

Clontarf Cricket Club



Season 2010

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President's Address

It is a great honour to be President of Clontarf Cricket Club and it's my pleasure to welcome everyone to Castle Avenue this Season.

Our Brochure this year is later than previous years as we were anxious to delay it until after our big event namely Ireland v Australia on 17th June. This was a great day in the Club thanks to you the Members who stewarded on the day efficiently and cheerfully and this brought compliments from many parts both here and overseas.

Our playing season is in full flow with reasonable success to date, we have lost some players and our representative players are missing more frequently due to demands from Cricket Ireland. We do however congratulate our players selected by the various Irish teams and wish them continuing success.

We are pleased to have Our head Coach Rod Hokin back again and also welcome Selena Tainton who is coaching the ladies and school children.

My sincere thanks to all who help in any way to run our great Club you know who you are, your work is greatly appreciated.

Fund raising is most important and under the leadership of our Club Captain Joe Morrissey we already have had very successful events and now look forward to the biggest one namely our auction on 28th August. We need your support for this event by supplying saleable items of any type and of course your attendance on that evening.

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Finally good luck to all Captains for the rest of the Season. ☺



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Lady Captain's Address

A Grandmother of one of our players said that the last time we had proper snow it was followed by a scorching summer so fingers crossed that the sun shines on Clontarf!

It is a real honour to captain the Clontarf Ladies first team and I hope I can live up to the title. I think I would have run a mile at this stage only that I have a great vice-captain in Laura Cullen. Also Sue Dunphy and Cecily Dixon have been a reassuring pool of advice and Fiona has yet again taken charge of the thankless job of organising fixtures. Joe has been an unbelievable help in organising coaching and giving general advice. He has also managed to be incredibly patient with me and so I can't thank him enough.

Last season was a real boost for the team morale with the firsts winning both the league and the cup in 2nd Division under the experienced captaincy of Annette McKeown. This season we are back in the first division so we face an exciting challenge in proving ourselves at the higher level.

The seconds team really came into their own and have struck a perfect balance of fun and competitiveness. They finished middle of their league under the captaincy of Suzi and Vice Captain Laura Erskine and continued to improve through out the season. Suzi and Laura will again lead the team this year and I have no doubt that the second team will continue to flourish not only on the pitch but also in their weekly cake offs.

I would like to wish all the men, the schoolboy teams, the schoolgirl teams and the ladies the very best of luck in 2010. I also look forward to seeing you all at the fundraising and social events in Clontarf as we all come together to support our club.



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It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of Kathleen Carroll and Anne Marie Darcy both ladies connected to our club for many years.

Kathleen Carroll helped with tea making during 1970s and 80s and was a proud Wexford woman from Camolin. She was a faithful follower of Wexford hurling and a keen bridge player. Three of her sons played Senior cricket for the Club and Adrienne, her daughter, played for Clontarf Ladies in the 60s. Her granddaughter Jean also played for Clontarf and is an Ireland international player.

Kathleen in cricket parlance almost reached the ton and was run out only 2 runs short.

Anne Marie Darcy passed on at a young age after a long illness and we greatly miss her presence in the Club. She was always in good humour, and like Kathleen, left us three sons to play cricket. and we appreciate also the great support from Denis and Oran.

May they rest in peace.



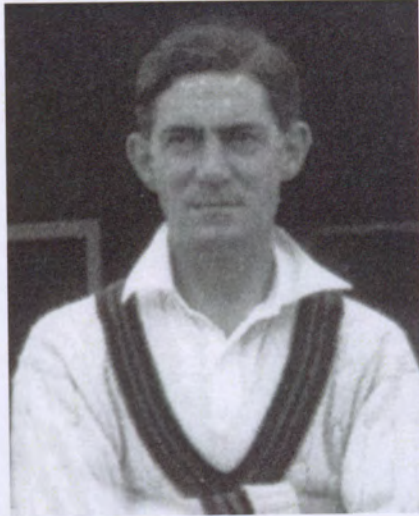
John pictured with the trophies won by Clontarf teams in 1989

John Lyon

Members of the club were saddened to hear of the death of John Lyon in South Africa on January 2nd 2010 at the young age of 58. Most of the members of the club at the time of his tenure here as coach would have known of his playing for Lancashire CC as a wicket keeper but not much more. John was a very quiet person who did not talk of his past achievements, that part of his career was over and he saw his future in the game as a coach.

John's one and only century was made against Warwickshire at Old Trafford in July 1979, his last season at Lancashire. It was a remarkable match. Lancashire managed only 208 in reply to Warwickshire's 359 despite a typical bit of nightwatching by John. When Clive Lloyd was out for 93 at 230 for 7 on the third and final day Lancashire were only 79 runs ahead. John was joined by Bob Ratcliffe, who had not made a fifty in 69 first-class games. The pair scored their maiden hundreds and saved the game, their eighth-wicket partnership of 158 beating the previous best of 150 set in 1900 by A Ward and CR Hartley.

John will be fondly remembered by all who benefitted from his coaching while he was at Clontarf and his strict but fair regime which he imposed on all members both schoolboy and senior.



Dermot A. Sweeney

It was with great sadness and regret that we learned of the sudden death of Dermot Sweeney in December 2009 at the age of 77 years. It could be said that Dermot was very much part of the Club and throughout his life he made a huge contribution to it's success.

