

**Wiggins Teape  
League**

**Clontarf  
V  
Y.M.C.A.**

MONDAY 3rd. August  
1.30 p.m.

at Castle Avenue  
Clontarf





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# Message from the President

To-day as Clontarf play their first match in the Wiggins Teape League we welcome Y.M.C.A. to Castle Avenue. Both clubs have been vying for honours in Cup and League competitions over the past few years and it is fair to say that the Claremont Road young men have had the advantage on us. However, who can forget last years Wiggins Teape final in Malahide, which was tied? Unfortunately the weather again intervened in the reply and the trophy was shared.

This is our 2nd. meeting in three days, having contested the Cup final last Saturday and my sincere wish is that both games will be closely contested and enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

I would like to congratulate Tom Prior, Enda McDermott and Dermot Gunn for the excellent production of this programme. I know that they have put many hours of hard work in bringing it to press. Many thanks lads.

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# Editorial

Today the 1st XI open their defence of the Wiggins Teape League. It is appropriate that today's game is against recent arch rivals Y.M.C.A. with whom we shared this trophy in 1991. The tied 1991 final at Malahide was a titanic struggle between two well matched teams. The rained off replay even probed the realistic possibility of yet another tie ?

As outright winners in 1990 we in Clontarf would of course maintain we retained our title in 1991 ! No doubt both sides will be very keen to set the record straight in 1992. Whatever the outcome of today's game both sides will have reasonable expectations of qualifying for the semi-final stage where they will **not** meet. 1992 therefore holds out the prospect of a repeat of the 1991 final.

Such a prospect is an attractive incentive for both teams.

This is a great year for Clontarf with half of our sides reaching their respective finals.

As we go to press here's wishing Enda and his team every success in the Park against to-days opponents.

Declan Mullins and his young team have ever right to feel proud at reaching the Senior 2 final only to lose to Merrion in what eventually ended up as a tight encounter.

Our mature 4th eleven captained by Brian Bergin are in their final in Rush against Belvedere next Saturday  
*- Best of luck Brian*

There are many young players blossoming this year and this is a superb tribute to the work of John Lyon who has done so much to bring on our younger players.

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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. Moyran	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. Caprani	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	—	9
G. M. Carroll	1950-64	128	114	13	72*	1518	15.02	1	4
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. Bodeill	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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## 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 (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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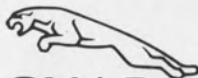
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## **"1000 Wickets and all that" An appreciation of a great bowler, Gerry Kirwan.**

What can you say about such a bowler as Gerry that has not already been said and probably more eloquently. Not a lot I suppose but in the course of this article I would like to try and convey something of the man rather than just set down some record of his bowling figures over the years. Statistical data can be found elsewhere in this brochure, but the figures merely hint at Gerry's performances and character down many seasons.

I first recall meeting Gerry about 1958. He was then a prominent schoolboy member, part of the David Flood group who then exercised some control in schoolboy matters. Frankly I have no early memory of Gerry's cricketing ability other than to recall his apparent interest in off field activities, namely smoking, card playing, chasing "birds" and so on. A very hazy thought seems to bring to mind an innings of some skill and indeed dominance at number four. Most probably this is a figment of my imagination although club folklore has it Gerry scored 100 against the D'oyly Carte Opera who toured around that time. No doubt Gerry has "a little list" to confirm this myth.

In those early days as a young sprog I would have had little or no direct dealings with such an exalted senior player and can but recall odd good 1st XI performances. The day Mike Carroll scored 103 not out against Phoenix in 1961 I recall Gerry then winning the game with five wickets for very few.

Every memory is clouded in doubt up to 1964 when as a member of the same 1st XI I saw at first hand the early honing of his obvious talent. Alcoholic trips to Cork, borrowing Jimmie Harrison's Anglia, running out of petrol miles from the hotel and getting "plastered" in the Spaniard in Kinsale are the thoughts that come flooding back. A league match in Railway with Gerry arriving directly from an all night card school is another early memory. We both enjoyed a very good very late night in the Metropole in the middle of an Ireland versus MCC game at Castle Avenue. Next day Gerry as 12th man

dropped a catch as R.T.E. screened live play. On balance a bit of a tearaway? Maybe

Such early memories gave no hint of the vast talent who emigrated to Australia for nearly nine years. In fact I suspect my memory is faulty. Gerry was a serious cricketer and as I write many other fine performances come to mind, as does a particular awareness of how long and hard Gerry practiced. Nets at least twice a week with bowling stints of two hours and more were normal. Many a "one on one" net was enjoyed and it was a measure of the man that he would devote such time and effort to younger players.

Mid to late 1975 saw the return of the man who would transform our club performances in the following 18 seasons. This was not the return of a long awaited saviour. I think we played him for a game or two on the 3rd/4th XI at the tail end of the season.

