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It was with great pride that I listened to Bob Kerr (President ICU) as he thanked and praised our club for their organising of the two C-G matches. I must say his words were well deserved. A big thank you to all who helped out on the days. Special appreciation to Karl McDermott for his presentation of the ground which drew many plaudits from all quarters including umpires and players.

I know we have the expertise for staging these games, along with the practice, but the work still has to be done and for an amateur club we do it extremely well.

It is good to see your hard work being recognised, keep it up, as next year we have three games in a week, two semi-finals and a final.

I take this opportunity to apologise to the 4th, 5th and XI's as it always appears to be they who are the sides to lose out to reflexes, but that is the price for success.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our visiting teams, may the cricket be hard but fair and the after match friendly. I would exhort all teams to mix with their opposition - believe me there are good friendships to be made. It is a tradition I firmly endorse.



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Clontarf International Players

Name	M	I	NO	H	R	A	Innings bowled in	O	M	R	W	A	Ct
J. G. Aston	6	11	1	53*	91	9.10	6	69	11	114	10	11.40	6
E. H. Bodell	6	10	5	11*	25	5.00	10	175	40	489	11	44.45	1
J. D. Caprani	6	11	-	44	121	11.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
A. W. Cooper	2	4	-	31	66	16.50	3	26	3	108	3	36.00	1
S. H. Crawford	1	1	-	11	11	11.00	2	16	2	60	6	10.00	-
F. M. Filgas	1	2	-	3	3	1.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
W. E. Haughton	5	8	-	25	46	5.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
J. W. Hill	14	21	9	27*	138	11.50	23	296	77	709	32	22.15	1
N. B. Hool	13	21	10	27	171	15.54	21	282	60	801	27	29.66	4
L. P. Hughes	13	21	6	35	159	10.60	21	257.3	67	763	15	50.86	11
L. C. Jacobson	12	22	3	101	358	18.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
G. A. Kirwan	2	2	1	0*	0	0.00	3	29	11	91	2	45.50	-
G. H. McCormack	1	1	-	6	6	6.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
†E. A. McDermott	10	15	-	80	378	25.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
N. C. Mahony	9	17	1	42	299	18.68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. J. Morgan	1	1	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W. C. Pemberton	4	7	3	31	55	13.75	5	111	26	263	5	52.60	1
M. P. Rea	51	70	3	115	2045	30.52	1	0.4	-	8	1	8.00	6
E. N. Seymour	3	5	-	3	9	1.08	6	45	9	147	4	36.75	1
M. H. Stevenson	11	20	2	80	467	25.94	1	4	-	27	-	-	4
D. A. Vincent	21	31	3	52*	534	19.27	1	4	2	11	-	-	8
R. H. C. Waters	11	18	1	70	330	19.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	8

†E. A. McDermott's figures include game against Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk's XI.

*Not out.

International Tit-Bit

In July 1948, four Clontarf players were in the (then named) Gentlemen of Ireland team which played the Gentlemen of Scotland team in Glasgow. The players were N. C. Mahony, L. C. Jacobson, G. W. Hill and N. C. Hool. The G.O.I. won the match by 118 runs.

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Clontarf Interprovincial Players

Name	M	I	NO	HS	R	A	W	R	A	Ct	St
E. H. Bodell	6	4	2	7*	10	5.00	9	169	18.77	1	-
B. P. Bergin	1	1	-	0	0	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
J. B. Bunworth	27	25	6	103*	390	20.52	-	-	-	9	-
M. R. Bunworth	7	6	2	8	29	7.25	3	159	53.00	-	-
F. J. Carroll	17	9	2	20*	96	13.71	-	-	-	17	1
M. A. Carroll	3	3	-	16	27	9.00	-	-	-	-	-
C. G. Daly	5	5	3	12*	30	15.00	-	-	-	5	-
J. Daly	7	4	1	17*	31	10.33	-	-	-	7	1
M. J. Delaney	5	-	-	-	-	-0	6	107	17.83	-	-
J. Fitzpatrick	13	10	2	46	102	12.75	18	536	29.77	2	-
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	-
P. Lee	2	2	-	4	4	2.00	-	-	-	-	-
A. McClean	26	25	5	73	606	30.30	-	4	-	14	-
E. A. McDermott	61	56	7	108	1328	27.10	-	-	-	19	-
S. B. McMullan	1	1	-	9	9	9.00	-	-	-	-	-
B. MacNeice	16	10	2	58	191	23.87	10	452	45.20	2	-
F. O'Mahony	4	3	1	35	45	22.50	1	63	63.00	1	-
R. O'Reilly	9	7	2	23*	70	14.00	-	-	-	5	1
P. Prendergast	6	6	-	15	49	8.16	-	-	-	1	-
M. P. Rea NL & UT	38	38	5	120	1365	41.36	-	7	-	8	-
K. Spelman	1	1	-	10	10	10.00	-	4	-	-	-
D. A. Vincent	36	35	2	145*	1361	41.24	-	25	-	9	-
R. H. C. Waters	16	14	1	104	368	28.30	-	-	-	5	-

NL = North Leinster

UT = Ulster Town


†Also played Interprovincial while with Dublin University and Malahide but these figures are not included here

