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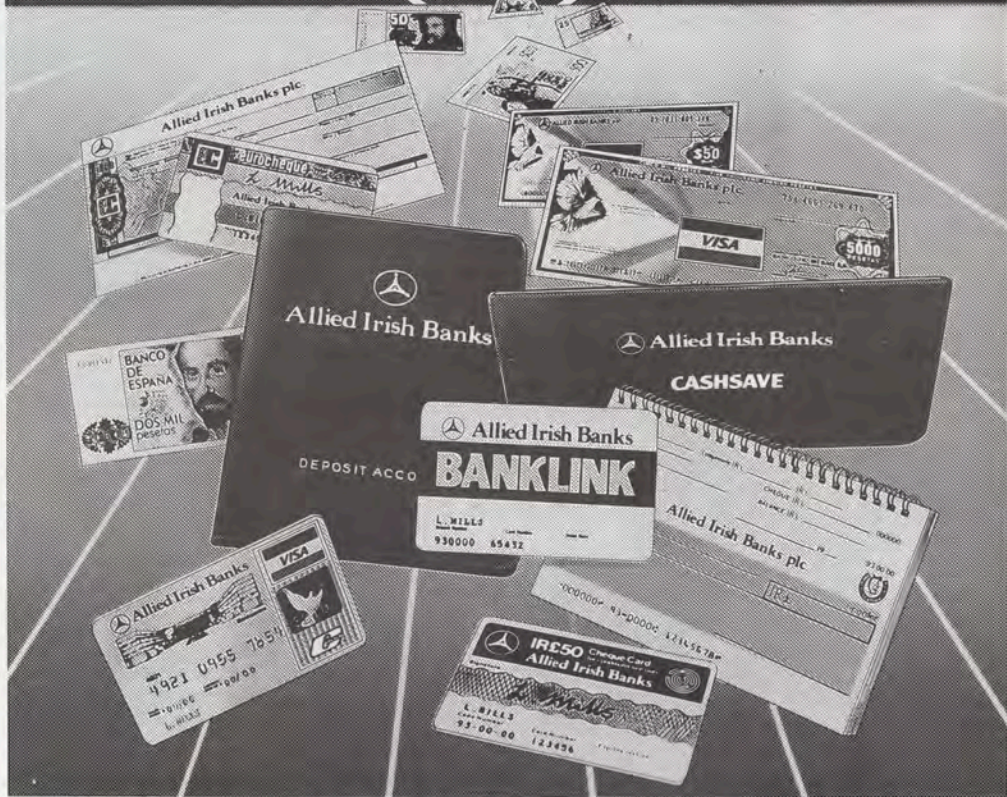
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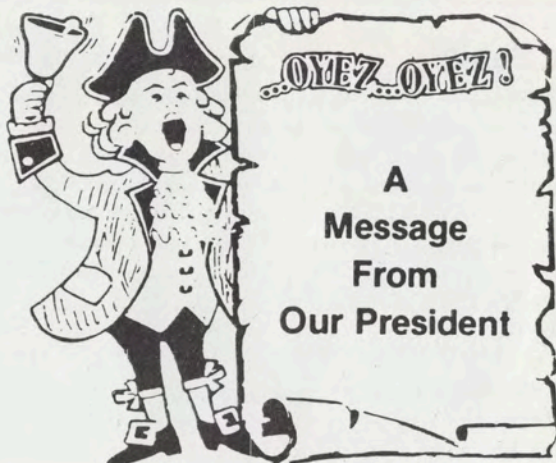


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Today we bid a warm welcome to Old Belvedere — visitors to Castle Avenue for our meeting in the Wiggins Teape League.

Our two clubs have had many good close matches in this competition over the years and we all look forward to this pattern being continued today.

On our own club scene, may I commiserate with the 1st and 2nd XIs in losing their respective cup finals recently. However, I must say that it is an achievement in itself to reach a cup final at any level. Hard luck, lads, but your day will come again.

To our ladies — and to Joan Lewis, their president — may I offer the club's congratulations on winning both the 1st and 2nd XI cup competitions. You have done extremely well — and the season is not over yet! Good luck in the remaining competitions.

