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### • A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT •



This week-end sees the final round of W.M.K.

Senior League games being staged and the result of todays encounter here at Castle Avenue will have an important bearing of how Section A honours will go. A win to-day for our 1st XI will see the team crowned Section A champions. Let's hope that the team and home supporters are celebrating in the Clubhouse to-night.

I welcome the Leinster team and officials to Castle Avenue to-day. While, the Leinster side will be

playing in Section B next season, I'm sure they will immediately bounce back after season 2,000.

Congratulations are extended to all the Clontarf Schoolboy teams final magnificent season. Pride of place, however, must go to the Clontarf ander 13 side which recently recorded a superb treble by winning the Learne, All Ireland Cup and Top Four Cup. Captain Robert Hedigan and his rearm mates have performed brilliantly in 1999 and have given many enjoyable moments to us all throughout the season.

This is my last message in the brochure as Club Presider. I wish, therefore, to, once again, sincerely thank all those members who have supported and helped me during my term of office over the past two seasons and to record my deep appreciation to the many members who have given so much of their spare time to keep the affairs of Clontarf Cricket Club running so smoothly.

I am honoured to be President of our great Club.

Mile buiochas daoibh go leir,

FERGUS J. CARROLL (PRESIDENT)



### Glontarf Gricket Glub Schoolboy Section 1999



### ——— UNDER 9 ———

Clontarf failed to retain the Railway Union Blitz Trophy but won both the inaugural Blitzes at Pembroke and Leinster.

### —— UNDER 11 ———

Clontarf A captained by Scott McGreal won the Under 11 league for the Molins Cup and the Leinster Blitz for the fifth year in succession. Clontarf B finished runners up to Rush in the B League.

### \_\_\_\_\_UNDER 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Clontarf A captained by Robert Hedigan won the Under 13 League for the Jeyes Cup, the All Ireland Cup for the D.R. Pigot Memorial Cup and the Top 4 Beamers Cup. Clontarf B won three of their eight matches.

### ————UNDER 15————

Clontarf A captained by Ross Maybury lost to Malahide in the Cup, finished runners up to Malahide in Section B of the league and lost to Merrion on the second last ball in the League semi-final. Clontarf B won two of their five matches in Section A of the league.

### \_\_\_\_\_UNDER 17\_\_\_\_\_

The experiment of playing combined teams at Under 17 did not work out and the League was abandoned for this year. Clontarf played only one of five matches.

### — UNDER 19 — — —

A strong Clontarf team captained by Keith Spelman under performed. They beat Old Belvedere but lost to both Phoenix and Malahide.





### • Dates for Your Diary •



### SEPTEMBER 11th

The Ladies Supper is the social highlight of the year and this year takes place on Saturday 11th September in the Function Room. Tickets are available at a cost of £17.50. Book now and to find out if you have made the "ode" this year.

### SEPTEMBER 18th

The Annual "Gerry Ring Memorial Six a Sides" has been set for Saturday 8th September. If you would like to play and help raise money for St. Francis Hospice in Raheny then get in touch with Stella Downes or Keith Dexter.

### SEPTEMBER 24th

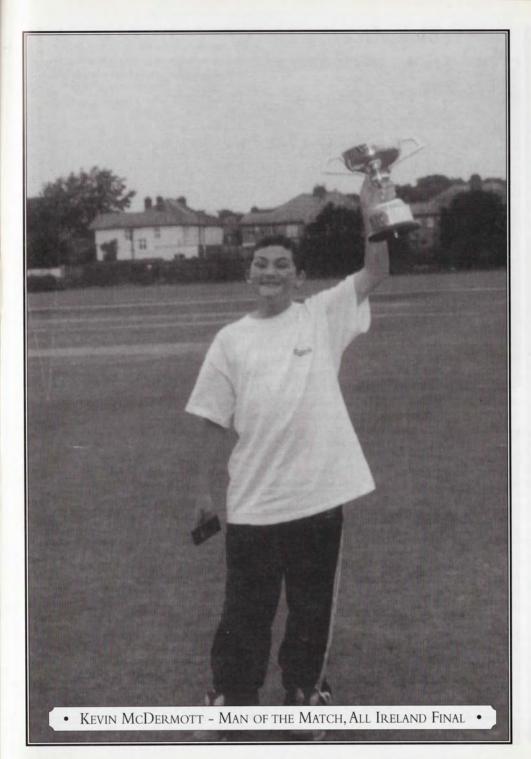
The Mens Dinner is on this year on Friday 24th September and Charlie Craig will happily accept bookings for the end of season dinner.

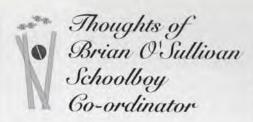
### • 100 Club Draw •

The following are the winners of the first two 100 Club Draws and by the time you read this 4 more people will be in the money.

<u>JUNE</u>		<u>JULY</u>	
£100	Jim Cotter	£100	Brian O'Sullivan
£50	Karl McDermott	£50	Dermot Sweeney
£25	Dermot Sweeney	£25	Derek McCullagh
£20	Derek McGeehan	£,20	Karl McDermott

If you wish to be included in the remaining 9 draws it will only cost you  $\mathcal{L}45$ . Please contact Deryck Vincent.





When Iom Prior asked me to take responsibility for the Schoolboy Section some four years ago I had no idea how big the job actually would turn out to be or indeed how to set about doing it. Obviously there were a number of teams playing competitive matches and a larger number of younger boys operating on Friday nights. Over the previous number of years I could not understand how

the large contingent on Friday nights seemed to be decreasing rapidly as they became 11, 13, 15, etc resulting in there being hardly enough boys for the Under 15s and an Under 18 team which usually had to be filled by the better Under 15s.

