



**CRICKET  
LEINSTER**

# ANNUAL REPORT Spring 2021



# Welcome from Cricket Leinster



**PHILIP SMITH**  
General Manager

**W**HILST the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in a heavily curtailed 2020 club cricket season, it was heartening to experience the strong sense of community which prevailed throughout as clubs embraced shorter form competitions, increased oversight and new safety protocols for training and playing the game.

In that context, we were delighted to get competitions completed across all categories and age groups – men, women and youths – with a huge emphasis on participation and camaraderie. It has already proven to be a long winter however we have something solid to build on for 2021.

Some highlights of 2020 included:

- Your Club/Your Province Draw which raised over €55,000 for the benefit of clubs
- Women's & Girls programme under Isobel Joyce's oversight and guidance
- Open Competition Finals which saw seven Finals played over two days (four live-streamed with commentary)
- Completion of all Youth Competitions with almost 1,000 youth players registered for the first time
- Continued expansion of our Development team with strong club engagement and support
- Lightning winning both the IP50 and IP20 trophies (again) whilst remaining unbeaten

Club & school cricket is the life-blood of our game and our focus over the winter period is to ensure that our clubs can sustain themselves into 2021.

In that context, we have been providing our clubs with information, training and guidance in areas such as coach education, child safeguarding, fundraising and the purchase of essential playing and grounds equipment for next season.

In partnership with Local Authorities, we have continued to deliver a programme of outdoor cricket training and coaching sessions within school-yard and club settings aimed at maintaining participation and engagement over the winter. In October alone, almost 3,500 children participated in our schools and clubs programme.

Notwithstanding the challenges associated with



## CRICKET IS KEEP EACH

Covid-19, it was hugely important that club cricket took place in 2020 albeit on a curtailed basis and within safety guidelines. Club cricket, like most recreational sport, is fundamentally about participation and enjoyment – our clubs are largely run by volunteers operating within very modest budgets and with limited resources – the clubs therefore rely on play and participation as a means of sustaining themselves and retaining their strong sense of community.

As we plan for 2021, our hope is that we will see a gradual stabilisation of the pandemic such that it has



Athlone captain George Jebaraj practices social distancing with umpire Jeremy Jeffrey ahead of the Adamstown Cup final

PHOTO: OISIN KENIRY

# A JOY AS WE OTHER SAFE

less day-to-day impact on society. Needless to say, we will planning our club and schools cricket programme to cater for various eventualities.

Our overriding objective is that club cricket can continue to grow and develop as an important part of sport & recreation throughout the Leinster region and beyond.

We have ambitious plans to increase participation over the next two-to-three years with a particular focus on women's and girls cricket and many exciting initiatives planned to help make this happen.



**PETER  
THEW**  
President  
2019-20

**I**F 2019 was memorable as Cricket Leinster's centenary year, 2020 will be remembered for entirely different reasons.

Like the rest of society around the world, cricket in Leinster was greatly affected by the covid-19 pandemic. Initially, we assumed the effect would be minimal but it quickly became clear that our season would not start in mid-April as usual. Various plans were floated and quickly scrapped as the extent of the virus' spread became clear. Eventually it was mid-July before we got started and even then our playing was limited to T20 matches. After extensive discussions between Sport Ireland and Cricket Ireland, it was made clear that T20 only would be permitted – and then on the basis that each player and official would only be allowed to participate in one match per day.

A number of our clubs, including AIB, Carlow, DLR and Dundalk, decided against participation in the reduced season. And amongst those clubs who did participate, a number of players and officials decided they would give 2020 a miss. Their presence in 2021 will be all the more welcome.

Seven cup competitions were quickly organised. Teams at different levels were organised into round robin groups, playing each other once or twice depending on the size of the group. Group winners progressed through to knock-out semi-finals and then finals over the weekend of 12/13 September.

Even then, it was not all plain sailing. Increased infection levels in counties Kildare, Laois and Offaly suddenly prohibited travel within those counties. This meant the end of the season for Halverstown, Naas, Laois and Athlone whose ground is in Co Offaly. North Kildare had sufficient players living outside the county to play some matches away from home.

From all this you will gather it was a season of flexibility and reorganising at short notice. Every ground was subject to strict Covid safety regulations to ensure that players – and the few spectators permitted – could participate safely.

Finally, the weather gods shone on us for finals weekend and all seven finals were played under perfect skies. Congratulations to all the winning teams. But the real thanks are to all those who participated in and help run all the games that survived in this most difficult season. Let us all hope that the 2021 season will be less challenging for all of us.

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## STELLA DOWNES President 2021-22

**I**T'S A pleasure and a privilege to welcome everyone to the 2021 season. We all hope that this new season can herald the beginning of a return to normality for us all. It is a testament to the incredible work done by Cricket Leinster, and by so many club volunteers, that we got to enjoy a cricket season in 2020 despite the challenges. My sincere thanks to all the Covid officers who took on the thankless task of keeping members, players and officials safe.

I look forward to visiting clubs all over Leinster in the coming season, renewing old friendships and making new ones. As Clontarf scorer I have always received a warm welcome.

As a sport, we are constantly trying to increase participation and to retain our players, both young and not so young. This is a challenge in the modern era

when there are so many activities available to tempt people away. The emphasis must be on enjoyment and on giving all an opportunity to participate. The extension of our leagues poses challenges in finding grounds and providing officials but it's a challenge we are determined to help clubs to overcome.

We need to find ways to recruit more umpires and scorers, as these are an integral part of our sport. I am always open to hearing ideas from people as to how this recruitment issue can be addressed. As a volunteer scorer for over 30 years, I can assure anyone thinking of giving it a go that it's a decision you won't regret.

The increase in the number of women and girls playing cricket is welcome. Thanks to the Women's Committee, new initiatives like the Hundred Ball League are proving popular and successful. I look forward to attending some of these games in 2021.

Having attended most of the women's interprovincial matches in 2020, I think it's obvious that the renewed focus on women's cricket is beginning to pay dividends. It's great to see

the level of skills on display and the enthusiasm for the game is infectious.

Youth cricket is also in a good place in Leinster and thanks must go to all the volunteer coaches and to the amazing Cricket Leinster development officers. As well as the traditional league structures, I know many clubs are now organising blitzes to ensure that young players get regular opportunities to play. This kind of progressive innovation is to be applauded as the future of our clubs lies in the retention of these young players.

My personal thanks go to all in Cricket Leinster administration who have managed to keep our Union afloat in these trying times. I would like to express my warmest appreciation to the sponsors who have shown such faith in us, and I would encourage everyone to support them.

As we battle through the latest round of restrictions, we can all look forward to better times ahead and the arrival of sunshine and cricket. It has been a long winter for everyone but the new season beckons ... full of hope and promise.

I look forward to seeing you all on the boundary in 2021!

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**L**ORD'S Taverners Ireland is an extraordinary organisation and one Cricket Leinster is proud to be associated with as Charity Partner.

It raises money each year to help young people, particularly those with special needs, to benefit from an involvement in sport and recreational ac-

tivity. Each year since 2006 it has supplied a specially adapted minibus to young people with special needs, giving them vital transport which allows them to attend and enjoy recreational and sporting activities.

In 2018 and 2019 it was able to present two vehicles at its annual lunch in the Intercontinental Hotel.

It faced a big challenge over the last year however, and the Christmas lunch, its largest fund-raising event, had to be cancelled, as was RevUp 2020, its partnership with the Dead Ducks motorcycle club.

However, chairman Paul Farrell, ambassador Ed Joyce and their team kicked into gear and organised several events, including a Cricket Leinster table quiz and a very successful Christmas Appeal.

With the target set at an ambitious €55,000 they were stunned at the final outcome, which by the end of January was over €67,000, 121% of target, allowing them to deliver two more minibuses.

Lord's Taverners Ireland also fund specialised equipment to individuals with special needs and with your continued support many more deserving youngsters will benefit from their help.

Cricket Leinster is grateful for the support it receives from Lord's Taverners Ireland which is used to deliver table cricket programmes to children with special needs throughout the province.

General manager Philip Smith said: "The contributions CL receives from LTI provide many young people with the opportunity to have a sporting chance which might otherwise be unavailable to them – the funding directly supports the provision of experienced coaches and equipment which is hugely appreciated by the children, their families, teachers and the community at large."

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From left: a youngster enjoys table cricket; one of the LTI minivans, and the Ben-haffaf twins from Cork with their special bikes bought by the Lord's Taverners Ireland

Paul Farrell, a former captain of Terenure, is delighted with the link with Cricket Leinster and encourages the cricket community to get behind Lord's Taverners Ireland's fund-raising programmes.



LORD'S TAVERNS  
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He said: "You can be assured that your support for this appeal will undoubtedly result in giving more children, particularly those with special needs, a sporting chance and will, in these difficult times, make a bigger impact than ever before!"

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## IN MEMORIAM



Cecil Medcalf



Seán Moore

IT IS always sad when we lose people from our cricket community and this year was no exception. In 2020 we mourned the passing of **Cecil Medcalf** former player with YMCA and a distinguished long-serving administrator on the Junior branch.

Other notables to pass away included the legendary Fingal bowler **Seán Moore**; 25-times capped Ireland fast bowler **Eddie Moore** (CYM/Terenure), **Billy Gray** and **David Brown** (Halverstown), **Michael McTiernan** (Clontarf), **Conor Ffrench-Davis** (Knockharley), **Cyril Stirrat** (Railway Union), **Geraldine Asher** (Merrion), **Jean Scott-Hayward** (North Kildare), **Noel Purcell** (Bagenalstown), **Andrew Kenny** and **Martin Colleran** (Leinster), **Brian Whelan** (Clontarf), and **Michael Auret** (Honorary President of Slieve Bloom), **Aidan Pollis** (Balrothery) as well as members of the wider cricket community including **Ted Williamson senior**, **Carmel Fleming**, **Sheila Kear**, **Owen O'Neill** and **Brian Siggins**.



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Kevin O'Brien in action for Leinster Lightning in Bready

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# DOUBLE IN THE BUBBLE

Lightning keep up their high standards and go unbeaten in a truncated season



Peter Boyd

**A** CURTAILED season, played under the shadow of a global pandemic, could easily be forgotten. However, for the senior players who won both competitions, and the almost 50 fringe and younger players who got exposure to the Lightning pathway and performance squads, 2020 was a season to remember.

Head Coach Nigel Jones was delighted the season itself even went ahead given the uncertainty of early Spring 2020, never-mind regaining the T20 Trophy, and retaining the 50-Over Cup for the seventh successive season.

"Full credit to the players and support staff for everything we accomplished in 2020. It's not only about winning trophies

but driving standards, being the best prepared team, and inspiring the next crop of Bolts to strive for excellence," said Jones.

Simi Singh (8-53 and 25\* & 39\* in his two innings) was the consistent performer for the Lightning throughout the T20 Trophy competition. Fittingly, he was the star of the show as the Lightning defeated the Northern Knights by 5-wickets on Thursday September 3rd to regain the T20 Trophy.

In previous matches, Singh was outshone by his colleagues, most notably Kevin O'Brien's blistering 82 off 37 against the North West Warriors. O'Brien despatched the Warriors bowlers to all parts, the headline grabbing shot came over long-on though, when a huge six smashed the →



George Dockrell shares a laugh with Jack and Tim Tector

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## IP 50 overs

September 17 (Comber): **Leinster Lightning 306-7** (S Doheny 79, K O'Brien 44, G Ford 43, T Kane 30) **Northern Knights 215 all out** (42.5 overs; S Singh 4-42, J Little 3-32, C Campher 2-33) **LEINSTER LIGHTNING** won by 91 runs

September 22 (Bready): **North West Warriors 205-8** (C Campher 4-46, G Dockrell 2-28) **Leinster Lightning 136-1** (26.5 overs; J Tector 76no, K O'Brien 51) **LEINSTER LIGHTNING** won by 9 wickets

September 26 (Malahide): **Northern Knights 240-9** (J Little 2-35, G Dockrell 2-35, S Singh 2-44, P Chase 2-46) **Leinster Lightning 243-7** (43.1 overs; L Tucker 83, S Singh 63no, T Kane 31) **LEINSTER LIGHTNING** won by 3 wickets

September 28 (Malahide): **North West Warriors 132-8** (32 overs; S Singh 3-27, J Little 2-22, C Campher 2-23) **Leinster Lightning 133-7** (26.2 overs; C Campher 59no, S Doheny 33) **LEINSTER LIGHTNING** won by 3 wickets

## IP Twenty20

August 20 (Sydney Parade): **Munster Reds 76 all out** (G Delany 3-8) **Leinster Lightning 77-1** (K O'Brien 45no, G Delany 25) **LEINSTER LIGHTNING** won 9 wickets

August 25 (Comber): **Northern Knights v Leinster Lightning** NO PLAY

August 27 (Sydney Parade): **Leinster Lightning 124-4** (12 overs; K O'Brien 82, S Singh 25no) **North West Warriors 104-8** (12 overs; S Singh 3-11, P Chase 2-19, T Kane 2-20) **LEINSTER LIGHTNING** won 9 wickets

September 1 (The Mardyke): **Munster Reds 76-8** (13 overs; G Dockrell 2-12) **Leinster Lightning 77-3** (9.4 overs; L Tucker 28no, T Kane 25) **LEINSTER LIGHTNING** won 7 wickets

September 3 (Sydney Parade): **Northern Knights 128 all out** (20 overs; S Singh 3-15, T Kane 2-30, G Dockrell 2-30) **Leinster Lightning 131-5** (18.5 overs; S Singh 39no, L Tucker 20) **LEINSTER LIGHTNING** won 5 wickets

September 8 (Bready): **North West Warriors v Leinster Lightning** NO PLAY

## FINAL TABLE 20 OVERS

	P	W	NR	L	BP	Pts
<b>Lightning</b>	6	4	2	0	2	22
Knights	6	2	3	1	1	15
Reds	6	0	4	2	0	8
Warriors	6	0	3	3	0	6

**Leinster Lightning win title for sixth time in eight years**

## FINAL TABLE 50 OVERS

	P	W	NR	L	B	Pts
<b>Lightning</b>	4	4	0	0	2	18
Knights	4	0	2	2	2	4
Warriors	4	0	2	2	0	4

**Leinster Lightning win title for seventh year in a row**



back window of his own car. O'Brien had started the season, in his new position of opener, with 45 not out against the Munster Reds as the Lightning began the competitive year with a 9-wicket win on August 20th.

Another man who performed well in that match was Gareth Delany (3-8 & 25), before he and Ireland captain Andrew Balbirnie, departed for Leicestershire and Glamorgan respectively, in the T20 Blast.

