

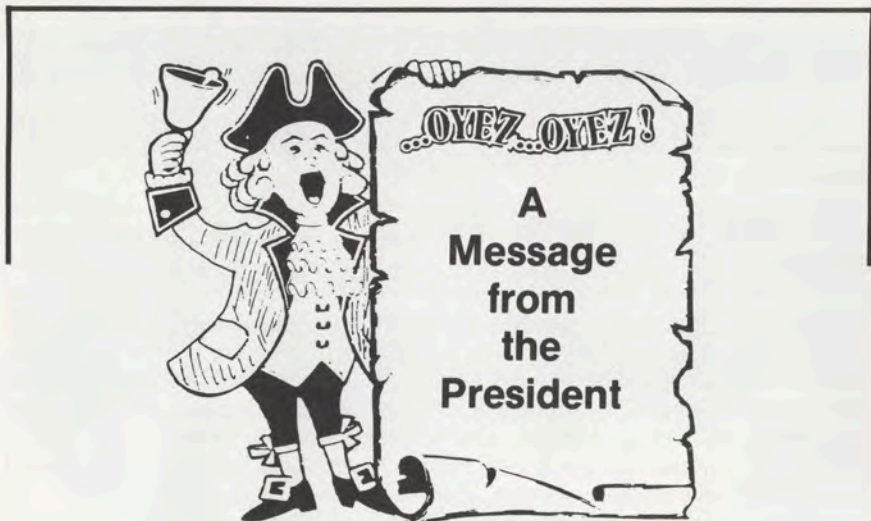
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Saturday 6 August

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We salute Keith Lewis and the other members of our 2nd XI on their magnificent win in the Senior 2 Cup Final last Tuesday evening. Every member of the side contributed to this victory which brought the trophy to Castle Avenue after a lapse of ten years. Well done, lads! A word of sympathy for Railway Union who, as ever, were gracious in defeat.

Our visitors today, Old Belvedere, come to Castle Avenue amid speculation that Merrion and themselves are discussing the possibility of an amalgamation. Whatever about that, there are many of us in Clontarf who had cause over the years to regret that Old Belvedere C.C. was ever formed! Quite a number of outstanding cricketers, many of whom learned the game at Castle Avenue, joined their old school team thus depriving us of their talents, including of course the finest Irish cricketer of all time. Indeed, Alec O'Riordan was mainly responsible for ensuring that this club did not capture as many trophies as we might otherwise have done in the 60s and 70s.

In any event, we welcome Old Belvedere today but we warn them that they face a Clontarf 1st XI smarting from last week's defeat at the hands of YMCA in the opening Wiggins Teape game — a match we should surely have won.

Finally, on behalf of all our members, I would like to congratulate Enda McDermott on his magnificent 10,000 runs for the club, Gerry Kirwan for his 800 wickets and Norman Mills on his superb 141 for the 4ths — the highest Clontarf score ever made on this ground.

MICHAEL CARROLL

6 August 1988

The Ulster Bank Cup

Enda McDermott

Another Interprovincial season is now drawing to a close. This competition, now thankfully sponsored by the Ulster Bank, provides very good cricket played to a high standard.

For those very good club players who play at this level it is a most enjoyable format. Runs scored or wickets taken are hard earned and hence most satisfying.

The competition provides a very useful contact between players all over the island and for many years has been the source of much goodwill and friendship.

Most importantly, the series of games played each season is the basic examination of the skills required for graduation to the full Irish XI. Irish selectors attend all the matches seeking confirmation of form and searching for new talent. Success in these games is essential for international selection and rightly so. Runs and wickets at club level are all very well but unless similar form can be displayed at this higher standard, club form is largely discounted.

Having myself played a lot of these games over many years, I can absolutely confirm that they represent some of the most enjoyable cricket of my career. During my career on the North Leinster side the format changed several times. It ran from time cricket to overs cricket, from Saturday matches to Sunday matches to midweek matches and even to matches played on a regional basis with a play-off final.

In my opinion the present format of the cricket played on an all-Ireland basis is very nearly as good as possible. In particular the concept of time cricket is easily superior to any other format. This is the type of game which gives Irish selectors the best evidence of a player's ability. In this game bowlers cannot get away with negative bowling to defensive fields; they must be good enough to get batsmen out. It also provides a medium for good captaincy. It is no longer a case of batting 60 overs, scoring a total and defending. Now a Captain must judge when to declare, when to attack or defend. In short he must think. This has to be good for the game.

