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**Men's Senior Cup Final**

**at Sydney Parade  
Saturday 5 August 2023**

**12.00pm**



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# WE'RE ONLY STRONG WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER

June O'Connell, CEO of sponsor Skellig Six18 Distillery, on the value of sport to community

CÉAD míle fáilte romhaibh to the 2023 Cricket Leinster Men's Senior Cup Final. The day of the Final! The day the communities of Clontarf and Skerries come out to support their club team, to revel in long standing rivalries through generations as they compete to win this long standing competition.

Sport is so important in Ireland. People who are involved in local sporting clubs are proud community people, whether it is coastal rowing off the Skellig Coast or cricket in the heart of Dublin City. Clubs really thrive where we really feel like we belong there, we all seek that in our lives. Whether it's the sporting community we are born into, take up as a new sport or join when we move into a community from your own home — it's that sense of being behind your team in the company of friends and family that is so special. We put the words "Ní neart go cur le chéile" on every single bottle of our Skellig Six18 Gin and Whiskey because we know that is how communities thrive — "We're only strong when we're together".



As I write these words in Cahersiveen, Co Kerry, I am looking out the distillery window to the Atlantic and over to Valentia Island, and I can see the cricket field there, the most westerly in Europe!

The sports of cricket and golf (Water-ville Links) were brought here by the people who came with the first Transatlantic Cable project in the 1850s, the expression "break your duck" is part of the local lexicon here and I used it for decades without knowing its origin until I moved to Dublin and learnt more about cricket.

Today is focused on the match to decide the 2023 winner of the Skellig Six18 Senior Cup, the culmination of hard work and dedication by the clubs. We all like to compete well and to win.

Today is also a day to celebrate with friends, families and to relish in that time well spent and a sense of belonging in the wider cricket and sporting community.

*Go n-éirí libh.*  
**June O'Connell**  
Skellig Six18 Distillery and  
Sporting Enthusiast



President Pat Banahan with June O'Connell of Skellig Six18 at the CL Awards Dinner



# A WARM WELCOME

**A** Chairde. The Leinster Senior Cup is a very historic competition with a rich heritage and has been played in various formats over the decades. This 2023 iteration is being played as a white-ball (coloured kit) knock-out competition. The competition itself dates back 87 years to 1935 and was initially played for by eight clubs - Leinster, Civil Service, Clontarf, Merrion, Dublin University, Pembroke, Phoenix and YMCA.

As always, I want to thank June O'Connell & all at Skellig Six18 Distillery for their support and partnership — as our official spirits partner, Skellig's products are now sold in many club facilities across the province and we encourage all clubs to support Skellig Six18 as the business continues to grow from its proud base at Cahersiveen in Co Kerry.

Thanks also to all members of our CL Patron's Club — there are now over 100 CL patron members whose contributions directly support our many youth & women's development programmes. We are also hugely proud of our multi-year partnership with Lords Taverners Ireland through which we jointly provide that all important sporting chance to many young people with special needs (via our table cricket programme).

I want to thank our host club today — Pembroke CC — we are very proud of our



partnership with Pembroke which has seen Sydney Parade host many of our show-piece club and List A events over recent years. So thanks to David O'Riordan, Club President (who also sponsors Leinster Lightning via Sherwin O'Riordan Solicitors, Barry Tucker, Club Chairperson, Philip & Bhavna Byrne (who provide the wonderful catering & bar services), Niall Walsh (who produces the brilliant live-stream service) and also to the team at GM By Choice (who have an unrivalled track record in pitch and outfield preparation).

We are delighted that the Senior Cup trophy will be presented by June O'Connell, CEO Skellig Six18 Distillery as part of the after-match presentation party which will be hosted by our CL President, Pat Banahan. The Final will be live-streamed with full commentary throughout and I hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy a great day of club cricket. Go raibh maith agaibh.



**PHILIP SMITH**  
Cricket Leinster  
General Manager

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# From the desk of the President

## Message from Pat Banahan, President of Cricket Leinster



WELCOME to Sydney Parade the wonderful home of Pembroke Cricket Club on the occasion of the Final of the Leinster Cricket Cup sponsored by Skellig Six18.