"The knowledge we had of the players who sat just underneath the Lightning squad became increasingly important with both Bal (Andrew Balbirnie) and Gaz (Gareth Delany) getting the opportunity to play in the T20 Blast."

Their absence, added to Barry McCarthy's injury, opened the door for players such as Greg Ford and James Newland to pick up their first cap and created further playing opportunities for Rory Anders at senior level.

Ford in particular jumped at his opportunity. Jones noted his unique ball striking power and ability to hit gaps. "His 43 off 36 balls at Comber against the Knights in the IP50 came at a time when we needed to get back into the contest, his knock was a measure of his maturity and ability to absorb the situation."

In that opening day 91-run victory against the Knights, an assured performance from Stephen Doheny at No3

brought a top-score of 79, before Singh led the bowling attack again with 4-42.

Both Ford and Doheny had played themselves into nick in a high-scoring intra-squad 40-over match at Malahide ahead of the 50-over competition.

This intra-squad match, added to the four match Intra-regional series and North v South fixtures

earlier in the season, provided a great opportunity for 25-30 of the most promising emerging players to showcase their talent in front of Jones.

Having defeated the Knights well, a second bonus point victory over the Warriors at Breda on the back of Jack Tector's 76 not out meant Lightning skipper George Dockrell would be adding the 50-over Cup to the T20 Trophy.

An unbeaten season was guaranteed with home victories over both sides at Malahide in late September. On Saturday 26th, Lorcan Tucker (83) led the recovery from 11-2 as the Lightning chased 241 with three wickets to spare against the Knights.

In the final game of the season on Monday September 28th, Singh took three more wickets against the Warriors before Curtis Campher struck 59 not out to complete the season with eight wins, two no results and two trophies back on the mantelpiece.

There will be no resting on laurels for the Lightning however as Nigel Jones is keen to focus the players on the process, working hard and pushing their individual games forward. Last season provided an opportunity to develop greater depth feeding into the senior squad, promoting healthy competition, and challenging those in possession.

Exciting times lie ahead for the Leinster Lightning.



Curtis Campher was an ever present in his debut season

## CAPS FOR LIGHTNING in 2020

		50ov	T20	Tot
Curtis CAMPHER	YMCA	4	4	8
Peter CHASE	Malahide	4	4	8
Stephen DOHENY	Rush	4	4	8
Kevin O'BRIEN	Railway Union	4	4	8
Simmi SINGH	Phoenix	4	4	8
Lorcan TUCKER	Pembroke	4	4	8
George DOCKRELL	Leinster	4	3	7
Greg FORD	Malahide	4	3	7
Tyrone KANE	Merrion	3	4	7
Josh LITTLE	Pembroke	4	2	6
Rory ANDERS	YMCA	1	4	5
Jack TECTOR	YMCA	4	*	4
James NEWLAND	Malahide	-	2	2
Andrew BALBIRNIE	Pembroke	-	1	1
Gareth DELANY	Leinster	-	1	1

\* Jack Tector played for Munster in IP20

## Lightning strikes!

Nowhere is safe with Kevin O'Brien in the mood – even his own car window. This was one of eight sixes he hit in his 82 v Warriors



## The Golden Years

	Coach	Captain	3 day	50ov	20ov
2013					
2014					
2015					
2016					
2017					
2018					
2019*					
2020†					

Champions 2nd place 3rd place

\* Lightning had played 5x50 and 1x3-day when Jones took over

† The IPC was not played due to the Covid-19 pandemic



# The show must go on, so Youth section steps up

THE Cricket Leinster Youth section completed a very successful season in what proved to be quite challenging conditions. The clear objective set out at the beginning of the "truncated season" was to ensure that as many games got played as possible in a more relaxed environment, and to ensure that kids would want to come back and play cricket again in the 2021 season. A season without cricket would have had a significant adverse impact on youth playing numbers in the years ahead.

In the early part of the season, with the schools closed, the CL development officers had more time to commit to Club youth training sessions. The feedback on these sessions was extremely positive, and it is certainly an area that many Clubs would want to see expanded in 2021.

When youth cricket eventually got started, there was some adjustments made to team entries and the number of teams was down slightly compared to 2019.

Many of the leagues with larger numbers of team entries were sub-divided into conferences, and overall, these structures worked out well (with play offs arranged for the winners of each conference).

The Leinster Cup competitions included Minor (Girls & Boys), Junior (Girls & Boys) and Colts (Girls & Boys). These competitions provided many girls and boys with additional game time throughout August.

A Cup Finals Weekend had been scheduled to be held in Ringcommons CC at the end of August. Unfortunately, circumstances dictated that this had to be cancelled. However,

the Finals were re-scheduled and completed at various Club venues over the following week.

A tremendous amount of work went into organising the structures for the youth sections in 2020 and the sub-committee would acknowledge all the hard work by the Clubs to ensure that the season ran smoothly. The Cup Competitions were run by Sharon Lewis (Girls) and Seán McCann (Boys), and their co-ordination ensured that games got played on schedule. I would like to acknowledge the work and time committed by Sharon and Seán to ensure the success of these competitions in 2020.

In what was a challenging (and a continually evolving) environment, communication with the youth sections in the Clubs was more important in 2020 than ever before.

Aoife O'Brien (Secretary) worked long hours communicating new league structures and addressing queries from the Clubs. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and professionalism that helped ensure the youth season ran smoothly.

The sub-committee would also like to thank Mick Cotter for all his hard work collating the results and producing the conferences and league tables. This was not an easy task given the ever-changing environment.

Following the challenging conditions in 2020, we look forward to a more favourable backdrop to the 2021 season and a reinvigorated youth programme for our cricketers of the future.

James Forbes  
January 2021



Lily Poynter on her debut for Clontarf in 2020

PIC: DERYCK VINCENT

	winners	runners-up
<b>BOYS LEAGUES</b>		
Minor A	<b>Pembroke</b>	Balbriggan
Minor B	<b>Malahide</b>	Pembroke
Minor C	<b>North County</b>	Pembroke
Junior A	<b>Clontarf</b>	Pembroke
Junior B	<b>Balbriggan</b>	Merrion
Colts	<b>YMCA</b>	Leinster
Under 19	<b>YMCA</b>	Leinster
<b>BOYS CUPS</b>		
Minor A	<b>Pembroke</b>	Clontarf
Junior A	<b>Clontarf</b>	Pembroke
Colts	<b>YMCA</b>	Leinster
<b>GIRLS CUPS</b>		
Minor	<b>Clontarf</b>	YMCA
Junior	<b>Clontarf</b>	North County
Colts	<b>YMCA</b>	Malahide
<b>GIRLS LEAGUES</b>		
Minor	<b>Clontarf</b>	Malahide
Junior	<b>North County</b>	Malahide
Colts	<b>Phoenix</b>	Rush

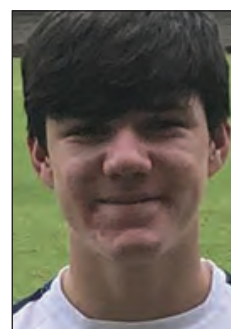
## U-15 Interprovincials

at Lisburn: NCU 132-5 (20 overs; L Thompson 2-18) LOST TO Leinster 133-3 (18; A Doyle 56, P Le Roux 36, M Canniffe 15no) by 7 wickets

at Balbriggan: Leinster 159-4 (20; P Le Roux 57, J McNally 55, M Canniffe 37no) BEAT NCU 136 all out (20; E Birch 3-32, A Ryan 2-15, P Le Roux 2-15) by 23 runs

at Lisburn: Leinster 116-7 (20; P Le Roux 46, M Canniffe 19) BEAT NCU 98-7 (20; P Le Roux 2-9, D Keenan 2-14) by 18 runs

	P	W	T	NR	L	Pts
<b>LEINSTER</b>	3	3	0	0	0	12
North West	2	1	0	0	1	4
NCU	5	1	0	0	4	4



Star player: Le Roux

# Year of great challenges and returning to drawing board

**A** YEAR of change for the Open Competitions Committee. Micky Lowe (Clontarf) took over from Philip Deacon as Chair and Peter Thew (LCU&SA) succeeded Hadley Southall as Secretary.

As Peter was new to the OCC, Hadley kindly agreed to remain on the committee for an extra year to smooth the handover process. The committee is extremely grateful to Hadley for his contributions to the OCC over many years and his assistance during the handover period.

Following his election as LCU&SA President Joe Connolly joined in July as its representative on the committee. OCC members, with number of meetings attended, are in the panel on the page opposite.

The OCC meets on the second Wednesday of every month. It is important to understand that committee members are not there to represent the interest of their own club. At each meeting item two on the agenda is 'Conflict of Interest' and members are obliged to disengage from discussions involving their own club.

Over the winter months of 2019/20, the OCC reviewed the previous season's matches.

It was becoming clear that the teams playing in Division 17 were of two differing types. Around half of the teams were made of adults playing to try to win their league. But the other half – typically from the larger clubs – were a mixture of adults and youth players taking their first steps into adult cricket. For them, the priority was giving their youth players a chance to bat and bowl at this new level without worrying too much about the match result.

It was clear from discussions with clubs that we would need to form an 18th division. Naas and Kilkenny had joined the league and a number of clubs planned to field extra teams. Between them they would easily fill this new division. Rather than just form a new Division 18, the OCC planned to form two parallel Division 17s – Division 17 (Performance)

where teams would be predominantly adult and could be expected to vie for promotion in the usual way and Division 17 (Progression) in which teams would be expected to field an agreed minimum number of youth players with a view to introducing them to the adult game. The top teams in each Division 17 would be promoted in the usual way to Division 16. I should emphasise that this plan is not intended to replace the Development League structure. The OCC views this as an important breeding ground for the future of club cricket. Instead this change is a reflection of the composition of teams who are participating in the lower divisions.

To help accommodate these extra teams, a new T20 cup competition was added to our list, sponsored by Adamstown CC.

All of this was before the reality of the Covid-19 pandemic struck. When it became clear that we would not be starting to play cricket in mid-April as usual, different plans were drawn up for a season starting at the beginning of May, then June, then July.

During this time, word came down from Cricket Ireland that the only form of the game that would be allowed to be played was T20 and that players and officials would be limited to participating in one match per day.

I must acknowledge at this stage the huge amount of work that Philip Smith, Kevin Gallagher, Micky Lowe and others put into developing each of these plans

– and variations on them – only to see them trashed as the start date was put back again.

Eventually an island-wide start date of July 18 was agreed. Five clubs – AIB, Carlow, DLR, Dundalk and Slieve Bloom – decided that they would not participate during 2020 and many other clubs entered a reduced number of teams. We shall look forward to welcoming them all back into our competitions in 2021.

We settled on running seven T20 competitions each with a round-robin competition to determine four semi-finalists. Because of time pressures, fixtures were made centrally and, with a few hiccups, this worked remarkably well.

A couple of clubs whose grounds could not be made Covid-proof had to play all their matches away from home and we are grateful to the work that Simon Dyke put in to make this happen.

All seemed to be going well, until counties Kildare, Laois and Offaly were put back into lockdown. North Kildare had sufficient players living outside the county to be able to continue to fulfil some fixtures, but they, Halverstown, Naas, Laois and Athlone (whose ground is in Co Offaly) had a number of fixtures cancelled.

All finals were played over the weekend of 12/13 September and the following emerged triumphant:

- LHW Financial Planning Senior League Cup: YMCA 1
- IBI Corporate Finance Tillain Cup: Merrion 2

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- LHK Insurance Middle Cup: Merrion 3
- Goldfish Telecom YMCA Salver: The Hills 2
- SportsHub Whelan Cup: Clontarf 4
- Ed Sports Russell Court Trophy: North Kildare 3
- Adamstown Cup: Tyrrellstown 3

In a shortened season, there were, not surprisingly, fewer starring infringements — but still there were some.

At the start of the season, the clubs are divided out between the members of the OCC so that each committee member “minds” around half a dozen clubs. Whilst this mainly involves helping clubs manage their starring lists, they’re also a first port of call for any club queries.

Despite this, three clubs managed either through desperately late submission or blatantly ignoring their own starring list to incur penalty points.

Neither did late delivery of scorecards disappear. One club’s lowest teams consistently failed to deliver promptly.

The only way that league tables can be kept up to date and accurate is if this information is provided promptly and accurately.

The delivery of accurate playing regulations continues to be a problem. It is a bugbear of every umpire’s life to discover regulation amendments made in mid-season. Part of the difficulty arises from the sheer length of them and the OCC is currently trying to remove duplications of the Laws of Cricket from the regulations so that they become merely the exceptions to the Laws.

An end of season survey was sent to all clubs, asking three questions:

1. Was there a desire to play more T20 cricket?
2. Was there a desire to play some cricket in coloured clothing?
3. Should CL arrange the purchase of all balls centrally to a pre-agreed maximum price?

There was a positive response to all three questions.

Accordingly, it is likely that the T20 round robin format as played in 2020 will remain in some competitions into the future.

The OCC is also recommending the use of coloured clothing for all T20 and knock-out cup competitions and this will be phased in over the next two seasons.

It has become clear that a number of clubs are holding significant stocks of cricket balls so the introduction of central purchasing for all balls may be delayed to 2022.

The OCC can only do its work with the co-operation of the clubs and as ever we are grateful to all those club members who work so well with us.

**Peter Thew**  
OCC Secretary

## O’Grady Cup winner Mikey O’Reilly with Kevin O’Brien



## Attendance at meetings of the OCC:

Michael Lowe (chair)	12/12
Peter Thew (sec)	11/12
Hadley Southall	11/12
Andy Hirst	12/12
Adrian Tudor	11/12
Steve Wood	11/12
Mick Cotter	9/12
Olag Sivanatham	12/12

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## Women's committee

*Secretary's Report delivered to the Women's Committee online Annual General Meeting*

Like all walks of life in 2020, the staging of cricket was challenging. Significant efforts by clubs and a determination to make things work resulted in a highly enjoyable – if condensed – season.

Women's Cricket eventually got started on 16th July, the first competitive cricket league to start on the island.

Several clubs were cautious about how many teams they would be able to field and a conservative approach saw league structures with approximately 6-8 matches per team over the course of the two months available.

This entailed some compromises in league structures, alleviated by the expansion to a fourth league division for the first time in many years.

Unfortunately, the schedule did not allow for any 50 over matches, Cup Competitions or the Hundred Ball League to take place in 2020, it is of course planned to reintroduce those competitions as soon as possible.

