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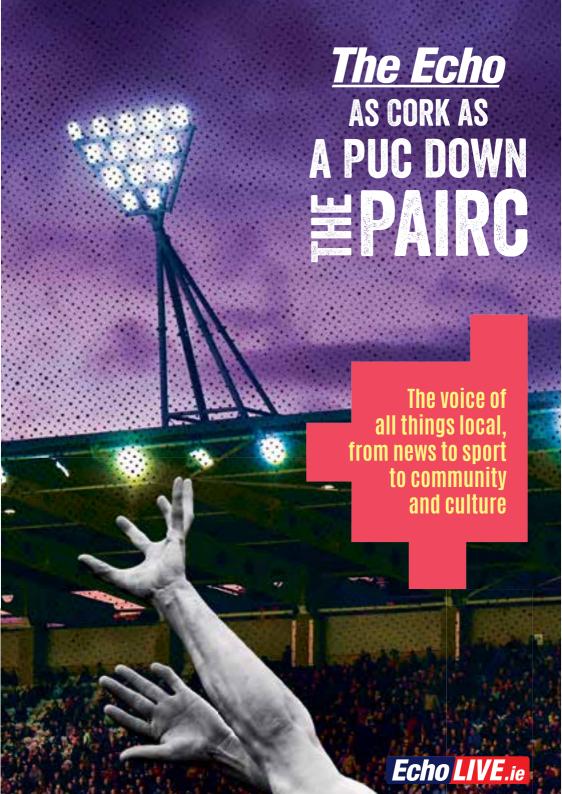


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What a huge weekend of GAA action we have in store for us this weekend, even though most of us will be watching on TV or on the Irish Examiner live stream rather than here in person! Our feast of finals in the Co-op Superstores County Hurling Championships begins on Saturday night with Blarney meeting Castleyons in the Premier Intermediate Hurling Final, while on Sunday, we have the Senior A decider between Fr. O'Neill's and Charleville, and the programme culminates with what we all hope will be a classic Premier Senior final between city rivals Blackrock and Glen Rovers. The fact that these two sides have not met in a final since 1978 brings added spice to the occasion!

Congratulations and best of luck to the final referees, Ciarán O'Regan (PIHC), Colm Lyons (SAHC) and Cathal McAllister (PSHC) and their officials. It is a huge honour to referee a County Final, and all three are fully deserving of their appointments.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of our title sponsors, Co-op Superstores, and to thank them for joining with us this year as we launched a new and hugely successful format for our county championships. Thanks also to the Irish Examiner, our streaming partners, who have ensured that our games have reached the widest possible audience this year. With such companies prepared to partner with Cork GAA, the future is certainly very bright and we are hugely appreciative of their support.

Our clubs took a brave decision last year in moving to a very different format for this year's championship, and despite the added restrictions imposed upon us by Covid-19, it has been an unqualified success. Well done to everyone involved in running the championship, and particularly to our Runaí, Kevin O'Donovan, who has borne the bulk of the administrative efforts required. I We have enjoyed some of the most tightly-contested competitions in years, and I look forward to the benefits for our county as we move forward with the format.

In this very strange year, I would like to compliment all our clubs on their efforts in supporting their communities during the Covid-19 crisis. It has been difficult for everyone, but you have made the very best of a tough situation. My heart goes out to all who would love to be attending this weekend's games, but are unable to do so, but it is vital that we all do our very best to ensure that public health advice is followed at this time, to ensure that we can all be together again in the future, in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, in other venues, but most importantly, in our normal lives. To those who are at one of this weekend's games, or who want to celebrate or commiserate with your loved ones after the games, remember to do so at a safe distance. Wear your mask, do not break HSE guidelines in relation to gatherings, continue to observe hand hygiene and all other requirements, however difficult that may be. This too will pass.

Finally, and as always, my thanks to all who made the staging of this weekend's games possible – our administrative staff, my fellow County Board officers, our stewards and grounds staff, our programme editor and all whose unseen efforts are vital for the smooth running of occasions like this. My particular thanks to the match-day team here at Páirc uí Chaoimh who put so much work into the planning of these events and without whom our games would be impossible.

Míle buíochas libh go léir.

Tracey Ni Chinnéide,

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On behalf of Co-Op Superstore's and Dairygold I welcome you to the **Co-Op Superstore's Cork County Hurling Championship Final.**

Over the past nine weeks we have experienced and enjoyed so many exciting and competitive games in the **Co-Op Superstore's Cork County Hurling Championship**. As keen supporters of Cork Hurling and sponsors of this Competition we are especially pleased with the new Championship format. It certainly has brought freshness, competitiveness and an edge to all games. An additional feature this year has been the live broadcasting by the **Irish Examiner Sports** via internet/Facebook of many of the games. This initiative allowed us all to feel like we were at the games from the comfort of our own homes due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Today's Final promises to be a game of high intensity between long standing hurling rivals **Rockies and Glen Rovers**.