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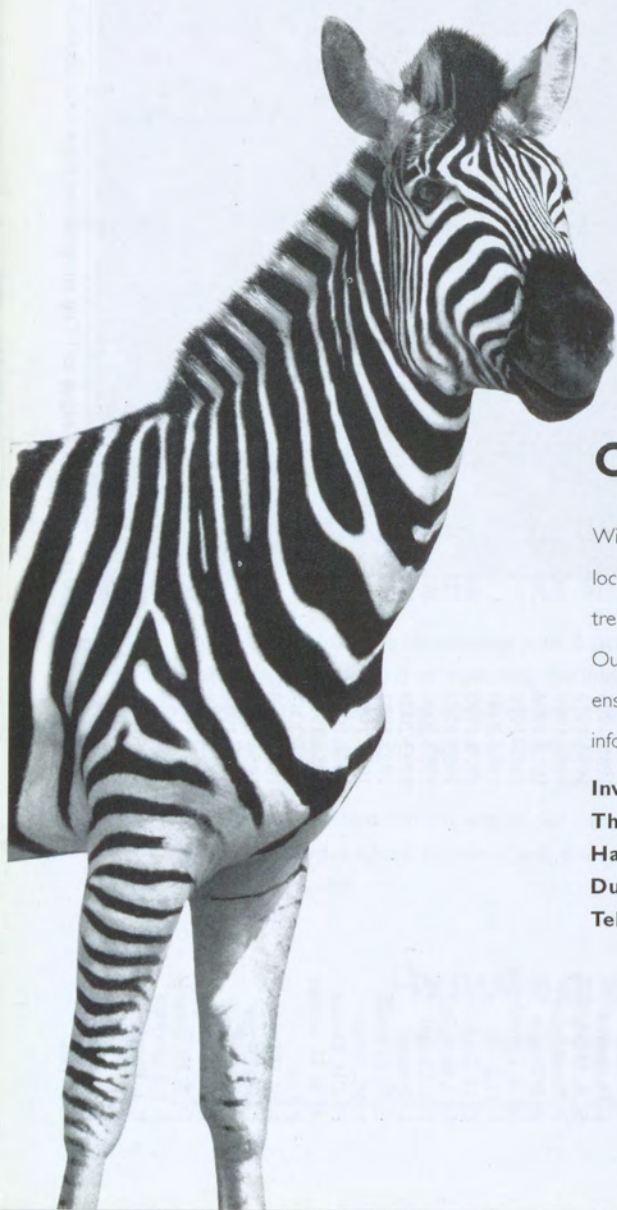
Clontarf Batting Averages

Name	Career	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Most	Runs	Average	100s	50s
A. C. Botha	1994-2000	142	136	27	133*	5461	50.10	7	38
M. P. Rea	1989-1994	83	80	9	114	3339	47.02	1	32
T. Fourie	2000-2003	80	76	8	129*	2864	42.11	6	20
R. H. C. Waters	1967-1969	46	45	5	120*	1496	37.40	2	9
D. A. Vincent	1981-2001	314	301	31	161	9508	35.21	13	49
A. McClean	1985-1996	177	162	32	121	4505	34.65	4	27
N. C. Mahony	1938-1963	195	197	21	110*	5904	33.54	4	41
L. C. Jacobson	1944-1960	149	147	11	103*	4023	29.58	4	17
R. O'Reilly	1992-2003	163	153	28	89	3531	28.24	-	20
W. J. Moynan	1945-1955	121	119	20	122	2745	27.72	3	12
J. B. Bunworth	1962-1989	299	289	39	128*	6745	26.98	7	33
E. A. McDermott	1963-1993	539	485	55	130*	11583	26.93	10	59
J. D. Caprani	1937-1951	141	144	23	119*	3027	25.01	1	20
B. MacNeice	1986-2001	225	166	38	81	3148	24.59	-	12
N. P. Grier	1966-1988	388	349	34	103*	7063	22.42	3	34
J. Fitzpatrick	1986-1995	129	100	18	77	1797	21.91	-	6
S. B. McMullian	1954-1971	190	182	14	98	3510	20.89	-	17
P. Prendergast	1981-1999	166	152	10	108	2887	20.33	1	14
B. P. Bergin	1975-1994	280	236	46	83	3825	20.13	-	14
M. A. Carroll	1953-1977	209	190	20	124	3342	19.65	2	10
J. Daly	1984-2000	176	127	9	110*	1914	19.53	1	6
C. G. Daly	1976-1993	108	89	16	62*	1384	18.95	-	4
F. J. Morgan	1930-1942	137	134	8	104*	2360	18.73	2	7
F. J. Carroll	1957-2001	462	354	90	109	4843	18.34	2	7
I. Synnott	1992-2003	103	84	15	59*	1264	18.31	-	4
E. N. Seymour	1922-1931	79	75	3	80	1303	18.09	-	7
J. M. Nolan	1968-1987	259	226	63	67*	2948	18.08	-	5
E. d'H. Dexter	1944-1964	155	147	15	94	2372	17.96	-	11
A. W. D. Spence	1956-1989	247	217	23	74*	3323	17.12	-	10
P. Lee	1993-2003	94	93	9	93	1228	17.05	-	4
J. W. Hill	1935-1960	203	187	31	119	2481	15.90	2	3
L. P. Hughes	1959-1987	370	286	41	103	3890	15.87	1	9
G. M. Carroll	1950-1964	128	114	13	72*	1518	15.02	-	1
D. A. Sweeney	1954-1968	108	106	7	77*	1427	14.41	-	4
D. F. Fitzgerald	1933-1952	164	136	32	81*	1466	14.09	-	7
J. J. Ledwidge	1920-1934	163	150	20	69	1699	13.06	-	3
P. J. Bourke	1936-1952	194	173	9	91	1954	11.91	-	1
A. R. White	1920-1943	215	197	31	87*	1709	10.29	-	2
E. H. Bodell	1944-1976	350	231	57	49	1720	9.88	-	-

Qualification: 1,200 runs in Senior League and Cup competitions since 1920 (excluding All-Ireland competition).

