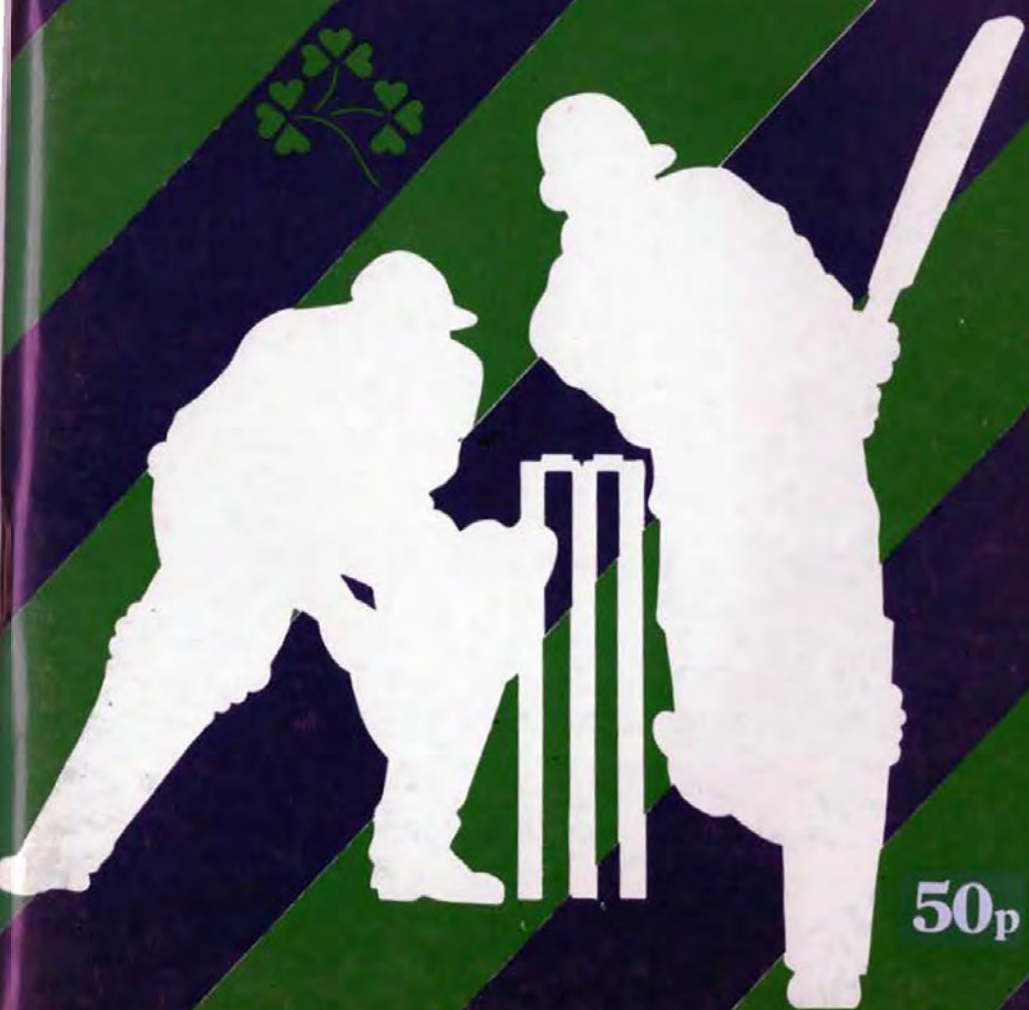


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The current pair of matches are very important to Ireland. We are playing the world champion one-day cricketers and preparing ourselves for our first entry into the Gillette Cup, versus Middlesex at Lord's, in the following week.

Our visitors come to us fresh from the Second Test at Lord's. While it is appreciated that some of their stars must be rested this does not matter. In any 11 players they put in the field there will be many world famous names.

For the first time ever they won a Test series in Australia last winter. The players who did it were, Greenidge, Haynes, Richards, Kallicharran, Lloyd, Rowe, King, Garner, Roberts, Croft, Holding and Murray. What a great team, lacking only perhaps top-class spin bowling.

West Indies are bringing 13 players to Ireland for the two matches so it is likely that at least seven of the victors in Australia will play in Dublin. We hope Greenidge will play, for who will forget his century and fifty all in the one day in Rathmines in 1976? For a different reason we hope for Richards. He is now the acclaimed and undisputed number one batsman in the world but did he not fail twice at Rathmines? Whoever plays, it should be a great festival of cricket.

HIGHLIGHTS

Brief highlights from previous matches may jog the memory of those aged between 14 and 65.

1928: West Indies came to College park in early June undefeated. Ireland won by 60 runs in the second last over. Leading by 31 runs Ireland had a second innings collapse until T. G. McVeagh, not yet 20, arrived at number eight. He scored 102 not out and 92 for six became 320 all out. Set 352 West Indies went for the runs and needed 132 runs in 120 minutes with only three wickets down at tea. Then the bowling of Dixon, the catching of McVeagh and wonderful fielding brought victory.

1957: Rain ruined the second day of the Belfast match against a team that won no Tests in the five match series. Ireland made 119 after being 81 for two (Valentine six for 38). West Indies were all out for 198 before the rain came. Huey took five for 46 and Kenny clean bowled Walcott and the youthful Sobers.

The one-day Dublin match could not start until 3 p.m. West Indies made 140 for seven and G. A. Duffy took his first wicket for Ireland, that of the legendary W. Hall. With only 25 minutes left Ireland were 50 for four but we lost because Sobers took three wickets in eight balls.



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1963: Worrell's great team won the Test series 3-1. The Belfast match came immediately after the First Test which West Indies won by 10 wickets. In two hours before lunch they scored 209 for four off 43 overs, Butcher 71 not out in 41 minutes! At one stage he pleaded with Archie McQuilken to 'pitch 'em up, little man'. Rain washed out the rest of this one-day match.

On to College Park and a fine day but a poor wicket. This was in fact the last match played by Ireland in College Park. L. King and the fearsome Griffith reduced Ireland to eight for five. Then Ian Lewis made 41 out of the remaining 54 scored.

West Indies made 126 as best they could in face of O'Riordan's five for 36. With 130 minutes left Ireland faced a possible innings defeat, being at one time 50 for five, but West Indies did not press home their advantage.

25 AND ALL THAT

1969: The miracle of Sion Mills! Michael Reith will forever remember his first match for Ireland. He went out to field and was back again 26 overs and 90 minutes later when West Indies were all out for 25. They were lucky to get so many because the last pair added 13 to more than double the score! O'Riordan took four for 18 and the captain, Goodwin, five for six.

This West Indies side lost the three-match Test series 2-0. The side versus Ireland included Walcott, the manager. They were caught on a slow green top and they tumbled out in one of those inexplicable collapses which are the fascination of the game. Ireland decalred at 125 for eight. West Indies lost two second innings wickets for one run and eventually staggered to 78 for four (Butcher 50).

There followed a two-day match at Ormeau which Ireland needed to draw 'to win the series'!

Ireland made only 126 (R. H. C. Waters 41, V. A. Holder 5-46). At a somewhat leisurely pace West Indies were 156 for one by close of play. Next day they added 131 in 75 minutes off only 20 overs. Lloyd, dropped before he scored, got 41 in 40 minutes. Butcher continued his run of good scores versus Ireland by making 61 in 66 minutes. He and Foster went from 200 to 250 in 15 minutes.

Ireland were now 162 runs adrift with 260 minutes left. West Indies did not press too hard using ten bowlers in 85 overs. Reith, O'Riordan and Anderson all scored 35. With 28 minutes left the deficit was still 14 with only two wickets in hand. Pat Dineen's sterling defence then saved the day.