Our Agri & Dairy business is deeply embedded in communities across Cork. Co-Op Superstores operates 18 stores across the County along with our online channel www.coopsuperstores.ie . Supporting the Hurling Championship is an opportunity to give something back to a sport that so many of our customers and shareholders are intricately involved in though the GAA Club network. Hurling is going from strength to strength and long may that continue. Thanks again to Cork County Board for giving **Co-Op Superstores** the opportunity to support the Championship.

I would like to express thanks and best wishes to you, our **Co-Op Superstores** customers for your continued support of our business and I wish all the players and the respective management teams from **Blackrock and Glen Rovers** the very best of luck in today's final.





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Old Rivals

Eoghan Cormican

Players on both sides have been hearing all week of the fabled games between the Glen and the Rockies from decades past, particularly those legendary county final meetings from the mid-70s when attendances regularly went north of 20,000.

But for the present day groups, that is all they have to go on - stories and memories from an older generation.

You see, the rivalry between the Glen and the Rockies has been somewhat dormant of late. Today represents the first senior championship meeting between the two city clubs since August of 2008. Hard to believe, I know. And while a handful of the Glen's 2020 class were present inside the whitewash for the quarter-final win 12 years ago, Gary Norberg is the sole member of the Blackrock starting team from that game still involved in a playing capacity.

As Glen Rovers midfielder Donal Cronin said this week, they've developed rivalries over the past 10 years with the likes of Sars and Erin's Own, primarily because of the frequency they were running into each other, particularly at the business end of the championship. Such meetings have not existed between the Glen and the Rockies for quite some time now.

As has been mentioned time and time again since their respective semi-final victories last weekend, this is the first Glen-Rockies decider since 1978. Certainly, no one would have predicted back when the pair were meeting in a fourth county final in six years that there wouldn't be another final between them for 42 years.

Anyway, enough about the past.

Throwing an eye over today's sides, there's a definite contrast in that the Glen are the more experienced, are far longer on the road and have more miles on the clock.

This is their fifth final in seven years and having twice tasted glory during their three consecutive county final appearances in the middle of the last decade, they are desperate to mine silverware from this latest spell of county final involvement. Back-to-back county final heartbreak they do not want.

The Rockies have the younger age profile, are the emerging force in Cork club hurling. Their team is built around the four county minor-winning teams between 2009 and 2013, and the three U21s that followed in 2012.'14' and '15.

Yes, Fergal Ryan's charges have reached the decider in recent times - losing to Imokilly in 2017 - but they do not boast the experience their opponents have stashed in the locker of coming out on the right side of the result on the biggest afternoon of all.

But how much of a factor this will prove to be remains to be seen given this is not your normal county final day.

And while we haven't seen it in a while, a Glen-Rockies final pairing, arriving in a year of so much change and upheaval, is a welcome throwback to simpler times.

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As everyone knows it's been a strange and very different season from what we have been used to in recent years.

Clubs and Board's at all levels have had to adapt their structures and fixtures and in general it has worked very well.

A lot of that is down to the goodwill and co-operation of clubs and officers who have ensured all the games in both codes have been run off smoothly and efficiently and for that all involved deserve our thanks.

Equally well done to the referees and their loyal band of umpires who to have played their part in getting the job done.

Reflecting on the Minor 1 Hurling C'ship what quality we witnessed in the majority of games.

The semi-final in Togher was a throw-back to bygone days as the 'Barrs and the Glen went toe to toe and the game went down to the wire, the home side just edging it.

The final v Sarsfields was a clear indication of the talent in both teams and a superb 'Barr's team ended a long wait for the title with a brilliant display particularly in the 2nd half, and how good it was to see the great Jimmy Barry Murphy playing his part and getting immense satisfaction out of this win as he did out of the many wins he enjoyed throughout his career.

The pity was that given the restrictions in place so few supporters were in attendance to witness the hurlers of the future display their skills at the highest level.

The Premier 2 Final was also an excellent contest and the combination team of St Colmans were winners of a quality game.

Tonight the focus switches to football and again a great contest is on the cards between two very skilled and committed sides.

As holders Douglas will be keen to retain the title and build on their remarkable underage success in recent years.

The champions will look to Eoghan Nash, Shane Aherne, Alan O'Hare, Conor O'Donovan and Aaron Sheehy in their bid for back to back wins, but they will miss the goalkeeper Cian O'Leary he is a loss.

Tomas O'Se is guiding the fortunes of a Glanmire side that actually beat Douglas in the group stages, now the question is can they repeat the trick and land the coveted title.

Glanmire are also without a key player with injury ruling out Jake Bowen, but they have players with big match experience in Darragh Murray, David Lynch, Ben Nodwell and Daniel Hogan.

As with the hurling final the attendance will be limited but those that will be there should enjoy a really good contest.

Best of luck to both teams, along with excellent referee in Brian Coniry, as they endeavour to claim the Doney O'Donovan Trophy, presented to the Minor Board by St Nick's to honour the memory of a man who made an immense contribution to Cork football.

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Fourth official and standby referee; Simon Stokes



SAHC Referee: Colm Lyons.