We are grateful to Skellig Six18 for not alone patronising this competition but many other events over the cricket year. We must also thank our patrons for their continual support over the years. And we must thank David O’Riordan and his committee for providing the ground and facilities of Pembroke, the club manager Philip Byrne and his wife Bavanha and the rest of the Pembroke staff who are not only welcoming on Finals days but throughout the year. I would also like to thank Dale McDonough of GM by Choice for the splendid wickets and outfield which we will enjoy today.

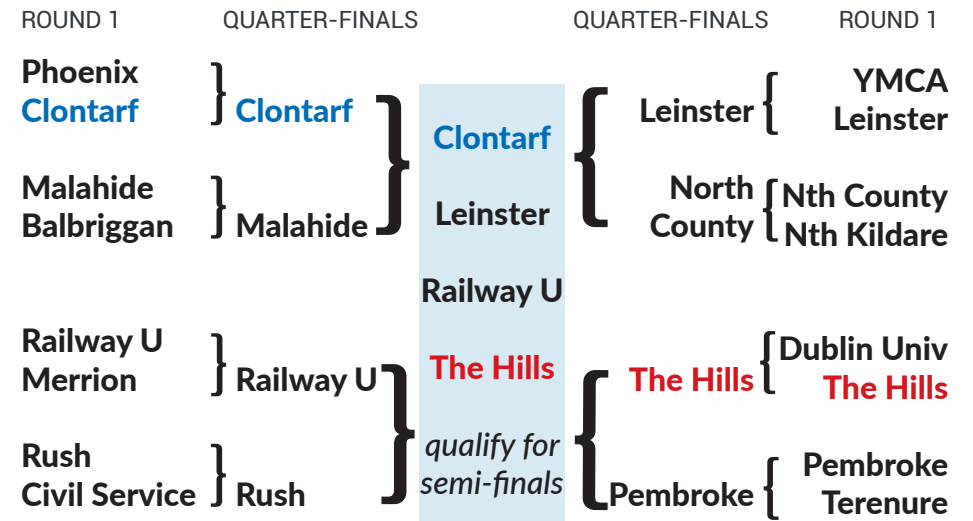
Finally I would like to thank all players in the province for their whole-hearted participation in this competition especially the losing semi-Finalists whom weather deprived of the full 50 overs on the day My thanks go to all involved in the tournament: umpires, club grounds and particularly Cricket Leinster management and staff, Philip Smith, Kevin Gallagher, Mick Cotter and Matthew Smith and programme editor Ger Siggins. Lastly I would thank the parents who whatever the level of cricket their sons are playing at provide endless support in this wonderful although sometimes difficult game.

Have a great day in Sydney Parade.

Pat.



### Paths to the Final: how The Hills and Clontarf got here



### SEMI-FINALS



**THE HILLS**  
beat Leinster  
by six wickets



**CLONTARF**  
beat Railway Union  
by two runs

### FINAL

**The Hills and Clontarf have met once before in a Senior Cup Final, in 2005**  
Clontarf 200 (GL Molins 99, J Clinton 3-34) The Hills 201-5 (B Thomas 121\*)

Their most recent meetings in all competitions:

**Premier League:** The Hills won by 6 wickets, The Vineyard 2023

**Alan Murray Cup (Final):** The Hills won by 5 wickets, Sydney Parade, 2022

**Senior League Cup (Group B):** Clontarf won by 27 runs, Castle Avenue, 2020

**Irish Senior Cup (2nd round):** Clontarf won by 2 wickets, Castle Avenue, 2018

**Leinster Senior Cup (2nd round):** Clontarf won by 7 runs, Castle Avenue, 2013



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# The Big Day Out

by **Deryck Vincent**

**M**y club loved the Cup. More than any other competition the Leinster Senior Cup was the aim at the start of the season. While the League was nice to win, the Cup was King.

But why, I often wonder? Clontarf's return in the Cup competition during the 70s and 80s was... zilch, nothing. You have to go back to the 1969 season for the club's previous win. An epic game against a mighty Phoenix side in Rathmines when the captain and Cricket Leinster's latest Hall of Fame inductee, Fergus Carroll smote his way to victory with 43 not out chasing a mere 102 to win. It was 49-5 when he arrived at the wicket and he took the responsibility to win the game into his own hands and walked into Clontarf folklore.

Maybe that is why the Cup was so important. It had the ability to create great drama, great heroes all in one game. It

took until 1992 for the Cup to return to Dublin 3, by which time the overriding feeling at the end of the game was pure relief.

