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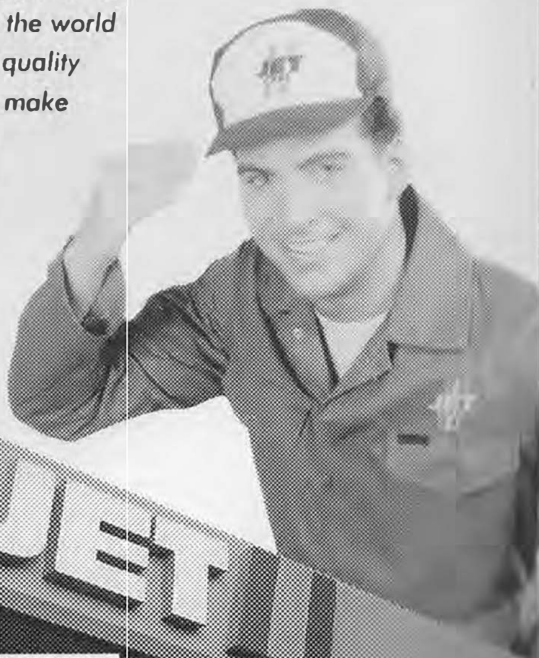
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# Message from the President

## FOREWORD

I extend a big welcome to the Pembroke President, Henry Tighe and to his players and supporters for what I hope will be an enthralling game at Castle Avenue today.

Congratulations to Peter Davy, on being capped against Scotland, the first of many for this fine young cricketer I am sure.

Our recent game in Sydney Parade had a number of swings and I trust that today's game will be exciting for both players and spectators alike.

As this is our last programme for the 1995 season, I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this year a success for Clontarf Cricket Club I think we all enjoyed a lot of excellent cricket played in our best summer conditions for many years.

I would like to just mention three people in particular that's Tom, Deryck and Enda who were

the prime drivers in producing a programme for most of our home games and the two representative games played on the ground this year.

Now as the cricket season draws to a conclusion and the days before shorter, our thoughts switch to different sporting codes - I wish Clontarf Football Club a successful 95/96 season.



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## Clontarf Batting Averages

(Excluding All Ireland competition)

Name	Career	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Most	Runs	Average	100s	50s
M. P. Rea	1989-94	83	80	9	114	3339	47.02	1	32
R. H. C. Waters	1967-69	46	45	5	120*	1496	37.40	2	9
D. A. Vincent	1981-94	220	214	25	161	6924	36.63	10	34
A. McClean	1985-94	176	161	32	121	4505	34.92	4	27
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. Moynan	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	1963-93	539	485	55	130*	11583	26.93	10	59
J. D. Caprani	1937-51	141	144	23	119*	3027	25.01	1	20
N. P. Grier	1966-88	388	349	34	103*	7063	22.42	3	34
P. Prendergast	1981-94	138	125	9	108	2559	22.06	1	13
S. B. McMullan	1954-71	190	182	14	98	3510	20.89	—	17
B. P. Bergin	1975-94	280	236	46	83	3825	20.13	—	14
J. Fitzpatrick	1986-94	106	79	14	77	1300	20.00	4	—
M. A. Carroll	1953-77	209	190	20	124	3342	19.65	2	10
C. G. Daly	1976-93	108	89	16	62*	1384	18.95	—	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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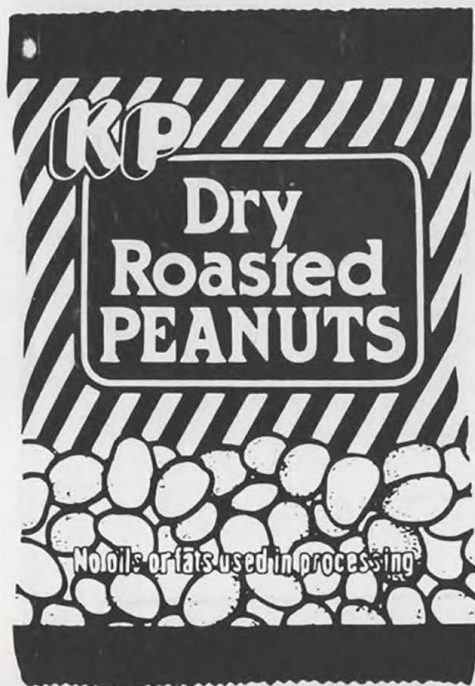
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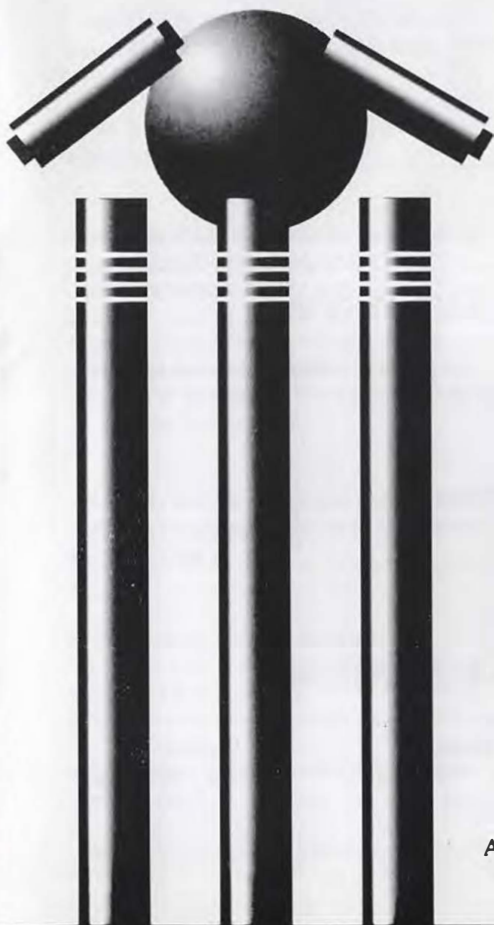


