahy. John Dempsey; Jimmy Brohan, Dan Brennan, Jimmy O'Brien; Declan O'Connell, Mick Cashman(0-1), Martin Thompson; Tom Furlong(0-3), John Bennett(1-2); Donal Murphy, Flor O'Mahony(1-1), Finbarr O'Regan(0-2); Tim Delea(2-0), Noel O'Connell(1-1), Joe Fahy(0-3);
Subs:- Pat O'Sullivan; Ed O'Connell;

Final **October 25, 1959** **Cork Athletic Grounds**
Glen Rovers 3-11 Blackrock 3-5

Examiner report:- Reigning champions Glen Rovers celebrated their silver jubilee of their first county championship title by annexing the title for the seventh time. Watched by an attendance of 23,882, the Blackpool men looked in dire danger after a thrilling first half, when aided by a breeze they just managed to be in front. Blackrock performed to such effect against the wind in the first half that they were led by a mere point 2-5 to 2-4 at the interval. Who in circumstances could blame the Rockies supporters for their mood of jubilation around this period. They had won the toss, team captain Jimmy Brohan elected to play against the not inconsiderable wind, and held the champions to a point.

The stage was surely set for a mighty effort by the men from the fishing village. They were hurling extremely well albeit things could have been better at midfield, and in attack, where the lighter players were being fairly consistently. But with the wind to their backs the same fifteen were not half the force they were in the opening period. What exactly happened to cause them to disintegrate will long be a source of debate. Wexford born John Redmond was the team's strongest hand in the first thirty minutes, and on his own he fed his forwards a ball supply from which came the majority of the scoring moves that kept the challengers very much in the picture. But in doing so he exhausted himself, and for the second half he was a spent force. His partner at midfield was never happy, and with neither of the pair striking form when they were most needed, Glen Rovers turned the weakness into match and title winning factors.

As a final this match will not rank among the great in which the clubs have figured in the past. Mind you, it was always good enough to hold the interest, and the first half was undoubtedly of a calibre to excite the most phlegmatic of spectators. There was polished ball control by Mick Cashman, a cool bastion in the Rockies defence, tremendous trying by Christy Ring and Jimmy Brohan who marked each other, some brilliant saves by John Dempsey in the challengers net, and innumerable goalmouth scrambles. Between the lot the crowd were given full value for their money.

So Glen Rovers celebrate the silver jubilee of their first county senior win with another win, and again they must get the laurels for upholding the tradition of playing best when things looked bleakest. Playing in the black and white jerseys of their sister club, St.Nicholas, they lined out with injured and doubtful John Lyons and Gerald Mulcahy, and in this regard they had a decided edge on their opponents who started without Tommy Furlong and Michael Murphy, though the latter came on soon after the resumption.

And they captured the cup without Christy Ring playing a blinder. It may seem contradictory to say that, Christy Ring accounted for a goal and six points himself, and yet did not play a hero's part. But though he tricked Jimmy Brohan on several occasions, there was always an equal number of times when the tall Blackrock back beat him to the ball and cleared mightily down the field.

It was typical of the shrewdness the Glen selectors have always displayed that at the interval they quietly sealed off the one weakness they had in defence. Small Bernie Hackett was having the worst of matters with a very fit John Bennett, so at the break Jackie Daly came on to partner Eamonn Goulding at the half way section, thus releasing Noel Lynam to drop back and control John Bennett. This switch had a further effect, and one that played a major part in the winning of the match. It forced Mick McCarthy to switch across to left half back, and in this position, he dominated for the thirty minutes. Nobody could keep count of the number of balls he picked up and cleared, and it is no exaggeration to say that he, more than anybody else, broke the heart of the Rockies attack. Slowly but surely the challengers lost their dash and fire, and all the forwards must share the brunt of the blame for losing the game. The advent of Michael Murphy to left half forward and then to the right

corner did nothing to improve matters. Neither he or Tim Delea could get the better of Seán French, and same can be said of Noel O'Connell and Joe Fahy, in their respective tussles with John Lyons and Gerald Mulcahy. The Glen full back line was most unyielding and so effective was their covering and clearing that goalie Sean O'Brien had comparatively little to do.

Further out young Jerry O'Sullivan was quite impressive at centre back, where at various times matched Florrie O'Mahony and Noel O'Connell. Eamonn Goulding had his customary solid, if unspectacular hour at midfield, and he tended to come into his own as the game wore on. The Glen were not too perturbed about the outcome was reflected in the fact that Christy Ring had no occasion to leave the corner. In the past the champions have been extricated from many a tight spot by bringing the veteran score getter to the forty, the latest instance being in the semi-final against U.C.C. a few Sunday's ago. But yesterday it was not even necessary to consider the move, and this, despite the fact that Mick Quane had to give second best to Mick Cashman. What the selectors did in fact was to move Quane into the right corner, bring Healy to left half forward and put Bill Carroll on the forty. These moves, coupled with the retirement of Bernie Hackett, were the only ones necessitated throughout the hour.

At the other end of the field Blackrock made a crop of changes. Tim Delea had their opening goal, but thereafter could never match Mulcahy. He swapped places with Michael Murphy when the latter relieved Finbarr O'Regan. Noel O'Connell and Flor O'Mahony had earlier changed, as had John Bennett and John Redmond. In no case could the selectors have been fully satisfied with the results.

