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Semi-final

Clontarf
V
Pembroke

Saturday 18th. July
11.00 a.m.

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Message from the President

On behalf of Clontarf Cricket Club it gives me great pleasure to welcome Aidan Dempsey and Pembroke Cricket Club to Castle Avenue to-day, for our meeting in the Sportsgear Semi-final.

Pembroke were the first winners of the Leinster Senior Cup in 1935 and it is interesting to record and acknowledge that one of its established players, Ronnie Byrne, has been associated with the sponsorship of this particular

competition over many years.

May both sides and supporters have an enjoyable day both on and off the field.

I wish also to take this opportunity to congratulate Gerry Kirwan on his magnificent achievement in recently passing the 1000 wicket mark in Leinster Senior League and Cup Cricket. He is only the third player in Dublin to do so, after Jimmy Boucher and Niall McConnell.

Tom Byrne
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Editorial

The 1992 season has seen most club sides performing well to date. Particular congratulations are due to Declan Mullin's 2nd X1, who lead their league and as we go to press are involved in a Cup semi-final with Civil service.

All is still to play for and today's Senior Cup semi-final sees the 1st X1 embark on a further step towards a league and cup double. Such talk, is always premature, not least in that today's opponents, welcome guests as ever, not alone pose a difficult challenge for today's match but are also our main rivals for league honours apart from today's cup match.

Pembroke under the inspiring leadership of Ronan Malin are playing particularly good cricket this year. Today's team uphold a proud tradition of fine play over many years. A glance elsewhere in today's programme will show any doubters exactly how well Pembroke have performed against Clontarf down the years.

Today's game promises a tough contest worthy of any semi-final and the result may well be in doubt to the very end. For our part while hoping for a home win we wish good luck to both sides. May good cricket be played and may the best side win.

1992 has seen some 1st X1 milestones achieved by individual members. Brian McNeill recently took his 100th senior wicket

while Deryck Vincent scored his 5000th run for the 1st X1 in Leinster senior cricket. Well done to both players.

Pride of place for personal achievement of course must go to Gerry Kirwan who took his 1000th wicket against Merriion.

This is quite a staggering performance with the wickets being taken at not much less than three per game. Gerry's play over the last 17 seasons is surely the most significant contribution to the 1st. X1s success by any one player.

Well done Gerry and long may you continue to confound batsmen. No doubt you take some pride in your performances but not half as much as your fellow players and members. You are a credit to the game and the Clontarf Club.

Finally a word about Michael Rea. Michael joined us from Trinity in 1989 and immediately settled down showing us exactly how good a player he is. In and out of the Irish side in recent years being drinks waiter (autograph hunter ?) as often as playing, this year Michael has finally fully established himself on the Irish X1. A string of good scores including 89 against Scotland and 74 against M.C.C. must surely have proved to the Irish selectors that Michael is every bit as good a player as we in Clontarf have been saying for years. Well done Michael, we delight in and take pride in your success which we hope goes from strength to strength.

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Clontarf Batting Averages

Name	Career	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Most	Runs	Average	100s	50s
M. P. Rea	1989-91	38	36	4	98	1448	45.25	—	14
R. H. C. Waters	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. Burnworth	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. Capranti	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	—	—