The Committee was delighted to welcome a new sponsor for 2020, Sprint Coatings Limited.

Through Alan Maginnis, this multiyear sponsorship is a significant support of Women's Cricket and will allow for investment in the growth and development of Women's & Girls' cricket across Leinster in support of our strategic objective to increase the number of female participants by 50% over the next three years.

We were especially delighted when the sponsorship was extended in September to cover the 2020-2022 period.

The Division 1 title was retained by Leinster CC, with a highly consistent performance across all their matches.

The structure of Division 2 saw a Semi-Final and Final;



Becca Gallagher, who won the Pilkington Fair Play Award for 2020

# NEW SPONSORSHIP BRINGS A BOOST TO DEVELOPMENT

## Revived Railway Union claim inaugural Division 4

league leaders Rush were surprised by Phoenix and YMCA 2 got the better of Leinster 2 in the Semi-Finals. The Final was a cracking match, right to the wire and YMCA 2 were the narrow winners.

Division 3 was highly unlucky with the weather and lost around half the matches. Pembroke 2 beat everyone however and deservedly finished clear at the top of the table.

The newly reintroduced Division 4 saw five teams take part, including Terenure CC returning to Women's cricket. Railway Union were the team to beat and only Greystones CC came close – a tie!! Railway were deserving league winners.

It would be remiss not to acknowledge the assistance of the Competition Administrator Michael Cotter in administering results, score

cards, player registrations and much more.

The Women's Committee worked well this year, all members contributed in meaningful ways and they should be thanked for their service on the committee.

As ever the leadership of Siobhan McBennett keeps us out of trouble and focussed on moving things forward.

**Kevin Gallagher**  
Secretary, 11th November



# Plenty to be encouraged about as growth continues

Isobel Joyce reviews a difficult year where cricket had to adapt quickly to the challenge

2020 was very much a tale of the best laid plans. Much of what was planned in the winter couldn't go ahead with the global pandemic putting paid to a lot more than my projects. That being said, as with everyone else, Cricket Leinster adapted.

## Four Divisions

2020 saw an increase in the number of Leinster Leagues – for the first time we had 4 Divisions. More divisions should see teams more evenly matched within their division than 3 divisions allows for. While there were still mismatches within leagues, I think this is a positive step towards competitive leagues in the future. There has also been positive feedback about more clubs entering Division 4 teams for 2021 which I think speaks to the general success of the introduction of another division.

## Castleknock Camp

The girls U13, U15 and U17 squads had their first overnight camp in February which saw them train during the day and do various activities in the evenings. Importantly, friendships were forged between players from different clubs which strengthens the chances that these girls will continue to be part of the cricket fraternity for years to come.

## Oakhill Camp

Over 50 players between the ages of 14 and 17 took part in a camp in Oakhill which saw them play matches in the morning and work on skills on grass wickets in the afternoon. The opportunity to learn how to play on grass wickets was identified as a key weakness for our underage representative teams and the time that the girls spent training on these grass wickets is invaluable to their development.

It should be noted that these two camps were made possible by a couple of generous donors that enabled us to keep costs down. These donors wished to see the money spent on developing our youth representative players and



Ireland captain  
Laura Delany

without them, would not have been possible.

## Greater Visibility

The Slip Cordon podcast was an experiment this year which started out as a way to get information on regulations and how to operate within those restrictions out to cricket players in Leinster. It evolved, however, into a preview/review of the week's games for the various divisions. We had senior Ireland internationals on as well as young up and coming stars.

Often players get their first taste of speaking to media when they are on the big stage, so I think this was a lovely way for a wide range of people to experience being interviewed and have little taste of what it's like as well as greater visibility for the women's game.

## Female-only coaching course

We ran a very successful female-only coaching course in January and had a fully booked course due for delivery when level 5 hit. This course will be held in the near future, once it can be run within the guidelines.

There are encouraging signs that a female-only level 2 course could be run in the near future as well.

## 50-Ball District Cup

For the second year, we ran the 50-Ball League – a take on the HBL – for our U13 age group with the four Dublin Districts taking part. With Pembroke hosting the two days, we were able to run 2 games at a time and the group stages led to a final between Dublin City and South Dublin which was eventually won by Dublin City.

## Club visits

With squad training sessions made more difficult because of Covid, it was decided to run club sessions for clubs with Leinster players in them. Naomi and I did our best to get around to all of the clubs that have girls' cricket and do one on ones with their Leinster squad players. This was a great opportunity to get some one-on-one contact time with the girls and find out what they think their weaknesses are and to get to know them better.

## IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2021

- **The HBL** – this competition will be brought back again in 2021
- **Simply Social** – pairs cricket for adult women with a focus on the social side – this will begin when restrictions around covid return to a relatively normal level
- **Players and Supporters Past and Present** – this will be a coming together of all people who support the women's game with a view to keeping people in the game, bringing people back, generating further support for the game currently and in the future. Events that had been planned for 2020 could not be carried out because of restrictions
- **Increase in clubs with women or girls team and increase in teams in clubs with teams** – Balbriggan, Clondalkin, North County, Phoenix
- **Schools indoor league** – this will be picked up again once the virus is under control. It is not viable as things are currently
- **CricHIIT** – it's hoped there will be further development of this Cricket Ireland initiative

# Leinster blood youth but comfortably defend title

**C**ONSISTENCY was key for Leinster CC's bid to retain the Sprint Coatings Division 1 Trophy. With a number of Ireland players and overseas professionals unable to come here it was an opportunity to blood younger players.

The holders set out their stall early with strong wins over their two main challengers Merrion and Pembroke. In the first of the two encounters, Merrion set a slightly under par target of 132. Leinster batted around Laura Delany (60\*) to win by six wickets with five balls to spare. And Leinster bowled very tightly v Pembroke, youngsters Katie Dillon (3-0-16-1) and Maria Kerrison (3-0-14-1) restricting them to 108. Leinster chased in the 19th over, losing only one wicket with Sophie MacMahon (33) and Rebecca Rolfe (41\*) scoring the bulk.

Next up, the Rathmines side took on Malahide who were the surprise package of the season. They had started strongly with convincing wins over Clontarf (10 wkts) and The Hills (52 runs on D/L) and put up a tough fight but Caoimhe McCann's 62 was ultimately in vain as they lost by 12 runs.

Leinster next defeated The Hills by 10 wickets after chasing down 125 and Clontarf by 24 runs by the DLS method.

On the last day of the league, YMCA had the opportunity to spoil Leinster's party if they beat them and other results went the right way, but with the game washed out and Merrion beating Pembroke, Leinster retained the Division 1 title.

The League was won on the back of tight bowling performances. Rebecca Rolfe finished fifth in the scoring charts, her four innings accounting for 141 of Leinster's runs at an average of 70. Sophie MacMahon sits two places below her with 131 at 65 and Laura Delany is in 9th – 127 runs in three innings but no average as she was not dismissed in 2020.

No Leinster bowler features in the top 10 wicket takers, but they do have four bowlers in the next 10. Sue O'Connor's 2-6 against Clontarf was seventh best bowling in the season.

Merrion's top performer was recent transfer Rebecca Stokell who came second in the top runs chart with 267 at an average of 53.4 and her highest score of 107\* came against The Hills, with her opening partner Leah Paul just behind her

## SPRINT COATINGS DIVISION 1

**LEAGUE WINNERS:** Leinster

**Crawford Cup (batting):** Amy Hunter (Malahide)

**Harrison Cup (bowling):** Orla Prendergast (Pembroke)

**Dawson Cup (w'keeping):** Hannah Pasley (Clontarf)

**Howard Cup (all rounder):** Rebecca Stokell (Merrion)

**Farrell/Pilkington Cup (Most Improved Player):** Amy Hunter (Mala)

	P	W	NR	L	BP	%
Leinster	6	5	1	0	16	85
Merrion	6	4	1	1	15	72
Pembroke	6	4	0	2	14	66
Malahide	6	3	1	2	21	62
YMCA	6	1	2	3	7	35
The Hills	6	0	2	4	0	17
Clontarf	6	0	1	5	7	13

in third with 219 at 52.25. Stokell came fourth in the top wicket-takers charts tied on six with teammate Celeste Raack. Newcomer to the team Niamh MacNulty is one to watch, she took five wickets at an average of 14.8 – impressive for a player with another couple of years of U15 to come.

Pembroke's Orla Prendergast impressed, came second in the wicket-takers table with seven and 12th in the run-scoring charts with 94 runs at just over 31. Hannah Little was also in the top five wicket takers with six at an average of 16.

Amy Hunter (269) was the league's top run-scorer for Malahide, her average of 89.67 coming from five innings with a high-score of 91\*. Malahide also had the league's top wicket-taker in Anna Kerrison (9 wickets, avge 10, economy 4.29, best bowling in an innings 4-16 v Clontarf).

YMCA only managed one win, over Clontarf, when Gaby Lewis scored 121\*. Coach Robyn Lewis saw a return to form this season, finishing fourth in the run scorers' charts despite only batting four times, her 142 coming at an average of 71.

Top for The Hills was Tess Maritz who made 90 runs in three innings with a high score of 35\*. Clontarf's Aoife Brennan scored 74 runs in five innings. Sisters Molly and Emma Butler were ninth and tenth in the wicket-taker charts.

## SPRINT COATINGS DIVISION 3

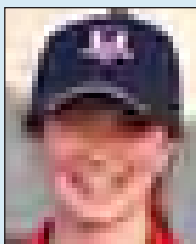
**LEAGUE WINNERS:** Pembroke 2

**Sharp Cup (batting):** Eimear Mullen (Pembroke 2)

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**Schmidt Cup (bowling):** Lauren Wilde (Rush 2)

**Wicketkeeping cup:** Pippa Guy (Pembroke 2)



	P	W	NR	L	BP	%
Pembroke 2	8	4	4	0	10	90
Clontarf 2	8	3	4	1	15	63
N Kildare 2	8	1	6	1	1	48
Rush 2	8	2	3	3	17	47.25
Leinster 3	8	0	3	5	7	22

THE Third Division was blighted by cancellations with only half of the games being played. Pembroke 2 won all the games they played and finished with a percentage of 90.

No Pembroke bowler finished among the top five wicket-takers however. Rush's Ellie McGee took seven wickets at 8.29 and best figures of 2-8. Her teammate Lauren Wilde had six wickets at 3.17 – the best average in the league – and best figures of 3-1. Clontarf's Cecily McGeer and daughter Megan took five each as did team-mate Lauren Maxwell.

The run-scorers chart is topped by Pembroke's Eimear Mullen who only played twice, making 20 and 73\*. Her teammates Gayle Bowen, 58 runs at 29, and Pippa Guy, 58 at 14.5, were second and third, followed by Eileen Foley (Rush) 56 runs at 18.67 and Pembroke's Mhairi Nicoll with 53 runs in just two innings; averaging 26.5.





Lucy Deacon of YMCA lifts the Sprint Coatings Division 2 trophy

# YMCA 2nds pip Phoenix in only final to be played

THIS was the only Division that saw the top four finishers play semi-finals with the two winners playing a final. The two finalists – YMCA 2 and Phoenix 1 – improved as the season went on, eventually going into the final having finished third and fourth respectively in the league tables.

Rush had finished top and their opener Rebecca Gough was top of the run-scoring charts, her 186 runs averaged just over 37. Her teammate Laura Carthy joins her in the top five with 109 runs at 27 putting her in fourth place. YMCA's Siuin Woods was second with 158 in her six games at 31. Phoenix pair Ella Pasley came third with 122 at 20 and Georgina Dempsey in fifth with 99 with an average just below 20.

Rush also dominated the top bowling performers in Division 2, skipper Emma Ryan taking 13 with a best of 5-15. Gough featured again, third along with Ali Keenan of Phoenix in terms of wickets taken (9). Dempsey also featured in both the batting and bowling; she comes second with 11 wickets and best figures of 5-9. YMCA's Sarah Brownlee rounds out the top five, taking seven wickets at 10 and with best figures of 4-9.

In the low-scoring semi-finals Keenan (5-0-19-5) tore the heart out of Rush's batting line-up and then made 20\* to see Phoenix through. Leinster's Joanna Loughran (20) put up staunch resistance but YMCA's Emma McEvoy (3-0-8-3) led the rout to 66 all out. Openers YMCA's Woods (22) and Zoe Hoffman (17) put on 30 and McEvoy (19\*) saw them home.

## SPRINT COATINGS DIVISION 2

**LEAGUE WINNERS:** YMCA 2

**Batting cup:** Rebecca Gough (Rush)

**Bowling cup:** Emma Ryan (Rush)

**Hearnden Cup (wicketkeeping):** Isabel Saeed-Maguire (Leinster)

	P	W	NR	L	BP	%
Rush	5	4	1	0	13	84
Leinster 2	5	3	2	0	13	78
YMCA 2	5	2	1	2	6	63
Phoenix	5	1	1	3	12	36
Malahide 2	5	1	1	3	6	31
N Kildare	5	0	2	3	5	24

## SEMI-FINALS

Leinster 2 66 YMCA 2 67-2; Rush 1 62 Phoenix 1 64-5

## DIVISION 2 FINAL

At Phoenix Park, 5th September

### YMCA 2

Siuin Woods†	lbw b Ali Keenan	50
Zoe Hoffman	run out (McDonough/Dempsey)	34
Roisin Staunton	c Pasley b McNaught	4
Emma McEvoy	not out	4
Extras	(lb2 w14 nb6)	22

**TOTAL for 3 (20.0 ov) 114**

DNB: L Deacon\*, S Brownlee, A Flanagan, J Priestley, C Canniffe, K O'Reilly, S Ruttle

Bowling: G Dempsey 5-0-25-0, A Keenan 5-0-28-1, E Pasley 3-0-15-0, D Syam 2-0-18-0, A Black 2-0-13-0, S McDonough 1-0-7-0, L McNaught 2-0-6-1. Fall of wickets: 81, 103, 114

### PHOENIX Innings

Hannah McGuckin	c Woods b Brownlee	10
Lucy McDonough†	not out	35
Ella Pasley	c Staunton b Brownlee	34
Georgina Dempsey	not out	19
Extras	(b5 lb3 w5 nb1)	14

**TOTAL for 2 (20.0 ov) 112**

DNB: A Keenan\*, D Syam, A Black, S McDonough, L McNaught, S Reji Koot-tungal, E Bell

Bowling: E McEvoy 5-0-20-0, S Brownlee 5-0-30-2, A Flanagan 4-0-16-0, R Staunton 3-0-16-0, Z Hoffman 1-0-8-0, K O'Reilly 1-0-8-0, S Ruttle 1-0-6-0. Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-86

• YMCA 2 won by 2 runs

Following two low-scoring semi-finals, a free scoring final was a joy. A mature performance from Woods (50) and Hoffman (34) laid the platform in a stand of 81, Woods only departing off the last ball. Ali Keenan (5-0-28-1) and Lucy McNaught (2-0-6-1) were the two wicket takers for Phoenix.