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# Clontarf Bowling Averages

(Excluding All-Ireland competition)

	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	1961-92	391	1033	14295	13.83	55
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. 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
L. B. McMahon	1931-49	152	130	2948	22.67	4
F. O'Mahony	1987-94	103	136	3376	24.82	5
J. Fitzpatrick	1986-94	106	138	3520	25.50	2
B. McNeice	1986-93	112	132	3449	26.12	4

Qualification: 100 wickets.

## Clontarf O'Grady Cup Winners

Year		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

## Clontarf Samuels Cup Winners

Year		Batting		Bowling	
		Runs	Average	Wickets	Average
1994	A. Botha	733	48.86	42	15.85

# QUIZ

**1. For which GAA club does Dublin star Jason Sherlock play ?**

**2. Who recently became West Indies bowler Courtney Walsh's 300th test victim ?**

**3. Name the player who scored the 1st hat trick in the current FA Carling Premiership.**

**4. In which 2 events did Ireland's Michelle Smith win gold medals at the European Swimming Championship last month ?**

**5. In equestrianism, name the horse and rider combination which won the 1995 Derby at Hickstead.**

**6. Name the cricketer who in a recent English County Championship match hit a world 1st class record of 16 sixes in his innings of 254\*.**

**7. Who was the last player to captain Dublin to win an All Ireland Senior Football Championship ?**

**8. Which two players gained their 1st caps for Ireland during Rugby Unions World Cup Finals in South Africa this year ?**

**9. Name the only player who has played against Liverpool in both the European Cup Final and the FA Cup Final.**

**10. In Rugby Unions 5 Nations Championship, name the player who scored the 1st ever 5 point try (HINT it was against Ireland)**

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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
D. A. Vincent .....	10
J. B. Bunworth .....	7
L. C. Jacobson .....	4
N. C. Mahony .....	4
A. McClean .....	4
N. P. Grier .....	3
W. J. Moynan .....	3
F. J. Carroll .....	2
M. A. Carroll .....	2
G. J. Morgan .....	2
R. H. C. Waters .....	2
H. R. Aston .....	1
J. D. Caprani .....	1
J. Daly .....	1
T. K. Gleeson .....	1
J. W. Hill .....	1
L. P. Hughes .....	1
P. Prendergast .....	1
M. P. Rea .....	1
R. T. Ruddock .....	1