1976: ROTHMANS

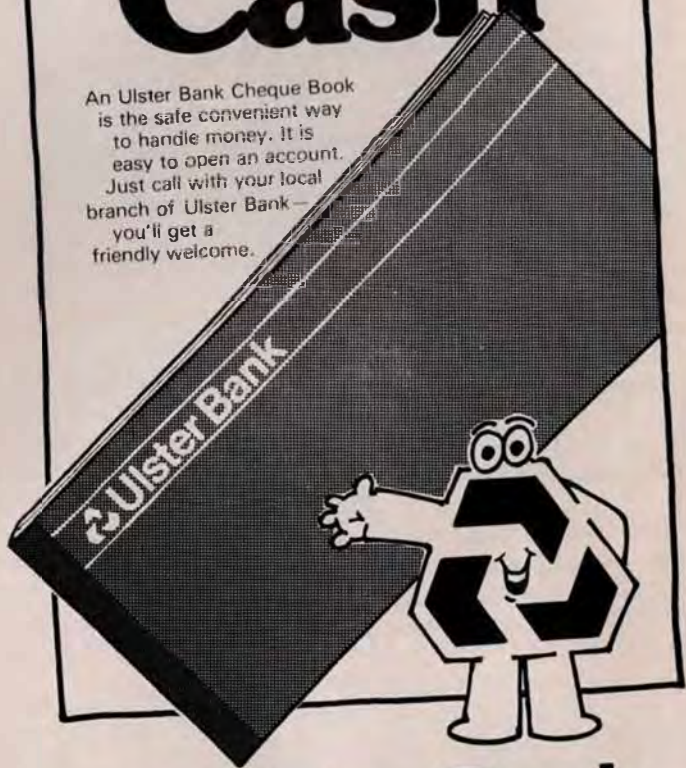
Rothman's gave their first sponsorship. A huge crowd turned up at Rathmines and there was TV for the first time in 12 years. Gordon Greenidge had just made two centuries versus England at Old Trafford. He added 117 and 60 versus Ireland. The 117 came in 103 minutes off 126 balls, the 60 in 46 minutes off 37 balls. C. King made 24 in one over and the crowd got their money's worth.

Ireland only made 68 in the first innings, Holder's leg cutters (8 for 22) being too good for them.

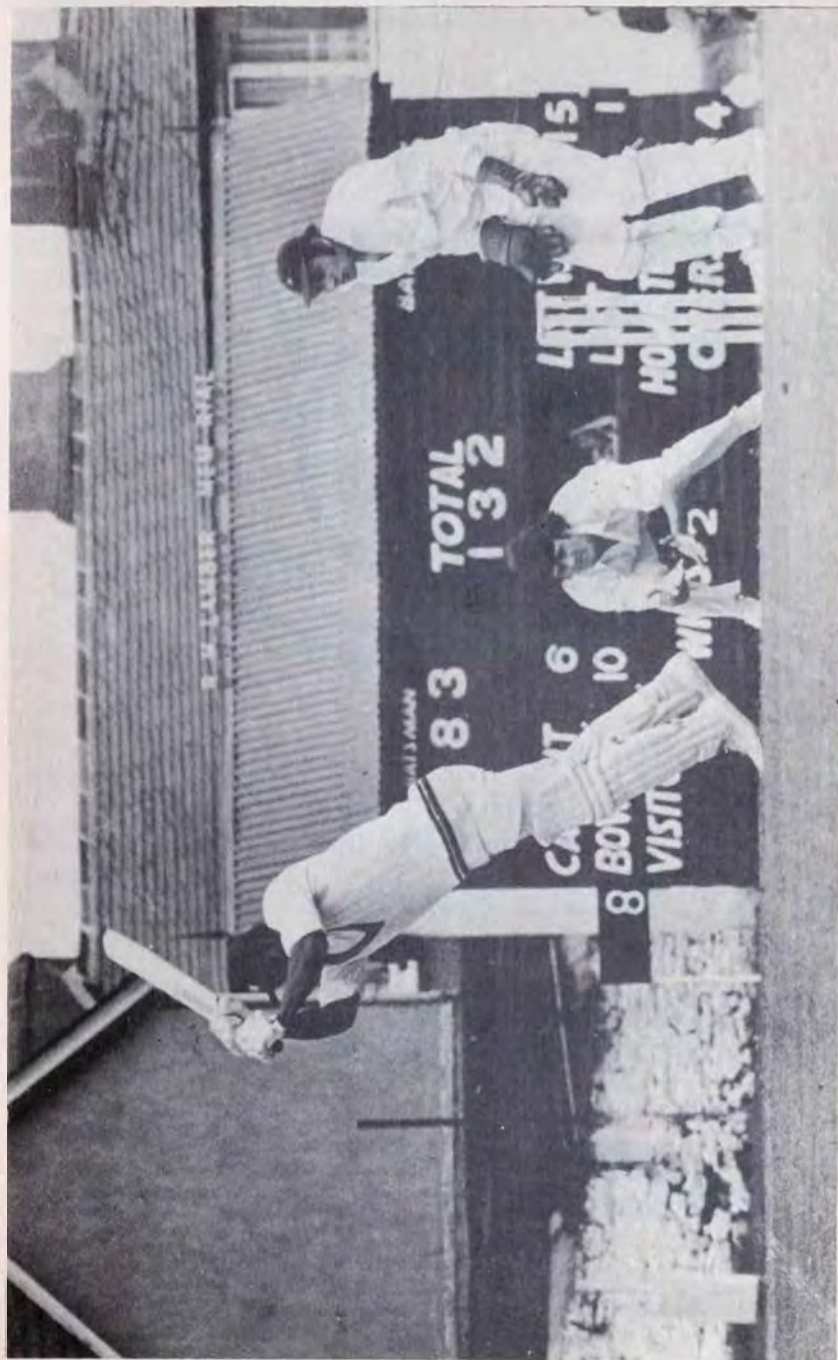
Ireland looked like holding out in the second innings. They reached 170 for four, with two hours left. Anderson had been on 'a pair' for 17 minutes but then

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*Gordon Greenidge on his way to a century for Rothman's sponsored West Indies v. Ireland match at Rathmines, 1976.
Simon Corlett and Ossie Colhoun look on not too admiringly!*



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played brilliantly to reach 79. Seconds before the television cameras returned he was out and the viewers saw Ireland collapse and lose their last six wickets for five runs (Jumadeen 5-29).

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LLOYD, Clive Hubert (Guyana and Lancashire). Tour Captain. Aged 35. LHB RM. Tests 70 (35 as captain). Runs 4,898 at average 42.96. H.S. 242* v. India (Bombay) 1974/5. Centuries 12. Played against Ireland in famous Sion Mills victory in 1969 scoring 1 and 0*. Also played in match at Ormeau, which was drawn, scoring 41. Although Tour Captain in 1976, did not play against Ireland. Has scored over 22,000 first-class runs.

BACCHUS, Sheik Faoud Ahamul (Guyana). Aged 26. RHB. Tests 8. Runs 514 at average 36.71. H.S. 250 v. India at Kanpur 1978/9. Centuries 1.

CROFT, Colin Everton Hunt (Guyana). Aged 27. RHB RFM. Tests 13. Wickets 68 at average 21.90. Best bowling 8.29 v. Pakistan at Port-of-Spain 1976/77. 5 wkts in innings once. Represented Lancashire in County Cricket in 1977 and 1978.

GARNER, Joel (Barbados and Somerset). Aged 27. RHB RFM. 6'8" tall and known as "Big Bird". Tests 13. Wickets 66 at average 21.50. Best bowling 6-56 v. New Zealand at Auckland 1979/80. Has taken 5 wickets in an innings once.