At the same time the decline in the number of adult members was giving grave cause for concern for the future of the club. The average age of the Executive Committee was rising as each year went by - making it harder for the younger members who wished to be actively involved in the Club's future to take the step of standing for Committee as they felt they would not have much in common with their elder brethren.

It was felt that the chances of finding sufficient new adult members to guarantee the Club's future were small so the only way forward was to try and develop new members from the Schoolboy Section. In order that the trend of membership falling off as the boys grew older be halted we decided to see if involving more of the boys in competitive matches would make a difference. We had realised that some of the boys has started at the age of seven and up to the time they decided to give up cricket at maybe 11 or 12 had never played in a competitive match and had to wear proper cricket gear.

We resolved to enter a second Under 11 team in the League. While the results were not great another dozen or so boys were playing matches and enjoying it. It was noticeable the following tear that there was more interest shown and when the boys had spent two years playing in Competitions. Two further years later in 1999 we entered two Under 15 teams in the Leinster League for the first time.

In 1999 over one hundred boys played competitively for Clontarf at Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17 and Under 19 Levels. This a tribute to a dedicated group of members who over the past four years have helped with the Friday night throngs, have coached, trained and managed teams and to parents who have been supportive of both their sons and the Club.

It will take a few more years for the Under 11s of 1994 to be inducted into the adult ranks where we would hope to have players for all the adult teams and not just the Firsts and Seconds. I hope that these young adults realise that Clontarf is their Club (not the old fogies running it now – many of whom would relieve to have their burden eased) and it is up to them how it will develop in the future.

A great deal of progress has been made in the past four years. However the more successful the strategy has become the more resources are required to keep it going. The situation for 2000 is that even more helpers are going to be required.

- · We need a minimum of 16 'Coaches' for friday nights.
- We need Managers for all Schoolboy teams (we had eight teams in 1999). We will have at least seven in 2000.
- · For the two Under 15 teams we need Managers who are available during the day.
- For the Under 11 and Under 13 teams we need Managers available on Saturday or Sunday mornings.

These requirements are additional to a coach and hopefully an assistant who will look after day to day coaching of the Under 13's upward.

Editor Gomment: Clontarf Cricket Club owe a great debt to the sterling efforts of Brian in managing the Schoolboy Section with a great deal of professionalism, care and fairness for all the boys - Thanks Brian





Guardian Life are pleased to be associated with Clontarf Cricket Club and we wish it every success in the 1999 season.

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### **Nuts & Frisps**

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## **Clontarf Interprovincial Players**

Name		M	I	NO	SH	R	A	W	R	A	Ct	St
E. H. Bodell	1966-70	6	4	2	7*	10	5.00	9	169	18.77	-	
B. P. Bergin	1988	-	-	į.	0	0	0.00		, 3			
J. B. Bunworth	1968-79	27	25	6	103*	390	20.52	1		1	0	1
M. R. Bunworth	1973-84	7	6	2	00	29	7.25	w	159	53.00	1	
F. J. Carroll	1967-73	17	9	2	20*	96	13.71	1 2		1	17	_
M. A. Carroll	1966-69	Ç.	w	1	16	27	9.00	ı.		(		
C. G. Daly	1981-85	S	S	w	12*	30	15.00	1	r		,	
J. Daly	1991-92	7	4	_	17*	31	10.33	r.			7	-
M. J. Delaney	1968-72	S	ſ	1	1	1		6	107	17.83	1 .	
J. Fitzpatrick	1992-95	13	10	2	46	102	12.75	18	536	29.77	2	
N. P. Grier	1967-85	31	20	1	42	201	10.57	7	151	21.57	10	1
L. P. Hughes	1966-80	25	15	3	47	Ξ	9.25	56	732	13.07	00	1
G. A. Kirwan	1966-85	25	11	7	6*	22	5.50	40	887	22.17	2	1
P. Lee	1994	2	2	ì	4	4	2.00	į.	į	1	1	1
A. McClean	1987-93	26	25	5	73	606	30.30	0	4	1	14	,
E. A. McDermott	1970-88	61	56	7	108	1328	27.10	1	į.	1	19	i
S. B. McMullan	1966	1	1	į.	9	9	9.00	)-	1	1	1	1
B. MacNeice	1991-95	9	4	1	24	49	16.33	6	285	43.00	i.	r
F. O'Mahony	1989	4	w	1	35	45	22.50	_	63	63.00	_	1
R. O'Reilly	1994	2	2	(	14	27	13.50	1	1	1	1	ľ
P. Prendergast	1991-94	6	6	į.	15	49	8.16	).	ı	1	-	ı
M. P. Rea NL & UT	1984-94	38	38	5	120	1365	41.36	0	7	i i	00	i i
D. A. Vincent	1983-91	36	35	2	145*	1361	41.24	0	25	t	9	j
R. H. C. Waters	1967-76	16	14	1	104	368	28.30	1	1	t	S	ï

NL = North Leinster UT = Ulster Town

\*Not out.