Dermot had a long playing career and played on the 1st XI from 1954 to 1968 making 18427 runs, highest score 77 not out. He then continued to play right down through the lower teams and enjoyed many seasons with the 6th XI.

He was President for 3 years 1980 to 1983 and served on the executive committee for most of his time in the Club. On a wider basis he was Treasurer of the Irish Cricket Union, Southern Branch, also Secretary of our Joint Committee.

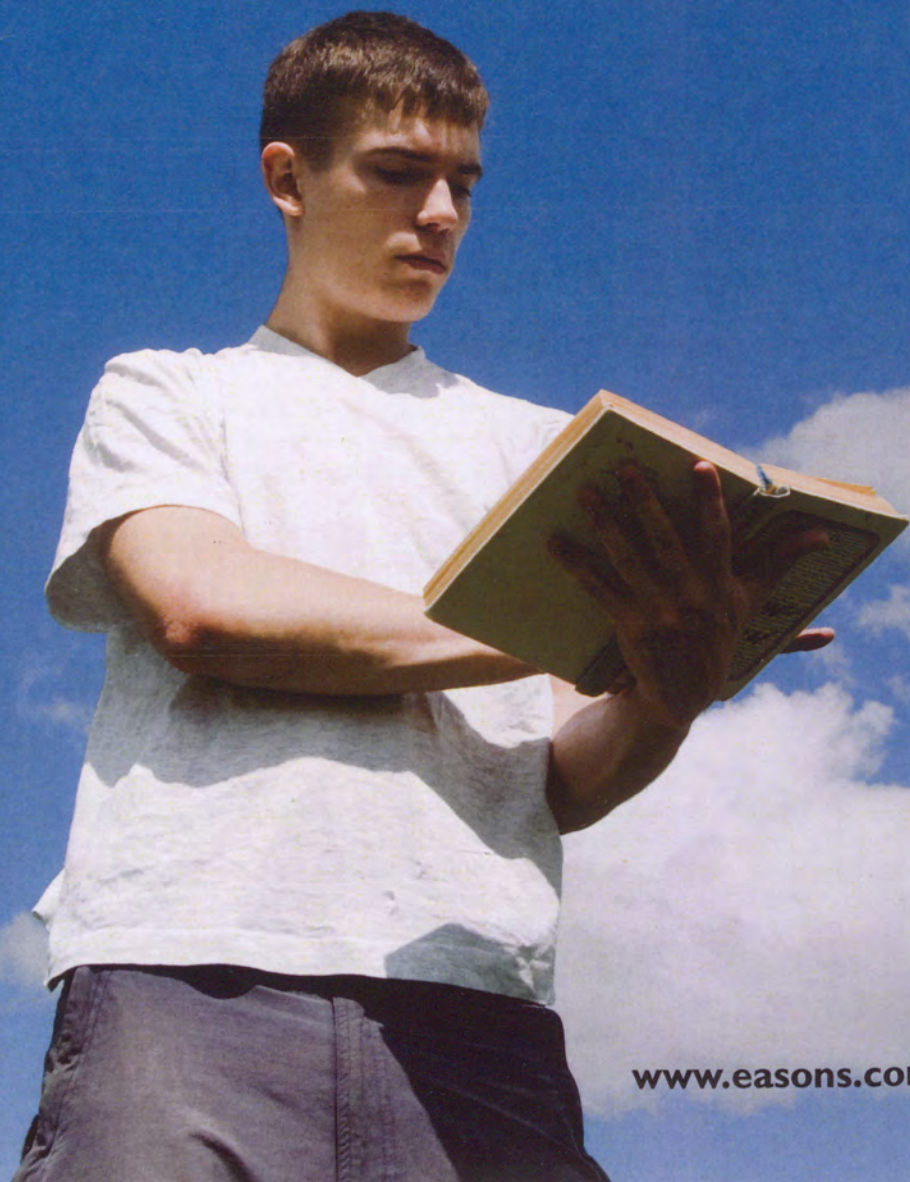
We will miss Dermot at Castle Avenue as he supported every level of cricket and to be in his company was a pleasure as he had great recall of times past and former characters over the years. The highlight of our annual dinner was Dermot's welcoming speech to our guests which was off the cuff yet he always managed to include by name all present.

We extend our sympathies to his brother Tony and the rest of the family

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Is coaching really worth it?



The team that won the Leinster Senior Cup for the third year in a row.

Back row L-R: M. O'Kelly (Manager), C. D'Arcy, A. D'Arcy, B. Coghlan, R. Hokin, A. Cussack, G. Molins, S. Downes (Scorer). Front: A. Poynter, M. D'Arcy, J. Morrissey (Captain), N. Delany, R. Forrest, E. Delany.

Should coaches be allowed to play?. That is a question occupying the minds of many people connected with cricket in Leinster and if, in fact, anyone should be paid to play the game in any guise. Many are of the opinion that it is simply a ruse to get round the regulations to pay a player to coach or to occupy any position within a club, because when match days come along the employee then becomes a match winning member of the team. Looking at the results of the Clontarf 1st XI over the last three seasons under coach Rod Hokin it would be hard to disagree with the sceptics. However while the results of the senior teams have been steadily improving the results for under-age cricket have been even more impressive.

The improvement in under-age cricket can be attributed solely to the methods used by the coach and his assistants and they certainly do not play at that level. What the coach brings to under-age cricket is organisation, both on and off the field, he oversees the travel arrangements when teams are away from Clontarf and he ensures that all members of the team know how important it is that the spirit of cricket should be upheld and that no adverse criticism can be made of the conduct of any Clontarf team or player either home or away.



