



Blarney G.A.A.

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER '93

BLARNEY'S GREATEST HOUR

CO. CORK JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

Blarney 2 - 10

Kilworth 1 - 9



*Garry Nagle
A Magnificent Captain*

*Front
L. to R.*

Don O'Leary, Tomas Harrington, Pat Barry, Dara Murray, Garry Nagle (Capt.) Anthony Murphy, Con O'Riordan, Raymond Murphy, Raymond O'Sullivan, Denis Buckley.

*Back
L. to R.*

Michael Downey, Simon O'Donoghue, Raymond Colman, Ian O'Riordan, Phelim Kelly, Donal Coleman, Brian Sheehan, Raymond Maden, Stephen O'Donoghue, John M. O'Keeffe, Tim McSweeney, Michael O'Regan, Fintan Coleman.

Insert:

Conie O'Mahony and Paul Hoare

Chairman's Christmas Greetings

I take this opportunity to wish a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all our readers, our sponsors, our supporters and our Club members.

I congratulate the players and mentors for the past years efforts and achievements - a year that will remain fresh in the minds for generations to come. The challenge that faces us in 1994 is to repeat the success of the last Junior Hurling team that won the County Championship 57 years ago - to win the Intermediate Crown.

I do not underestimate the challenge but I am mindful of the commitment of the players and the encouragement of all the members and supporters to succeed. In the coming year we will also be embarking on a programme of development for which I ask for your generous response and offer my sincere thanks on behalf of all the members for your continuing support

"Ní neart go cuir le céile".

*Nollaig fé sleáin is fé mhaise dhíl uile
agus Blían nua gan buadairt.*

Denis Lyons. Chairman.

CO. CORK JUNIOR HURLING FINAL

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At 2pm on Sunday 31st October at Pairc Uí Chaoimh the stage was set for one of the most memorable junior hurling finals seen in modern times. For the first 15 minutes the game was played at a hectic pace and one wondered could our lads maintain the speed at which the game was being played. It was a marvellous contest, full of passion and commitment and the hugh crowd that turned up for the game got excellent value for their money. Blarney raced into an early lead and were

four points ahead in the opening 10 minutes.

It was 15 minutes before Kilworth got their first point and they gradually began to fight their way back into the game.

Both teams were level at 5 points each when Finton Coleman deflected the ball to the net just before half time.

Anthony Murphy stretched the lead to 4pts just after half time. The hurling at this stage was fast and furious and with Blarney in full cry Anthony Murphy had the ball again in the net and at this stage Blarney were leading by 8 pts. Kilworth at this stage threw caution to the wind and fought back to score a goal and two points. Blarney were now living dangerously but a teak strong defence of Darel Coleman, Darna Murray and Denis Buckley and half back line of Connie O' Mahony, Raymond Coleman and Stephen O'Donoghue repelled attack after attack. Phelan Kelly was brilliant in goal and brought off a number of excellent saves. Brian Sheehan had one of this greatest games ever at mid field and Garry Nagle played a captains part in leading his team to a great victory. The half forward line of Tomas Harrington, Raymond Coleman and John Martin O'Keeffe made life very difficult for the Kilworth half back line. Fintan Coleman had his best game ever and sheer brilliance could best describe Anthony Murphy's and Simon O Donoghue's game.

Scores for Blarney: Anthony Murphy 1-4; Fintan Coleman 1-0; Simon O'Donoghue 0-3; Tomas Harrington 0-2; Raymond O'Sullivan 0-1.

Team: Phelim Kelly, Darna Murray, Donal Coleman, Denis Buckley; Connie O'Mahony, Raymond Coleman, Stephen O'Donoghue; Garry Nagle; Brain Sheehan; Tomas Harrington; Raymond O'Sullivan; John Martin O'Keeffe; Simon O'Donoghue; Fintan Coleman; Anthony Murphy. Subs: Ian Riordan for Connie O'Mahony, Pat Barry for John M. O'Keeffe



Mentors : Dave O'Brien Trainer/Coach. James Coakley, Maurice Kiely, Raymond Hurley.



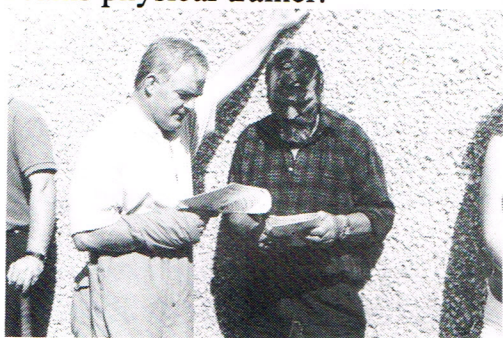
Brilliant goal keeper Phelim Kelly being interviewed after the game by Don Hegarty.