## Clontarf International Players

Name		M	-	Not out	H	×	A	Innings bowled in	0	M	×	W	Y	C
J. G. Aston	1909-25	9	11	1	53*	91	9.10	9	69	=	114	10	11.40	9
E. H. Bodell	1954-59	9	10	10	*:	25	5.00	10	175	40	489	=	44.45	-
J. D. Caprani	1948-56	9	11	J.	4	121	11.00	1	1	1	1	1	,	9
A. W. Cooper	1954	2	4	1	31	99	16.50	0	26	6	108	3	36.00	-
S. H. Crawford	1903	1	1	ï	11	111	11.00	2	16	5	09	9	10.00	1
F. M. Filgas	1948	1	2	1.	~	3	1.50	r	0	Ī	11	1	1.	-
W. E. Haughton	1947-53	S	00	i	25	46	5.75	1	1	1	1	T.	F.	-
J. W. Hill	1946-51	14	21	6	27*	138	11.50	23	296	11	402	32	22.15	-
N. B. Hool	1947-57	13	21	10	27	171	15.54	21	282	09	801	27	29.66	4
L. P. Hughes	1965-78	13	21	9	35	159	10.60	21	257.3	19	763	15	50.86	=
L. C. Jacobson	1947-59	12	22	3	101	358	18.84	t	r	1	Ī	ı	1	4
G. A. Kirwan	1983	2	2	1	*0	0	00.00	3	56	=	16	2	45.50	r
G. H. McCormack	1908	-	-	1	9	9	00.9	-1	1	-1	į	1	1	1
†E. A. McDermott	1981-82	10	15	1	80	378	25.20	1	1	-	į	1	í	2
N. C. Mahony	1947-53	6	17	T	45	299	18.68	1	4	i	Ì	1	1	1
G. J. Morgan	1934	П	-	1	0	0	ī	È	t	1	1	ŀ	1	(
W. C. Pemberton	1923-28	4	7	3	31	55	13.75	2	111	56	263	2	52.60	-
M. P. Rea	1988-95	51	70	3	1115	2045	30.52	1	0.4	)	00	-	8.00	9
E. N. Seymour	1927-28	3	5	1	6	6	1.08	9	45	6	147	4	36.75	-
M. H. Stevenson	1951-64	Ξ	20	2	80	467	25.94	-	4	1	27	t	ī	4
D. A. Vincent	16-9861	21	31	3	52*	534	19.27	-	4	5	11	1	j	00
R. H. C. Waters	69-8961	П	18	-	20	-330	19.41	1	į.	p	E.	i	£	00

<sup>†</sup>E. A. McDermott's figures include game against LaviniaDuchess of Norfolk's XI.

\*Not out.

## Clontarf Batting Averages (Excluding All Ireland competition)

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	. H. Bodell	1944-76	350	231	57	49	1720	88.6	1	1

Qualification: 1,300 runs in Senior League and Cup competitions since 1920.

\*Not out.

### **ALL-IRELAND CUP**

This competition, which was inaugurated in 1982 involves clubs in the Leinster Cricket Union, Munster Cricket Union, Ulster Cricket Union and the North West Cricket Union.

Initially, matches which could not be completed due to weather, were decided on a bowl-out. Clontarf were involved in three such deciders, winning one and losing two, all in Castle Avenue. Currently, weather affected matches are re-fixed to the ground of the visiting team in the initial match.

To date, Clontarf have played 32 matches in this competition, winning 15 and losing 17. The final was reached in 1990 when we were defeated by Lurgan by 73 runs. In 1998 we lost the semi-final by two runs to Ballymena.

The principal statistics are:

### **Batting**

	M	Inn.	N.O.	Н	Т	Av.	100's	50's
B. Bergin	18	14	3	54	270	24.54	-	1
J. Daly	16	13	4	38*	208	23.11	-	1
J. Fitzpatrick	9	7	1	90	218	36.33	-	2
N. P. Grier	10	7	1	84*	234	39.00	-	1
B. MacNeice	21	16	3	67*	204	15.69	-	1
A. McClean	20	17	1	66	247	15.43	-	1
E. A. McDermott	23	18	2	40	270	16.87	-	-
P. Prendergast	12	11	-	88	257	23.36	-	2
M. P. Rea	11	11	1	70*	385	38.50	-	3
D. A. Vincent	28	25	1	101*	714	29.75	1	4
P. Prendergast M. P. Rea	12 11	11 11	-	88 70*	257 385	23.36 38.50		- - 1

### **Bowling**

M	Wkts	Runs	Av.	5 wkts/Inns
16	15	440	29.33	1
9	10	222	22.20	-
21	25	436	17.44	-
10	11	249	22.63	-
18	30	638	21.26	-
28	20	550	27.50	1
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Oualification: 200 runs or 10 wickets

Wicketkeeping

							-		
					Career	Matches	Caught	Stumped	Total
F. J. Carroll	***		***		1957-96	461	367	134	501
P. J. Bourke					1936-52	194	73	82	155
J. Daly	411		***	***	1984-97	138	94	26	120
J. A. Bell					1953-66	121	68	20	88
C. P. Stuart			***		1921-42	144	51	22	73
L. C. Jacobson		***	***		1944-60	149	47	11	58

