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**Railway Union**

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# Message from the President

A warm welcome is extended to our visitors, Railway Union, otherwise known as The Wheeltappers and Shunters. They are, of course, old friends and many results from previous year's encounters are excellently chronicled elsewhere in this programme, courtesy of Derek Scott. Many thanks Derek for your article.

Both clubs have started the Wiggins Teape campaign by each winning two matches and to-day we look forward to a close and enjoyable contest.

Congratulations to Enda McDermott and the 1st X1 and to Brian Bergin's

4th X1 on winning the Leinster Senior and Intermediate Cups. Both teams have a mixture of youth and experience and this blend contributed in no small way in both their cup campaigns. The two trophies have been absent from Castle Avenue for a number of years and it is great to have them back. Well done to one and all.

A special word of thanks is due to all our supporters who attend our matches whether at home or away. I know that your encouragement is appreciated by all the players. May you continue to celebrate success.

**Tom Byrne**  
*President*  
*Clontarf Cricket Club*

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# Railway Union V Clontarf, 1920 to 1991

By Derek Scott

The league began in 1919 with Railway Union as founder member. Clontarf joined in 1920 having had a ground problem in 1919. Clontarf have played continuously since but not so Railway Union. After the 1930 season they removed themselves, or were removed, rejoining Senior ranks in 1945.

The knock out cup began in 1935 and the Wiggins Teape league in 1974. 111 matches have been played and the results have been as follows :-

League	At Park Ave.			At Castle Ave.			Total		
	P	W	D L	P	W	D L	P	W	D L
Wiggins Teape	9	-	9	5	1	- 4	14	1	- 13
Cup	6	3	- 3	3	2	- 1	10	5	- 5
	56	14	8 34	54	13	9 32	111	27	17 67

One cup match, the final of 1950, was played at Rathmines which is why 6 + 3 = 10 in cup figures above !

The highest score by Railway Union is 242 at Park Avenue in a 1951 league match, the lowest 34 also at Park Avenue in 1926. Clontarf made 366 in a cup match at Park Avenue in 1957 and their lowest was 40 at Castle Avenue in 1923.

Clontarf have many long winning sequences. 10 wins in a row, 1949-'53; 10 league wins in a row 1977-'81, broken by a cup defeat; no defeats at Castle Avenue in 15 matches 1965-'81; won first eight Wiggins Teape matches; no Senior League defeats in 14 matches at Castle Avenue, 1965 -'87.

Only twice have Railway Union won two matches in one season, 1921 and 1959. Clontarf have done this 19 times, of which there were three wins in a season (two league and one cup). This latter feat in 1950, 1952 and 1957. From 1977 for five seasons there were two league wins to Clontarf in each season.

Railway have only managed three centuries all at home and all in League. K. P. Tanham 112 in 1951 and two for B. A. O'Brien, 108\* in 1968 and 102 in 1972.

L. C. Jacobson (103\*) scored the first Clontarf century in 1950 at Park Avenue. J. D.

Caprani scored 119\* in 85 minutes at Park Avenue in 1951 in the same match as K. P. Tanham's 112 for Railway. In 1964 M. A. Carroll got to 124 at Castle Avenue, the first, and to date only, century at this venue by either team. In 1975 J. B. Bunworth scored 107\* at Park Avenue followed in 1983 by E. A. McDermott's 130\* at the same venue, this being the highest individual score by either side.

So if the match tally is 67 for Clontarf and 27 for Railway, at least the century tally is only 5 to 3. Since 1975 the cup tally is 4 to 1 in Railway's favour.

All Railway's bowling feats were in the past. R. A. Hart 7-48, home in 1920. E. Hool, 7-17, in 1921 and 8-20 in 1923, both at Castle Avenue. L. A. Bookman, 8-23, away, in 1924. After a long gap J. E. Pigot had 8-22 in 1958 at Castle Avenue. On his debut for Railway in 1925 H. R. Owen took 5-27 at Park Avenue. G. P. Harvey brought his career to an end -v-Clontarf at Park Avenue in 1964 by taking 5 for 56.

The Clontarf bowling feats are three times as numerous. J. G. Aston 8-17 in 1920 away and 6-1 in 1924 at home; A. R. White 7-39 at home in 1923; E. N. Seymour 5-6 in 1926 and 4-9 in 1927, both away; in 1930 W. C. Pemberton (5-13) and G. A. Tindale (5-11) divided the wickets at Park Avenue; R. J. Furlley had 8-28 away in 1947. In 1948 C. J. Bugess took 6-17 at Castle Avenue and J. W. Hill 7-17 at Park Avenue.

