



BLARNEY GAA NEWS

October 7th, 2008



Excitement at Fever Pitch!

Pairc Ui Chaoimh will be alive with excitement, when the hurlers of Blarney and Douglas come head to head, in Sunday's Premier Intermediate Championship semi-final at 4.00p.m.

For both sets of supporters, the eagerly awaited clash will evoke the memories of the county semi final of 1999, when the same clubs were in opposition. On that occasion, Blarney emerged victorious following an epic encounter – much to the delight of their faithful fans.

Those faithful fans have a vital role to play on Sunday next. So c'mon all you Blarney supporters; turn out in force; roar on your heroes in their bid to repeat history, and make the final for the first time since that never to be forgotten day in '99.

Memory Lane!

Cork Intermediate Hurling Championship S/F
Church Road October 3rd 1999
Blarney 1-10 Douglas 0-10

Tears of joy mingled with cries of delight, as Blarney players and supporters joined in celebration, following Sunday's County Intermediate Hurling Championship semi final triumph over Douglas at Church Road. And no wonder ...the win booked the clubs first county final appearance in the grade in over sixty years.

What a battle it was as Blarney withstood a second half comeback by the resurgent Douglas team. But in the end, the excellent O'Donoghue brothers Julian and Steve, Ray and Donal Coleman, Denis O'Donovan and 'keeper Ronan Byrne stood firm, as the reds squeezed home on a 1-10 to 0-10 scoreline.

Blarney, who played with a strong wind in the first half, fell behind to a pointed free in the 5th minute. Straight from the puck out skipper Johnny Hurley raced through the Douglas defence to kick the ball to the back of the net. Adrian Shanahan and Ross McNamara tagged on points to put Blarney 1-2 to 0-1 to the good at the quarter hour mark.

Steve O'Donoghue and Shanahan added to reds total – before a converted '65 reduced the Douglas arrears. Blarney finished the half leading 1-7 to 0-3 – thanks to further minors from Eugene McCarthy, Brian Sheehan and by McNamara.

It was a different tale on the turn round; Douglas rattled off four points in quick succession; Blarney's only reply - a point from Shanahan. Douglas were then awarded a penalty – but much to the relief of the mid cork team, the resultant strike sailed over the bar. But Douglas was not finished; a brace of 'white flags' narrowed the gap to the minimum with a minute remaining. The tension was at breaking point – but cometh the hour, cometh rising star James Hughes to lift his team with a magnificent point from wide on the right hand side.

And when Ross McNamara registered the last point of the day – the celebrations began.

Blarney: Ronan Byrne; Julian O'Donoghue, Ray Coleman, Donal Coleman; James Hughes, Steve O'Donoghue, Denis O'Donovan; Eugene McCarthy, Brian Sheehan; Adrian Shanahan, Tomas Harrington, Johnny Hurley (capt); Damian McSweeney, Ray O'Sullivan, Ross McNamara.

Subs: Johnny Downey for Damian McSweeney, Dave McCarthy for Eugene McCarthy, Phelim Kelly John Paul Kearney, Alan White, Simon O'Donoghue, Colm Sheehan, Niall Murphy, Tim Crowley, Danny Crowley, Cormac O'Keeffe, Sean Linehan, Dave O'Callaghan.

Mentors; Ted Sheehan, Anthony Murphy, John Martin O'Keeffe.

Coach; Connie O'Mahony. Asst Coach; Ray Hurley.

Physio; Jim McEvoy

Scorers: Johnny Hurley 1-0, Adrian Shanahan, Ross McNamara 0-3 each, Steve O'Donoghue, Brian Sheehan, Eugene McCarthy, James Hughes 0-1 each.

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Mid Cork title double for Reds!

There was double Mid Cork championship success for Blarney hurlers in recent weeks.

The U21s captured their first title since 2004 – defeating Inniscarra in a thrilling final played in Ovens. They accounted for both Aghabullogue and Ballincollig on their way to a showdown with our nearest and dearest.