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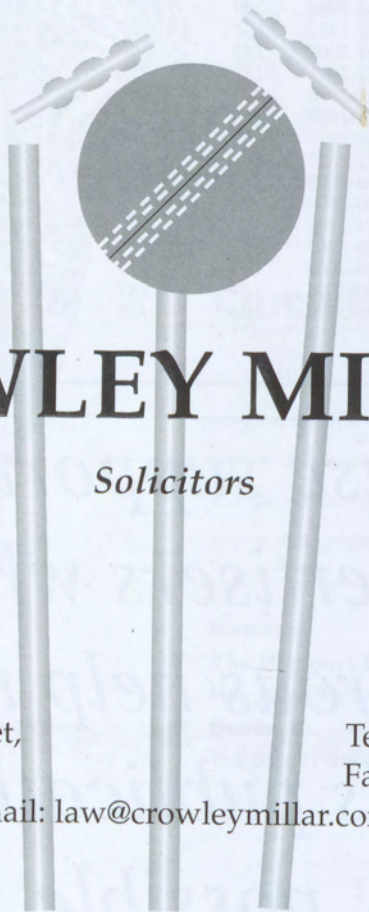
Clontarf Bowling Averages

	Career	Matches	Wickets	Runs	Average	5 Wkts in innings
G. A. Tyndall	1923-1934	105	148	1488	10.05	8
E. N. Seymour	1922-1931	79	129	1333	10.33	8
S. A. Martin	1932-1935	38	108	1224	11.33	6
J. G. Aston	1920-1928	77	155	1795	11.58	8
W. C. Pemberton	1925-1950	94	264	3190	12.08	21
J. J. Ledwidge	1920-1934	163	211	2661	12.61	11
J. M. Sweeney	1925-1931	65	102	1340	13.13	5
G. A. Kirwan	1961-1992	391	1033	14295	13.83	55
J. W. Hill	1935-1960	203	609	8624	14.16	48
T. J. Dunne	1931-1944	115	191	2706	14.17	15
R. J. Furley	1936-1963	86	179	2561	14.30	11
A. R. White	1930-1943	215	108	1577	14.60	5
E. H. Bodell	1944-1976	350	786	11699	14.88	48
L. P. Hughes	1959-1987	370	600	9567	15.94	25
D. C. O'Kelly	1965-1979	76	121	1956	16.16	6
M. R. Bunworth	1968-1988	240	407	7215	17.72	18
D. F. Fitzgerald	1933-1952	164	214	3819	17.84	12
A. C. Botha	1994-2000	142	261	4295	16.45	6
V. F. Savino	1953-1969	182	217	4080	18.80	5
M. J. Delaney	1965-1990	223	345	6537	18.94	15
N. P. Grier	1966-1988	388	359	7021	19.55	16
P. M. Murphy	1968-1977	87	100	2101	21.01	3
D. A. Vincent	1981-2001	314	141	3012	21.36	1
K. Spelman	1996-2003	121	188	4090	21.75	3
T. Fourie	2000-2003	80	119	2665	22.39	1
L. B. McMahon	1931-1949	152	130	2948	22.67	4
J. Barry	1989-2001	142	136	3103	22.81	-
B. MacNeice	1986-2001	225	316	7392	23.39	9
J. Fitzpatrick	1986-1995	129	181	4324	23.88	3
F. O'Mahony	1987-1994	103	136	3376	24.82	5

Qualification: 100 wickets.

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	Career	Matches	Caught	Stumped	Total
F. J. Carroll	1957-2001	462	368	134	502
P. J. Bourke	1936-1952	194	73	82	155
J. Daly	1984-2000	176	115 *	26	141
A. Hancock	1994-2002	129	107	21	128
R. O'Reilly	1992-2003	163	93 **	10	103
J. A. Bell	1953-1966	121	68	20	88
C. P. Stuart	1921-1942	144	51	22	73
L. C. Jacobson	1944-1960	149	47	11	58

* includes 10 in the field

** includes 20 in the field

Catches

	Career	Matches	Catches
N. P. Grier	1966-1988	388	143
E. A. McDermott	1963-1993	539	141 *
D. A. Vincent	1981-2001	309	112 **
J. B. Bunworth	1962-1989	299	87
J. M. Nolan	1968-1987	259	85
B. P. Bergin	1975-1994	280	81
V. F. Savino	1953-1969	182	77
L. P. Hughes	1959-1987	370	75
M. A. Carroll	1953-1977	209	72
B. MacNeice	1986-2001	215	65
A. McClean	1985-1996	177	64
A. C. Botha	1994-2000	142	62
J. D. Caprani	1937-1951	141	61
G. A. Kirwan	1961-1992	391	55
J. J. Ledwidge	1920-1934	163	53
G. J. Morgan	1930-1942	137	53
L. B. McMahon	1931-1949	152	53
A. R. White	1920-1943	215	52
E. H. Bodell	1944-1976	350	51

Qualification: 50

* Includes 15 catches as wicketkeeper.

** Includes 9 catches as wicketkeeper.

1000 Runs and 100 Wickets by Clontarf Players

	Runs	Wkts.
J. G. Aston	1125	155
E. H. Bodell	1720	786
A. C. Botha	5461	261
T. J. Dunne	1016	191
D. F. Fitzgerald	1466	214
J. Fitzpatrick	1797	181
T. Fourie...	2864	119
N. P. Grier	7063	359
J. W. Hill	2481	609
L. P. Hughes	3890	600
J. J. Ledwidge	1699	211
B. MacNeice	3148	316
V. F. Savino	1127	217
E. N. Seymour	1303	129
G. A. Tyndall	1181	148
D. A. Vincent	9508	141
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	1995	198*	Carlisle	A. C. 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

*Unfinished

Centuries Scored by Clontarf Players up to 2003

D. A. Vincent	14
E. A. McDermott	10
A. C. Botha	7
J. B. Bunworth	7
T. Fourie	6
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 Results against other Clubs Leinster Senior League and Cup since 1920

From Year	Club	Played	Won	Tied	NR	Drew	Lost
1941	Carlisle	55	27	1	-	15	12
1981	CYM	42	29	-	-	5	10
1920	Dublin University	95	46	-	-	18	31
1920	Leinster	159	52	1	-	37	69
1953	Malahide	100	39	1	-	19	41
1926	Merrion	143	67	-	2	41	33
1990	Nth. County	16	11	-	2	-	3
1957	Old Belvedere	90	41	-	-	26	23
1920	Pembroke	174	61	1	1	40	71
1920	Phoenix	154	45	2	2	32	73
1920	Railway Union	130	82	-	1	17	30
1995	Rush	16	10	-	2	-	4
1983	The Hills	30	17	1	1	4	7
1934	Y.M.C.A.	137	59	1	1	33	43

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TROPHIES WON BY CLONTARF SENIOR TEAMS

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
1966	5th XI	Minor League Minor Cup
1968	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup

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TROPHIES WON BY CLONTARF SENIOR TEAMS