I do have certain reservations. As these matches in effect are a series of Irish trials I would far prefer a format which would give the players the optimum facility to perform at their best.

To this end I feel these games should be played on Saturday. It is unreasonable to expect players to play their club game on Saturday and then be at their best on Sunday against better opposition and often following long car journeys either late at night or very early in the morning.

At least the North West and Munster trips allow for an overnight hotel on the eve of the match. The present idea of an early morning drive between Dublin and Belfast for an 11.00 a.m. start is asking too much of players. I know the ICU is not the wealthiest union but surely a sponsorship deal could extend to overnight accommodation.

On balance this is an excellent series and well worth playing. Even if a sponsor cannot always be found the union must persevere and allow our good players a suitable stage to display their talents.



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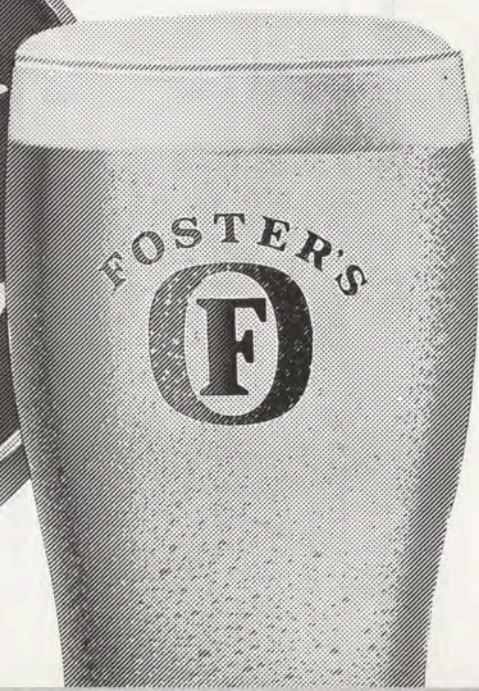
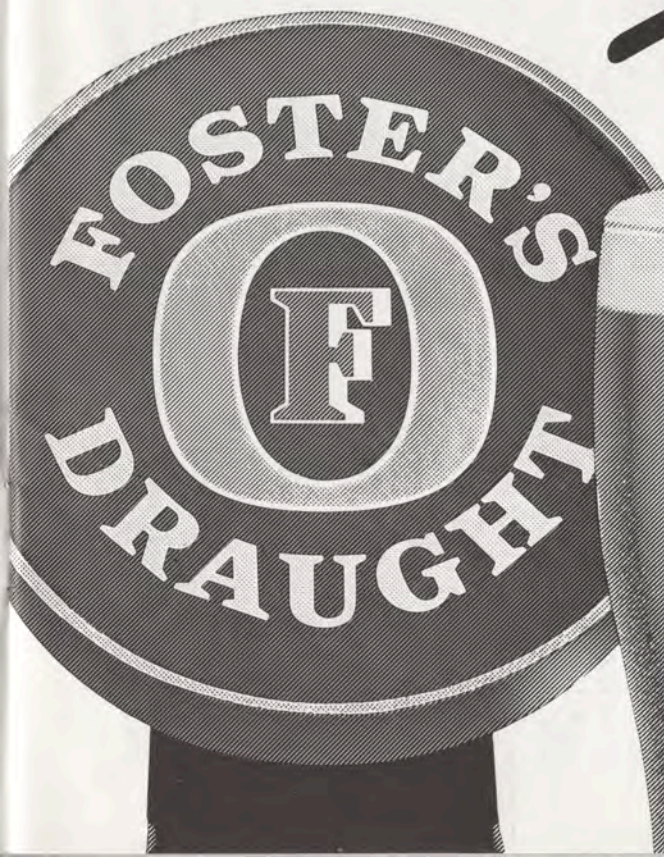
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Clontarf International Players