Centenary year 1976 saw Gerry make the 1st XI once again. An early selection did not produce much by way of results and for most of the year Gerry languished on the 2nd XI. As 1st XI Captain I must take the blame for such poor selection. At that stage the importance of shine and wind conditions relating to Ger. were beyond my cricket comprehension. I always gave him the wrong end usually with an old ball often wet with predictable results. The error of my ways was resolved over a pint or two during the year. A recall saw Ger. with 21 wickets in the last three matches that year. The stage was now set for the glorious years to come.

Winter lunches, much discussion and in depth analysis followed as Ger. imparted his knowledge. Regular "in season" meetings saw Field placings planned for individual opposition batsmen. Other club sides were dissected in detail, particularly the good players and - when they played - the professionals. The results were obvious.

9 Wiggins Teape leagues won or shared. One final lost in 1985. In contention to win the senior league in most of those years, runner-up on many occasions and a win in 1991. Cup finalists in 1987 and 1990 and Schweppes Cup finalists in 1990.



# Clontarf

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

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# Y. M. C. A.

1. M. Nulty
2. D. Starkey
3. A. Dunlop
4. A. Lewis
5. J. Garth
6. C. Haine
7. G. Taylor
8. M. Ridgeway
9. N. Bailey
10. M. Vincent
11. A. O'Neill

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**Jim McGeehan**  
**- 4 years from 6th. to 1st.**

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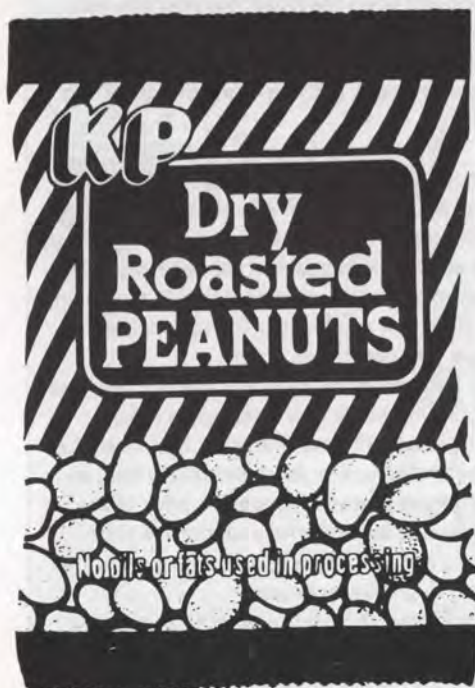
Jim McGeehan played his first game of cricket against North Wicklow on a Rugby pitch in Greystones in 1989 for Clontarf 6th.

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 !

In between 1989 and 1992 Jim has played on every senior team in the club scoring a number of centuries on the way.

Well done Jim  
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I do not suggest all these results were down to Gerry, they were not. All of the sides since 1977 have had many fine players who exercised very considerable influence on the results. However Gerry's performances were very significant in all those years and very necessary. In particular his extreme competitiveness and "professionalism" drove the rest of us to perform at least near our best. What is not apparent from the statistical section is that in every year since 1977 Gerry has taken not less than 50 wickets each season other than 1988 when he only played half a season and even then took 25 wickets. In 1982 he managed 82 wickets (The all-time amateur record in Leinster Senior cricket) a figure exceeded only by Alan Stimpson, the New Zealand professional who was not far short of Test standard.

By way of his approach I recall a Leps game in which we both played. Julian Weiner, Australian test player was in our side. An intense study of the Weiner technique was made as he scored 90 or so. A plan later evolved and when we played Carlisle later that year the trap was sprung. Ger. had noticed a flaw. Weiner tended to play back and across leaving him vulnerable to a hip high ball going down outside his leg stump. Podge was good enough to bowl exactly the right ball. Weiner flicked, nicked and was caught. Game, set and match to Ger.

A Flaw in Michael Rea's technique was also noticed by Ger. We had a plan for Michael. It worked a few times, not always but that is another story !

During these years I got to know the Kirwan skills quite well. A feel developed for which particular ball he would bowl and at what batsman. Moments of great pleasure and almost smug satisfaction occurred watching various batsmen being put out of their misery as the artist displayed his skills.

In all those years while Ger. would willingly discuss his method with our own players woe betide any player overheard talking to the opposition about what Ger. did or did not bowl. "Mac, what kind of a \*@!\*%\$\*? idiot is \_\_\_\_\_? does he not

know yer man will be playing against us later this year ?"

