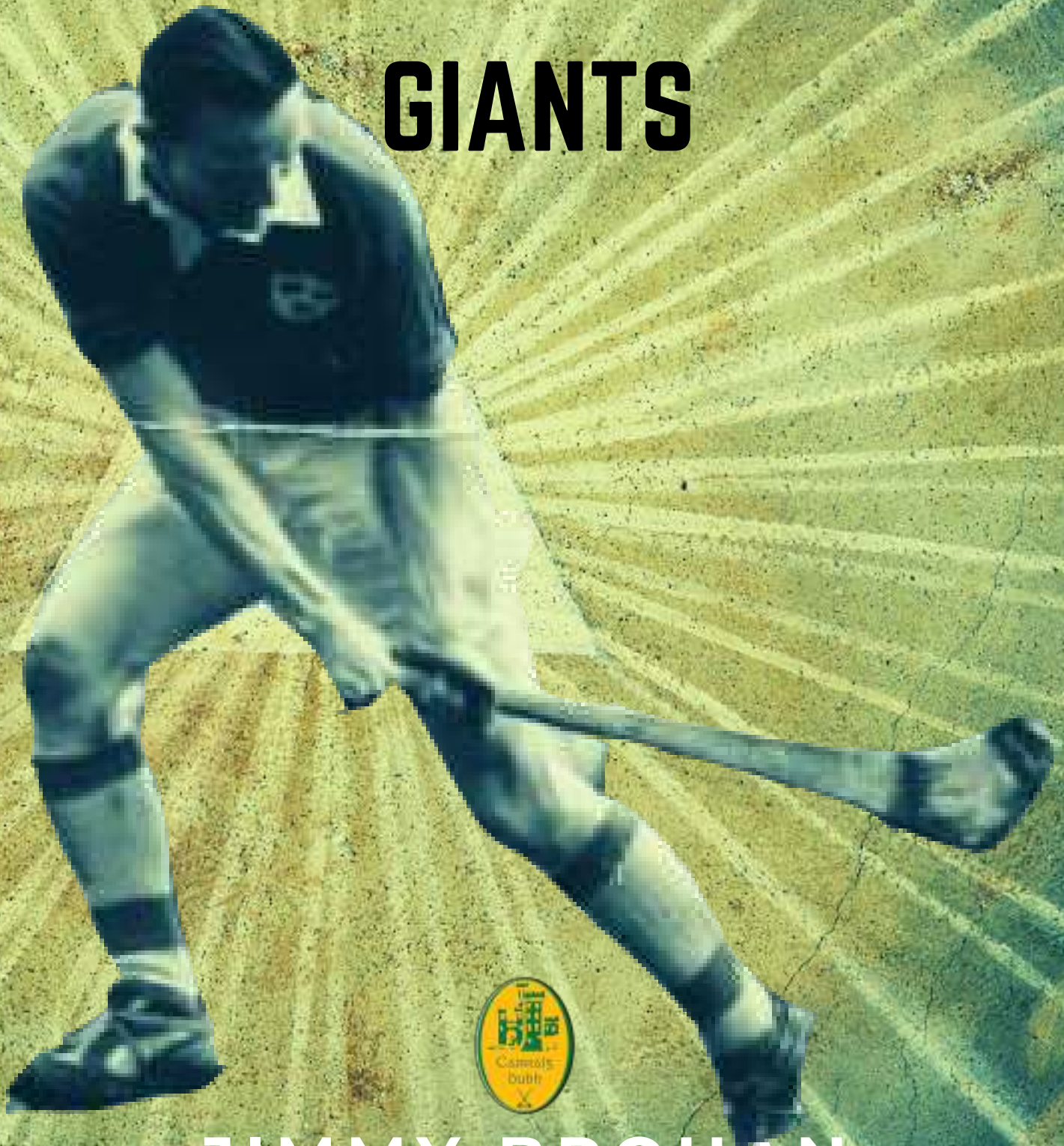


**BLACKROCK NATIONAL
HURLING CLUB**

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS



JIMMY BROHAN

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COUNTY
CHAMPIONSHIPS

2

INTER COUNTY
MUNSTER
CHAMPIONSHIPS

1

INTER COUNTY
ALL-IRELAND
CHAMPIONSHIPS

5

REST OF IRELAND
SELECTIONS

PRINCE OF CORNER BACKS

A poll published by the Irish Independent in 1961 asked its readers to identify the greatest hurling team of all time. The names chosen by the readers included the greatest of the great - Nicky Rackard, Mick Mackey, Lory Meagher and Christy Ring. Picked amongst these legends of the game in the corner back position was none other than Blackrock's Jimmy Brohan.

Jimmy's career did not necessarily coincide with periods of dominance for Blackrock or Cork but this made the Championships that Jimmy did win all the more sweeter. Blackrock's victory in 1956 was the first County Championship in 25 years sparking jubilant scenes in the parish. Cork's victory in 1966 was the first for the county in 12 years. Lean times for both but this makes the esteem that Jimmy is held in all the more impressive. He was regularly selected on the Rest of Ireland team an accolade that was the closest thing to an All-Star at the time and his name is still mentioned in discussions of the great defenders to have played the game.

Jimmy however is much more than a great player. A Cork selector for four All-Ireland victories, a club administrator, and into his eighties spent Saturday mornings guiding and coaching the future of Blackrock hurling. It was an honour for the club to name the new hurling alleys after Jimmy, Prince of Corner Backs.



THE INDIVIDUAL

Jimmy Brohan

What are your first memories of hurling for Blackrock?

My first memories include underage games in the city. I think the youngest grade was under 16. Before that age, we had the parish leagues between Ballintemple, Ballinlough, Ballinure and I think we had a team representing the village.

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

People running the underage scene in Blackrock and the Christian Brothers in Sullivan's Quay. One Christian Brother in particular, a Br. Bridges who was a great motivator and a promoter of ground hurling which meant no scrums that you see in the present game.

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

At school we were told to get the ball away from your own goalmouth as far and as quickly as possible which means the opposition are limited in the chances of scoring.

What was your favourite position to play and why?

I did not have any preference for any position but ended up playing right corner back most of the time. I always like playing at centre back where I played at under 16 and minor level. Playing at centre back, you have a lot more control of a game.

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

A good hand and anticipation and always as being as fit as I could be

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

Winning a county championship in 1956, the first time the club had won since 1931. The win ended years of frustration and was the start of another successful time for the club.



Jimmy Brohan and Mick Maher (Tipperary) playing for Munster 1959.
Christy O'Brien (Laois and Leinster) looks on.



THE TEAM

Jimmy Brohan

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

Hopefully as a good team player who always gave his best in victory or defeat

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

There have been so many great teammates I would not be able to single anyone out in particular.

Which characteristics do you most value in a teammate?

A good team player who would always play to his ability and always give his best

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

The club was down for so long, I suppose the motivation to get back to winning county championships again drove us on to bring the County back to Blackrock.

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Mick Cashman & Jimmy Brohan



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

Honesty, Skill, Dedication.

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

I like to see players playing to their strengths and their capabilities but they must first show absolute commitment.

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

As one who tried to be a good clubman who always gave his best in any position I held in my career.

What does Blackrock National Hurling Club mean to you?

An honour to be associated with a successful club with a long tradition of winning and a club that caters for so many people in the parish of Blackrock and beyond.



Jimmy Brohan & Roger Ryan

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