Leinster Senior 2 Cup winners for second year in a row

*Backrow L-R: J. Coghlan, J. McGreal, N. Blair, K. Spelman (Captain), J. Baker, M. Ryan.
Front: K. Lynsky, Rob. Forrest, F. Furlong, V. J. Gopal, R. O'Reilly*

Coaching report 2009

The End of Season Report and Recommendations from club coach Rod Hokin contains observations and analysis from the 2009 season and recommendations for the 2010 season. The report is a comprehensive document outlining the achievements of all teams currently playing for the club. Additionally there is a report on the sessions undertaken by the club coaches in local schools and reports also on the 'Bunnies' Friday night sessions.

2009 was a season where the Club performed outstandingly well in a number of areas. The overall performance of the men's 1st and 2nd teams was excellent. The youth section continued to go from strength to strength, and the introduction of a men's 6th team provided a crucial link between boy's and men's cricket. In addition to this, the ladies tasted success that will hopefully continue in the seasons to come.

The 2008 End of Season Report contained the following vision: "The club should aim to be the leading club in Ireland in men's and youth cricket within the next 3 years and the leading club in Ireland in women's cricket within the next 5 to 10 years."

In 2009 the Club took major steps forward in achieving these goals.

Highlights included the following.

- Men's 1st Team - Leinster Cup Winners and League Champions,
- Men's 2nd team - Cup Winners
- Ladies 1st team-Cup Winners and League Champions
- Youth Section - Leading Club in Leinster based on results
- Under 19s - League Champions

- Under 11s - All Ireland Cup Winners
- Under 11s - Leinster Cup Winners
- Under 11As - League Champions

Overall performances of the Men's teams this season was excellent. Highlights were:

- Men's 1st team winning the Senior Cup for the 3rd year in a row
- Men's 1st team winning the Leinster league for the 2nd time in the last 3 years
- Men's 2nd team winning the Senior II Cup

The introduction of a men's 6th team, captained by Tom James, proved a resounding success. The team gave younger players the opportunity to participate in men's cricket. Approximately 12 boys under the age of 15 played at 6th team level or higher during the season.

What the report omits to emphasise here about the 1st XI is that an almost unprecedented treble of wins of the double of cup and league was thwarted by the fact that the league was not won in 2008.

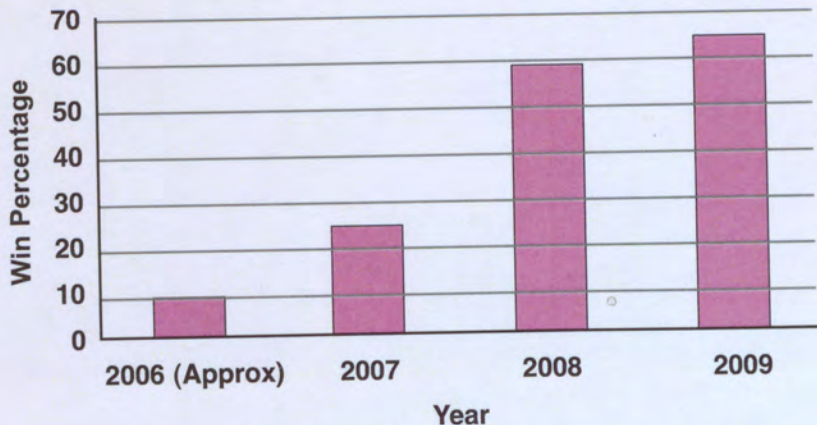
Youth Coaching (Boys)

The overall performance of the boys youth section this season was outstanding. Highlights of the season were:

- Number 1 Youth Club in Leinster based on results
- 43 wins out of 66 - 65% (2007 = 9 of 38 = 24%, 2008 = 29.5 of 50 = 59%)
- Under 19s - League Champions
- Under 11s- Winners of All Ireland Cup
- Under 11s- Winners of Leinster Cup
- Under 11 As - League Champions
- Under 11Bs - League Runners-Up
- Under 11Cs - League Semi-Finalists
- Under 15s - Twenty20 Semi-Finalists

The Club has gone from strength to strength at youth level following the restructuring of the youth set-up after the 2007 season. The performances of the boy's youth section year by year are shown below:

Revolution in Youth Results over the past 4 years



Oh Brother!

Many teams in all kinds of sports occasionally have brothers playing on championship and cup winning sides, however, 2009 was unique in the annals of Clontarf when we had 5 brothers playing on the cup winning side. They are pictured with the Cup below.



The D'Arcy brothers, Adrian, Conor and Mathew



The Delanys, Eoin and Niall

The following specific factors were critical in contributing to the continued improvement of youth cricket at the club this season:

- The continuation of twice weekly training sessions for A squad players at Under 11s and 13s levels
- The addition of a 3rd Under 11 team for the 1st time in the Club's history
- The practice of training players in teams with the same coach week to week
- The crucial role which individual team managers played in developing teams. For example Gerry Delany acts as an additional coach and provides outstanding support to players in the teams he manages.
- The continued use of highly qualified coaches
- More specific 1 on 1 technique coaching occurring at training
- The increased use of the bowling machine for youth coaching
- The use of the portable net to better simulate match conditions
- An increased focus on match day warm-ups for specific skill development
- The Summer Cricket Camps providing focused and intense coaching for a number of Under 11s and 13s players