P. D. Little on debut at Castle Avenue in 1949 took 5-12.

D. F. Fitzgerald had 7-30 away in 1952. E. H. Bodell 7-49 at Castle Avenue in 1956 and a hat trick, the only one in the series for either team, in his 6-29 at Park Avenue in 1961.

One year later F. J. Carroll, before taking to wicket-keeping, took 7-62 at home; N. P. Grier 7-46, away, in the Wiggins Teape match in 1974, closely followed by M. J. Delaney 7-36, at home, in the same league in 1975. Finally, the youthful F. O'Mahony took 7-40 at home in 1988.

Four victims for wicket-keepers is the best for either team. F. J. Miller and D. F. Byrne for Railway and P. J. Bourke, F. J. Carroll (after he gave up bowling) and C. Daly for Clontarf.

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In a club match in Melbourne a bowler appealed for LBW. "Not out" replied the umpire. Whereupon the bowler called him a cheat and connected with a beautiful uppercut to the point of the jaw. The batsman who had been given not out was of immense stature, and being a great friend of the umpire, dropped his bat, rushed at the bowler and proceeded to throttle him. The other players had great difficulty in releasing the bowler from the powerful grasp of the indignant batsman. It is recorded that the match finished at this juncture.

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# The Distaff Side

Well, the cup final turned out to be the quiet little non-event we all expected, didn't it ?

I'm sure, at this stage, that everything i could say about that day has already been said - we all run out of superlatives at times.

Congratulations to all the lads on their brilliant performance - we look forward to many seasons of the same ! The dreams of the past few years have finally become a reality.

The men's 1st X1 aren't the only success story of the season to date. It was wonderful to see Brian Bergin (the blushing, bashful captain of the 4th. X1) arrive triumphantly in the club with the Intermediate cup. (Early worries about what he would fill it with proved unfounded - it was an alcoholic beverage !)

I'm sorry to relate that the ladies 1st X1's eight year reign as senior cup holders was brought to an end by Y.M.C.A. in a nail-biting encounter in North Kildare. It had to happen eventually, I suppose. However, congratulations are due to all the players who have kept the cup in Castle Avenue for so many years. The firsts are currently at the top of their league and doing well in the 40 overs. We can get the cup back next year !

Affairs of the heart seem to be high on everyone's list of topics of conversation. Congratulations to Flipper and Brenda on their recent engagement. Rumours that this has put severe pressure on his brother are, of course, without foundation. At least Flipper now has a cup

winners medal to show the grandchildren in years to come !

The arrival of hordes of foreign students is often a source of discontent in Dublin. Not so in Clontarf, where they are welcomed with open arms. The arrival of a young Italian lady in the club has brought a gleam to the eyes of many. Some of the lads have been trying for a place at the top of the queue to buy her a drink, take her to Leeson Street etc. One mother in the club, very concerned by her son's bachelor status, has tried to get the wheels of romance in motion but to no avail (so far). Watch this space for further details.

The final "bar dinner" was held on the 7th. August. These have been a great success and seem to have been enjoyed by all. We look forward to holding many more next season. It's always interesting to see exactly who will arrive with whom - and why ?! Numerous panic stricken phone-calls have been reported around Clontarf as members scratch for "dates" for the night. The fact that they are usually successful is a source of constant amusement and admiration.

Finally folks, a few social remainders. The ladies supper is on the 11th. of September. We look forward to a good night - preparations for the night's entertainment are well in hand. We also hope to hold another Becks night - for those who missed the last one. More anon !

*Stella Downes*



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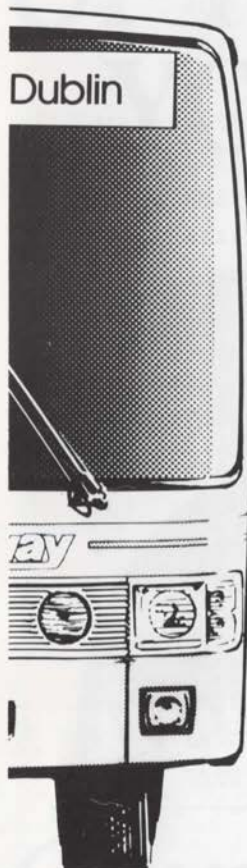
## Clontarf Batting Averages

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. 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. Moyvan	1945-55	121	119	20	122	2745	27.72	3	12
J. B. Bunworth	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. Caprari	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. Qualification: 1,200 runs in Senior League and Cup competitions since 1920.



