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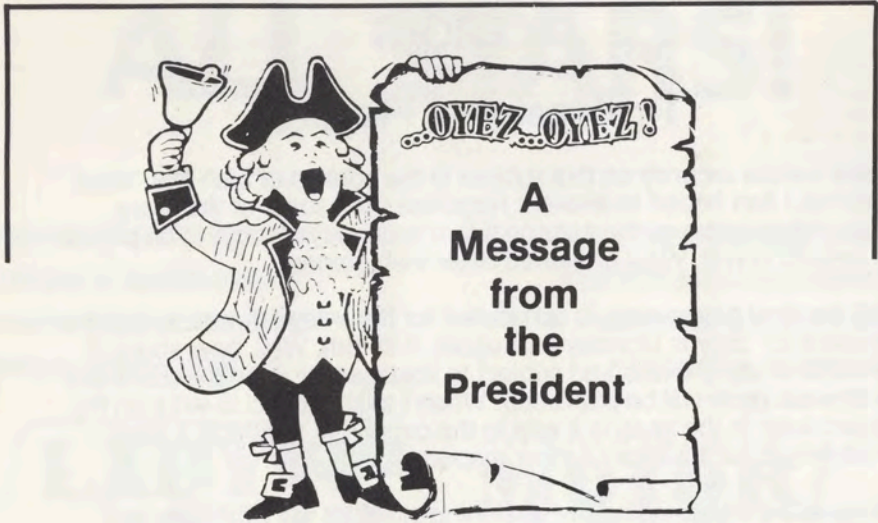
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We are delighted to welcome Phoenix as our visitors to Castle Avenue, today.

May we have a good game and the best of Cricket.

MICHAEL CARROLL,
President
Saturday 29th July 1989

UP FRONT

Professional Players

When I wrote recently on this subject in the context of Irish Nat. West matches I had hoped to evoke a response from some of the more voluble supporters of the argument that such players should be picked for Ireland in Nat. West or indeed other Irish games.

Well the final programme is scheduled for Saturday 19 August and the deadline for copy is Monday 14 August, 3.00 pm. Well, how about it! The right of reply exists and subject to libel/slander considerations any worthwhile reply will be published. When I said I hoped to write on the subject later in the season it was in the context of receiving a reply which might itself warrant further response.

However notwithstanding the deafening silence I will express a few further thoughts on the subject of professional players, but this time in the context of our domestic Dublin cricket.

Understand I am not in anyway opposed to the concept of professional players. I merely feel their presence in an Irish environment is of dubious value to the game as we play it. Professional players in first class cricket or even Lancashire League is fine but do we benefit if they play here. Incidentally it was interesting to hear so many Watsonian players expressing strong anti views a few days ago and this from members of a club which has had Kim Hughes and Terry Alderman on the books to name but two of the recently contracted players.

Don't confuse a professional approach to cricket with contracted players. I am all in favour of a professional approach but you do not have to have a contracted player to achieve a professional approach to the game. Please further distinguish between a contracted player and a professional coach. Here I must pay tribute to John Lyon now with us since 1983. What a wonderful job he has done (and continues to do) with our players, but especially with our schoolboys since his arrival. Well done John. Keep up the good work.

John is not or course allowed to play under present L.C.U. regulations. This does not bother Clontarf. And I hope we as a club continue to oppose professional players. I have no desire to see Dublin cricket become a mini version of Lancashire League. Our pro is better than your pro and ten of us on each side will make up the numbers while they fight it out!

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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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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.

