

Senior 2 Cup Final

**Clontarf 2nd X1  
V  
Merrion 2nd X1**

Saturday 25th. July  
11.00 a.m.

at Castle Avenue  
Clontarf





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# Message from the President

Today Clontarf hosts the final of the Senior 2 Cup final and I am delighted to welcome everybody to Castle Avenue. This welcome extends to the President and Committee of the Leinster Branch, to the players and supporters of Merrion and in particular, their president and to-day's captain, Eddie Lewis. It gives me added pleasure that Clontarf are participating in the match and may I be forgiven for wishing Declan

Mullins and his fine young side success at the end of the day. This competition is sponsored by Dundrum Sport and Leisure Ltd. and may I express sincere thanks on behalf of Cricket in Leinster for their continuing support for the game.

Let us hope that we have good weather for the match and may everyone enjoy the day.

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# Editorial

Today we welcome Merrion 2nd X1 to Castle Avenue to contest the Senior 2 Cup Final against our own 2nd. X1.

Given good weather we can be assured of a top notch contest. Podge Hughes will have produced his usual well nigh perfect pitch which will almost certainly guarantee a run feast. It may well be that a catch held or dropped may be the crucial deciding factor in the close struggle between two well matched teams.

Today's game sees an interesting contrast between the two sides. Merrion undoubtedly have a more experienced and mature side than Clontarf, whose team is comprised mainly of younger, up and coming players.

It will be interesting to see how the young bloods such as Ronan "Redser" O'Reilly, Adam Synnott and Fergal Woods cope with the wiles of Eddie Lewis, Kevin "Ollie" Allwright and Alan Little. Alan's 8 for 4 proved too much for Railway in the semi-final

and we look forward to seeing how the younger Clontarf players cope with Alan's undoubted skills. Equally intriguing will be the contest between such talented Merrion batsmen as Eddie Lewis and Ollie Allwright, both with proven Senior 1 records and the star Clontarf bowlers John Barry, Rick Collins and Paul McCready.

While wishing good luck to both sides perhaps we can be forgiven in hoping the luck and the result goes the way of this home side on this occasion.

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## Clontarf Batting Averages

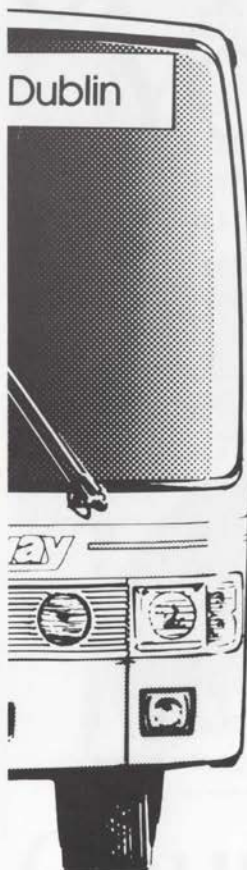
Name	Career	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Most	Runs	Average	100s	50s
M. P. Rea	1889-91	38	36	4	98	1448	45.25	—	14
R. H. C. Walters	1967-69	46	45	5	120*	1496	37.40	2	9
A. McClean	1985-91	126	113	24	102	3212	36.08	2	22
D. A. Vincent	1981-91	166	162	17	126	4908	33.84	7	23
N. C. Mahony	1938-63	195	197	21	110*	5904	33.54	4	41
L. C. Jacobson	1944-60	149	147	11	103*	4023	29.58	4	17
W. J. Moyman	1945-55	121	119	20	122	2745	27.72	3	12
J. B. Burworth	1962-89	299	289	39	128*	6745	26.98	7	33
E. A. McDermott	1963-91	506	467	50	130*	11224	26.91	10	57
J. D. Caprati	1937-51	141	144	23	119*	3027	25.01	1	20
P. Prendergast	1981-91	93	81	7	97	1683	22.74	—	9
N. P. Grier	1966-88	388	349	34	103*	7063	22.42	3	34
S. B. McMullan	1954-71	190	182	14	98	3510	20.89	—	17
B. P. Bergin	1975-91	249	214	41	83	3482	20.12	—	12
M. A. Carroll	1953-77	209	190	20	124	3342	19.65	2	10
C. G. Daly	1976-91	105	88	16	62*	1363	18.93	—	4
G. J. Morgan	1930-42	137	134	8	104*	2360	18.73	2	7
F. J. Carroll	1957-90	460	353	89	109	4838	18.32	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	1956-89	247	217	23	74*	3323	17.12	—	10
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
G. M. Carroll	1950-64	128	114	13	72*	1518	15.02	—	1
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
J. J. Ledwidge	1920-34	163	150	20	69	1699	13.06	—	3
P. J. Bourke	1936-52	194	173	9	91	1954	11.91	—	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	—	—