## Clontarf Marchant Cup Winners

Year		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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## 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 ... ..	1984-92	93	74	24	98
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 ... ..	1963-93	539	141*
J. B. Bunworth ... ..	1962-89	299	87
D. A. Vincent ... ..	1981-94	220	86**
J. M. Nolan ... ..	1968-87	258	85
B. P. Bergin ... ..	1975-93	279	79
V. F. Savino ... ..	1953-69	182	77
L. P. Hughes ... ..	1959-87	356	75
M. A. Carroll ... ..	1953-77	207	72
J. D. Caprani ... ..	1937-51	141	61
A. McClean ... ..	1985-94	176	64
G. A. Kirwan ... ..	1961-92	369	55
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
J. Fitzpatrick ... ..	1300	138
N. P. Grier ... ..	7063	359
J. W. Hill ... ..	2481	609
L. P. Hughes ... ..	3890	600
J. J. Ledwidge ... ..	1699	211
B. McNeice ... ..	1088	132
V. F. Savino ... ..	1127	217
E. N. Seymour ... ..	1303	129
G. A. Tyndall ... ..	1181	148
A. R. White ... ..	1709	108

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## 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	
1992	Lurgan	H	W	
	Brigade	A	L	
1993	Drummond	H	W	
	North Down	A	L	
1994	Downpatrick	A	W	
	Strabane	A	L	

This competition was introduced in 1982. To date, Clontarf have played 25 matches, winning 12 and losing 13. The final was reached in 1990 when we were defeated by Lurgan by 73 runs.

*The principal statistics are:*

### Batting

	M	Inn.	N.O.	H	T	Av.	100's	50's
B. Bergin	18	14	3	54	270	24.54		1
N. P. Grier	9	7	1	84*	234	39.00		1
A. McClean	20	17	1	66	247	15.43		1
E. A. McDermott	23	18	2	40	270	16.87		—
P. Prendergast	11	10		88	244	24.40		2
M. Rea	11	11	1	70*	385	38.50		3
D. A. Vincent	21	18	1	101*	625	36.76	1	4

### Bowling

	Wkts	Runs	Av.	5 wkts/Inns
N. P. Grier	11	249	22.63	
G. A. Kirwan	30	638	21.26	
B. McNiece	19	297	15.63	
D. A. Vincent	16	372	23.25	1

*Qualification:* 200 runs or 10 wickets

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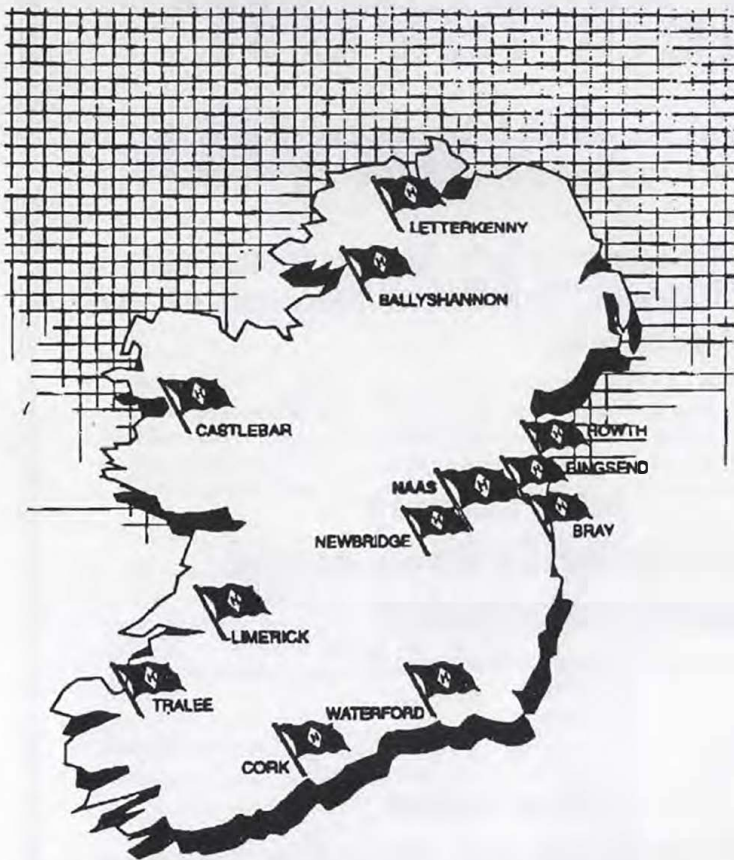
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## Clontarf International Players