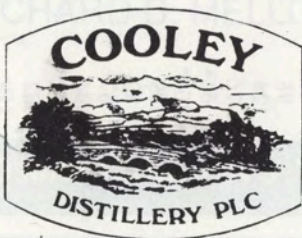
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Clontarf Batting Averages

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

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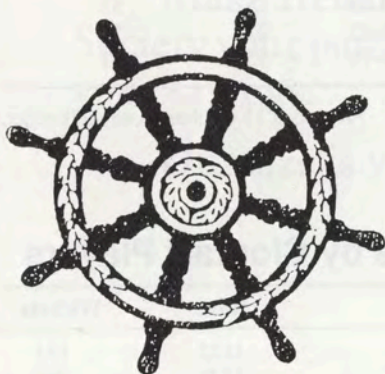
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	Career	Matches	Caught	Stumped	Total
F. J. Carroll 1957-88	444	354	121	475
P. J. Bourke 1936-52	194	73	82	155
J. A. Bell 1953-66	121	68	20	88
C. P. Stuart 1921-42	144	51	22	73
L. C. Jacobson 1944-60	149	47	11	58

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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The L.C.U. regulations are nevertheless a sham. Can't and hypocrisy rules o.k. The rules are too loose. I am convinced at least three Dublin clubs in recent years effectively had, and may even continue to have players who receive pecuniary benefit either directly or indirectly. I am not Emile Zola so I shall not mention names. You must draw your own conclusions! The L.C.U. should, however, either permit a free for all or further tighten the regulations.

Well what of my main objections to professional players in Dublin? Well I can see and accept the logic that contracted players may improve standards of play. I feel my own game improved playing against such players some years ago. They must however not be too good or the game becomes a total nonsense. In a strange way I am sure players playing against pro-assisted sides got more benefit than the assisted sides themselves. Too often the pro did all the batting and bowling, so home players became bit players and never developed. It is interesting to note how weak pro-assisted sides are now the pro is banned. One wonders how much coaching they may have done. Not a lot considering some could hardly speak English!

My main and ultimate objection is financial We are a small community with very limited financial resources. Free for all (above) is a poor choice of words in this context as whatever else professional players do, they do not come free. How can our game afford £20,000, £30,000 or £40,000 or more for contracted players? We cannot get the major commercial sponsorship needed for such outlay. So what happens if we have such costs? Logically less and less is spent on the game itself. No covers, no sightscreens, poor pavilions and even poorer wickets must surely be the outcome. Is this good for the game? Will youngsters be keen to make up the numbers on poor grounds with even poorer facilities? Surely not! Who benefits! The contracted players and the few elitist good players we now have who seem to think they have a monopoly of knowledge on what is good for the game when they really only know what is good for themselves and hump everyone else. Remember our game is played by part timers. What matter if we are murdered in the Nat. West. It is of passing interest and concerns but the few. Our clubs will not survive on a Nat. West win. Rather our game is really about all our club players from 1st XI to 6th XI to under III!

Despite all arguments I have heard for the pro I remain even more convinced our games future lies in improving playing facilities and conditions through good wickets, covers etc. By these means surely we will encourage more and more youngsters into our game where they can play a full role commensurate with their abilities and not artificially devalued by dominant professional players. We must bring in and keep youngsters in the game.

Enda McDermott
July 1989



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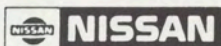
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EDITORIAL

As our Scottish visitors, Watsonians, depart for home thankful that early rain in March/April was not so severe as to preclude play last Tuesday week the club 1st XI gets its nose back to the grindstone of League Cricket.

Phoenix visit us today and we may be assured of a good tough match. Over the last twenty or so years Clontarf and Phoenix have vied for top honours. That the balance favours Phoenix is no more than the just desserts of a particularly fine side especially in the mid 1970s.

It is appropriate here to congratulate Phoenix on the excellent arrangements for the Mashonaland Game. Well done!

As for our 1stXI we hope the side continues to prosper. At present top League honours are still possible. To date the record in the Belvedere Bond League is played 9, won 4, drew 4, lost 1.

The side is up near the top of the League table. Considering the team has hardly, if at all, played as originally selected this is not a bad performance. There have been some sterling individual performances. Gerry Kirwan has 31 wickets at low cost but this we have come to expect, if somewhat presumptuously. Feargal O'Mahony is also getting wickets and is the other main prong of our attack. Main batting honours are with Michael Rea and Captain Alan McClean. The 2nd wicket partnership last week of 183 at CYM by Michael and Alan was of very high quality and most enjoyable to watch. Our sympathy goes to the two players on each missing the century by 2 runs and 1 run respectively. Maybe today will rectify matters.