\*Not out.

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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	1961-91	369	984	13464	13.68	53
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
V. F. Savino	1953-69	182	217	4080	18.80	5
M. J. Delaney	1965-90	223	345	6537	18.94	15
N. P. Grier	1966-88	388	359	7021	19.55	16
P. M. Murphy	1968-77	87	100	2101	21.01	3
F. O'Mahony	1987-91	73	124	2683	21.63	5
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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## Wicketkeeping

	Career	Matches	Caught	Stumped	Total
F. J. Carroll ... ..	1957-90	460	366	134	500
P. J. Bourke ... ..	1936-52	194	73	82	155
J. A. Bell ... ..	1953-66	121	68	20	88
J. Daly ... ..	1984-91	55	54	21	75
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 ... ..	1963-91	506	130*
J. B. Bunworth ... ..	1962-89	299	87
J. M. Nolan ... ..	1968-87	258	85
V. F. Savino ... ..	1953-69	182	77
B. P. Bergin ... ..	1975-91	249	75
L. P. Hughes ... ..	1959-87	356	75
M. A. Carroll ... ..	1953-77	207	72
D. A. Vincent ... ..	1981-91	166	70**
J. D. Caprani ... ..	1937-51	141	61
G. A. Kirwan ... ..	1961-91	369	59
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 15 catches as wicketkeeper.

\*\*Includes 9 catches as wicketkeeper.

## 1000 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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Wkt.	Year	Runs	Opponents	Batsmen
1st	1990	205*	Old Belvedere	D. A. Vincent—P. Prendergast
2nd	1985	218*	The Hills	D. A. Vincent—N. P. Grier
3rd	1968	137	Leinster	J. B. Bunworth—M. A. Carroll
4th	1991	120	Carlisle	A. McClean—J. Daly
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 1991

E. A. Mc Dermott.....	10
J. B. Bunworth.....	7
D. A. Vincent.....	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
A. McClean.....	2
R. H. C. Waters.....	2
H. R. Aston.....	1
J. D. Caprani.....	1
J. Daly.....	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
1991	M. P. Rea	57