*J. A. McManus*  
President  
15 August 1987

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## A Plea For Sanity

Enda McDermott

The weather this year is only a slight improvement on 1985 and 1986 but any thoughts of weather would be relatively unimportant were it not for that damnable institution: the refix. A combination of good cup runs in the Schweppes and the Senior Cup together with some rain has placed an intolerable strain on players. The 1st XI have had midweek matches for six weeks in a row! Near-professional playing schedules are being increasingly asked of amateur weekend players.

Surely the time has come to shout stop and to return to weekend cricket pure and simple. At a time when jobs of any kind are thin on the ground, it is unreasonable to keep asking players to get time off to play midweek. Too much is expected of benevolent employers, not to mention the added strains on holidays, families and grounds.

The time has now come to restrict the Belvedere Bond league to Saturday or Sunday play only. The present regulations are far too complicated. Senior 2 rules based on 110 overs would simplify the matter for all concerned and produce a definite finishing date for the league. Abolish the refix. Abolish the Monday continuation. Play the league at weekends from 1.30 p.m. to 20 overs from 7.30 p.m. with no flexibility. But — you may object — what about sides playing on different days, or localised rain? Simple.

Look at the County Championship. The winner is the side with the most points, weather or no weather. They don't all play on the same days and the weather generally favours the southern counties. The system works well and is accepted by all. In Dublin cricket, since most sides fix their matches for the same days, conditions would average out. At present, the plethora of refixes produces the opposite situation. Sides in the middle of the table are tempted to turn out much weakened teams just to go through the formalities of fulfilling a midweek fixture. This is grossly unfair to other teams who may be seriously affected by the result of a match in which only one side is up to normal strength.

It would be important to have the trophy decided on most rather than average points. The latter will discourage successful sides from playing. Most points will encourage sides to move heaven and earth to play. It is amazing how the Wiggins Teape has concentrated minds and produced play in otherwise unlikely situations.

The Leinster Senior League Committee is a tolerant and sensible body of men. But their good intentions have now provided us with a very complicated, long-drawn-out league. Now is the time to simplify things. The system I have outlined would leave no one in any doubt where they stood and given the goodwill of the cricket community must work better all round than the present mish mash. Leinster Branch: do the decent thing and simplify our league.

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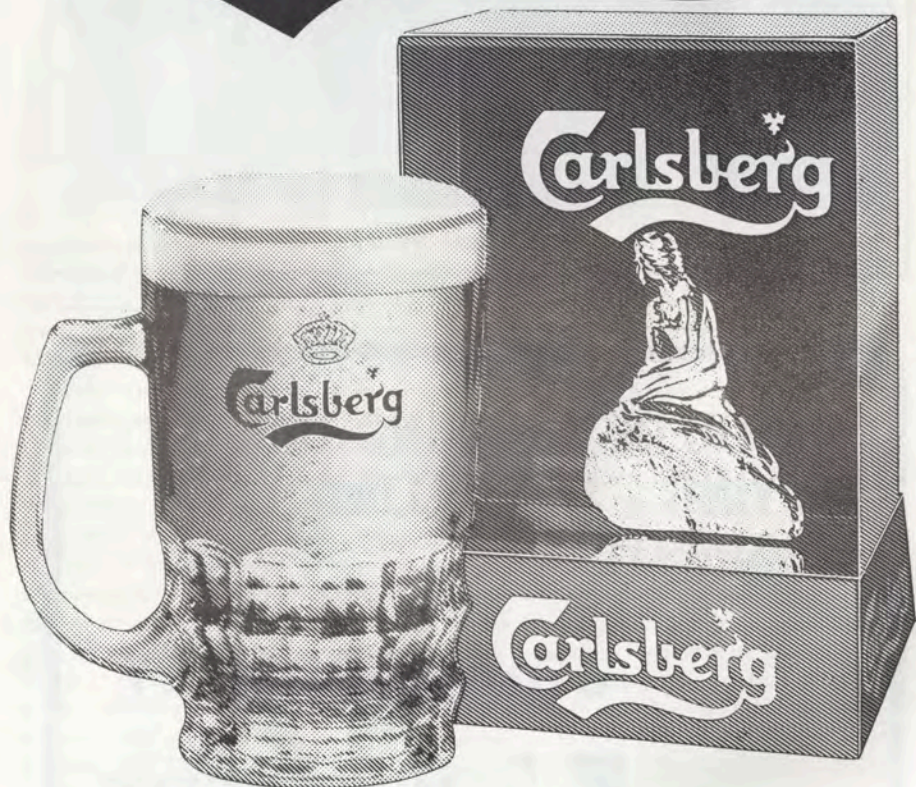
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## Clontarf International Players