Linesmen: Canice Walsh and Brian Coniry. Umpires: Kieran Murphy, Philip Mackey, Ciarán

Hanley and Johnny Barry.

Fourth official and standby referee; Simon Stokes



PIHC Referee: Ciaran O'Regan

Linesmen: Cathal McAllister and Cormac Dineen. Umpires: Jamie Lane, Damien O'Regan, Gene Buckley and Brendan O'Regan.

Fourth official and standby referee: Mark Maher

All clubs are reminded that for the remainder of the County Championships, all games (unless otherwise stated) will be 'finish on the day' with extra time (2 periods of 10 minutes) and a penalty taking competition being used to decide the winner.

This is in accordance with rule 3.6 of the Official Guide, Part 2.

Anthony Spillane CASTLELYONS





When you mention Castlelyons then a few family names come to mind and Spillane is certainly one of them.

Anthony is the youngest of the three brothers, Michael and Colm, being the others, and he has the pleasure of captaining the side this season.

A past-pupil of St Colmans College in Midleton, Anthony is now back there as a teacher since 2017 where he teaches history and PE.

His older brother, Colm, is also a teacher there to keep a bit of balance in the staff room when it comes to inter-club slagging.

Anthony started playing with the club when he was five and his first memory of a game was playing an U8 one, when he was six.

That was against Bride Rovers and he has enjoyed a few battles with their near-neighbours over the years since. A win today would see them renew that battle at adult level.

He has a few East Cork underage titles to his name but the stand out years for Anthony were 2010 and 2011. The first was the year all three were on the team, Anthony was just 15, when they beat Bandon to win the Premier 2 county minor hurling championship.

That year they were taken to extra-time in a few games and the final went to a replay before they eventually won.

They won the U21 B county that there as well, but at 15 Anthony was too young to be allowed play.

But his fondest memory of the minor win is a picture they have at home of the three brothers, with their grandmothers Nora Hurley and Nancy Spillane.

Sadly they lost Nancy during the lockdown, so that now makes that picture extra special for Anthony and all the family.

In 2011 they went up to the Premier 1 level and reached the county final again, before losing by a few points to Blackrock.

This was probably one of the top minor hurling finals over the last 20 years or so and they were a little unluckly to lose on the night.

Anthony said he only looked back at it recently and does feel they were very unlucky to lose but that's in the past now and his and all their concentration is on this encounter.

Like all others he had to cope with lockdown and he was fearful they weren't going to see any action this year. During the lockdown Anthony said their management team kept them together with weekly online circuit training, which were as much about as keeping in touch as the training itself.

As a teacher it also brought its challenges and he had to learn a lot more about IT than he thought he would ever need.

No doubt he and his team will be hoping to teach Blarney a lesson today.

Rory Noonan



Best of luck to CASTLELYONS in the final from Brian O Sullivan and all at ZEUS Packaging Group

CASTLELYONS

There is a rich history of games in Castlelyons. The Club was formalised in 1948. We won East Cork titles in the 1950's and sixties. The 1970's say an era of great development as the community went on to acquire land, set out a pitch, a community centre, dressing rooms, squash courts and club bar. The late Tom Joe O'Riordan and Mick Sheehan provided great leadership during these times. The juvenile club was set up in 1977 with Dave Hegarty as secretary and Dave is still active in the club.

This work paid dividends in the eighties and nineties as the Club won East Cork titles both in juvenile and adult including County Junior B Football in 1989, East Cork JAH in 1993 and 1997, County JAH in 1997, Cork and Munster Intermediate titles in 1998. In fact, in an amazing hurling drive the club went from Junior B to senior level in just seven years and reaching a county senior hurling semi-final in. Players have represented the club at county level including Mat Hegarty, John Murphy (RIP), William O'Riordan, Peter Murphy, Eoin Fitzgerald, the great Timmy McCarthy (senior), Ciarán McGann (senior), Colm Barry, Anthony and Colm Spillane (senior), Niall O Leary (senior). In 2013 we were beaten in the IHC final as Youghal put over an injury time winner to win by just one point.

The Club purchased 9.5 acres of land of valuable lands adjoining the present club property in 2019. We really needed these lands as our juvenile club is very strong and we now have camogie club fielding teams at all levels and captured a junior county title in 2020. We are grateful to the Vendors, our Benefactors and, many parishioners and members that provided the finance to purchase these lands. This is a legacy for future generations at the heart of Castlelyons which will provide further sporting amenities the development will be another story in the club history.

Our present cohort of players is a blend of youth and experience who have really committed themselves this year despite the pandemic. They have trained hard under their management outfit and won all group games as Blackrock 3-20 to 0-14, a fancied Blarney team 1-20 to 1-14 and Inniscarra 3-18 to 1-21. The semi-final was a tough affair but despite being down 1-6 to 0-3 our captain Anthony Spillane led his team to victory 1-23 to 1-17 in the proverbial cracker. We now face Blarney in a rematch, a very difficult game as they have qualified in style and had time to think about our game too. However, if our lads stick with their own game plan they should be in with a shout. Go n-eirí and t-ádh libh.