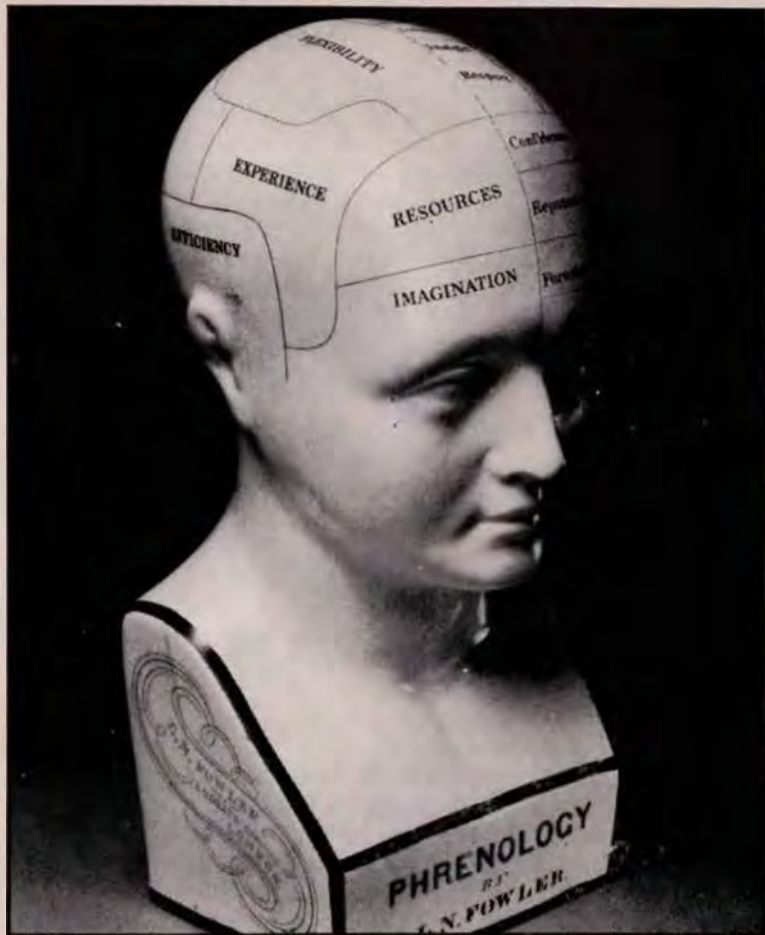
GREENIDGE, Cuthbert Gordon (Barbados and Hampshire). Aged 29. RHB. Tests 25. Runs 2088 at average 46.40. H.S. 134 v. England at Manchester 1976. Centuries 5. Outstanding one day batsman, he holds record score for all three one-day competitions in England — G.C. 177 v. Glamorgan 1977; B+H.C. 173* v. Minor Counties (South) 1973; JPL 163* v. Warwickshire 1979. Played against Ireland in 1976 and delighted spectators with his magnificent strokeplay scoring 117 and 60. Has scored over 17,000 first-class runs.

HAYNES, Desmond Leo (Barbados). Aged 24. RHB. Tests 8. Runs 660 at average 47.14. H.S. 122 v. New Zealand at Christchurch 1979/80. Centuries 2.

HOLDING, Michael Anthony (Jamaica). Aged 26. RHB RF. Tests 19. Wickets 78 at average 24.06. B.B. 8-92 v. England at Oval 1976. 5 wickets in innings on 4 occasions. 10 wickets in match once.

KALLICHARRAN, Alvin Isaac (Guyana and Warwickshire). Aged 31. LHB. Tests 57 (9 as Captain). Runs 4,217 at average 47.92. H.S. 187 v. India at Bombay 1978/9. Centuries 12. Has scored over 17,000 first-class runs.

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- KING, Collis Llewellyn** (Barbados). Aged 28. RHB RM. Tests 8. Runs 406 at average 33.83. H.S. 100* v. New Zealand at Christchurch 1979/80. Centuries 1. Played for Glamorgan in County Cricket. Played v. Ireland in 1976 at Rathmines. Thrilled crowd with a brief but explosive innings of 24. Innings lasted only 1 over — 3 4's, 2 6's and out to a brilliant one-handed catch by Roy Torrens off what seemed certain to be another 6.
- MARSHALL, Malcolm Dénzil** (Barbados and Hampshire). Aged 22. RHB RFM. Tests 3. Wickets 3 at average 88.33. B/B 1/44 v. India at Calcutta 1978/9.
- MURRAY, David Anthony** (Barbados). Aged 29. RHB WK. Tests 9. Runs 328 at average 21.86. H.S. 84 v India at Bombay 1978/79. Victims 27 (23 ct, 4 st).
- MURRAY, Deryck Lance** (Trinidad). Aged 36. RHB WK. Tests 57 (1 as Captain). Runs 1,848 at average 22.81. H.S. 91 v. India at Bombay 1974/75. Victims 175 (167 ct, 8 st). Played first-class cricket in England for Cambridge University (Blue 1975, 1976), Nottingham and Warwickshire. Played twice v. Ireland in 1963. First match rained off and scored 24 in second. Not in tour part in 1969 but returned in 1976 when he captained West Indies v. Ireland at Rathmines scoring 52*.
- PARRY, Derek Ricaldo** (Combined Islands). Aged 25. RHB OB. Tests 12. Wickets 23 at average 40.70. B/B 5-15 v. Australia at Port of Spain 1977/8. 5 wickets in an innings once.
- RICHARDS, Issaac Vivian Alexander** (Combined Islands and Somerset). Aged 28. RHB OB. Tests 31. Runs 2,886 at average 58.90. H.S. 291 v. England at Oval 1976. Centuries 9. Scored 1,710 runs in 11 Tests in year 1976 — record aggregate for a calendar year. Included 829 v. England in only 4 tests — 4th highest aggregate for a Test series. Won Man of Match award in 1979 for both World Cup and Gillette Cup Finals at Lords. Played v. Ireland at Rathmines in 1976 scoring 1 and 5. Has scored over 14,000 first-class runs.
- ROBERTS, Anderson Montgomery Everton** (Combined Islands). Aged 29. RHB RF. Tests 32. Wickets 148 at average 25.61. B/B 7-54 v. Australia at Perth 1975/76. 5 wickets in innings on 9 occasions. 10 wickets in match on 2 occasions.
- ROWE, Lawrence George** (Jamaica). Aged 31 RHB. Tests 30. Runs 2,047 at average 43.55. H.S. 302 v. England at Bridgetown 1973/4. Centuries 7. On Test debut v. New Zealand scored 214 and 100* — only player to score century in each innings on debut. At height of his career he was affected by eye trouble which at one stage threatened his career. However, he appears to have overcome this and re-established his place in the West Indies Test side. Played for Derbyshire in 1974 but left after one season due to his eye trouble. Played v. Ireland at Rathmines in 1976 scoring 37 and 26.

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A new decade is an appropriate time for change. On Wednesday, July 2nd, 1980, Ireland will play its first ever competitive international match, a Gillette Cup first round tie versus Middlesex at Lord's. To the players this is a challenge, if not to win then, hopefully, to do well. If they cannot be as fit and as prepared as their professional opposition, they should, at least, be as ready as high grade amateurs can be.

Entry to the Gillette Cup has been a long struggle which is not yet quite over. Entry has been allowed for a two year trial period so it behoves us to do well on the field, to produce a good wicket and to make proper arrangements for any home match.

Our thanks are due to Aer Lingus, and, in particular, to Bob Fitzsimons, head of publicity, for making the Gillette Cup entry possible. A very generous sponsorship as regards travel for either our own team or the opposition suddenly opened the door to Cup entry.

The competition will add glamour to the match programme and a considerable sum to the Irish Cricket Union's build-up of capital.

WEST INDIES

The new decade will also bring the West Indies to our shores for the seventh time in all and the fifth since the war. West Indies are the world champion one-day cricketers. They have agreed to play Ireland in two one-day matches in the week prior to our Gillette match. Who better to practice against?

The three major news stories of this Union in 1979 were the success of our under-19 party in Toronto; the senior Irish side unbeaten in its seven matches; and a new three-day event at interprovincial level for under-15s.

TORONTO

In July, the party of 14 players, managed by Messrs. T. McGeady and R. Reid, set out for Toronto in the knowledge that in two previous tournaments only one match in five had been won in each.

With Bermuda new in the tournament a round-robin of six matches was played to produce four semi-finalists. Four teams all won four, and lost two matches and Ireland's run rate per wicket put them on top of the table by a wide margin. The first match versus Holland was lost by five runs. Then England North, England South, Canada and Denmark were beaten. At this stage Ireland were through to the semi-final regardless of the result versus Bermuda (which was a defeat).

The semi-final was a revenge match versus Holland which was won by five wickets.

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For the managers and the captain, Brian Gilmore, no praise is too high. Among the players there were no stars. All made a contribution and team spirit was very noticeable. The managers' report lays emphasis on the Esso Under-19 Cup. There is no comparable tournament in any of the other countries so the Irish boys have a far greater knowledge of each other.

UNDEFEATED

Ireland's last senior defeat was versus Scotland in 1977. Since then 15 matches have been played without defeat. Five of these were won, the other 10 drawn. The captain, J. D. Monteith, has yet to feel the pang of being the losing general. Of his 14 matches at the helm five have been won and nine drawn. No comparable beginnings to the role of Irish captain has ever been remotely achieved.