Name	M	1	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. Houghton	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. Bodeff	6	4	2	7*	10	5.00	9	169	18.77	1	—
J. B. Bunworth	27	25	6	103*	390	20.52	—	—	—	9	—
M. R. Bunworth	7	6	2	8	29	7.25	3	159	53.00	—	—
F. J. Carroll	17	9	2	20*	96	13.71	—	—	—	17	1
M. A. Carroll	3	3	—	16	27	9.00	—	—	—	—	—
C. G. Daly	5	5	3	12*	30	15.00	—	—	—	5	—
M. J. Delaney	5	—	—	—	—	—	6	107	17.83	—	—
N. P. Grier	3	20	1	42	201	10.57	7	151	21.57	10	—
L. P. Hughes	25	15	3	47	111	9.25	56	732	13.07	8	—
G. A. Kirwan	25	11	7	6*	22	5.50	40	887	22.17	2	—
A. McClean	2	2	2	10*	18	—	—	—	—	1	—
E. A. McDermott	60	55	7	108	1323	27.56	—	—	—	18	—
S. B. McMullen	1	1	—	9	9	9.00	—	—	—	—	—
R. H. C. Waters	16	14	1	104	368	28.30	—	—	—	5	—
D. A. Vincent	16	16	—	109	466	29.12	—	—	—	4	—

*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	96	94	6	107	2781	31.60	3	12
L. C. Jacobson	149	147	11	103*	4023	29.58	4	17
W. J. Moynan	121	119	20	122	2745	27.72	3	12
J. B. Bunworth	294	284	38	128*	6684	27.17	7	33
E. A. McDermott	423	397	36	130*	6713	26.90	9	50
J. D. Caprani	141	144	23	119*	3027	25.01	1	20
N. P. Grier	386	348	34	103*	7052	22.45	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
B. G. Bergin	177	161	33	76	2450	19.14	—	7
F. J. Carroll	429	331	80	109	4732	18.85	2	7
G. J. Morgan	137	134	8	104*	2360	18.73	2	7
E. N. Seymour	79	75	3	80	1303	18.09	—	7
J. M. Nolan	259	226	63	67*	2948	18.08	—	5
E. d'H. Dexter	155	147	15	94	2372	17.96	—	11
A. W. D. Spence	246	217	23	74*	3323	17.12	—	10
V. A. Kelly	88	78	13	82	1073	16.50	—	4
L. P. Hughes	370	286	41	103	3890	15.87	1	9
J. W. Hill	203	187	31	119	2481	15.90	2	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

*Qualification: 1,000 runs in Senior League and Cup competitions since 1920.

*Not out.

Best Recorded Clontarf Batting Partnerships

Wkt.	Year	Runs	Opponents	Batsmen
1st	1987	168*	Old Belvedere	D. A. Vincent — 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	U.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 1987

E. A. McDermott	9
J. B. Bunworth	7
L. C. Jacobson	4
N. C. Mahony	4
N. P. Grier	3
W. J. Moynan	3
D. A. Vincent	3
F. J. Carroll	2
M. A. Carroll	2
G. J. Morgan	2
R. H. C. Waters	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 (Played also with Dublin University)	70
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
J. M. Sweeney	1925-31	65	102	1340	13.13	5
G. A. Kirwan	1961-87	297	797	10514	13.19	44
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	1930-43	215	108	1577	14.60	5
E. H. Bodell	1944-76	350	786	11699	14.88	48
L. P. Hughes	1959-87	370	600	9567	15.94	25
D. C. O'Kelly	1965-79	76	121	1956	16.16	6
M. R. Bunworth	1968-87	236	401	7077	17.64	18
D. F. Fitzgerald	1933-52	164	214	3819	17.84	12
M. J. Delaney	1965-87	205	315	5816	18.46	13
V. F. Savino	1953-69	182	217	4080	18.80	5
N. P. Grier	1966-87	386	355	6966	19.62	16
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	...	...	1957-87	429	342	115	457
P. J. Bourke	...	...	1936-52	194	73	82	155
J. A. Bell	...	...	1953-66	121	68	20	88
J. 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	...	...	...	...	1966-87	386	141
E. A. McDermott	...	...	...	...	1963-87	423	121*
J. B. Bunworth	...	...	...	...	1962-87	292	87
J. M. Nolan	...	...	...	...	1968-87	258	85
V. F. Savino	...	...	...	...	1953-69	182	77
M. A. Carroll	...	...	...	...	1953-77	207	72
L. P. Hughes	...	...	...	...	1959-87	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
B. Bergin	...	...	...	...	1975-87	177	51

Qualification: 50

*Includes 15 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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Deryck Vincent**Enda McDermott**

My first clear recollection of Deryck was a game against Edinburgh Academicals in the summer of either 1979 or 1980. Deryck opened that day and the Acies opening bowler was mildly aghast at the thought of bowling quick with a new ball to a left hander not much taller than the stumps. His benevolent or patronising feelings were rudely shattered the first time he dropped short. The little master quickly stepped inside and summarily dispatched the ball to the fence on the ground in front of square. A new star had arrived.