**Clontarf Hopkins Cup Winners** 

Year		Caught	Stumped
1983	F.J. Carroll	24	5
1991	J. Daly	20	11
1992	J. Daly	20	3

### Catches

						100				
								Career	Matches	Catches
N. P. Grier				***		***		1966-88	388	143
E. A. McDermo	tt		***	***				1963-93	539	141*
D. A. Vincent								1981-97	277	100 **
J. B. Bunworth								1962-89	299	87
J. M. Nolan		***	***		***		***	1968-87	259	85
B. P. Bergin			***					1975-94	280	81
V. F. Savino	***	***	***	***				1953-69	182	77
L. P. Hughes	***				44.		***	1959-87	370	75
M. A. Carroll	***							1953-77	209	72
A. McClean	***	***					***	1985-96	177	64
J. D. Caprani	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	1937-51	141	61
G. A. Kirwan	***	***				***	***	1961-92	391	55
J. J. Ledwidge		***		444	***	***	***	1920-34	163	53
G. J. Morgan		***		+++	***			1930-42	137	53
L. B. McMahon		***			***	***	***	1931-49	152	53
B. Mc Neice			***		***	***	***	1986-98	186	53
A. R. White			***			***	***	1920-43	215	52
E. H. Bodell			***	***	***	***	***	1944-76	350	51

Qualification: 50

### 1000 Runs and 100 Wickets by Clontarf Players

										Runs	Wickets
J. G. Aston	***		***							1125	155
E. H. Bodell	***						****	***	***	1720	786
A. Botha	***						***			3928	164
T. J. Dunne		***	***						***	1016	191
D. F. Fitzgerald					***					1466	214
J. Fitzpatrick	***									1797	181
N. P. Grier	***					***				7063	359
J. W. Hill			***	***			***			2481	609
L. P. Hughes										3890	600
J. J. Ledwidge							***			1699	211
B. MacNeice				***	***				***	2433	257
V. F. Savino							***		***	1127	217
E. N. Seymour			***			***	***			1303	129
G. A. Tyndall		***	***	***					***	1181	148
D. A. Vincent		***		***	***	***			***	9068	118
A. R. White		***	***	***					***	1709	108

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 15 catches as wicketkeeper. \*\*Includes 9 catches as wicketkeeper.

### **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	1961-92	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. 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
A. Botha	1994-98	101	164	3134	19.10	2
N. P. Grier	1966-88	388	359	7021	19.55	16
P. M. Murphy	1968-77	87	100	2101	21.01	3
D. A. Vincent	1981-98	271	118	2568	21.76	1
J. Barry	1989-98	132	134	3034	22.64	-
L. B. McMahon	1931-49	152	130	2948	22.67	4
B. MacNeice	1986-98	186	257	5950	23.15	8
J. Fitzpatrick	1986-95	129	181	4324	23.88	3
F. O'Mahony	1987-94	103	136	3376	24.82	5

Qualification: 100 wickets.

### Clontarf O'Grady Cup Winners

Year		Wickets	Average
1948	N. B. Hool	41	11
	(Played also with Dublin University)		
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**

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

### **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	1995	198*	Carlisle	A. Botha-D. A. Vincent
4th	1991	120	Carlisle	A. McClean-J. Daly
5th	1982	163*	Dublin University	N. P. Grier-J. M. Nolan
6th	1995	95	Carlisle R. O'Reilly-B. MacNeice	
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

<sup>\*</sup>Unfinished

### Centuries Scored by Clontarf Players up to 1998

D. A. Vincent	13
E. A. McDermott	
J. B. Bunworth	7
A. Botha	4
L. C. Jacobson	1
N. C. Mahony	4
A. McClean	4
N. P. Grier	3
W. J. Moynan	2
F. J. Carroll	3
M. A. Carroll	2
G. J. Morgan	2
P. H. C. Waters	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	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

ear	Teams	Trophy
898	1st XI	Irish Junior Cup
905	1st XI	Irish Junior Cup
924	2nd XI	Intermediate Cup
926	1st XI	Senior League
928	2nd XI	Intermediate Cup
941	3rd XI	Junior League
943	1st XI	Senior Cup
944	2nd XI	Intermediate Cup
	3rd XI	Junior Cup
946	3rd XI	Junior Cup
950	1st XI	Senior Cup
954	2nd XI	. Senior II League
957	4th XI	Junior League
958	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
		Irish Junior Cup
960	2nd XI	Senior II League
	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
961	1st XI	Senior League
	2nd XI	Senior II League
964	5th XI	Minor Cup
965	1st XI	Alan Murray Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II Cup
	5th XI	Minor Cup
966	5th XI	Minor League
		Minor Cup

Year	Teams	Trophy
1980	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League (Shared - Leinster)
1981	2nd XI	Senior II League
1982	4th XI	Intermediate League
1983	2nd XI	Senior II League
1984	2nd XI	Senior II League
	4th XI	Whelan Cup
1985	3rd XI	Middle Cup
1986	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
	3rd XI	Middle Cup
1987	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
		(Shared - YMCA)
1988	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
	2nd XI	Senior II Cup
		Tillain Cup
1989	1st XI	Alan Murray Cup
1990	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
	3rd XI	Middle Cup
	6th XI	Minor Cup
		Junior B League
1991	1st XI	Belvedere Bond League
		Wiggins Teape League
		(Shared - YMCA)
	3rd XI	Middle League
1992	1st XI	Senior Cup
		Belvedere Bond League
	2nd XI	Senior II League
	4th XI	Intermediate Cup

/ear	Teams	Trophy
968	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
969	1st XI	Senior Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II League
	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
	4th XI	Junior League
970	1st XI	Alan Murray Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II Cup
	3rd XI	Irish Junior Cup
	5th XI	Minor Cup
971	1st XI	Beckett Cup
	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
		Intermediate League
972	1st XI	Senior League
		Alan Murray Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II League
973	1st XI	Alan Murray Cup
		Beckett Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II League
		Senior II Cup
	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
974	2nd XI	Senior II League
976	4th XI	Intermediate League
	5th XI	Junior Cup
977	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
		(shared - Leinster, YMCA)
978	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
	2nd XI	Senior II Cup
		Senior II League
979	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
	2nd XI	Senior II League
	5th XI	Junior League

