

PICTURE SPECIAL

Book Launch - Limerick Junior Soccer Chronicles



Big turnout at Junior Soccer book launch

LIMERICK Mayor Gerry McLoughlin launched Pat Sheehan's book "Limerick Junior Soccer Chronicles 1912 - 2012" at the Pier 1 Hotel on Friday evening last.

A huge crowd turned out for the event with hundreds of people packing out the venue.

It was a testament to the popularity of Junior soccer in Limerick with a galaxy of stars past in present attendance.

The mayor spoke in glowing terms of the impact Junior Soccer has had on Limerick over the last century and its importance in giving people an outlet particularly in these trying times.

He went on to praise the people who have given of their time freely over the years for the benefit of others. The countless volunteers who turn out in all sorts of weather from lining fields and washing gears to taking charge of training and managing teams.

The Mayor concluded by praising the author for producing a work that records such a history and is a must for anyone with an interest in soccer.

While Gerry McLoughlin is renowned for his prowess on the Rugby field he did not feel isolated on the night as all codes were represented at the launch.

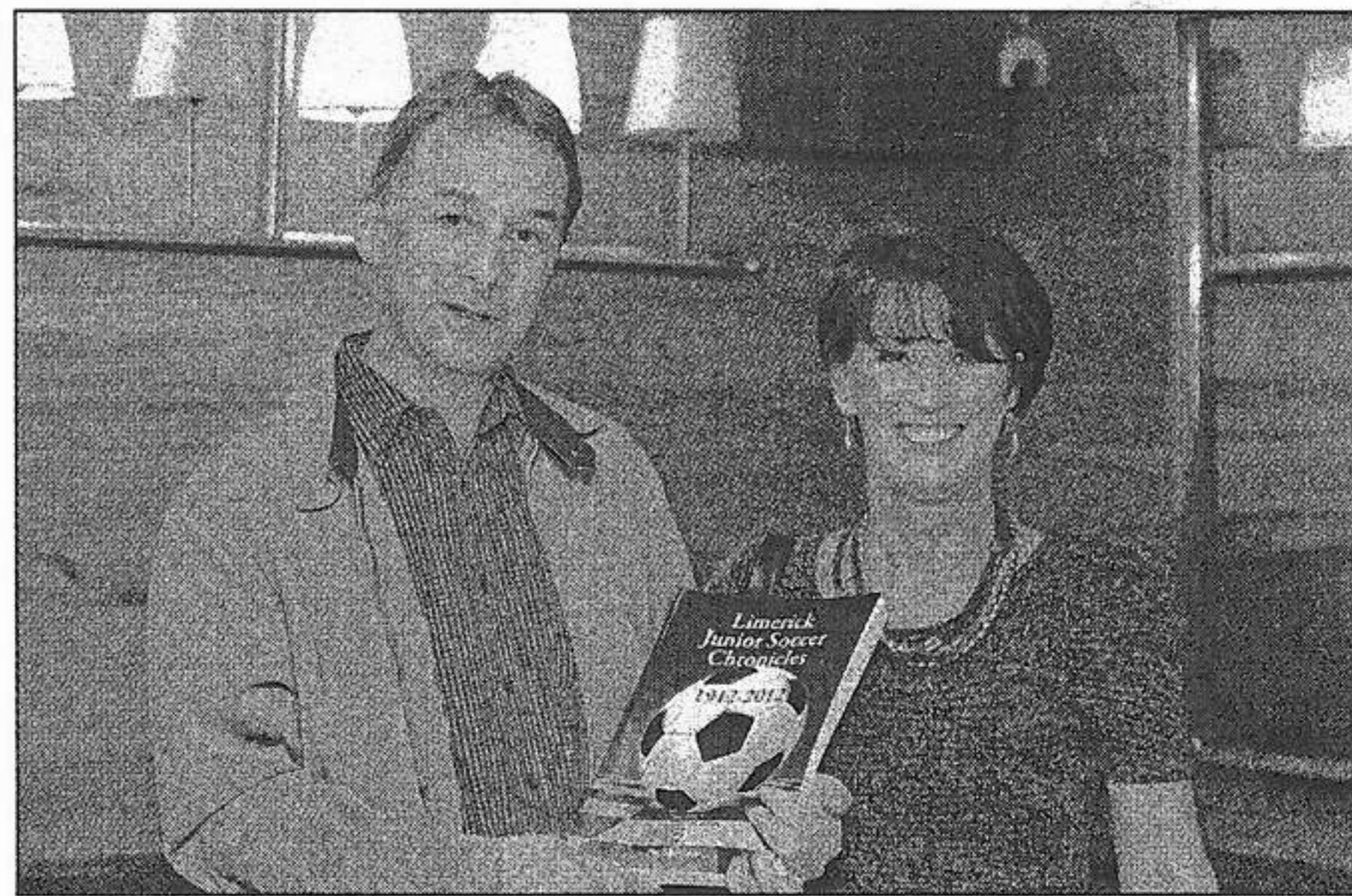
It was heart warming to see a large contingent from the Limerick Senior soccer team acknowledge their Junior brethren. LDL Chairman Christy O'Dwyer, Frank O'Neill from the Referees Society and incoming Limerick FC manager Stuart Taylor also spoke before Pat Sheehan spoke in glowing terms of the support he received from the football folk in completing his project.