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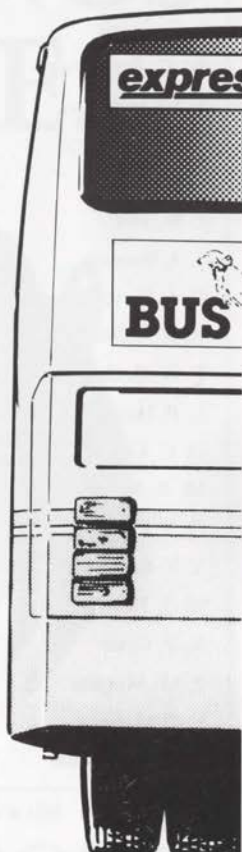
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## Clontarf Bowling Averages

	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
E. 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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## Best Recorded Clontarf Batting Partnerships

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 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
1991	M. P. Rea 57



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No player has scored a century and taken five wickets in a match for either side. Railway have had four good all round performers, K.P. Tanham, 59 and 5-44, in 1948 away; M. N. Brennan (later to play for Clontarf) 60\* and 5-63 at home in 1956. A year later at Park Avenue G. P. Harvey had a 53 and 5-67 double. 11 years later, in the cup, J. A. O'Meara scored 55 and took 5-52 at Castle Avenue.

Clontarf's two such performances were 62 years apart. S. Davenport, 69\* and 6-39 at Castle Avenue in 1922 and N. P. Grier, 63 and 5-62 in 1984 also at home.

Man-of-the-Match awards in the cup favour Railway Union four to one, indicative of Railway's recent series of cup wins over Clontarf. B. A. O'Brien (1975), J. A. O'Meara (1977) and two for A. Noone (1981 and 1986) were Railway's winners while P. McCready in 1987 was Clontarf's sole success.

Obviously in 111 matches there have been games of many hues, low scores, high scores, close finishes and "might have beens".

Clontarf pretty well dominated the 1920's before Railway's demise after the 1930 season. The scores were mostly low, Clontarf getting over 200 once. Clontarf won twice in 1920, forty wickets falling for 308 runs. Railway returned the double win compliment in 1921, one win being 10 runs. Railway's 96 in 1923 was good enough to win by 56 runs ! A tight match in 1925 saw Railway home by five runs, 62 to 57! Clontarf were league winners in 1926 by the margin of one win. They must have been worried when out for 65 at Park Avenue. No problem, Railway made 34.

In 19 matches in this period only one individual score of 50 was made by a Railway batsman. M. C. O'Donoghue (a hockey international) getting 73 in 1927.

On Railway's return in 1945 the match at Castle Avenue was the eighth played by them in that year. In the previous seven Railway had gone over 100 once (just !). Much to everyone's surprise, most of all the Railway batsmen, they amassed 231 for 7, won by 75 runs and lost a low scoring return match by only eight runs.

In 1948 at Castle Avenue it was Railway's turn to win a close finish. Railway's 83 for two

became 117 all out while, in reply, Clontarf's 91 for three became 110 all out. C. Burgess ended his career by taking 6-17 for Clontarf.

In 1949 Clontarf lost only three wickets (166-3 dec.) but lost the game by the same number. Railway were 101 for seven. Cooper and Hill bowled right through the next partnership (J. Tanham and the unlikely figure of J. D. Louth) but failed to take another wicket.

1950 saw Clontarf win three times, one being the cup final in Rathmines, Railway's second successive defeat at the final stage. Clontarf were 35 for three. Then D. N. Sell was dropped and made 67. The win was by 180 to 104. To win the Cup Railway had to wait another 17 years.

A magnificent match was played at Park Avenue in 1951. Clontarf got 248-7 dec. and beat Railway by six runs in just under five hours cricket. Caprani hit 119\* in 85 minutes with 5 x 6 and 14 x 4. Dempsey and K. Tanham raced to 60 in eight overs in reply. Later on D. Tubbert and Tanham added 102 with Tanham reaching 102 in 100 minutes. The tail wagged but Little and Bodell saw their team home. A year later Railway were destroyed in the same match. Out for 45 they lost by 10 wickets.