Alan Lewis has a remarkable record in the competition, four hundreds in Finals, runs scored when it really counts. Finals put huge demands on players, exposing them to stresses that they may have never experienced previously. The 2000 version is a case in point. The morning of the Final, Brian MacNeice found himself in the maternity ward as Miriam gave birth to their first child, Charlie. It was touch and go but he got out to Milverton just in time. His crucial 35 in the first innings added to the wicket he took in the second were central to the win while all the time his mind must have been somewhere else.

If we went through each Cup Final, we would discover a name, an Alan Lewis, a Fergus Carroll a Brian MacNeice, a per-



son crucial to the winning of the game, each club creating their own heroes and histories.

Over the many years there have been many versions and many titles, Conqueror Cup, Sportsgear Cup, a tobacco company attached its name to it at one stage. In its earliest format it was timeless, one Final took eight days to complete but in more recent times, it was a 60 overs, highest score wins, game. Not hugely different to what is now played you might think but 10 extra overs is significant. Twelve overs per bowler, it's a lot of overs if one of your five bowlers is having

an off day. So the game fluctuated more than the familiar 50 overs. A bit more time to rebuild after a few wickets, time to attack, there is a quiet time leading up to lunch (ah lunch, one of the great attractions) and after. Only 10 minutes for openers in the second innings to ready themselves for their big moment. Different, just a bit different but intriguingly so. Cricket is a game of rhythms and 60 overs a side adds a few more beats. Today's game sponsored by Skellig Six18 is one of 50 overs each, a format more familiar to our two teams

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and no doubt it will carry its own drama.

The hosting clubs always put on a show. None more so than when Phoenix CC invited President Mary Robinson to the game. We might be used to seeing the President shaking hands at international rugby or football games but a local cricket match? It made an already special day into something much more meaningful for those who played and the big crowd that came.

Cup Final Day always attracts a crowd. Clearly, supporters of each competing club look forward to it as does the host but historically it was a closed day for "senior" cricket so players from other clubs would in-

evitably find their way to the game.

It all added to the day and the greater than normal crowds and noise added to the tension already surrounding events. But it also added more context to the game, more reason to bowl the ball of your life, to play the innings of your life or to dive perhaps in hope as the ball sped in your direction and to pull off the catch that changed the game.

Cup Final Day, an opportunity to show what you can do, when it matters most to your teammates, your family, your club and yourself, a chance to write your name into the history of your club.

*Deryck Vincent played in five senior cup Finals, winning two.*



The Hills, senior cup winners in 2019

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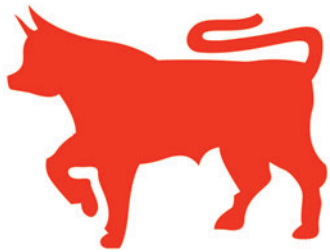
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## Meet the teams: the Clontarf squad

After defeats in both this corresponding final as well as the Alan Murray Cup final last season, Clontarf will be desperate to get their hands on silverware.

Their run to the final has seen them come through three tough away fixtures with victories over Phoenix (35 runs) and Malahide (4 wickets) before seam bowler **Luke Thomson** (4-39) sealed a thrilling 2 run heist against Railway. **Eoghan Delany** (343 runs all competitions) will hope to make use of the powerplay alongside recent arrival **Ryan Karunakaran**. **John McNally** (315 runs and 12 wickets) will look to continue his fine form at number 3 following his return from Ireland U19 duty. Dual Zimbabwean-Irish batsman **PJ Moor**, **Fionn Hand** (right-arm seam, middle-order bat) and **David Delany** (fast bowler and top order bat) give the 'Tarf lineup a stronger look, with all three having missed most of the season. **Robert Forrest** (391), **Aaron McGeehan** (wicketkeeper) and **Andrew Poynter** (38 white ball Irish white ball caps) form the middle-order engine



Bobbo Forrest

**4-27**  
best bowling  
Liam Gilhooly  
v Phoenix



Peter Moor

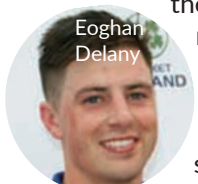
(slow left orthodox, 14 wickets) is hoping to get his first 'Tarf medal in only his second season at the club and legspinner **Ruan Cronje** (304, 23 wickets) will give options with both bat and ball.