Year	Teams	Trophy
1993	2nd XI	Senior II Cup
		Senior II League
		Tillain Cup
1994	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
		Alan Murray Cup
	3rd XI	Middle Cup
	4th XI	Intermediate Cup
1995	1st XI	Senior Cup
		Belvedere Bond League
	2nd XI	Tillain Cup
1996	1stXI	Senior League
	2nd XI	Senior II Cup
1997	3rd XI	YMCA Salver
	5th XI	Junior 'C' League
1998	1st XI	Senior League II

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

From Year	Club	PI	Won	Tied	Drew	Lost
	-				7000	
1941	Carlisle	55	27	1	15	12
1981	CYM	32	21	-	5	6
1920	Dublin University	93	45	-	18	30
1920	Leinster	152	45	1	37	69
1953	Malahide	93	37	1	19	36
1926	Merrion	135	65	-	41	29
1990	Nth. County	9	7	-	1	1
1957	Old Belvedere	87	38	-	26	23
1920	Pembroke	164	55	1	40	68
1920	Phoenix	140	38	2	32	68
1920	Railway Union	125	78	-	17	30
1995	Rush	7	4	-	_	3
1983	The Hills	20	10	1	4	5
1934	Y.M.C.A.	126	52	1	33	40

### TROPHIES WON BY CLONTARF LADIES (1977 – 1997)

Year	Team	Trophy	Year	Team	Trophy
1977	1st XI	Division 1 League Tyler Cup	1988	1st XI	Division 1 League Senior Cup Satzenbrau League
1978	1st XI	Tyler Cup	1989	1st XI	
1979	1st XI 2nd XI	Division 1 League Division 2 League			Senior Cup 40 Over League
1980	1st XI	Division 1 League	1990	1st XI	Division 1 League Senior Cup
		(Shared with Leinster)		3rd XI	Division 3 League
1981	1st XI	Division 1 League Tyler Cup	1991	1st XI	Senior Cup 40 Over League
1982	1st XI	Tyler Cup	1992	1st XI	Division 1 League
1983	1st XI	Division 1 League			40 Over League
1984	3rd XI 1st XI	Division 3 League  Division 1 League	1993	1st XI	Windmill Leisure
1704	1St AI	Division i League			Senior Cup 40 Over League
1985	1st XI	Division 1 League Marigold Cup Satzenbrau League	1994	1st XI	
	2nd XI		1995	1st XI	40 Over League
1986	1st XI			2nd XI	Junior Cup
		Senior Cup Satzenbrau League	1996	1st XI 2nd XI	
	2nd XI	Junior Cup		Ziid Ai	Julior Cup
1987	1st XI	Division 1 League Senior Cup	1997	1st XI	Senior League Senior Cup
	2nd XI	Satzenbrau League	1	2nd XI	Junior Cup
	ZIIQ AI	Junior Cup	1998	1st XI	Senior Cup

### **HIGHS & LOWS**

### BEST BOWLING

S. Devitt (U 14) v Malahide, 1956 10 10 Paddy Monaghan (4ths) v Old Belvedere, 1963 Michael McTiernan (2nds) v CYM, 1987 10 Others of note 9 for 36 E. Bodell (1sts) v Pembroke, 1956 9 for 77 B. McNeice (1sts) v YMCA, 1990 Also 9 wickets G.A. Tyndall (2nds), R. Ferguson (3rds), M. Browne (3rds)

E.N. Seymour took 7 for 1 in 7.3 overs (6 maidens) v Trinity, 1926

### BEST BATTING

Paul Ryan 3rds v Leinster 1998 (137 Balls 3 Sixes & 27 Fours) 173 170 David McGeehan (3rds) v Leinster, 1994