Deryck's progress through various sides to the full Irish XI was very quick. His debut for the 1st XI was as a late order substitute in 1981 and as a first choice opener he established his place on the side in 1983. The same year saw his North Leinster debut in the last match of the season. Again he quickly established his place, becoming the regular opener during 1985.

His club and North Leinster form in 1985 saw his elevation to the Irish side and he made his debut in Zimbabwe during the 1985 tour. By the end of 1986 he had played 7 Irish games without becoming a fixture in the team. Now following a series of fine innings culminating with his recent 145 not out against Ulster Town he returned to the Irish team for the Welsh match at his own Castle Avenue. His maiden international 50 in the second innings more than compensated for the disappointment of a duck in the first innings.

Figures, however, only tell part of the story. What of the man himself? How can you describe in figures the dominance at the wicket, the artistry and exquisite timing and the superb and sure fielding. Deryck has a great advantage in that his fielding is so good he starts almost every game from a position of about plus twenty. He has played so many fine innings in his short career. But his 145 against Ulster Town was a knock of rare skill and indeed endurance. (He was on the field for the entire game). He drove off front and back foot to all parts of the ground. He cut and he hooked. What more could anyone ask?

He is a batsman with all the shots. His best shots are a matter of individual taste. My favourite would be his on drive which when he is in form is a delight to see. Has he a weakness? Of course, who does not? A strange lack of self-belief occasionally manifests its presence in tentative play. Apart from that, his only weakness is his wish so to dominate the bowling that his own exuberance may cause his downfall. I hope he never changes as it is this wish to dominate that produces the many innings of such outstanding quality.

How good is he? Ultimately time will tell us exactly how good. For me he is the best I have ever seen play for Clontarf. As a perspective I would say that of the older players who have scored a lot of runs for the club, say J.B., Noel Grier and myself, at the same age not one of us was fit to lace his boots.

Altogether a great talent who will delight us all for years to come.

Past and Present

At the end of 1987, a great Clontarf first XI era was completed. A side which had originally come together in the mid 1960s finally gave in to the march of time. Many illustrious names have not turned out in 1988. A new era is now firmly under way.

One of the features of the old side was that the players learned how to win early in their career and remained very hungry for success for the next twenty years. For the sake of the future, it is important that the new side acquire this taste for blood at a similar early stage. Already there are encouraging signs.

The Belvedere Bond campaign was more successfully contested than even the optimists anticipated at the beginning of the season. Even at that, two of the games which were lost could have been won with even a small degree of luck. All in all, a reasonable start for a very inexperienced team.

As to the future, there is no doubt that this new young side has enormous talent. The hope is, of course, that this talent can be honed and developed in the shortest time possible. In this connection, it is only fitting to pay tribute to the outstanding contribution John Lyon has made to the future of Clontarf. It is no accident that the development of our pool of excellent young players has coincided with his years here.

Ultimately, the success of the 1st XI will rest on their own self-belief and a total refusal to accept second-best. Inevitably (since this is the land of Ireland) begrudgers will murmur that the new team is not as good as the old. Ignore all such odious comparisons. Older members well recall the same kind of stuff being said about what is now the old side when it was new.

The whole club should commit itself to supporting the new 1st XI in a positive manner. This is not to say that we should never criticise. Far from it. But the sort of narky, grumbling and frequently ill-informed criticism that is to be found in all clubs should become a thing of the past in Clontarf. Let's learn the power of positive thinking.

Two Notable Achievements

In addition to Norman Mills's record 141 for the 4th XI, there have been two other notable achievements recently. Johnny Fitzpatrick's selection for the Irish Schools XI puts him in an illustrious line of Castle Avenue players to have gained this honour, beginning with Noel Grier in 1967. Moreover, Johnny Barry had a marvellous two weeks on the 3rd XI recently. He scored 50 in only 19 balls against Phoenix and then took four wickets in five balls, including the hat-trick, against Balbriggan the following week. To both players, congratulations.

