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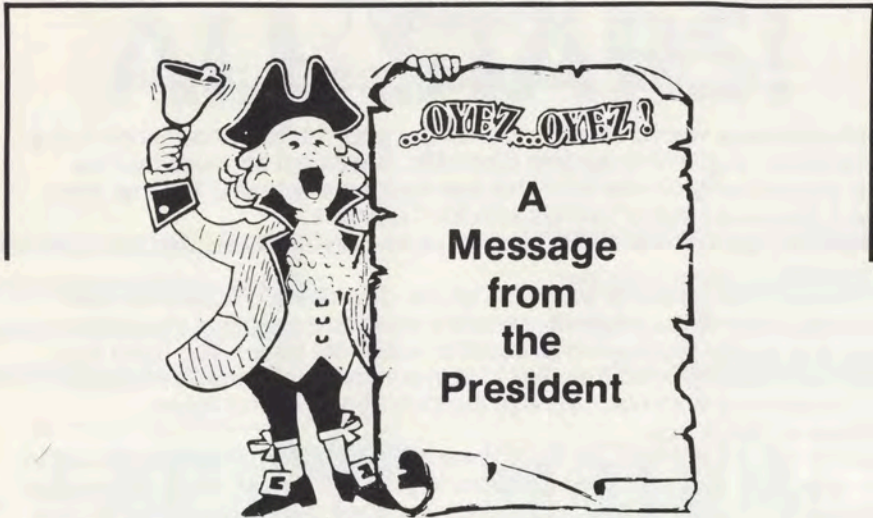
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Charles Stewart Parnell's favourite pastime was cricket. As Captain of the Wicklow XI, he was a strict disciplinarian, who never hesitated to take advantage of the strict letter of the law to win a match.

On one occasion he led Wicklow against Phoenix in the Phoenix Park. During the game, a dispute arose between Parnell and the Phoenix Captain. Although his team, implored him to give in and proceed with the game, Parnell was stubborn and rather than concede the point he marched his team off the pitch and back home to Wicklow!

In welcoming the Phoenix Second XI to Castle Avenue, today, I do not have the slightest doubt that a similar incident will not occur and I know we will have a game played in the long-established tradition of friendly rivalry, which has graced all matches between us, in the past.

Good luck to both sides!

**MICHAEL CARROLL,**  
President.  
1st July 1989.



# UP FRONT

## The Schweppes Cup

Disquiet was voiced recently following a poor 1st XI performance in the Schweppes Cup match against Sion Mills. It was not so much that the side played badly on the day - that can happen any team - but that there was a perceived lack of enthusiasm for the fixture.

An away draw in the North West is never easy and Sion Mills are a good side.

However the particular problems on the day meant a very weak side travelled. Four of the originally selected side were unable to play and even first choice replacements could or would not travel. The team was ultimately filled with two then 3rd XI players and one then 4th XI player.

The best that could be said was the club honoured the fixture.

None of this is new.

Since this All Ireland Cup started we have been somewhat ambivalent in our approach. It appears we are keen to play if drawn at home but less so if drawn away. Part of this ambivalence is rooted in the unfair ground rules applicable to the competition and a match in the North West where not to put a tooth in it the club was a victim of what we certainly considered sharp practice.

The unfair rules to which I refer allow professional players to assist the N.C.U. and N.W.C.U. teams while at the same time no Dublin club due to L.C.U. rules has this facility.

We need a level pitch with fixed goalposts! If professional players cannot compete in the Ulster Bank Cup why not apply this restriction to the Schweppes Cup? Then we could all compete from a position of equality.

However assuming no change in rules whither Clontarf? A debate is taking place in the club as to whether we should remain in the competition. Most wish the club to compete but say we must compete fully or not at all.

Frankly I would be horrified if we withdrew. In Clontarf we like to preen and take pride in our club. We say and not without justification we are one of the better Dublin clubs. We take pride in our achievements. We point to the quality of our ground and facilities knowing they cannot be bettered anywhere in Ireland, if indeed they can even be equalled which I doubt.

To live up to all of these high standards we have set I say we must compete fully in all aspects of cricket and this includes the Schweppes Cup.

The challenge for the club in 1990 is to get a full and total commitment for the Schweppes Cup as well as our domestic L.C.U. competitions.

I say let 1990 be the year we start to set the record straight by winning the All-Ireland Schweppes Cup.