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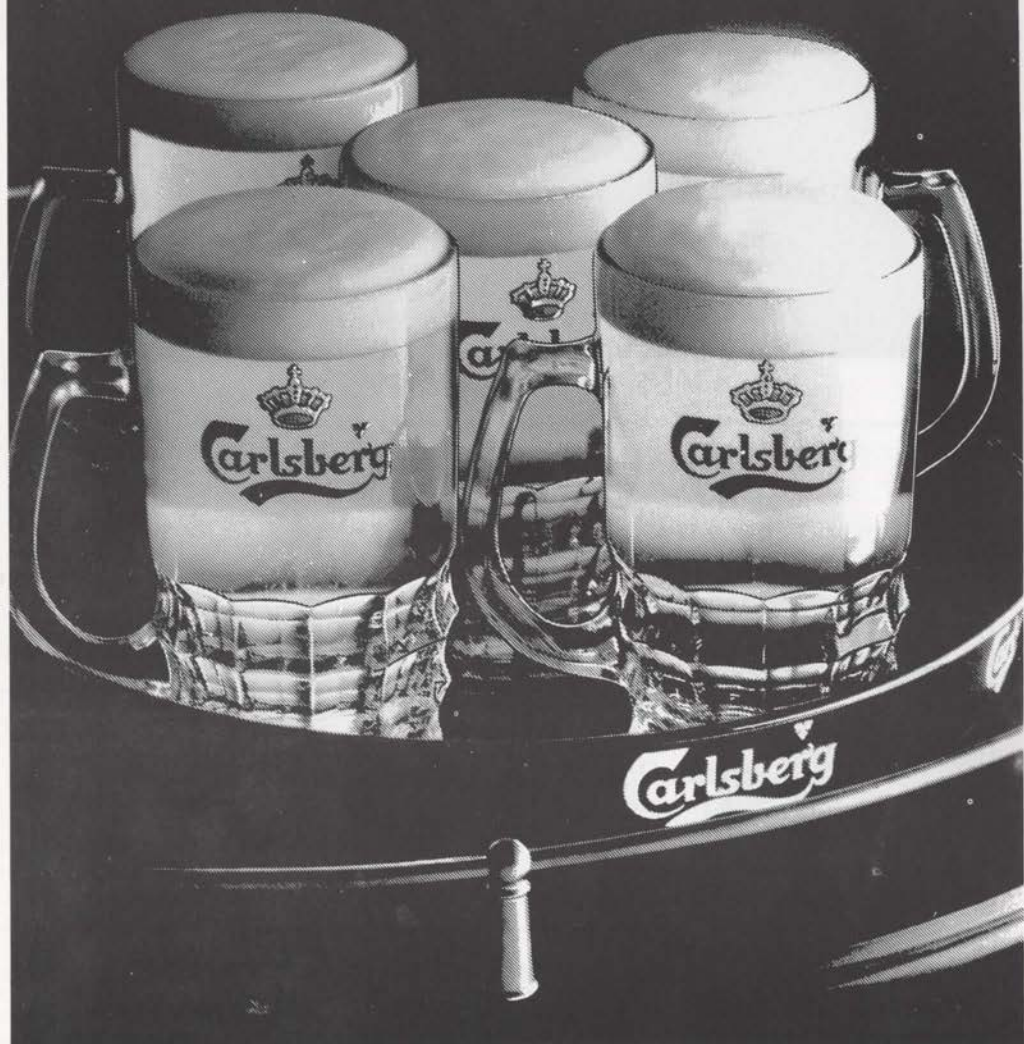


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## Recollections of Another Senior 2 Final

I think it is appropriate that on the occasion of the Senior 2 Cup Final, I should travel down memory lane and share with you some of my memories of a Senior 2 final between Clontarf and Leinster played 27 years ago - 1965.

Clontarf won the toss and batted. The opening bowler for Leinster was Don Geraghty (current senior umpire) who, with the second ball of the match, found the edge of Dermot Sweeney's bat and the ball flew, at catchable height, between wicketkeeper and first slip. A let - off for Dermot who never looked back and went on to score a brilliant century.

Regretfully nobody stayed too long at the other end and at tea Clontarf were about 130 for 6, with the late Neil Broderick (The Brod) and Dermot, the not out batsmen.

I can remember vividly Neil coming into the small C.Y. dressing room, throwing the bat against the wall (who else does that?), saying "I cannot \*∞\*!\*??\*±\*\*@\* play slow bowlers". Leinster had just introduced their spinner, Alan Jerrold, into the attack and he had Neil in all sorts of trouble.

Jack McDonnell, the Leinster Captain, unaware of Neil's frustrations, removed Alan Jerrold from the attack immediately after tea and re-introduced two of the quickies - A. J. and Tony Ryan. One could see Neil's eyes light up as he promptly dispatched both the Ryans

into the tennis court and bowling green in compiling an invaluable 50 - what a sweet memory!

The tail hung around to see Dermot make his century and Clontarf's innings closed on Saturday evening at 226.

In those days the cup games were timeless - no over limitation - and we had about an hour to bowl at Leinster before close and captured one wicket while Leinster scored about 40 runs. So the game was delicately poised.

On the Sunday Leinster continued to slowly build on their overnight score - the chief run getter being Tony Leon.

Ikey Hughes (brother of Podge) was keeping one end going but with Leinster about 130 for 3. I introduced our up and coming "slow", Michael Delaney into the attack - as Michael and myself were setting the field I heard mutterings behind me. "I wouldn't bowl him unless you want to lose the \*±\*?\*\*\*!\*%\*\* match". Yes guessed it. "The Brod" was not a great fan of slow bowlers.

