

BLACKROCK NATIONAL
HURLING CLUB

**STANDING ON THE
SHOULDERS OF
GIANTS**



JIM CASHMAN

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COUNTY
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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INTER COUNTY
MUNSTER
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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INTER COUNTY
ALL-IRELAND
CHAMPIONSHIPS

1

NATIONAL
LEAGUE

2

ALL STAR
AWARDS

CASH REWARD

A lot can be made of a club's underage success but Jim Cashman's achievements show that success at the top level is not about what you win as an underage hurler but rather about what you learn as an underage hurler.

Jim's first ever championship medal was a senior county medal when The Rockies defeated Midleton in 1985. This victory would offset a glittering career for Jim that would culminate in being part of Cork's famous double year and winning two All-Star Awards during his inter-county playing days.

The Rockies have always been proud of Jim's achievements in the Cork jersey but are forever grateful for his contribution in the Green & Gold. Jim's final year of senior hurling can only be described as a well deserved fairytale ending. Jim played a key role in the forwards during the season as his body struggled physically at this late stage of his career but famously Canon O'Brien named Jim at centre back for the county final trusting Jim's hurling brain and sheer will to win in his final County Championship game for the club. Jim gave a vintage display winning man of the match as the Rockies brought back a first county in 14 years to a jubilant Church Road. A fitting finish for a club legend.



What are your first memories of hurling for Blackrock?

My first memory was when I was 12 playing Féile against the Glen in Bishopstown. I played right half back. I also have fond memories of getting my first customized hurley from Noely Flaherty who always looked after me throughout my career. It was always a big moment for a young Rocky.

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

That has to be Canon O' Brien. He coached Blackrock in 1985 and 1999 when we won the county and was also involved with Cork minors for three years when I was playing and of course was Cork manager when we were part of the double in 1990.

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

The best advice I was given was that you are only as good as your next match and no matter how tough you think you are, you will always meet someone tougher than yourself.

What was your favourite position to play and why?

My favourite position was centre half back. I always felt comfortable there and was able to read the game from the centre.

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

Being a team player and an ability to read the game.

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

This has to be Blackrock winning the county final in 1999. This was the last match I played for Blackrock. I got man of the match which was a proud way to end my career.



THE TEAM

Jim Cashman

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

I hope to be thought of as a team player who always gave 100% for Blackrock on the field.

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

I would find it difficult to choose just one player, Eoin Kavanagh, Richard Browne, Ger Murphy, Brian Smith and Paddy Barry Jnr would have been super players from my own age group growing up and then starting off my Blackrock senior career with the likes of my brother Tom, Frank Cummins and Dermot McCurtain and to finishing my career alongside Wayne Sherlock, Noel Keane, Fergal Ryan, Trevor Barry and the two Brownes, I was lucky enough to play with a talented group of lads and there are many more I could name making it impossible to pick any one teammate.

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

We were all good friends and played as a team on and off the field.

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

People. Tradition, Success

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

I like to see hard work by the players which requires honesty to yourself and your teammates. Always do the basics well and keep it simple.

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

The club is bigger than any one person and I hope that I played a small part in the success Blackrock achieved throughout my career.

What does Blackrock National Hurling Club mean to you?

It means everything to me. It has been a huge part of my life from when I was playing to now watching from the side and hoping that we will be successful in the near future.



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