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BLARNEY GAA

From this account it is evident that Blarney has a great and deep-rooted hurling tradition, which stretches back over the centuries and endures to the present day. It is not known when exactly the Blarney GAA club was formed as no records are available for the earlier years but it is generally accepted that Blarney is one of the oldest clubs in the country and that an organised club existed long before the foundation of the GAA. Blarney was one of the first clubs to join the infant association and an official certificate is in existence which shows the date of affiliation as 1st May 1884, some six months prior to the foundation date.

In the early days the club played in the grounds of the Castle Estate. They later moved to The Square before relocating to "no man's land" in the mid twenties. This ground was situated in the area now occupied by the residential estates of The Groves and Castle Close. It was apparently a magnificent venue which the club attempted to acquire and develop but a dispute arose over a title which severely complicated matters and forced the club to reconsider it's position and to eventually vacate the grounds in 1933, then moved to "The Level" a field on an elevated site overlooking Blarney Village and remained there until the fifties. In 1957 negotiations were entered into with a local landowner concerning the purchase of the present grounds. Agreement was eventually reached and on December IOth, 1957 an initial deposit of £25 was paid to Mr. Murphy thus securing the club it's own home and a permanent base for the first time in it's history.

The first county championships were played in 1887 and Blarney, known as the wearing of the green club, took part in both codes playing Little Island in hurling and receiving a bye in football. The County Board introduced a Seconds Championship in 1895 (the forerunner of today's junior) and Blarney played in this competition for a few years reaching the final in 1898 where they were defeated by Redmonds.

In the mid-twenties the old club colours of green and white were changed to the present-day colours of red and white.

In 1931 Blarney won it's first Mid-Cork Junior Hurling Championship. To date this title has been won on thirteen occasions.

The Cork Junior Hurling Championship has been won on two occasions. In 1936 Ballymartle were defeated in the final at the UCC Grounds while in 1993 Kilworth were overcome in the final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Three County Intermediate Hurling Championships have come to the club. On the first two occasions Eire Og were defeated in the final; in 1937 by 4-5 to 3-2 at Coachford and in 1938 by 1-4 to 1-0 at Cork Athletic Grounds. In 2008 the club won the County Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship and went on to win the Intermediate All-Ireland Hurling Championship in 2009 on the clubs greatest day in Croke Park.



Paul O'Leary, Ronan Byrne, Fintan Coleman, Brian Hurley, Shane Spillane

Best Wishes To All Teams In This Weekends COUNTY HURLING FINALS

Taoiseach Micheál Martin

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Keith Costello BLARNEY





When you get the chance to talk to someone you generally get an idea of their character within the first few minutes.

And when it comes to Keith then that impresssion would be he's the joker in the pack, but once he crosses the white line the joking stops and it's time to get down to business.

Whilst he didn't join the club until he was a minor Keith quickly established himself in the team and no doubt his sense of humour would have helped him to settle in.

Keith started playing the game at Na Piarsaigh and enjoyed a bit of success with them up to U16 level, before then switching to Blarney after they moved to the area. At the northside clubs Tony O'Sullivan was one of his trainers and you won't get much

better than him to learn the skills of the game from.

One of his early memories was playing Sciath na Scol with Rathpeacon NS and was part of the school side that won three titles in-a-row.

Since his move to Blarney he has continued to enjoy success and has a number of Mid-Cork U21 and junior football titles added to his collection.

He recalls one of those U21 finals where their keeper was sent off and he ended up having to go in goal.

He looks back with pride at that as he managed to keep a clean sheet and they went on to win. Keith played most of his hurling at midfield but now you are more likely to see him lining out at corner-forward.

He is only 27 but joked that the pace at midfield is for youngfellas now and he couldn't be keeping up with them.

Like lots of players he found the lockdown tough from a training viewpoint. He said it was hard to try and motivate yourself to go running on your own but credit to all the squad they got on with it.

He was fearful that games wouldn't return this year and like many others feared the season would be written off. So he was delighted to see games return and get back on the pitch.

But he did keep himself busy and managed to propose to his girlfriend, Jessica O'Riordan a couple of months ago.

Away from hurling Keith works for his father as a steel fabricator at Costello Engineering and during the lockdown they were considered an essential service. They were putting up screens in shops and other premises and Keith said that it is still as busy now.

No doubt he will be hoping to add a bit of steel to the Blarney attack in this final.