Name		M	I	Not out	H	R	A	Innings bowled in	O	M	R	W	A	Ct
J. G. Aston	1909-25	6	11	1	53*	91	9.10	6	69	11	114	10	11.40	6
E. H. Bodell	1954-59	6	10	5	11*	25	5.00	10	175	40	489	11	44.45	1
J. D. Caprani	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. Filgas	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	1988-94	49	68	3	115	1923	29.58	1	0.4	—	8	1	8.00	6
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	—	27	—	—	4
D. A. Vincent	1986-91	21	31	3	52*	534	19.27	1	4	2	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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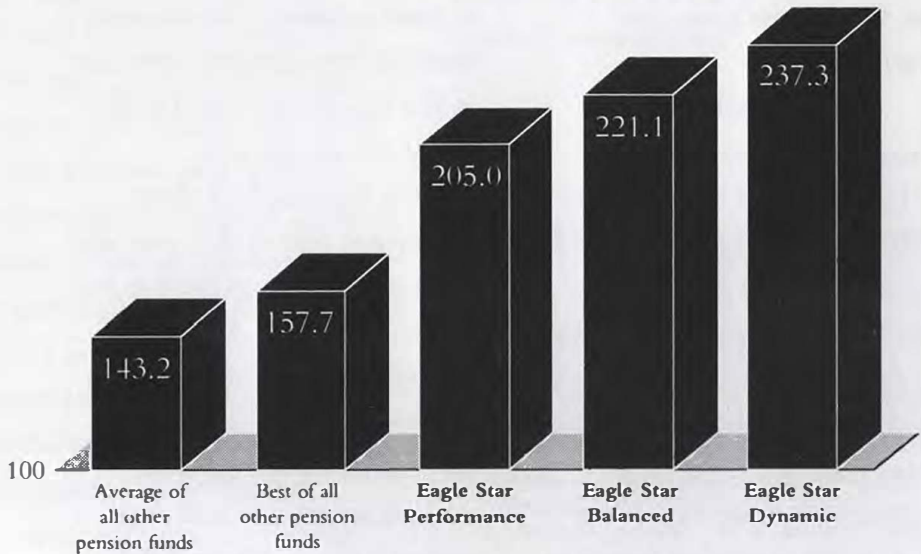
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# Batting

This season I decided to be less neurotic about my batting. First off I intended to rid myself of all superstitions. Previously I wore a particular pair of shoes on match days, selected a particular bowler with whom I warmed up. The right pad went on before the left. Regardless of weather conditions, I batted in a sleeveless sweater. Never would I put on my batting gloves before I was thirty yards or so from the crease. Upon reaching the wicket, the umpire gave me guard of middle and leg through I bat on leg stump or outside. The list had broken through two lean seasons. Rather than recognise that my superstitions were nothing more than hokum, I kept adding to them in the hope of finding the right combination. Sometimes I stole other people's superstitions, then jettisoned them once they didn't work. Ha! I'd think, No wonder that guy never gets any runs. Now it's August, I've missed half the season through injury and I'm right back where I started. Only now I won't bat in a cap and I suspect that my new Pony boots have a hex on them.

Unlike most things, batting doesn't seem to get any easier the more I do it. I often suspect there is some sort of joke being played on me. Cricket shows me a glimpse of the purest pleasure in the form of an off drive and then it's right back into the trough of mediocrity again. Some days every shot I play ends up at extra cover, two days later square leg has a pain in his face picking up the ball and tossing it back to the bowler. I go to the nets to iron out a particular fault and stumble across another far more worthy of attention. I can be very confusing. Five knocks in a row last season I was caught at mid-off, and now that I've solved that one, first slip has been having a fine time of it. Somewhere along the way, picked up some runs and I'm in buoyant form for a week. Sustaining a run of form, however, that's a more difficult task.