Because all cricket played under Irish Cricket Union auspices in 1979 is described elsewhere in this Yearbook it would be a needless duplication to reproduce it here as well.

J. F. Short hit 490 runs in his 14 innings in 1979's seven internationals. This is a new record aggregate as is Short's five fifties in a season. He averaged 40.83.

D. W. Harrison averaged 39.60 for 198 runs. Anderson, Johnston and Monteith were others to average over 30.

S. C. Corlett took most wickets (30) but M. Halliday had the best average, 21.41, for his 17 wickets.

O. D. COLHOUN

O. D. Colhoun retired in mid-season after 87 international matches. First capped in 1959 he missed only one match in his career, that versus the Australians in Dublin in 1961, J. K. Hopkins being preferred. Colhoun was a wonderful wicket-keeper over such a long career which possibly reached its zenith on the U.S.A./Canada tour of 1973. Godfrey Evans was his boyhood hero and he had the same ability as the great Evans to keep his fielders alert and enthusiastic even on the longest day. He caught 148 and made 42 stumpings.

Kevin O'Riordan was chairman of selectors and team manager. His huge success in the latter post has given this job a new meaning and is, perhaps, reflected by the fact that the normal players' occasional criticism of the establishment has almost ceased.

Our Union's very generous sponsors, in cash or in kind, helped cricket to the extent of £16,000 in 1979. In alphabetical order these sponsors were: Aer Lingus, Allied Irish Banks, British Airways, Esso, Leprechauns C.C., Lord's Taverners, Loughrey/Servis, McAlpine Trust, Mother's Pride Bakery, North of Ireland Sports Council, Rothmans of Pall Mall, Smurfit, The National Sports Council.

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A profit of £3,000 was made on the season's workings. Of this £1,100 came from a Yearbook, presided over by Des Cashell, Conor O'Brien and Ian Lewis. It was well received and should be continued.

Coaching maintained a good momentum. Ivan Anderson qualified as an Advanced Certificate Coach. There was a course for the Primary Certificate in the North-West in the spring. Refresher courses for coaches in Dublin and Cork were given by V. Savino and D. Tipping who had visited Lilleshall for that purpose.

WICKETS

Viewed in the long term, possibly the most important event of 1979 off the field of play, occurred in December. A meeting was attended by delegates from the clubs whose grounds are currently being used for international matches. With their co-operation and with professional advice it is hoped that the wickets on these grounds can be brought up gradually to three-day standard.

In April, Ireland's great pre-war scrum half, George Morgan, died in Dublin aged 67. He played cricket once for Ireland versus MCC at Sion Mills in 1934.

A word of congratulation to E. L. Kidd who reached his 90th birthday in October. He is our senior international, gaining his first cap in 1921.

Pressure of work compelled Eddie Keers to resign from the Committee during the year. The Corporate Membership was his idea and he prodded and pushed the Committee until they accepted it, to a considerable financial benefit.

May I thank my fellow officers of the Union, the delegates and selectors for making 1979 another happy season. The four provincial secretaries were also most co-operative, friendly and obliging. The media were kind to the game. The space devoted to cricket is the envy of some other major sports.

I sincerely hope Noel Mahony enjoyed his term as President. It was certainly of great benefit to the Union that his great ability and experience at the game and at its coaching should have been available to our players and committee. May this state of affairs long continue.

J. S. POLLOCK

Today we welcome, as President for 1980, Stuart Pollock. His career mirrors his father's. They both played in and captained Irish teams. They both scored centuries versus Scotland. Now, 24 years after his father Stuart takes on the Presidency. In 41 matches for Ireland (1939-57) he scored 1,506 runs, average 21.51, with one century and nine other fifties. He was captain 10 times. Stuart also played squash for Ireland. Noel Mahony's Irish career is very interlinked with that of Stuart Pollock. The latter played in eight of Noel's nine matches and they both captained each other in international matches.

On entering the new decade of the 1980s, and a new competition, the Gillette Cup, may I wish players, selectors and President every possible success and every possible piece of luck.

December 1979.

Derek Scott

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- (1) D. W. Harrison was left out from the 1978 side, and R. I. Johnston of Woodvale got his first cap.
- (2) After this match, J. F. Short had exactly 1,000 runs in his 20th match, and 37 innings.
- (3) The match was ruined by rain. Eventually Ireland were set 174 in 65 minutes plus 20 overs. Ireland made a dash for it, but two run outs spoiled their chances.
- (4) Messrs. Rothmans sponsored this match, the first versus a County at Castle Avenue. Aer Lingus were very generous with regard to Surrey's travel.
- (5) This match celebrated the 100th anniversary of the first match versus Surrey at the Oval in 1879.
- (6) J. D. Monteith (Ireland) and S. T. Clarke (Surrey) won watches presented by Rothmans to the men of the match.

SURREY

G. S. Clinton	c Smith b Corlett	44			
M. Lynch	c O'Brien b Corlett	59			
D. M. Smith	not out	23			
G. R. J. Roope	not out	16			
A. R. Butcher				(1) not out	35
R. D. Jackman				(2) c Smith b Elder	8
C. J. Richards				(3) c Monteith b Elder	0
S. T. Clarke				(4) not out	54
* R. D. V. Knight					
P. I. Pocock					
† E. H. L. Wilson					
Extras	(B 4; LB 2)	6	(B 1; LB 4)	5	
Total .....	.....(2 wickets dec.)	148	.....(2 wickets dec.)	102	

IRELAND

J. F. Short	c and b Jackman	3			
M. S. Reith	c Richards b Pocock	8		c Smith b Clarke	33
B. A. O'Brien	c Jackman b Pocock	11		c Wilson b Smith	7
I. J. Anderson	b Butcher	22		run out	25
R. I. Johnston	b Butcher	0		(5) run out	5
A. V. Smith	c Jackman b Butcher	7		(7) not out	1
* J. D. Monteith	not out	17		(8) b Pocock	0
S. C. Corlett	c Clarke b Pocock	4		(4) c Jackman b Pocock	39
M. Halliday	not out	0		(6) c Lynch b Pocock	2
J. W. G. Elder				not out	0
† O. D. Colhoun					
Extras	(LB 3; NB 2)	5	(B 8; W 2; NB 6)	16	
Total .....	.....(7 wickets dec.)	77	.....(7 wickets)	128	

BOWLING

IRELAND	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Corlett	22	6	59	2	4	0	27	0
Elder	8	3	16	0	7	1	31	2
Monteith	12	3	30	0	4	0	39	0
Johnston	4	0	17	0				
Halliday	5	1	20	0				
SURREY	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Clarke	5	2	9	0	3	1	11	1
Jackman	6	4	6	1				
Pocock	15	3	39	3	18	7	51	3
Butcher	14	5	18	3	15	5	38	0
Smith	1	1	0	0	4	1	5	1
Wilson					3	1	7	0

FALL OF WICKETS

	S.	S.	I.	I.
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
1st	105	16	3	17
2nd	105	24	13	70
3rd			28	80
4th			29	96
5th			54	123
6th			59	123
7th			66	123
8th				
9th				
10th				

Inns won by Surrey. Result: Match drawn. Umpires: N. Fitzsimons; E. Parsons.
 * Captain. † Wicketkeeper.

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IRELAND v. SRI LANKA

Date: July 7, 8, 9, 1979

Venue: Eglinton

- (1) Sri Lanka had come to England for the World Cup. They won the Mini World Cup and beat India in the main event. The team versus Ireland lacked some of their best players who were injured.
- (2) Rain was again the enemy, cutting each of the first two days in half.
- (3) Anderson's 110 was a brilliant innings, with 20 fours in 184 minutes. It was his 6th century for Ireland, but his first at home.
- (4) Pasqual's 101 for Sri Lanka came in 195 minutes, with 11 fours. At 17 years of age, Pasqual is probably the youngest player ever to score a century against Ireland.
- (5) Sponsorship and entertainment for this match came from Limavady C.C., Eglinton C.C., B.P. Ltd., the Sports Council of Northern Ireland and British Airways.