A solid second-wicket partnership of 65 between Lucy McDonough (35) and Ella Pasley (34) after the earlier dismissal of Hannah McGuckin (10) put Phoenix in sight of their target of 114, but they were running out of time when Georgina Dempsey (19\*) came to the crease.

The hard-hitting number four scored her runs in just eight deliveries but just didn't quite have enough time to hand her side the win, Phoenix finally falling two runs short in a high-quality final.

## SPRINT COATINGS DIVISION 4

**LEAGUE WINNERS:** Railway Union

**Batting cup:** Carol McKenzie (Railway Union)

**Bowling cup:** Eimear Lenihan (Railway Union)

**Wicketkeeping cup:** Rosie Newton (Greystones)



	P	W	NR	L	BP	%
Railway U	7	5	1	0	22	98
Pembroke 3	4	3	0	1	9	69
Greystones	7	4	0	2	15	61
Merrion 2	7	1	2	4	10	44
Terenure	7	0	1	6	9	14

\* Railway v Greystones ended in a tie

The first edition of the Sprint Coatings Division 4 League saw Mer-rion 2 and Terenure entering new teams for 2020.

Railway Union won most of their matches convincingly but Greystones proved a test. Their first match saw Railway win by 30 runs, but the second came down to the wire. Greystones batted first, Angela Garland scoring a breezy 45 at better than a run-a-ball. Railway's Carol MacKenzie (39\*) and Ciara O'Brien (32\*, PICTURED LEFT) came to the fore but Alexandra Orpin (5-0-13-2) was magnificent as Greystones tight bowling forced a tie.

Top run scorer was MacKenzie with 142 from 4 innings, averaging 71, followed by Pembroke's Nicky Bell, 120 runs at 60; and O'Brien 118 from four innings without being out. Top wicket-taker was Railway's Eimear Linehan, 12 wickets at 5.75, with the best figures of 5-7 v Terenure. There were six wickets each for Ali Nolan and Nina Blaauw (Railway), and Orpin and Lynne Rae (Greystones).

## Focus on clubs

# It's always lots of fun to play at the YMCA



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**C**RICKET clubs are extensions of families and have provided welcoming 'homes' for so many people over the years.

YMCA CC Club President Heatley Tector describes being "weaned on the club" with the "matriarchal family names" that dominated the scene. "There were the Lewises, Dunlops, McCreadys and it has gone full circle now."

This is indeed the case, as Tector's four children are devoted to 'his' club and the values and culture it has engendered.

As President, Tector has been asked by the club to be "the front man for the club. My main role is to make people feel welcome in Claremont Road."

The layout of the grounds means that, arriving for a match in normal circumstances, it is impossible not to be welcomed with a hug or a handshake. After a year playing through Covid-19 protocols, and all the distancing and separation that entailed, everyone will be hoping the traditional welcome and hospitality will return to YM and all cricket grounds.

"Last year was certainly tricky," acknowledges Tector, "but one that contained two massive highlights amongst the difficulties."

"Off the field, a day to remember and be proud of was the memorial service on the square for four wonderful YMers who had tragically passed away in recent years. It showed YM off at its best with the family ethos, the culture, and the number of people who paid their respects."

For the 2020 season, the club paid a subtle tribute to Claire Tuite, Nicola Walker, David 'Slobo' Rodgers and Wes Earl by having CNSW stitched into the collar of their kit as well as having the service on the square. Tector believes the



**T**HE third oldest club in Leinster and founder member of the Senior League in 1919, Civil Service, like so many, have a tradition of passing the club down from generation to generation and a commitment to volunteerism and the administration of our great game.

Lifelong member and current Treasurer Keith Webster speaks fondly of “the Kinsellas, the Morrissey and the Collins who represented the club with distinction”, and the “massive links within the club to the administration of cricket when it was known as the Leinster Cricket Union –people like my dad, Les Hewson, John Dawson and Rory Yates Hale”.

Keith’s father, Willie, was a fine all-rounder in his day and a club stalwart. The Webster name is well known in Cricket Leinster circles as after Willie’s death in 1994,



2019 was a very successful year, capped by the 1st XI winning the Middle Cup

# Down all the years, it’s always been Civil Service with a smile

the family donated a trophy in his name, presented to the best all-rounder in Division 3 to this day.

Keith has been involved with the club since he was young boy and that’s been the way of it for the club as, with no links to any schools, they have gathered their members wherever they can.

“We are a very friendly, welcoming club and we’d never say no to anybody,” says Webster. “We couldn’t really afford to. The 1960s are acknowledged as the most successful period for the club, a lack of infrastructure held us back.

“An influx of players from Australia, South Africa and New Zealand in the 1980s and 90s and a further boost to numbers

from the likes of India and Pakistan in the 2000s saved the club from going out of existence or reducing the number of teams we fielded.”

They’ve been fortunate with the quality of player who has turned up on their doorstep looking for a home too.

“Paul Brennan [a Kiwi] was the best player I ever played with,” says Webster. “He was an incredible player and he just rocked up on a Tuesday evening.”

Civil Service are now beginning to thrive. In 2019, their First XI had their first Cup Final appearance in almost 20 years, defeating Wexford Wanderers in the Middle Cup Final.

“That was a great year, our most suc-

cessful for the club as a whole. The Firsts won the Middle Cup, the 2s won their league, the 3s almost won their league and the 4s won the Minor 2 Cup.”

For the first time ever, they will enter six teams into Cricket Leinster competitions in 2021.

“We’ve got a great committee and brilliant volunteers, continuing that history of committed volunteerism, and we’re hopefully on a good footing to move forward,” says Webster. “What will really help is a link-up with the local schools and we do need to get the youth section up and running again. We’re working hard on that in conjunction with Fintan McAlister and Cricket Leinster.”

four played their own part in the other highlight of 2020, as YMCA won their first All-Ireland Competition.

“It was particular special and emotional to win our first national competition last year. There’s no doubt those four names were ringing in the ears of the 12 people who took the field to represent the club in the final against Donemana that day.”

“We were particularly delighted to win our first national crown in 2020 and it’s perhaps hard to believe it took so long. When we look back to the YM teams of the ’90s, we had six players in the international team but couldn’t translate that into a national title.

“One consideration was that we were never allowed play on a Sunday (due to the YMCA rules) in those days. This meant that we played those games midweek instead, often with weaker sides as players struggled to get time off work.”

As well as the success of the Men’s First XI, the Women’s 2nd XI won the Cricket Leinster Division 2, and the traditionally strong Youth Section contributed another four trophies, all while the club negotiated Covid-19 protocols on training and playing.

The club is about more than collecting trophies, however. There is a culture and desire to be accommodating and welcom-

ing that permeates throughout. Tector explains: “I consider it a great honour to host InterProvincial, representative and International cricket at Claremont Road. It really brings the best out of everyone in the club.

“Aside from the square and the grounds themselves, there are changing rooms, kitchens and toilets that need to be prepared, and everyone has to play their part.

“I love the buzz of hosting the Irish Women’s internationals at Claremont Road and hearing the national anthem being played in my club. It’s a really lovely feeling and a source of great pride.

“I look over towards the nets to see the 12/13-year-old boys and girls and they are glued to the action. I hope they are taking it all in and looking forward to playing in those type of games themselves in the future.”

“We love hosting InterProvincial cricket too. I’ve got my biased hat on, but I don’t think there is a finer square in Ireland. It is a firm, true surface with good bounce and a great outfield. Why shouldn’t we look to host representative cricket?”

As we look ahead to the 2021 season, hopefully we will get a full season and plenty of opportunities to be welcomed back into our ‘homes’ across the province, none more so than YMCA CC.



Overseas guests: John Anderson, Chris Kuggeleijn, Carlos Brathwaite, Chris Torrissi, Trent Johnston, Naseer Shaukhat

# Land of the 1000 welcomes

Well, more than 260 of them to be precise. Since professionals were first permitted in Leinster there have been many fine players employed – and a few duds too

**By GER SIGGINS**

**T**HE issue of having paid overseas professional players took a long time to be resolved in Leinster. There was concern that clubs would see it as a way to buy success, and less well-resourced clubs would struggle against these 'hired guns'.

The debate swung to and fro and while pros were first allowed in 1978 they were banned again in the late 1980s after a stipulation that overseas players must not be current first-class cricketers.

I do not intend getting into the nitty-gritty of "what is a pro". The nuances of who was paid and who wasn't broke the heart of many an LCU rules committee member in the 1990s – but it is fair to say that many of the arrivals were a waste of money.

While pro players certainly won many matches for their clubs, very few actually dominated the leagues.

The regs were loosened over time and some fine players did come to play here – with the knock-on effect of quite a number marrying local women and qualifying for Ireland. The 2007 World Cup squad famously had four such players in Trent Johnston, Andre Botha, Jeremy Bray and Dave Langford-Smith. Several others settled here and made enormous contributions to their clubs, such as Naseer Shaukhat, Kamal Merchant, Adrian

## Overseas Test cricketers who played

		Tests	Runs	Wkts
Julian Wiener	Aus	6	281	0
Chris Kuggeleijn	NZ	2	7	1
David Murray	WI	19	601	(57c 5s)
Johan Botha	SA	5	83	17
Keegan Meth	Zim	2	72	4
Trent Copeland	Aus	3	39	6
Kirk Edwards	WI	17	986	0
Carlos Brathwaite	WI	3	181	1
Peter Moor	Zim	8	533	(9c 1s)
Brenton Parchment	WI	2	55	-
Timycen Maruma	Zim	3	68	-
Greg Lamb	Zim	1	46	3

Murphy and Richard Hastie. After the 2007 World Cup generation, several other overseas stayed on and qualified for Ireland, notably John Anderson, Simi Singh, Thinus Fourie, Max Sorensen, Albert van der Merwe and Reinhardt Strydom.

Over the winter I compiled a list of 262 players who came here to play cricket, whether as professionals, amateurs or backpackers. Others, such as Alf Masood who moved here without realising cricket was even played, are also included.

Of course, there are dozens of home-grown professionals these days, and Ireland play Test cricket too, but back in the '70s a Test cricketer was a rare and exotic bird indeed.

Carlisle picked up a gem in the first season of pros, Australian batsman Julian Wiener.

Weiner, 23, scored 152 on debut against Railway and two centuries more in a total of 770, or 29% of Carlisle's runs, plus 31 wickets. He had already played for Victoria and was in the Australian Test team barely 15 months after leaving Dublin, eventually playing six Tests and seven ODIs.

He was the first of a dozen overseas Test cricketers to play here, followed by Chris Kuggeleijn who was a huge success with Pem-



**Andre Botha**  
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Pandurang Salgaoncar, Ben Dunk and Julian Weiner

## in Leinster cricket (since 1978)

	Year(s)	Runs	100s	Wkts	Swi
Carlisle	1978	770	3	31	-
Pembroke	1983-84	1829	6	78	6
Malahide	1986	did not play league games			
Malahide	2005	565	2	20	-
Phoenix	2007	333	-	20	-
Railway U	2008	339	1	25	1
Phoenix	2008	309	-	7	-
Leinster	2009-10	902	1	47	1
YMCA	2014, 2018	546	1	(12c 11s)	
North Co	2015	742	1	31	1
Balbriggan	2018	641	1	24	1
The Hills	2019	235	-	20	1

broke but less so for New Zealand — he's best remembered as the man who held the slip catch that gave Richard Hadlee his then-world record 374th wicket, and for being father of current star Scott. Pros were banned by the time David Murray was taken on as coach by Malahide, although he was eligible for the All-Ireland Cup. He left early after a series of infractions.

Murray's Test career, like Greg Lamb and Brenton Parchment, was far behind him, while Johan Botha made his Test debut four months after finishing with Malahide.

But several others were in a much earlier phase of their career. Dublin fans got to see Keegan Meth, Trent Copeland, Kirk Edwards, Carlos Brathwaite and Peter Moor at the outset of their road to Test cricket, and following them as they progressed was a great kick to club members.

Timycen Maruma, who played for Balbriggan in 2018, is the only 'active' Test player, his games coming in 2013 and 2020. Ex-CYM pro Adrian Holdstock is now a Test umpire.

Other pros also played internationals. Ben Dunk, brought over by Trinity in 2006 and 2007, became a star of the Big Bash and won Australian T20 caps. Nic de Groot (Phoenix), Mujahid Jamshed (Rush) and Anton Devcich (Leinster) played ODIs for Canada, Pakistan and New Zealand respectively.

Besides the Test players, many other fine first-class players featured for Leinster clubs: Jamshed has the most appearances (127), and runs (6,376) while Obus Pienaar (Clontarf) has most centuries with 17. Wiener, Murray, Pienaar and Michael Smith (Malahide) are the only double centurions, with the best 221\* by Wiener for Victoria v WA.

Trent Copeland (Railway Union) has most wickets with 384, and 21 five-fors. Another Park Avenue pro, Ranil Dhammika, has the best return with 9-83 for Burgher against Saracens. The full list is alongside, please let me know of any omissions — and if anyone wants a copy of the full details and career records, email me at gerssiggins@gmail.com.