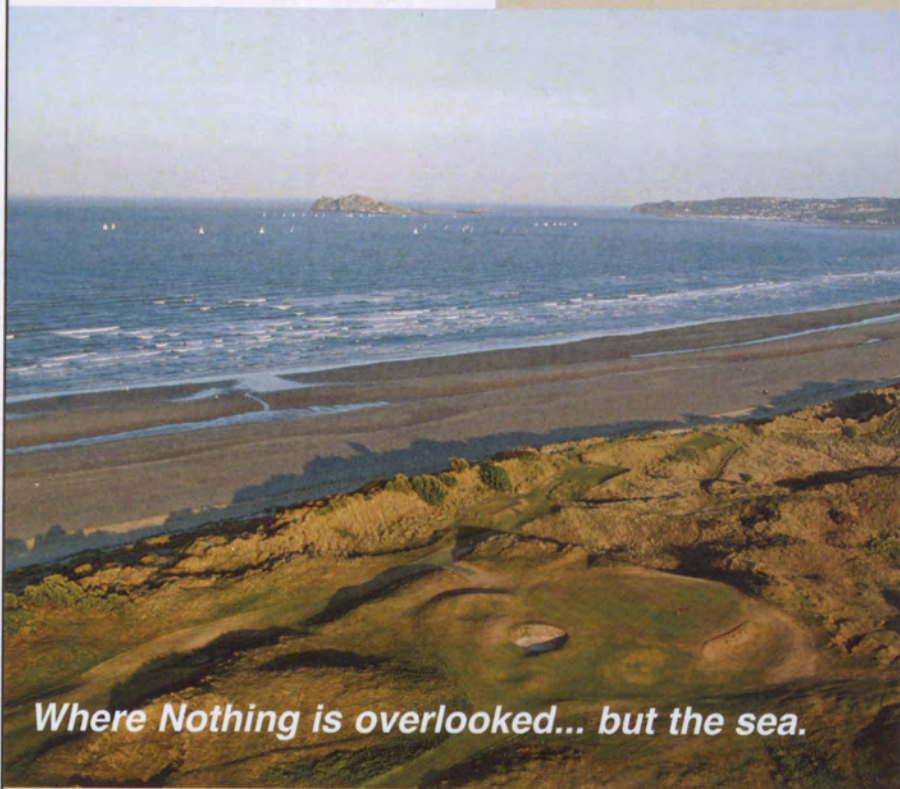
Clontarf Under 11 All Ireland Cup Winners

L to R: Back Row; R. Hokin, (Coach), D. Delany, S. O'Quigley, S. McKeon, K. Byrne, S. McCarthy, B. Makin, J. Foxe, G. Delany (Manager) Front Row; K. Mangan, S. Currie, A. Delany (Captain), R. McGreal (President) C. Currie, P. Kirk, P. Hoy



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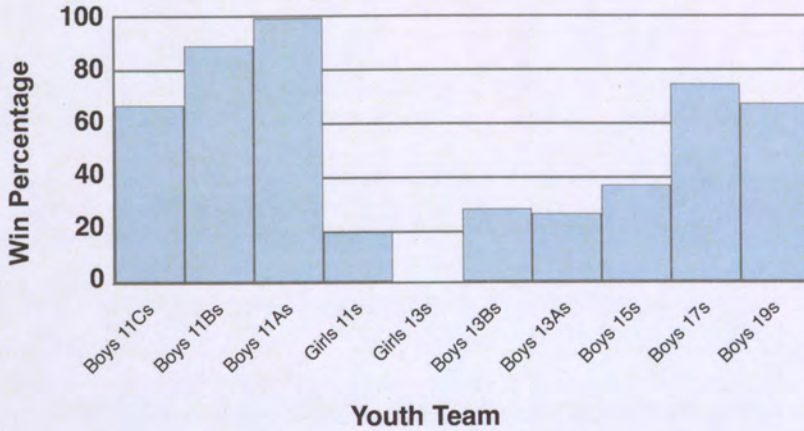
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Despite the excellent performances this season there are still a number of areas where the potential for development is still very high. The graph below shows the performance of each of the Club's youth teams in 2009:

Performance of all youth teams in 2009



Clontarf Ladies 1st Team - Winners Junior Cup 2009

L to R: Back Row G. Leahy, G. Shaw, V. Shaw, E. Caverly, L. Cullen, F. Moylan, C. McGeer, C. Killen (Manager). Front Row F. Dowling, S. Lawless, A. McKeon (Captain), M. Burke, O. Golden.

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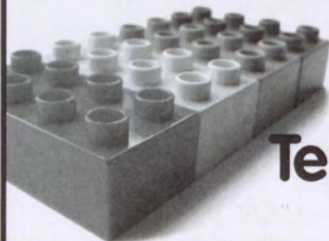
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Ladies cricket

Overall performance of the Ladies teams this season was excellent. Highlights were;

- Ladies 1st team winning the Junior Cup
- Ladies 1st team winning the Division 2 league
- Ladies 2nd team competing well and finishing mid-table in the Division 3 league

The Clontarf Ladies Cricket Club from 1977 to 1998 was a formidable force in Leinster cricket, their teams winning either cup or league in their respective divisions in each of those years but sadly went into decline from 1999 on. The two titles won by the Ladies in 2009 were the first since 1998 but hopefully that will now put them on course for a repeat of the glory days.

