

Ard Scoil Ris claim Harty Cup Crown



Ard Scoil Ris players and fans celebrate the schools first ever victory in the Dr Harty Cup last week. Photo by Aidan Ryan

LIMERICK'S Ardscoil Ris finally got their hands on the Munster Colleges Dr. Harty Cup with a resounding final win over Thurles CBS. The city side had to go through two ties to eventually win on the third attempt. The win bridges a 17 year gap since a Limerick side last won Munster's premier hurling schools cup.

The 3-15 to 0-14 win at McDonagh Park in Nenagh was the first time the famous trophy has gone back to Ard Scoil Ris and they had to beat the reigning champions to do it.

Niall Kennedy grabbed the first goal early on as the Limerick school led by 1-1 to no score. Another goal from Brendan O'Connor five minutes before the break had Ard Scoil nine points clear, before Thurles hit a run of four successive scores to go in at the break trailing by 0-8 to 2-7.

The Tipperary school had the margin down to just three points

when Mark Ryan landed goal number three for Ardscoil and there was only going to be one winner. Scenes of mass hysteria greeted the final whistle as fans stormed the pitch.

It was a truly magical day for Limerick hurling and one that will live long in memory. With hurlers of this calibre coming through the school ranks there is nothing to fear for Limerick hurling. It is great to see also, a city school winning the title. Hurling need it more than we know.

Ardscoil Ris - PJ Hall; M Carmody, E McCarthy, A Dempsey; J Shanahan (0-2), S Dowling (0-1), M Moroney; S O'Brien, N Kennedy (1-0); M Ryan (1-1), D Hannon (0-3, frees), B O'Connor (1-2); J Fitzgibbon (0-3, 2f), K Downes (0-2), A Breen (0-1). Subs - C Keogh for Dowling, K Keane for Breen, D Sheppard for Hall.

<http://www.limericksoccer.com/fixtures.htm>

Junior Soccer Round Up

by Andrew Carey

REGIONAL United will travel to Carrick United this Sunday to keep their Munster Junior Cup dreams alive. Regional have become something of the cup specialists as their FAI Cup dream remained intact last weekend after they overcame the challenge that Shangan Athletic in Dublin had. Pike knocked out St Michael's after coming from behind while Fairview won against Kilmallock to book their spot in the last four.

Fairview will play Regional and Pike play Clonmel with both ties to be played over Easter weekend

Pike play Fairview and Hospital host Murroe while Knockainey take on Hill Celtic.

In Division 2A, Aisling will travel to Holycross as they look to reel in Caherconlish from the summit of the table.

Castle Rovers take on Kilfinane, Herbertstown take on Shelbourne and St Pats play Knockainey.

With division 2B as good as sealed for Moyross, Polonia Luimni will look to keep the pressure on as they host Corbally. Moyross are in cup

Sport in 60 seconds



Abbeyfeale Vocational Schools win rugby Blitz

Abbeyfeale Vocational School won out a seven a side blitz for West Munster schools recently and earned themselves a place in the Munster finals. In the first ever outing by a rugby team representing the West Limerick School, the Abbeyfeale boys overcame opposition from Mercy Mounthawk (Tralee), Dingle and Causeway Comprehensive before overcoming boys from Bantry in the final. The Junior competition was played in glorious sunshine in Tralee Rugby Club.

City Handball Finals

The all city primary and post primary schools finals will take place on Tuesday March 23rd in the Southill area centre in the Southside of Limerick city. Teams from both primary and secondary schools all over Limerick city will make their way to the alley situated in the popular community centre in Southill to battle it out to become all city champions for 2010. The revival of the ancient and traditional game of handball has been very exciting in Limerick city over the past number of months. The participation and interest levels in the game have far surpassed all expectations & this all day blitz, which by days end will have seen over 70 players play and compete in the centre, will have further cemented handballs place in this Sporting city.

Community Dates for your diary

Cross Country Sunday 21st March in the Neville Park GAA Grounds in Rathkeale at 1.00pm. B Swimming in St Enda's on Saturday 20th at 3pm and Talent, Irish Dance - Group & Solo + Set Dancing on Friday 19th in Adare Hall at 7pm

Adult Sailing Courses

A Free Adult Introduction to Sailing & Power Boat Skills Course will be hosted by Foynes Yacht Club in their clubhouse in Foynes for two evenings on Wednesday March 24 & Wednesday 31st March - 8pm to 10pm. This "Dry" Course will cover all aspects of the Basic Skills & Knowledge required for Sailing & Power Boating. To Book your Place on the Free Introduction to Sailing & Boating Skills Course please send message or text to Mobile No 086 2568280 before Wednesday March 24.

Great Limerick Run 2010



THERE are now just 7 weeks to go to the Great Limerick Run. For more information log on to www.greatlimerickrun.com

Remember, there are three different events. 10k, Half Marathon and Full Marathon.