Cricket brings out the best instincts in me. As soon as I'm out, in the immediate aftermath of a cheap dismissal, I want to go home. If I owned the ball I think I'd stick it in my pocket and stalk off out the gate. No! I'd tell the other twenty-one, I'm sorry, but you knew what you were getting into. And this from someone who has held selfish players in contempt. I've watched opponents loose games for their team through playing for themselves and part of me has been delighted with the proceedings, but there's always been another part which has wished for a big lummo like McClean to pick the guy up over his shoulder, march to the boundary and toss him headlong into Johnny Barry's back garden. Yet failure makes me petty myself. It's a dreadful game to become intense about. There seems to be some sort of fascination about cricket that it attracts so many of us who take it personally, who mull over failure to a ridiculous degree, who tolerate all the lousy days in the hope that there's a good one on the way.

For most of this season I've been watching cricket. On St Patrick's Day some clown kicked a football at precisely the same moment as I did and broke my foot. For two months I missed the involvement, the company and the competition and felt grateful to be relieved of the tension, the soul-searching and the feeling of having let others down when I failed. It's not easy to watch. I wanted the team to win and for others to do well, but not so well that I wouldn't be wanted when I was fit again. Injured players are entirely irrelevant; they regard themselves as part of the team but they have nothing to do with the day's play. Other people are kind. They ask you about your injury and say they hope to see you playing again. Then they talk about something else but you've no interest. They've come to enjoy the game and to see their friends and they watch without the



same investment of emotion that you do. When injured I stayed out of the dressing room because it hurt not to be involved, away from the spectators because I was in some odd state of agitation and had nothing to say for myself. Instead I walked around the pitch alone. And after the game I declined to go for a drink. The same bar, the same people, but it's different. It's different because I haven't been tearing my guts out hoping for others to succeed where I've failed, because I haven't been muttering and swearing when a catch goes down or sniggering when Fitzer takes one on the shins at extra cover. It occurred to me that there are spectators and players and the things are fine once you know which you are.

Being injured did, however, give me the chance to consider why I play cricket. Two solid months thinking about this and I'm still none the wiser. Why put myself through the wringer? I hate fielding and no captain is foolish enough to allow me to bowl. Batting is probably enjoyable when you're 150 not out on a belter of a wicket tonking some poor medium pacer to all corners of the ground but I've never been in that position. For the most part it's fraught with tension. Part of the reason is that I've nothing better to do. In fact I probably have nothing at all to do. For those of us who have been part of a team since we were children, it's part of our identity. The game affords us companionship and sometimes respect. But more critically, I think that on occasions, cricket has forced me to be braver and to show more nerve than I would otherwise be inclined to. Though its very cruel as a game, it exposes people and I suspect that that's the part I'm addicted to, ill-prepared though I often am for the bounce of failure.

I think I'm going to play as long as I can. Another year of Senior cricket maybe and then it's off to the seconds where no doubt I'll be just as neurotic. I'm thirty-one now - easing into middle age quite gracefully.

I think - and in a way I'm looking forward to dropping down the sides. If my knees hold up I intend to play soccer until I'm forty. My uncle, kind but old duffer that he is, is recently offered to buy me a set of golf clubs and I think I'll take him up on the offer. Last Sunday Deryck and I, both licking our wounds having been dismissed cheaply, got to talking about golf and he explained how he liked the way golf was entirely down to the player himself, that there was no one else to blame when things went wrong. It's not a game that particularly appeals to me, however. I'll play when there's nothing else for me to play and only then. The truth is that I can't see much point in hitting the ball when no one else's hopes are riding on where it lands. I suspect I'll be a solitary figure on the course, tramping off at a forty-five degree angle after my ball, thinking about the good old days when I was tearing my hair out over cricket. There's much I would change about my career - for a start I'd bowl ten over a game, and I wouldn't have been in Greece when Deryck caught Rod Green's skier off Fergal O'Mahony's head - but in a strange way I won't want to forget the failures either. They're part of the involvement and I think that's probably what I'll really be trying to hang on to.