Captain Eoghan Delany feels that 'Tarf's rich history in this competition could make all the difference. 'The club has a bit of a love affair with this cup so whenever we reach the final, we're always keen to win it'. He also feels his team's tight victories will stand them in good stead. 'We've have had some very good wins, we pulled the

Malahide game out of the fire and winning a low scoring semi-final like we did can only give you confidence'.

**Conor Prendergast**

**99**  
best batting:  
Bobbo Forrest  
v Malahide



Eoghan Delany

room. Seam bowler **Liam Gilhooly** (9 wickets) will hope to continue his impressive breakout season. **Cillian McDon-**



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# CLONTARF



## CAPTAIN EOGHAN DELANY

	Mts	Inns	NOs	HS	50s	6s	Runs	Avge
David Delany	2	2	1	57*	1	0	79	79.00
Eoghan Delany	3	3	0	67	1	1	113	37.67
Robert Forrest	3	3	0	99	1	1	113	37.67
John Mc Nally	2	2	0	43	0	1	73	36.50
Fionn Hand	1	1	0	32	0	1	32	32.00
Ryan Karunakaran	1	1	0	22	0	0	22	22.00
Andrew Poynter	1	1	0	15	0	1	15	15.00
Aaron McGeehan	3	3	0	42	0	2	42	14.00
Ruan Cronje	3	3	0	23	0	0	39	13.00
Cillian McDonnell	3	1	0	8	0	0	8	8.00
Ethan Marshall	1	1	0	6	0	0	6	6.00
Andrew Delany	2	2	0	11	0	0	11	5.50
PJ Moor	2	2	0	6	0	0	6	3.00
Liam Gilhooly	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Luke Thomas	2	2	2	9*	0	0	10	-
Mick Granger	2	1	1	3*	0	0	2	-

	Mts	Overs	Maids	Wickets	Runs	Best	Econ	Average
Liam Gilhooly	2	9.3	0	4	47	4-27	4.95	11.75
Luke Thomson	2	7.5	1	5	66	4-39	8.43	13.20
David Delany	2	10	2	3	44	2-14	4.40	14.67
Ruan Cronje	3	24	1	6	107	3-37	4.46	17.83
John Mc Nally	2	13.4	1	3	56	2-38	4.10	18.67
Michael Granger	2	19	1	4	84	3-49	4.42	21.00
Cillian McDonnell	3	23	1	1	101	1-39	4.39	101.00
Fionn Hand	1	4	1	0	12	0-12	3.00	-
Ryan Karunakaran	1	1	0	0	15	0-15	15.00	-
Ethan Marshall	1	3	0	0	26	0-26	8.67	-

## SCORER STELLA DOWNES

## COACH ANDREW POYNTER

INNINGS  
TOTAL

Batting highlights

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Bowling highlights

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# THE HILLS



## CAPTAIN ANDREW KAVANAGH

	Mts	Inns	NOs	HS	50s	6s	Runs	Avge
Nathan Rooney	2	2	1	58*	1	7	94	94.00
Bhavesh Lakhotia	3	2	1	63	1	2	87	87.00
Murray Commins	3	3	1	80	1	3	101	50.50
Cian Nulty	3	2	1	28	0	4	44	44.00
Cormac McLoughlin-Gavin	3	3	0	47	0	5	97	32.33
Nicolaj Damgaard Laegsgaard	2	2	0	13	0	1	22	11.00
Mark Donegan	3	2	0	14	0	1	15	7.50
Tomás Rooney Murphy	2	2	1	2*	0	0	2	2.00
Jonathan Tall	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Andrew Kavanagh	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Seán McNicholl	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

YET TO BAT: Muzamil Sherzad (1 match), Yaseen Sherzad (1), Matthew Weldon (1), Athar Farooqi (1)

	Mts	Overs	Maids	Wickets	Runs	Best	Econ	Average
ND Laegsgaard	2	12	2	5	36	3-7	3.00	7.20
Matthew Weldon	1	4	0	2	15	2-15	3.75	7.50
Yaseen Sherzad	1	2	0	1	9	1-9	4.50	9.00
Jonathan Tall	3	14	0	5	59	2-9	4.21	11.80
Athar Farooqi	1	2	0	1	14	1-14	7.00	14.00
Cian Nulty	3	16	1	5	82	2-31	5.13	16.40
Bhavesh Lakhotia	3	3	0	1	20	1-20	6.67	20.00
Seán McNicholl	2	12.4	0	2	76	2-49	6.00	38.00
Andrew Kavanagh	3	2	0	0	19	0-19	9.50	-
T Rooney Murphy	2	10	0	0	60	0-21	6.00	-
Muzamil Sherzad	1	2	0	0	14	0-14	7.00	-