IRELAND

M. S. Keith	c Jeganathan b De Silva D.	4	(2) b De Silva A.	27
J. F. Short	c Wijesooriya b Gunatillake	0	(1) lbw b De Silva A.	56
H. A. O'Brien	c Jayasinghe b Gunatillake	9	not out	45
I. J. Anderson	c Jayasekera b De Silva D.	110	not out	12
R. I. Johnson	c Jayasekera b Gunatillake	34		
A. V. Smith	not out	11		
J. D. Monteith	not out	4		
S. C. Corlett				
M. Halliday				
J. W. G. Elder				
*O. D. Colhoun				
Extras	(LB 1; W 4; NB 9)	14	(B 8; LB 3; W 1; NB 3)	15
Total	(5 wickets dec.)	186	(2 wickets)	155

SRI LANKA

*R. Jaysekera	b Corlett	25
S. Jayasinghe	c Anderson b Monteith	41
R. S. Madugalla	c Anderson b Corlett	5
S. P. Pasqual	not out	101
S. Jeganathan	b Monteith	2
*R. D. Mendis	c Monteith b Corlett	82
K. Dias	c Corlett b Monteith	18
D. L. S. De Silva	not out	4
R. Wijesooriya		
A. De Silva		
T. K. M. Gunatillake		
Extras	(B 2; LB 2; NB 6)	10
Total	(6 wickets dec.)	288

BOWLING

SRI LANKA		O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Gunatillake	14	5	32	3	0	5	3	3	0
De Silva D.	19	9	28	2	0	14	1	42	0
Pasqual	7.1	2	35	0	0	4	1	15	0
De Silva A.	12	2	37	0	0	17	5	38	2
Jehanathan	5	1	19	0	0	6	1	19	0
Wijesooriya	4	0	21	0	0	4	0	20	0
Dias						1	0	3	0
IRELAND		O	M	R	W				
Elder	7	1	36	0	0				
Corlett	26	5	102	3	0				
Johnston	1	0	3	0	0				
Monteith	32	5	97	3	0				
Halliday	13	3	40	0	0				

FALL OF WICKETS

	I.	I.	SL
	1st	2nd	1st
1st	3	46	58
2nd	14	117	73
3rd	14		75
4th	163		85
5th	172		237
6th			280
7th			
8th			
9th			
10th			

Toss won by Ireland. Result: Match drawn. Umpires: J. Peoples, G. McGeahy.

* Captain, † Wicketkeeper.

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IRELAND v. MR. F. W. MILLETT'S XI

Dates: July 18, 19, 1979.

Venue: Ormeau

- (1) With Anderson unavailable, D. W. Harrison returned. Then Smith cried off and was replaced by Harpur.
- (2) This was the first match at Ormeau since 1971.
- (3) After the usual first innings declarations in a two-day match, Ireland suddenly bowled out Millett's team for 130. Set 165 in 64 minutes plus 20 overs, Ireland won with 19 balls to spare, thanks to O'Brien, Harrison and Harpur.
- (4) Millett had in his team H. J. Rhodes (Derbyshire) who played two Tests v. India in 1959, and whose action subsequently became suspect.
- (5) R. M. Cooke, formerly of Essex, scored 104 in 159 minutes with 13 fours.
- (6) S. C. Corlett, in his 23rd match, took his 100th wicket for Ireland.
- (7) British Airways flew the visitors in free of charge.
- (8) O. D. Colhoun retired after this match. This wonderful wicketkeeper was in his 21st international season (1959—79). His caps were a record-breaking 87, of which the last 76 were in succession. In his career, he missed only one match, versus The Australians in Dublin in 1961. He caught 148 and stumped 42.

MR. F. W. MILLETT'S XI

†H. K. More.....	c Colhoun b Corlett.....	4	lbw b Corlett.....	14
P. A. Shippey.....	c Corlett b Halliday.....	32	b Elder.....	0
R. M. O. Cooke.....	c Colhoun b Corlett.....	104	c Short b Elder.....	5
W. Andrews.....	run out.....	7	b Corlett.....	32
†G. R. Cass.....	c Short b Corlett.....	24	st. Colhoun b Halliday.....	60
J. A. Vallance.....	c Colhoun b Corlett.....	6	run out.....	3
P. Honey.....	c Harpur b Monteith.....	6	c Colhoun b Halliday.....	3
*F. W. Millett.....	not out.....	0	c Monteith b Corlett.....	0
P. Bainbridge.....			b Halliday.....	0
H. J. Rhodes.....			b Halliday.....	3
M. Galpin.....			not out.....	5
Extras.....	(B 3; LB 12).....	15	(B 3; LB 3; NB 1).....	5
Total.....	.....(7 wickets dec.)	198	.....	130

IRELAND

M. S. Reith.....	b Rhodes.....	16	c Cooke b Rhodes.....	3
J. F. Short.....	b Andrews.....	25	c Cass b Rhodes.....	13
B. A. O'Brien.....	b Andrews.....	4	run out.....	65
D. W. Harrison.....	not out.....	74	c Cass b Andrews.....	32
R. I. Johnston.....	not out.....	42	(7) not out.....	7
*J. D. Monteith.....			(5) c Cass b Galpin.....	1
T. Harpur.....			(6) not out.....	31
S. C. Corlett.....				
M. Halliday.....				
J. W. G. Elder.....				
†O. D. Colhoun.....	(LB 1; W 1; NB 1).....	3	(B 6; LB 4; NB 3).....	13
Extras.....				
Total.....	.....(3 wickets dec.)	164	.....(5 wickets)	165

BOWLING

IRELAND	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Corlett.....	25	8	52	4	17	2	45	3
Elder.....	19	0	57	0	16	3	34	2
Monteith.....	15.5	4	41	1	8	1	30	0
Halliday.....	9	0	33	1	9.3	4	16	4
MILLETT'S XI	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Rhodes.....	7	3	13	1	13	5	18	2
Galpin.....	12	4	29	0	13	3	42	1
Cooke.....	8	0	33	0				
Andrews.....	9	4	24	2	6	0	39	1
Bainbridge.....	13	4	44	0	8	0	32	0
Millett.....	2	0	18	0	2.5	0	21	0

FALL OF WICKETS

	FM	FM	I.	I.
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
1st	10	4	30	15
2nd	92	20	45	20
3rd	125	20	57	87
4th	180	91		88
5th	188	105		129
6th	191	118		
7th	198	119		
8th		119		
9th		120		
10th		130		

Toss won by Millett's XI. Result: Ireland won by 5 wickets. Umpires: I. Reid, W. D. Jones.

* Captain. † Wicketkeeper (G. R. Cass kept wicket in Ireland's 2nd innings).

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IRELAND v. SCOTLAND

Date: July 28, 29, 30, 1979

Venue: Rathmines

- (1) This victory over Scotland has left the teams equal at 17 wins each in 58 matches since 1888.
- (2) In a slow-moving match which was rain interrupted, Ireland took the last six Scotland wickets for 18 runs, and set out to get 139 in 61 minutes plus 20 overs. Short's extraordinary brilliance won the match, and a Servis Washing Machine from the Sponsors.
- (3) E. A. Bushe got his first Irish cap after being reserve to Colhoun for 24 successive matches. Anderson returned for Harpur. Scotland had two newcomers to this match — T. M. Black and D. L. Bell (a rugby international).
- (4) In his 50th international, Monteith became the 19th player to reach 1,000 runs for Ireland, and the fifth to do "the double".