D. Vincent (1sts) v YMCA, 1992 161

### MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

F.J. Carroll 1971 – 33 (Caught 26, Stumped 7) In a season In a game

P.J. Bourke 1949 – 5 (Caught 1, Stumped 4) v Dublin University

F.J. Carroll 1988 – 5 (Caught 3, Stumped 2) v CYM

### MOST WICKETS IN A SEASON

G.A. Kirwan (1sts) 1982 (record for non-professional in Leinster) 82

### Others of note

54 P. McCready (2nds) 1992 53 M.J. Delaney (2nds) 1984

### MOST RUNS IN A SEASON

951 D. Vincent (1sts) 1985 920 A. Botha (1sts) 1995

Others of note

538 A.W.D. Spence (3rds) 1984

### FASTEST 100

under 30 mins on 3/6/1911 v Co. Kildare (inc 4 x 6s and 16 x 4s) J. Boyd

100\* in 90 mins (inc 15 x 4s) v Leinster in 1924 H.R.Aston

D.A. Vincent 100\* in 65 mins (inc 2 x 6s, 15 x 4s) v Railway Union in 1998

### LOWEST SCORES

Schoolboys v Leinster, 1927 ( 3 byes and 1 run from the bat) 4

1sts v Phoenix 1936 12

### HIGHEST SCORES

3rds v Leinster 1998 379

1sts v Railway Union 1957 366

1sts v Merrion, Cup Final, 1995 363 for 9

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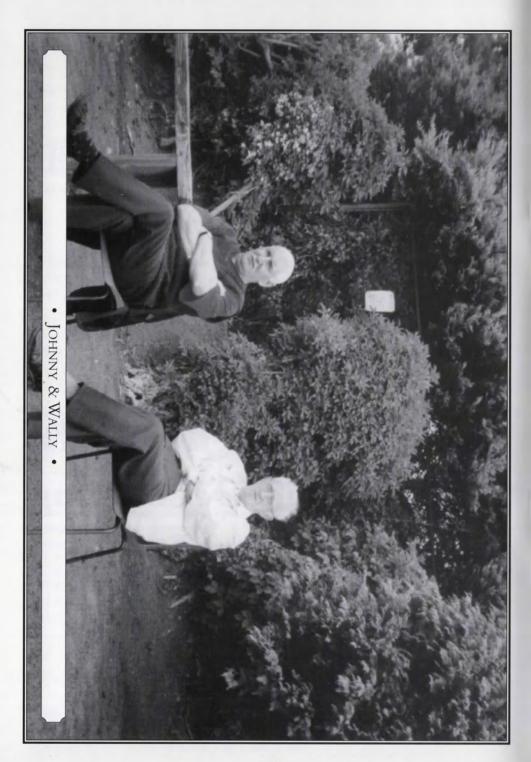
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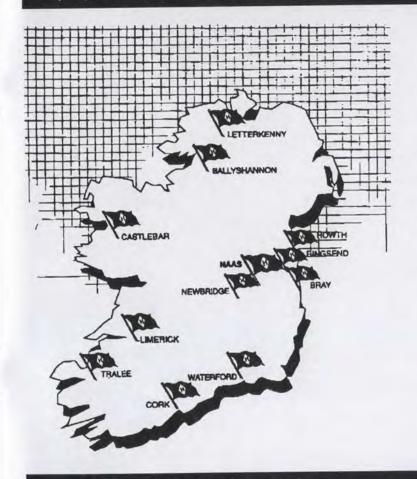
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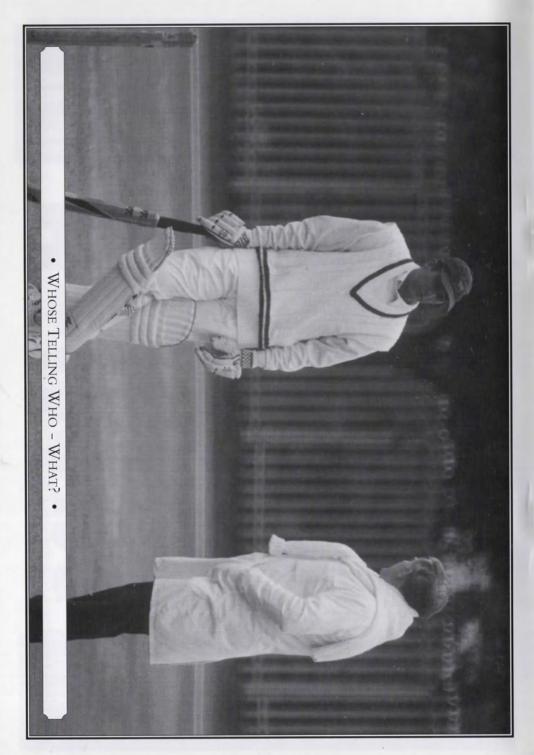
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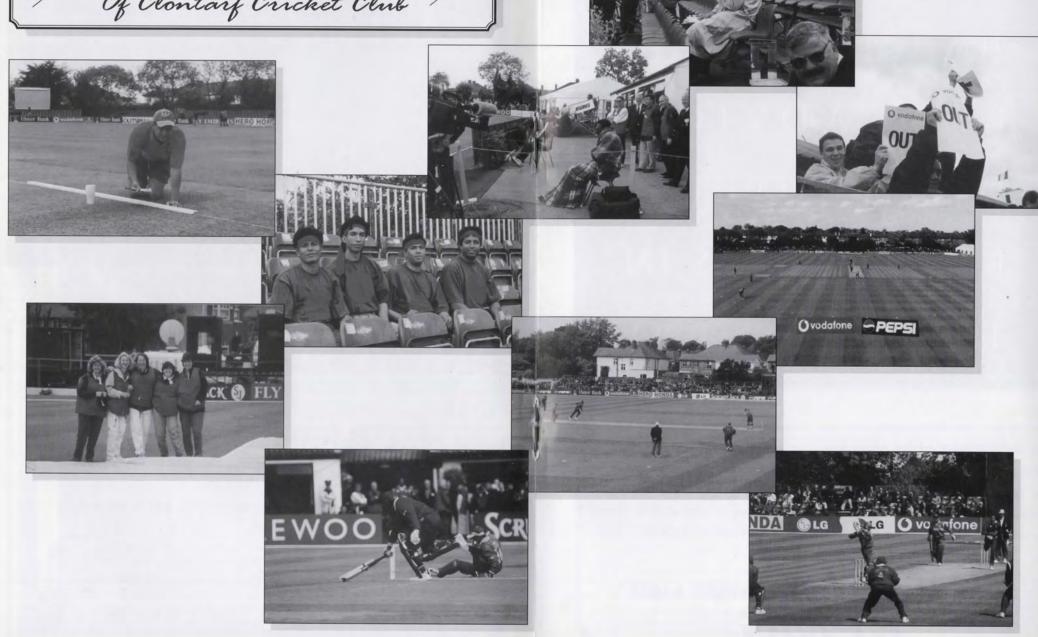
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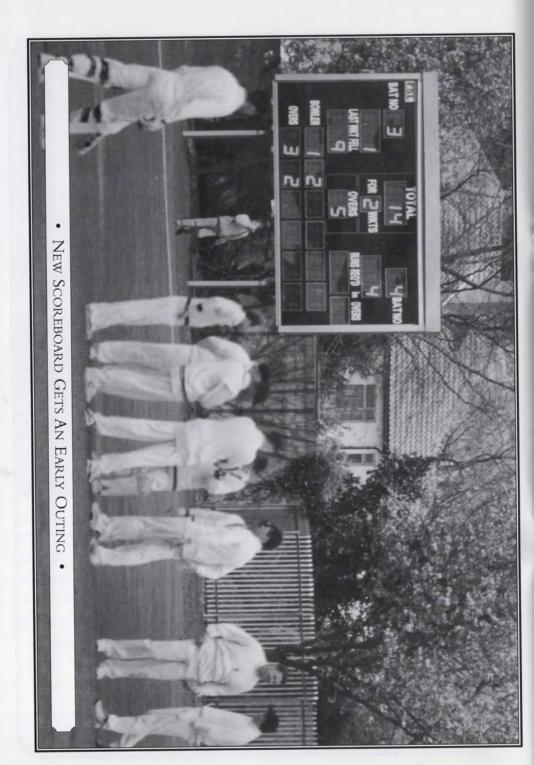
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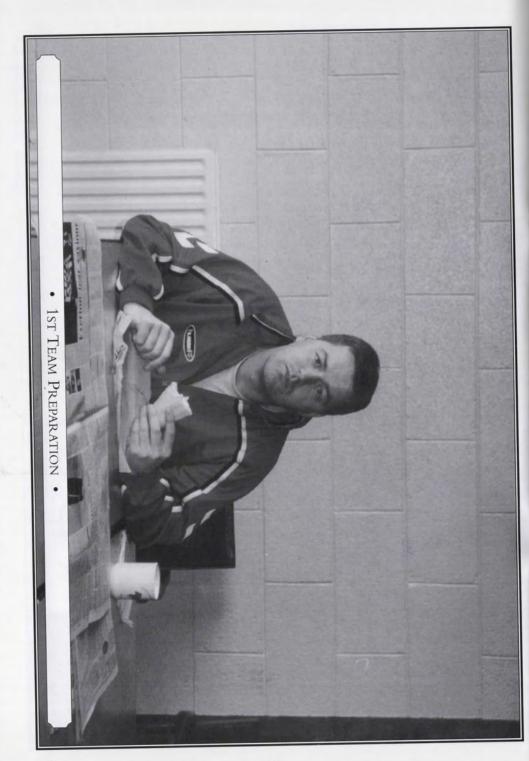
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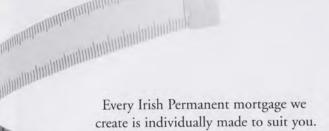