Keep up the good work team.

As we write, our 3rd XI have just lost the final of the Middle Cup. Hard luck Dickie, to you and your team Pity that you will not be in Rathmines on 7th August next. Hopefully the silverware will come to Castle Avenue.

Finally in our recent editions we omitted to mention the appointment of Jonathan Fitzpatrick as Captain of the Irish Youth XI. Well done Jonathan on leading the side to a well deserved 3rd place in the face of such good opposition. And congratulations on your own performance coupled with the honour of the Captaincy.

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But you're putting more water on the damn things than Podge puts on the wicket.

Ha, ha, ha.

Would you come around and do my garden, then?

(Yawn)

What's your garden like?

It's a kip, a total jungle. The weeds are up to your ear lobes, there's a wasp's nest just outside the back door. We've lost five kids out the back this year already. The neighbours are moaning but we've got them beaten. The whole place has been declared a nature reserve and we get a cheque every month from the EC to keep it just as it is.

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Clontarf Memories

Clontarf v Phoenix recalls for me happy memories of great players and games which, if they didn't quite make Brian Boru's battle seem like an argument in a creche, were nevertheless always closely contested.

Clontarf have been fortunate in having had many fine cricketers play for them over the years, many of them capped for Ireland. I would like to make mention of just a few of them.

Thirty years or more ago, Clontarf matches were played on what is now the Football ground (the name of the occupying Club presently escapes me). In September, a carnival was held on what is now the Cricket Ground. One of my earliest memories is of John Hill conspiring with Paddy Bourke to get me stumped on the leg side against a background bedlam of noise and a rotating great wheel with lights flashing in the fading light right behind his bowling arm. If he hadn't succeeded, no doubt I'd have been out LBW (I - b - wheel).

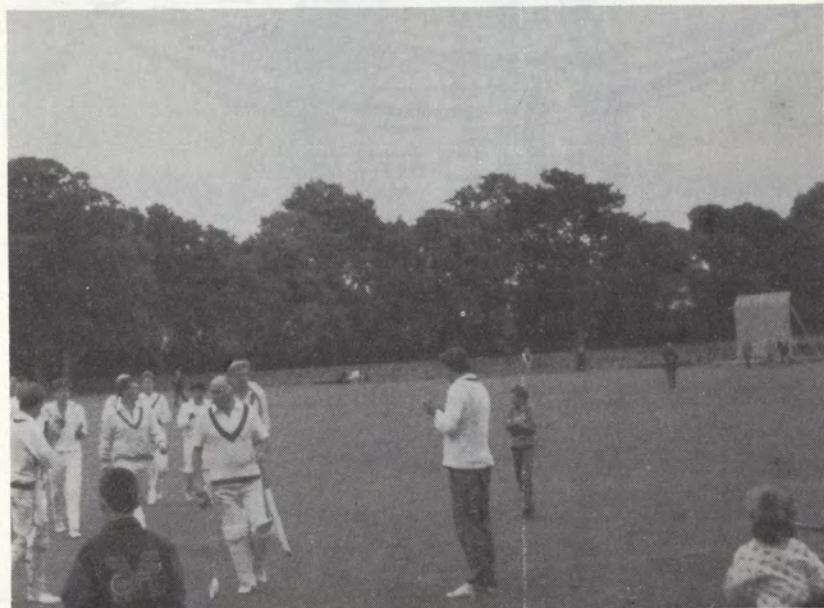
Another early memory is of George McVeagh, while President of the I.C.U., batting with Jimmy Boucher when both were nearing 50 years of age. George was running three to Jimmy's two and eventually told Jimmy that if he could not up he should get out – advice that was heard by everyone on the ground – and shortly thereafter prudently accepted.