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- 18 Ronán Ó Fionnachta Ronan Fenton
- 19 Darren Tóibín Darren Tobin
- 20 Brian Ó Donnabháin Brian O'Donovan
- 21 Brian Ó Cearúil Bryan Carroll
- 22 Conor MacCarthaigh Conor McCarthy
- 23 Liam Ó Maolrunaidh Liam Moroney
- 24 Ronán de Prionnbhíol Ronan Bransfield

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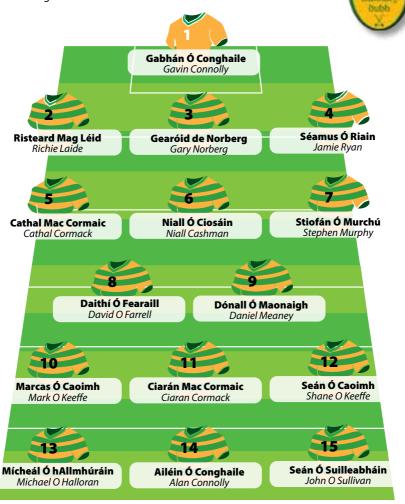


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- 25. Eoin Mac Gabhann Eoin Smith
- 26. Alex Ó hÓgáin
- Alex Hogan

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- Glenn Kennefick
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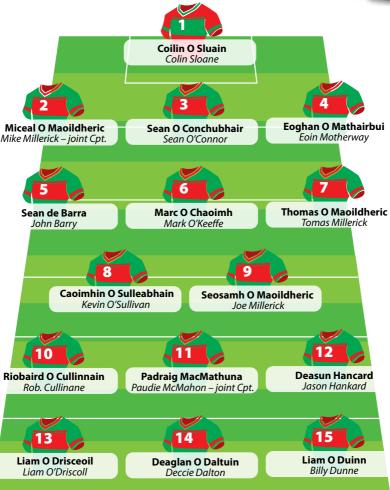
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Dathanna: Glas agus Dearg





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29: Niall Griffin 30: Ryan Kenneally

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Dathanna: Bán agus Dearg



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- 18 Órán Ó Conaill. Oran O'Connell
- 19 Marcas Caomhanach, Mark Kavanaah
- 20 Séamas O Brien, James O'Brien

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David Paddy' Cunningham **GLEN ROVERS**



When it comes to stalwarts of the Glen then Paddy can certainly count himself amongst them.

He might be one of the elder statesmen of the side now at 36, but his contribution has been vital to his side getting back to the final again this year.

He has been involved with the Glen now for in the region of 30 years and has plenty of great memories to look back on in that time.

But the first thing to sort out is how did David Cunningham become 'Paddy', which is what he is known as to all involved with the club.

The answer is simple really, his name is David Patrick, the same as his father and growing up he was known as David Patrick, rather than just David to distinguish them. Over time that became 'Paddy' and it has stuck.

He says it can be funny in work at Biomarin in Ringaskiddy where he would be know as David, when someone who knows him from GAA shouts Paddy at him, confusing some of his work colleagues.

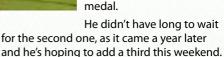
His playing career started when he was about seven, but before that he can remember going out to Ballinlough with his father to watch games. That's his earliest memory of GAA and one he treasures to this

As an underage player he won U14, 16 and minor county titles on the double, showing his prowess with the bigger ball with St Nicholas. He added U21 medals with both as well. He also played in the Feile and recalls coming up against the likes of TJ Reid and the Fennelly's in Enniscorthy.

During his time with the senior side he had his fair share of heartaches before

> they finally won the championship in 2015, a day that he will never forget.

Paddy said that it was as much a feeling of relief as joy as he was wondering would he go through his playing career without the coveted senior county



But if you think his life is all about hurling and work then you would be mistaken.

Away from both he is a busy man, along with his wife Eilish, looking after three young children.

As he said he doesn't have too much time for superstitions or pre-match rituals.

He's lucky to be able to escape to train or play. As he head to last year's final he was changing nappies before he left the house.

Hopefully he will be creating a stink of a different sort for the Blackrock defence as he bids to win another senior county title with his club.





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GLEN ROVERS

Glen Rovers are proud of our heritage and tradition and our participation in the Cork Senior Hurling championship when in 1934 the year the G.A.A. celebrated its Golden Jubilee we won our first Cork County senior hurling title captained by Joe Lee. We went on to retain the title and then recorded a historic eight in a row a feat unequalled to this day in Cork and the words of our famous club song goes "Where we have medals by the score won eight counties in a row and here to the boys of sweet Blackpool."

We are privileged to have had some of the greatest hurlers in the game wear our colours Paddy "Fox" Collins, Din Joe Buckley, his brother "Sonny" who was the only man to play in all of those eight county finals, Josie Hartnett, Jack Lynch and Paddy O'Donovan, Seanie Kennefick to name just a few. Christy Ring is immortalised in song and story and he was without question the greatest ever to have worn the jersey.

This is a special year for our club and the Ring family as we honour and celebrate the centenary of his birth on October 30th 1920.

As a club we had many celebrations planned but the current climate in our country has seen these curtailed however we are proud to have a new jersey incorporating his image as a symbol of what he meant to our club.

We became the first and only club to win Senior County Hurling title's in Pairc Ui Rinn in 2015 and 2016, only fitting in a stadium named in his honour. Today marks our sixth senior final of the decade and our 45th Senior County Final appearance and it comes in an era of new heroes and players now making their mark and writing themselves into our clubs history books.

Players such as Graham Callanan joined an elite group of men to have led Glen Rovers to two senior county championship titles when he led us in 2015 and 2016, he is now a very valued member of our selection committee as he continues to serve our club with distinction.