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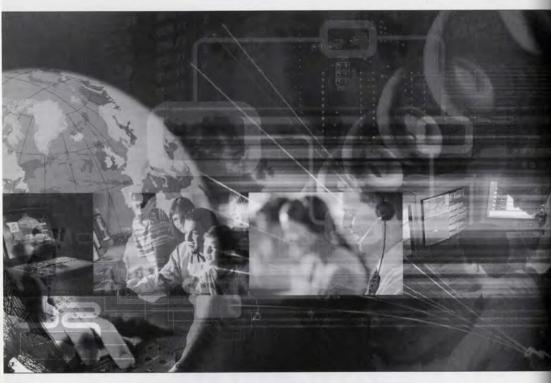
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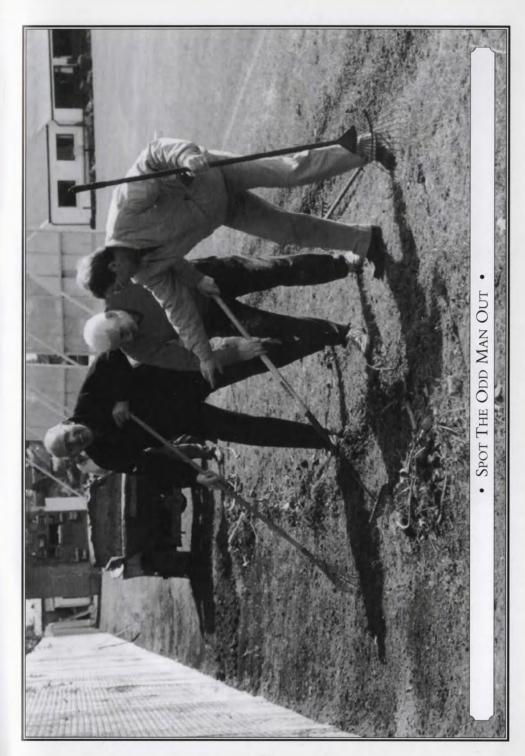
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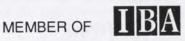
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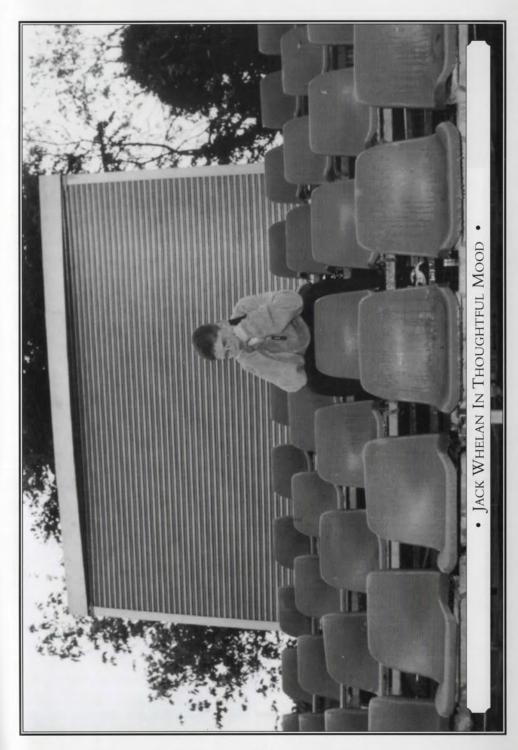
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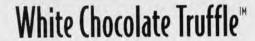