Peter Prendergast



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## Clontarf Interprovincial Players

Name		M	I	NO	HS	R	A	W	R	A	Ct	St
E. H. Bodell	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	1968-79	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	1
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	1991-92	7	4	1	17*	31	10.33	—	—	—	7	1
M. J. Delaney	1968-72	5	—	—	—	—	—	6	107	17.83	—	—
J. Fitzpatrick	1992-94	9	8	2	46	86	14.33	13	344	26.46	2	—
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. Kirwan	1966-85	25	11	7	6*	22	5.50	40	887	22.17	2	—
P. Lee	1994	2	2	—	4	4	2.00	—	—	—	—	—
A. McClean	1987-93	26	25	5	73	606	30.30	0	4	—	14	—
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	—
R. O'Reilly	1994	2	2	—	14	27	13.50	—	—	—	—	—
P. Prendergast	1991-94	6	6	—	15	49	8.16	—	—	—	1	—
M. P. Rea NL & UT	1984-94	38	38	5	120	1365	41.36	0	7	—	8	—
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	—

NL = North Leinster

UT = Ulster Town

\*Not out.

1995 has been a season that will be remembered for many years as the sunniest in living memory. Few of us can (or choose to) remember the freezing games in early season, when the most pressing question of the day was how many sweaters the fielders should wear. As we shivered watching the Beckett Cup Final back in April, not even the optimists could have predicted the glorious summer ahead. Now, as the season is nearing its end, we have many memories to keep us going through the winter months.

From early season all the talk was the imminent visit of the Windies - where to sit, when to arrive, what to bring. Even though the game was disrupted by one of the few downpours of the summer, it was a marvellous occasion and one that raised many questions. Who did Brian Lara eventually end up with? How did the captain of the Ladies 3rds end up in Tamango's with half the West Indies team? Why did the Ladies Secretary need to stand on a chair? All will be revealed at the Ladies Supper.

Earlier in July, history was made when a young team from Soweto arrived to play against several Dublin teams. They visited Castle Avenue for a press reception and delighted the crowds with their African songs. Rumour has it that they caused quite a stir with the young ladies of

Clontarf. Judging by the presence of many of our younger members at every game they played, the rumours are not without foundation.

The ladies hosted the European Cup Final and the women's Senior Final. although the desired result wasn't achieved on either occasion, bar profits continued to soar. There were some unusual sights to behold late in the night, but the less said about these the better! Luckily, the correct result came from the woman's Junior Cup Final in Malahide, where the 2nd XI has a real nail-biting win over Rush. Well done to Elaine Nolan, woman of the match. At the tender age of 14, that's quite an achievement.

The mens Senior Cup Final was another great occasion. Clontarf supporters travelled in droves to Observatory Lane to witness a devastating display by our boys. Then, it was back to Clontarf for a night of "music" and beer. A member of the 1st XI has missed his vocation as a songwriter - his new verses to the Music Man brought tears to our eyes, as did the demon bowler's touching dedication before his party piece.

A group of overseas visitors arrived rather unexpectedly. A visiting team from the U.A.E. needed some fixtures and played in a hastily arranged match in early

August. They struggled to hide their disappointment at losing, but presented the Club Captain with a host of wonderful gifts. You should ask to see them sometime! One of the umpires disappeared rather rapidly after the game, but rumours of a fatwa are totally unfounded!

Enough of the crickets matches the facts and figures are now in the hands of the statisticians. The real things that this summer will be remembered for are the Clontarf barbics. There has been an Australian feeling to the summer and no match is complete without the smell of cooking lingering in the air. Supporters arrive, resplendent in shorts, weighed down by beer filled coolboxes. In fact, the competition for the best barbecue has been almost as hot as the battles taking place on the field of play. Certainly the prize for the most novel barbecues has to go to the "babes on tour", who set a theme for every game. This is a very select group with matching t-shirts and matching chairs (at least they did have matching chairs until a member of the last of the summer wine managed to demolish one!) There have also been general club barbics, the most spectacular being on the August Bank Holiday weekend when, what could have been a quiet day turned into entertaining club event. Vast quantities of food were consumed

and the wine flowed freely until close of play. This was followed by an impromptu game of baseball which produced some amazing sights. We all longed for cameras as the ladies and taverners vied with the sprogs for a chance to wave the bat. Impressive fielding performances came from the assistant club secretary and the mitted secretary.

There are some of the memories that will linger on long after pads and bats have been hung up for another year. Don't forget the Ladies Supper (8th September) for the final round up of all the season's successes and scandals! See you there and in the meantime, enjoy what's left of the season.