## SCORER GEORGE KITTINGHAM

## COACH JEREMY BRAY

INNINGS  
TOTAL

Batting highlights

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Bowling highlights

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## Women's Senior Cup Final

# Pembroke v Merrion

Sydney Parade  
Monday 7 August, 4pm  
also streamed live on YouTube

preceded at 12 noon by the  
Women's Minor Cup Final

## Clontarf III v Rush II

### Meet the teams: the Hills squad

Despite some indifferent league form which sees them sitting 7th in the Premier League, The Hills come into today's final high on confidence following a 6-wicket victory over Leinster in the semi-final. Their previous results featured comfortable wins against Pembroke (69 runs) and Trinity (8 wickets). Their batting today will depend heavily on leading run scorer and Leinster Lightning player



Muzamil Sherzad

**Cormac McLaughlin-Gavin** (488 runs). He, along with the hard-hitting **Nathan Rooney** (310) and Danish international **Nicolaj Damgaard Laegsgaard**

(402, 25 wickets) will look to make use of any short boundaries. **Bhavesk Lakhotia** may also occupy a top-order berth. **Murray Commins** (304) will hope for better luck after a disappointing start to his international career while wicketkeeper **Mark Donegan** should be in confident form after strong performances during the inter-provincial season. Skipper **Andrew Kavanagh** will provide stability or acceleration to the middle order with seam bowler **Tomás Rooney-Murphy** (15 wickets) following behind. Left arm orthodox **Jonathan Tall** (19 wickets) leads the spin attack and **Athar Farooqi's** off spin may be required. Seam bowler **Cian Nulty** (21 wickets) has had an impressive season after some time out of the game and fast bowling Aussie **Seán MacNi-**

3-7  
best bowling  
Nicolaj  
Laegsgaard  
v Trinity



**choll** (22 wickets) will be looking to secure his first domestic medal. **Matthew Weldon** (left arm seam) also returns following Ireland U19 commitments. Head-to-head favours them after a 6-wicket Premier League victory in June.



Great Dane:  
Nicolaj  
Laegsgaard

Captain Andrew Kavanagh is hopeful his side's semi-final victory can motivate them. "It's been an up and down season, we've had runs of good results before dropping off so hopefully we can keep the momentum going into Saturday's game." He is expecting a good batting track. "The wicket for the T20 final was a good batting wicket, it's a quick outfield and the club and interpro games have had high scores there this season."

80  
best batting  
Murray  
Commins v  
Leinster

Conor Prendergast

## Today's officials

On-field umpires: **Srini Karpe** and **Sujay Nandakumar**

Third umpire: **Ashish Sharma**

Scorers: **Stella Downes** (Clontarf) **George Kitteringham** (The Hills)

## Tale of the tape: how the teams measure up in the cup



**269-6**  
v Malahide  
(away)

Highest total

**247**  
v Pembroke  
(home)



**4-27**

Liam Gilhooly v Phoenix

Best bowling

**3-7**

Nicholas Laegsgaard v DU

**99**

Robert Forrest v Malahide

Highest score

**80**

Murray Commins v Leinster

**113**

Eoghan Delany  
& Robert Forrest

Most runs

**101**

Murray Commins

**6**

Ruan Cronje

Most wickets

**5**

C Nulty, N Laegsgaard, J Tall

**2**

Aaron McGeehan

Most sixes

**7**

Nathan Rooney

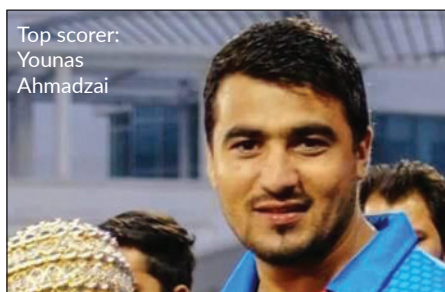
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Players used

**15**

## Nice one centurions:

### Century makers in this year's SKELLIG SIX18 Senior Cup competition



Top scorer:  
Younas  
Ahmadzai

#### June 11

John Devane	North County	v Leinster	Inch	110
Monil Patel	Leinster	v North County	Inch	111*
Younas Ahmadzai	Malahide	v Clontarf	Malahide	128

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## Only previous cup Final meeting

30 July 2005

### IRISH TIMES REPORT

by James Fitzgerald

A chanceless 100 from Bryn Thomas brightened up a murky day in Balrothery as The Hills coasted to a surprise, five-wicket victory over Clontarf in the Conqueror Senior Cup, Leinster's premier knock-out competition.