SCOTLAND

J. R. Laing.....	c Harrison b Elder.....	2	c Johnston b Monteith.....	20
T. B. Racionzer.....	c Harrison b Monteith.....	12	c Bushe b Elder.....	1
D. E. R. Stewart.....	c Bushe b Corlett.....	0	c Short b Halliday.....	11
D. L. Bell.....	c Johnston b Monteith.....	5	st Bushe b Monteith.....	6
T. M. Black.....	c Bushe b Monteith.....	31	c Short b Halliday.....	57
†A. Steele.....	c Johnston b Corlett.....	49	c Corlett b Halliday.....	18
F. Robertson.....	c and b Reith.....	51	c Reith b Halliday.....	0
*G. F. Goddard.....	c Bushe b Corlett.....	4	c O'Brien b Monteith.....	7
J. E. Ker.....	b Elder.....	11	c Bushe b Halliday.....	4
J. Clark.....	c Elder b Corlett.....	6	c Short b Monteith.....	1
T. I. McPherson.....	not out.....	4	not out.....	1
Extras.....	(B 12; LB2; W 1; NB 1).....	16	(B 10; LB 5; W 1).....	16
Total.....		191		142

IRELAND

J. F. Short.....	b McPherson.....	29	not out.....	80
M. S. Reith.....	c Laing b Goddard.....	30	c Steele b Robertson.....	16
B. A. O'Brien.....	b Goddard.....	34	b Robertson.....	1
L. J. Anderson.....	c Stewart b Goddard.....	1	c Black b Ker.....	10
R. I. Johnston.....	c Stewart b Goddard.....	10	not out.....	26
D. W. Harrison.....	c Black b Goddard.....	0		
*J. D. Monteith.....	c Robertson b Goddard.....	27		
S. C. Corlett.....	c Steele b Clark.....	9		
M. Halliday.....	not out.....	13		
J. W. G. Elder.....	c Racionzer b Goddard.....	7		
†E. A. Bushe.....	c Racionzer b Robertson.....	14		
Extras.....	(B 4; LB 9; W 1; NB 7).....	21	(B 4; LB 4; NB 1).....	9
Total.....		195		142 (3 wickets)

BOWLING

IRELAND	O				M				R				W			
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Corlett.....	25	10	37	4	4	3	4	0								
Elder.....	16.2	9	28	2	10	2	21	1								
Monteith.....	24	12	45	3	30	11	52	4								
Halliday.....	19	9	31	0	33.2	17	39	5								
Anderson.....	8	5	10	0	6	5	6	0								
Reith.....	13	6	24	1	2	1	4	0								

SCOTLAND	O				M				R				W			
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Robertson.....	8.3	3	28	1	12	2	28	2								
Clark.....	18	6	34	1	2	0	14	0								
Goddard.....	36	16	56	7	10.1	1	58	0								
McPherson.....	18	6	46	1												
Ker.....	4	0	10	0	8	2	33	1								

FALL OF WICKETS

	S.		I.	J.
	1st	2nd		
1st	3	7	48	30
2nd	4	31	105	70
3rd	16	38	107	87
4th	26	47	112	
5th	58	124	112	
6th	161	125	121	
7th	167	130	156	
8th	170	136	157	
9th	186	138	173	
10th	191	142	195	

Toss won by Scotland. Result: Ireland won by 7 wickets. Umpires: N. Fitzsimons, E. Parsons.
 * Captain. † Wicketkeeper.

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IRELAND v. M.C.C.

Date: August 15, 16, 1979

Venue: Lords

- (1) Ireland set out on a three match tour with 13 players. A. V. Smith came because T. Harpur cried off, and A. Hughes of Malahide was an uncapped player.
- (2) The match versus M.C.C. peered out into a draw because of rain, with 15 overs to go. Ireland were by then playing for a draw.
- (3) Allied Irish Banks provided the finance for tour expenses, and Aer Lingus flew the Dublin party out and back.
- (4) In four successive matches at Lords, I. Anderson has scored a century and four fifties in eight innings. He averages 88.20 for 44.1 runs.
- (5) C. A. Fry is grandson of C. B. Fry. McEwan is Essex's brilliant South African. Corlett bowled him for nought in the first innings, but his rapid 87 made up for this on the second day.

M.C.C.

J. A. Jameson	c Bushe b Corlett	12	c Corlett b Monteith	55
C. A. Fry	c Corlett b Monteith	46	c Bushe b Monteith	35
K. S. McEwan	b Corlett	0	st Bushe b Monteith	87
R. J. Lanchbury	c Bushe b Corlett	5	b Corlett	8
*M. G. Griffith	not out	92	not out	22
K. G. Brooks	c Monteith b Corlett	33		
†G. R. Cass	c Elder b Johnston	10		
C. B. Hamblin				
H. C. Latchman				
N. J. W. Stewart				
D. L. Achfield				
Extras	(LB 4; NB 1)	5	(B 4; NB 1)	5
Total	.....(6 wickets dec.)	203	.....(4 wickets dec.)	212

IRELAND

J. F. Short	b Stewart	50	b Stewart	22
M. S. Reith	b Latchman	21	b Latchman	10
B. A. O'Brien	b Stewart	0	lbw b Stewart	0
I. J. Anderson	lbw b Latchman	65	c Brooks b Latchman	32
R. I. Johnston	b Latchman	21	b Latchman	7
D. W. Harrison	c and b Latchman	0	not out	21
*J. D. Monteith	c Cass b Latchman	7	not out	3
S. C. Corlett	not out	18		
M. Halliday	not out	9		
J. W. G. Elder				
†E. A. Bushe				
Extras	(B 2; LB 6; NB 1)	9	(B 4; LB 4; W 2; NB 2)	12
Total	.....(7 wickets dec.)	200	.....(5 wickets)	107

BOWLING

IRELAND	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Corlett	25	5	71	4	15	2	72	1
Elder	17	7	29	0	13	1	40	0
Halliday	15	6	48	0				
Monteith	15	6	42	1	18.1	3	95	3
Johnston	1.3	0	8	0				
MCC	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Stewart	21	2	69	2	10	2	28	2
Hamblin	5	0	29	0	4	0	14	0
Latchman	23	2	73	5	17	5	32	3
Achfield	7	1	20	0	8	3	13	0
Jameson					4	1	8	0

FALL OF WICKETS

	MCC	MCC	I.	I.
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
1st	17	89	74	32
2nd	18	93	74	32
3rd	28	136	75	38
4th	71	212	130	56
5th	152		130	97
6th	203		173	
7th				
8th				
9th				
10th				

Toss won by Ireland. Result: Match drawn. Umpires: G. E. Loveland, H. E. Robinson.

* Captain. † Wicketkeeper.

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IRELAND v. WALES

Date: August 18, 19, 20, 1979

Venue: Marchwiel

- (1) Wales were beaten away for the first time since 1923.
- (2) Nos. 5, 6 and 7 all scored fifties for Ireland, and the last two wickets put on 74. Elder made 28—his previous best had been 7! In this match he scored his 50th run and took his 50th wicket.
- (3) The match was played on the beautiful McAlpine ground at Marchwiel, near Wrexham. Rain and sun always kept the wicket soft.
- (4) J. F. Short's six catches in the match equalled a record set by J. S. Pollock, this year's I.C.U. President.

WALES

*D. A. Jones	c Short b Monteith	39	(10) lbw b Corlett	9
G. Morgan	c Bushe b Elder	4	b Elder	23
D. Samuel	c Reith b Halliday	20	(1) lbw b Corlett	0
G. P. Ellis	b Halliday	23	c Short b Halliday	12
W. Harries	b Halliday	16	(3) c Short b Halliday	27
J. P. Bell	c Harrison b Monteith	8	(5) c Short b Halliday	13
G. Edwards	c O'Brien b Monteith	3	(6) c Short b Anderson	23
† P. C. Lloyd	c Short b Monteith	1	(7) not out	22
D. W. Lewis	lbw b Monteith	2	(8) c Harrison b Monteith	22
B. Nagle	not out	2	(9) c O'Brien b Halliday	1
N. Owen	b Monteith	5	b Corlett	0
Extras	(B 9; LB 5; NB 4)	18	(LB 4; NB 8)	12
Total		141		164

IRELAND

M. S. Reith	c Lewis b Nagle	2	(2) not out	0
J. F. Short	c Lloyd b Nagle	25	(1) not out	6
R. A. O'Brien	c Morgan b Ellis	17		
I. J. Anderson	b Nagle	6		
R. I. Johnston	lbw b Ellis	64		
D. W. Harrison	b Ellis	54		
*J. D. Monteith	c Samuel b Ellis	73		
S. C. Corlett	c Harries b Edwards	2		
M. Halliday	c Sub b Owen	6		
J. W. G. Elder	st Lloyd b Lewis	28		
† E. A. Bushe	not out	12		
Extras	(B 3; LB 5; W 2; NB 3)	13		
Total		302		(0 wicket) 6

BOWLING

IRELAND	O				M				R				W			
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Corlett	9	2	17	0	20.3	7	44	3								
Elder	6	3	9	1	13	11	10	1								
Reith	8	2	10	0												
Monteith	32.4	19	37	6	21	11	40	1								
Halliday	31	15	50	3	30	14	46	4								
Anderson					4	1	12	1								
WALES	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W								
Nagle	16	3	55	3												
Owen	13	3	40	1												
Lewis	14.3	1	52	1												
Edwards	33	13	68	1												
Ellis	33	17	56	4	0.2	0	6	0								
Bell	4	0	18	0												

FALL OF WICKETS

I.	W.		I.
	1st	2nd	
1st	4	0	20
2nd	62	33	29
3rd	95	58	39
4th	109	85	66
5th	118	90	161
6th	122	108	179
7th	124	142	188
8th	130	149	228
9th	136	164	280
10th	141	164	302

Toss won by Wales. Result: Ireland won by 10 wickets. Umpires: R. Price, D. A. Williams.
 * Captain. † Wicketkeeper.