Year	Teams	Trophy
1969	1st XI	Senior Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II League
	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
	4th XI	Junior League
1970	1st XI	Alan Murray Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II Cup
	3rd XI	Irish Junior Cup
	5th XI	Minor Cup
1971	1st XI	Beckett Cup
	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
		Intermediate League
1972	1st XI	Senior League Alan Murray Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II League
1973	1st XI	Alan Murray Cup Beckett Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II League Senior II Cup
	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
1974	2nd XI	Senior II League
1976	4th XI	Intermediate League
	5th XI	Junior Cup
1977	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League <i>(shared - Leinster, YMCA)</i>
1978	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
	2nd XI	Senior II Cup Senior II League
1979	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League
	2nd XI	Senior II League
	5th XI	Junior League
1980	1st XI	Wiggins Teape League <i>(Shared - Leinster)</i>
1981	2nd XI	Senior II League

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

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Year	Teams	Trophy
1995	1st XI	Senior Cup Belvedere Bond League
	2nd XI	Tillain Cup
1996	1st XI	Senior League
	2nd XI	Senior II Cup
1997	3rd XI	YMCA Salver
	5th XI	Junior 'C' League
1998	1st XI	Senior League (Section B)
	4th XI	Whelan Cup
1999	1st XI	Senior League
2000	1st XI	Senior Cup Senior League
	5th XI	Minor Cup
2003	1st XI	Senior League (Section B)
	2nd XI	Tillain Cup
	3rd XI	Middle Cup

Clontarf Players who led the Provincial Averages

BATTING

Marchant Cup first presented in 1921

			Runs	Av.
1930	E. N. Seymour	won Marchant Cup	337	37.44
1944*	N. C. Mahony		526	37.57
1945	W. J. Moynan	won Marchant Cup	400	40.00
1948	W. E. Haughton (also played with Dublin University)	won Marchant Cup	354	70.80
1952	N.C.Mahony	won Marchant Cup	534	59.33
1959	L. C. Jacobson	won Marchant Cup	492	49.20
1968	J. B. Bunworth	won Marchant Cup	676	61.45
1978	J. B. Bunworth	won Marchant Cup	784	56.00
1991	M. P. Rea	won Marchant Cup	687	57.25

* Scores in knock-out cup ties were not included in the Marchant Cup until 1946. In 1944 P. J. Quinn (Phoenix) won the Cup on league only figures with N. C. Mahony second. With cup matches included the positions were reversed.

BOWLING

O'Grady Cup first presented in 1937

			Wkts.	Runs	Av.
1920	O. Smith (also played with Civil Service)		27	200	7.40
1926	E. N. Seymour		35	254	7.25
1927	E. N. Seymour		26	225	8.65
1928	E. N. Seymour		18	169	9.38
1948	N. B. Hool (also played with Dublin University)	won O'Grady Cup	41	453	11.04
1950	J. W. Hill	won O'Grady Cup	36	416	11.55
1982	G. A. Kirwan	won O'Grady Cup	82	890	10.85
1983	G. A. Kirwan	won O'Grady Cup	67	554	8.26

ALL ROUNDERS

Samuels Cup first presented in 1963

			Batting			Bowling		Catches
			Runs	Av.	Wkts.	Runs	Av.	
1927	E. N. Seymour		275	27.50	26	225	8.65	*
1930	G. A. Tyndall		170	24.28	18	99	5.50	*
1994	A. Botha	won Samuels Cup	733	48.86	42	666	15.85	*
2001	T. Fourie	won Samuels Cup	849	26.53	27	537	19.89	10

* Catches were not taken into account in this category until after 1994

WICKET KEEPING

			Ct.	St.
1926	F. E. Buxton		7	3
1929	F. E. Buxton		3	4
1933	C. P. Stuart		6	6
1941	P. J. Bourke		12	18
1948	P. J. Bourke		5	5
1968	F. J. Carroll		15	9
1971	F. J. Carroll		26	7
1973	F. J. Carroll		22	6
1983	F. J. Carroll	won Hopkins Cup	24	5
1991	J. Daly	won Hopkins Cup	21	11
1992	J. Daly	won Hopkins Cup	20	3

CATCHES IN OUTFIELD

1930	E. W. Hall		8
1936	T. J. Dunne		10
	G. J. Morgan		10
1947	W. J. Moynan		7
1952	H. A. Buttimer		9

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 39 matches in this competition, winning 16 and losing 22. The final was reached in 1990 when Clontarf lost to Lurgan by 73 runs. In 1998 Clontarf lost the semi-final by 2 runs to Ballymeina.

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
J. Daly	17	14	4	38*	215	21.50	—	—
J. Fitzpatrick	9	7	1	90	218	36.33	—	2
N. P. Grier	10	7	1	84*	234	39.00	—	1
B. MacNeice	23	18	3	67*	249	16.60	—	1
A. McClean	20	17	1	66	247	15.43	—	1
E. A. McDermott	24	19	2	40	289	17.00	—	—
R. O'Reilly	10	10	1	100	334	37.11	1	1
P. Prendergast	14	13	—	88	281	21.61	—	2
M. P. Rea	11	11	1	70*	385	38.50	—	3
D. A. Vincent	31	28	1	101*	724	26.81	1	4

Bowling

	M	Wkts	Runs	Av.	5 wkts/ Inns
J. Barry	18	16	485	30.31	1
J. Fitzpatrick	9	10	222	22.20	—
N. P. Grier	10	11	249	22.63	—
G. A. Kirwan	18	30	638	21.26	—
B. MacNeice	23	25	471	18.84	—
G. Molins	5	12	137	11.41	—
D. A. Vincent	31	22	584	26.54	1

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BEST BOWLING

- 10 S. Devitt (U 14) v Malahide, 1956
10 Paddy Monaghan (5ths) v Old Belvedere, 1963
10 Michael McTiernan (2nds) v CYM, 1987

Others of note

- 9 for 36 E. Bodell (1sts) v Pembroke, 1950
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