## Leinster's overseas: 1978-2020

(Those who played first-class cricket are marked in **bold**)

<b>Julian Wiener</b>	Scott Mammino	<b>Magnum Nanan</b>
<b>Derek Bevan</b>	Davy van der Walt	Matt Daykin
<b>Salim Uddin</b>	Dwane Dundon	<b>Francois van der Merwe</b>
<b>Doug Gott</b>	Matthew Love	Anthony Brooks
<b>Dave Pearse</b>	Trevor Savage	<b>Andrew Downton</b>
Nigel Seale	<b>Sachin Sawant</b>	James Parkinson
<b>Alf Masood</b>	<b>Hendrik De Vos</b>	<b>Carlos Brathwaite</b>
<b>Allan Stimpson</b>	<b>Byron Esterhuizen</b>	Ian Page
<b>Dave Robinson</b>	Chris Cruikshank	Shane Mott
<b>Neville Daniels</b>	Martin Tucker	Greg Clarence
<b>Marlon Tucker</b>	<b>Marvin Van Niekerk</b>	Josh Reeves
<b>Pandurang Salgaoncar</b>	<b>Michael Lax</b>	<b>Corey Edwards</b>
David Starkey	Brett Hillary	Gareth Purshouse
<b>Roland Sampath</b>	Owen Gilchrist	<b>Jono Hickey</b>
<b>John Lyon</b>	<b>Reinhardt Strydom</b>	Patrick Collins
<b>Chris Kuggeleijn</b>	Sean O'Connor	Jason Kleyweg
<b>Will White</b>	Matt Broadmore	Matt Tweddle
<b>Graeme Hurlbatt</b>	Mohammed Tariq	<b>Bobby Gamble</b>
Barney Gurnun	<b>Jim Govan</b>	<b>Dan van Zyl</b>
<b>David Murray</b>	<b>Marthinus Fourie</b>	<b>Jan Steenkamp</b>
Adrian van Vuuren	John Moffatt	<b>Matt Dennington</b>
<b>David Freedman</b>	Neil Umpheui	Mitch Watterson
Angus Fraser	<b>Shahid Iqbal</b>	<b>Jonathan Beukes</b>
Paul Hector	Richie Graham	Tim Law
Wayne Ostrovsky	Malcolm Stuurman	<b>Tim Lang</b>
Michael Thompson	<b>David Langford-Smith</b>	Joel Leacock
Gary Wood	<b>Warwick Hinkel</b>	Nicolaas Pretorius
Lebou Jonker	<b>Shawn Flegler</b>	Zander van der Merwe
Bruce Deans	<b>Alex Cusack</b>	<b>Brett Thompson</b>
<b>Andre Botha</b>	<b>Lachlan Stevens</b>	<b>Josh Tasman-Jones</b>
<b>Louis-Mark Germishuys</b>	Simon Willoughby	Jono Cook
Bruce Deans	<b>Michael Price</b>	<b>Peter Moor</b>
Louis Opperman	<b>Donovan Lentz</b>	Tim Affleck
Thomas Pieterse	<b>Laden Gamiet</b>	<b>Ronan McDonald</b>
Mark Archer	<b>Michael Smith</b>	Lucky Peterson
Tim King	Derek Tate	George Deans
Richard Hastie	<b>Stephan Grobler</b>	Sam Anderson
Derek Heilbronn	<b>Mujahid Jamshed</b>	<b>Mohammed Farrukh</b>
John Evans	<b>Andrew Pringle</b>	Mick Grainger
Riain Smit	<b>Usman Khan</b>	Anthony Moor
<b>Hermann Venter</b>	Gareth W Butler	Ben Speake
<b>Gerard Brophy</b>	Dom Rigby	<b>Brenton Parchment</b>
<b>Graham Charlesworth</b>	Louis Vermaak	<b>Deon Carolus</b>
Christo Luddick	David Celep	<b>David Rhoda</b>
<b>Justin Benson</b>	Morne Bauer	<b>Charith Fernando</b>
<b>Trent Johnston</b>	Nathan Palmer	Colin Wells
Josh Singh	<b>Lyall Meyer</b>	<b>Charles Wakim</b>
Tristan McLaren	Ben Delaney	<b>Freddie Klokker</b>
Glenn Prouten	<b>Henri Fourie</b>	Jordan Willoughby
Paul Cron	<b>Ata-ur-Rehman</b>	<b>Daniel Solway</b>
Wim Jansen	Wayne Murray	Adam Lockhart-Krause
Simon Milton	<b>John Anderson</b>	Connor Fletcher
Richard Beukes	<b>Johan Botha</b>	Alex Karvelas
Andre Burger	Brendan Maher	<b>Brad Barnes</b>
<b>Naseer Shaukat</b>	Bronwell Williams	<b>Ryan Cartwright</b>
Warren Evans	<b>Daniel Payne</b>	Givon Christian
Gary Bretherick	<b>Andrew Northcote</b>	Nick Cutler
Ian Solomons	<b>Jason Brooker</b>	Josh Dascombe
Bevan Sweeney	<b>Keith Peinke</b>	Jayden Brown
<b>Jodi Myers</b>	Darren Wotherspoon	Oliver Gunning
<b>Davy Cooper</b>	<b>Umar Abrahams</b>	Jamie Brown
Hamish Young	<b>Stephen Moreton</b>	<b>Ranil Dhammika</b>
<b>Dilan Kanchana</b>	Ockert Greyvenstein	<b>Sean Davey</b>
Darren Cooke	<b>Dean Waughen</b>	Brad Kneebone
Michael Tucker	<b>Shaun de Kock</b>	<b>Timycen Maruma</b>
Henderson Wallace	Yogesh Kumar Yashkap	Brandon Graber
<b>Saadat Gul</b>	Stephen Richards	<b>Jarred Barnes</b>
Adriaan Barnard	Anton Scholtz	Fletcher Coutts
<b>Bruce Hughes</b>	<b>Matt Petrie</b>	Danny O'Shea
<b>Michael Adam</b>	<b>Ben Dunk</b>	Daya Singh
Brendan Hill	Rod Hokin	<b>Poonish Mehta</b>
<b>Walter Masimula</b>	<b>Anton Devcich</b>	<b>Malcolm Nofal</b>
Aijaz Farooqui	Ben de Vos	Anish Desai
<b>Jeremy Bray</b>	<b>Barrington Yearwood</b>	<b>Obus Pienaar</b>
Brad Spanner	Bruce Mikkelsen	<b>Alex Ridley</b>
<b>Kamal Merchant</b>	<b>Keegan Meth</b>	<b>Shaheen Khan</b>
<b>Adrian Holdstock</b>	Lynal Jansen	<b>Greg Lamb</b>
Craig Fittler	Tauseef Satti	Matt Kuhnemann
<b>Danny Buckingham</b>	<b>Max Sorensen</b>	<b>Callum Taylor</b>
Luke Jackson	Richie Lawrence	Dane Heverin
<b>Nic de Groot</b>	<b>Keeley Todd</b>	<b>Macalister Wright</b>
<b>Regan West</b>	<b>Trent Copeland</b>	<b>Oliver Newton</b>
Chris Torrisi	James Henry	Prabhanshu Kamal
<b>Bryn Thomas</b>	Denver d'Cruz	Jack Webster
Adrian Murphy	AJ Coetzee	<b>Clinton Hinchliffe</b>
David Ford	Rick Francis	Damien Mortimer
<b>Justin Kreusch</b>	<b>Kirk Edwards</b>	<b>Yassar Cook</b>
Darryl Calder	<b>Albert van der Merwe</b>	
<b>Ian Hewett</b>	Brad Rasool	

# LHW Alan Murray Cup for Premiership and Championship teams

## GROUP A

**T**HE curtailment of the 2020 season produced an opportunity for clubs in the Premier League and Championship to have a second crack at the Leinster Senior Cup format which had proved to be a big hit with the players in 2019. Even though it was played in the shortened T20 format, it still produced some excellent cricket and an overall competitive competition.

Group A was the smaller of the two, with just seven sides competing in it and contained Premier League sides; Phoenix, Pembroke, Merrion and Leinster, and from the Championship; Rush, North Kildare and Dublin University.

Week 1 of the season opened up with three victories for Premier League sides. Week 2 saw Rush enter the fray, and they played out one of the games of the competition at Leinster. Having posted just 90, Rush soon reduced Leinster to 16-5 before South Africans Jarryd Chetty and skipper Hardus Venter settled the ship. Venter made 34 before a calf injury forced him to retire hurt leaving Bilal Azhar and Mark Tonge to scramble to 91 off the final ball.

Game week 4 saw the unavoidable postponement of North Kildare vs Dublin University as Covid-19 restrictions in Kildare prevented the game from being played there, whilst Trinity College's ground was still unavailable.

North Kildare managed to fulfil their fixture away against Pembroke with a playing XI made up exclusively of players from outside of the county. They were dismissed for 68 but rattled their hosts on the way to a four wicket win.

The highest individual score of the competition came at Kenure Park where Phoenix where the visitors.

The home side posted a competitive 174 before Phoenix openers Jeremy Lawlor and Jamie Grassi blitzed an opening stand of 89 before Lawlor was out for 40. Grassi's 98 from just 57 balls took Phoenix to the brink of victory, before a small wobble saw them win by five wickets.

Merrion lost their 100% record to Pembroke, who defended 105, blowing the group open.

Sanil Gupta (22) helped Trinity to 119 in their only home game of the season marking 200 years of cricket in College Park. Neil Rock's 38 saw Rush to a 4 wicket win.

North Kildare made just 75 at the Park, but again their bowlers kept them in the game, reducing Phoenix to 30-8. Anees Ahmad's 6-16 was the best return for any bowler in the competition this season. Joey Carroll and Ben White turned it around before the umpires awarded penalty runs to the batting side to end the game before the start of the last over, a 5 run DLS victory for Phoenix.

In round 7, Phoenix qualified for the semi-finals by beating Leinster, but Pembroke had a fright at home to Trinity. The students made 126-2 but Conor Hoey's new ball spell of 3-13 helped reduce Pembroke to 48-5. Paul Lawson's 45 off 35 balls saw them home from the penultimate ball.

## GROUP B

**T**HIS was the bigger of the two groups, with eight teams — the Premier League was represented by YMCA, Malahide, Clontarf and The Hills, the Championship by Balbriggan, North County, Railway and Terenure.

This ultra-competitive group opened up with a pair of derbys: North County overcoming Balbriggan thanks to Jonno Andrews' 47\* and three wickets apiece from Eddie Richardson and Dhram Singh (3-4 off 3). In Sandymount, in the game which would be repeated as the final, Railway made 146 thanks to Kenny Carroll (64) and Danny Barclay (43) before Prabanshu Kamal (3-28) set up a three run win.

North County had another derby to contend with in Week 2 as they hosted The Hills. Richardson's 43 set up a solid 139-8 with Tomas Rooney-Murphy taking 5-22. Cormac McLoughlin-Gavin's 53 was the platform but The Hills couldn't get ahead of the run-rate and lost by just three runs.

Clontarf visited YMCA, where Mikey O'Reilly tore the visitors to shreds, his 5-24 brought the Castle Avenue side to 66-7, and eventually 96 all out. Tim Tector (33) and Bobby Gamble (28\*) saw YM home in the last over.

Railway travelled to Malahide where the home side battled first Greg Ford's 29 and Alistair Frost's 32 helped get them to 113-7. Railway's chase centred around captain Glenn Querl's 42 but when he was dismissed by Cameron Shoebridge (4-19) Malahide never really let Railway get close in a 13-run win for the home side.

In Round 5 Malahide traveled to The Hills, and made 190-3 (Alan Reynolds 46, Greg Ford 64), the highest score in the group, despite Devender Ranolia's remarkable figures of 4-2-8-1. McLoughlin-Gavin (72) was again the mainstay but they could muster only 131-5, Shoebridge taking 2-15 and stand-in captain James Newland 2-19.

In Clontarf's visit to Terenure, teenager Ben McCabe opened the bowling and took the first five Terenure wickets to fall, finishing with 5/12 as they slumped to 47.

The big game of Round 7 was Malahide v YMCA who welcomed back their international contingent for the first time in the season. Harry Tector made 41 to help get his side to 112-8. Malahide were in the driving seat at 67/2, however two wickets in two balls just 5 runs before the rain came again left them 5 runs behind on DLS when the game ended.

Railway Union and YMCA both entered the final round knowing victories would secure qualification for the semi-finals. At Terenure, Mikey O'Reilly took three wickets to confine the hosts to 123-8. YM were in a spot of bother at 40/3, before Harry Tector made 64 and with support from brother Tim (27\*) they secured qualification with a 6 wicket win inside the 15th over.

Railway made just 120-9 but Prabanshu Kamal's 3-22 kept the Hills to 80-8 from their 20 overs.

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Phoenix	6	5	0	0	1	0	100
Pembroke	6	5	0	0	1	0	100
Merrion	6	4	0	0	2	0	80
Leinster	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Rush	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Dublin Univ	6	0	0	1	5	0	10
Nth Kildare	6	0	0	1	5	0	10

### SEMI-FINALS

**YMCA beat**

Phoenix by 4 wickets

**RAILWAY UNION beat**

Pembroke by 19 runs

	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	PP	Pts
Railway U	7	6	0	0	1		0	120
YMCA	7	6	0	0	1		0	120
Malahide	7	5	0	0	2		0	100
North Co	7	3	1	1	2		0	80
Clontarf	7	3	0	1	3		0	70
Terenure	7	1	1	0	5		0	30
The Hills	7	1	0	1	5		0	30
Balbriggan	7	0	0	1	6		0	10



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YMCA celebrate with coach Kamal Merchant PIC: OISIN KENIRY

## Tector holds firm as YMCA take battle of Sandymount

**H**ARRY TECTOR was the hero as YMCA had a comfortable victory over Railway Union in the final of the LHW Financial Planning Leinster Senior T20 Cup.

A virtuoso performance from Kenny Carroll - who took the man of the match award - took Railway Union to 117/7 at halftime. Carroll's innings of 73 came off 61 balls and consisted of seven boundaries before he was run out off the very last delivery.

Carroll held the innings together as the wickets fell with regularity at the other end. These included the prized wicket of Kevin O'Brien (4) who survived an early dropped catch at cover to fall to a particularly good catch from youngster Wilhelm de Klerk at cow.

Tector (46) struck six boundaries and a huge straight six, before falling four runs short of both his half-century and the target looking to reverse sweep Prabanshu Kamal, as YMCA chased down their target of 118 in 15.3 overs.



Campher runs out Carroll

PIC: OISIN KENIRY

With the power of the YMCA batting line-up, Railway needed to take wickets but the boundary hitting of Jack Tector (17) and Simi Singh (28) opening the batting laid the groundwork for Harry Tector and Curtis Campher (25\*) to take YMCA home in the battle of Sandymount.

As champions of Leinster YMCA progressed to the semi-final of the All-Ireland competition.