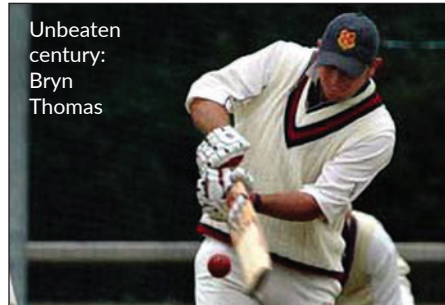
Favourites Clontarf can have no one to blame but themselves. Winning the toss, skipper Trent Johnston decided to bat in conditions favourable to seam bowling. They duly collapsed to 71-6 as The Hills' bowlers made the most of the moisture in the track and the overcast atmosphere.

In particular, the Clinton brothers, Luke and Joe, put the ball in great areas throughout Clontarf's innings, making them fight for every run. Luke ended with figures of 2-22 off 12 overs, including the prize scalp of Jeremy Bray, while Joe took 3-34.

In fact the game would have been even more one-sided if not for a fine innings of 99 by no7 bat Greg Molins.

It didn't go all The Hills' way after the resumption. Alex Cusack took a couple of early wickets for Clontarf, and when young Eoghan Delany's quicker ball trapped Michael Lax lbw, quickly followed by Keith Peinke, it was game on at 95-4.

But a crucial 92-run partnership between Bryn Thomas and Patrick Byrne killed off the game and ensured The Hills their third cup win, their first since 1996.



Unbeaten century:  
Bryn Thomas

### SCORECARD

Toss: Clontarf  
Result: The Hills won by 5 wickets  
Umpires: L Fourie; N Parnell

#### CLONTARF

A Cusack	c O'Herlihy	b J Clinton	26
J P Bray	c O'Herlihy	b L Clinton	8
D Rigby	c Archer	b L Clinton	1
B Coghlan	c O'Herlihy	b Morgan	0
D T Johnston *	b Morgan		1
R O'Reilly	c O'Herlihy	b J Clinton	7
G L Molins	c Archer	b J Clinton	99
I Synnott	c D Byrne	b Archer	29
A Cullen	lbw	b Lax	14
E Delany	run out		0
R Maybury +	not out		1
Extras (B 1; LB 6; W 7; )			14
<b>TOTAL (all out, 58.3 overs)</b>			<b>200</b>
Fall: 1-13 2-29 3-32 4-39 5-43 6-72 7-169 8-199 9-199			
Bowling: L Clinton 12-2-22-2, Lax 11-2-26-1, Morgan 9-1-43-2, J Clinton 11.3-1-34-3, D Byrne 3-1-7-0, Archer 7-0-34-1, Peinke 5-1-27-0.			

#### THE HILLS

B Thomas	not out		121
G Morgan	lbw	b Cusack	0
B J Archer	c Coghlan	b Cusack	2
M Lax	lbw	b Delany	2
K Peinke	b Delany		0
P J Byrne	c Molins	b O'Reilly	31
I O'Herlihy +	not out		1
Extras (B 5; LB 6; W 16; NB 7)			34
<b>TOTAL (for 5 wickets, 52.4 overs)</b>			<b>201</b>
DNB: R Hoare, * J Clinton, L Clinton, D Byrne			
Fall: 1-6, 2-78, 3-81, 4-95, 5-187			
Bowling: Johnston 12-2-48-0, Cusack 12-3-25-2, Cullen 6-0-24-0, Delany 10 4 19 2, Molins 5 0 33 0, Bray 6 0 26 0, O'Reilly 1-0-6-1, Synnott 0.4-0-9-0			



Best wishes to the teams today from

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## THE LEINSTER SENIOR CUP 2023 SEASON IN NUMBERS

