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Blarney and Fr. O'Neills play out U13 Thriller!

RebelÓg Fé13 P2 Hurling Championship Semi-Final:

24th August: Blarney 2-10 Fr. O'Neills 3-07

27th August: Blarney 7-10 Fr. O'Neills 5-16 AET

2nd September: Blarney v Fr. O'Neills – CIT – 1pm



Pic: Dave Coleman (Selector) and Barry Dennehy (Captain) along with the Fr. O'Neills captain and selector in advance of the Fé13 County Hurling Semi-Final replay.

Blarney/Rathpeacon and Fr. O'Neills will have to meet yet again after a replay and extra-time failed to separate them in the semi-final of the Premier 2 County Semi-Final in Delaney's on Monday evening August 27th. It was an absolutely fantastic evening's entertainment, with the two teams providing a brilliant display of hurling as well as incredible heart and determination.

Fr. O'Neills got off to a flying start, playing with a strong breeze on what was otherwise a perfect evening for hurling, and had a goal and a point on the board inside three minutes. James Dineen settled Blarney with a fine point from the wing, before Fr. O'Neills added two more, taking advantage of the conditions. Blarney then came thundering into the game however, the backs finding their feet with the half back line of brothers Olan and Cathal Hegarty on the wings, and the outstanding Barry Dennehy at centre back playing great stuff. When Eamonn O'Mahony broke through for a well-taken goal on ten minutes they got the lift they wanted, and they followed with a spell of three points to Fr. O'Neills one in the next ten minutes, Luke O'Connor picking off two lovely snapshots, along with a free from Dineen. Eoin Hyland then added another great goal for the Blarney men, before Fr. O'Neills responded, and in some style, hitting a purple patch just before half time to add three goals and

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Club na nÓg

Club na nÓg makes it's welcome return on Saturday September 1st after the Summer break. Hurling and Football training takes place on Saturday mornings from 10.30am to 11.30am for boys aged 5 to 10. The build up is now on also to the Parish leagues, always a great event which begins this year on Sunday September 22nd. All are welcome to Club na nÓg, especially parents who would like to help out - just come along on Saturday morning.

Don't forget also that Club Beag gets together on the second Saturday of each month from 11.30 am for parents and kids under the age of 5. The morning consists of some games and a small party, and is a great way for both children and parents to spend some time in the club and meet some friends and future team-mates!

Upcoming Fixtures

Sunday 2nd of September

Premier 2 Fé13 Hurling Championship Replay
v Fr. O'Neills in CIT at 1pm.

Tuesday 4th of September

Mid-Cork Fé21 Hurling Championship
v Aghabullogue in Ballyanly at 6.30pm

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three points to a solitary Blarney point, leaving them in a strong position at half time, 4-07 to 2-05 ahead.

Blarney had it all to do in the second half, but it was never going to be easy, and defences dominated the first fifteen minutes. Blarney's corner backs Daniel Murphy and Mark Cummins were sticking tight to their men, and Conor Power was clearing a world of ball at full-back. Blarney's forwards were finding the going equally tough against the Fr. O'Neills rearguard, but they finally broke the deadlock when Declan O'Hanlon was brought down for a penalty which James Dineen drove home to bring the gap back to five. Fr. O'Neills replied almost immediately



Pic: U13 team after their County Semi-Final replay.

with a free, before Kilian Hurley drove through the their defense twice with powerful runs from midfield, firing over the bar on both occasions. Again Fr. O'Neills responded with two more points, which would have been more had it not been for three great saves by James Walsh in the Blarney goal, before Hurley added another to leave Blarney trailing by five with five minutes on the clock. A few switches had been made, Stephen Mullane and Padraig Power introduced to bring some fresh legs to the attack, and James Doody switched to wing back where he was playing great hurling. Blarney's heads never dropped, and when Conor Power struck a beautiful sixty-five which went all the way to the net, the gap was down to two. Fr. O'Neills again drove forward, opening up a three-point gap going into added time, but Blarney laid siege on the goal. Finally the breakthrough came, Padraig Power catching a great ball on the edge of the square before turning his man and firing low into the corner, to secure a second draw in four days and extra-time.

Extra-time was to prove just as tense, the wind having died down at this point the sides traded points early, the excellent Declan O'Hanlon getting Blarney's score after a marvelous run. Neither side showed signs of tiredness as they scrapped for every ball, and Blarney got their noses in front with Padraig Power and Gavin Mullane combining to get the ball over the line in a goalmouth scramble to put Blarney ahead. Power added another goal and a point, with Fr. O'Neills tacking on a point, to leave a two-goal gap in Blarney's favour with ten to play. There was no score for five minutes of the second period, Fr. O'Neills applying a lot of pressure and playing very well, but Blarney's defense solid as ever, with Brian Walsh and Eoin Hyland doing great work helping out their defense. With the ten minutes up however, Fr. O'Neills had reduced the gap to just three points, and with virtually the final puck they rifled home the rebound after a well-saved free to level it up yet again. The final whistle went to call time on a thrilling game, which neither side deserved to lose, and both teams were applauded off the pitch. The second replay takes place this Sunday the 2nd at 1pm in CIT – All support welcome!

Blarney/Rathpeacon: James Walsh, Daniel Murphy, Conor Power (1-0), Mark Cummins, Cathal Hegarty, Barry Dennehy, Olan Hegarty, Declan O'Hanlon (0-1), Killian Hurley (0-3), Luke O'Connor (0-2), Brian Walsh, Eoin Hyland (1-0), James Dineen (1-3), Eamonn O'Mahony (1-0), James Doody. Subs: Stephen Mullane, Pádraig Power (2-1), Gavin Mullane (1-0), Darragh Walsh, Jack Buckley, Daniel Forrest.

Under 21 & Junior B Championships

Blarney are due to play Aghabullogue in the semi-final of the Mid-Cork U21A Hurling Championship this year as they bid to retain the trophy won in 2011. A 2-18 to 1-19 victory over Eire Óg in a thrilling game on August 14th was enough to see them through to the semi-final stage. It was the definitive end-to-end game, the sides level numerous times in the closing 20 minutes before Blarney pulled through with two injury time points from Darragh O'Brien and Colin Murphy. The nature of the win will have done Tadhg Hurley's team a lot of good as they found themselves 6 points behind early in the second half only to raise their game and turn the game around. They will be hoping to build on this performance in the semi-final, and all support is welcome as they face Aghabullogue (who had a good four-point win over Ballincollig in the Quarter-final) on Tuesday the 4th of September at 6.30pm in Ballyanly.



The Junior B Hurlers meanwhile are currently awaiting details of their Mid-Cork semi-final fixture following an impressive 5-13 to 1-7 victory over Ballinora in Kerrypike on August 10th. They have since played a couple of league games, drawing with Ballincollig and recording a good win over Grenagh. Please keep an eye on www.blarneygaa.ie for fixture details.

Club Draw

Blarney GAA are currently launching a club draw to raise the funds required to finalise the preparation of our new second pitch (picture below). This pitch will be a vital resource for the club and our members, and will help us cater for the ever-growing playing membership, from "Club Beag" and Club na nÓg, right up to our adult hurling and football teams. A lot of work has already gone preparing the new pitch for action, and goalposts are due to be erected in the next few weeks. €10 tickets will be available very soon from club members, with a top prize of €3000, and all your support is greatly appreciated.