To this end the club has engaged Selena Tainton as a new ladies coach and she, assisted by the coaches already working with the ladies, will be responsible for the coaching of all ladies and schoolgirls teams. We wish good luck to Selena and her assistants for the coming season.

Youth Coaching (Girls)

Under 11 Girls

This year the Under 11 Girls Squad was coached on Monday nights from 5pm to 6pm as well as during the Friday night training sessions. Deryck Vincent coordinated the coaching and was assisted by Laura Cullen, Laura Erskine and Rod Hokin.

Team results - 1 win out of 5 = 20% (2007 = 20%, 2008 = 42%)

Under 13 Girls

An Under 13 Girls team replaced the Club's Under 15 Girls team this season. The team was coached on Monday nights, from 5pm to 6pm. Deryck Vincent coordinated the coaching and was assisted by Laura Cullen, Laura Erskine and Rod Hokin.

Results - 0 win out of 4 = 0% (2007 = no team, 2008 = no team)

For 2010 the club has made a commitment to improve the performance of the girl's section. The club will now have an extra team at girl's level and specialist coaches will be utilised to focus on specific skill development.

Friday Night Coaching

The Club undertook coaching on Friday nights (7.00pm - 8.15pm) for boys and girls aged 6-10. Approximately 200 children attended the sessions. Approximately 85 of these players were girls. Paddy Lee again took on the responsibility of being the Friday night coordinator and did an excellent job. Coaching commenced on 29 May and concluded on 21 August. Two sessions were cancelled due to ground closure/rain.

Coaches were organised by having specific teams responsible for assisting with each Friday night session. An additional core group of 8 to 10 coaches made up the majority of coaches who helped out during the season.

Specific players were identified at each training session by the Club Coach and Deryck Vincent. These players received one-on-one technique coaching and are likely to be playing competitive Under 11 cricket during 2010.

The outstanding success of the Club's Under 11 teams this season shows the critical role that Friday night coaching plays in the overall development of youth cricket at the Club. Most of the players of this season's Under 11 teams had been involved in Friday night cricket during the 2007 and 2008 seasons.

Goodbye to all that!

John Behan has hung up his brush and instead will put up his feet and, hopefully, enjoy many years of cricket. The Club greatly appreciates his work over many years as due to his unstinting efforts the Club has always looked in prime condition at our big events. We also record our thanks to his driver CÉline for her help.



What do you mean I missed a bit? No! I said we'd miss you!



From tiny acorns mighty oak trees grow; scene at a Friday night coaching session

Schools cricket

The Club undertook coaching with the following schools during the season (concluding at the end of June):

- 1 Springdale School
- 2 St. Brigid's School, Killester
- 3 Belgrove Girls School, Clontarf
- 4 Belgrove Boys School, Clontarf
- 5 Greenlanes School, Clontarf
- 6 Scoil Mobhi, Glasnevin

Each day at each school 3 classes were taken for 30 minutes each and introductory cricket coaching was given. There were approximately 30 students per class. The Club provided 2 coaches for each session.

Feedback from the students and teachers at all schools was excellent. The coaching led to a significant number of new players joining the Club this season.

Conclusion

Despite the outstanding on-field success of the Club in 2009, it is concluded that the Club still has significant potential to improve further. 2010 should be fun!

So, is coaching really worth it? Judging by the above article, of course it is, provided the coach knows his job and has a plan to execute it. Everyone would agree that the Club's future depends on the younger members, get them to the best of their ability and they will enjoy playing for many years to come. But it is a balance and it must be right, for when it becomes a chore the youngster will lose interest and stop playing and the investment of time and effort made by the club will be lost. Winning is always enjoyable, losing can sometimes be a chore!

It is fair to say that our coach Rod Hokin has got it right, the concentration is on the under-age sides and you can see the results of that in the fact that Clontarf youth sides are improving year on year and the club now has representatives on all under-age sides both on the Leinster and Irish panels.

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Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Most	Runs	Average	100s	50s
R. Hokin	49	66	11	14	1099	26.17	5	19
A. C. Botha	142	136	27	133*	5461	50.10	7	38
M. P. Rea	83	80	9	114	3339	47.02	1	32
T. Fourie	80	76	8	129*	2864	42.11	6	20
R. H. C. Waters	46	45	5	120*	1496	37.40	2	9
D. A. J. Rigby	98	93	15	108*	2897	37.14	3	17
D. A. Vincent	314	301	31	161	9508	35.21	13	49
A. R. Cusack	104	109	22	103*	2557	26.59	1	17
A. McClean	177	162	32	121	4505	34.65	4	27
N. C. Mahony	195	197	21	110*	5904	33.54	4	41
L. C. Jacobson	149	147	11	103*	4023	29.58	4	17
G. L. Molins	13	12	2	108*	2214	29.09	1	10
R. O'Reilly	232	206	36	89	4847	28.51	3	27
W. J. Moynan	121	119	20	122	2745	27.72	3	12
J. B. Bunworth	299	289	39	128*	6745	26.98	7	33
E. A. McDermott	539	485	55	130*	11583	26.93	10	59
J. D. Caprani	141	144	23	119*	3027	25.01	1	20
B. MacNetce	225	166	38	81	3148	24.59	1	12
N. P. Grier	388	349	34	103*	7063	22.42	3	34
J. Fitzpatrick	129	100	18	77	1797	21.91	-	6
S. B. McMullan	190	182	14	98	3510	20.89	-	17
P. Prendergast	166	152	10	108	2885	20.31	1	14
B. P. Bergin	280	236	46	83	3825	20.13	1	14
M. A. Carroll	209	190	20	124	3342	19.65	2	10
J. Daly	176	127	9	110*	1914	19.53	1	6
G. J. Morgan	137	134	8	104*	2360	18.73	2	7
F. J. Carroll	462	355	90	109	4843	18.27	2	7
I. Synnott	156	122	19	63	1879	18.24	-	7
J. M. Nolan	259	226	63	67*	2948	18.08	-	5
E. d'H. Dexter	155	147	15	94	2372	17.96	-	11
A. W. D. Spence	247	217	23	74*	3323	17.12	-	10
L. P. Hughes	370	286	41	103	3900	15.91	1	9
J. W. Hill	203	187	31	119	2481	15.90	2	3
G. M. Carroll	128	114	13	72*	1518	15.02	-	1
D. M. Sweeney	108	106	7	77*	1427	14.41	-	4
D. F. Fitzgerald	164	136	32	81*	1466	14.09	-	7
J. J. Ledwidge	163	150	20	69	1699	13.06	-	3
P. J. Bourke	194	173	9	91	1954	11.91	-	1
A. R. White	215	197	31	87*	1709	10.29	-	2
E. H. Bodell	350	231	57	49	1720	9.88	-	-