Well Michael did the business taking 3 or 4 wickets with Ikey Hughes having the Leinster top scorer Tony Leon brilliantly caught by our late Hon. Sec., Johnny Bell, behind the stumps and Leinster were finally all out for 188 - Clontarf winners by 38 runs.

Sweet memories of 27 years ago tinged with sadness that neither Johnny or Neil are with us to share them with.

TJP

## Clontarf

1. F. Woods
2. R. O'Reilly
3. M. Traynor
4. D. Mullins
5. A. Synnott
6. C. Daly
7. B. Nolan
8. J. Barry
9. P. McCreedy
10. D. McCann
11. R. Collins

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## Merrion

1. E. Lewis
2. D. McKenna
3. A. Little
4. K. Allwright
5. J. O'Hagan
6. J. McGeedy
7. P. Neilsen
8. S. Donovan
9. L. Casey
10. A. Fleming
11. R. Clarke

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### Total Fall of Wickets

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## Kevin Harding- How is this for a pair ?

In 1946 the Indian touring team played Glamorgan in Cardiff. Peter Judge battled at number 11 for the home team, was bowled first ball by T. C. Clay and remained on the field in order to open the second innings.

Sarwate took the new ball and immediately clean bowled Judge for what was a most bizarre "King Pair".

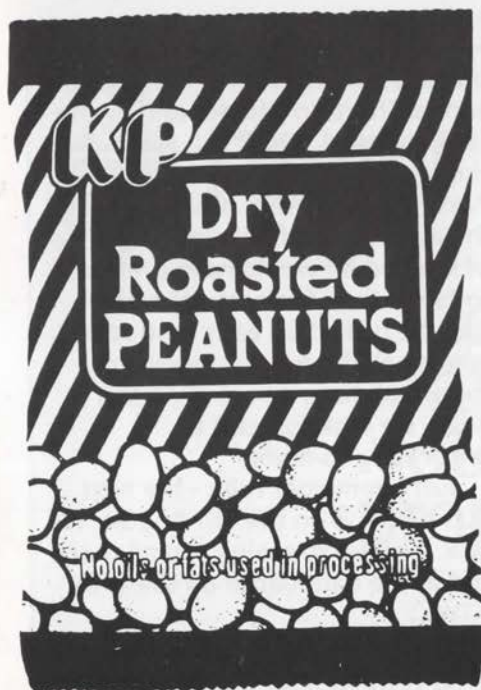
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# The Distaff Side

How many people have noticed the disappearance of the old green covers? For years they stood in the corner by the nets, only coming into service when Clontarf was hosting an international. Then suddenly, one day, they were gone. To many they were just a white (or should that be green?) elephant, but if covers could talk, what stories they would have told! Could they have been disposed of by someone with a guilty secret? Whatever the reason, the trysting place of years gone by, the venue for many furtive encounters, have disappeared. We can only wonder where the new young generation of "cool heads" adjourn to now on balmy Saturday nights. Suddenly the kids of a few years ago have become the "in crowd" of 1992. It makes the rest of feel very old. One only has to look at the vast hordes of eager young players on Monday afternoon and Friday nights to realise that the future of Clontarf is assured.

Speaking of the future of Clontarf, the younger generation of a few years ago seem to have settled down and have contributed to the recent baby boom. Every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, a steady stream of buggies can be seen, trundling around the ground. Scenes of bribery are frequently witnessed as harassed parents persuade able-bodied junior members to relieve them of their charges, and take control of their vehicles. Any business minded person could make a fortune running a club creche!

A recent Saturday night brought

some very interesting visitors to Clontarf - a Maori folk group en route to a festival in Cork. As they wandered into the club in ones and twos, a buzz of interest filled the bar - who are they? Where did they come from? Of particular interest to most of the males present was a young lady who stood head and shoulders above everyone in the room. When male Maori chests were suddenly exposed, our girls all sat up and took notice. Many male Clontarfites were disappointed that the females of the group didn't follow suit. The disappointment abated as the entertainment began in earnest. Soon Kiwi songs and Dublin ditties were filling the bar with some prominent club members trying for the role of choirmaster. A good night was had by all and a return visit of the Maoris is eagerly anticipated.

