



# BLARNEY GAA NEWS

## October 2008



### Red Letter Day for Blarney Hurlers!

The 70 Year Itch is over!

**Cork PIHC Final**  
**Pairc Ui Chaoimh, October 19th 2008**  
**Blarney 0-13 Courcey Rovers 1-9**

**Rest of panel:** Denis O'Donovan (club capt), Trevor Hegarty, Peter Aherne, Gerard O'Donovan, Johnny Barrett, Sean Walsh, Peter Nodwell, Pa O'Sullivan, Cian O'Shea, Colm Sheehan, Derry Quirke. Team Manager: Tadgh Hurley (Manager) Selectors: Donal Coleman, Fintan Coleman, Tim Duggan. Coach: Sean O'Brien.

Blarney hurlers, are the new Cork Premier Intermediate champions, following a thrilling victory over Courcey Rovers in an epic final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. The men in red will now compete in the 2009 senior championship; a year in which they will also celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the club. In all those years, there can rarely have been the scenes of emotion and outpouring of joy, which greeted Sunday's final whistle.

Women and children cheered and old men cried as Danny Cronin and Denis O'Donovan lifted the winning trophy, to set off celebrations that will never be forgotten by those privileged to be in the large attendance.

Blarney raced to an early three point lead – thanks to a Colin Murphy beauty and a brace from the rejuvenated Ross McNamara. But Courcey's levelled with the games only goal – before going in front with a point. Man of the Match Murphy scored his second minor and Eoin Hallahan got off the mark. However the south east side countered by raising three white flags. Blarney finished the half with two points from frees by Mark Cremin and one from play by McNamara to edge ahead by 0-8 to 1-4.

On the resumption teenagers Murphy and Cremin (free) added to Blarney's total. But they could not shake off their dogged opponents who fought back to restore parity. The ice cool Cremin's '65 and Hallahan points were matched by Courcey's. But sheer guts and determination won the day, and when Cremin sent over the winning point Blarney were county champions on a scoreline of 0-13 to 1-9.

**Blarney:** Ronan Byrne; Danny Cronin (capt), Darragh McSweeney, Paul O'Leary; Joe Jordan, James Hughes, Steve O'Donoghue; Brian Hurley, Eoin Hallahan; Brian Deasy, Mark McCarthy, Johnny Hurley; Mark Cremin, Ross McNamara, Colin Murphy.

**Subs:** Eugene McCarthy, James O'Sullivan, Dave McCarthy.

**Scorers:** Mark Cremin 0-5 (0-4f), Colin Murphy 0-3, Ross McNamara 0-3, Eoin Hallahan 0-2.

### How We Conquered Cork!

**First Round:** Courcey Rovers 3-12 Blarney 1-10

**Second Round:** Blarney 0-10 Aghada 0-7

**Third Round:** Blarney 1-14 Watergrasshill 0-9

**Quarter Final;** Blarney 1-11 Ballincollig 0-13

**Semi Final;** Blarney 1-9 Douglas 0-5

**Final;** Blarney 0-13 Courcey Rovers 1-9

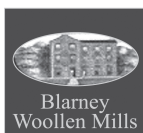
**Munster** Next on the Agenda

**Munster IHC** Kilmoyley v Blarney  
Kilmoyley, November 2nd @ 2 pm.

Sunday next marks another historic day in the annals of Blarney GAA. The newly crowned Cork Premier Intermediate Hurling champions taste competitive action outside the county for the first time, when they visit Kilmoyley, to take on the Kerry champions in the first round of the Munster IHC. It is a daunting task against a side, which many consider to be among the front runners for national honours.

Kilmoyley impressed in their recent County Senior final over Causeway. They have a number of individuals including players of the calibre of Shane Brick, who are capable of causing problems against any opposition. But, Blarney is not short of quality players – and together with the best supporters in the land will make their presence felt in the Kingdom.

It all adds up to an enthralling encounter, and hopefully a favourable result:



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## Let's All Sing Together!