Qualification: 1,400 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
A. R. Cusack	2003-2009	10	104	109	10.4	1
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	1996-2009	127	197	4245	21.55	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
G. L. Molins	2001-2009	10	130	132	13.2	2
J. Fitzpatrick	1986-1995	129	181	4324	23.88	3
C. O'Mahony	1987-1994	103	136	3376	24.82	5
F. D'Arcy	2001-2009	109	106	2804	26.45	-

Qualification: 100 wickets.

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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	1	14	12
1981	✓ CYM	47	32	-	1	4	10
1920	✓ Dublin University	96	47	-	-	18	31
2005	✓ Laoise	1	1	-	-	-	-
1920	✓ Leinster	161 167	55 57	1	3	36	72
1953	✓ Malahide	113 110	45 46	1	84	1717	44 45
1926	✓ Merrion	158 155	75	-	2	41	33 38
2004	✓ Munster Reds	5	23	-	22	-	-
1990	✓ Nth. County	32 29	18	-	2	2	9 11
1957	✓ Old Belvedere	92	43	-	1	25	23
1920	✓ Pembroke	179 180	66	1	2	39	72
1920	✓ Phoenix	163 162	48 49	2	3	31	78
1920	✓ Railway Union	146 140	89 90	-	84	17	34 35
1995	✓ Rush	28	15	1	2	-	10
1983	✓ The Hills	47 44	26 29	1	2	4	11
1934	✓ Y.M.C.A.	145 143	62 64	1	1	32	46 47



President's Lunch 2010

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Wicketkeeping

	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	1992-2005	201	105 †	12	117
J. A. Bell	1953-1966	121	68	20	88
R. Maybury	2001-2006	87	73 √	13	86
C. P. Stuart	1921-1942	144	51	22	73
L. C. Jacobson	1944-1960	149	47	11	58

* includes 10 in the field

† includes 25 in the field

√ includes 3 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
G. L. Molins	2001-2009	130 132	54
J. J. Ledwidge	1920-1934	163	53
G. J. Morgan	1930-1942	137	53
L. B. McMahan	1931-1949	152	53
A. R. White	1920-1943	215	52
E. H. Bodell	1944-1976	350	51
I. Synnott	1992-2008	155	50

Qualification: 50

* Includes 15 catches as wicketkeeper.

† Includes 9 catches as wicketkeeper.

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1000 Runs and 100 Wickets by Clontarf Players

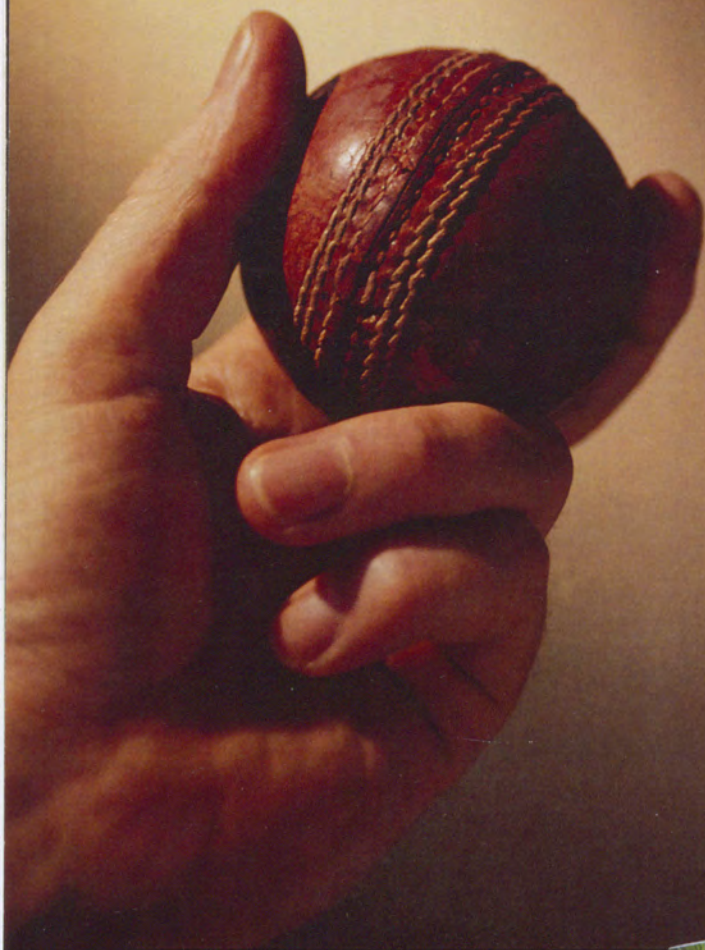
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Wkts.

