



# BLARNEY GAA NEWS

## MAY 28th, 2008



### Seconds out for round two!

Blarney and Aghada Intermediate hurlers face their moment of truth when they cross swords in Saturday's county championship second round tie at Pairc Ui Rinn. Defeat for either side not only ends their title ambitions for another year – but results in a fight for survival against relegation.

By strange coincidence the teams met at the same stage of last years 'County'. Blarney roared on by their huge travelling support came out on top, and went on to reach the last four. A similar outcome on this occasion would be just what the doctor ordered, and a perfect launching pad for another summer adventure.

### Last time....

## Blarney 1-13 Aghada 1-8

May 23rd 2007

Blarney emerged victorious from their 'County' title encounter with Aghada at sun baked Riverstown. It was a vital win for the rejuvenated 'reds' – not only did it keep their championship hopes alive – it also ensured the club's premier intermediate status for 2008.

Despite facing a glaring sun, Aghada raced into an early tree point lead. Mark McCarthy opened Blarney's account with a point from a free - and from then on, they looked winners. Inspired by the evergreen, ever dependable Steve O'Donoghue, they gradually took control. A brace of 65s by O'Donoghue, and frees from McCarthy - as well as 'minors' from play by Dave McCarthy and Peter Ahern - put the 'reds' 0-7 to 0-5 up at the break.

Aghada reduced the deficit to the minimum on the resumption. But they missed several scoring opportunities, which was to cost them dearly. On the other hand, O'Donoghue and McCarthy continued to punish the east Cork side with deadly precision from placed balls. Ahern was also dazzling in the sun – producing the score of the game from long range. And when skipper Ross McNamara found the net – it was game set and match for the men in red.

Aghada did have the consolation of a late goal – but it was Blarney's day on a scoreline of 1-13 to 1-8.

**Blarney:** Ronan Byrne; Sean Walsh, Paul O'Leary, Denis O'Donovan, Joe Jordan, James Hughes, Steve O'Donoghue; Danny Cronin, Peter Ahern; Brian Hurley, Dave McCarthy, Mark McCarthy; Brian Deasy, James O'Sullivan, Ross McNamara (capt).

**Sub:** Eugene McCarthy for O'Sullivan.

**Scorers:** Steve O'Donoghue (0-6 3 65's 3f), Mark McCarthy (0-4f), Ross McNamara (1-0), Peter Ahern (0-2), Dave McCarthy (0-1)

**Next time.....Same again please!**

## Mid Cork JAFC

**Kilmichael 0-12 Blarney 0-5**

Blarney's Mid Cork JAFC title ambitions lies in the balance following their opening round defeat to Kilmichael in Cloughdub on Friday last.

While Blarney matched their opponents stride for stride in the early stages – they were let down by poor finishing. At the end of a low scoring first half Kilmichael enjoyed a 0-5 to 0-2 advantage.

On the resumption, Blarney again started brightly. But as the game wore on – Kilmichael's greater preparation with the big ball paid dividends. When the final whistle sounded, Blarney was on the wrong end of a 0-12 to 0-5 scoreline. To their credit, the 'men in red' gave it their best shot – none more so than Johnny Barrett, Danny Cronin, Ray O'Leary and Darragh McSweeney.

Much improvement is required if they are to knock out Donoughmore in round two. But it is worth recalling - Canovee lost their first round tie in last years championship – before going on to claim the All Ireland title.

**Blarney:** Gary Timothy; Johnny Barrett, Diarmuid Kiely, Gerard O'Donovan; Peter Ahern, Sean Twomey, Danny Cronin; Darragh McSweeney, Paul O'Leary; Eugene McCarthy, Ray O'Leary, Trevor Hegarty; Robert Timothy, Sean O'Sullivan, Conor Foley.

**Subs:** Michael O'Reilly, Donal O'Neill, Mark McCarthy.

**Scorers:** Gerard O'Donovan, Danny Cronin, Darragh McSweeney, Ray O'Leary, Trevor Hegarty 0-1 each.

\* **Blarney Junior A and Minor Hurlers** must also survive anxious second round ties in order to keep their championship hopes alive. The Junior As faces Cloughdub - following defeat to Ballincollig in Mid Cork. The Minors lost to Killeagh/St Ita's in the Cork Premier Championship, and now await news of their next opponents.



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## Mid Cork U12AFC final

### Blarney / Rathpeacon 3-12 Inniscarra 1-10

History was made as Blarney/Rathpeacon footballers lifted their first trophy since the clubs juvenile sections joined forces at the start of 2008. In a thrill packed Mid Cork U12 'A' final played in Ovens, the combined team recovered from a 9 point deficit, to defeat Inniscarra. 'Scarra had 1-6 on the scoreboard before Blarney/Inniscarra got off the mark. By the time the interval arrived the margin was down to 5 points.