In 1955 Railway, through Pigot and Brennan, shot Clontarf out for 50 at Castle Avenue and won by 124 runs.

In 1956 Clontarf finished third with Railway in next place but Clontarf had a double league win with some ease.

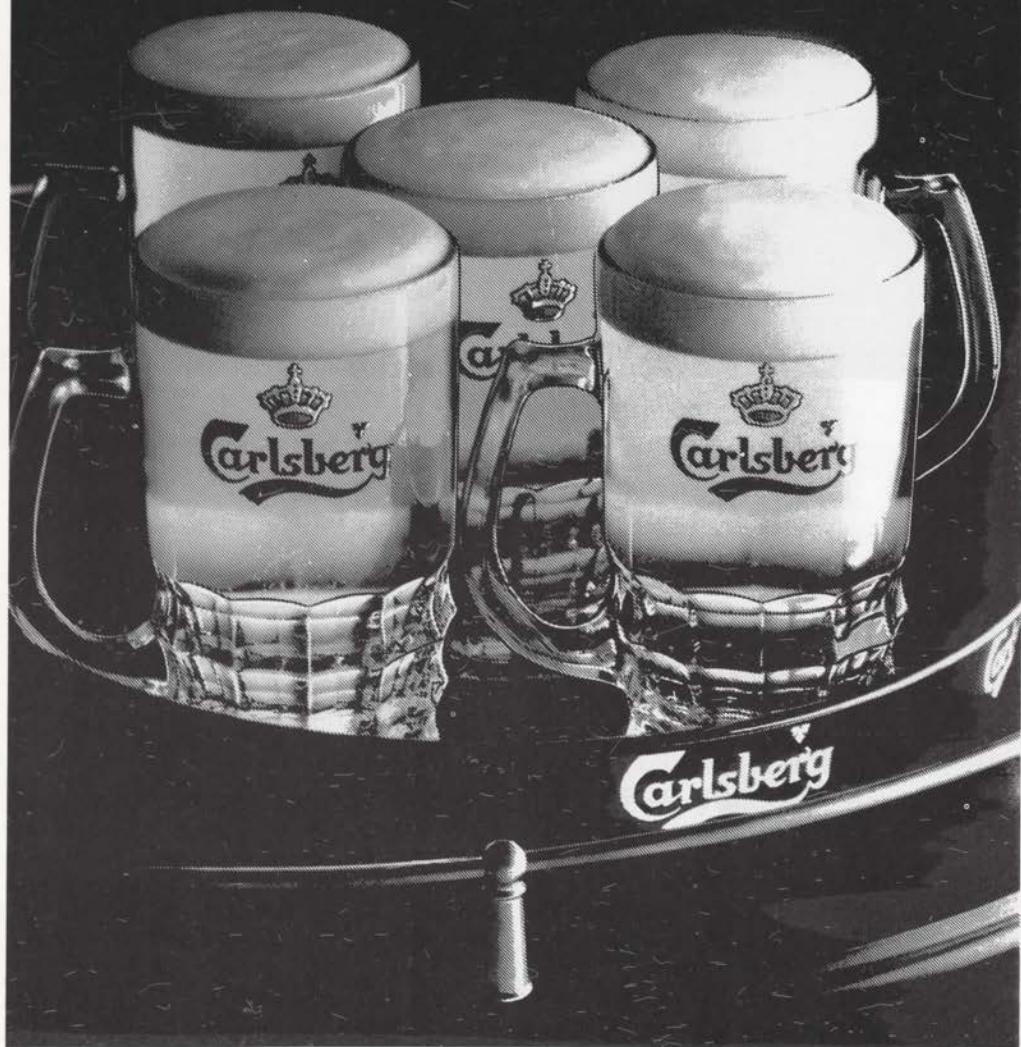
One year later Clontarf successfully chased 192 at Park Avenue and won by two wickets, the last 28 coming in four overs from V. Savino and C. J. Dixon. The win was achieved off the second last ball. In the same year the cup matches produced the best aggregate of all, a win for Clontarf by 366 to 209 at Park Avenue.

D. Sweeney top scored for Clontarf at Castle Avenue in 1958. He made 16 out of 56 in a nine wicket defeat. The aforementioned Sweeney repeated this feat in 1959. This time it was 22 out of 110 in a 77 run defeat.