**186**

**Most runs**  
Monil Patel  
(Leinster)

**7.2-2-8-8**

**Best bowling**  
Nicholas Stapleton (Pembroke)  
v Terenure

**10**

**Most wickets**  
Nicholas Stapleton  
(Pembroke)

**128**

**Highest innings**  
Younas Ahmadzai  
(Malahide) v Clontarf

**5**

**Most keeper catches**  
Fintan McAllister  
(Malahide)

**4**

**Most catches by a fielder**  
Paul Lawson  
(Pembroke)

**6**

**Most dismissals**  
Fintan McAllister  
(Malahide)

**269-6**

**Highest total**  
Clontarf  
v Malahide

**8**

**Most sixes**  
Llew Johnson  
(Rush)

**35**

**Lowest all-out total**  
Terenure v  
Pembroke

**2**

**Most ducks**  
Aaron McGeehan (Clontarf)

**23**

**Most fours**  
Younas Ahmadzai  
(Malahide)

**143**

**Top partnership**  
David Delany & Robert Forrest  
(Clontarf) v Malahide

**1.6 rpo**

**Best economy**  
Reuben Wilson  
(YMCA)



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# Table Cricket on the rise in Leinster



Last year the first ever inter-school Primary School Competition in Leinster for Table Cricket was staged and the game continues to grow rapidly. Cricket Leinster and Lord's Taverners Ireland have teamed up to fund and deliver adapted forms of the game designed to give young people with a disability the chance to play the sport we all love.

The Cricket4All programme, spearheaded by Naomi Scott-Hayward incorporates Table Cricket and Super 1s/adapted cricket and aims to grow from two clubs to five by the end of this year.

Table cricket is an adapted version of cricket, played on a table tennis (or similar size) table. There are different scoring zones around the table and, just like in regular cricket, fielders have to be carefully positioned to prevent runs or to get the batter out. Teams of six take it in turn to bowl or bat, with the bowler using a ramp to deliver the ball (either a regular ball that runs true or a weighted one that swings around). The batter scores by hitting the ball into the scoring zones, avoiding fielders if they can.

Already this year Cricket Leinster has staged a fourth primary school blitz, this time hosted by The Lighthouse, part of St Mary's NS in Saggart Co Dublin. School and community-based sessions have been held across Leinster, in South Dublin, Wexford, Fingal and Dublin City.

Table Cricket sets have been provided to us by Lord's Taverners Ireland (LTI), which has signed a memorandum of understanding with Cricket Leinster. This ambitious plan identifies areas for growth with the aim of entering a Leinster/LTI team in a Table Cricket tournament in London, training this side, and expanding the Cricket4All programme to include regional Come and Try Days over the winter, bringing more clubs and schools into the programme and instituting club v club games.

Thanks to Lord's Taverners Ireland for providing bags for the Table Cricket sets. Thank you to LTI and Ed Sports for doing such a great job with them and the branded t-shirts which help raise awareness of the great work of Lord's Taverners Ireland. See more about Table Cricket on our YouTube Channel.



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# Getting down to business!

After 16 matches over six weeks, Deloitte were crowned Hundred Ball Business League winners at Anglesea Road. The Final, in front of a large crowd from Deloitte, Glanbia and representatives of other competing companies was the climax of an excellent series of matches.

There were nine entries in all for HBBL 2023 including Grant Thornton (two teams), PWC, EY, Deloitte, Ergo, Glanbia, KPMG and ESB Networks.

The teams were placed into two groups with each team playing each other once. The format was relatively simple and inclusive, with short exciting cricket for all the aim.

Group A was keenly contested and even included a tied match at Claremont Road between EY and Ergo – in the end, Deloitte & Grant Thornton 1 finished level on points with Deloitte ultimately progressing to the Final having won the head-to-head game between the two companies.

Group B was also highly competitive and Glanbia secured their place in the Final having won a tense bowl-out with KPMG in Park Avenue.

In the Final, Deloitte won the toss and decided to bowl. Glanbia were boosted with the recent recruitment to the company of Dublin University, Phoenix and Leinster Lightning

player, Theo Dempsey.

The Deloitte bowling attack was varied and impressive, taking regular wickets, with Glanbia 66 all out in 76 balls. In reply the Deloitte openers continued their strong performance throughout the tournament. Sanjeev Chahar timed his innings brilliantly to hit the winning six off his 20th and Final delivery.

CL President Pat Banahan thanked Merrion CC as hosts and congratulating both teams on an excellent, inclusive and fun-based match.