‘Scarra led 0-6 to 1-2 at the break – Blarney’s goal courtesy of Colin Murphy. A second half revival inspired by ‘man of the match’ Joe Jordan seen the red’s run out winners on a 1-8 to 0-8 scoreline.

In the county Championship – Blarney took on hot-favourites Glen Rovers in Ballincollig. In a heart stopping thriller – Blarney scored two late goals to force a second match. In the replay at Pairc Uí Rinn; the result remained in the balance for forty minutes – before the Glen eventually pulled ahead, and advanced to the next round.

The U16s title came at the expense of Aghabullogue. They next demolished Sliabh Rua in the first round of the ‘County’ before losing to a superb Na Piarasigh team in the semi final.

The Junior B hurlers surrendered their 3-year reign as Mid Cork champions - losing to Grenagh in Donoughmore. However, they remain in contention for the league, where they face Kilmichael in the final.

Meanwhile, the Junior B footballers are still involved in the championship.

The Wizard of Oz!

Former Blarney hurling star Donal O’Leary is making a big hit down under. Donal was a goal scorer in Michael Cussack’s victory over Craobh Pádraig in the recent final of the New South Wales Championship.

Blarney ex pats Rob Hurley and Mark Healy were among the attendance.

Rebels Call!

Congratulations to Barra O’Connell, Ciaran Buckley, Cian O’Shea and Joe Jordan who represented Cork hurlers at various grades recently. Barra was a member of the county’s Tony Forrestal U14 winning team. Ciaran played in the All Ireland U16 Tournament – Cian with the U17s in Eugene Conway Memorial Cup, While, Mighty Joe lined out with the U21s in the Munster Championship.

Congrats also to Rockbán starlet Niamh Dilworth: Niamh daughter of Blarney U21 hurling manager Dan – came off the bench to score 0-4 in Cork’s All Ireland U16 Football final win over Galway in Nenagh.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to...

- Eamonn and Joanne Kennedy on the recent arrival of baby Sean.
- James and Maura Hughes on the birth of baby Grace.
- Newly weds Eugene and Martina McCarthy.
- Players and mentors of our U16 and U21 hurlers on winning their respective Mid Cork Championships.

2008 Roll of Honour

Mid Cork U12 Football Championship

Mid Cork U12 Hurling League

Mid Cork (‘Second’s) U12 Championship

Mid Cork U16 Hurling Championship

Cork Non Exam Hurling League

Mid Cork U21 Hurling Championship

NB More to follow!

Results Hurling

Premier Intermediate Cork Championship

Blarney 1-13 Ballincollig 0-11

Cork League

Blarney 1-18 Fr O’Neill’s 0-4

Junior A Cork City League

Blarney 3-9 Douglas 2-6

Junior B Mid Cork Championship

Blarney 2-14 Dripsey 1-6

Grenagh 1-9 Blarney 2-3

Mid Cork League

Blarney 1-9 Ballincollig 0-5

Blarney 2-15 Inniscarra 1-6

Kilmichael 2-9 Blarney 2-8

Blarney 1-8 Iveleary 1-8

Under 21 Cork Championship

Glen Rovers 2-15 Blarney 0-6

Blarney 3-12 Glen Rovers 1-18

Mid Cork Championship

Blarney 1-8 Inniscarra 0-8

Blarney 2-10 Ballincollig 0-11

Blarney 0-9 Aghabullogue 0-6

Football

Minor A Mid Cork Championship

Macroom 0-16 Blarney 1-5

Blarney 2-12 Inniscarra 1-7

Mid Cork League

Donoughmore 5-10 Blarney 1-6

Junior A Mid Cork Championship

Ballincollig 0-15 Blarney 0-5

Junior B Mid Cork Championship

Blarney 1-11 Iveleary 1-9

Mid Cork League

Blarney 0-12 Kilmurry 1-9

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BLARNEY
v
DOUGLAS

VENUE: Pairc Uí Chaoimh

Sunday 12th October at 4.00pm

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