**Stella Downes**



# How to Make the Umpires Happy

*In an attempt to make life easier for umpires we offer the following suggestions in the form of **Do's** and **Dont's** to all scorers, captains and players.*

## **Scorers**

By taking only a little trouble you can do a lot to make the umpires' day memorable. For example, **Don't** put up the score instantly, or even at the end of every over. Vary it a little, but in any case never more often than every other over. The umpires will enjoy the extra mental arithmetic and may even be glad to use the score as an excuse to talk to one another on the field.

## **Captains**

**DO** adjust the field at least three times an over. Since all umpires are connoisseurs of the game, they will appreciate the subtlety of even the most minute changes. You will also succeed in prolonging their pleasure until well after dark. If you are short of ideas, the Umpires' Association can give you names and addresses of captains who excel in this area.

**DO** try to arrange the batting order so that there is always a left-hander and a right-hander in together. Many umpires, especially those more advanced in years, look forward to frequently crossing from one side to the other as their principal exercise.

**DO** employ a deep square leg, fine leg and a backward short leg as often as possible. Umpires delight in detecting three behind on the leg side and the constant turning of the head to see whether deep square leg has crept over the line of the popping crease helps to prevent stiff necks.

## **Bowlers**

**DO** change from over to round the wicket and back again at frequent intervals. The umpires enjoy standing at the crease with an arm upraised while the sight-screen is moved – pretending to be bowlers reminds them of the days when they actually played. But remember – check that there are sight-screens on the ground or your effort will be wasted.

**DON'T** waste your time trying to engage the umpire's sympathy by cursing yourself aloud every time you get hit to the boundary. It is a well-known fact that umpires have no sympathy. (This is the only flaw in their otherwise totally endearing personalities.)



## ***Batsmen***

DO check your guard frequently. This will help to build a rapport with the umpires, who will admire your concentration and dedication. Umpires also relish the giving of precise instructions that giving guard entails. Of course, it is not actually necessary to take the guard you have so meticulously been given.

DON'T have frequent consultations with your partner in the middle of the pitch. Be considerate to the umpire at the bowler's end, who is almost certainly a little hard of hearing, and have your chat nearer to him so that he can hear and feel involved.

## ***Fielders***

Fielders have rather less opportunity to help the umpires, but when fielding at square leg, DON'T miss a chance to talk to the umpire, especially about irrelevant subjects like Morris dancing or soccer. It all helps to entertain the umpire on a long afternoon.

DO have as many sweaters as possible so as to have plenty to hand to the umpire. You can save time by not removing a sleeveless sweater from inside a long-sleeved sweater and by not pulling more than one sleeve through the right way.

## ***Wicket-keepers***

DON'T remove just one bail for a stumping because it is quite hard for umpires to detect.

DO take down as many stumps as possible to make it more obvious. All umpires rejoice in an opportunity to rebuild the stumps, especially when the stump holes are bone dry.

DO appeal very loudly and preferably before the ball arrives in your gloves in order to give the umpire as much time as possible after waking to admire your glove-work.

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Year	Teams	Trophy
1898	1st XI	Irish Junior Cup
1905	1st XI	Irish Junior Cup
1924	2nd XI	Intermediate Cup
1926	1st XI	Senior League
1928	2nd XI	Intermediate Cup
1941	3rd XI	Junior League
1943	1st XI	Senior Cup
1944	2nd XI 3rd XI	Intermediate Cup Junior Cup
1946	3rd XI	Junior Cup
1950	1st XI	Senior Cup
1954	2nd XI	Senior II League
1957	4th XI	Junior League
1958	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup Irish Junior Cup
1960	2nd XI 3rd XI	Senior II League Intermediate Cup
1961	1st XI 2nd XI	Senior League Senior II League
1964	5th XI	Minor Cup
1965	1st XI 2nd XI 5th XI	Alan Murray Cup Senior II Cup Minor Cup