Name	M	I	Not out	H	R	A	Innings bowled in	O	M	R	W	A	Ct
J. G. Aston	6	11	1	53*	91	9.10	6	69	11	114	10	11.40	6
E. H. Bodell	6	10	5	11*	25	5.00	10	175	40	489	11	44.45	1
J. D. Caprani	6	11	—	44	121	11.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
A. W. Cooper	2	4	—	31	66	16.50	3	26	3	108	3	36.00	1
S. H. Crawford	1	1	—	11	11	11.00	2	16	2	60	6	10.00	—
F. M. Filgas	1	2	—	3	3	1.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
W. E. Haughton	5	8	—	25	46	5.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
J. W. Hill	14	21	9	27*	138	11.50	23	296	77	709	32	22.15	1
N. B. Hool	13	21	10	27	171	15.54	21	282	60	801	27	29.66	4
L. P. Hughes	13	21	6	35	159	10.60	21	257.3	67	763	15	50.86	11
L. C. Jacobson	12	22	3	101	358	18.84	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
G. A. Kirwan	2	2	1	0*	0	0.00	3	29	11	91	2	45.50	—
G. H. McCormack	1	1	—	6	6	6.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
†E. A. McDermott	10	15	—	80	378	25.20	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
N. C. Mahony	9	17	1	42	299	18.68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. J. Morgan	1	1	—	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. C. Pemberton	4	7	3	31	55	13.75	5	111	26	263	5	52.60	1
E. N. Seymour	3	5	—	3	9	1.08	6	45	9	147	4	36.75	1
M. H. Stevenson	11	20	2	80	467	25.94	1	4	—	27	—	—	4
D. A. Vincent	7	9	1	36	155	19.37	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
R. H. C. Waters	11	18	1	70	330	19.41	—	—	—	—	—	—	8

†E. A. McDermott's figures include game against Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI.

\*Not out.



## Clontarf Interprovincial Players

		M	I	NO	HS	R	A	W	R	A	Ct	St
E. H. Bodell	1966-70	6	4	2	7*	10	5.00	9	169	18.77	1	—
J. B. Bunworth	1968-79	27	25	6	103*	390	20.52	—	—	—	9	—
M. R. Bunworth	1973-84	7	6	2	8	29	7.25	3	159	53.00	—	—
F. J. Carroll	1967-73	17	9	2	20*	96	13.71	—	—	—	17	1
M. A. Carroll	1966-69	3	3	—	16	27	9.00	—	—	—	—	—
C. G. Daly	1981-85	5	5	3	12*	30	15.00	—	—	—	5	—
M. J. Delaney	1968-72	5	—	—	—	—	—	6	107	17.83	—	—
N. P. Grier	1967-85	3	20	1	42	201	10.57	7	151	21.57	10	—
L. P. Hughes	1966-80	25	15	3	47	111	9.25	56	732	13.07	8	—
G. A. Kirwan	1966-85	25	11	7	6*	22	5.50	40	887	22.17	2	—
E. A. McDermott	1970-86	60	55	7	108	1323	27.56	—	—	—	18	—
D. A. Vincent	1983-86	11	11	—	52	253	23.00	—	—	—	4	—
S. B. McMullen	1966	1	1	—	9	9	9.00	—	—	—	—	—
R. H. C. Waters	1967-76	16	14	1	104	368	28.30	—	—	—	5	1

\*Not out.