There are many others – Jimmy skittling out Clontarf – a result nullified as Phoenix had not used a new ball! Ernie Bodell (no, Pigot, you can't have a Carlsberg – you'll have a Harp and like it!), a fine bowler whose burning ambition (never quite fulfilled?) was to be a great batsman; Louis Jacobson (Clontarf are in the field – there's no need to go to the ground yet) and his opening partner for many years (for Club and Ireland); Noel Mahony, whose many achievements since are known to us all; Joe Caprani (if he wasn't playing for Leinster, or Malahide, or have I left any out?), possibly the finest midoff I have seen playing in Dublin Cricket (although Gerry Quinn in his prime might well have been as good).

Johnny Bell, distracting you with his chatter as the bowler bowled but so pleasantly that you didn't really mind; Vinnie Savino whose bowling trajectory anticipated the satellite by several years; the evergreen Gus Carroll and his brother Michael, presently President of the Club; Gerry



"The Lion in Winter".



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

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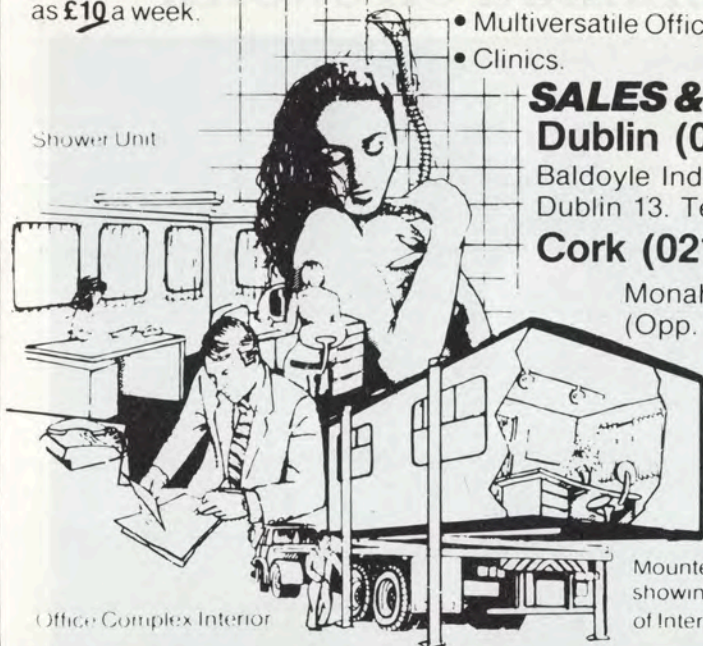
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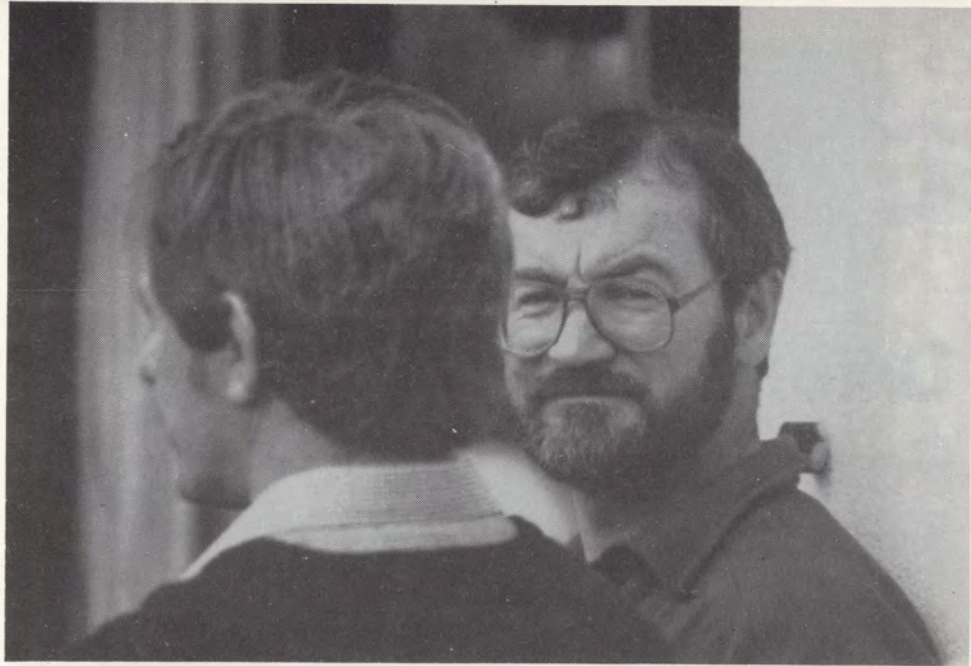
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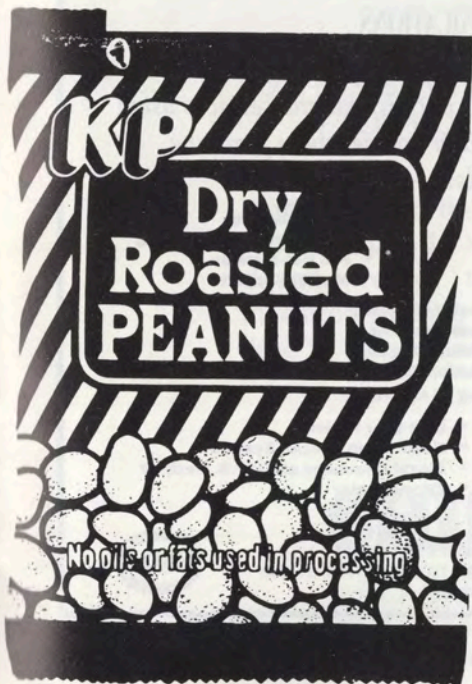
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Kirwan a magnificent bowler of different styles in his pre and post-antipodean careers; Podge Hughes, a great club man who would have played many more times for Ireland had he not been at his best during the O'Riordan/Goodwin era, and is now mainly responsible for the excellent batting wickets and outfield which it is always a pleasure to experience at Clontarf.