**Enda McDermott.**

**June, 1989,**

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## Clontarf Interprovincial Players

Name	M	I	NO	HS	R	A	W	R	A	Ct	St
E. H. Bodell	6	4	2	7*	10	5.00	9	169	18.77	1	—
B. P. Bergin	1	1	—	0	0	0.00	—	—	—	—	—
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	31	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	7	6	3	27*	90	30.00	—	—	—	2	—
E. A. McDermott	61	56	7	108	1328	27.10	—	—	—	19	—
S. B. McMullan	1	1	—	9	9	9.00	—	—	—	—	—
R. H. C. Waters	16	14	1	104	368	28.30	—	—	—	5	—
D. A. Vincent	22	21	2	145*	733	38.57	—	—	—	4	—

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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	9	13	2	52*	231	21.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	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.

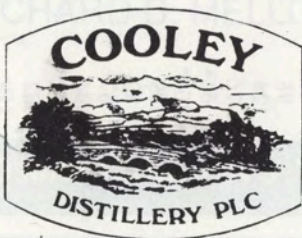


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# Clontarf Batting Averages

Name	Career	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Most	Runs	Average	100s	50s
R. H. C. Waters	1967-69	46	45	5	120*	1496	37.40	2	9
A. McClean	1985-88	64	57	14	100	1544	35.90	1	11
N. C. Mahony	1938-63	195	197	21	110*	5904	33.54	4	41
D. A. Vincent	1981-88	113	111	6	126	3321	31.62	4	14
L. C. Jacobson	1944-60	149	147	11	103*	4023	29.58	4	17
W. J. Moynan	1945-55	121	119	20	122	2745	27.72	3	12
J. B. Bunworth	1962-88	298	288	39	128*	6726	27.01	7	33
E. A. McDermott	1963-88	442	416	38	130*	10119	26.76	9	52
J. D. Caprani	1937-51	141	144	23	119*	3027	25.01	1	20
N. P. Grier	1966-88	388	349	34	103*	7063	22.42	3	34
S. B. McMullen	1954-71	190	182	14	98	3510	20.89	—	17
M. A. Carroll	1953-77	209	190	20	124	3342	19.65	2	10
B. P. Bergin	1975-88	194	177	33	76	2767	19.21	—	9
C. G. Daly	1976-85	103	87	15	62*	1361	18.90	—	4
G. J. Morgan	1930-42	137	134	8	104*	2360	18.73	2	7
F. J. Carroll	1957-88	444	342	83	109	4771	18.42	2	7
E. N. Seymour	1922-31	79	75	3	80	1303	18.09	—	7
J. M. Nolan	1968-87	259	226	63	67*	2948	18.08	—	5
E. d'H. Dexter	1944-64	155	147	15	94	2372	17.96	—	11
A. W. D. Spence	1956-87	246	217	23	74*	3323	17.12	—	10
V. A. Kelly	1942-62	88	78	13	82	1073	16.50	—	4
J. W. Hill	1935-60	203	187	31	119	2481	15.90	2	3
L. P. Hughes	1959-87	370	286	41	103	3890	15.87	1	9
D. Fleming	1981-88	85	75	10	56	1003	15.43	—	2
G. M. Carroll	1950-64	128	114	13	72*	1518	15.02	—	1
J. G. Aston	1920-28	77	78	3	61*	1125	15.00	—	3
D. A. Sweeney	1954-68	108	106	7	77*	1427	14.41	—	4
D. F. Fitzgerald	1933-52	164	136	32	81*	1466	14.09	—	7
G. A. Tyndall	1923-34	105	99	9	82	1181	13.12	—	3
J. J. Ledwidge	1920-34	163	150	20	69	1699	13.06	—	3
P. J. Burke	1936-52	194	173	9	91	1954	11.91	—	1
T. J. Dunne	1931-44	115	108	14	68*	1016	10.80	—	3
V. F. Savino	1953-69	182	133	28	50*	1127	10.73	—	1
A. R. White	1920-43	215	197	31	87*	1709	10.29	—	2
E. H. Bodell	1944-76	350	231	57	49	1720	9.88	—	—
C. P. Stuart	1921-42	144	127	12	73	1112	9.66	—	1

\*Not out.