Stephen Mc Donnell, Patrick Horgan, Robert Downey continue to wear the red and white of Cork as they represented our club on the inter-county stage and we wish them and their colleagues all the best in the months ahead as hopefully Patrick Horgan leads them to glory. As a club we are very proud of our jersey the green, black and yellow stripes are worn by the men and women, boys and girls with a pride that is instilled in them on the very first day they enter our club and on every occasion they take to the field representing Glen Rovers.

Originally the stripes on our jersey were green, white and yellow but the white hoop was replaced by a black one to honour the fallen heroes and heroines of 1916 the year of our founding.

Best wishes to our team and mentors who represent our club Glen Rovers this afternoon we know they will do so with honour and distinction.

We thanks all our members, supporters and friends who are unable to attend today's game due to Covid restrictions we know each and every one of you are with us here today.

We thank our superb sponsors Blackwater Motors and our club supporter Sports Direct and all of our members and supporters who have been with us on our journey in what are very strange times for all of us in the GAA family.

Fanaithe An Ghleanna Abu.



Glen selectors Ritchie Kelleher, lan Lynam, Dermot O'Callaghan, Graham Callanan and Gavin Moylan.



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THE ROCKIES

Blackrock National Hurling Club was founded in 1883 as The Cork National Hurling Club, but the history of Hurling in Blackrock is far older than that, newspaper reports from as far back as 1844 mention hurling games played by Blackrock teams. The Cork Nationals won the first ever cup contested under GAA Rules in Cork when they defeated St Finbarrs in a tournament in August 1886. The following year, 1887, brought the first County Championship to Blackrock. Following a name change to Blackrock National Hurling Club, further titles followed in 1889 and 1891 before Blackrock under John Curtis Murphy won the County and subsequently represented Cork to defeat Confederation of Kilkenny in 1893 to win the All-Ireland title. They repeated the success the following year and over the next 38 years enjoyed a very successful run that brought the Club 21 County titles by 1931. Great Players of this period included Patrick "Parson" Coughlan, Andy "Dooric" Buckley, Steva Riordan, Michael "Gah" Ahern, Sean Óg Murphy, Edward "Marie" O Connell and Eudie Coughlan.

A long barren period of 25 years would pass before we won our next title, when Mick Cashman captained the team to win the cup in 1956, followed by a further title in 1961. Ten years later, in 1971, the great investment in Juvenile Hurling from the late 1950s began to pay dividends when the Rockies won the first of the 5 County titles they would win in the 1970s. Further successes in 1973, 1975, 1978, and 1979 followed, along with 5 Munster Club Titles and 3 All Ireland Club Titles. Some of the greatest names to play the game featured in those teams, Ray Cummins, Frank Cummins, John Horgan, Tom Cashman, Dermot Mc Curtain and Pat Moylan to name a few. Following another victory in 1985, a barren 14 year period ended in 1999 when a team featuring Fergal Ryan, Wayne Sherlock, John Browne and Alan Browne won the first of 3 titles in a 4 year period. Since that 32nd victory in 2002, the Club has had a long wait for our 33rd title. Today the Club contests its 4th adult County Final in 4 years and having built on the Underage successes of the last decade, 2020 may well be the Rockies year.



Steve Casey (S&C), John Browne, Fergal Ryan (Manager) Donnchadh Flynn, Kevin Murphy, Kieran O Keeffe, Joe Young, Liam Hurley (Statistics)

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Michael O'Halloran BLACKROCK



--To say Michael is a busy man at the moment would be a bit of an understatement.

As well as preparing for the county final he is also studying for his law exams, but luckily for him they have gone back a few weeks due to the pandemic.

So that takes some of the pressure of his young shoulders, but then you get the impression from Michael that pressure is

something he takes in his stride.

His skills on the pitch are well-known and some might argue that they were developed in another county as he lived in Kilkenny until he was nine.

But Michael says that it is with the Rockies he developed and when you consider he has won U12, 14, 16, minor and U21 county medals with them it is hard to argue against that.

His family are very much

Rockies people and his uncle, John, won an All-Ireland medal with Cork in 1966. No doubt Michael would love to do the same with Cork this year or in the coming years.

In his 'spare time' away from playing hurling and at just 23, he has managed to fit in a Masters in Law, submitting his thesis and also spent nine months abroad studying in Prague.

Even here hurling was something that was a bit help. When Michael played in the Cork Primary Games team one of his team-mates was Lochlann McCarthy from Midleton.

Years later they met again in college and they ended up heading to Prague together to study – although Michael does admit they were a little bit more relaxed over there around studying than here.

That time in Prague gave Michael and

Lochlann the opportunity to travel a bit around Europe, an opportunity he says he may not have had otherwise.

He also recalls an incident where a college security guard was not too happy with him in Prague.

Michael said that he was pucking around and hitting the sliothar off a wall when a security card came running out shouting and roaring at him, but then again he did say it might have had something to do

with hitting a window with the sliothar!

No doubt he will be hoping to hit a few sliothars today, but preferably between the posts!