- 173 Paul Ryan (3rds) v Leinster 1998 (137Balls 3 Sixes & 27 Fours)
170 David McGeehan (3rds) v Leinster, 1994
161 D. Vincent (1sts) v YMCA, 1992

MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

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

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

- J. Boyd under 30 mins on 3/6/1911 v Co. Kildare (inc 4 x 6s and 16 x 4s)
H.R.Aston 100* in 90 mins (inc 15 x 4s) v Leinster in 1924
D.A.Vincent 100* in 65 mins (inc 2 x 6s, 15 x 4s) v Railway Union in 1998

LOWEST SCORES

- 4 Schoolboys v Leinster, 1927 (3 byes and 1 run from the bat)
12 1sts v Phoenix 1936

HIGHEST SCORES

- 379 3rds v Leinster 1998
366 1sts v Railway Union 1957
363 for 9 1sts v Merrion, Cup Final, 1995

MOST DUCKS IN A SEASON

- 8 Peter Duggan 1985

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TROPHIES WON BY CLONTARF LADIES (1977 – 1999)

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

WHERE GOES IRISH CRICKET

Some years ago I wrote an article for the programme querying the future direction of Irish cricket with particular reference to the domestic club game as distinct from the representative game.

At the time there was a lot of concern expressed at the influx of overseas cricketers and whether they were raising the standard or whether they were denying opportunity to indigenous players. Clearly if overseas players denied places to home grown talent to a degree that the local players lost interest in the game there would be a serious problem arising for clubs in future years. At the time as overseas players were excluded from selection on the Irish XI to a greater degree than now there was an issue to be addressed.

Exactly the same argument is made in English county cricket where many argue overseas players take places from home grown players to the detriment of the English Test XI. that may well be the case but is not of concern to Irish cricket. In fact a ban on overseas players particularly as county cricket in recent years has been taking away some of our own best players.

Do overseas players raise the standard of the domestic game or just deny the locals opportunity?

To me there are two answers neither of which can entirely satisfy the different views held. Firstly I think the standard of local cricket is raised by overseas players in so far as is possible under modern laws which are heavily weighted in favour of batting (aka entertainment). This in turn denies opportunity to local players as overseas players by definition are usually very good and monopolise a lot of the bowling and batting leaving less for local players to do. The danger is local players only performing a supporting role as distinct from taking on the role of major players in their respective sides.

However local players who are prepared to accept this level of role are unlikely to be major players under any regime and I am convinced local players with talent, drive and ambition are prepared to strive to achieve the same level of performance as overseas players and if they are really serious they will strive to be better than the overseas players.

So you see for me it is a question of player motivation and ambition. Really good motivated players with ambition can equal if not emulate the performance of overseas players and the overseas players often set a standard local players previously believed unattainable but when they see the level set they ask "why not" and more importantly "why not me".

On balance I come down in favour of overseas players being allowed to play in our domestic leagues as after all every aspect of cricket administration should be directed to encouraging participation in the game. It is not as if we are turning members away in cricket clubs!

Having considered domestic cricket what about representative cricket?

The essence of the question relates to the amended and less onerous I.C.C. qualifications which allow so many more overseas players to legitimately play for Ireland. Without exception all of the players turning out for Ireland have been around for quite a few years in our domestic game to the extent the sobriquet "overseas" hardly applies. Ceefax were less than fair to our XI when Ireland beat Surrey in that they made somewhat snide references to "Ireland boosted by a number of overseas players proved too strong for Surrey etc." Certainly we had an overseas player in Dros as permitted in the regulations but all other players were indigenous Irish or well qualified to play for Ireland under I.C.C. regulations. Compare this with Surrey and their non English qualified Test stars Sacqlain and Azar for example. "and which part of Croydon are you from Mr. Mahmoud?"!!

There can be no doubt the qualified players who learnt their cricket overseas have added significantly to the current Irish team but remember were at the loss of at least three Irish players in Ed Joyce, Niall O'Brien and Adrian McCoubry all contracted to county teams and not generally available for Ireland. It now appears to be a question of swings and roundabouts and we must keep in touch with the changes taking place in the modern game. That being so if a player is eligible for Ireland and good enough I say select this player without hesitation. So overall I have found in favour of the modern selection criteria and as final justification I would suggest the success of the current team and indeed the Irish players playing for county teams will only enhance interest in the game which in turn will in due course lead to stronger club and international teams and a better game.

Without doubt as far as I am concerned the current Irish team is the best I have seen since 1958. I cannot comment prior to 1958 as I never saw those sides but since 1958 none of the subsequent sides would be even close to the standard of the current team. That is not to say the great players of yesteryear such as O'Riordan, Goodwin, Monteith, anderson or Short for example would not be stars in the current set-up. Of course they would but they would have to undergo the modern training disciplines and fitness regimes to make the grade. The game has changed a lot in this regard but the great players of one era would surely be great in another era. Nevertheless, I am sure the current team would easily beat the best of previous teams of which I rate the team circa 1969/73 as probably best.

My message is quite clear. Make all welcome to play the game whether at club or international level and allow all players to find their own level. It is my view such a policy can only improve the overall standard of this most wonderful game and we all support and play.

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WICKET KEEPERS

Geraint Jones' century in last weekend's test match was only the tenth occurrence of a wicket keeper performing such a feat for England.

You may wonder how I know this, alternatively you may just be flicking through this programme looking at the pictures, in any case the reason I know this is because Enda accosted me with the challenge to name the other nine English (sic) players who had achieved such a distinction.

I grew weary after oh ten seconds but it did make me think about what an odd and underacknowledged sort wicket keepers are. As a bowler (?) I can attest to the fact that a good wicket keeper is a must. Knowing that if you fire a ball down leg-side because the ground is infirm or you got your run-up skewed there will be an athletic full-length dive to prevent the ball from disturbing third man's snooze is a comfort. Equally the reassurance that if through some fabulous quirk of physics one manages to get a batsman to edge a delivery there will be someone who can catch it is like a calm akin to Buddhist meditation.