## TROPHIES WON BY CLONTARF SENIOR TEAMS - Continued

Year	Teams	Trophy
1966	5th XI	Minor League Minor Cup
1968	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
1969	1st XI 2nd XI 3rd XI 4th XI	Senior Cup Senior II League Intermediate Cup Junior League
1970	1st XI 2nd XI 3rd XI 5th XI	Alan Murray Cup Senior II Cup Irish Junior Cup Minor Cup
1971	1st XI 3rd XI	Beckett Cup Intermediate Cup Intermediate League
1972	1st XI 2nd XI	Senior League Alan Murray Cup Senior II League
1973	1st XI 2nd XI 3rd XI	Alan Murray Cup Beckett Cup Senior II League Senior II Cup Intermediate Cup
1974	2nd XI	Senior II League
1976	4th XI 5th XI	Intermediate League Junior Cup
1977	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League <i>(shared - Leinster, YMCA)</i>
1978	1st XI 2nd XI	Wiggins Teape League Senior II Cup Senior II League



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## TROPHIES WON BY CLONTARF SENIOR TEAMS - Continued

Year	Teams	Trophy
1979	1st XI 2nd XI 5th XI	Wiggins Teape League Senior II League Junior League
1980	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League <i>(Shared - Leinster)</i>
1981	2nd XI	Senior II League
1982	4th XI	Intermediate League
1983	2nd XI	Senior II League
1984	2nd XI 4th XI	Senior II League Whelan Cup
1985	3rd XI	Middle Cup
1986	1st XI 3rd XI	Wiggins Teape League Middle Cup
1987	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League <i>(Shared - YMCA)</i>
1988	1st XI 2nd XI	Wiggins Teape League Senior II Cup Tillain Cup
1989	1st XI	Alan Murray Cup
1990	1st XI 3rd XI 6th XI	Wiggins Teape League Middle Cup Minor Cup Junior B League
1991	1st XI  3rd XI	Belvedere Bond League Wiggins Teape League <i>(Shared - YMCA)</i> Middle League



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Year	Teams	Trophy
1992	1st XI	Senior Cup
	2nd XI	Belvedere Bond League
	4th XI	Senior II League Intermediate Cup
1993	2nd XI	Senior II Cup Senior II League Tillain Cup
	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League Alan Murray Cup
1994	3rd XI	Middle Cup
	4th XI	Intermediate Cup

## Clontarf Results Against Other Clubs Leinster Senior League and Cup since 1920

From Year	Club	Pl	Won	Tied	Drew	Lost
1941	Carlisle	47	24	1	12	10
1981	CYM	25	14	-	5	6
1920	Dublin University	91	43	-	18	30
1920	Leinster	145	43	1	35	66
1953	Malahide	85	33	1	17	34
1926	Merrion	132	63	-	41	28
1990	Nth. County	6	5	-	1	-
1957	Old Belvedere	82	34	-	26	22
1920	Pembroke	157	54	1	36	66
1920	Phoenix	135	34	2	32	67
1920	Railway Union	115	71	-	17	27
1983	The Hills	18	9	1	4	4
1934	Y.M.C.A.	119	50	1	32	36



# Trophies Won by Clontarf Ladies

## (1977 - 1994)

YEAR	TEAM	TROPHY	YEAR	TEAM	TROPHY
1977	1st XI	Division I League Tyler Cup	1987	1st XI	Division I League Senior Cup Satzbrau League
1978	1st XI	Tyler Cup Division I League		2nd XI	Division II League Junior Cup
	2nd XI	Division II League			
1980	1st XI	Division I League <i>(shared with Leinster)</i>	1988	1st XI	Division I League Senior Cup Satzbrau League
1981	1st XI	Division I League Tyler Cup	1989	1st XI	Division I League Senior Cup 40 Over League
1982	1st XI	Tyler Cup			
1983	1st XI	Division I League	1990	1st XI	Division I League Senior Cup
	3rd XI	Division III League		2nd XI	Division II League
1984	1st XI	Division I League	1991	1st XI	Senior Cup 40 Over League
1985	1st XI	Division I League Marigold Cup Satzbrau League	1992	1st XI	Division I League 40 Over League
	2nd XI	Division II League			
1986	1st XI	Division I League Senior Cup Satzbrau League	1993	1st XI	Division I League Windmill Leisure Senior Cup 40 Over League
	2nd XI	Junior Cup	1994	1st XI	Division I League



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