Mike Millerick

FR O'NEILL'S





If you turned up at a training session or a game that Fr O'Neill's were involved in and asked 'which one is Millerick?', that the answer would be simple – which one do you mean?

Currently on

their senior squad are Joe, Tom, Mike and Ger (injured at moment) and if they all hang around for another few years they could be joined by their youngest brother, Enda, who Mike described as the baby of the family at 12-years-old.

But then again he did say he might be better off double checking his age as with six of them there, they have a sister Mary as well, it can be easy to get mixed up!

But one thing that is certain is his dedication to the squad and the same can be said of all of the family involved in the club.

Mike is currently working as a chemical engineer with MSD Ballydine in Clonmel and makes the trip up and down for training a couple times a week as well as for their games.

Like many others he starting his playing career with the U8s, but says he was a lot younger when he went down to the pitch. One of his first memories of playing with the club was winning the Decky McGuckian tournament held at Glen Rovers.

He went on to enjoy success as an underage player and was captain of the U13 side that won the East Cork final.

Mike was also on their U15 team that beat Newtownshandrum in the Premier 2 county final and they went on to win the Premier 1 title the following year.

He was also involved in an epic U16 county final against Blackrock, which went to a replay, which unfortunately for Fr O'Neill's they lost.

Other memories he has of playing as a teenager included winning the Dean Ryan Cup with Midleton CBS when he was in fourth year. Mike said he enjoyed getting the opportunity to play with players from other clubs in the area. He made his adult championship debut in 2015 against Milford, saying it was a nice game to settle into the set-up as their opponents had two players sent off so they won well in the end.

At adult level winning the intermediate championship and the premier intermediate championship are two days he will never forget and getting the opportunity to play at Croke Park was another highlight.

Asked about preparing for a game at home he said it's almost like a free for all. He recalls putting down his shorts to dry one day and coming back an hour later only to discover one of the brothers was after 'borrowing' them. He said that once you get your hands on a pair of socks or shorts you hold on to them as they could disappear very easily, just like his did that day!

Rory Noonan

Alan Dennehy

CHARLEVILLE





When is a captain not a captain? Well Alan has the answer to that as a picture appeared of him being presented with a cup but it turned out it was a case of mistaken identity. However the

good news was

that he was on the team who did win, but unfortunately not captain when Cork won the intermediate All-Ireland title in 2014.

Long before that though his playing career started with Charleville when he was six and headed down to the pitch for the U8 leagues.

One of his earliest memories of playing is heading to Adare to take part in an U10 tournament.

Since then he has gone on to play in many big games for the club and has plenty of medals to show for his endeavours, even some with the bigger ball, which includes North Cork titles at U21 and adult level along the way.

His prowess as a hurler quickly came to the attention of the Cork selectors and played for two years with the minors, two more with the U21s and then in 2014 he enjoyed Munster and All-Ireland success with the intermediate side.

In that final they defeated Wexford at Nowlan Park to bring the cup back to Leeside.

All those games have many happy memories for the accountant who works with FDC in Cork city, although as he said working from home is the norm for most people for some time now.

He said they can return to the office a day or two a week and it's good to do that.

Another the games that Alan looks back on fondly is an U21 North Cork final against Newtownshandrum a few years ago. They were 12 points down at half-time and it wasn't looking good for his side.

But he said they regrouped and gave it everything after half-time and managed to turn it around to win by a point.

Alan said days like that are ones that stick in your memory for a long time after and you get a buzz out of it for a long time.

Another game that comes to mind is their clash with Feekle, again another encounter that wasn't quite going their way.

But once again Charleville showed their spirit and determination and he remembers Darren Casey getting a great goal to level it and then they got a point to go on and win it. Again Alan said games like this are ones you don't tend to forget. Another memory for Alan is getting to play at Croke Park, as he said something you don't get to do every day.

Of course their county title win over Dripsey is another fond day and one he hopes they can repeat today, but as he said that's easier said than done.

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FR. O'NEILLS

The Fr.O Neills Club was formed in 1959, after many years of different clubs and amalgamations existing in the Parish of Ladysbridge and Ballymacoda. Soon after the Clubs formation we competed in our first East Cork Jnr. A Hurling Final losing out to a strong Cloyne outfit on the day.

In 1983 a new generation of players started to come through and won the Clubs first ever East Cork U21 B Hurling title, hopes were high that this was to signal the dawn of a new era for the Club but alas more heart-break was to follow, in 1987 we reached our first East Cork Jnr. A Final since 1963 only to be beaten by Cloyne who had already won the Co. title having being nominated by the East Cork Board.

Then in 1996 against a fancied Castlelyons outfit a determined team captained by Dick O Neill lifted the Jamesy Kelleher Cup for the very first time. The double was achieved a couple of weeks later when Dick's brother Ray lifted the Jnr. A Football Cup in Midleton having beaten a fancied Youghal outfit.