Martin Madden
Teams physical trainer.



Fintan Coleman takes a well earned drink from the cup with the help of Alan O'Brien.



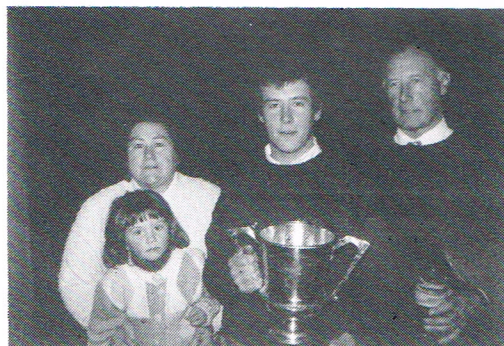
Dan Ahern & Pat Joe Sweeney discuss the teams prospects.



The youngest supporter at the match. Tim Horgan Junior with his sister Yvonne, and parents Dian and Tim.



A last minute pep talk from trainer Dave O'Brien and taking it all in Connie O'Mahony.



Denis Buckley with his parents Nora and D.J. and daughter Dennise.

JUNIOR "B" FOOTBALLERS BRING OFF A HISTORIC DOUBLE.

JUNIOR "B" FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL
Blarney 3 - 8 Donoughmore 2 - 5

JUNIOR "B" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
Blarney 1 - 5 Inniscarra 1 - 1

One would be forgiven for thinking that the success of the football team was as a result of the enthusiasm generated by the hurling success. However the seeds of success were laid long before the hurling final. The victories were very impressive.

League: Beat Ballinora, Donoughmore, Gleann Na Laoir, Eire Og, Ballincollig. Drew with Canovee and lost to Grennagh. Defeated Ballingearry in the semi final and Donoughmore in the final.

Championship: Beat Kilmichael, Eire Og and Ballinora: Ballincollig in the semi final and Inniscarra in the final.

In both semi finals the team showed remarkable spirit when being lead by 7pts in each game and taking complete control in both second halves.

In the league final against Donoughmore they were well in control up to early in the 2nd half when a Donoughmore player was sent off. They raised their game considerably and Blarney had to pull out all the stops to take the cup amid a welter of excitement.

The Championship final against Inniscarra was played in appalling weather conditions. Whilst Blarney were again well in control they found it difficult to find their range. Inniscarra took the lead early in the 1st half as a result of a penalty goal but a Kenny OBrien "*special*" just before half time put Blarney in the lead which they never lost. Inniscarra did put up a great fight in the 2nd half but a very disciplined and experienced Blarney team refused to be beaten.

It is interesting to note that this was the first time ever that Blarney won these two competitions. Great credit is due to the selectors Michael Murphy, Alan White and David Daly.

UNDER 14 GREAT MID CORK CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLE

A total of 23 matches were played starting in March and ending in September. We had a very successful year in winning both the Mid Cork hurling and football championships, reaching the hurling county final, and the Feile football semi-final.

Hurling:-

Matches played : Ballinora, Eire Og, Inniscarra, Ballincollig, Aghabullogue and Eirins Own, Sarsfield.s

Football:- Matches Played: Inniscarra, Ballincollig, Macroom, Eire Og, Ballinora, Skibbereen, Fermoy, Glanmire.

Mentors:-Martin Lynch,Ted Sheehan,Raymond Murphy,Kevin Murphy,Tim Crowley



Tim Crowley gives some medical attention to Allan White while Mark Healy looks on.



Martin Lynch gives a pep talk at half time in the final against Ballincollig.



U15 Hurling Team



*Diarmuid Kiely
Captain of U15 Hurling Team*

PARISH LEAGUES

The parish league competitions in hurling and football took place again this year. The football competition ran during June & July and it climaxed in a great final, one of the best ever, which was won by Ballygibbon/Stoneview/Station Road teams. They defeated a gallant Castle Close / Killowen team in this memorable match.

In the hurling competition which was run during September and October the Ballygibbon / Stone View / Station Road team once again reigned supreme. They won all their games comprehensively and they defeated Riverview in the final.

Areas represented in the Parish Leagues

1. Ballygibbon/Stoneview / Station Road.
2. Castleownen/ Killowen / Shournagh / Sunberry.
3. Castleclosse / Killard
4. Moncnappa / Hill.
5. Rathpeacon
6. Riverview.



*Victorious team
Ballygibbon/Stoneview/Station Road*



*Captain Paul McCarthy receives the cup
from Fr. O'Donoghue.*



*Referee Joe Kiely with rival captains both
Paul McCarthy*



Runners-up Team Riverview.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

The 110th Annual General Meeting was held in the main Function Room at Christys Hotel on Tuesday the 7th of December 1993. A record attendance turned up and this was expected because of the many successes the Club had in 1993.