Enda McDermot a fine batsman anywhere in the order who had the rare experience of being dropped after making 80 for Ireland and in deference to whom it was decreed that no ball bowled in Clontarf should bounce more than stump high (even so, he still has to wear a helmet!); the two Bunworths (Bryan and Rossa) prepared respectively to bat and bowl all day' there are many many more I would have liked to mention but regrettably space simply does not permit.

Clontarf has mostly been a happy hunting ground for me and I have always looked forward to playing there. My great come-uppance, however, came when Phoenix, some years ago, made over 200 for 1 (Pigot 0). Asked what he did with the ball that dismissed me on this batting paradise, the bowler Paddy Murphy replied politely that he "just *****ed it down". No finesse needed to get rid of me!

Finally, my thanks for inviting me to make this small contribution and the opportunity thereby given of thanking Clontarf, its players and allcadoos for all they have contributed to the enjoyment and betterment of Cricket in Dublin over the years.

Long may then continue to do so.

David R. Pigot
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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.

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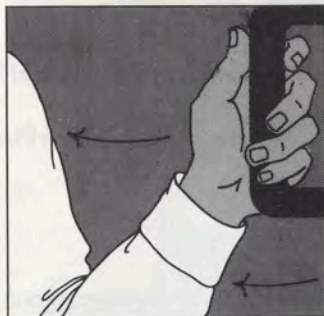


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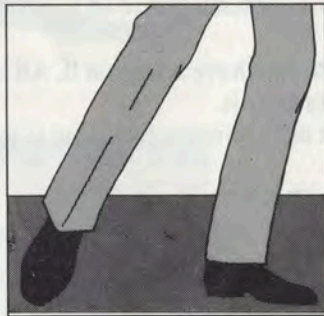


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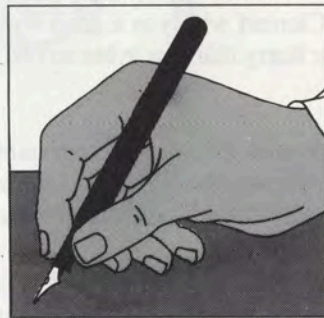