I remember Alan Lewis scoring his 1st run in senior cricket. J. B. ever the gentleman went up to Alan and congratulated the young prodigy. Gerry went mad and roared at J. B. "Bunny, what the hell do you think you are doing, do you not realise that @\*\*?!?\*\$\* will probably score thousands against us. Don't make it easier for him"

What are the best moments ? There are many, most are dimly in the memory. At this stage the mind's eye sees but shadows as many fine performances flicker and dart into view only to retreat once again to the mists. Obviously the 1000th wicket recently taken is a superb moment but for me the supreme moment was the day the word came through "Ger. was on the Irish team" what a moment, what joy, at long last the selectors had recognised his superb talent, if somewhat belatedly. By dint of hard work and outstanding results Ger. had in effect forced the selectors hands. An outstanding skill at long last been rewarded. His selection was long overdue and richly deserved, For me that day in 1983 is the supreme moment of a superb career, a fitting accolade for a great player.

This year sees Ger. well on the way to another 50 or so wickets. A very important and necessary part of our attack. I hope Ger. goes on for some years to come, and why not as at 50 wickets a season we need what Ger. has to offer. When he does decide to stop life will be that much easier for our opponents. May that day hasten slowly.

Well, what of the man himself ? The lines above hopefully give some sense of his cricketing skills and character. Add to all the above a generous, loyal and true friend, an engaging character, good company at all times and a wonderfully supportive team mate and you begin to approach part of the man that is Gerry Kirwan.

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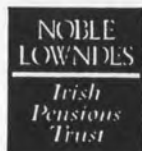
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Name	M	I	Not out	H	R	A	Innings bowled in	O	M	R	W	A	Cr	
J. G. Aston	1909-25	6	11	1	53*	91	9.10	6	69	11	114	10	11.40	6
E. H. Boddell	1954-59	6	10	5	11*	25	5.00	10	175	40	489	11	44.45	1
J. D. Caprini	1948-56	6	11	—	44	121	11.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
A. W. Cooper	1954	2	4	—	31	66	16.50	3	26	3	108	3	36.00	1
S. H. Crawford	1903	1	1	—	11	11	11.00	2	16	2	60	6	10.00	—
F. M. Filgus	1948	1	2	—	3	3	1.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
W. E. Haughton	1947-53	5	8	—	25	46	5.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
J. W. Hill	1946-51	14	21	9	27*	138	11.50	23	296	77	709	32	22.15	1
N. B. Hool	1947-57	13	21	10	27	171	15.54	21	282	60	801	27	29.66	4
L. P. Hughes	1965-78	13	21	6	35	159	10.60	21	257.3	67	763	15	50.86	11
L. C. Jacobson	1947-59	12	22	3	101	358	18.84	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
G. A. Kirwan	1983	2	2	1	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	1	42	299	18.68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. J. Morgan	1934	1	1	—	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. C. Pemberton	1923-28	4	7	3	31	55	13.75	5	111	26	263	5	52.60	1
M. P. Rea	1988-91	19	31	2	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	2	80	467	25.94	1	4	2	27	—	—	4
D. A. Vincent	1986-91	21	31	3	52*	534	19.27	1	4	—	11	—	—	8
R. H. C. Waters	1968-69	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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E. H. Boddell	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	61	56	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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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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1991	Brigade	A	W	
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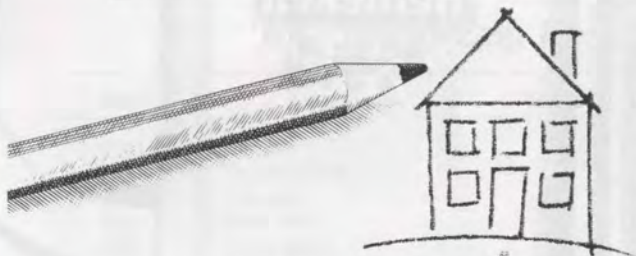
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The above obituary was written in the 'Sporting Times' of Saturday 2nd. September 1882 following Australia's first defeat of England on English soil in August 1882. Although one hundred and ten years have since passed the story of this famous test 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.

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# Clontarf's "Bull" Tribunal ?

Brendan Bergin has issued a strong denial that he was aware Deryck Vincent was 98 not out when he (Bergin) hit a two and a six to win the game against Dublin University thereby denying Vincent his eighth club Leinster Senior Century. He particularly vehemently denied Enda McDermott had paid him to see Vincent was denied his century. He further denied he

had any business dealings with McDermott on or off the field or that he had shown any favouritism to McDermott when he (Bergin) was in office in 1990.

He went on to state "I will accept any legitimate criticism of my performances as a cricketer but I want the media to be quite clear any impugning of my character or personal integrity will be dealt with by the full rigor of the courts"



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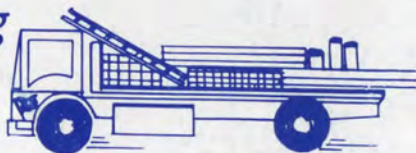
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