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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	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 1988

E. A. McDermott	9
J. B. Bunworth	7
L. C. Jacobson	4
N. C. Mahony	4
D. A. Vincent	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
H. R. Aston	1
J. D. Caprani	1
T. K. Gleeson	1
J. W. Hill	1
L. P. Hughes	1
A. McClean	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



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## 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	1961-88	305	822	10876	13.23	46
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	1968-88	240	407	7215	17.72	18
D. F. Fitzgerald	1933-52	164	214	3819	17.84	12
M. J. Delaney	1965-88	210	323	6018	18.63	14
V. F. Savino	1953-69	182	217	4080	18.80	5
N. P. Grier	1966-88	388	359	7021	19.55	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 and Malahide)	49	7
1982 G. A. Kirwan	82	11
1983 G. A. Kirwan	67	8



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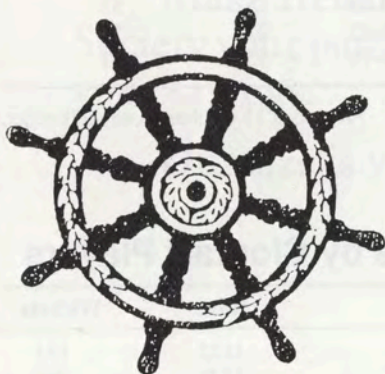
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F. J. Carroll	... .. 1957-88	444	354	121	475
P. J. Bourke	... .. 1936-52	194	73	82	155
J. A. Bell	... .. 1953-66	121	68	20	88
C. P. Stuart	... .. 1921-42	144	51	22	73
L. C. Jacobson	... .. 1944-60	149	47	11	58

## Catches

	Career	Matches	Catches
N. P. Grier	... .. 1966-88	388	143
E. A. McDermott	... .. 1963-88	442	126*
J. B. Bunworth	... .. 1962-88	298	87
J. M. Nolan	... .. 1968-87	258	85
V. F. Savino	... .. 1953-69	182	77
L. P. Hughes	... .. 1959-87	356	75
M. A. Carroll	... .. 1953-77	207	72
J. D. Caprani	... .. 1937-51	141	61
B. P. Bergin	... .. 1975-88	194	56
G. A. Kirwan	... .. 1961-88	305	53
J. J. Ledwidge	... .. 1920-34	163	53
G. J. Morgan	... .. 1930-42	137	53
L. B. McMahan	... .. 1931-49	152	53
A. R. White	... .. 1920-43	215	52
E. H. Bodell	... .. 1944-76	350	51

Qualification: 50

\*Includes 15 catches as wicketkeeper.

## 100 Runs and 100 Wickets by Clontarf Players

	Runs	Wickets
J. G. Aston	1125	155
E. H. Bodell	1720	786
T. J. Dunne	1016	191
D. F. Fitzgerald	1466	214
N. P. Grier	7063	359
J. W. Hill	2481	609
L. P. Hughes	3890	600
J. J. Ledwidge	1699	211
V. F. Savino	1127	217
E. N. Seymour	1303	129
G. A. Tyndall	1181	148
A. R. White	1709	108



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## Centrepont Professional Players

I was intrigued to read Alan Lewis quoted in the recent cricket article by Sean Pender. Alan was advocating the selection of a professional player in the Irish XI for the Nat West Match v Derbyshire and presumably for all future Nat. West fixtures.

Alan's argument is we are permitted by the regulations to pick one such player and that as we have to play against professionals it would help even the present imbalance.

This to me is a reasonable view well argued and cogently stated. All in all a very legitimate position to adopt.

Mark you it is not a viewpoint which finds favour with me, but it has the merit of being openly and moderately and indeed I am sure honestly put.

I make no apology for being a traditionalist who believes the Irish XI should be comprised of players who are playing for their OWN national XI.

The implications of Alan's argument are immense. Has he fully thought it through? To pick a professional on the Irish XI surely they would have to be eligible for the Ulster Bank series. Would this mean the North West, Ulster Town and Ulster Country XIs would each have six, seven or eight or more such players in their line up? With the plethora of professionals in the North surely this would be the case.

Where would this leave Munster and the two Leinster sides? In this scenario would the game improve? Would the L.C.U. rescind the ban on professionals to allow the Leinster sides to compete? Could the clubs afford the costs and if the money was found what else would suffer? Grounds, wickets and players perhaps.

And all to what purpose. The off chance of a good result in the Nat. West.

Perhaps some kind person would explain to me the relevance of Nat. West. matches to the average club player and how it makes any sense to even suggest the system be changed to possibly facilitate improved results for a side which directly involves a very small number of players.

I hope to return to this subject in later issues.