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# Clontarf Batting Averages

Career	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Most	Runs	Average	100s	50s
R. H. C. Waters	46	45	5	120*	1496	37.40	2	9
N. C. Mahony	195	197	21	110*	5904	33.54	4	41
D. A. Vincent	77	75	3	107	2280	31.66	2	10
L. C. Jacobson	149	147	11	103*	4023	29.58	4	17
W. J. Moynan	121	119	20	122	2745	27.72	3	12
E. A. McDermott	403	380	33	130*	9342	26.92	9	48
J. B. Bunworth	292	282	37	128*	6539	26.68	7	31
J. D. Caprani	141	144	23	119*	3027	25.01	1	20
N. P. Grier	371	335	32	103*	6950	22.93	3	34
S. B. McMullen	190	182	14	98	3510	20.89	—	17
M. A. Carroll	209	190	20	124	3342	19.65	2	10
C. G. Daly	103	87	15	62*	1361	18.90	—	4
F. J. Carroll	417	325	76	109	4679	18.79	2	7
G. J. Morgan	137	134	8	104*	2360	18.73	2	7
B. G. Bergin	161	147	28	76	2185	18.36	—	6
E. N. Seymour	79	75	3	80	1303	18.09	—	7
E. d'H. Dexter	155	147	15	94	2372	17.96	—	11
J. M. Nolan	258	225	63	67*	2904	17.92	—	5
A. W. D. Spence	245	216	23	74*	3302	17.10	—	10
V. A. Kelly	88	78	13	82	1073	16.50	—	4
L. P. Hughes	356	279	39	103	3833	15.96	1	9
J. W. Hill	203	187	31	119	2481	15.90	1	3
G. M. Carroll	128	114	13	72*	1518	15.02	—	1
J. G. Aston	77	78	3	61*	1125	15.00	—	3
D. A. Sweeney	108	106	7	77*	1427	14.41	—	4
D. F. Fitzgerald	164	136	32	81*	1466	14.09	—	7
G. A. Tyndall	105	99	9	82	1181	13.12	—	3
J. J. Ledwidge	163	150	20	69	1699	13.06	—	3
P. J. Burke	194	173	9	91	1954	11.91	—	1
T. J. Dunne	115	108	14	68*	1016	10.80	—	3
V. F. Savino	182	133	28	50*	1127	10.73	—	1
A. R. White	215	197	31	87*	1709	10.29	—	2
E. H. Bodell	350	231	57	49	1720	9.88	—	—
C. P. Stuart	144	127	12	73	1112	9.66	—	1

\*Not out.

Qualification: 100 runs in Senior League and Cup competitions since 1920.

## Best Recorded Clontarf Batting Partnerships

Wkt.	Year	Runs	Opponents	Batsmen
1st	1972	151	Leinster	J. B. Bunworth — E. A. McDermott
2nd	1985	218*	The Hills	D. A. Vincent — N. P. Grier
3rd	1968	137	Leinster	J. B. Bunworth — M. A. Carroll
4th	1977	112	Railway Union	N. P. Grier — M. J. Owens
5th	1982	163*	Dublin University	N. P. Grier — J. M. Nolan
6th	1970	89	Pembroke	A. W. D. Spence — F. J. Carroll
7th	1967	106	Merrion	J. B. Bunworth — F. J. Carroll
8th	1970	100	Y.M.C.A.	A. W. D. Spence — F. J. Carroll
9th	1970	80	Y.M.C.A.	F. J. Carroll — E. H. Bodell
10th	1960	88*	Pembroke	V. F. Savino — J. A. Bell

\*Unfinished.

## Centuries Scored by Clontarf Players up to 1986

E. A. McDermott	9
J. B. Bunworth	7
L. C. Jacobson	4
N. C. Mahony	4
N. P. Grier	3
W. J. Moynan	3
F. J. Carroll	2
M. A. Carroll	2
G. J. Morgan	2
R. H. C. Waters	2
D. A. Vincent	2
H. R. Aston	1
J. D. Caprani	1
T. K. Gleeson	1
J. W. Hill	1
L. P. Hughes	1
R. T. Ruddock	1

## Clontarf Marchant Cup Winners

Marchant Cup	Average
1930	E. N. Seymour 37
1945	W. J. Moynan 39
1948	W. E. Haughton 70
	(Played also with Dublin University)
1952	N. C. Mahony 59
1959	L. C. Jacobson 49
1968	J. B. Bunworth 61
1978	J. B. Bunworth 56