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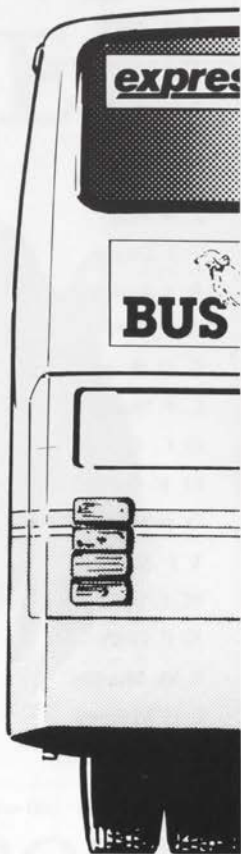
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	Career	Matches	Wickets	Runs	Average	5 Wkts in innings
G. A. Tyndall	1923-34	105	148	1488	10.05	8
E. N. Seymour	1922-31	79	129	1333	10.33	8
S. A. Martin	1932-35	38	108	1224	11.33	6
J. G. Aston	1920-28	77	155	1795	11.58	8
W. C. Pemberton	1925-50	94	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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	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	1986	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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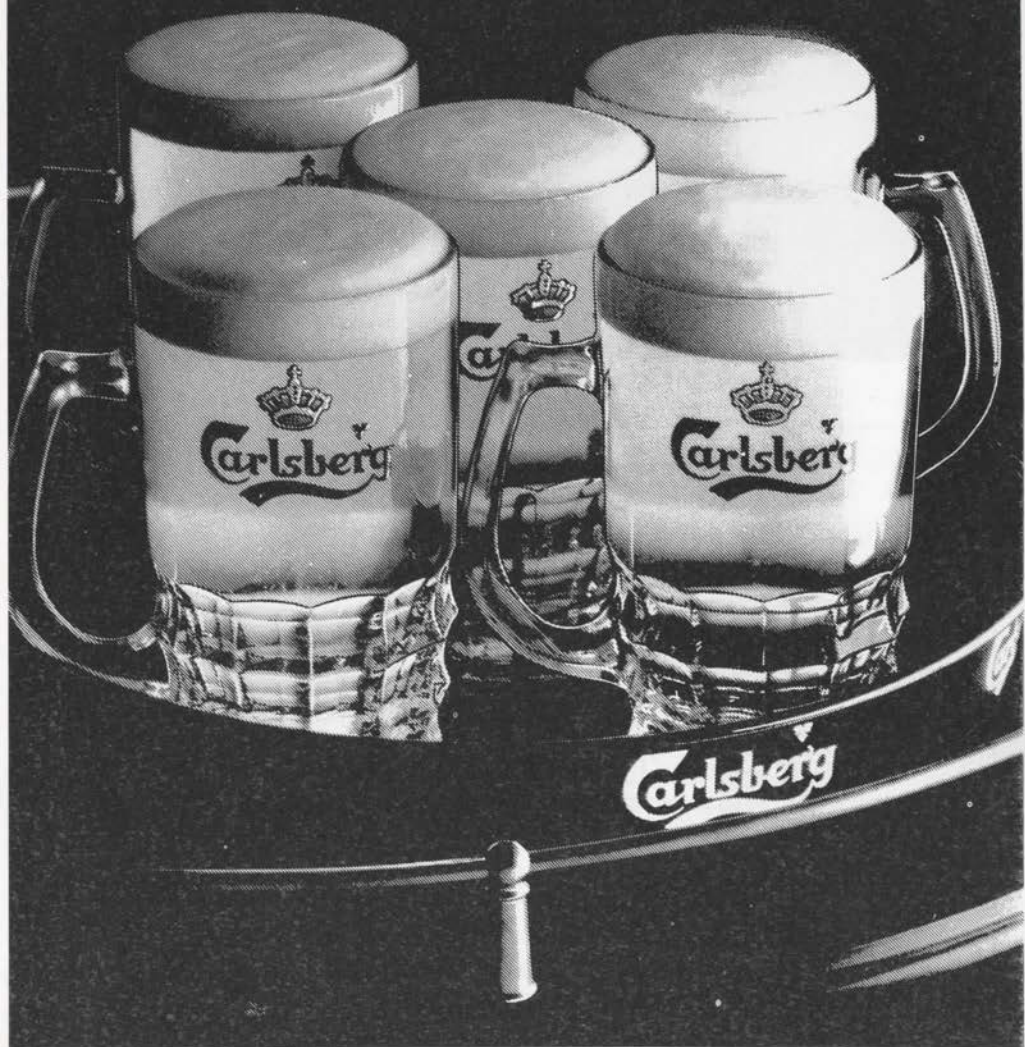


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A Durham Festival

The day dawned fine, warm and sunny. Durham had arrived to play Ireland in the 1st. round of the 1992 Natwest competition.

As the 10.30 start approached the heat increased, both of the day itself and the frantic last minute preparations. The bad news for the swelling crowd was that Ian Botham was injured and unable to play. Local interest was satisfied with the inclusion of our own local boy Michael Rea.

With the sun rising and a large crowd present all was set fair for a great day's cricket. Practice by both sides all completed, the respective captains, Stephen Walker for Ireland and David Graveney for Durham went to the middle to toss for innings. The toss completed the tannoy announced the good news. "Durham had won the toss and have elected to bat" an almost audible sigh of relief could be sensed as the crowd settled down for the days play. What if Ireland had been put in ? Best not think such thoughts.