**Enda McDermott.**  
**June, 1989.**





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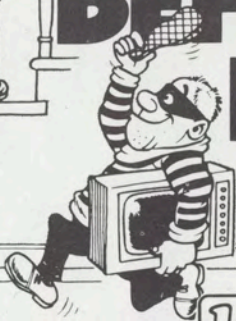
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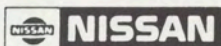
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# EDITORIAL

The President has made Phoenix welcome and we would endorse his words.

The nature of our match programme means it usually appears only for 1st XI games. It is therefore rare for us to be able to direct our views mainly towards the 2nd XI.

Unfortunately the 2nd XI can now only be concerned with their league campaign, having recently lost the cup match with the Hills.

No doubt our 2nd XI as holders of the Cup were very confident they would win the game. The club malaise of unavailability and injury did not help the cause. With players sick, injured, doing exams or whatever a 1st XI game on the same day meant a somewhat understrength 2nd XI took the field. Result? Exit 2nd XI from the Cup.

To be fair objective opinion indicates the side which played could and should have won. A poor batting display left the attack with too much to do and the low total could not be defended.

All this raises a very important point of principle which must be stated over and over again. Notwithstanding what game, any 2nd XI must be a 2nd XI. The 1st XI must have choice and must play its best side on all occasions without exception.

We commend the selection committee on having taken the correct decision to play the best 1st XI.

Now it is up to the 2nd XI to win the league. They are playing well and at 74% in an ideal position if they can continue the earlier good work. It is a pity the Merrion fixture was lost but no doubt the team will bounce back.

# Clontarf 2nd XI

L. Dexter.....  
 P. Prendergast.....  
 F. Woods.....  
 J. Daly.....  
 J. B. Bunworth.....  
 K. W. Lewis (Captain).....  
 J. Barry.....  
 A. Synnott.....  
 N. P. Grier.....  
 R. Collins.....  
 M. J. Delaney.....

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# Phoenix 2nd XI

D. Ford.....  
 R. Forrest.....  
 H. Correll.....  
 D. Ensor.....  
 N. Wilkinson.....  
 M. Brown.....  
 G. Black.....  
 P. McCullough.....  
 K. Duff\* (Captain).....  
 S. Oakes.....  
 G. Pasley.....

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# CHATTERBOX

## The Lame and the Hurt

Last weekend was a bad one for injuries, The first XI lost both opening batsmen - Deryck Vincent and Peter Prendergast - with a blow in the mouth and a broken thumb, respectively. Both injuries were sustained at Cabra against the bowling of Peter O'Reilly. According to the cricket correspondent of the *Irish Times*, the wicket was 'lively'. So now you know. Despite these setbacks, the firsts still managed to reach 200 with Michael Rea scoring yet another 50. However, it was not enough and Belvedere chased it successfully. They paced their innings nicely and were scoring at four an over right from the start. Our opening bowlers were Johnny Fitzpatrick at one end and The Great Anonymous One at the other. The question is, which one of them represented the youth policy?

More injuries. Dickie Spence tore a leg muscle at Castle Avenue on Sunday, having just completed a fine 50 to pull the third XI out of a hole against Railway Union. He was unable to field after tea and Hoppy Ellis, the vice-captain, took over. However, Dickie gave the team talk in the dressing room before the team went out. He went through the usual list of dos and don'ts, asked for a big performance in the field, called on everyone to support the bowlers, and so on. When he finished, Richie Smith piped up and said: 'And by the way, lads, don't pay any attention to the owl fella hobbling round the boundary and shouting at you. Remember, Hoppy's the captain.'

We welcome back from London Anthony 'Wishes' O'Neill. This man is Dick Forrest's brother-in-law but I suppose that's not entirely his fault and it should not be held against him. His return is a source of confusion, however, since we already have one Tony O'Neill in the club. I refer to the person who holds the onerous and demanding post of Hon. Assistant Treasurer and is also captain of the fifth XI. To avoid any confusion in the future as you attempt to distinguish one Tony O'Neill from the other, I offer the following infallible guide. 'Wishes' is the Tony O'Neill who can't bowl. The Hon. Assistant Treasurer and captain of the fifth XI is the Tony O'Neill who can't bat. What could be simpler? but for God's sake don't ask who is the Tony O'Neill who can't keep wicket. That will only confuse things all over again. Okay?

