

REVIEW 2010

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Senior League (Lewis Hohn Williams) – 92nd Year

2010 saw the introduction of the new cricket structure in Leinster. Divisions 1 and 2 each now saw an 8 team structure. One of the big changes was that there would be no points for a no result match, nor would a no result match be refixed unless both matches between a particular set of teams were abandoned in which case one would be refixed. League positions would be determined on the basis of percentage of points gained out of points possible to be gained.

Division 1 was won by North County for the 5th time (last time back in 2006). Railway Union finished runners up for the 5th time outright (and the second year in succession) though they also shared runners up position in 1958. The two teams to be relegated were Leinster and Malahide.

In Division 2 Phoenix won for the first time and were promoted for the 2nd time together with Pembroke (who were promoted for the 3rd time) to Division 1 for 2011. Dublin University returned to the League for the first time since 1994 as the 45 Over League had been discontinued. Dublin University and Cork County each played only one round of fixtures, Dublin University for term reasons and Cork County because they would play all their matches away and therefore would have no home round of fixtures. However in 2011 Cork County will play fixtures both home and away

Dublin University finished bottom of Division 2 and were relegated. However although Leinster 2 won Division 3 they could not be promoted under the regulation that provides that two teams from the same Club cannot be in the same Division and Leinster 1 had been relegated to Division 2. Therefore only 1 team was relegated from Division 2 and one team promoted from Division 3. North County 2 had finished runners up in Division 3 and they were promoted to Division 2.

Senior Cup (Lewis Hohn Williams) 76th Year

Railway Union won the Cup for the second time (last win was in 1967) beating Clontarf in the final (Clontarf's fourth final in succession and 7th in 8 years) and ending their hat trick of wins. Clontarf were runners-up for the 11th time. The Cup Final was held in College Park, the 2nd time to be played there. The only previous occasion was in 1946.

The 2011 final will be held in Malahide C.C.

NEAR FM Alan Murray Cup.

This was the sixth year of the new format Alan Murray Cup. The finals day was held at Phoenix C.C. and North County defeated Malahide in the final. The defeated semi finalists were Railway Union and Phoenix.

For 2011 the finals day will take place in North County C.C., Inch.

Marchant Cup

The runs qualification for the Marchant Cup in 2010 remained at 600. The winner was Saddat Gull (Rush) who won it for the first time (and also became the first Rush player to win it) with 624 runs at an average of 104.00. He won with one run more than last year when Tom Fisher won it with 623. Saddat also became the first Rush player to win both the Marchant Cup and O'Grady Cup, having won the latter in 2003.

The last player to win the Marchant Cup with an average of over 100 was Andre Botha (105.00) in 2006. There were two other players who qualified for the Marchant Cup in 2010. These were both from Railway Union, Kenny Carroll and last year's winner Tom Fisher.

O'Grady Cup

The qualification requirement remained at 25 wickets. 4 in all reached this figure but of those only 2 were eligible for the Trophy. The winner was Eddie Richardson (North County) with 35 wickets at an average of 12.29. He had been runner up in the O'Grady Cup in 2008. The last North County player to win the O'Grady Cup was John Mooney in 2006. The runner up for the trophy was Andy Leonard of Pembroke with 33 wickets at 13.48

Samuels Cup

Kenny Carroll (Railway Union) won this trophy for the first time. He was in fact top of the list followed by Rod Hokin (Clontarf) (who also headed this list in each of the last three years. This was the first year ever for him not to head the list. He was not eligible to win the trophy). Last (and only previous) Railway Union winner of the Samuels Cup was LA Bookman in 1923.

Hopkins Cup

Dara Armstrong (North County) resumed his position as winner of the Hopkins Cup. This is now his 10th time to win this trophy, and brings him level on that figure of wins with Harry Hill (Pembroke). He had 21 victims, all catches. His 21 victims, which was the same as last year's winner Sam Farthing of Railway Union, was the lowest to win since Harry Hill with 18 in 1963. Runner up was shared between Ben Ackland of Merrion and Syed Ali of Old Belvedere, each with 18 victims. With Dara's record it is perhaps not surprising that he is the only player ever from North County who has won the Hopkins Cup.

Solomons Cup

Winner of this Cup with 10 catches was David Langford-Smith (Phoenix). There were two above him neither of whom was eligible to win the trophy. The last winner from Phoenix was Steven Neill in 2007, who was a joint winner that year. The last sole winner from Phoenix was Ray Tilson in 1980, who in fact was the 3rd Phoenix winner in succession that year.