1960 was Railway's golden year wherein they won the league for the first time. A fourth successive win was completed over Clontarf.

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Clontarf followed Railway as 1961 champions and beat Railway in both league matches but lost to them in the cup. Clontarf were the seventh different club to win the league in seven years.

The 1961 Park Avenue match was a two run victory by the visitors. Clontarf's 105 did not look enough when Railway were 91 for three. Then Hughes took two wickets with successive balls. 91 for 5. Bodell took a wicket at 94 and at 99. Bodell did a hat trick with the first three balls of an over. The middle victim Harvey was brilliantly caught by G. Carroll running back towards long-on.

Next season (1962) Railway staggered to a three wicket win at Park Avenue having dismissed Clontarf for 50. Railway went on to win their second league by a fraction.

1963-'64 was the lowest point in Clontarf's history. They entered it by beating Railway in 1963. There followed 22 matches without a win. The dark cloud rose in August 1964 with a one wicket win at Park Avenue. Railway had won seven in a row and were looking league champions (they finished third). Facing 147 for 7 Clontarf were 116 for 5 but 145 for 9. Then Kirwan survived three balls and Bodell hit the winning four.

A massive 10 wicket Clontarf victory in 1967 was notable for Robin Waters being 95 and M. A. Carroll 17, when Railway's 116 was passed.

Railway's defence of their 1967 cup win ended by 19 runs at Castle Avenue in the 1968 semi final. Clontarf's 187 for 3 became 201 all out in 94 overs. Railway were 135 for 8. Frank Whelan had at that point scored one run in Senior cricket. Now he scored 31 and only two comprehensive run outs ended the challenge.

A month later B. Donnelly and F. Cheatle, the last pair, held out at Castle Avenue for 10 overs allowing Railway to draw the match.

B. A. O'Brien achieved his only five wicket haul (5 for 48) when Railway won at Park Avenue in 1970.

In July 1971 Railway chased 201 at Park Avenue and won by two wickets. Then the lights went out for Railway in the league against Clontarf. There was a win in 1976 and 1987 in the league and a Wiggins Teape win in 1982. For Clontarf there were 26 wins

(including 10 in a row) and two draws.

Railway's consolation was in the cup. There were four successive wins in 1975-'77-'81-'86 until, in 1987, a cup match went Clontarf's way.

The 1975 cup win at Park Avenue was by 12 runs in "the year of the wet wicket". Tell me, asked Podge Hughes, a week later, "did you ever get any rice off that pitch?" The 1977 cup win was by six wickets chasing 189, The next two wins were at Castle Avenue, by 39 runs in 1981 and by five runs in 1986 when G. Kirwan failed in a brief encounter with D. Tipping's bowling which was "dripping with stuff". When Clontarf did break the cup spell they did so by dismissing Railway for 93 in 1987.

Revert now to 1972 and a great moment of Senior League drama. It was September 9th. when Clontarf came to Park Avenue. Whichever club won would win the league. O'Brien got 102 out of 151 for 6 but P. Murphy and R. Bunworth saw Clontarf to the league title by three wickets when seven were down and a bit to do.

When Railway did break the losing league spell in 1976 it was by one wicket at Park Avenue. J. Mackenzie, playing his only match of the season scored 9\* with D. Tanham 3\*.

In 1980 it needed a few runs from the last pair of John Nolan and Gerry Kirwan to win a Wiggins Teape match at Park Avenue for Clontarf.

The second break in Railway's losing sequence occurred in 1982 at Castle Avenue in a Wiggins Teape match. When G. Guthrie faced the last over from L. P. Hughes 17 were required from six balls and two wickets. Guthrie got them including a hooked six to the score box. This was Railway's first league win at Castle Avenue since 1965.

Railway's last moment of glory was in 1987 in the league at Castle Avenue. The O'Briens, uncle and nephew, made light of Clontarf's 183 for eight.

Assuming the fixture list to be as now I reckon that the Clontarf credit balance of wins, which is 40 as of 1991, can only be reversed in or about the year 3000. That is when the next article should be written.