The Deloitte captain, Baludu Rudrapati, spoke enthusiastically about the tournament: "It's not just about the cricket, but also the fun element, which was a key dif-

ferentiator in this format of the game. There is a lot of interest within Deloitte and I'm sure it's going to be going to bigger and even better going forward.

"I would like to thank all the support that Cricket Leinster has given to organise such a wonderful tournament." There is already considerable interest from other companies in taking part in the 2024 edition of the Hundred Ball Business League and there's no doubt it will be an expanded feature of the Cricket Leinster programme for some years to come.



Pat Banahan presents the trophy to Baludu Rudrapati

## Roll of honour: cup winners and Finalists since 1935

Year	Winners	Runners-up	Year	Winners	Runners-up
1935	Pembroke	Phoenix	1984	YMCA	Leinster
1936	Leinster	Merrion	1985	Leinster	Merrion
1937	Phoenix	Dublin Univ	1986	YMCA	Phoenix
1938	Phoenix	Dublin Univ	1987	YMCA	Clontarf
1939	Phoenix	Leinster	1988	YMCA	Railway Union
1940	Merrion	Leinster	1989	The Hills	Carlisle
1941	Leinster	Dublin Univ	1990	YMCA	Clontarf
1942	Dublin University	Phoenix	1991	YMCA	Leinster
1943	Clontarf	Pembroke	1992	Clontarf	YMCA
1944	Pembroke	Merrion	1993	Pembroke	Old Belvedere
1945	Phoenix	Pembroke	1994	YMCA	Malahide
1946	Pembroke	Merrion	1995	Clontarf	Merrion
1947	Phoenix	Clontarf	1996	The Hills	Pembroke
1948	Phoenix	Merrion	1997	Pembroke	The Hills
1949	Phoenix	Railway Union	1998	Leinster	Malahide
1950	Clontarf	Railway Union	1999	Pembroke	The Hills
1951	Phoenix	Merrion	2000	Clontarf	North County
1952	Dublin University	Clontarf	2001	YMCA	CYM
1953	Leinster	Malahide	2002	YMCA	Merrion
1954	Pembroke	Dublin Univ	2003	North County	Clontarf
1955	Leinster	Merrion	2004	Clontarf	Rush
1956	Leinster	Phoenix	2005	The Hills	Clontarf
1957	Pembroke	Leinster	2006	The Hills	North County
1958	Leinster	Phoenix	2007	Clontarf	Merrion
1959	Malahide	Leinster	2008	Clontarf	North County
1960	Merrion	Clontarf	2009	Clontarf	North County
1961	Dublin University	Railway Union	2010	Railway Union	Clontarf
1962	Dublin University	Pembroke	2011	Merrion	North County
1963	Dublin University	Merrion	2012	Clontarf	Pembroke
1964	Old Belvedere	Malahide	2013	YMCA	Pembroke
1965	Old Belvedere	Malahide	2014	Clontarf	Malahide
1966	Old Belvedere	Malahide	2015	Clontarf	YMCA
1967	Railway Union	Phoenix	2016	YMCA	Leinster
1968	Leinster	Clontarf	2017	The Hills	Merrion
1969	Clontarf	Phoenix	2018	Clontarf	North County
1970	Old Belvedere	Clontarf	2019	The Hills	Phoenix
1971	Malahide	Clontarf	2020*	YMCA	Railway Union
1972	Pembroke	Malahide	2021*	Merrion	YMCA
1973	Phoenix	Pembroke	2022*	Pembroke	Clontarf
1974	Pembroke	Railway Union			
1975	Phoenix	Leinster			
1976	Phoenix	Leinster			
1977	Phoenix	Old Belvedere			
1978	Phoenix	Merrion			
1979	Phoenix	Carlisle			
1980	Pembroke	YMCA			
1981	Leinster	Railway Union			
1982	Phoenix	Malahide			
1983	Pembroke	Leinster			

\* Played as a League Cup

**Wins:** Phoenix 15, Clontarf 14, Pembroke 13, Leinster 10, YMCA 10, Dublin University, The Hills 6, Old Belvedere, Merrion 4, Malahide, Railway Union 2, North County 1  
**Runners-up:** Merrion 13, Clontarf 12, Leinster 10, Malahide 9, Phoenix, Pembroke, Railway Union 7, North County 6, Dublin University, YMCA 4, Old Belvedere, Carlisle, The Hills 2, CYM, Rush 1

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