He thanked the Limerick District League for their sponsorship in getting the book to print and Guinness and Glenisk Yogurts for their help with the launch.

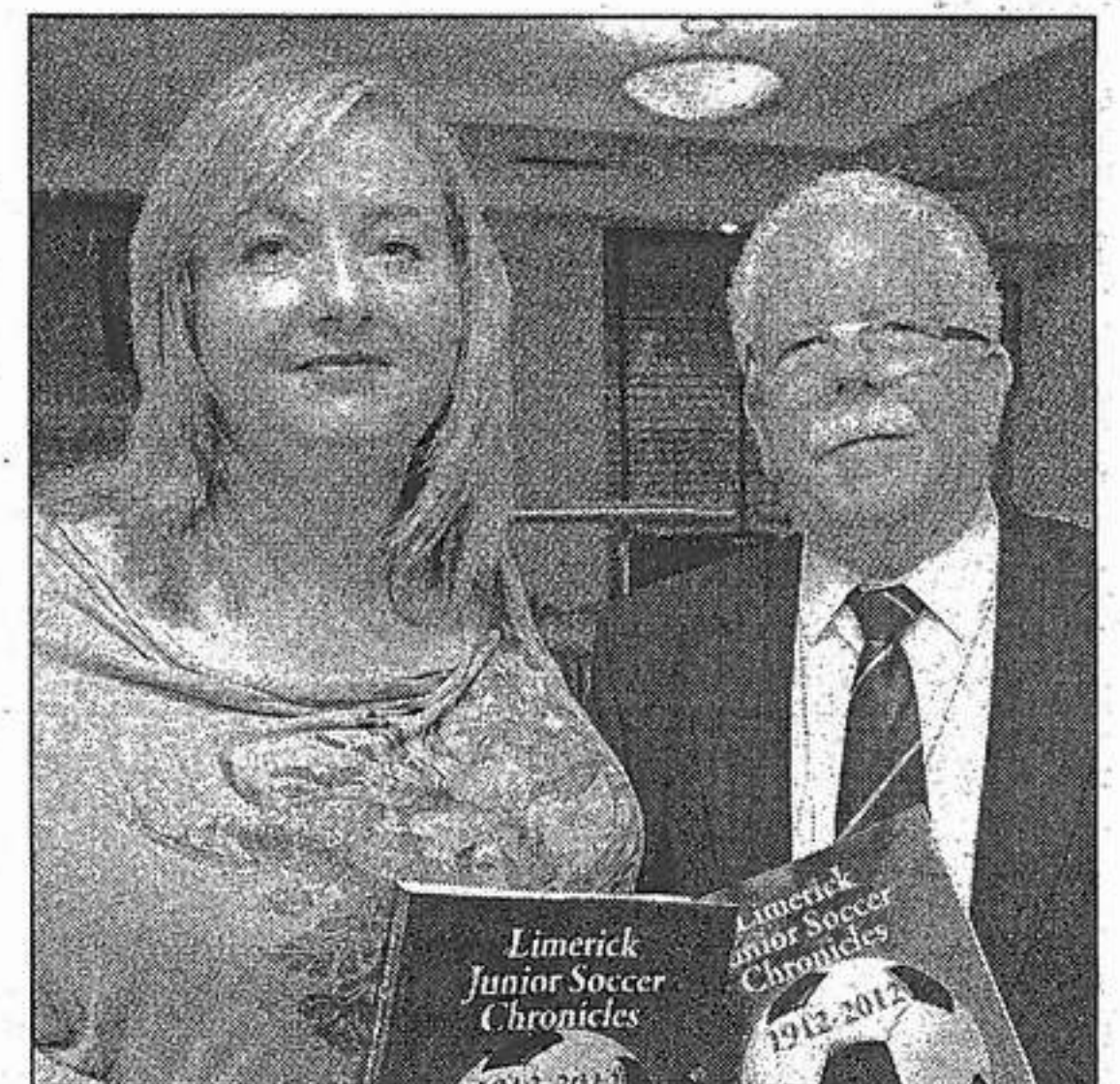
Thereafter many a game was relived with some famous names of the sport "fighting it out".