### TEAM OF THE YEAR

Kenny Carroll (Railway Union), John Anderson (Merrion), Greg Ford (Malahide), Cormac McLoughlin-Gavin (The Hills), Seamus Lynch (Terenure); + Glenn Querl (Railway Un); S Bahadur (Leinster) Eddie Richardson (North Co), Conor Kelly (Clontarf), Tom Anders (YMCA), Mikey O'Reilly (YMCA)

### SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Most runs: **364** John Anderson (Merrion)

Best average (min 6 inns):

**72.8** John Anderson (Merrion)

Highest innings: **98** Jamie Grassi (Phoenix) v Rush

Best bowling: **6-16** Anees Ahmad (NK) v Phoenix

Most wickets: **20** Mikey O'Reilly (YMCA)

Best average (min 8 wkts): **5.08** Conor Kelly (Clon)

Most dismissals: **12** (9ct 3st)

Michael Lewis (Merrion)

### CRICKET LEINSTER TROPHIES

**Marchant Cup** (Premier League Batting) - John Anderson (Merrion) \*

**O'Grady Cup** (Premier League Bowling) - Michael O'Reilly (YMCA)

**Samuels Cup** (Premier League All-Rounder) - Glenn Querl (Railway Union)

**Hopkins Cup** (Premier League Wicketkeeping) - Michael Lewis (Merrion)

**Solomons Cup** (Premier League Fielding) - shared by Séamus Lynch (Terenure) and Adam Chester (Phoenix)

### ALAN MURRAY CUP FINAL

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At Sydney Parade, Saturday, 12 September, 2020

#### RAILWAY UNION 1

Kenny Carroll	run out (Singh/Campher)	73
Kevin O'Brien	c De Klerk b T Anders	4
Hashir Sultan	c J Tector b R Anders	0
Prabhanshu Kamal	c J Tector b R Anders	1
Glenn Querl*†	c Cassidy† b O'Reilly	16
Daniel Barclay	c Singh b O'Reilly	8
Alex Stiles	b Tom Anders	10
Philippe le Roux	not out	2
Extras	(lb1 w2)	3

**TOTAL for 7 (20.0 ov) 117**

DNB: Digamber Mishra, Eoghan Grehan, Oliver Perry  
Fall: 28, 28, 32, 69, 87, 102, 117

Bowling: O'Reilly 4-0-28-2, T Anders 4-0-22-2, R Anders 4-1-11-2, Campher 4-0-31-0, Singh 4-0-24-0  
Fall: 28, 28, 32, 69, 87, 102, 117

#### YMCA 1

Jack Tector*	c O'Brien b Sultan	17
Simi Singh	c Grehan b Stiles	28
Harry Tector	c Querl† b Kamal	46
Curtis Campher	not out	25
Tim Tector	not out	0
Extras	(w3)	3

**TOTAL for 3 (15.3 ov) 119**

DNB: Rory Anders, Wilhelm De Klerk, JJ Cassidy†, Robert Gamble, Michael O'Reilly, Tom Anders  
Fall: 27, 61, 114

Bowling: Perry 3-0-22-0, Grehan 2-0-17-0, Sultan 2-0-20-1, Kamal 3-0-19-1, Stiles 4-0-28-1, Mishra 1-0-9-0, le Roux 0.3-0-4-0

\* YMCA won by seven wickets

Umpires: Paul Reynolds and Ali Azim Baig

# IBI Corporate Finance Tillain Cup for Division 3 and 4 teams

## GROUP A

## GROUP B

**G**ROUP A was contested by Longford and Civil Service 1st XI's, with 2nd XI's from YMCA, North County, Balbriggan, Merrion, Malahide and Rush.

Round one saw YMCA won in North County, Aviral Shukla's four over spell yielding 3/19. Nearby, Longford's Muhammad Sheraz Tariq made 52 to set Rush 181 to win, and they were in a bit of trouble at 49/5, thanks mainly to Danish Javed's 3/28. However a big partnership between Saadat Gull and Gary Smith dragged them right back into it before two run outs, firstly Smith for 47, and then Gull for 57, saw the chase peter out and they finished on 164-8.

Civil Service made 179-5 in Malahide with Srikanth Boddu (32) Muhammad Safeen (51), Arjun Chandrasekar (34) and Mubasher Siddique (40\*) all tucking in. Malahide got to 71-1 before Muhammad Javed ripped out the Malahide middle order, with 5-20, including a hat-trick.

Balbriggan visited Merrion where Conor Austin's 4-11 bowled them out for 77 all out for an 8 wicket win, giving Day 1 wins for YMCA, Longford, Merrion and Service, who would occupy the top four slots at the end of the phase.

YMCA beat Civil Service in round two, with Shukla again to the fore with 20\* and 3-16.

The third round saw Merrion host Longford who made 132-9. Jack Atkinson and James Hitchcock put on 91 for Merrion's first wicket, but that soon became 92/2 though as both were dismissed in quick succession, Longford began to turn the screw but Timcy Khanduja's 15\* saw the home side scramble to victory with one ball to spare, a vital result at the end of the season.

Round six saw the top of the table clash between YMCA and Merrion. Devansh Singh (34) and Mitchell Thompson (20) saw YM to 133-8 while their spinners Thompson and Cillian McDonnell took three wickets apiece as Merrion were rolled over for 80 inside the 19th over.

Longford traveled to face Civil Service, ekeing out 98 before they put on a bowling exhibition of their own, Fadi Khan taking 6-14 and Muhmammad Sheraz Tariq 3-17.

The final round began with Longford, Merrion and YMCA all in the hunt to qualify, however with Longford and YM facing off, only a highly unlikely tie would see both through in the event of a Merrion win.

At Claremont Road, the home side batted first and skipper Andrew Blair-White set the tone, opening the batting with a top score of 54, supported by Mitchell Thompson's 27, but wickets fell regularly and they ended on 133/8. Using only three overs of seam, YMCA tied up Longford's usually quick scoring top-order Cillian McDonnell (4-8) was to the fore as Longford fell to 55 all out.

Merrion bowled out Malahide for 67, (Hugh Kennedy 4-11, James Hitchcock 4-14) and winning by five wickets.

**T**HIS turned out to be the tightest groups in any competition, just one win separating the top five. Clontarf entertained Knockharley for whom Ross Shivmangal started off with a run-a-ball 51 to post 110-6.

Andrew Delany took two wickets and made 58\* to see Tarf home but Harley had only one other Group B setback.

Round three saw Civil Service travel to Adamstown for whom Shiv Sethi was again on form, taking 3-14 from his 4 overs. Raj Neghandi, Sachin Mistry and Nilesh Joshi all passed 30, allowing Service to get to 139-7. Hamza Maan made 39, before a fine spell of 4-20 from Prasan Shah caused a collapse before Suhas Yellur (47) and Aman Yadav (24) saw Adamstown to a two wicket win off the final ball.

Pembroke visited Knockharley, and Cosgrave, Hoey, Ruttie and Prendergast all managed between 23 and 28 in getting to 130-3. Joe Ingamells 25 saw Knockharley well set at 39-1 but three quick wickets, two for Hoey and one for Whaley, saw them slump to 55-4 as the weather closed in. These wickets proved vital as Pembroke came out on the right side of DLS by 9 runs.

Phoenix make 132 all out from their 20 overs against Pembroke the following week, with 3-16 from Andrew Leonard the starring performance. David Cosgrave made a run-a-ball 59 not out in a 6 wicket victory.

Adamstown won away to Leinster to put them in the driving seat in the group with four wins out of four but their season unravelled after a shock defeat to Terenure, for whom captain Abdul Qadir Ishaq's 71\* and Colm Morgan's 41\* saw them to 155-2. But when Hamza Maan (53) and Krith Shetty put on 83 for the first wicket it looked a stroll until wickets fell quickly and the rate mounted to ten an over (Sid Nair 4-28). Eight down and needing 15 off the final two overs Terenure's Hayden Sharland conceded just three off the 19th. Harpreet Singh dispatched Aidan Doyle over the tree to start the final over, before the last two wickets fell in three balls. Neither side won again!

Round 6 saw Knockharley pip Adamstown by eight runs on DLS, Harry Shivmangal's 51 the difference.

Pembroke then went top after beating Clontarf by 43 runs with Joe Prendergast's 23 and Srikanth Subramaniam the pick of the bowlers with 3-14 with Clontarf out for 77.

The final day started with two from Pembroke, Knockharley and Adamstown in the hunt. Knockharley struggled to 65-5 at Terenure before Tahir Rasheed's 62 from 41 balls in a stand of 103 with Harry Shivmangal (51\*) saw them to 184-6, which was 47 too many for Terenure.

Phoenix made 92-7 against Adamstown who collapsed to 53 all out as Conor Cooney (4-11) did the damage. Pembroke hosted Leinster, for whom Shaaz Ahmed made a competition best of 78\* off 44 balls out of 134-4. The Broke lost by four runs but still qualified on top.

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
YMCA 2	7	6	0	0	1	0	120
Merrion 2	7	5	0	0	2	0	100
Longford	7	5	0	0	2	0	100
Civil Service	7	4	0	0	3	0	80
Balbriggan 2	7	3	0	0	4	0	60
Malahide 2	7	2	0	0	5	0	40
Nth Co 2	6	2	0	0	4	0	40
Rush 2	6	0	0	0	6	-	0

**SEMI-FINALS**  
**KNOCKHARLEY** beat  
 YMCA by 9 wickets  
**MERRION** beat  
 Pembroke by 2 runs

	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	PP	Pts
Pembroke 2	7	5	0	0	2		0	100
Knockharley	7	5	0	0	2		0	100
Phoenix 2	7	4	0	0	3		0	80
Adamstown	7	4	0	0	3		0	80
Clontarf 2	7	4	0	0	3		0	80
Leinster 2	7	3	0	0	4		0	60
Civil Service 2	7	2	0	0	5		0	40
Terenure 2	7	1	0	0	6		0	20



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Merrion's Conor Austin lifts the Tillain Cup

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## Merrion middle-order holds firm to take title in a thriller

**M**ERRION battled to victory over Knockharley in a low scoring thriller in the IBI Corporate Finance Tillain Cup final. An unbroken 30-run partnership in 20 balls between Vicky Delwani 21\* and Peter Forkin 19\* took Merrion to a four-wicket victory with five balls to spare.

After losing the toss, Merrion spun a web their Meath opponents couldn't extricate themselves from in the first innings.

It started with Hugh Kennedy (1-16, right) trapping Joe Ingamells LBW in the first over but from there the spinners took over for Merrion.

Beant Bhathal (2-16) and Niranjan Shankar (2-19) bowled six overs in tandem after the powerplay tumbling Knockharley from 35-2 to 42-5.

Daniel Forkin (2-2) in his two overs including a stunning return catch low to his left to remove Tahir Rasheed. Earlier, brother Peter (1-15) had a similar return catch of his own as all the Merrion bowlers struck.

Harry Shivmangal (21) and Mark Ingamells (20) top-scored as the Meath men made 95-9 off their allocation.

Jack Condie (2-17) and Ross Shivmangal (2-23) helped reduce Merrion to 48-5 after 13 overs and the match was right in the melting pot.

The mainstay of the Merrion innings was Player of the Match Beant Bhathal (30). When Shivmangal bowled him to reduce Merrion to 67-6 in the 16th over, the loud cheers from the Knockharley side showed that momentum was probably on their side.

That didn't account for Delwani and Forkin however.



## TEAM OF THE YEAR

Tayyab Rashid (Knockharley), David Cosgrave (Pembroke), Ross Shivmangal (Knockharley), Harry Shivmangal (Knockharley), Andrew Delany (Clontarf), James Hitchcock (Merrion), Gavin Hoey (Pembroke), Emad Uddin (Phoenix), Fadi Khan (Longford), Anthony Mooney (North County), Conor Cooney (Phoenix)

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Most runs: **241** Tayyab Rashid (Knockharley)

Best average (min 6 inns):

**47.00** A Delany (Clontarf 2)

Highest innings:

**78\*** Shamas Sarfraz (Longford) v Balbriggan

**78\*** Shaaz Ahmed (Leinster 2) v Pembroke 2

Best bowling:

**6-14** Fadi Khan (Longford) v Civil Service

Most wickets: **17** Fadi Khan (Longford)

Best average (min 8 wkts): **6.00** S Sethi (Adamstown)

Most dismissals: **10** (5ct 5st) Emad Uddin (Phoenix)

## CRICKET LEINSTER TROPHIES

**Bookman Cup** (Tillain Cup Batting) – David Cosgrave (Pembroke II)

**Oulton Cup** (Tillain Cup Bowling) – Ross Shivmangal (Knockharley)

**Webster Cup** (Tillain Cup All-Rounder) – Ross Shivmangal (Knockharley)

**Cullen Cup** (Tillain Cup Wicketkeeping) – Emad Uddin (Phoenix II)

## TILLAIN CUP FINAL

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At Sydney Parade, Saturday, 12 September, 2020

### KNOCKHARLEY 1

Ross Shivmangal	b Niranjan Shankar	10
Joe Ingamells	lbw b Hugh Kennedy	0
Tayyab Rashid	c & b P Forkin	0
Harry Shivmangal	c D Forkin b Bhathal	21
Mark Ingamells	c P Forkin b Shankar	20
Jack Condie*	b Beant Bhathal	2
Tahir Rasheed	c & b D Forkin	6
Usman Ishaq†	b D Forkin	3
Max Shivmangal	b J Hitchcock	7
Kamran Mirza	not out	5
Ramiz Sohail	not out	4
Extras (lb9 w8)		17

**TOTAL for 9 (20.0 ov) 95**

Fall: 2, 3, 35, 37, 42, 56, 60, 80, 91

Bowling: Kennedy 4-0-16-1, P Forkin 4-0-15-1, Hitchcock 2-0-18-1, Shankar 4-1-19-2, Bhathal 4-0-16-2, D Forkin 2-0-2-2

### MERRION 2

Jack Atkinson	lbw b Condie	0
Beant Bhathal	b R Shivmangal	30
Rohit Pahuja	c Ishaq b R Shivmangal	0
James Hitchcock	c J Ingamells b H Shivmangal	12
Niranjan Shankar	c R Shivmangal b Mirza	1
John O'Hara†	b Condie	1
Vicky Dalwani	not out	21
Peter Forkin	not out	19
Extras (b4 lb2 w6 nb1)		13

**TOTAL or 6 (19.1 ov) 97**

DNB: Conor Austin\*, Daniel Forkin, Hugh Kennedy

Bowling: Condie 4-0-17-2, R Shivmangal 4-0-23-2, H Shivmangal 4-0-15-1, Mirza 4-1-16-1, Sohail 2-1-0-9-0, Rashid 1-0-11-0

Fall: 1, 13, 42, 44, 48, 67

\* Merrion won by four wickets

Umpires: Aidan Seaver & Bala Kailash

# LHK Insurance Middle Cup for Division 5 and 6 teams

## GROUP A

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Clontarf 3	6	4	0	0	2	0	80
Phoenix 3	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Malahide 3	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Castleknock	6	2	0	0	4	0	40

## GROUP D

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
YMCA 3	6	4	0	0	2	0	80
Leinster 3	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Adamstown 2	6	2	0	1	3	0	50
Bagenalstown	6	2	0	1	3	0	50

## GROUP B

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Wexford Wdrs	6	5	0	0	1	0	100
Railway Un 2	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Pembroke 3	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Sandyford	6	1	0	0	5	0	20

## GROUP C

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Merrion 3	6	4	0	1	1	0	90
Laois	6	2	0	2	2	0	60
Nth Kildare 2	6	1	0	3	2	0	50
Mullingar	6	1	0	2	3	0	40

## SEMI-FINALS

**MERRION 3** beat Clontarf 3 by 7 wickets;  
**YMCA 3** beat Wexford Wanderers by 4 wickets

**GROUP A** favourites Clontarf scored 183-5 in Round 1 thanks to Rana Asad's 95, Malahide in response could manage only 104-6. The Villagers's Sean Drumm's made 108 against Castleknock the following week, the only century in the competition.