Clontarf

1. D. Vincent
2. B. Bergin
3. A. McClean*
4. E. McDermott
5. D. Fleming
6. B. MacNeice
7. T. Karam
8. J. Fitzpatrick
9. F. O' Mahony
10. F. Carroll†
11. G. Kirwan

Extras

TOTAL

FALL OF WICKETS

1/ 2/ 3/
6/ 7/ 8/

BOWLING

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Extras _____

* Captain † Wicketkeeper

Old Belvedere

1. C. McGrath
2. B. Tucker
3. J. Prior
4. D. Tucker*
5. T. McKeon
6. A. Cannovant†
7. J. Nolan
8. D. O'Riordan
9. F. Synnott
10. D. Lenchan
11. K. Best

Extras

TOTAL

FALL OF WICKETS

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6/ 7/ 8/ 9/ 5/

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The Clontarf Wedding Handicap

If it's old news you want, this is the place to come. By now, the whole world knows that the club has had two weddings in a week. Last Monday, amid the sort of secrecy you might associate with the KGB, **Declan Mullins** and **Mary Murray** tied the knot. On Thursday, **Terry Killen** and **Clodagh Dixon** did likewise. We naturally offer our best wishes to all concerned.

This sudden upsurge of marital activity leads us to cast our eyes around to see who's next. Now Chatterbox and his staff are painfully aware that there is a grave danger here of trespassing into Stella Downes's territory. Nothing daunted, however, we propose to blunder on. Here goes.

We wish to announce a major new attraction for all punters. The Clontarf Wedding Handicap will be run off over an indeterminate course under National Hunt rules between couples of consenting adults of opposite sexes who are eighteen years or older. First couple to the altar to be declared the winners. There will be no steward's enquiries (sorry, Joe) or any other nonsense of that kind. Bumping, boring and interference are not only permitted but positively encouraged.

At the early declaration stage, the following runners and riders were announced, together with their ante post odds.

- 11/2 — Graham Kirk / Liz Sachs
- 9/1 — Keith Dexter / Orla Mulvihill
- 100/8 — Deryck Vincent / Fiona Manning
- 14/1 — Tony Karam / Tracy Skoyles
- 20/1 — Bar

Clearly, these odds are bound to shorten as time goes by and as other contestants enter the field. Before all this is over, there will be some surprises. You'll see some pairings you wouldn't have believed possible. This is the best stunt in Clontarf since the ballroom dancing. Don't be left out. Get your name in the frame — now! Anyone for Lennie?

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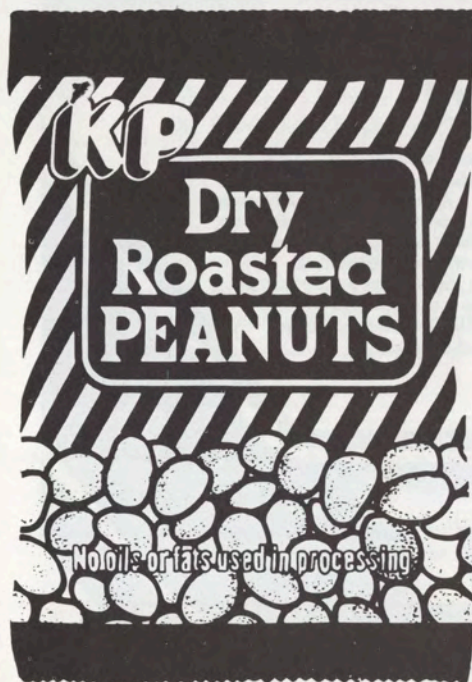
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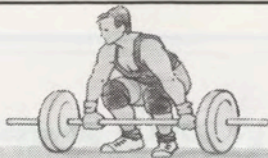
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Another cup final in Clontarf, another busy night in the bar and now another afternoon spent chewing a pencil, deciding what to write. At this stage I must be one of the most threatened people in Clontarf. It's almost enough to make paranoia take over, when you join a group of people and conversation suddenly dries up. Then people who were looking very comfortable together begin edging away with mutters of "we're just good friends, so don't you dare write about us."

The cup final was certainly an interesting day although, as regards cricket, it came to an unsatisfactory conclusion, when bad light stopped play after a long rain-induced interval. One problem with these continuation games is that you can never be sure that all players will be available when the continuation date is set. Declan Mullins is a case in point. Best wishes to himself and Mary, who managed to keep their wedding a closely-guarded secret until the day before the cup final. It can't have been easy, as secrets are virtually impossible to keep in this club. Rumour has it that they spent the night in the bar looking for a bestman!