Finally, a happy note. The outstanding performance of last weekend came from young Brian Nolan who took eight wickets for the sixth XI at home against North Kildare. This is a rare achievement in any level of cricket or at any age. It is good to see young talent getting its reward. Congratulations, Brian.



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# THE DISTAFF SIDE

## Sartorial Elegance

The glorious June sunshine has produced some pretty horrific sights in Clontarf. Obviously fluorescent bermudas are de rigueur this season. Perhaps everyone has just been getting into the spirit a little early for the Shorts and Shades night as preparations for this are in full swing at the time of going to press. Whatever the reason, legs, which have never before seen the light of day, are being flaunted at every possible moment. One case in point is a member of the men's first XI who decided to bare more than his legs and torso on his way to roll the wicket during a recent match his protestations that his shorts were too big were laughed off until he went indoors for some elastoplast to rectify the problem. It's nice to be entertained between innings!

It's not a widely known fact, but the gentleman in question was not the first to bare his all on the ground this season. Some members of the bar staff were leaving late one night when their car lights illuminated some movement on the pitch. In view of recent break-ins, they decided to investigate the matter further only to realise that one of the people in question had a very recognisable receding hairline! His companion, though now embarrassed by it all, decided to put on a show for the spectators - need I say more?

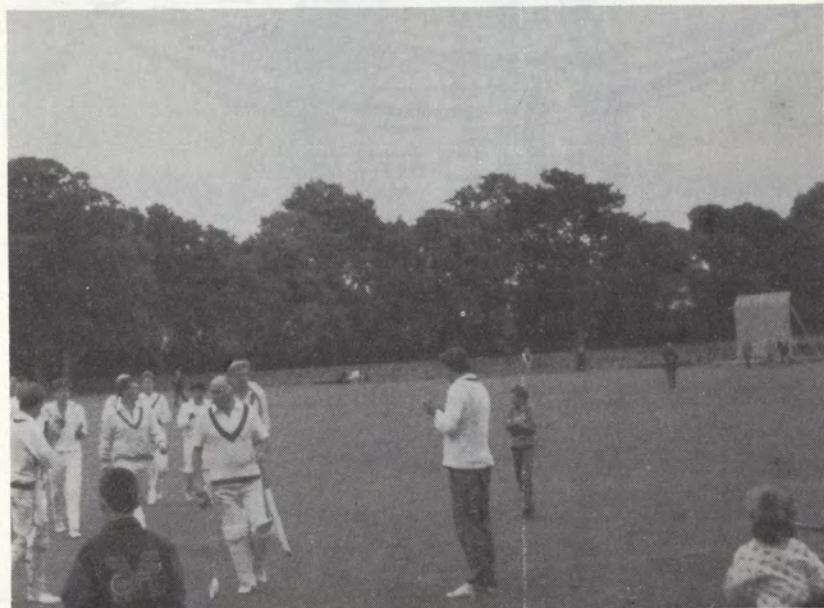
I'm sure many a quiet tear was shed at Ringo's recent wedding. He used to be a very popular member with the ladies. Some of us braved the torrential rain to be at the celebrations and witnessed one very strange sight. As is usual on such occasions, the crowd drifted off quite early and a clique from Clontarf was left to prevent the hotel staff getting to bed. The captain of the men's first XI somehow came by the key to the bride and groom's room and felt obliged to hide it. His chosen spot was in an alcove above the dance-floor which, of course, he could not reach. He had to call his diminutive partner in crime to come to his aid. As the great brute was injured, he was unable to shoulder his vice-captain, so the roles had to be reversed (and the opening bat wonders why his shoulder hurts!).

The same captain is a very fickle man. He pleaded with me to come and score for him at a recent 20 overs game - even calling to collect me. After the game we proceeded to a local hostelry for a few pints. he plied me with drink and suddenly announced that he had urgent business on the southside and that I would have to find my own way home. Charming behaviour - to abandon your scorer in the depths of the southside - especially as his 'urgent business' had already said that I was more than welcome to come for coffee! The same young lady even sent me a postcard from her recent holiday - as if that would be enough to keep her name out of this publication!