Going into the final round, neither

Malahide or Castleknock could qualify, but still produced a great game. Castleknock's Hassan Nawaz scoring 71 in a total of 147-9. At 60/4 Malahide were in trouble, but 44 from Rajan Chandi got them back on track before Muttahotil scrambled the winning runs from the final ball.

In the Group A decider Clontarf were out

for 99. Phoenix battled hard but Selvin Nakka and Sean Devilly secured a 2 run win.

In **GROUP B**, Wexford collapsed to 64 all out (Adriaan van Dyck 4-15, Yaser Sheriff 3-12) at Railway in round 1 but it turned out to be their only defeat.

Railway made just 103-8 on their visit to Wexford. Sharjeel Shaikh made 33\* in the chase but iPadmaprabhu's 43 gave Wexford a 7 wicket win with 6 overs to spare.

Wexford had to lose their final round game to miss out but beat Sandyford by 77 runs and Pembroke lost to Railway anyway!

**GROUP C** was badly affected by the mid-summer restrictions imposed on Kildare, Laois and Offaly. A third of fixtures were "No Results" but one side still dominated.

Merrion's only defeat, and Mullingar's only win, came in the same game in round 2 when an unbeaten 57 for Sai Reddy got the hosts to 144-4. Mullingar stuttered to 32/3 but Sam Murphy's unbeaten 75, accompanied by Declan Ashley's 35\* saw them in.

In Round 3 the top two met at Stradbally, the final game to survive lockdown restrictions. Merrion made 172 and Vidit Sukhrmani's 4-25 stalled the chase and Laois finished three runs short of Merrion.

In 2019 there was a four division spread between YMCA 3, Adamstown 2, Bagenalstown 1 and Leinster 3, but the way **GROUP D** panned out this year you wouldn't have known that.

The key game in Round 5 saw YMCA bowl first in Rathmines, where Waleed Khan's 42 got Leinster to 125-9, three wickets for Naufal Amanullah the pick of the visiting bowlers. After two early wickets, Vipul Kashyap (56) and Nathan Johns (43) took YM to 107/2, at which point Ashok Yadav tore the guts out of the middle order with 4-20. That wasn't enough for Leinster though as YMCA won a four wicket victory with nine balls to spare.

YM lost their last in Bagenalstown who won with 5 wickets and 10 balls to spare.



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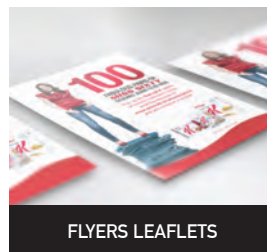
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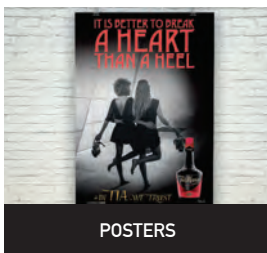
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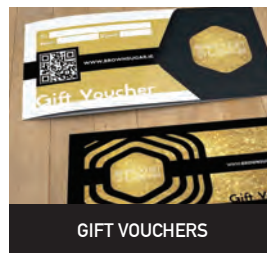
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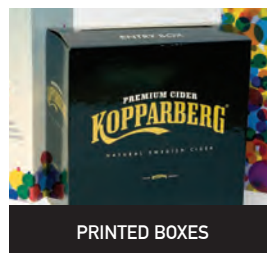
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Sai Reddy and his Merrion side with the Middle Cup

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# Sai matters as Merrion skipper shows he's Reddy for anything

THE phrase "leading by example" has rarely been more fitting than in the performance of Merrion 3 skipper Sai Reddy. An excellent afternoon began when he won the toss and elected to have first use of the pitch on their home ground.

Timcy Khanduja and Timothy Knight set off at a gallop, and the score had progressed to 44 before YMCA had a breakthrough. Daniel Swift coming into the attack as first change bowling Knight for 16, and some sharp work by Roy Maltby saw Khurana run out, quickly followed by Swift bowling Khanduja for a well-made 38 from just 25 balls.

What makes what happened next even more remarkable is that Reddy batted for the majority of his innings with a runner, having caused himself what had initially looked like a nasty hamstring injury early in his knock.

Reddy (LEFT) went for broke, sending boundaries to all corners of the ground, bringing up his half-century off the first ball of the 18th.

He finished on 70\* from just 34 balls, helping his side to post a formidable total of 158-7.

If that target didn't already look formidable at the innings break, it certainly did after just five balls of the chase as Vishal Singh dismissed both openers, Roy Maltby and skipper Sonny Roshia for first ball ducks.

Vipul Kashyap and Devansh Singh put together the biggets stand of the game, 68, but once they were separated they wickets fell regularly Sean Hussey the pick with 4-23.

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

Sai Reddy (Merrion), Max Byers (Pembroke), Vipul Kashyap (YMCA), Sean Drumm (Malahide), + Akshay Dubey (Merrion), Ashok Yadav (Leinster), Zeeshan Mumtaz (Bagenalstown), Zain Khan (Bagenalstown), Rahmanullah Orikhel (Pembroke), Daniel Swift (YMCA), Sean Hussey (Merrion).

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Most runs: **292** Sai Reddy (Merrion 3)  
Best average (min 5 inns): **146** Sai Reddy (Merrion 3)  
Highest innings: **108** Sean Drumm (Malahide 3) v Castleknock  
Best bowling: **5-10** Sonny Singh (YMCA 3) v Bagenalstown  
Most wickets: **14** Zeeshan Mumtaz (Bagenalstown)  
Best average (min 8 wkts): **6.82** T Stringer (Phoenix 3)  
Most dismissals: **11** (4ct 7st) Akshay Dubey (Merrion 3)

## MIDDLE CUP FINAL

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At Anglesea Road, Sunday, 13 September, 2020

### MERRION 3

Timcy Khanduja	b Swift	38
Timothy Knight	b Swift	16
Raghav Khurana	run out (Maltby)	7
Sainath Reddy*	not out	70
Hermanus Bester	st Thambi b Connellan	2
Seán Hussey	c Kashyap b Singh	8
Nitin Sharma	c Maltby b Singh	4
Harikrishna Ramasetty	c Kashyap b Singh	0
Akshay Dubey†	not out	2
Extras	(lb5 w5 nb1)	11

**TOTAL for 7 (20.0 ov) 158**

DNB: Vidit Sukhramani, Vishal Singh

Fall: 44, 70, 76, 91, 124, 138, 145

Bowling: Amanullah 4-0-28-0, Roshia 3-0-26-0, Swift 4-0-18-2, Rajput 1-0-15-0, Connellan 4-0-37-1, Singh 4-0-29-3

### YMCA 3

Roy Maltby	b Singh	0
Sonny Roshia*	b Singh	0
Vipul Kashyap	c Sharma b Hussey	37
Devansh Singh	lbw b Sharma	31
Mayank Rajput	run out (Dubey/Hussey)	12
Sivan Mangal	c & b Sharma	10
Puneet Roshia	c Bester b Hussey	9
William Connellan	not out	8
Nithin Thambit	run out (Sukhramani/Khanduja)	5
NA Amanullah	b Hussey	7
Daniel Swift	st Dubey b Hussey	0
Extras	(b1 lb1 w15)	17

**TOTAL all out (18.5 ov) 126**

Fall: 0, 1, 69, 94, 94, 96, 106, 115, 125, 126

Bowling: Singh 3-0-18-2, Bester 2-0-24-0, Khurana 2-0-13-0, Sukhramani 4-0-27-0, Sharma 4-0-19-2, Hussey 3.5-0-23-4

\* MERRION 3 won by 32 runs

# Goldfish Telecom YMCA Salver for Division 7 and 8 teams

	GROUP A						
	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
The Hills 2	6	4	0	1	1	0	90
Ring Com'ns	5	3	0	1	1	0	70
Swords	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Ashbourne	5	0	0	0	5	0	0

	GROUP B						
	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Clondalkin	6	6	0	0	0	15	105
Tyrrellstown	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
North Co 3	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Knockharley 2	6	0	0	0	6	0	0

	GROUP C						
	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Greystones	6	6	0	0	0	0	120
Civil Service 3	6	2	0	1	3	0	50
Adamstown 3	6	2	0	1	3	0	50
Wicklow Co	6	1	0	0	5	0	20

	GROUP D						
	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Merrion 4	6	5	0	0	1	0	100
Lucan	6	4	0	0	2	0	80
Pembroke 4	6	2	0	0	4	0	40
Phoenix 4	6	1	0	0	5	0	20

## SEMI-FINALS

**GREYSTONES** beat Clondalkin by 6 wickets;

**THE HILLS 2** beat Merrion 4 by 4 wickets



The Hills 2nds collect the YMCA Salver

PIC: OISIN KENIRY

## Grimes times his run as The Hills shade it over Greystones

**I**MPECTFUL innings from Andrew Kavanagh and Barry Grimes saw The Hills 2 overcome a spirited effort from Greystones by eight runs in the final of the YMCA Salver sponsored by Goldfish Telecom.

Greystones elected to field first and had Matt Richards dismissed by skipper Michael Kirk in the second over, bringing Andrew Kavanagh. On 44-1 after five overs, Kavanagh and Athar Farooqi had total control and Greystones were staring down the barrel but a double bowling change saw momentum swing. Phil Wilkinson bowled Farooqi in his first over and with Manpreet Singh, wrestled Greystones back into the game.

Singh's 2-16 was by far the most impressive spell of the innings including bowling Kavanagh for an excellent 48. Thorfinn Newton conceded only 14 from overs 14, 16 and 18 but Barry Grimes took the long handle to his final over which yielded 21 runs, and even with what appeared to be around a par score of 131-6, The Hills felt on top.

Greystones openers Harry Kirk and Mirwais Nawabzai began relatively sedately, rotating the strike with Kirk punishing anything wayward early on. With the score on 21, of which Nawabzai had taken 17, Hills skipper Roger Kear clean bowled the dangerous Greystones opener. Kear's final over saw Harry Kirk brilliantly stumped by Colm Cuneen for 24. Newton and Michael Kirk progressed the score to 64 at which point the Greystones captain nicked off Killian Everard.

Andrew Kavanagh's four overs of leg-spin went for just 20, crucially this spell allowed Kear to keep his key man Everard for the death overs. He returned for the 18th over and caught and bowled Newton.

Grimes' well-directed yorker took care of Stephen Roughan but with 19 needed from the final over, Muhammad Hassan held his nerve, conceded just 11 and The Hills had a narrow seven-run victory.

## YMCA SALVER FINAL

SPONSORED BY GOLDFISH TELECOM

At Anglesea Road, Saturday, 13 September, 2020

### THE HILLS 2

Matthew Richards	lbw b M Kirk	9
Athar Farooqi	b Wilkinson	17
Andrew Kavanagh	b Singh	48
Malcolm Byrne	run out (Newton)	11
Aijaz Farooqi	lbw b Singh	2
Roger Kear*	c H Kirk b Newton	0
Barry Grimes	not out	19
Muhammad Hassan	not out	6
Extras	(lb3 w15 nb1)	19

**TOTAL for 6 (20.0 ov) 131**

DNB: Lorcan Woodhouse, Killian Everard, Colm Cuneen†

Fall: 14 50 88 92 93 110

Bowling: Cheetham 2-0-19-0, M Kirk 2-0-13-1,

Roughan 4-0-22-0, Wilkinson 4-0-23-1, Singh 4-0-16-2, Newton 4-0-35-1

### GREYSTONES 1

Harry Kirk	st Cuneen b Kear	24
Mirwais Nawabzai	b Kear	17
Michael Kirk*	c Cuneen b Everard	12
Thorfinn Newton	c & b Everard	15
Manpreet Singh	b Grimes	10
Patrick Wilkinson	not out	7
Stephen Roughan	c Byrne b Grimes	0
Martin Potts	run out (Grimes)	0
Phil Cheetham	not out	20
Extras	(lb6 w12 nb1)	19

**TOTAL for 7 (20.0 ov) 124**

DNB: Will Houston†, Luke Mascarenhas

Fall: 24 51 64 85 101 101 101

Bowling: Hassan 4-0-29-0, Kear 4-0-24-2, Everard 4-0-22-2, Kavanagh 4-0-20-0, Grimes 4-0-23-2

\* THE HILLS 2 won by 7 runs

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Most runs: **191** Vinu Jacob (Civil Service 3) and Harikrishna Ramishetty (Merrion 4)

Best average (min 5 inns): **47.75** Harikrishna Ramishetty (Merrion 4)

Highest innings: **101\*** Vinu Jacob (Civil Service 3) v Wicklow County

Best bowling: **5-6** Seán Ó Riain (Pembroke 4) v Phoenix 4

Most wickets: **16** Manpreet Singh (Greystones)

Best average (min 8 wkts): **5.47** Khalid Hossain (Clondalkin)

Most dismissals: **8** (2ct 6st) Colm Cuneen (Hills 2)



# Sports Hub Whelan Cup for Division 9, 10 and 11 teams

## GROUP A

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Leinster 4	6	5	0	0	1	0	100
Swords 2	6	4	0	0	2	0	80
Balbriggan 3	6	3	0	0	3	5	55
North Co 4	6	0	0	0	6	0	0

## GROUP B

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Castleknock 2	6	5	0	1	0	10	100
Merrion 5	6	2	0	2	2	0	60
Naas	6	0	0	4	2	0	40
Longford 2	6	0	0	3	3	15	15

## GROUP C

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Clontarf 4	6	6	0	0	0	0	120
YMCA 4	6	4	0	0	2	0	80
Railway Un 3	6	0	1	1	4	0	20
Rush 3	6	0	1	1	4	0	20