J. G. Aston	1125	155
E. H. Bodell	1720	786
A. C. Botha	5461	261
A. R. Cusack	2537 2639	162 171
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	600 120
J. J. Ledwidge	1699	211
G. L. Molins	2211 †	151 152
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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Clontarf International Players

Name	Year	No. Caps
J. G. Aston	1909-1925	6
E. H. Bodell	1954-1959	6
J. P. Bray	2005	13
J. D. Caprani	1948-1956	6
A. W. Cooper	1954	2
S. H. Crawford	1903	1
A. R. Cusack	2007- 2009 ²⁰¹⁰	62 100
F. M. Filgas	1948	1
W. E. Haughton	1947-1953	5
J. W. Hill	1946-1951	14
N. B. Hool	1947-1957	13
L. P. Hughes	1965-1978	13
L. C. Jacobson	1947-1959	12
D. T. Johnston	2004-2006	49
G. A. Kirwan	1983	2
G. H. McCormack	1908	1
E. A. McDermott	1981-1982	9
N. C. Mahony	1947-1953	9
G. J. Morgan	1934	1
W. C. Pemberton	1923-1928	4
A. D. Poynter	2008- 2009 ²⁰¹⁰	19 31
M. P. Rea	1988-1995	51
D. A. J. Rigby†	2004	1
E. N. Seymour	1927-1928	3
M. H. Stevenson	1951-1964	11
D. A. Vincent	1986-1991	21
R. H. C. Waters	1968-1969	11

† Represented Scotland

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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	2006	227 *	The Hills	D. A. J. Rigby–D. T. Johnston
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	2006	155	Rush	A. Poynter–R. Reid
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	2005	96	North County	B. R. Coghlan–D. T. Johnston

*Unfinished

Centuries Scored by Clontarf Players up to 2009

D. A. Vincent	14
E. A. McDermott	10
A. C. Botha	7
J. B. Bunworth	7
T. Fourie	6
L. C. Jacobson	4
D. T. Johnston	4
N. C. Mahony	4
A. McClean	4
N. P. Grier	3
R. Hokin	3
W. J. Moynan	3
A. D. Poynter	3
D. A. J. Rigby	3
F. J. Carroll	2
M. A. Carroll	2
B. Coghlan	2
G. J. Morgan	2
R. H. C. Waters	2
H. R. Aston	1
J. Bray	1
J. D. Caprani	1
A. R. Cusack	1
J. Daly	1
A. D'Arcy	1
T. K. Gleeson	1
J. W. Hill	1
L. P. Hughes	1
G. L. Molins	1
P. Prendergast	1
M. P. Rea	1
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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	won Marchant Cup (also played with DU)	354	70.80
1952	N.C.Mahony	won Marchant Cup	534	59.33
1959	L. C. Jacobson	won Marchant Cup	492	49.20
1965	D. M. Sweeney	won Bookman Cup	892	74.33
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	won O'Grady Cup (also played with Dublin University)	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		Ct.	
			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	60.64	27	537	19.88	10
2005	T. J. Johnston	won Samuels Cup	464	46.40	34	522	15.35	12

* 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

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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 (137 Balls 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 Dub. Univ.
F.J. Carroll 1988 - 5 (Caught 3, Stumped 2) v CYM
A. Hancock 2000 - 5 (Caught 5) v North County
J. Bray 2005 - 5 (Caught 5) v Pembroke
R. Forrest (Jnr.) 2006 - 5 (Caught 5) v Phoenix

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

- 1126 T. Fourie (1sts) 2003
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 (15 x 4s) v Leinster 1924
D.A. Vincent 100* in 65 mins 76 balls (2 x 6s, 15 x 4s) v Railway Union 1998
G. L. Molins 108* in 72 mins 52 balls (11 x 6, 5 x 4) v. The Hills 2004
T. Johnston 107 in 73 mins 68 balls (4 x 6, 12 x 4) v North County 2004
T. Dickenson 116* in 55 mins 40 balls v Wexford Wanderers 2006

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
338 for 6 1sts v YMCA, Cup Final 1992

MOST DUCKS IN A SEASON

- 8 Peter Duggan 1985
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To date, Clontarf have played ⁵⁶ matches in this competition, winning ²⁸ and losing ²⁹. 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 Ballymena. In 2004 Clontarf lost the semi-final by 8 wks to Strabane.