When a cup game is left unfinished, it can lead to a disappointing night in the bar as people tend to wander off. Not this time; the crowd was here to stay. As soon as the rain came down, the drinking started, with one solitary figure out on the wicket, brush in hand, doing all the work. In the bar liaisons were beginning to form, but some of these were just rekindling of old flames. One such partnership was that between Cobwebs and the wicket keeper. They have an interesting courtship ritual which involves pouring pints over each other — one way to cool ardour, I suppose. However, he was obviously unable to stand the pace (or should I say stand?) as he was later to be seen tumbling from barstools while Cobwebs was escorted home by another young gentleman.

The Aussies also returned to Clontarf, much to the delight of the home crowd. One young lady was so taken by them that she forget her car, which was to be seen looking very lonely in the car park the following day. She had obviously heard that there was a fast car leaving for Leeson Street sometime during the night.

Has anyone noticed an abundance of interesting glasses adorning the shelves of the bar? These are courtesy of a cocktail-tasting foursome who have been known to travel as far afield as Skerries in search of new drinks with which to tempt the punters. The bar manager obviously takes his job very seriously!

Best wishes to the Ladies 1st XI who play Leinster (in Pembroke) in the final of their cup competition on the 13th of August. We hope to see you all there to support them.

The Tenth Millennium

A hushed crowd, comprising Bunny Fitzsimons, Bill O'Leary and Bob the Dog, sat enthralled as McDermott took the single to fine leg that finally saw him to his goal.

Then the telegrams began to flood in. The following is a representative selection.

White House
Washington DC

Nancy and I wish to salute your great achievement. Ten thousand home runs will ensure that the name of, uh, that your name will never be forgotten.

Ronnie

Kremlin
Moscow USSR

The people on the USSR congratulate revolutionary comrade E. A. McDermott on whatever it is Conor O'Clery told me you have just done in the heroic workers' struggle against imperialism, fascism and all that old rubbish.

Mikhail

Vatican City

As one Supreme Pontiff to another, we say 'right on, man.'

JP II

Abbeville
Kinsealy
Co. Dublin

That business we discussed over breakfast last week is all sorted out and the gentleman in question won't be showing his face around Dublin again in a hurry. Your advice was spot on as usual. Well done at the cricket. Don't show this around — I don't want to alienate the GAA vote.

CJ

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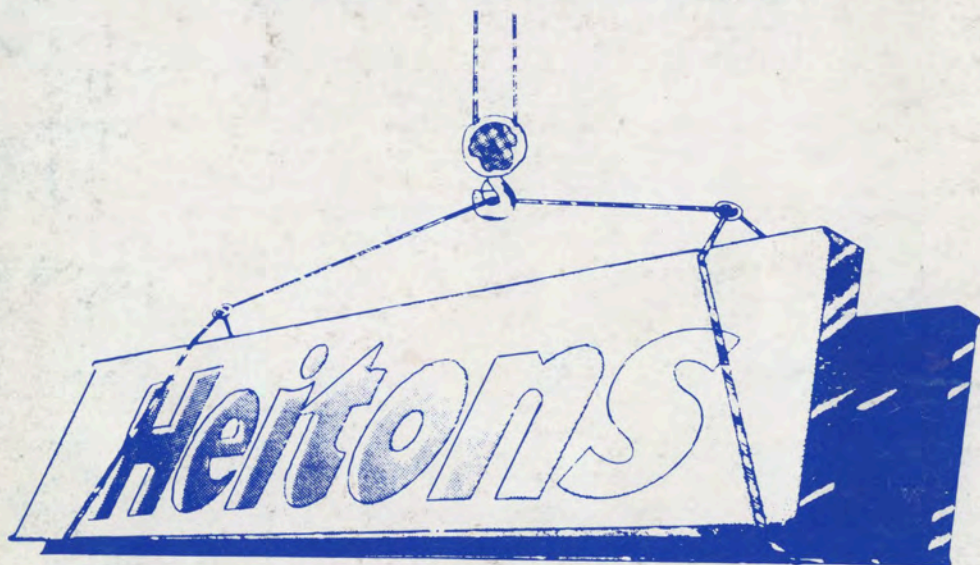
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