

**BLACKROCK NATIONAL
HURLING CLUB**



**STANDING ON THE
SHOULDERS OF
GIANTS**

ÉAMONN O'DONOGHUE

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CORK COUNTY
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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ALL-IRELAND
CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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INTER COUNTY
ALL-IRELAND
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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INTER COUNTY
MUNSTER
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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NATIONAL
LEAGUES

CHAMPION TO CHAIRMAN



Éamonn O'Donoghue was an instantly recognisable figure on the field of play. Plying his trade in the corner forward position, Éamonn soon gained a reputation as an extremely effective, high scoring forward with a particular eye for goal.

He formed a devastating partnership for Blackrock and Cork with full forward Ray Cummins and if one of them wasn't putting the ball in the back of the net, it was usually because they were setting up the other.

Éamonn won five county medals across the Seventies and Eighties and won All-Ireland glory on two occasions with the club. He also had the honour of captaining the club to a Munster championship in 75/76. Two celtic crosses for Cork would highlight a glittering inter county career and ensure his place in the annals of the association.

Éamonn's presence in the club since retirement from playing has been ubiquitous and uninterrupted. Despite years of playing success, Éamonn's efforts behind the scenes will be revered by club members as much as any medal won. Years of involvement with the underage and holding esteemed positions such as Chairman has ensured that his love and passion for Blackrock has been passed on to countless more Rockies.



THE TEAM

Éamonn O'Donoghue

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

Hopefully as a determined, hardworking, tough and committed player.

What characteristics did you most value in a teammate?

The above and also the ability to lead. A great leader was worth his weight in gold.

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

The team I played on in the 70's were a special bunch and I would find it hard to pick one teammate in particular. The team that won the county in 85 had a lot of new faces and the role played by our captain Andy Creagh was admirable. Unbelievable leadership.

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

We had great individual players but also great leaders . There was a very good team spirit and we were also very well organised.

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THE INDIVIDUAL

Éamonn O'Donoghue

What are your first memories of hurling for Blackrock?

My first memory would be the Blackrock/Ballinlough parish leagues. These were organised by the underage hurling committee under the leadership of Derry Cremin.

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

Up to minor I would say Derry Cremin and Tom Clancy. I shared a good bond with Tom, he lived just up the road from me in Marian Park. Two people who always gave me great advice in my senior career were Mick Cashman and Jimmy Brohan. They always gave me constructive feedback on my performance, on areas I did well and ones I could improve.

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

Keep going, no matter the circumstances, good or bad.

What was your favourite position to play and why?

My favourite position was full forward although I played most of my career in the corner.

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

I was praised on both my competitiveness and my scoring ability. Noelie Flaherty always said to me I was a bad hurler but a good player !!!

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

Without doubt, captaining Blackrock in 1975 to win the senior county.



THE CLUB

Éamonn O'Donoghue

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

Historic, Friendship, Community.

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

Commitment, leadership, good quality hurling.

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

I would like to be remembered as someone who gave my all on the field and contributed off the field in various capacities. I'd like to be remembered as someone who always wanted the best for Blackrock.

What does Blackrock National Hurling Club mean to you?

It means everything really. I've been involved with Blackrock since I was a young boy and ever since, it's been a huge part of my life and still is.

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