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*Thanks Ger, pity Gus couldn't stay with me!*



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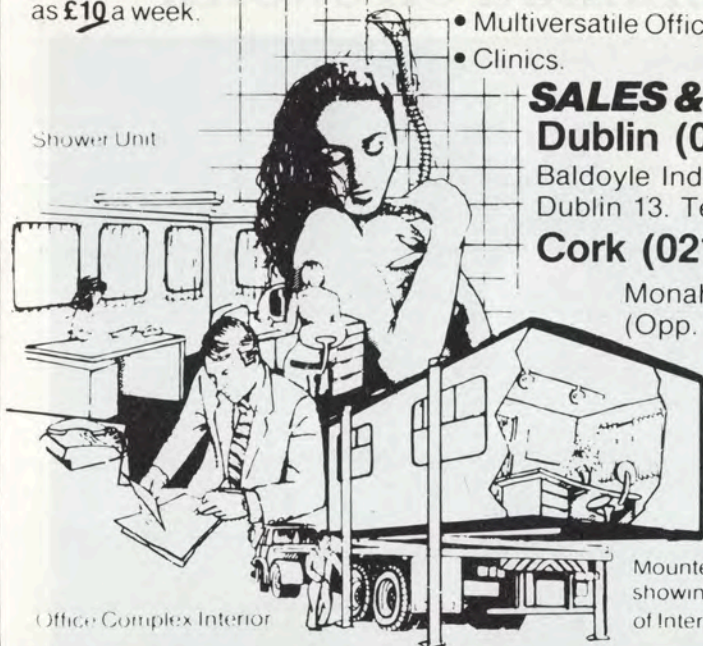
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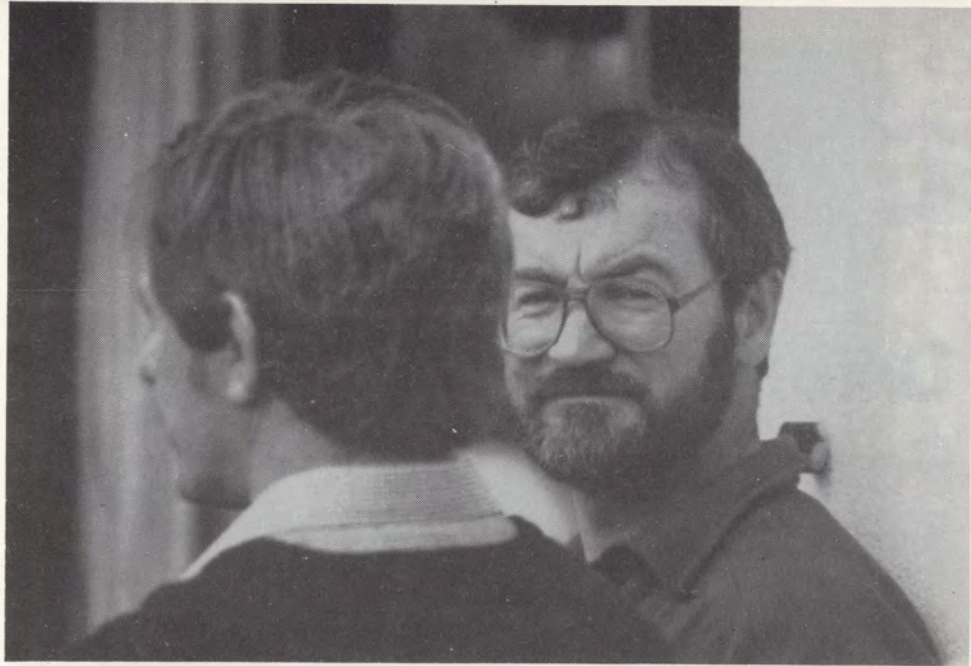
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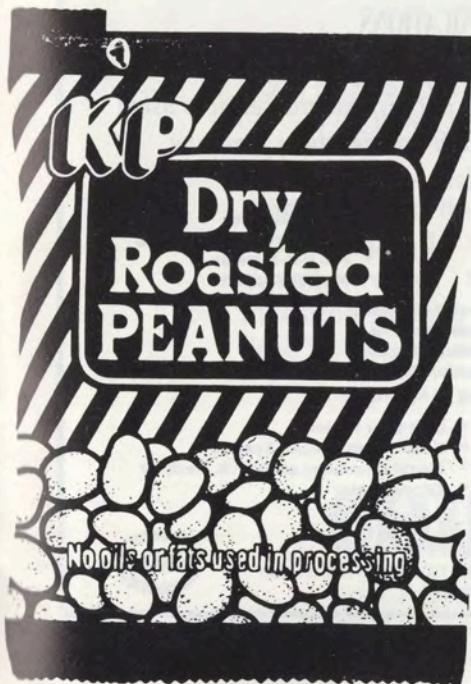
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**Leinster:** Well, they've got a lot of big matches there in recent years. I think it's best if someone else gets a chance.