Many tributes were made to our County Junior Hurling team who won a great game against Kilworth at Pairc Ui Chaoimh on 31/10/93.

Many compliments were passed to the Junior B Football team who won the League and Championship in Mid-Cork. Also to the U.14 team who won the Mid-Cork hurling and football championship this year.

Development: Presently, we are awaiting permission from Cork Co. Council and it is intended to start the Club House Development early in 1994. This is of the utmost importance that we look forward to your support in this venture. It is our aim to create proper facilities for our youth, hence the need to press ahead with the proposed plan in 1994. Co-operation, help and advice would be appreciated from all sections of our community in this regard.

Sponsorship: Many Thanks to all our sponsors during 1993. Your financial help or otherwise is very much appreciated and no doubt the entire club were delighted with your generous response, in particular the County Champions. It certainly helped to achieve our goal.

Victory Social:

A Victory Social will be held at Christys Hotel on Sunday, the 2nd of January '94 at 8.30pm. A 3 Course Meal will be provided and music by The Alan Rose Band.

Tickets: £6 Available from the Social Committee: Willie Cronin, Secretary, Denis Lyons, Chairman, Pauline Hegarty, Treasurer, Michael Cremin and David Daly.

This is in conjunction with the successes of our teams in 1993.

A large crowd is expected and it is advisable to get your tickets as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Events:

Victory Social at Christys Hotel on 2/1/94.

First monthly meeting of 1994 at the clubrooms on 4/1/94 at 9.00pm.

New Social Committee, Golf Committee and Grounds Committee will be elected at this meeting for 1994. All Welcome.

Players Meeting on Wednesday January 5th '94 at Christys Hotel.

Selectors for 1994 for Junior to Intermediate teams will be the main item on the agenda.

Liam O'Cronin Ruli.

IMPORTANT : Membership to Registrar, Don Hegarty on or before 31/1/94.



Newly Elected Officers for 1994 elected at AGM.

L. to R. David Daly, Vice Chairman; Willie Cronin, Secretary; Denis Lyons, Chairman; Michael Cremin, President; Pauline Hegarty, Treasurer; Don Hegarty, Registrar; Liam Ronan unavoidably absent due to illness was elected P.R.O.



Newly Elected Presidents

John Brady - Mid Cork Board

Michael Cremin - Blarney G.A.A. Club.



Pretty Ladies at Muskeery Arms Dinner in honour of victorious hurling team.

Back from left: Bernie Coakley, Sheila Cronin, Peg O'Leary, Pauline Hegarty.

Front from left: Bridget Harrington, Angela Kiely, Carol Hallihan.

Junior 'B' Football Championship/League Champions

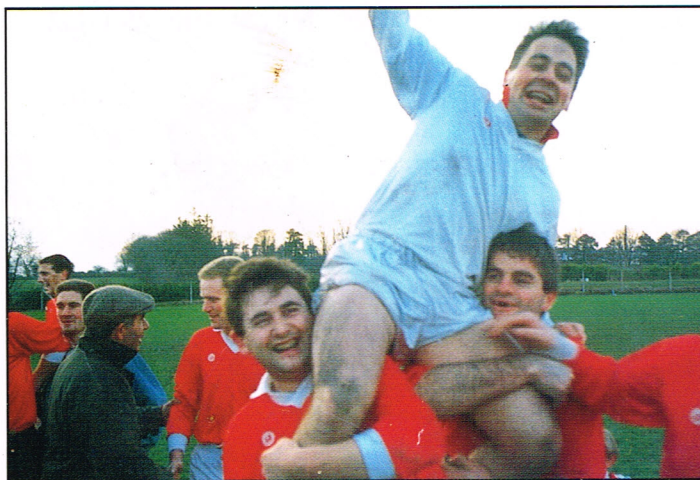


Front
L. to R.:

Paul Holland, Alan O'Brien, David O'Dwyer, Ken O'Brien, Mark O'Brien (Capt.), Michael Horgan, Gerry Nagle, Duggan, Gavan White.

Back
L to R.

Chris Moran, Conie O'Mahony, Stephen O'Donoghue, Anthony Murphy, Paul Hoare, Pat Mullane, John M. O'Keeffe, Denis Mullane, Dora Murray, Aidan O'Leary.



Mark O'Brien being shouldered off the field by Anthony Murphy and John M. O'Keeffe.

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Congratulations to Blarney G.A.A. on their success in '93

& Best Wishes for '94
PAT AHERN MANAGER