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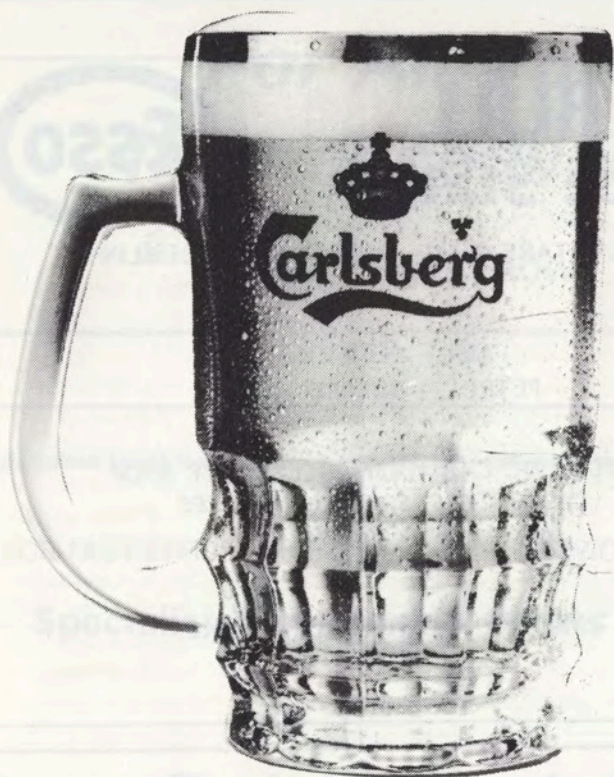
We all know what the club is usually like on an average mid-week night – quiet. Right? In one corner you'll find the "last of the summer wine" quietly discussing anything controversial and generally winding each other up. Another select group, the darts players, occupy the alcove by the dart board, seldom raising their voices except to call the next player to the board or when overcome by the excitement of a close finish. Along the bar, three or four groups intermingle as discussions cover anything from cricket to selling houses and the current odds in the Clontarf "Love Chase". (This race precedes the annual Wedding Stakes Handicap and has been known to produce a few surprises!).

But I digress, back to the touring sides. When they appear in the bar, be it midweek or at weekends, the usually tranquil atmosphere becomes charged with something and the club becomes a hive of activity. All thoughts of work the following day are quickly banished as people get caught up in the touring spirit. Friendly banter and plenty of drinking are usually the order of the day in these situations – all that socialising makes people very thirsty!

Lately, tours seem to have all run into each other. First we had Wadham College, followed by the Scottish team, Haringgay, Mashonaland and Watsonians. In this endless social whirl, people frequently become confused as to where anyone is from. Each touring side has certainly left us with something to talk about and someone's reputation to discuss!

Now, however, they have all departed, leaving behind the compulsory, bruised but unbroken hearts and the memories of fun and games in the bar (and elsewhere!) Perhaps now we can get back to normality, at least for a little while, and recuperate.

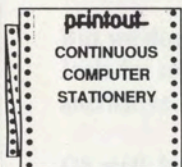
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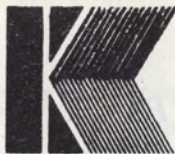
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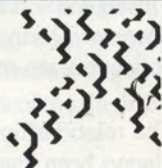
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Stella and Susan are also included in the Irish under 23 team to play Young Holland in Malahide on the 4th August. Also in this side is Linda Spence who has returned to the game after injury. She obviously timed her return well as she took half the wickets in the first XI's recent victory over Pembroke in the semi-finals of the senior cup. Well done Linda! The final is in Leinster on the 12th of August and all support would be much appreciated.

Those of you who, for some reason, fear the publication of this programme can now relax. All articles have been submitted prior to the printers' holidays in August. So it's safe now, folks. Please talk to me again!

Stella Downes



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, Surridge 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.



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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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.

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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