**Pembroke:** Interesting suggestion. Sean Pender made the point last year that it was likely to be only a matter of time before they got an international again. I'm sure he's right. But at the moment, I think the idea is premature.

**Carlisle:** Are you mad? Best wickets in Dublin. What would we want to go there for?

**CYM:** That's a very good suggestion and one I'd personally endorse but unfortunately the oppo won't play on an artificial wicket.

**Railway:** No. The car park's too small.

**Cabra:** Another good idea, but not **quite** right. The problem is seating. There's not enough of it.

**Phoenix:** Too open. You'd never be able to control the gate.

**YMCA:** No bar. Otherwise it would be ideal. Pity.

**Merrion:** Too prone to flooding.

**The Hills** North side. Bad news.

**Clontarf:** That kip! There's no way the game is going there.

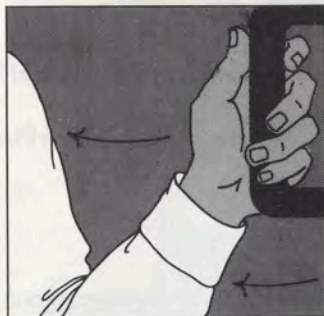
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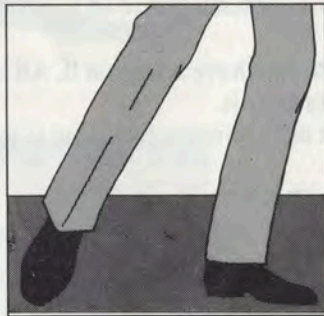
**Malahide:** Now you're talking. All in favour. Thank you, gentlemen.



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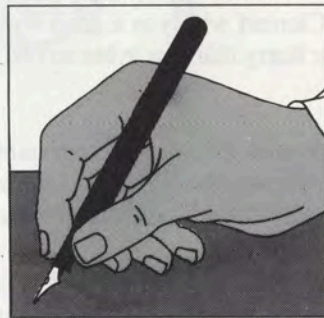
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A cricket team should feel that they are playing with, as well as against, their opponents. The home side should remember that they are hosts, the visitors that they are guests, and both should realise that the true greatness of the game lies in combat and comradeship combined.

Pursued in such a spirit, victory, and nothing short of victory, should be the object of both teams from the first over of the match. The bowlers and fielders of the one, the batsmen of the other, should go on to the field determined to attack and to go on attacking until they are really forced to fall back on defence, and even then to resume the offensive directly the balance of the game permits.

—The M.C.C. Cricket Coaching Book

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## How about "Slosh"?

Very few batsmen have gone through a career without bagging the traditional pair — 0 in each innings. Those famous players who have avoided the ignominy include W. G. Grace, J. B. Hobbs, K. S. Ranjitsinhji, H. Sutcliffe and D. G. Bradman.

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## "Six"

A six as we know it was not introduced until 1910 when the Advisory County Cricket Committee recommended an allowance of six runs for hits over the boundary: hitherto the ball, for a 6, had to be hit right out of the ground.

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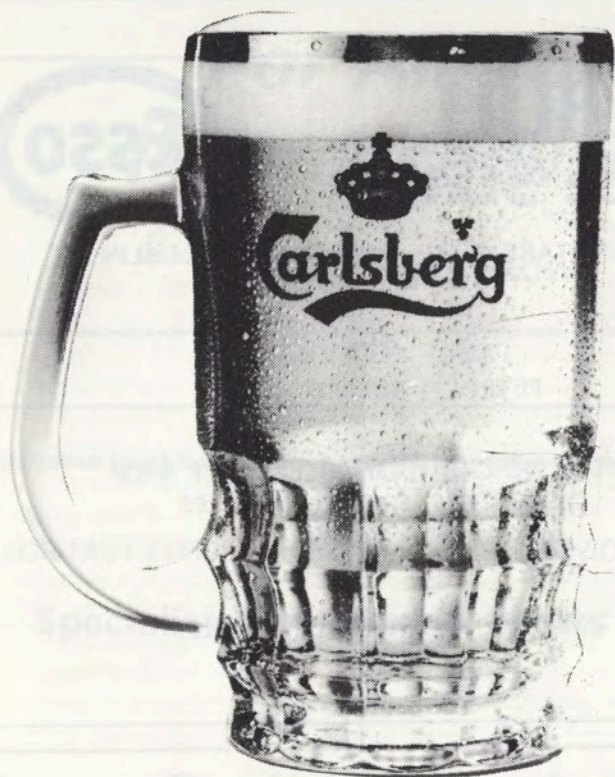
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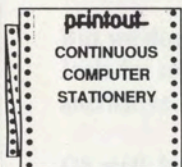
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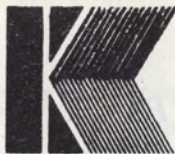
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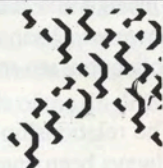
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### Cricket oddities