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IRELAND v. WORCESTERSHIRE

Date: August 22, 23, 24, 1979

Venue: Worcester

- (1) Ireland's first visit to the lovely Worcester ground. The county finished second to Essex in the 1979 Championship.
- (2) Only four capped players turned out for Worcester, but scoring was very rapid on a perfect wicket. Worcestershire's second innings 133 came off 18 overs.
- (3) Rain cost an hour's play on the first day, and only allowed two hours play on the second day. Despite this, 845 runs were scored.
- (4) Elder was injured, so A. Hughes got his first Cap.
- (5) Ireland was set 250 in 80 minutes plus 20 overs. Short and Reith made 143 in 106 minutes, the best opening stand for 23 years. The match was given up with 10 overs to go.
- (6) Short got a fifty in each innings for the second time. His 490 runs in 14 innings in 1979 is an Irish record, as is his five fifties in the season.

WORCESTER

B. J. R. Jones	c Halliday b Hughes	10	b Corlett	13
M. J. Weston	b Corlett	1	c Bushe b Hughes	11
D. N. Patel	run out	21	b Corlett	24
S. P. Henderson	c and b Corlett	18	not out	38
D. J. Humphries	c Halliday b Monteith	62	not out	45
J. Robson	c O'Brien b Corlett	27		
*E. J. O. Hemsley	c O'Brien b Hughes	95		
C. N. Boyns	b Corlett	83		
†A. Brown	b Hughes	2		
A. P. Pridgeon	not out	1		
N. Gifford	b Hughes	6		
Extras	(LB 11; W 1; NB 4)	16	(LB 2)	2
Total		342		133 (3 wickets dec.)

IRELAND

J. F. Short	c Brown b Pridgeon	65	b Hemsley	83
M. S. Reith	c Patel b Pridgeon	21	c Henderson b Patel	53
B. A. O'Brien	lbw b Boyns	1	not out	1
I. J. Anderson	c Gifford b Boyns	12	not out	0
R. I. Johnston	c Hemsley b Patel	11		
D. W. Harrison	c Humphries b Gifford	17		
*J. D. Monteith	c Robson b Patel	20		
S. C. Corlett	c Humphries b Patel	39		
M. Halliday	not out	0		
A. J. Hughes				
†E. A. Bushe				
	(B 13; LB 18; W 1; NB 8)	40	(B3; W 1; NB 3)	7
	(8 wickets dec.)	226	(2 wickets)	144

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
IRELAND				
Corlett	31	7	109	4
Hughes	22.2	4	95	4
Johnston	4	0	23	0
Halliday	9	2	41	0
Monteith	17	2	58	1
WORCESTER				
Pridgeon	24	6	43	2
Boyns	18	3	45	2
Patel	25.1	5	67	3
Gifford	10	1	31	1
Jones				
Hemsley				

	O	M	R	W
	9	0	40	2
	9	0	91	1
	0	2	12	0
	8	1	23	0
	3	0	16	1
	11	1	51	0
	10	2	35	1

FALL OF WICKETS

	W.	W.	I.	I.
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
1st	12	14	74	143
2nd	12	30	75	143
3rd	49	66	119	
4th	58		126	
5th	129		162	
6th	174		168	
7th	316		215	
8th	324		226	
9th	335			
10th	342			

Toss won by Worcester. Result: Match drawn. Umpires: J. C. Bullock, H. Cowan.
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- (1) The 16th match in this series resulted in yet another draw, the ninth such result. Wales have won five and Ireland two, in successive years in 1970-71.
- (2) In the 1979 match there were two Irish centuries — by the Captain, Ian McMichael, from Limavady, and by Mark Cohen, of Dublin. This was Cohen's fourth century at youth level in 1979 and he was to make a few more. Previously only J. Johnston in 1967, had scored an Irish century in this match.
- (3) Wales declared their first innings in search of a result and almost paid an undeserved penalty.
- (4) McMichael came in at 52 for 3 and was last out at 200 having hit two sixes and 17 fours. Cohen hit four sixes and 10 fcs. He and Beverland put up 115 for the first wicket.
- (5) The Welsh target was 261 in three hours. Hunter's splendid bowling gave a hint of victory but there was not enough time.

IRISH SCHOOLS

M. F. Cohen	c Metcalf b Rowlands	24	st Price b Smith	107
C. F. Beverland	lbw b Thomas G.	24	st Price b Smith	53
M. Napier	c Metcalf b Rowlands	1	c and b Davies	26
J. W. Kirkwood	c Metcalf b Thomas G.	4	c Rowlands b Davies	10
I. McMichael	c Mason b Jones	102	not out	35
P. Coghlan	c Smith b Rowlands	6	c and b Davies	2
P. Magowan	c Davies b Jones	24		
R. Haire	b Jones	0		
I. Keartland	b Jones	0		
R. Hunter	c Ward b Jones	1		
R. Jessa	not out	0		
Extras	(B 5; LB 7; W 2)	14	(B 6; LB 4; W 2)	12
Total		200		245 (5 wickets dec.)

WELSH SCHOOLS

M. Davies	c Keartland b Haire	66	c Kirkwood b Hunter	17
I. Thomas	c and b Haire	35	b Hunter	20
B. Metcalf	not out	21	(4) b Hunter	2
P. Ward	not out	42	(5) c Napier b Keartland	17
D. Mason			(3) b Jessa	10
U. Rowlands			b Jessa	0
G. Thomas			c Kirkwood b Hunter	20
J. Price			lbw b Keartland	9
R. Hardwick			(11)	3
M. Jones			(9) not out	0
T. Smith			(10) not out	0
Extras	(B 15; B 2; W 4)	21	(B 12)	12
Total		185 (2 wickets dec.)		110 (8 wickets)

BOWLING

WALES	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Thomas G.	15	5	46	2	15	3	36	0
Jones	14.2	5	38	5	10	2	30	0
Rowlands	18	6	42	3	17	4	46	0
Smith	7	1	30	0	9	3	55	2
Abbot	6	1	30	0	14	3	29	0
Davies					9.5	3	37	3
IRELAND	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Hunter	16	5	39	0	22	8	52	4
Keartland	6	0	23	0	9	5	12	2
Haire	17	3	48	2	7	2	14	0
Napier	3	0	12	0				
Jessa	9	1	42	0	12	7	15	2
Beverland					1	0	4	0
McMichael					1	0	1	0

FALL OF WICKETS

	1S	1S	1S	WS	WS
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
1st	43	115	116	121	26
2nd	45	176	121		43
3rd	52	208			49
4th	67	219			53
5th	110	245			53
6th	168				75
7th	168				102
8th	168				110
9th	178				
10th	200				

Toss won by Ireland. Result: Match drawn.

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'Ossie'

By Seán Pender

Ossie Colhoun grinned with delight, danced a little jig, and made flamboyantly regal gestures in appreciation of the crowd's welcome. We were sauntering out to take a look at the Eglington wicket to get some idea of how soon after early-morning rain it might be possible to start play in the three-day fixture against MCC in 1978.

He was pleased with the acclamation. The acknowledgement for their hero came from all sides of the already well-populated ground. Old men and young boys joined in enthusiastically, hailing as one of their own from the North West the Sion Mills star who had been so brilliantly keeping wicket for Ireland for close on 20 years. I could almost feel Ossie basking in all that warm, spontaneous admiration.