## Clontarf Bowling Averages

	Career	Matches	Wickets	Runs	Average	5 wkts in innings
G. A. Tyndall	1923-34	105	148	1488	10.05	8
E. N. Seymour	1922-31	79	129	1333	10.33	8
S. A. Martin	1932-35	38	108	1224	11.33	6
J. G. Aston	1920-28	77	155	1795	11.58	8
W. C. Pemberton	1925-50	94	264	3190	12.08	21
J. J. Ledwidge	1920-34	163	211	2661	12.61	11
G. A. Kirwan	1961-86	277	755	9763	12.94	43
J. M. Sweeney	1925-31	65	102	1340	13.13	5
J. W. Hill	1935-60	203	609	8624	14.16	48
T. J. Dunne	1931-44	115	191	2706	14.17	15
R. J. Furley	1936-63	86	179	2561	14.30	11
A. R. White	1920-43	215	108	1577	14.60	5
E. H. Bodell	1944-76	350	786	11699	14.88	48
L. P. Hughes	1959-86	356	587	9206	15.68	24
D. C. O'Kelly	1965-79	76	121	1956	16.16	6
M. R. Bunworth	1968-86	222	375	6557	17.48	15
D. F. Fitzgerald	1933-52	164	214	3819	17.84	12
M. J. Delaney	1965-82	202	310	5744	18.52	13
V. F. Savino	1953-69	182	217	4080	18.80	5
N. P. Grier	1966-86	371	326	6493	19.91	14
P. M. Murphy	1968-77	87	100	2101	21.01	3
L. B. McMahon	1931-49	152	130	2948	22.67	4

*Qualification:* 100 wickets.

## Clontarf O'Grady Cup Winners

O'Grady Cup		Wickets	Average
1948	N. B. Hool (Played also with Dublin University)	41	11
1950	J. W. Hill	36	11
1963	L. P. Hughes (Dublin University & Malahide)	49	7
1982	G. A. Kirwan	82	11
1983	G. A. Kirwan	67	8

## Wicketkeeping

	Career	Matches	Caught	Stumped	Total
F. J. Carroll	... 1957-86	417	333	106	439
P. J. Bourke	... 1936-52	194	73	82	155
J. A. Bell	... 1953-66	121	68	20	88
C. P. Stuart	... 1921-42	144	51	22	73
L. C. Jacobson	... 1944-60	149	47	11	58

*Qualification:* 50 victims.

## Catches

	Career	Matches	Catches
N. P. Grier	... 1966-86	371	136
E. A. McDermott	... 1963-86	403	116*
J. B. Bunworth	... 1962-82	292	87
J. M. Nolan	... 1968-86	258	85
V. F. Savino	... 1953-69	182	77
M. A. Carroll	... 1953-77	207	72
L. P. Hughes	... 1959-86	356	75
J. D. Caprani	... 1937-51	141	61
J. J. Ledwidge	... 1920-34	163	53
G. J. Morgan	... 1930-42	137	53
L. B. McMahon	... 1931-49	152	53
A. R. White	... 1920-43	215	52
E. H. Bodell	... 1944-76	350	51

*Qualification:* 50.

\*Includes 12 catches as wicketkeeper.

## 1000 Runs and 100 Wickets by Clontarf Players

	Runs	Wickets
E. H. Bodell	1720	786
T. J. Dunne	1016	191
D. F. Fitzgerald	1466	214
N. P. Grier	6950	326
J. W. Hill	2481	609
L. P. Hughes	3833	587
J. J. Ledwidge	1699	211
V. F. Savino	1127	217
E. N. Seymour	1303	129
J. G. Aston	1125	155
G. A. Tyndall	1181	148
A. R. White	1709	108





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## Bush Cricket

**Rick Collins**

Doug Walters came to Mendooran, 250 miles north-west of Sydney, to play in a charity match for Bodge McDonald who'd died after he rolled his car returning from a football match. I had taught there the previous year and was invited to play in the Walters XI against the Mendooran selection which included the Parish brothers who were both pretty quick.

The crowd with their eskys and fly repellent had come to see Walters bat so we were put in on the magic carpet. Wickets tumbled till the other fella came in at no. 6 with 50 or so on the board. He arrived at the crease accompanied by a polite round of applause from the local experts with Drysie, the resident Walters fanatic. He took middle and leg, noted the three slips and settled down to face Bob Parish, who hated batsmen. The first delivery whizzed past his nose. The experts nudged each other. Walters chewed his gum slowly. The next was a good length outswinger at which he played and missed. Roars of approval — “‘onyer Bob” — followed the ball into the ‘keeper’s gloves. The final delivery was short again. Walters misjudged the line and edged it through slips for two. Drysie heaved a sigh of relief as Doug was off his duck. Over.