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#### BY KARL JOHNSTON

Cricket Correspondent, The Irish Times

My good friend Frank Keating of THE GUARDIAN once wrote memorably about what he termed "the great cathedrals" of the religion that is rugby – Lansdowne Road, Twickenham, the Arms Park, Eden Park in Auckland, Loftus Versfeld in Pretoria. The crowds, the epic matches, the agony of defeat, the ecstasy that is victory – all combine to live on in the memories of Keating's worshippers at these great sporting arenas.

Now, I'm sure that not even Clontarf Cricket Club's president, genial Fergus Carroll, would describe Castle Avenue as a "cathedral". Still, nobody would deny that it has an unique atmosphere all its own; Castle Avenue is one of my favourite cricket grounds, and, now that yet another season is winding down, I will miss my visits there, during the bleak days of winter.

To record details of the many great contests which have been played at Castle Avenue would involve writing something as long as Book one of War and Peace. But the undefeated double century and century scored by Mark Waugh for MCC against Ireland, when he was a young professional at Lord's, lives in the memory, and so does an incident in the bar on one evening during the match, when the young Aussie and the kid from New Zealand who was the team's 12th man learned that Clontarf is also home of a rugby club.

The pair were accosted by a well-known 'Tarf rugby man, who told them, in colourful phrases, about the many Australians ("like you two", the 'Tarf man told them) who were rushing headlong to Ireland and who would be lining out on the 1st XV the next season. The New Zealand kid was less than delira to have his national identity mistaken – "but I'm not an Aussie – I'm a Kiwi!", he protested.

"Sure that doesn't matter!", retorted the rugby guru. "The way you speak, you all sound the f.....g same to me!" There's an example of sporting ecumenism for you.

Apart from its prowess on the field of play down the years at all levels – and congratulations are in order for skipper Robert Hedigan and his Under 13 team on their recent unique treble – Clontarf's excellent match programmes are an example which could usefully be followed by some I could mention in high places, but won't.



I recall one such production, many years ago, which contained a piece penned by my good friend Fergal Tobin, in which he described the upcoming match as seen through the eyes of several prominent journalists and writers, among them my colleague Ned Van Esbeck, late of The Irish Times, known to his mates as "Van Halfback" or "Van Outside Halfback", the latter

mates as "Van Halfback" or "Van Outside Halfback", the latter term, in his view, being the more technically correct description for the number 10 position on a rugby team.

Fergal's piece extolled, at some length, the joys and the traditions of the summer game, looked forward to the time when the annals of Irish cricket would be recorded on stown tablets, taken down from the mountain. And his Van Esbeck send-up concluded -"but I will say again, and make no apology for saying it, over and over, that it is simply nothing short of a disgrace that a place for Tony Ward could not be found in either team". At the time, the Ward-Ollie Campbell saga, recounted at length by Ned, was at its zenith.

I still recall the first time that I called to the Tobin Chateau, in far-flung Killester. I was waiting for Fergal in his room when Catherine, his better half, who I hadn't met before, came in with a cup of coffee for me, to discover me idly swinging the cricket bat which had been leaning against the wall.

"Christ!", she said. "Not another one!"

I'm lucky that Castle Avenue is easily accessible from the family mansion on the azure Cote de Baldoyle, by car or on the DART. On occasions, in my less mature days, I have even cycled to the ground, only to find that getting there is one thing, while the return journey can be, well, let's say hazardous, for reasons which escape me. Maybe it's something to do with the balmy night air.

Castle Avenue was truly en fete for the World Cup match last May, a credit to the hard working ladies and gentlemen of the host club. Undoubtedly, that was the biggest match ever staged there; but you don't have to have a major occasion to enjoy yourself at Clontarf – it's enough to savour good company, watch the match, no matter who is playing, and dally over a few jars afterwards.

Now, it's that time of year that cricketers and cricket lovers dread, when autumn steadily approaches, the days draw in and yet another season winds inexorably down. Next April seems like an eternity away; but we can all console ourselves between now and then in the dark days of winter with the memories of the good company we shared, of the catches, the runs, the thrills and the spills, during the summer time, when together we watched "the runs tealers flicker to and fro, to and fro", in the pleasant ambience that is Castle Avenue.



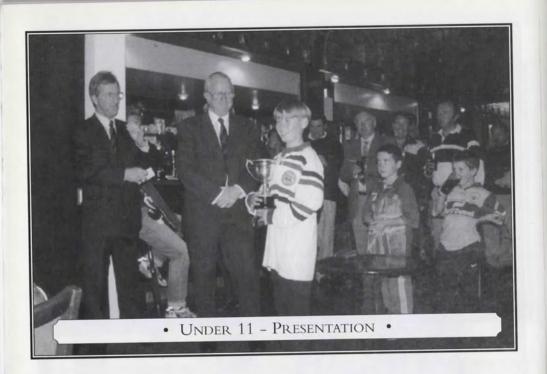
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