Most cricketers find keepers exasperating eccentrics who in the course of a game run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous. Captains are often left bug-eyed at missed stumpings, fumbles and dropped catches. Bowlers frequently develop instant *Tourette's syndrome* because of wicket keepers and opposition batsmen can be irked to the extreme by a chirpy keeper. Keepers in short are not of the normal run of events, they are essential to them but exist somewhere on the peripheries of reality, a sort of 'other' in the existential sense.

One of my most gratifying cricket moments was playing as part of the illustrious 3rd XI YM Salver winning team in 1997. Our captain was a wicket keeper, Keith Dexter (who will now be plying his craft under the auspices of the maple-leaf), our wicket keeper was gus Carroll. As a youngster I heard the mythic tales of Gus' *purple patch*, I heard stories of heroism to rival Achilles, I fell asleep more often than not but the honour it was to be part of the same team as Gus was astounding. During the Salver final while waiting to bat he reminisced about his achievements and that had played in finals with my father and as I listened to him I felt a warm connection with history and heritage. The final itself is something I will always remember but the fact that gus was part of the team was the icing on the cake. Gus is a Chelsea fan too so the admiration was compounded.

I'm making this up as I go along so if there seems to be vague I apologise but let it not detract from the fact that wicket keepers do not get the recognition they deserve. Look at them, they are often gangly and jug-eared, red haired, left to bat at 9 or lower, given inordinate abuse from their teammates, left sprawled and horrified by overthrows and leg-side beamers, unfairly admonished for letting through byes that are not their fault and yet they are cheerful and upbeat sort who ceaselessly encourage their peers and help their bowlers with varied psychological assaults upon the opposition. They are the court-jesters of cricket, the fool whose wisdom goes deeper and more cutting than their insanity.

Wicket keepers are the lifeblood of cricket and I for one believe we should applaud their dignity and determination. Please take a moment to consider this thought and if you see a wicket keeper bear in mind the cross they carry.

If you see Enda run away as fast as you can, failing that be waggish and remind him that Geraint Jones is Welsh.

Robert McDermott July, 2004.



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DERYCK VINCENT

When choosing an overseas professional most clubs opt for an all-rounder. You get two players in one; if he fails with the bat there is always a chance that he will bowl the opposition out. The problem, of course, being that homegrown players become subservient to him. If the pro makes runs his team-mates play around him and aim for 280, if not they play safe for 200. Then they throw him the ball. Make it home in a tight finish and you're vindicated; do it a second time and you've found yourself a game plan. As long as you're winning no one asks any questions. But what about the cost? Your own promising youngster adapts quickly: he plays a supporting role while the pro is in, repairs the innings once he is out. He understands that as long as he stays at the wicket his team is in with a shout - but here's the catch: so is the opposition.

I spent much of my career playing alongside Deryck Vincent. The gap between his ability and mine - and indeed the others on the team - was similar to that between a good pro and his Dublin team-mates. Yet we never became so dependent on him. Maybe it was because he was never much of a bowler. Pies, I used to whisper to him from mid-off. Maybe it was because no one thought of game plans. You got as many runs as you could and you tried to defend them. If Deryck didn't get them then someone else had to.

Not many people picked Deryck's ability as a kid. Often overlooked for representative teams, he was selected as a wicketkeeper if at all, and in truth he was a mediocre wicketkeeper. Yes, he batted stylishly, few more so, but where was the substance? It is hard to remember an innings of significance from him as a schoolboy. A few crisp boundaries, a soft dismissal, and he'd be back in the pavilion, clearly perturbed by failure but seemingly without the capacity to prevent it. Many players are like that - they possess talent and technique, they have an array of shots and yet they are unable to stay at the wicket long enough to influence a game. You wait for them to learn, convince yourself that they will, allow yourself to be beguiled by the one outstanding innings they play each season and then slowly you come to the realisation that they are missing something, a reliable consistent method for making runs, and that if they haven't found it by now they never will. Deryck was nineteen before he learned to stay at the wicket. He had always seemed more talented than his contemporaries, but not by much; suddenly, one summer, he began to play what appeared to be a different game. He could play off the back foot, he could hit through mid-on. There were days when he seemed impossible to bowl to.

A number of things distinguish an outstanding batsman from the rest. He sees the ball earlier; he has faster, more flexible hands; his balance allows him to stay in position that critical moment longer. There were times when even I, who had opened the batting with Deryck from Under 13 all the way to Senior cricket, found it impossible to pick the shot. He would shape to defend, I would relax in preparation for the next ball, and then the bat would come through late and with incredible speed. He was generally unflappable at the crease. That's another thing which sets an exceptional player apart - the ability to disregard what has already happened. So what if the last ball jumped off a length past your nose? You can't influence what is gone. Deryck's stance would remain unchanged; if the next ball was in one of his many slots it went for four.

It was not only the quality of his play which surprised many people but also the manner in which he batted. Flamboyant, aggressive, at times playful, his batting seemed the antitheses of his off field personality: courteous, reserved, and to those who didn't know him, deferential. He posed a real dilemma for opposing captains. He played so many shots that there was always hope of a false one and yet, if he batted for twenty overs the game was usually beyond you. It made him a treat to watch. I remember playing in Lurgan one day when this fellow appeared having travelled the guts of eighty miles just to see Deryck bat. There was only one reason he had come through that gate, he was happy to announce. He settled into his deckchair, sighed with satisfaction and promptly watched Deryck lose his off stump. Oh how Alan McClean and I laughed! Not that the journey was completely wasted, we were happy to tell him. Did he not have the memories of our own contributions - another duck (Alan's) and an all edged 8 (a little cameo from myself) - to warm him on the long journey home?

Deryck is the closest friend I have made through sport. It's a seasonal friendship: we never see each other during the winter; when we do finally meet it is as though we were speaking yesterday. It is not unusual for opening partners to form a different relationship to those between other team-mates; not only do you begin each innings together, trying to survive and to figure out the bowling, hoping to provide a platform for your team, but often you are both out early, leaving a long afternoon for reflection. If you're lucky you have someone with whom you can share what can be the most intense personal disappointment. Deryck and I would lap the pitch (he did most of the talking, incidentally), the conversation moving from sport to other topics and back again as it always does between two people who have one major common interest and several minor ones.