The flies feasted and the beer sales went a bomb as the mercury touched ninety. Tommy Dickson, who'd missed the NSW colts team a few years back, came on at the other end with his offies. Spin was never Doug's forte and he reluctantly took the single off the first delivery. “Give us centre peg Ump please”, he said. He surveyed the field long and hard before taking guard. Dicko loped in and threw up a ball which hung in the air. Walters danced down and hoisted it back over the bowler's head into the beer tent. Everyone scattered except the startled barman and Drysie, who roared his approval: “Bewdy, Doug. That's the stuff son.”

Walters hit some sweet shots before being caught on the boundary for 65. The squattocracy, yokels and blow-ins like myself gave him a standing ovation as he left the pitch. Drysie thrust a cold beer into his hand saying, “Doug, you're a little champion.” “Thanks, mate”, said Walters, “that's just what the doctor ordered.” He took a long pull on the beer. “Don't s'pose you'd have a smoke.”

We were all out for 189 off fifty overs and fancied our chances. Lunch.

After the interval the Mendooran batting collapsed. We were contemplating an early finish and cold beer until Winston Rowbotham came to the crease. He timed the ball beautifully and reached fifty in about half an hour. Walters called for the ball to try to break up a blossoming partnership. Winston gave him scant respect, thumping Walters' first delivery into the fence. The second sailed over it. The crowd were ecstatic and gave Doug plenty of stick. Walking back to his mark he rubbed the ball on his shirt, chewed his gum and pushed the hair off his forehead. He ran in and bowled a slower delivery which did a bit off the pitch. Winston went forward to drive, mistimed it and was caught low down at mid-off. The crowd rose to a man. The flies scattered. Mendooran acclaimed Walters as one of their own. We'd won by two runs. “God he's a nice bloke, isn't he”, said Drysie. “Yeah. He is”, said Bob Parish.

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## Marketing Cricket

The Leinster Senior Cup Final is the premier cricket match of our season. This year's final — held at Castle Avenue three weeks ago — was memorable for a number of things. First, there was the traumatic scale of the Clontarf defeat: no need to say any more of that! Second, there was the outstandingly successful organisation of the event, for which Keith Lewis deserves our unqualified thanks and congratulations. Third, however, was the crowd, which at less than 500 was depressingly small for a game of this importance.

Now, either Irish cricket takes itself seriously or it doesn't. If it doesn't, so be it: there will be no complaints about the size of the crowd. After all, the usual faces were there, everyone knew everyone else and it was all nice and cosy. But if, on the other hand, Irish cricket *does* take itself seriously there will be dismay that such a major fixture only drew a paltry attendance. What is to be done?

First, the LCU must decide that senior cup final day is a closed day in Leinster cricket — *all* Leinster cricket, and not just Senior I. If they won't sell the game to cricketers, they won't sell it to anyone else. Second, has anyone ever heard of the media? You know, newspapers, radio, television. Why not use them more aggressively to promote the game? This year, as every year, the pre-match publicity consisted of Sean Pender's column plus the photocall on the Thursday night showing the two captains and Ronnie Byrne. Wow! A vigorous press officer would have been hitting the following persons and places with a good, punchy press release and/or a press kit: Kevin Myers; Radio Sunshine; *Northside News*; *Southside*; RTE radio sport, especially the Friday evening sports magazine. Any adult with an IQ in double figures (hello, there!) can probably add to the list. The point is: getting your game known does not cost money — just time, effort, and a little imagination.

Dublin cricket needs a showpiece and it is up to the LCU to provide it. It is no good having a game like the senior cup final which is not promoted and marketed to non-cricketers as well as to cricketers. The host club cannot be expected to do this on its own: it has enough to do. The LCU is the body charged with running the game locally, and on the whole (Belvedere Bond league rules excepted) they do a fine job. Perhaps they should spread their wings and make marketing and promotion part of their brief as well as administration.

## Congratulations

Every club member will join in offering congratulations to our young players who are reaping well-earned rewards for their talent and application in recent years.

Brian McNeice has brought a special honour to the club by his selection as captain of the Irish Schools XI. In addition, Brian, along with Paul McCready and John Fitzpatrick, has been chosen on the Leinster under-19 side for the Oxford tournament. These players — and others such as Fergal O'Mahony who was unfortunate to be overlooked for the Oxford trip — are the future of our club. We are proud of them and wish them well.