HERO-WORSHIP

Not, mind you, that he is vain. Far from it; few more modest, likeable men have been among the tops in Irish sport. But that match at Eglington was, after all, his first time in almost a decade to savour at first-hand the hero-worship of his own neighbourhood's supporters in such numbers on an international occasion. In his own backyard, as it were.

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The 1970 match against the Combined Services at Derry's Beechgrove had, because of the 'Troubles', been the last season Ireland, with Colhoun behind the stumps, played in an area of the country where traditionally there has always been a real love for cricket and a readiness to support the game at international level. So, though he tried hard, Colhoun could not altogether conceal his uninhibited delight over being accorded such VIP reception.

Also, I think that a member of the Dublin press was there beside him to note the applause heightened his happiness. For though he was then 40 years of age, Colhoun was still like a child at heart in his desire to do well and have his exploits talked about and widely appreciated.

NOBODY LIKE THEM

'They're a great people,' he said with genuine feeling. 'Even when they're giving you stick — and believe me, if it takes them, then can do that too — you can't help but enjoy them. For sure, they know their cricket. There's nobody like them really.'

For that matter, there was nobody quite like Ossie Colhoun either. Coming into the Ireland XI for the first time against Lancashire in 1959 he made a record 87 appearances in all, 76 of them in succession. He passed the great Jimmy Boucher's international record of 60 'caps' in the 1973 match against Scotland at the Mardyke. Cork was also the scene of an earlier Colhoun landmark: in 1971, in the game against Wales there, he brought his tally of dismissals behind the stumps into treble figures!

ONE HUNDRED CAPS

Many had hoped he would collect a hundred 'caps'—centurians like David Judge at hockey and Tommy Caffrey at table tennis. But it was not to be. In retrospect, I realise we should have recognised the signs on that dull but happy June morning at Eglington two years ago, when he must have been already contemplating retirement from the international scene. 'I'm delighted to have got this present opportunity of playing here as I may never be back here for Ireland, in my own territory,' he said then.

'Nonsense!' I retorted, believing that was what he wished to hear; and to reassure him that he was still at his best I added: 'Bet you what you like, you'll be good enough to get that 100th "cap".'

He was not so optimistic himself. 'We'll see,' he mused. But there was no mistaking his determination that when the time came he would go out with his head held high. 'That's for sure,' he exclaimed, 'I'll not be dropped from the team. When I feel I am unable to give the commitment needed or that my form is slipping or that some good youngster deserves to be given a chance in my place, then I'll unhesitatingly call it a day.'

RETIREMENT

We had been warned. Yet for all that it came as a bolt from the blue when Colhoun announced his retirement last July. Only a few days before, in claiming five wickets against Freddy Millett's XI at Ormeau in Belfast, he had brought off



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a catch and a stumping which for sheer magic matched the best of the 185 dismissals he had totted up in previous outings for Ireland. He appeared still to be at the very peak of his wonderful form. The years may have roughed the polish of the performance a bit, but they didn't bruise the gilt-edged talent. It was still there in generous measure right to the end.

He was certainly keeping better than during the very early days of his tenure on the Irish team. Remember how sadly the experts shook their heads as they watched his performance in his first international campaign. 'He snatches at the ball, positions himself badly, doesn't quite look the part', they agreed.

BRIEF REIGN?

The general consensus indeed was that Colhoun's reign would be brief — just a stop-gap arrangement until someone better came along. How wrong so many of us were is now, of course, cricket folklore. But the transformation about to happen was not foreseeable — probably not even by Colhoun himself.

Yet soon he was to merit comparison with the legendary George Crothers and Frank Miller, outstandingly good Irish wicket-keepers, the first immediately before and the other immediately after the last War. Wasn't he even mentioned in the same hushed breath as Godfrey Evans, England's dazzling stumper who made 219 dismissals in Test cricket and whose career had just faded as Ossie set out on his!

And it was not only in the sphere of routine work behind the wicket that Colhoun's value in Ireland can be calculated. As a rejuvenator of flagging spirits

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in the field he frequently worked wonders. If the Irish attack looked like being collared, then he was hard at work offering words of encouragement to the bowler, 'geeing' him up with statements of the sort that with any luck at all he would have had a wicket then, that the so-and-so batsman knew very little about the last delivery.

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All of this of course was, as a matter of strategy, delivered within easy earshot of the striker, who would want to have been a robot not to have been affected by the chatter and implied belittlement of his ability. Colhoun was never one to underestimate the importance of psychological warfare.

Nor, again, was he beyond attempts to test umpires. If he felt there was even a slim chance that a loud roar — or even repeated roars — would help bestir an umpire into lifting his finger he was not slow to give full vent to his considerable larynx. A wicket-keeper well-equipped in more ways than one was our Ossie Colhoun.

There will never be another like him. Perhaps I was wrong in being prepared to bet that he'd make 100 'caps' — it was his own decision, not the selectors, to stop at 87 — but I'm positive that his record as Ireland's wicket-keeper will not be bettered in our time . . . if ever.

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Guinness Cup, 1979

With consummate ease Ulster Country contemptuously swept aside all opposition to win their sixth Guinness Cup out of a possible 14. By winning their five matches they equalled their own 1974 record, although in that year the competition was regionalised with a North-South final.

The statistics of Ulster Country's achievement are impressive. They won only one toss, versus North Leinster, whom they put in. The other four teams all batted first so the five wins were all recorded batting second.

In the first two matches they failed to bowl out South Leinster (189 for 7) and Ulster Town (172 for 8). These two large targets were reached for the loss of only 11 wickets. Ulster Town were beaten in the last over but the scores were equal when it began. There was a slight quiver versus North-West when six wickets were lost chasing 102. Munster were put away by nine wickets and the Cup was won when North Leinster's 188 was reached with only three wickets down.

Seventeen players were used, of whom two played only once and five twice. Of the seventeen, six never got in to bat and these included Bushe and Cook who played in all five matches. Only eight players got out and three others had no averages by always being not out. Anderson, Goodrich and D. Harrison all had averages in the 60s and Reith averaged 30. Only 21 wickets were lost in the five matches and the average runs per wicket was over 36.

Seven bowlers were used of whom six took wickets. Monteith took 12 at 13.83, Cook 10 at 23.00, Kane 7 at 10.57. Anderson's 8 at 10.75 put him at the top of the overall bowling averages. he also topped the batting averages, a unique performance.

Reith's captaincy came in for high praise. Since 1975 he has been captain 15 times with 11 wins and only two defeats.

For the second successive year Ulster Town were runners-up. They won three and lost only to Ulster Country. Johnston's all round skill at last won him an Irish cap but no one else got a higher score than 37. Corlett took 17 wickets (the most in the competition) at 12.23.

The 1978 champions, South Leinster, were third, winning two and losing two. Smith, Short and S. Molins all batted well but wickets cost nearly 25 runs each.

North Leinster used too many players (20) and finished fourth. Only Synnott got over 100 runs and wickets were costing over 25 runs each. A. Hughes had a remarkable season. In four matches he took no wickets for 96 runs but won an Irish cap in August.

North-West's match with Munster was abandoned. They lost their next three and then destroyed South Leinster in the last match. By scoring 282 for 4 they amassed the best innings score ever in this cup and Nicholl's 160 was the highest ever individual innings. Bowling was their weakness with no bowler taking 10 wickets.

Munster battled on gallantly. They have not won since beating North Leinster in 1975 and have been last for five successive years. In four matches in 1979 only 12 wickets were taken at almost 50 runs each. For the last match, versus

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North Leinster, they played three 16-year-olds to give them experience — D. Ryan, J. Wolfe and P. D. Dineen.

There were other young men whose form in the next year or two will come under selectorial scrutiny: I. McMichael (North-West); Warke, Jackson and Haire of Ulster Town; Goodrich, Kirkwood and Patterson of Ulster Country; B. J. Gilmore, Taylor and Prior of North Leinster; Davis of South Leinster and, above all perhaps, Mark Cohen (South Leinster), the schoolboy phenomenon of 1979.

RESULTS

- May 26. At Cork, Munster v. North-West. Abandoned (rain).
May 27: At Rathmines. Ulster Country won by 6 wickets.
South Leinster 189-7 (J. F. