



St. John's celebrate winning the county under-21B hurling championship in Ballyagran on Sunday afternoon

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GAELIC GAMES 2009 YEARBOOK

Foley and Galvin set to launch GAA Yearbook

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THE 2009 GAA Yearbook will be launched in Mark Foley's Bar, Ballyagran on Thursday night (December 3) at 9.30pm.

Two thousand copies of this impressive production have been printed and will be available to purchase on the night (cost €10).

The 350-page plus book, published in full colour throughout, will be launched by Limerick senior hurler Mark Foley and John Galvin of the Limerick senior football team.

The compilation of the book only started in early October, but despite this short timescale the editors feel that they have assembled some very rare and interesting material from the world of Limerick GAA.



A copy of the 350-page Limerick GAA Yearbook belongs in the home of every GAA supporter on Shannonside

Contributions from award-winning journalist such as Brendan Fulham and Cormac Liddy, to name but a few, have added huge interest to the publication which features over 40 feature articles as well as contributions from the 69 clubs that make up Limerick GAA.

Speaking this week Limerick County Board chairman Liam Lenihan said: "This is a book that will be of interest to every Limerick Gael.

"A lot of time and effort has gone into the book and its production and I would like to pay a huge thank you to each and every person who took the time to contribute to the book.

"Over 98 percent of the material (text and photographs) that we received in from writers and clubs are included in the book, but unfortunately some material could not be included due to space limitations and we hope that and I know that people will understand that."

The chairman was quick to point out the huge goodwill and level of interest the editors received from the clubs

and the public: "We have received contributions from as far away as America, Canada and Australia with our friends in London also sending on articles and photographs for the book.

"All proud and true to our Limerick GAA heritage. We were bombarded with stuff from all over the county and the goodwill that is out there to Limerick GAA is unparalleled. Hence that's the reason it has reached nearly 350 pages!!

"It has been some time since Limerick GAA has produced a book of this magnitude, with this level of detail, information and photographs and it is a book of which I am immensely proud of as it celebrates Limerick GAA in this special year (125th anniversary of

the association) and I know that the Limerick public will receive it well over the coming weeks."

When asked to reveal the type of material that's contained in the book the Tournafola man was very coy: "All I will say is that it contains some fascinating articles that will make for great reading over the Christmas period and beyond.

"It has something in it for everyone and I feel that a copy belongs in the home of every Limerick GAA follower."

When asked about the launch on this coming Thursday night Liam Lenihan continued: "Both John (Galvin) and Mark (Foley) have been two of the finest ambassadors for Limerick GAA over the past 12 or 13 years.

"Both outstanding

sportsmen and they are heroes for so many GAA followers in Limerick.

"We felt that it was only fitting that they launch the book as they both best represent what Limerick GAA is all about in this the 125th anniversary of the GAA."

GLIN GAA

THE heroic efforts of our junior football team in 2009 will always be remembered.

They came so close to capturing county honours and we all appreciate the joy they brought to all in the area.

Well done to the players for a great effort and to the management team.

A big thank you to all that supported the team financially and to those who offered great support in all the games.

DOON CBS

Doon CBS 2-10

Blackwater College 7-15

DOON CBS ended their Dr Harty Cup campaign for another season, without tasting victory.

The young side from the east Limerick secondary school failed to win any game in this season's Munster senior A colleges hurling championship and will most likely drop back down a grade next season after a two year stay at the top. Doon were no match for St Caimins of Shannon or Templemore in the earlier rounds of the competition, but still battled bravely throughout the group stages.

Managed by Liam Ryan and Diarmuid Carr, Doon's side will largely be underage again next season.

This tie against Blackwater College of Lismore in Waterford was played in Templederry.

Doon played with the wind in the first half but trailed at the break, 3-7 to 2-9. Owen Roche and Bill Creamer scored the Doon goals in the opening 30 minutes, with Liam Ryan and Conor Sheehan accurate from frees.

The Lismore side were always on top and they piled on the scores in the second half as they needed to vastly improve their scoring difference to aid their efforts to reach the knockout stages.

Midfielders Tadgh Butler and John Ryan also scored points for the Limerick side, but victory was never going to be denied to the Waterford side, that have Adare's Brian Foley in their management team.

Blackwater College: S. Barry; M. Fitzgerald, T. O'Brien, J. Hannon; D. O'Brien, P. Prendergast, S. Heaphy; PJ Curran, R. Barry; K. Casey, D. Cahalane, E. Sheehan; F. Murray, D. Fives, P. O'Keefe. Subs: S. Bennett for Casey (25mins); A. Pratt for Hannon (25mins); D. O'Brien for Sheehan (40mins).

Doon CBS: Colm Cummins (Doon); Donal O'Neill (Cappawhite), Diarmuid Cummins (Doon), Wialliam Birrane (Cappamore); Patrick Stapleton (Cappawhite), Liam Ryan (Doon), Michael Cummins (Doon); Tadgh Butler (Cappamore), John Ryan (Cappamore); Pdraig Franklin (Pallasgreen), Conor Sheehan (Cappamore), Donncha O'Brien (Sean Treacys); Bill Creamer (Cappamore), Owen Roche (Pallasgreen), J Campbell. Sub: Peter O'Brien (Doon) for William Birrane, inj (54mins).

Referee William Clohessy (Tipperary).

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