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# Clontarf

1. D. A. Vincent .....
2. E. A. McDermott\* .....
3. N. P. Grier .....
4. B. G. Bergin .....
5. A. F. A. McClean .....
6. D. A. Fleming .....
7. P. Prendergast .....
8. F. J. Carroll† .....
9. P. McCready .....
10. M. R. Bunworth .....
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## Old Soldiers Never Lie

The item in the cup final programme about Alan McClean being the first All-Ireland medal holder to play senior cricket drew a howl of protest from none other than **Major-General V.F. ("Napoleon") Savino**. At a hurriedly assembled press conference, he regaled the awestruck hacks with his sporting achievements: All-Ireland football medal with Dublin minors in 1945 ("when was that, da?"); senior rugby career with Dolphin and Wanderers plus captain of the Amry team; Leinster Senior League division 2 soccer player; and inter-provincial caps for Munster at *water polo*. Can't you imagine what *might* have happened? One day, around the time of the Cuban missile crisis ("are you still there, da?"), Vinny gets a call from the officer commanding. "Get your men in order, the Russians have occupied Dingle!" Silence for a moment, then: "Can you ask them to hang on a while? I've a water polo match this morning, I'm playing at Tolka Park at lunchtime, Wanderers need me for a vitaller against Lansdowne in the afternoon, and I've a 20-over game this evening. I'm up to me eyes." And, as the man said, when that was all over he probably went down to Shelbourne Park and ran around the track to show the hare the way. One way or another, he beat McClean to the All-Ireland medal by 39 years. And isn't it a good thing the GAA never found out about all that soccer, rugby and cricket? Being the organisation it is, it would probably have reacted not just by kicking Vinny out but by banning water polo in addition to everything else.

The 4th's new acquisition, **James Newton**, pulled off a remarkable feat in a recent midweek match against YMCA. Batting number 6, he compiled a patient 20 ("a little cameo") which included two 5s. Is this (to coin an expression) a record? My Lordship can recall no previous such instance in Dublin club cricket. But no doubt scholars such as **Enda McDermott** and **Sir Demot Sweeney, Bart.** can throw some light on the question. What is the record number of 5s scored in one individual innings in league or cup cricket?

Pembroke is, as we all know, a club famed for its lavish hospitality, which is more or less on a par with its unique plumbing and sanitation. If you want to hear the definitive story about Pembroke's teas — guaranteed true — you should make application to **Dick Forrest**. I wouldn't dream of spoiling it by trying to tell it here. It has to be spoken, so it's as well to hear it from the lips of the master. As for Pembroke, where's all the money gone that they should be spending on Airwick? Oh my Kuggeleijn and my Stimpson long ago!

It looks like **Keith Dexter's** goose is cooked. His constant companion, the gorgeous **Orla**, has taken to calling Evans "dad". Pretty conclusive, eh? OK, sonny, the jig's up. Await an announcement in the papers, folks.

Gesture of the Year. After the magnificent victory over Trinity in the senior cup semi-final, who turned up in the 1st team dressing-room with a bottle of champagne? Take a bow, **Frank Kennedy**, president of the rugby club. It was a really lovely touch which says more about relations between the two clubs than anything I could add.

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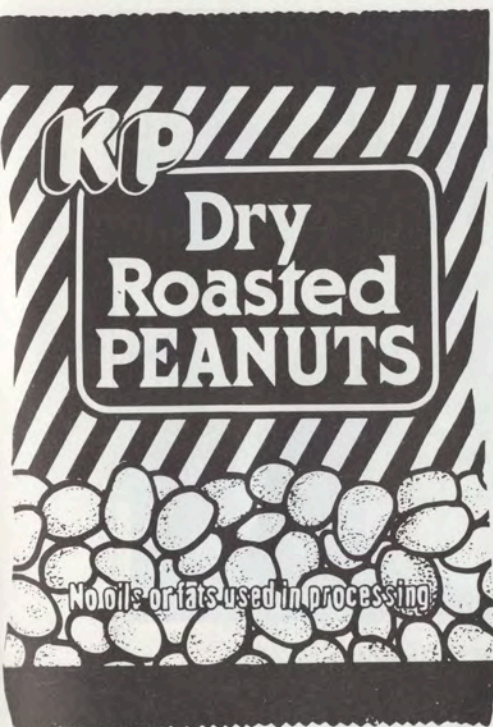
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## Disgraceful Behaviour