Girls and boys, ladies and gents, show your support for the boys in red in their Munster Championship debut by singing our adopted anthem of "Blarney Roses"

*Chorus: Can anybody tell me where the Blarney Roses grow?  
It may be down in Limerick town or over in Mayo.  
It's somewhere in the Emerald Isle, but this I want to know:  
Can anybody tell me where the Blarney Roses grow?*

*'Twas over in ould Ireland near the town of Cushendall,  
One morn I met a damsel there, the fairest of them all.  
'Twas with my young affections and my money did she go,  
And she told me she belonged to where the Blarney Roses grow.  
(Chorus)*

*Her cheeks were like the roses, her hair a raven hue.  
Before that she was done with me, she had me raving too.  
She left me sorely stranded, not a coin she left, you know,  
And she told me she belonged to where the Blarney Roses grow.  
(Chorus)*

*They've roses in Killarney, and the same in County Clare,  
But 'pon my word those roses, boys, I can't see anywhere.  
She blarney'd me and, by the powers, she left me broke -- ho, ho!  
Did this damsel that belonged to where the Blarney Roses grow.  
(Chorus)*

*Acushla gra-machree, me boys, she murmured soft, did she,  
"If you belong to Ireland, it's yourself belongs to me."  
Her Donegal come-all-ye brogue, it captured me, you know.  
Bad scram to her and that same place, where the Blarney Roses grow.\*  
(Chorus)*

**More honours for Junior B's!  
Mid Cork JBHL Final  
Blarney 4-13 Kilmichael 2-12**

Blarney's Junior B's remarkable success record continued when the hurlers captured the Mid Cork League – defeating Kilmichael by 4-13 to 2-12 in the final played in Cloughduv.

The winning sequence looked in danger at the interval as Kilmichael held 0-7 to 1-1 advantage. But, a number of tactical changes saw the reds hit 3-12 to finish league winners for the first time in the club's 125 year-old history.

It's the team's fifth title in as many years – back in 2004 they were crowned football champions – following a thrilling victory over Ballincollig. In the intervening years – wins over Cloughduv, Aghinagh and Iveleary secured a hurling championship 'three in a row'

Club stalwarts, James Duggan and Stephen O'Riordan appeared in all five finals. The B's also provided a stepping stone to higher grades for senior hurlers Paul O'Leary and Mark McCarthy. While, O'Leary, Dave McCarthy and Darragh McSweeney played on the 2004 football team.

The lad's now aim to make it six of the best in 2009.

**Blarney:** Richard O'Shea; Eoin Murphy, Julian O'Donoghue, Colm O'Donoghue; James Duggan, Stephen O'Riordan, Daniel O'Donovan; Noel McCarthy (capt), Tomas Barrett; Fergus O'Rourke, Mickey Horgan, William Meehan; Stephen Lyons, Sean O'Sullivan, Eamon McSweeney.

**Subs:** Paul O'Donovan, Pat O'Donovan, Mark O'Leary, Eamonn Kennedy. Kieran Ruby, Ray O'Donovan 1-0.

**Scorers:** Tomas Barrett 1-6, Sean O'Sullivan 1-2, Eamonn Kennedy 1-2, Ray O'Donovan 1-0, Noel McCarthy 0-2, James Duggan 0-1.

**Mentors:** Jim Barrett, Shane Spillane, Maurice Kiely, John Murphy.

### How We Won The League!

Blarney	3-14	Cloughduv	4-5
Blarney	1-9	Ballincollig	0-5
Kilmichael	2-9	Blarney	2-8
Blarney	1-8	Iveleary	1-8
Blarney	1-11	Grenagh	1-11
Blarney	2-14	Dripsey	1-6
Final; Blarney	4-13	Kilmichael	2-12

### 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  
Mid Cork Junior B Hurling League

### Cork Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship

#### RESULTS

##### Hurling • Premier Intermediate

###### Cork Championship

S/F; Blarney 1-9 Douglas 1-5  
Final; Blarney 0-13 Courcey Rovers 1-9

###### Junior B

Mid Cork Championship  
Grenagh 1-9 Blarney 2-3

###### Mid Cork League

Final; Blarney 4-13 Kilmichael 2-11

###### Football • Mid Cork Championship

S/F; Eire Og 1-6 Blarney 0-4

### Thank You

The players, mentors, officers and all at the club, wish to sincerely thank the local community for your magnificent support, before, during and after our hurler's historic County Championship victory.

It is greatly appreciated by us all.

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