# Clontarf

1. M. P. Rea
2. D. A. Vincent
3. A. McClean
4. B. McNeice
5. E. A. McDermott
6. B. P. Bergin
7. J. Fitzpatrick
8. J. Daly
9. F. O'Mahony
10. J. Barry
11. G. A. Kirwan

EXTRAS


# Railway Union

1. D. O'Brien
2. B. O'Brien
3. S. Boylan
4. P. Delany
5. R. Guthrie
6. G. O'Meara
7. G. O'Brien
8. S. Grehan
9. A. Corcoran
10. P. Byrne
11. R. Green

EXTRAS


## Total Fall of Wickets

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**Jim McGeehan**  
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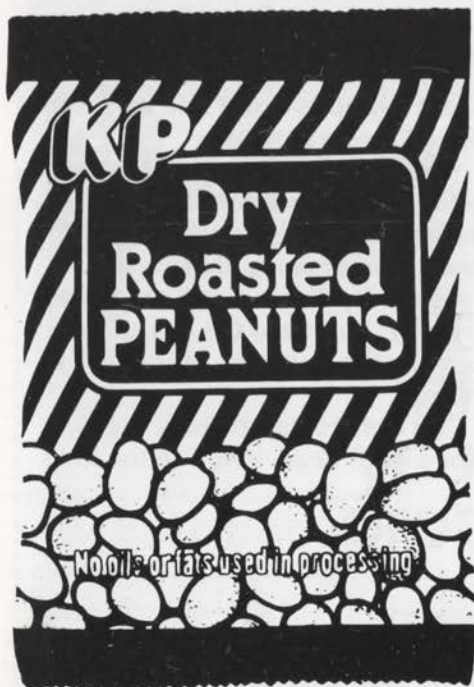
Jim McGeehan played his first game of cricket against North Wicklow on a Rugby pitch in Greystones in 1989 for Clontarf 6th.

On Saturday 21st July 1992 Jim played for the 1st against Railway and during the game claimed 3 victims off the bowling of our 1000+ wkt star Gerry Kirwan (2 catches & 1 stumping).

The funny thing about this story is that the first time Jim ever **met** or **saw** Gerry was on the Saturday of the game in Railway - and after two trial balls before Railway's innings was happy to say to Gerry I can read you okay - no problem !

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# Clontarf Cricket Club

by Gerard Siggins

There are certain events which, with the benefits of hindsight, we can point to as epoch-making moments. Some are obvious at the time, like the assassination of JFK, some less so, like Charlie Haughey falling off that horse...

In sport, we can often point to moments where the pattern and direction of games, seasons and careers were inexorably changed. Since Saturday, August 1st. many will have wondered whether they were witness to such a moment.

When Alan Lewis carved Johnny Fitzpatrick to cover, and when Brian McNiece heroically clung on to the ball, the destiny of the 1992 Sportsgear Cup was assured, in the minds - and on the lips - of many. But even more than just that single trophy, the whole direction of Leinster cricket seems to have shifted.

The game in our province has always seemed to follow a dynastic course - in the last 25 years Old Belvedere, Malahide, Phoenix, Leinster and YMCA have had their seasons in the sun. YM's lasted longer than most - seven cups since 1984 - but the evidence is there of a slipping of the crown.

It would be a foolish man that would write off any side which features six Irish internationals still in their 20's but I believe Clontarf (1992 model) are ready to take over the mantle.

I'm sure no-one needs reminding

of last year's league double, and this year's imminent league and cup double. And of course the vanquishing of YMCA was followed by a ten wicket hammering in the Wiggins Teape. As one Sandymount sage crowed last Monday, you'd never bet against YM's first four batsmen scoring 200. But you'd always bet on Clontarf's first four chasing it !

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Gerard Siggins is Sports Editor of  
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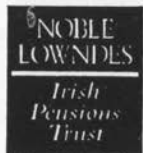
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## Clontarf International Players