Further East Cork titles in Hurling were added in '99, '01, '02, and '05 with 2 more Football titles added in '98 & '06. an U21 B East Cork Hurling title was added in '02, the guest for that elusive Co. Jnr. Hurling title had by now become the main focus of the club and despite coming close on a number of occasions the title had eluded us until in a never to be forgotten November night in 2005 when a very hard working and determined team achieved ultimate success with Ger. Holland lifting the Co. Jnr. Hurling Cup after a hard fought win over Kilworth. This was to become the most successful year in our history when they went onto add the Munster title and duly progressed to an All Ireland final on the second Sunday in February 2006 when after a pulsating encounter Ger Holland climbed the steps of the Hogan stand in Croke Park to lift the cup.

With the success already achieved the intermediate team restructured in 2007 and after a very tight championship

reached the Co. final where we faced Bandon in our first ever decider at this level and after a ding dong battle a last minute '65 from Ger O Leary ensured a one pt. win and a famous victory.

East Cork U21 B Football Championships were won in '92 & '08 with an U21 B Hurling title added in '07, an East Cork Minor B Hurling title was won in '04, with 4 East Cork Minor B Football titles in '95, '97, '04 & '06 followed by 2 Minor A titles in '07 & '08. Since the formation of Rebel Og in 2009 we have reached 4 Premier Minor 2 Hurling Co. Championship Finals in 2009, '11, '12 and '13 wining in '11 and '13 and last year in 2014 competed at Premier Minor 1 Hurling level for the first time ever. We won our first ever East Cork Fé 21 A Hurling title in 2015 and went onto win the Intermediate Hurling County in 2016, 2017 saw us win the Div. 1 Hurling Lge. And in doing so were presented with the Haulie Donnelly Cup. Haulie was a lifelong member of the Club fulfilling many roles down through the years. In 2018 we won for the first time ever the Fé 21 Premier 1 Hurling Co. C/ship. On the back of this win hopes were high for 2019 at Premier Intermediate level and so after a good campaign all our dreams were realised on Sat. 12th October when we won the County Final and with it Senior Hurling for 2020. We added the Munster Crown to our County and so onto the All Ireland serious where we took on Tooreen from Mayo which again proved to be a tough test, yet again our lads did themselves and the Club proud when they came out on top to qualify for the All Ireland Final v Tullaroan from Kilkenny which was to be played in Croke Park on the 18th of Jan. 2020. This was our 2nd visit to HQ in 14 years having won the Jnr. All Ireland in Feb. 2006. Unfortunately defeat was our lot on the day losing by a point. Today we find ourselves in the Snr. A Final at the first time of asking against a Team which we have had many battles with over the last 5 / 6 years so the best of luck to all involved today. The hard work at both Juvenile and Adult level is ongoing with huge emphasis being placed on player management and coaching structures right through the club.



L to R: Bob Murphy - Selector, Sean Prendergast - Coach / Selector, Bryan Sweeney Joint Manager / Selector, Dave Colbert Joint Manager / Selector, Billy Murphy - Selector.



CHARLEVILLE

Charleville GAA club was founded in 1888 and has competed at all grades in Hurling since. In 1914 the club had its first success winning the county Middle Grade (Intermediate) hurling championship. The club won its first North Cork Junior hurling title in 1945 beating Ballyhooly in the final, and lost to the Duhallow champions in the county semi-final, played at Kanturk. A decision was taken after winning the North Cork iunior hurling championship in 1945 to enter in the Intermediate grade for the following year. This led to the club's greatest achievement on the field winning the Cork Intermediate Hurling Championship in 1946 and again in 1947. The club played in the Cork Senior Hurling Championship from 1948 to 1952 and reached one county semifinal (1950). They played Intermediate from 1953 onwards losing the county final to Glen Rovers in 1958. They reverted to the Junior grade in 1960 and won the Avondhu title in 1970, beating Liscarroll. North Cork Titles were again won in 1974, 1986, and a further 5 times from 2001 - 2011.

The past 10 years have been a golden era for Charleville GAA where they moved from the Junior Hurling grade all the way up to Senior. In 2011 they won the Cork Junior Hurling Championship for the first time and went on to win the Munster Junior Club Hurling Championship. They were narrowly beaten by a single point by Ballyraggett in the All-Ireland Junior Club Hurling Championship in Croke Park in 2012. This was the first of the Club's 2 appearances in All Ireland Club Finals in Croke Park over a 7 year period.

After losing in the 2014 final they won the 2015 Cork Intermediate Hurling Championship for the fourth time and first since 1946. This was followed up with a first ever Cork Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship in 2018, seeing the club back in the senior grade for the first time since 1952. They would later add the Munster Intermediate Club Hurling Championship overcoming Kilmaley. They lost out in the All-Ireland Intermediate Club Hurling Championship to Oranmore-Maree in Croke Park in 2019. Later that year they were beaten by single point after extra time by Glen Rovers in the 3rd Round of the Senior Hurling Championship. As a result of the restructuring of the Club Championship Charleville are playing in the newly formed Senior A Grade this year.



Mervyn Gammell - Selector, Claude Gough - Manager, Brendan Dennehy - Selector

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