While ground staff, officials and alickadoos scurried hither and thither umpires Shepherd and Balderstone took the field followed in close order by the Irish X1 and the Durham openers Wayne Larkins and John Glendenen.

Play progressed beautifully. An early Irish success was followed by a sparkling partnership of nearly 150 by Larkins and Australian test player

Dean Jones. It was strange to see Jones being overshadowed by Larkins in such a stand.

Cognoscenti suggested Jones was such a great player because although the acknowledge world no. 1 batsman in one day cricket he was unselfish enough to play second fiddle in the team interest with Larkins playing so well. Less charitable cynics muttered darkly "to much Guinness or golf or both."

No matter; a large attendance basked in hot sunshine soaking up runs beer and the sunshine itself, a rarity for Castle Avenue on international match days.

As a contest the game finished at lunchtime with Durham nearer 200 than 100. An eventual total or over 300 including a Larkins century proved too much for Ireland. Some defiant boundaries and shots of high calibre from our own Michael Rea promised a spirited reply but an in-swinging yorker from Simon "Wheatabix" Hughes stopped the fun. A few lusty blows from Junior McBrine and it was all over.

Trevor Bailey, the famous England test all rounder presented the man of the match award although he seemed alone in his view. Most felt Wayne Larkins with 109 had set up the Durham victory and his innings seemed better value than a few runs at the end of the Durham innings and a few cheap wickets taken as spirited Irish batting gave a sorry performance. No doubt the great man saw more in Steve McEwans play than mere Irish club players could perceive.

There you are; McEwan man of the match. Ah well, such are the varying views we all have of every cricket match.

Enough carping, we had a great day. Spectators, players, officials and the myriads of schoolboys pressed about the pavilion and enclosure. By now the "Great Man" had arrived and was holding court. His patience was sorely tried. Everyone wanted to shake his hand, buy him a drink or engage him in banal conversation. Perfect strangers jostled him and addressed him as though they knew him for years. "Ian this" and "Ian that" but throughout he smiled and stayed relaxed and very friendly posing for any number of photographs.

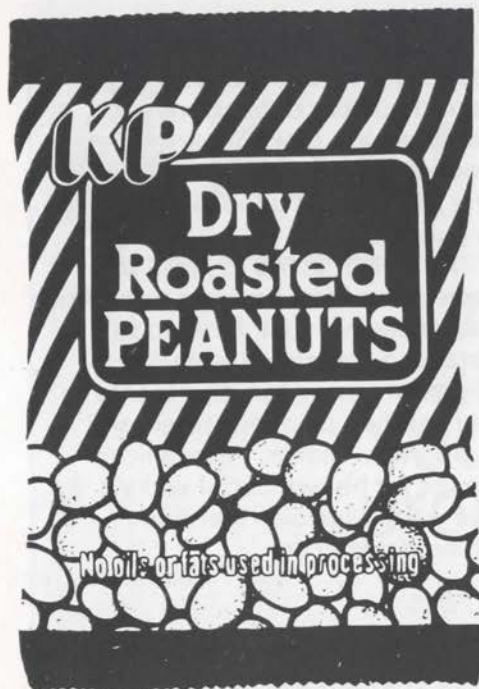
As the sun set most dispersed but

some of us tarried late. Tired alickadoos and officials relaxed discussing the day. The pluperfect subjunctive was let loose. "If only" and other such phrases were heard as tongues were loosened by the national brew. A kind soul put matters in perspective.

"Look, we had the biggest ever attendance at Castle Avenue, Durham made 300 plus and by the time Ireland batted nobody was too bothered"

A little harsh perhaps. A most enjoyable day, in perfect hot sunshine enjoyed by all may be a fairer view.

At least this time the flag wasn't stolen!



Ireland's No.1 Nut

The Distaff Side

It is with some trepidation that I embark again on my journalistic career. Just as people have accepted that it is safe to talk to me, without fear of recrimination, I have to pick up the poison pen and shatter their illusions.