Blarney/Rathpeacon's performance continued to improve on the resumption. The entire team raised their game as they swept the gallant Inniscarra opposition aside. Vincent O'Brien played a captain's role in defence, Mark Coleman was brilliant at half-back, Luke Conroy's fielding and distribution were excellent and Ray Murphy, Darragh Sheehan, Kevin Cremin, Dylan Lenihan and Conor McCarthy provided the scoring power up front. In the end, Blarney/Rathpeacon run out winners by 3-12 to 1-10 with the promise of many more titles to follow.

**Blarney / Rathpeacon:** Sean Crowley, James Mulcahy, Vincent O'Brien (capt), Peter Philpott, Mark Coleman, Sean McSweeney, Jack Charrington, Luke Conroy, Patrick Daly, Conor McCarthy, Ray Murphy, Darragh Sheehan, Jamie O'Connor, Dylan Lenehan, Kevin Cremin.

**Subs:** Darragh Hayes, David Murray.

**Scorers:** Darragh Sheehan 2-1, Dylan Lenehan 1-4, Ray Murphy 0-5, Conor McCarthy 0-2.

### *Congratulations to:*

Ronan Byrne on winning the Mid Cork Poc Fada held in Cloughduv recently. Ronan now goes on to represent Muskerry in the County final on a date and venue to be arranged,

Danny Cronin, James Hughes and Mark McCarthy who join Ronan on the Muskerry panel to play Avondhu in next month's Cork SHC in Mourneabbey. Club stalwart Willie Cronin is a Muskerry selector.

Brendan Jordan and Darragh O'Brien, who represented Muskerry in the Dick Barrett Shield (Cork U15 Inter Divisional Hurling Championship)

Patrick Daly, on winning five 'gold medals' at the Munster Juvenile Swimming Championships held at University Limerick. Later that day, Patrick increased his medal haul to six by helping Blarney/Rathpeacon to victory over Inniscarra in the Mid Cork U12 Football final in Ovens.

## Development Programme Progress Report

The long awaited Hurling Wall is now under construction. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of June and should prove beneficial to all our players when it becomes operational.

Watch this space for future developments.

## Fixtures

Thurs 29th May; Mid Cork JAHL:  
Blarney v Grenagh @ Blarney 7.45 pm.  
Sat 30th May; Cork PIHC:  
Blarney v Aghada @ Pairc Ui Rinn 7.30 pm.  
Tues 3rd June; Cork City JHL:  
St Finbarr's v Blarney @ Togher 7.30p.m.

## Results

### Hurling

#### Premier Intermediate Championship

Courcey Rovers 3-12 Blarney 1-10

#### League

Ballymartle 2-12 Blarney 2-11

#### Junior A

#### Mid Cork Championship

Ballincollig 0-14 Blarney 1-6

#### Cork City League

Rathpeacon 0-8 Blarney 0-6

Blarney 2-15 Courcey Rovers 2-10

Blarney 3-17 Whitechurch 0-7

#### Minor Premier Cork League

Douglas 6-11 Blarney 2-17

Newtownshandrum 4-15 Blarney 2-15

Blarney 1-18 Ballinora 0-3

#### Non Exam League

Blarney 8-13 Tracton 1-16

Blarney 1-19 Youghal 3-4

#### Football

#### Junior A

#### Mid Cork League

Ballincollig 4-9 Blarney 0-11

#### Mid Cork Championship

Kilmichael 0-12 Blarney 0-5

## Notice Board

**CAR BOOT SALE** The club are holding a Car Boot & Market Sale on Bank Holiday Monday (2nd June). Gates open 9 a.m. Should you wish to donate any unwanted saleable items – you can drop them in the clubhouse on Saturday, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**CUL CAMP** The Annual Blarney GAA Cul Camp will be take place in the grounds from Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July 10 am – 2.30 pm. The camp caters for Boys aged 6-13 and Girls aged 7-13.

It is an excellent opportunity for girls and boys to improve their skills, under the supervision of fully qualified coaches approved by the County board.

The cost is 55 for first child and 45 for each additional family member and includes; Jersey, Shorts and Socks and a nifty knapsack.

For application forms or further information call Anne Coleman on (087) 1234161 – but hurry, applications close on Friday 30th May.

**Blarney GAA Golf Classic 2008** The Annual Golf Classic sponsored by the Blarney Castle Hotel goes ahead at Blarney Golf Resort on Thursday/Friday 26/27th June. Teams of 3 cost 200 or Early Bird Friday 8 am – 11 am 150.

The prize giving ceremony will take place back in the Castle Hotel on the Friday evening – all supporters welcome.

**For further details contact Noel O'Sullivan  
on (087) 6689579 or (021) 4385137**

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