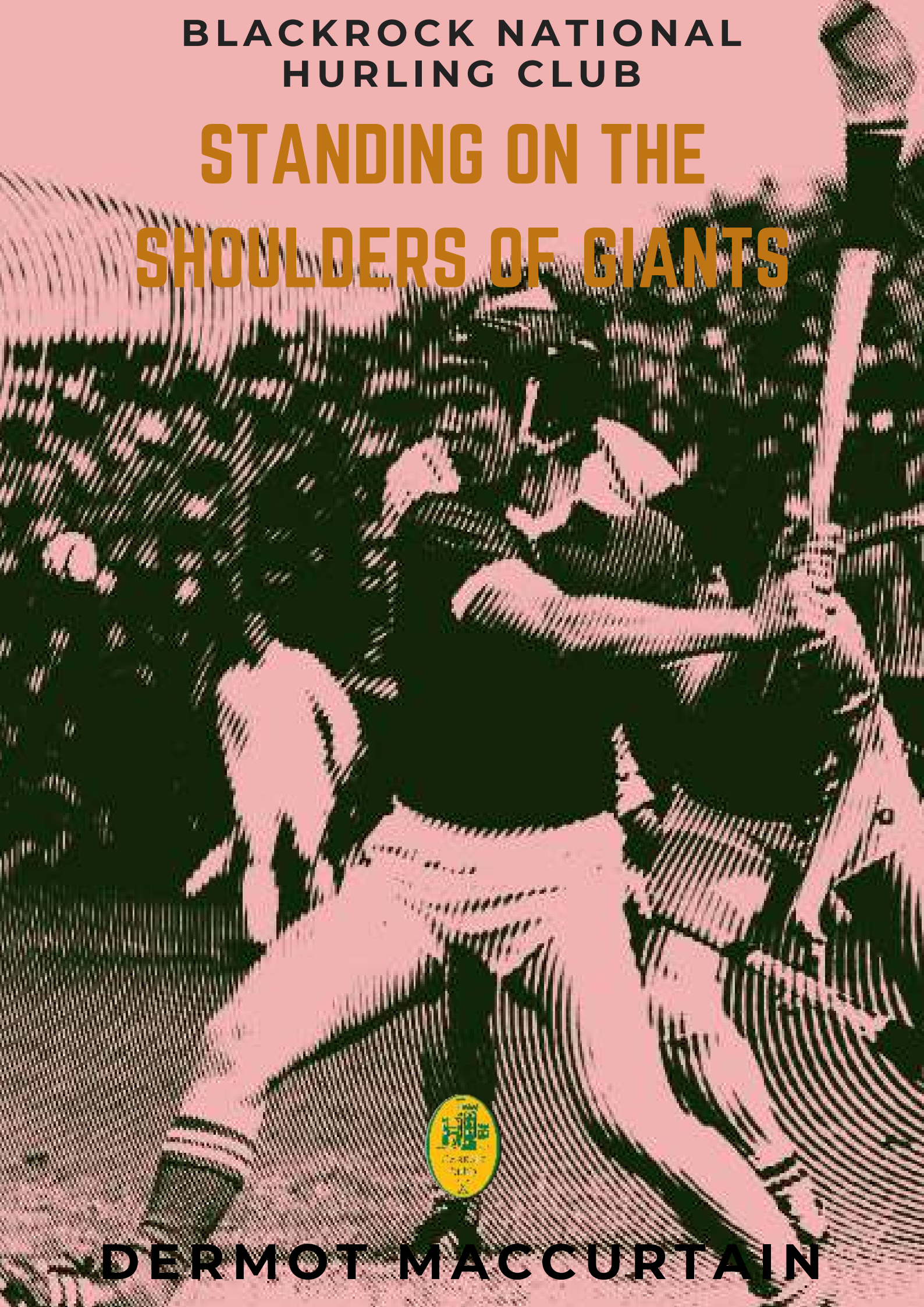


**BLACKROCK NATIONAL
HURLING CLUB**

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS



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COUNTY
CHAMPIONSHIPS

3

MUNSTER
CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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ALL-IRELAND
CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS

4

INTER COUNTY
ALL-IRELAND
CHAMPIONSHIPS

8

INTER COUNTY
MUNSTER
CHAMPIONSHIPS

2

NATIONAL
LEAGUES

3

ALL STAR
AWARDS



3 STAR GENERAL

Hurlers are often classified in either the stylish and skilful column or in the tough guy who gets the job done column. In Dermot's case he fits comfortably in both. A hard worker who was well able to look after his zone on the pitch but once possession was assured, the ball was sent on its way with accuracy and skill with as sweet a strike as any of his peers.

Dermot is yet another serial winner from The Rockies class of the 1970s. As impressive a stash as medals as you are likely to see and the personal recognition of winning three All-Stars prove that you are in the presence of hurling royalty with Dermot MacCurtain.

Dermot joined The Rockies from Delaneys at the age of 17 and as a minor hurler achieved a remarkable success by winning a schools' hurling and football All-Ireland as well as an Inter County Minor Hurling and Football All-Ireland in the same year. U21 success with Cork would follow and in 1975 Dermot won the first of four counties with The Rockies. A vital part of this glorious period in the club, Dermot was instrumental in winning the All-Ireland twice with the club.

All-Ireland success with Cork came in '77, '78, '84 and '86. All Star Awards came in 1979, 1980 and 1984. Dermot's name is recognised across the country and was renowned for doggedly winning possession via the block, hook or whatever means necessary as well as having the skill to make things happen. The complete player.

THE INDIVIDUAL

Dermot MacCurtain

What are your first memories of hurling for Blackrock?

I didn't play hurling with Blackrock until I was 17 even though I lived there all my life. The reason is my father Paddy was a founding member of Delaney's Hurling and Football club. From the time I started playing, I was always made welcome.

What was your favourite position to play and why?

Half back as I liked attacking the ball.

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

Playing for my county and club as I had great pride in both. It was a great honour.

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

My biggest influence was always within the family.

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

To play hard and to train hard.

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

Discipline and dedication and the will to win.



THE TEAM

Dermot MacCurtain

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

Honest and giving it 100% always.

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

Tom Cashman was the best. He is the 'Messi' of Hurling - a pure genius.

Which characteristics do you most value in a teammate?

Dedication and honesty.

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

We were lucky we had a great group of players who were dedicated and totally focused on winning.

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THE CLUB

Dermot MacCurtain

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

Family, hardwork & success.

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

You need to give 100% all of the time. Absolutely no excuses.

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

As a good team player who made a contribution that was worthwhile.

What does Blackrock National Hurling Club mean to you?

I'm proud I played with Blackrock and have made life long friends from the club. Being part of the club meant that I followed in the footsteps of some wonderful past players which was an honour.

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