Obviously, as far as Clontarf Cricket Club are concerned, the highlight of the season to date was the Nat West game between Ireland and Durham. The day dawned bright and clear, as, from houses all around Clontarf, willing helpers poured to Castle Avenue to lend a hand with the preparations for the big day. This was the culmination of weeks of work. Members could be seen standing in the carpark, listening to the marquee gently flapping in the breeze and the hum of various machines - revelling in the beauty and the atmosphere that is Clontarf on a "big day."

The trickle of early supporters became a steady stream and soon the club was host to what must have been the biggest crowd seen at the club. An early end to the game and the beautiful weather led bar profits to soar, as contented groups of people sat until the edge of dark outside the pavilion and around the ground. This is perfect setting for an eagle-eyed pen pusher to observe the formation of new liaisons, but, on this occasion, it was more interesting to watch the repercussions of old liaisons. I marvelled at the ability of one member of the men's 1st. X1 to cope with the presence of six ex-girlfriends

all standing in a twenty yard space in front of the pavilion. If looks could kill, there could have been a lot more than litter to be cleaned up the following day ! The same gentleman could be seen, at a recent mid-week match, parading a new lady friend around the ground. Will it be a toss-up between Willie and Nunivak to see who his partner for the next Club dinner will be ?

If the Nat West crowd broke records in Clontarf then the same must be said for the attendance at a recent ladies 3rd. X1 game, when the men's club captain put in a guest appearance as umpire. His thoughts on the game he has kept to himself, but spectators saw a definite improvement in his golf swing at square leg as the game progressed. Do a few more games, Enda, and you'll give Nick Faldo a run for his money !

The Beck's night held by the ladies was a huge success with a record number of hangovers reported. We look forward to seeing you all at the shorts 'n' shades on the 24th. July. A good night is guaranteed !

At time of going to press, the ladies have been having a successful season and we look forward to retaining / regaining as much silverware as we can. Our thanks to our coaches, umpires, scorers and supporters. Thanks, especially, to Podge for his wonderful wickets. By the way Podge did I mention schoolgirl matches? ?

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E. H. Boddell	6	10	5	11*	25	5.00	10	175	40	489	11	44.45	1
J. D. Capranti	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	1	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

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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. Burworth	1968-69	27	25	6	103*	390	20.52	—	—	—	—	
M. R. Bunworth	1973-84	7	6	2	8	29	7.25	3	159	53.00	9	—
F. J. Carroll	1967-73	17	9	2	20*	96	13.71	—	—	—	17	—
M. A. Carroll	1966-69	3	3	—	16	27	9.00	—	—	—	—	—
C. G. Daly	1981-85	5	5	3	12*	30	15.00	—	—	—	5	—
J. Daly	1991	4	2	1	17*	26	26.00	—	—	—	4	1
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	
	Lurgan	Rathmines	L	Final
1991	Brigade	A	W	
	Woodvale	H	W	
	Lurgan	A	L	

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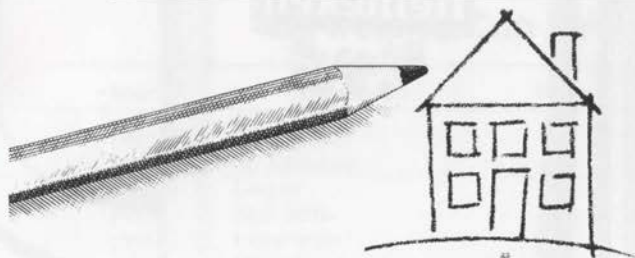
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N.B. The body will be cremated and ashes taken to Australia.

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.

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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England started their final innings at 3.40pm. They lost two early wickets but both W. G. Grace and G. Ulyett playing easily brought the score to 51 when Spofforth had the latter caught. "W. G." followed two runs later. Amid mounting excitement the wickets continued to fall mainly to the splendid bowling of the "demon" Spofforth. Eventually at ten minutes before six o'clock the last man Peate was bowled for two and England were all out seventy seven runs. Australia had won by seven runs.

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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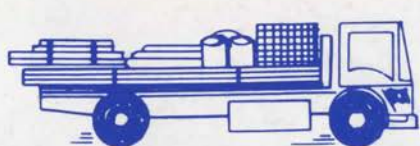
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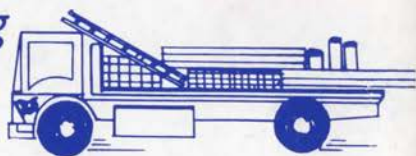
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