At time of going to print preparations are well in hand for our annual Shorts 'n' Shades and by the time you read this, it will all be over. Hopefully it was enjoyed by all. We're just sorry that it had to fall on the eve of a cup final. I'm sure some of the 2nd X1 would have preferred to "strut their funky stuff" rather than be tucked up early (and sober), missing all the fun. Seriously lads, congratulations on reaching this final - we look forward to celebrating to-night!

Just a reminder folks - the next club dinner is on the 7th August. We look forward to seeing you all there and at the barn dance on the 14th.

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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. Caprini	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. Filigas	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
M. P. Rea	19	31	2	60*	632	21.79	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
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	21	31	3	52*	534	19.27	1	4	2	11	—	—	8
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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Name	M	I	NO	HS	R	A	W	R	A	Ct	St	
E. H. Boddell	1966-70	6	4	2	7*	10	5.00	9	169	18.77	1	—
B. P. Bergin	1988	1	1	—	0	0	0.00	—	—	—	—	
J. B. Bunworth	1968-69	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	
M. A. Carroll	1966-69	3	3	—	16	27	9.00	—	—	—	1	
C. G. Daly	1981-85	5	5	3	12*	30	15.00	—	—	—	5	
J. Daly	1991	4	2	1	17*	26	26.00	—	—	—	4	
M. J. Delaney	1968-72	5	—	—	—	—	—	6	107	17.83	—	
N. P. Grier	1967-85	31	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. Kirvan	1966-85	25	11	7	6*	22	5.50	40	887	22.17	2	
A. McClean	1987-91	20	19	4	73	429	28.60	0	4	—	13	
E. A. McDermott	1970-88	61	56	7	108	1328	27.10	—	—	—	19	
S. B. McMullan	1966	1	1	—	9	9	9.00	—	—	—	—	
B. McNeice	1991	5	2	1	24	34	34.00	4	145	38.33	—	
F. O'Mahony	1989	4	3	1	35	45	22.50	1	63	63.00	1	
P. Prendergast	1991	1	1	—	11	11	11.00	—	—	—	—	
M. P. Rea NL & UT	1984-91	26	26	4	120	942	42.81	0	7	—	3	
D. A. Vincent	1983-91	36	35	2	145*	1361	41.24	0	25	—	9	
R. H. C. Waters	1967-76	16	14	1	104	368	28.30	—	—	—	5	

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From Year	Club	Pl	Won	Tied	Drew	Lost
1941	Carlisle	42	21	1	11	9
1981	CYM	19	12	–	3	4
1920	Dublin University	90	42	–	18	30
1920	Leinster	139	39	1	34	65
1953	Malahide	81	31	1	16	33
1926	Merrion	130	61	–	41	28
1990	Nth. County	4	3	–	1	–
1957	Old Belvedere	75	30	–	26	19
1920	Pembroke	148	48	1	34	65
1920	Phoenix	129	32	2	29	66
1920	Railway Union	111	67	–	17	27
1983	The Hills	16	8	1	3	4
1934	Y.M.C.A.	111	47	1	29	34

## All-Ireland Cup Results

Year	Opponents	Venue	Result	
1982	Bangor	A	L	
1983	St. Johnstone	A	L	
1984	Lurgan	H	L	
1985	Sion Mills	H	L	Bowl Out
1986	Limavaddy	H	W	
	Phoenix	A	L	
1987	Downpatrick	H	W	Bowl Out
	Merrion	A	W	
	Railway Union	H	L	
1988	North Down	H	L	Bowl Out
1989	Sion Mills	A	L	
1990	Brigade	H	W	
	Phoenix	H	W	
	Waringstown	H	W	
	Woodvale	A	W	
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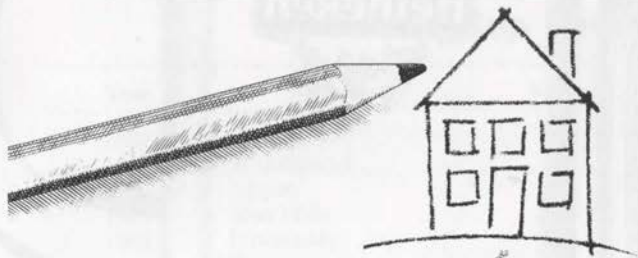
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N.B. The body will be cremated and ashes taken to Australia.