One of most popular attendees of the night was Sean O'Donovan. After a lifetime of football serving LDMC and Geraldines his popularity was there to be seen. For those interested in obtaining a copy they can be purchased in Limerick Sports Store, William St, or in Heiton Buckleys, Ballysimon.

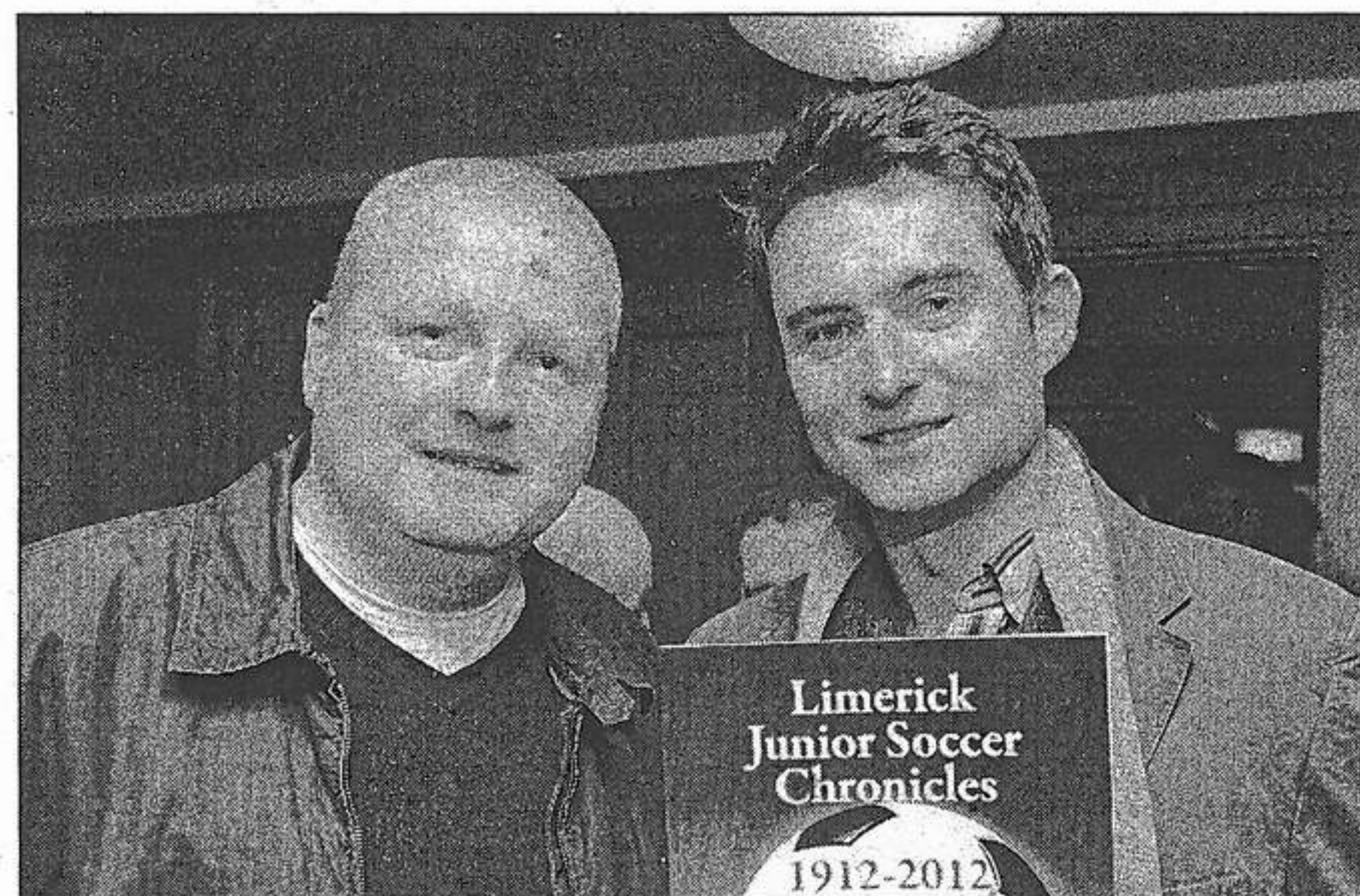
Alan English, Editor Limerick Leader, Tourlough McNamara, Geraldines AFC, Pat Sheehan, author, Pat O'Sullivan, owner of Limerick FC, Kelvin and Francis Brosnahan at the launch of the book, Limerick Junior Soccer Chronicles 1912 to 2012 by Pat Sheehan in the Quays Gastro Pub at Pier 1 Hotel last Friday



Pat Sheehan, author, with his wife Kathleen.



Michelle with her father Gerard Micks, Janesboro Soccer Club



Declan Curtin and John McNamara, Hyde Rangers

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