The only recorded incidence of six byes occurred when Charles Kortright of Exsex bowled a ball that rose so steeply that it passed over batsman and wicketkeeper and cleared the boundary without bouncing.



### Did they change the scorebook?

There is the story of the unfortunate batsman who was facing a very fast bowler on a lifting wicket. The ball flew off the shoulder of the bat, struck the batsman on the temple and was caught by the wicket keeper. The umpires upheld the appeal but the batsman lay dead at the wicket. The match was abandoned. However, it later transpired that the death was recorded as instantaneous, in which case the batsman was dead before the catch was made. How could he have been dismissed after his demise? Should the correct entry have been "Retired Dead"?



### Four wickets in one ball

This has to be unique. It occurred in a match played over two days. The batting side finished the first day's play six wickets down. The following day one of the not out batsmen arrived after play was resumed and was ruled out — thus one wicket without a ball being bowled. The first ball of the day was a no-ball, number eight hit the ball and ran. The ball was smartly fielded and the throw in ran out the batsman — 2 wickets down (eight in total) without a ball bowled. The next ball was driven hard by No. 9 hitting his partner, No. 10, on the head. The ball rebounded and was caught, thereby dismissing No. 9. Also out was No. 10 — with a fractured skull. Effectively, four men were out but only one ball had been bowled. Incidentally, the innings finished as there was no one to bat with No. 11.



In 1894 E. J. Diver, bowling for Warwickshire against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, took 6 for 58 and helped the county to victory. However, in 116 first class match subsequently, he never took another wicket.



### How about it, iron gloves?

The most recorded victims in an inning by a wicket keeper is nine. Les Andrews, playing in a club match for Bankstown, Sydney, caught the first nine Sydney University Batsmen — No. 10 was run out at the bowler's end.



The only recorded hat trick of stumpings in first class cricket is by W. H. Brain off the bowling of C. L. Townsend Playing for Gloucestershire against Somerset in 1893.





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### Vinny, where were you? Some lunch

In a match between Halverstown and Coolatin in October, the former were all out for 17 at 1.30. Lunch was then taken in the local hotel and lasted 4½ hours. When Coolatin went in to bat dusk was falling and for some unknown reason, neither side was at its most accurate. Coolatin finally won by 2 wickets in total darkness.

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### Test average 112

How unlucky can you be? The West Indian, Andy Ganteaume, played his one and only Test match against England at Port of Spain, Trinidad in 1948. He opened the innings and scored 112. He was dropped and **never selected again**.

The respective selectors must have been in an odd mood for Billy Griffith also played his first test in the same match, opened the innings, scored 140 and was also **dropped** for the next match. However, he was slightly more fortunate than Ganteaume, he played two more matches for England.

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The late Clontarf President, Charlie Stuart, had a remarkable experience in a match against Civil Service in 1926. Facing the bowling of R. Bolton, he was clean bowled with the first and third of three consecutive no-balls, he snicked the second ball into the slips, was dropped and the ball went to the boundary for four.

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### Let's have you, Gerry!

Charles Palmer, the current Chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board, has claim to one of the most extraordinary bowling feats in cricket history. In 1955 as Captain of Leicestershire, he took eight wickets for no runs against Surrey.

Immediately after tea, Surrey were 42 for 1, Palmer who wanted his bowlers to switch ends, decided to bowl the over to allow him do so. With his third ball he bowled Peter May out, decided to stay on. In rapid succession he also bowled Fletcher, Stewart, Pratt, McIntyre, Surr ridge and Lock and had Constable caught. His figures at that stage were eight for nought. Laker was dropped off him shortly afterwards and Palmer's innings figures were eight for seven. Unfortunately, his efforts did not stop Surrey from eventually winning the match. He was treated with great respect and his match figures were 27-24-8-8.

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