BATTING

No batsman reached 1,000 runs in 2010. The highest aggregate was 688 for Rod Hokin (Clontarf). He also had the highest aggregate in 2009 with 718, and in 2007 with 734. Thus had highest aggregate in three years out of four.

Runs scored at 40,949 were up just over 6,000 as compared with 2009. Average runs per wicket of 24.39 was 1.57 higher than the figure for 2009. There were 6 more matches scheduled for 2010 as in 2009 but 5 were no results as compared with 7 in 2009. There were 30 centuries scored in all, an increase of 6 from 2009 figure.

J.P.Bray (The Hills) scored his 23rd century bringing him level with the long time leader in this category, M.A.Masood, also 23, and two ahead of A.C.Botha, North County (21).

200 Partnerships

After three years with no double century partnerships in 2007, 2008 and 2009 there were 2 in 2010. Rory Flanagan and Ben Larkin of Phoenix added 295 for the first wicket against Rush at Phoenix Park. This is the highest recorded partnership for any wicket in Leinster Senior Cricket. Stephen Moreton and Ryan Hopkins of Pembroke added 223 for the 3rd wicket in the Senior Cup match against Rush at Kenure.

There was also a near miss! Carlos Brathwaite and Craig Mallon of Leinster added 199 for the 3rd wicket against Malahide at Rathmines. It is understood there was no request for a recount!!

BOWLING

Leading wicket taker for the season was Eddie Richardson with 35. Wickets taken at 1,679 were up 147 as compared with 2009.

There was 1 Hat Trick in 2010, the same as in 2009. David Langford-Smith took 4-27 v Rush at Kenure Milverton.

Best bowling return of the season was 6-12, achieved by Max Sorenson (The Hills) against Malahide at Milverton. 5 Wickets in an Innings was taken on 15 occasions, as compared with 19 in 2008.

ALL ROUNDERS

In 2010 no player reached 500 runs and 50 wickets. 1 Player achieved the match double of 50 runs and 5 wickets, in 2009, as compared with 6 in 2009. This was Max Sorenson (The Hills) against Malahide at Milverton where he scored 85* and took 6-12.

WICKET-KEEPING

5 dismissals in an Innings was not achieved at all in 2010 as compared with once in 2009.

FIELDING

One fielder took 5 catches in an innings in 2010 as compared with none in 2009. It was Corie Dickeson for Phoenix against Rush at Kenure.

APPEARANCES

Of those who actually played in 2010, the player with the most appearances Senior Cricket is Alan Lewis (Y.M.C.A.) with 458.

MILESTONES

During 2010 the following players achieved individual milestones:

Name	Target	Matches	Innings
Batting			
JP Bray	9,000 Runs	176	173
S Gull	5,000 Runs	168	161
Bowling			
G.L.Molins	400 wickets	298	

LANDMARKS FOR 2011

The following players have potential milestones in sight for 2011:

BATTING TARGET	NAME	RUNS REQUIRED
14,000 Runs	DA Lewis	220
11,000 Runs	AC Botha	473
7,000 Runs	MA Jones	267
	CM Armstrong	302
	SR McCready	391

BATTING TARGET	NAME	RUNS REQUIRED
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6,000 runs	C Morgan	400
	S Gull	440

5,000 runs	DT Johnston	51
	D Armstrong	266
	R Strydom	267
	DI Joyce	392
	A Joyce	400

4,000 runs	PJ Byrne	122
	JF Mooney	244
	C Hosford	328
	K Beasley	420
	S Iqbal	558

3,000 runs	JP O'Dwyer	8
	D Poder	71
	D Calder	179
	M Donnelly	203
	M Tariq	223
	AR Cusack	361
	R Hokin	383
	J Anderson	403
	FP McAllister	439
	D Langford-Smith	489

BOWLING TARGET	NAME	WICKETS REQUIRED
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500 wickets	DA Lewis	8
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400 wickets	Martin Byrne	14
	B O'Rourke	33

300 wickets	L Clinton	14
	J Clinton	15
	D Poder	22
	J Morrissey	28
	DT Johnston	25
	S Gull	33
	CM Armstrong	36

WICKET KEEPING TARGET	NAME	VICTIMS REQUIRED
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500 Victims	D Armstrong	1
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