Deryck has scored thirteen centuries for Clontarf. Or maybe it's fourteen; I'm not sure, thirteen or fourteen, one or the other. Like someone once said about pizza, I think: It's all good, some of it's great. I batted with him in the 1992 Cup Final in Phoenix Park. Anyone who saw that innings remembers it, the touch and the power, the savage elegant onslaught once he had passed a hundred. My memories are different, however. I remember a player crippled by nerves when he came to the wicket, a player who for six overs looked as though he could be out any ball. I could see the panic on his face. It happens to every sportsman at some point, some more often than others: you spend years training your body to perform certain responses only for your mind to override them at the most critical moments. Not today, you think, any time but today but it is today, it's right now, and there is seldom a way back. Deryck edged a ball past his leg stump and walked up the wicket. It was a disaster, he said. It was hopeless. The only thing to do was to stand up straight, he'd decided; he'd keep his eyes level and try to hit the ball. It couldn't be any worse than what was happening.

I have so many memories of individual innings played by Deryck – a hundred on a sodden mat in The Hills, a furious 92 in response to Pembroke's decision to bat 65 overs in a league game, his unbeaten century in the 1990 Wiggins Teape final against Old Belvedere. I also remember sitting next to the sightscreens at Clontarf watching him try to cope with Phil Newport of Worcestershire, Newport swinging the ball both ways and late, Deryck lost against bowling of this quality. This, I believe, was the moment I understood the difference between professional cricketers and amateurs. I suppose I also understood the limits of Deryck's talent and by extension was faced with the harsher realities of my own. And indeed, Deryck's international career was a curious affair. To survive in international cricket a club player must work out a method for doing so. It is a matter of survival. He plays the ball later; he jettisons certain shots. Deryck never managed this. It was as though having always had more in his locker than the bowler he found it impossible to adjust to having less. Or maybe since batting was the only means through which he could express the playful, adventurous part of his personality, the psychological cost of change would have been too great. Who knows? Whatever the case Deryck's international career was a chequered one – in for one game, gone for two, back for two, gone for one; waiting for the selection committee to meet, feeling an intense pressure if he was chosen and an angry disappointment if he wasn't; watching lesser players prosper, some hiding down the order in anticipation of the wicket-keeper's leg breaks, others pragmatically chiselling out the runs necessary to stay in the side. And then he retired. He had had enough, I suppose; it was no longer worth it. I remember a change in him. He turned up to play for Clontarf that weekend and he seemed different – livelier, if I remember correctly, certainly more talkative. Maybe the decision to quit had been some time coming.

For Clontarf and for North Leinster he was the most wonderful player. Some star players diminish their team-mates, force them into subordinate roles; others allow their team-mates room in which to grow - in accepting responsibility they encourage others to do likewise; they set the tone of the game so early that the others have no choice but to follow. This was Deryck. His presence turned a goodish Clontarf team into an outstanding one. The more we needed him, the more he delivered; the more our nerve failed us, the more he held his (if sometimes only just); the more a bowler threatened us, the more ruthlessly Deryck attacked him. Through our belief in him we formed an unshakeable belief in ourselves: with Deryck in our side we believed that no game was beyond us.

Alongside Deryck there was no total we couldn't chase. Soon we came to understand that if he failed there was no reason we couldn't chase it on our own.

And there's so much of it that I remember:

I remember a straight six over the clubhouse in The Hills, the straight batted whip he used to play off the back foot over square leg, Deryck twice running Angus Dunlop off his off stump to third man during the 1992 cup final, playing the ball later than I had ever seen an amateur play it. I remember Deryck sitting in the dressing room in Old Belvedere, his face buried in a towel, hiding tears of frustration at a string of low scores. Incidental details as well: mid-wicket conversations, nothing much, just keeping in touch, making sure the other wasn't lonely. Twice I had occasion to speak to him about an embarrassing celebration after he'd passed a hundred; repeatedly I told him never to apologise to a bowler for playing a false shot. I remember the exuberant reaction of opponents who had dismissed him. I remember Deryck's father Billy walking half way around the pitch to congratulate me on a sluggish thirty, never thinking to mention that his own son was motoring towards another hundred. Other things too, small things – Phyllis, Deryck's mother, clipping me across the ear when I suggested she make me a special tea too; the solitary run out (Deryck's fault, incidentally) in all our years batting together; the pair of us sitting in our pads in the dressing room in The Mardyke, not a run between us, sitting and laughing because if we didn't we'd cry, having earlier fielded for 95 miserable overs. I remember Deryck being bowled by a double hopper from Alan Corcoran. Sometimes I would watch him and wonder how someone so small could hit the ball so far. Individual innings, of course: three hundreds in Leinster Senior Cup finals, two Man of the Match awards in Wiggins Teape Finals, and one of my

personal favourites – the day he led us on a thrilling run chase in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Cup in Woodvale, out of touch, his timing awry, for once appearing ordinary. I remember repeatedly smashing my bat against the table in the dressing room in abject fury at my own ineptitude, Deryck standing by the doorway, waiting for the storm to pass before saying, 'Come on. Let's go for a walk.' So much of it has stayed with me – our shared discomfort at facing Johnny Barry in the nets, singing along to Alan McClean's Madness tape coming home from matches, Deryck sitting at the top of the ground telling me about being dismissed by a ball from David Lawrence of Gloucestershire, a ball he flat out never saw, and the sickening physical fear at having to bat in the second innings.

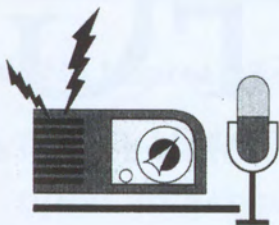
And what about that guy who travelled eighty miles or so just to watch Deryck bat? I went through a similar stage some years back, loading my kids into the car and heading away, Deryck coming to the end of his time as a cricketer, trying to harness the enthusiasm of the likes of Ronan O'Reilly and Keith Spellman to help him through his late career ennui. I would telephone as soon as the toss was made and organise my day accordingly. Maybe having been there at the beginning I hoped to be there at the end. Maybe I understood that something truly special was passing and I wanted to enjoy it while I could. Whatever the case it is over now. It wasn't that Deryck couldn't have played on, he certainly could have, it was just that there was no particular reason to do so.