The above obituary was written in the 'Sporting Times' of Saturday 2nd. September 1882 following Australia's first defeat of England on English soil in August 1882. Although one hundred and ten years have since passed the story of this famous test match is worth re-calling.

Test matches had been played between the two countries since the 1876-77 season in Australia but the Oval test of 1882 was only the second contest in England.

The latter having won the previous encounter in 1880.

The Australian's under the captaincy of W.L. Murdoch, had started their tour on 15th May against Oxford University. Having played some thirty first class matches the finally opposed England, captained by A. N. Hornby at Kennington Oval on 28th. August.

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The visitors, having won the toss decided to bat even though the conditions were very damp. The decision proved to be disastrous and they were bowled out, shortly after 3pm for only sixty three runs. The English bowlers performed superbly making the most of Peate returned figures of 38-24-31-4.

England in reply fared little better and by the close of play on the first day had been dismissed for 101 - a lead of thirty eight. The star bowler for the Aussies was the "Demon" Spofforth who was in Magnificent form and secured seven wickets for forty six runs off 36.3 overs.

Australia started their second innings the following morning and the wicket played fairly easily for a time. Their openers H. H. Massie and A. C. Bannerman played with confidence and the former had scored fifty five out of an opening stand of sixty six when he was clean bowled by A. C. Steel. Wickets

then fell rapidly and the tourists slumped to ninety nine for six wickets.

S. P. Jones and W. L. Murdoch had moved the score to one hundred and ten when an "incident" occurred. Following a short single the ball was returned to the wicket where W.G. Grace picked it up close to the wicket and held it for two or three seconds. Jones left his crease to pat down the wicket. However no sooner had he done so, then the great man removed the bails from the wicket and appealed. The umpire is alleged to have said "if you claim it, sir, it is out". Jones had to walk much to the displeasure of many of the spectators. Australia's last three wickets fell cheaply and they were all out for one hundred and twenty two - a lead of eighty four. England's most successful bowlers were Peate, four for forty and Steel, two for fifteen.

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Spofforth's final analysis was 28-15-44-7 and H. F. Boyles figures were 20-11-19-3.

Hundreds of test matches have since been played between the two countries but it would be very

difficult to rival the excitement of this match. England was devastated, not least the newspapers. From praising their team's efforts on the first day to designating them as weak kneed who played worse than a schoolboy's eleven in defeat. Nothing has changed in the intervening years!

The "Ashes" legend was created the following year when England under Hon. Ivo Bligh won the test series. Some Melbourne ladies allegedly burned a bail and presented the ashes in an urn to the English captain. The urn rests at all times in the Long Room at Lords.

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## Where was Mr. Tuffery ?

This is a true story concerning the Australian cricketer George Giffen:

An appeal for LBW against Giffen was declined by the bowler's end umpire. However in playing at the ball Giffen went back on his wicket and dislodged a bail. Thereupon the wicket keeper appealed to the striker's end umpire who gave him out "hit wicket". Giffen, however, refused to go remarking to the umpire "what have you got to do with it, you should keep your mouth shut, the other umpire has given me not out, and I'm not going out". Heated exchanges took place between Giffen and the opposing captain, another Australian test player J. Blackham who threatened to take his team off the field. The laws of cricket were shown to Giffen, who after reading the law on hit wicket said "that law is wrong". The match continued after half an hour with Giffen remaining at the wicket. The result of the match is not known by the writer.

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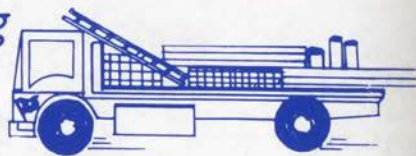
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