## GROUP D

	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Laois 2	6	5	0	1	0	0	110
Adamstown 4	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Lucan	6	3	0	0	3	10	50
Mullingar 2	6	0	0	1	5	0	10

## SEMI-FINALS

**CLONTARF 4** beat Laois 2 by 10 wickets;

**LEINSTER 4** beat Castleknock 2 by 19 runs



## WHELAN CUP FINAL

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At Park Avenue, Sunday, 13 September, 2020

### LEINSTER 4

Avtar Singh	b Saleem	14
Tom Halliday	c Sahil b Khan	22
Suyash Vaidya	lbw b Saleem	0
Dharmraj Chudasama	run out (Sengar)	11
Nitin Rajwar	lbw b Ayub	23
Muhammad Mohsin Shaikh*	b Bargur	0
Jazib Javed	lbw b Bargur	1
Ciaran Selwyn	run out (Khan)	0
Parmesh Pant	c Shah b Rana	0
Nathan O'Reilly†	not out	14
Bishnu Paudel	not out	3
Extras (b2 w2)		4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>for 9 (20.0 overs)</b>	<b>92</b>

Fall: 18 27 40 54 56 57 73 74 78

Bowling: Saleem 4-0-15-2, Nakka 3-0-13-0, Ayub 4-0-19-1, Khan 4-1-16-1, Bargur 3-0-22-2, Rana 2-0-5-1

### CLONTARF 4 INNINGS

Naveed Rana	b Muhammad Mohsin Shaikh	33
Sheikh Sahil†	b Ciaran Selwyn	11
Ali Shah	c Dharmraj Chudasama b Avtar Singh	31
Muhammad Saleem	not out	5
Tariq Hussain	not out	7
Extras (b1 lb3 nb3)		7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>for 3 (18.4 overs)</b>	<b>94</b>

DNB: Shafqat Ayub, Navneet Sengar, Michael Lowe\*, Aamir Aziz Khan, Abhinav Bargur, Selvin Nakka

Bowling: Chudasama 4-0-20-0, Rajwar 4-0-26-0, Selwyn 4-0-10-1, Shaikh 4-0-17-1, Paudel 1-0-7-0, Singh 1-0-2-1, Vaidya 0.4-0-8-0

\* CLONTARF 4 won by 7 wickets

## 'Tarf swing Lowe but Naveed steers the chariot to victory

**C**LONTARF eased to a seven-wicket victory over Leinster in the Sports Hub Whelan Cup final. Opener Rana Naveed (33) and Ali Shah (31) broke the back of the chase but it was left to Tariq Hussain (7\*) to hit the winning runs with eight balls to spare.

Naveed dominated an opening stand of 38 with Sahil Sheikh (11), playing two powerful straight sixes in the process.

That was before Shah brought his side to the brink of victory, manoeuvring the field and finding the gaps to play three boundaries in his assured innings. The disappointment for him was that he fell nine short of the victory target as he picked out mid-off with another classy looking shot in the 18th over.

The target was 93 after Clontarf had restricted Leinster to 92-9 when winning the toss and opting to bowl first. Saleem Mohammad (2-15) took two early wickets to vindicate the decision to field.

Abhinav Bargur (2-22) also took a pair of wickets while of the six bowlers used only Sunny Nakka went wicketless, however his three overs went for just 13 runs.

Player of the match Naveed even picked up a wicket as his two overs saw him take 1-5.

All this was despite Nitin Rajwar (23) and Tom Halliday (22) batting very well on a tough batting wicket and an excellent cameo from Nathan O'Reilly (14\*) pushing the score to 92-9.

Unfortunately for Leinster, the northsiders top order were in dominant mood and chased down their target without too many scares.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Most runs:

**231** Avtar Singh (Leinster 4)

Best average (min 5 inns):

**73.00** Puneet Rosha (YMCA 4)

Highest innings:

**104\*** Vaibhav Pratyush (Lucan 2) v Adamstown 4

Best bowling:

**5-14** Nawaz Sheikh (Castleknock 2) v Leinster 4

Most wickets:

**12** Shafqat Ayub (Clontarf 4), Aamir Aziz Khan (Clontarf 4) and Dharmraj Chudasama (Leinster 4)

Best average (min 8 wks):

**7.75** Muhammad Akram (Laois)

Most dismissals:

**9** (8ct 1st) Balbir Singh (Castleknock 2)

# ED Sports Russell Court Trophy for Division 12, 13 and 14 teams

GROUP A							
	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Finglas	6	6	0	0	0	0	120
Tyrrellstown 2	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Malahide 4	6	3	0	0	3	5	60
The Hills 3	6	0	0	0	6	0	0

GROUP B							
	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Terenure 3	6	6	0	0	0	0	120
Clontarf 5	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Railway Un 4	6	3	0	0	3	0	60
Pembroke 5	6	0	0	0	6	0	0

GROUP C							
	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Nth Kildare 3	6	4	0	1	1	0	90
Halverstown	6	2	0	3	1	0	70
Adamstown 5	6	2	0	1	3	0	50
Phoenix 5	6	1	0	1	4	0	30

GROUP D							
	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Gorey	6	5	0	1	0	0	110
Civil Service 4	6	4	0	0	2	0	80
Wexford W 2	6	2	0	1	3	0	50
Greystones 2	6	0	0	0	6	0	0

## SEMI-FINALS

**NORTH KILDARE 3** beat Finglas by 7 runs;

**TERENURE 3** beat Gorey by 8 wickets



## RUSSELL COURT TROPHY FINAL

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At Park Avenue, Sunday, 13 September, 2020

### NORTH KILDARE 3

Behzad Majeed†	b Hannaford	7
Matthew O'Meara	c Hannaford b Rout	7
Muddasir Zeb	c Lynch b Lusby	0
Vishal Venkatesan	b Lusby	13
Abid Ali	c Hannaford b Lusby	18
Raman Bansal*	b Lusby	5
Usman Khalid	c Snell b Turner	14
Sumit Solanki	c Lynch b Turner	2
Tarik Ullah	not out	3
Srinidhi Keshava Murthy	not out	3
Extras (b2 lb4 w6)		12
<b>TOTAL for 8</b>	<b>(20 overs)</b>	<b>87</b>
DNB: Amol Pathak		
Bowling: Hannaford 4-2-11-1, Rout 4-1-12-1, Snell 4-0-14-0, Lusby 4-0-34-4, Turner 4-0-10-2		
Fall: 14, 14, 37, 49, 60, 76, 76, 80		

### TERENURE 3

Darren Snell	lbw b Abid Ali	7
David Lusby	c Solanki b Khalid	14
Vignesh Kumar	b Zeb	1
Omid Ahmadi	b Khalid	2
Gearóid Lynch	c Khalid b Abid Ali	1
Darren O'Brien†	b Abid Ali	1
Hamish Forsyth	lbw b Pathak	3
John Murray	b Khalid	1
Louis Turner	b O'Meara	3
Phillip Rout*	b Khalid	0
Justin Hannaford	not out	3
Extras (b2 lb2 w2 nb2)		8
<b>TOTAL all out</b>	<b>(17.0 ov)</b>	<b>44</b>
Bowling: Zeb 4-1-8-1, O'Meara 3-0-4-1, Abid Ali 4-0-12-3, Khalid 4-1-11-4, Pathak 2-0-5-1		
Fall: 11, 16, 25, 28, 28, 31, 35, 35, 35, 44		

\* NORTH KILDARE 3 won by 43 runs

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Most runs: **226** Razwan Ahmed (Gorey)

Best average (min 5 inns):

**75.00** Rajnish K Malik (Adamstown 5)

Highest innings: **113\*** Razwan Ahmed (Gorey)

v Wexford Wanderers

Best bowling:

**5-6** John Murray (Terenure 3)

v Pembroke 5

Most wickets: **13** Philip Rout (Terenure 3)

Best average (min 8 wkts):

**4.08** Darren Snell (Terenure 3)

Most dismissals:

**5** Rory Honan (Clontarf 5, 5ct) and Darren O'Brien (Terenure 3; 4ct, 1st)

## Usman and Abid blow away Terenure to clinch trophy

**A** PLAYER of the match bowling performance from Usman Khalid ensured a comfortable 43-run victory for North Kildare over Terenure in the Ed Sports/Russell Court Trophy final.

Khalid's four overs saw him bowl a wicket maiden 11th over, as he accumulated figures of 4 for 11. Bowling in tandem with Abid Ali (3-12), they ensured Terenure's chase never got going as they lost seven wickets for 10 in just five overs.

None of the Terenure batsmen could get going as the tight bowling and impressive fielding suffocated the chase of 88.

Indeed, Terenure would have been encouraged at half-time having restricted North Kildare to just 87/8 off their allocation.

Justin Hannaford (1-11) and Phillip Rout (1-12) restricted North Kildare to 24/2 off the opening eight overs.

However, it was Ali (18) and Khalid (14) who made the ultimate difference as their middle order runs, which included five boundaries pushed the total up to what turned out to be a match-winning total.

David Lusby (4-34) took wickets for Terenure but unfortunately it was in vain as he was upstaged by Abid Ali and Usman Khalid.





# Adamstown Cup for Division 15, 16, 17 and 18 teams

GROUP A								GROUP B								GROUP C							
	P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts		P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts		P	W	T	NR	L	PP	Pts
Swords 3	6	5	0	1	0	0	110	Clondalkin 2	6	6	0	0	0	15	105	Wicklow Co 2	7	5	1	0	1	0	110
Finglas 2	6	4	0	1	1	0	90	Tyrrellst'n 3	6	5	0	0	1	0	100	Athlone	6	5	0	0	1	0	100
N Kildare 4	6	2	0	3	1	0	70	Phoenix 6	5	3	0	0	2	0	60	Bagenalst'n 2	7	4	0	0	3	0	80
Civil Service 5	5	3	0	0	2	0	60	Terenure 4	5	2	0	0	3	0	40	Lucan 3	6	3	1	0	3	5	65
Clondalkin 3	6	2	0	1	3	15	35	Mullingar 3	6	1	0	1	4	0	30	Greystones 3	7	3	0	0	4	0	60
Adamstown 7	5	1	0	0	3	0	20	Athlone 2	6	1	0	1	4	0	30	Kilkenny	7	3	0	0	4	15	45
Balbriggan 4	6	0	0	0	6	25	-25	Leinster 5	6	1	0	0	5	0	20	Adamstown 6	6	2	0	0	4	0	40
																Gorey	7	1	0	0	6	5	5

## SEMI-FINALS

**TYRRELLSTOWN 3** beat Clondalkin 2 by 2 wickets; **ATHLONE** beat Swords 3 by 4 wickets



## Tyrrellstown shade final to claim new Adamstown Cup

ON A beautiful afternoon in Corkagh Park, Tyrrellstown 3 won the inaugural Adamstown Cup. Having won the toss Tyrrellstown decided to bat first, initially it looked like it could have been a bad decision, as some very tight bowling from Athlone restricted Tyrrellstown to 27-2 in the first 8 overs.

After scoring eight singles and a two, Rajesh Karmakorda (42) cut loose with a fine display of power hitting, three towering sixes and a four, ably supported by Sai Kiran Padmanabuni (18) quickly brought a bit of respectability.

The opening bowlers for Athlone, Ihsan Ullah 1-10, Yash Khatri 1-16 and Bilal Iqbal 0-9 all completed excellent 4-over spells.

Athlone got off to a bad start losing both openers in the first over, however Bilal Iqbal (43) had no intention of rolling over, hitting five boundaries including three sixes, but after he departed the result was never in doubt.

Tyrrellstown's bowlers squeezed the life out of Athlone with only Ishal Ullah (11) reaching double figures. The attack was led by man of the match Anup Kishan (3-13 from 4 overs) and Amit Sharma (4-9 from 4 overs).



## ADAMSTOWN CUP FINAL

At Corkagh Park, Saturday, 12 September, 2020

### TYRRELLSTOWN 3 Innings

Anup Kishan	run out (Deenadayalan)	7
Amit Sharma	c Chandradasa b Khatri	4
Rajesh Karmakorda	b Deenadayalan	41
Sai K Padmanabuni	c Raghavan b Ullah	20
Deepak Srinivasa	c Chandradasa b Deenadayalan	11
Sai KC Seshadri	not out	6
Prasanna Kumar	c Bilal Iqbal b Deenadayalan	2
Kartheek R Podduturi	not out	1
Extras	(lb2 w17 nb1)	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>for 6 (20.0 ov)</b>	<b>112</b>

DNB: Arun Reddy Katheri\*, Santosh Pallae, Sunil Paka  
Fall: 10 20 85 92 100 105

Bowling: Ihsan Ullah 4-1-10-1, Yash Khatri 4-0-15-1, Bilal Iqbal 4-1-9-0, Philip Sharp 4-0-27-0, George Jebaraj 2-0-33-0, Jayachandran Deenadayalan 2-0-16-3

### ATHLONE 1

SKN Kunhiraman	b Podduturi	2
Yash Khatri	lbw b Sharma	2
Bilal Iqbal	c Kartheek b Kishen	44
George Jebaraj*	c Podduturi b Anup Kishen	2
Sudhakar Mani	lbw b Anup Kishen	4
NS Chandradasa†	c & b Amit Sharma	4
Ihsan Ullah	c SKC Seshadri b Katheri	11
Varun Rao	not out	9
Jayachandran Deenadayalan	b Srinivasa	5
Binoj Raghavan	b Sharma	4
Philip Sharp	b Sharma	1
Extras	(b2 lb1 w8 nb1)	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>all out (19.0 ov)</b>	<b>100</b>

Bowling: Podduturi 2-0-11-1, Karmakorda 3-0-32-0, Sharma 4-1-10-4, Srinivasa 4-0-23-1, Anup Kishen 4-0-13-3, Katheri 2-0-8-1

Fall: 5 18 35 49 54 77 82 88 96 100

\* **TYRRELLSTOWN 3 won by 12 runs**

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Most runs:

**287** Waseem Ashraf (Clondalkin 2)

Best average (min 5 inns):

**95.00** Sai Keerthi Chandu

Seshadri (Tyrrellstown 3)

Highest innings: **109** Jintu Mathew (Swords 3) v Balbriggan 4

Best bowling: **6-5** Amit Sharma (Tyrrellstown 3) v Athlone 2

Most wickets: **17** Amit Sharma (Tyrrellstown 3)

Best average (min 8 wkts):

**3.30** Shibu Vezhakkattu (Swords 3)

Most dismissals: **6** Sujith Kunhiraman (Athlone 2; 6ct) and Dave Nugent (Civil Service 5; 4ct, 2st)





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