My favourite Deryck story concerns a match between North Leinster and Ulster Town. It is a habit of international players to gravitate towards each other when they arrive at a ground. It's a mark of respect, by association they set themselves apart; and it's all splendidly chummy. Much too often this chumminess finds its way onto the field of play. An international batsman shows the proper respect to an international bowler; he can, after all, feed off the smaller fish. It's honours even at the end of the day, reputations intact, and into the bar to drink together. Deryck murdered an Ulster Town attack chock full of international bowlers. My clearest memory is of consecutive deliveries from Paul McCrum, at his peak as an international cricketer, each flipped one bounce into the clubhouse to bring up Deryck's hundred. That was the day I felt proudest of Deryck – not for what he was, but for what he could have been and wasn't. I'm not sure why but it was years before I mentioned this to Deryck. He remembered the innings but he seemed bemused. Why would anyone want to be seen with particular members of the opposition? Why would a sportsman back down from a potentially thrilling confrontation? Most of all, why would a player not be there when his team-mates needed him most?

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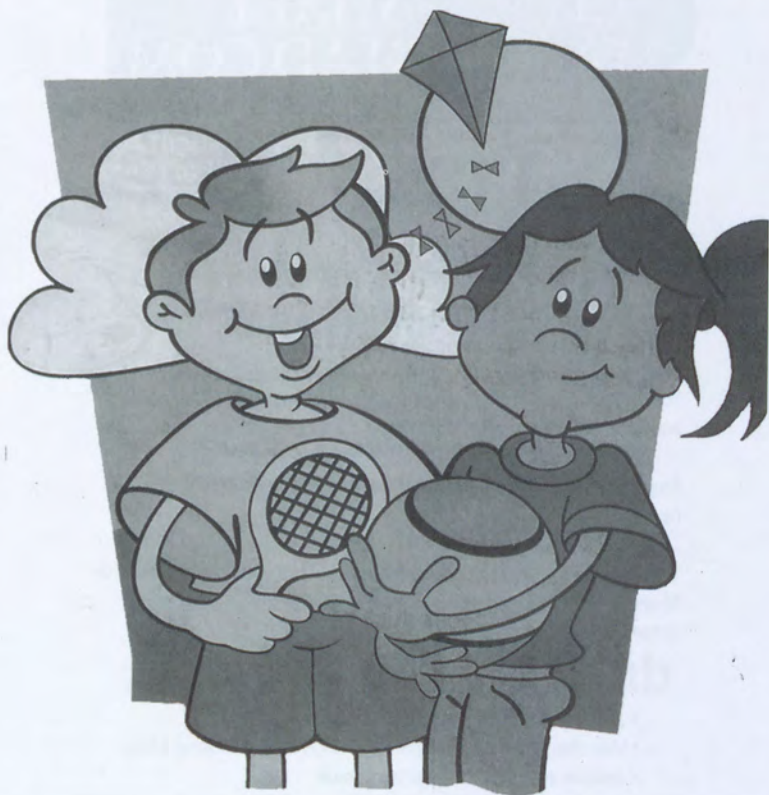
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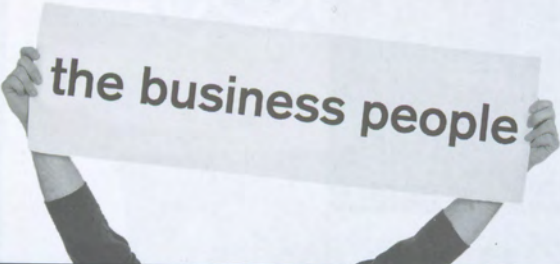
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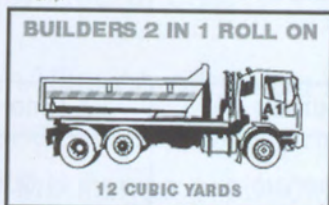
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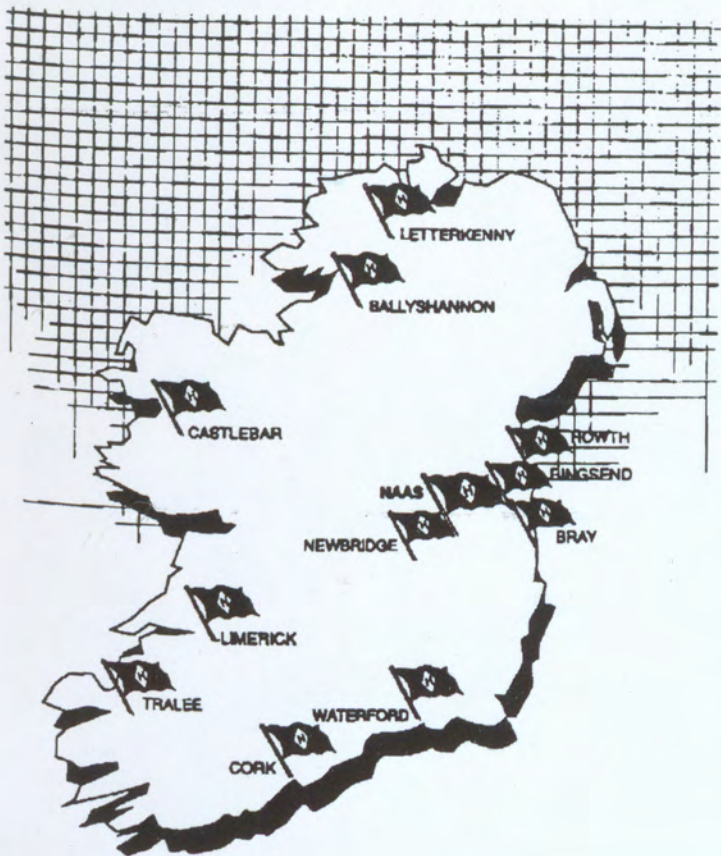
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