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
B. R. Coghlan	14	14	1	100	245	18.84	1	1
A. R. Cusack	14	13	1	96	404	33.66	—	3
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
D. T. Johnston	8	8	0	120*	328	82.00	1	2
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	—	—
G. L. Molins	17	13	0	65	327	25.15	—	3
R. O'Reilly	19	19	2	100	548	32.23	1	2
P. Prendergast	14	13	—	88	281	21.61	—	2
M. P. Rea	11	11	1	70*	385	38.50	—	3
D. A. J. Rigby	15	15	2	98	582	44.76	—	5
I. Synnott	19	17	3	77*	253	18.07	—	1
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
A. R. Cusack	14	26	421	16.19	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. L. Molins	17	22	520	23.63	—
D. A. Vincent	31	22	584	26.54	1

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

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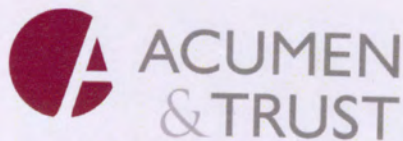
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1969	1st XI	Senior Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II League
	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup
	4th XI	Junior League
1970	1st XI	Alan Murray Cup
	2nd XI	Senior II Cup
	3rd XI	Irish Junior Cup
	5th XI	Minor Cup
1971	1st XI	Beckett Cup
	3rd XI	Intermediate Cup Intermediate 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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TROPHIES WON BY CLONTARF SENIOR TEAMS

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
2001	5th XI	Minor Cup
2003	1st XI	Senior League (Section B)
2004	1st XI	Leinster Senior Cup
	4th XI	Intermediate Cup
2005	1st XI	45 overs League
	2nd XI	YMCA Salver
	5th XI	Minor Cup
2006	2nd XI	Tillain Cup
	3rd XI	Middle B League
	5th XI	Junior C League
2007	1st XI	Leinster Senior Cup Senior League (Section A)
	4th XI	Intermediate B League
2008	1st XI	Leinster Senior Cup
	2nd XI	Senior 2 Cup
2009	1st XI	Leinster Senior Cup Senior League (Section A)
	2nd XI	Senior 2 Cup



Andrew Cullen (left) and Keith Spelman stand before the scoreboard showing their record unbeaten partnership of 224 for Clontarf 2nds v Balbriggan, Castle Avenue, June 27th, 2010. Andrew, batting 8, scored 105 from 133 balls, and Keith, batting 9, scored 102* from 79 balls. Clontarf beat Balbriggan by 6 runs. © Frank Furlong.*

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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	Division 1 League Senior Cup 40 Over League
1979	1st XI 2nd XI	Division 1 League Division 2 League	1990	1st XI 3rd XI	Division 1 League Senior Cup 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 3rd XI	Division 1 League Division 3 League	1994	1st XI	Division 1 League
1984	1st XI	Division 1 League	1995	1st XI 2nd XI	40 Over League Junior Cup
1985	1st XI 2nd XI	Division 1 League Marigold Cup Satzenbrau League Division 2 League	1996	1st XI 2nd XI	40 Over League Junior Cup
1986	1st XI 2nd XI	Division 1 League Senior Cup Satzenbrau League Junior Cup	1997	1st XI 2nd XI	Senior League Senior Cup Junior Cup
1987	1st XI 2nd XI	Division 1 League Senior Cup Satzenbrau League Division 2 League Junior Cup	1998	1st XI	Senior Cup
			2009	1st XI 1st XI	Junior Cup Junior League

Conversations from the boundary

(After Myles na gCopaleen)

Grace and Bradman were taking a slow lap of the field during the annual Church of England Vs Gentleman match at Lords. The Church of England were batting and struggling to come to terms with the difficult track it being mid April and the days of uncovered wickets.

'Looks like a sticky one there,' said Bradman.

Grace stroked his beard and nodded, 'it would seem so,' he replied.

They continued on their lap and said nothing for a time until Bradman uttered,

'I think the batsman on strike needs to be more assertive.'

The batsman was pushing the ball around but was not really playing any proper strokes. Instead he was simply sticking the bat out and trying to nurgle the ball for singles.

'Indeed,' said Grace inhaling deeply and then exhaling, 'too many nervous prods.'

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Grace and Bradman were attending the Men's cricket dinner in Clontarf Cricket Club at the behest of the club captain. The evening was a complete success, replete with rousing and entertaining speeches, good cheer and of course wine and food aplenty. Bradman was guest speaker and rattled off tales of great contests between bowlers and batsmen of days gone by. He spoke of other sports too. It was when Bradman had veered from the topic of cricket that Grace was overheard to say to the club captain,

'I understand that they play rugby here too.'

The club captain nodded solemnly, 'it's not just cricket.'

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Grace and Bradman were attending a Senior One game at Castle Avenue. It was a hot day, good for playing cricket. After tea the home side were preparing for their stint in the field when Grace noticed that the opening bowler was having considerable difficulty untwisting the cap from a bottle. It was a bottle of water and Grace surmised that the bowler was in need of a drink with it being so hot and all. He approached the bowler to offer help when a small fellow appeared from nowhere, took the bottle from the bowler, gave it a twist and handed it back to him. The bowler then proceeded to open the bottle with ease and take a long drink.

Bradman, observing the perplexed look on Grace's face, walked over to the former Gloucester player and remarked,

'That was his loosener.'

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In his younger days Bradman would go into the bush to hone his batting skills. He would set out from Cootamundra and sometimes hike for days into the outback and when there he would use his bat to strike down the vegetation that divided the varying parts of whatever area he found himself in. Few people knew of this practice but evidently it was very successful. When Grace found out about this alternative method he asked the diminutive New South Welshman about how he came by it.

'Oh, I enjoyed the peace and quiet of the countryside, the solitude was good for my concentration,' said Bradman.

'And what about using your bat to cut through the boundary flora?' asked Grace.

'I was just getting rid of thick hedges,' rejoined Bradman.



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