The Rockies suffered the setback of a disallowed goal at a crucial part of the game, six minutes after the resumption, but the umpires had no hesitation in crossing the flags. This disappointment had followed three wides in as many minutes, and a point to the Glen, the first time they got the ball upfield. The accumulation effect doubtless played it's part in fostering the gradual break-up of the team. But they had further chances of making amends, and by the twentieth minute of this second half there was but four points between them on the scoreboard, 2-9 to 2-5. But on the field it was the Glen who played in match winning style, and this style was confirmed when four minutes from time Christy Ring stepped in as Mick Cashman tussled with two opponents, picked the ball from under their noses, and slapped it into the net. This goal, added to the points that preceded and succeeded it, brought the champions tally to 3-11 a minute from time.

With a matter of seconds left, Noel O'Connell connected with a flying ball for a face-saving goal to boost the Rockies final tally to 3-5.

The game which was watched by the Minister for Industry and commerce, Mr.Jack Lynch, and the General Secretary of the association, Mr.Pádraig O'Caoimh, opened with two quick Glen wides followed by a point from Eamonn Goulding, who took a handpass from Lynam. Tim Delea connected with a ball that crossed the square to give Blackrock the lead, and goalie John Dempsey saved spectacularly twice before Christy Ring slipped over a twenty one yards free. The Glen regained the lead when Ring, deep in the left corner, crossed a ball which Pat Healy doubled to the net in twelve minutes. Finbarr O'Regan had a point prior to the champion's second major. This latter score, again finished by Healy, stemmed from an innocent looking centre by Joe Twomey, who incidentally made a notable return to the champion's side. Blackrock responded in kind after seventeen minutes when Florrie O'Mahony made amends for a miss seconds earlier by Delea. The losers drew level when John Bennett finished a run on the right wing with a good point, and they took the lead from a Joe Fahy free which he sent between the posts. Noel O'Connell unmarked out the field, stretched the challengers lead to two points, but it was speedily negated by similar efforts from Pat Healy and

Ring, a free. Jow Twomey put the winners back in front just before the break.

In the second half ring, Healy and Ring again pointed, John Bennett replying for Blackrock with a fifth minor. Ring's goal followed by a free he himself pointed, and Twomey, as in the opening half, finished their scoring with a point. Noel O'Connell's late goal only barely beat the full time whistle of referee Paddy Cronin, of St.Finbarrs.

The Carrigaline Pipe Band played the teams onto the field.

John Dempsey; Jimmy Brohan, Dan Brennan, Jimmy O'Brien; Declan O'Connell, Mick Cashman, Martin Thompson; John Redmond, Pat O'Sullivan; John Bennett(0-1), Flor O'Mahony(0-1), Finbarr O'Regan(0-1); Tim Delea(1-0), Noel O'Connell(2-0), Joe Fahy(0-1);

Sub:- Michael Murphy;

Glen Rovers:- Seán O'Brien; Seán French, John Lyons, Gerald Mulcahy; Mick McCarthy, Jerry O'Sullivan, Bernie Hackett; Noel Lynam, Eamonn Goulding(0-1); Bill Carroll, Mick Quane, Joe Twomey(0-2); Pat Healy(2-2), Jim Young, Christy Ring(1-6);

Subs:- Jackie Daly; Patsy Harte;

Beamish Shield S.H.L.

Carrigtwohill v Blackrock; Blackrock 2-4 St.Vincents 2-2; St.Finbarrs v Blackrock; Na Piersaigh 6-7 Blackrock 3-12; Glen Rovers 3-4 Blackrock 7-6; Mallow v Blackrock; U.C.C. 7-8 Blackrock 9-1;

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Semi-Final	August 23, 1959	Mardyke
	Blackrock 4-8 Glen Rovers 4-5	

Blackrock held firm against a typical Glen Rovers concluding assault at the Mardyke. It was a game that produced some delightful hurling, particularly in th final fifteen minutes. On pre match form Blackrock did not seem to have much chance. The most memorable feature of the game was the performances of Mick Cashman at centre back. He showed great foresight and halted most of their attacking movements. Behind him, Jimmy Brohan showed all his old craft. The Blackrock attack was led by John Bennett, and all forwards did well

John Dempsey; Jimmy Brohan, Mick Cashman(0-1), Jimmy O'Brien, John Bennett(1-2), Flor O'Mahony(2-0); Finbarr O'Regan(0-2); Tim Delea(1-1), Martin Thompson(0-1); Tony Connolly(0-1),

Final	July 17, 1960	Mardyke
	Blackrock 3-6 St.Finbarrs 1-5	

A convincing win for Blackrock, as they lorded it at midfield for most of the hour. Their long striking half back line turned many Barrs attacks right back into their opponants goalmouth. As usual, Mick Cashman and Jimmy Brohan were solid, and others to impress were John Bennett, Michael Murphy, and John O'Halloran;

Milford Inter County Hurling Tournament

Semi-Final	July 22, 1986	Milford
	Blackrock v Cappamore	

No account of game.

Final	August 30, 1959	Milford
	Blackrock 4-10 Claughan 2-3	

Blackrock had a convincing victory over Limerick side Claughan. Both teams gave a very fine display of hurling, and while the score did not reflect the general run of play, Blackrock took advantage of their chances and with an interval lead of 2-4 to 1-2 maintained their superiority to the end.