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	1948	2	—	3	3	1.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
W. E. Haughton	1947-53	5	—	25	46	5.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
J. W. Hill	1946-51	14	21	27*	138	11.50	23	296	77	709	32	22.15	1
N. B. Hool	1947-57	13	21	27	171	15.54	21	282	60	801	27	29.66	4
L. P. Hughes	1965-78	13	21	35	159	10.60	21	257.3	67	763	15	50.86	11
L. C. Jacobson	1947-59	12	22	101	358	18.84	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
G. A. Kirwan	1983	2	2	0*	0	0.00	3	29	11	91	2	45.50	—
G. H. McCormack	1908	1	1	6	6	6.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
†E. A. McDermott	1981-82	10	15	80	378	25.20	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
N. C. Mahony	1947-53	9	17	42	299	18.68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. J. Morgan	1934	1	1	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. C. Pemberton	1923-28	4	7	31	55	13.75	5	111	26	263	5	52.60	1
M. P. Rea	1988-91	19	31	60*	632	21.79	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
E. N. Seymour	1927-28	3	5	3	9	1.08	6	45	9	147	4	36.75	1
M. H. Stevenson	1951-64	11	20	80	467	25.94	1	4	—	27	—	—	4
D. A. Vincent	1986-91	21	31	52*	534	19.27	1	4	2	11	—	—	8
R. H. C. Waters	1968-69	11	18	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. 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	—
J. Daly	4	2	1	17*	26	26.00	—	—	—	4	1
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	20	19	4	73	429	28.60	0	4	—	13	—
E. A. McDermott	1970-88	56	7	108	1328	27.10	—	—	—	19	—
S. B. McMullan	1966	1	1	9	9	9.00	—	—	—	—	—
B. McNeice	1991	5	2	24	34	34.00	4	145	38.33	—	—
F. O'Mahony	1989	4	3	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	120	942	42.81	0	7	—	3	—
D. A. Vincent	1983-91	36	35	145*	1361	41.24	0	25	—	9	—
R. H. C. Waters	1967-76	16	14	104	368	28.30	—	—	—	5	—

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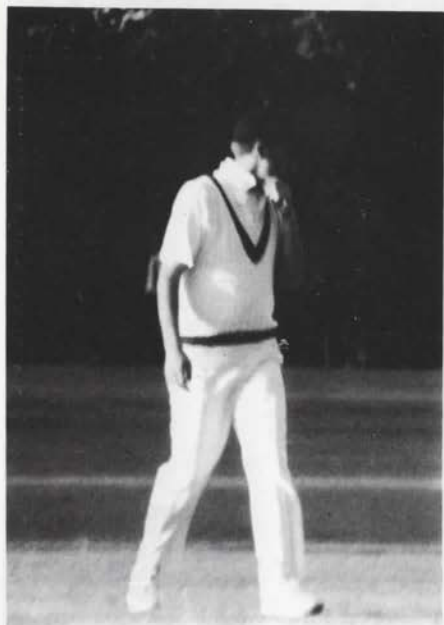
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From Year	Club	Pl	Won	Tied	Drew	Lost
1941	Carlisle	42	21	1	11	9
1981	CYM	19	12	-	3	4
1920	Dublin University	90	42	-	18	30
1920	Leinster	139	39	1	34	65
1953	Malahide	81	31	1	16	33
1926	Merrion	130	61	-	41	28
1990	Nth. County	4	3	-	1	-
1957	Old Belvedere	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
1986	Limavaddy	H	W
	Phoenix	A	L
1987	Downpatrick	H	W
	Merrion	A	W
	Railway Union	H	L
1988	North Down	H	L
1989	Sion Mills	A	L
1990	Brigade	H	W
	Phoenix	H	W
	Waringstown	H	W
	Woodvale	A	W
	Lurgan	Rathmines	L
1991	Brigade	A	W
	Woodvale	H	W
	Lurgan	A	L

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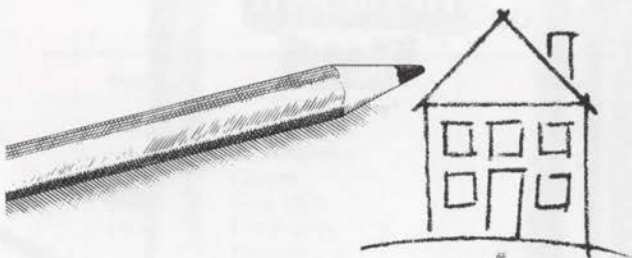
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The above obituary was written in the 'Sporting Times' of Saturday 2nd. September 1882 following Australia's first defeat of England on English soil in August 1882. Although one hundred and ten years have since passed the story of this famous test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

*N. B. In those days the over consisted of four balls.*



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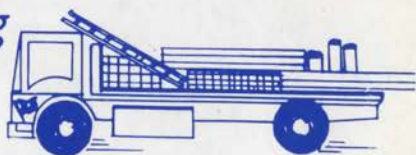
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