Stella Downes

It's amazing how many post-mortems can be conducted after a single match. The senior cup final was one such game. Well this article is not even going to mention the cricket — but what a night it was! When the game ended early, there was always a danger that the night in the bar would be a non-event, with the victorious YMCA team gone home to Claremont Road and a disheartened crew left supping pints in the corner, discussing the good old days of Clontarf cricket when a collapse in batting was unheard of. The night however took a totally different turn. The expected exodus never occurred and when the band struck up, there was no way anyone wanted to leave with so much dancing going on in the aisles. The antics that followed were quite incredible. Just when things were really getting going, a hush descended over the bar as the Mighty Atom hauled himself up on to the rafters to set the standard for a chin-up competition. One young lady was hoisted up and was assisted in shattering the record. The look of astonishment on the face of the drummer was a sight to behold as she beamed at her audience while passing 25. He was obviously unaware that she was being given several helping hands.

Later in the night the victorious ladies first XI returned with the cup and joined in all the fun. Out of this arose a great mystery: where did the cup disappear to? Is it possible that a freckle-faced young gentleman took it home when he couldn't get his hands on the captain of the ladies first XI? One very busy young gentleman was the upwardly mobile stylist of the club who took a stream of women to the changing room to show them his trophy.

The person perhaps made most infamous by the night would have to be the young batsman turned footballer who decided to kick anyone with whom he had had disagreements in the past, firmly believing that they would remember nothing in the morning. One of the victims of this abuse was the man generally known as The Bullfrog. Another, and perhaps a more famous person, was none other than the captain of the club who was unceremoniously dumped on the pitch, treated to physical and verbal abuse and then left to wander aimlessly towards what he thought was the pavilion but was, in fact, McTiernan's hedge.

The secretary of the club, who wishes to be renowned for his "loveability", obviously enjoyed the whole thing as he was to be found the following day snoring peacefully on one of the new benches while supposed to be watching cricket. All in all it was a memorable night for those of us sober enough to remember it — everyone else must just depend on hearsay.

So far this has been a very successful season for Clontarf ladies with both the 1st and 2nd XIs winning their respective cup competitions. At this stage, the 1st XI are in the final of the 40-over league while the 2nd XI have won their league. Congratulations to Sandra Spence who took 8 wickets for 18 runs in the 2nd XI cup final — that's some bowling by any standards!

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## **The Lads Are Back**

Do you know what it is, this place is getting worse.

### **What do you mean?**

Well, the other night I had to do something that I've never, ever done in my life before. I had to leave before closing time.

### **Whaaa?**

I went home early.

### **The end o' the world is comin' ...**

I was driven outa me own club by a pack of ruffians and bowsies. You should have heard the racket they were makin' ...

### **Ah, but they're not a bad crowd all the same.**

What do you mean, not a bad crowd...

### **YMCA. Sure hadn't they just won the cup?**

Not YMCA, y'oul cejit. The bloody band that was playin' in here.

### **I never heard them.**

'Course you didn't. How could you when you were snorin' your head off, out to the world. But the rest of us had to listen to them and I'm tellin' you — it'll be the last time that bloody jungle racket will ever be on in here if I have anything to do with it. Mark my word, there's goin' to be a row.

### **But everyone else loved it.**

Bull! I know at least four other fellas who feel the same as I do and we're gunnin' for the man responsible.

### **Who's that?**

Ah, whatdyacallhim, Lewis's sidekick, the little pup in the grey suit with all the mots hangin' out of him.

### **Aw, him.**

Exactly. Me and the lads are goin' to settle you man's hash. We're gettin' up a petition and we're goin' to denounce that little gurrier bell, book and candle.

### **Well, you can do as you please, but if you've any sense you won't leave too much room for signatures.**

Don't you be so smart. There's a bandwagon rollin' that'll flatten your man and all those bosthoons on the committee that support him *and* that curse o' God band. It's a counter-revolution, my friend. Just give us a little time and we'll get this place back the way it should be — with nobody in it except ourselves, havin' a few quiet jars and an oul' goster ...

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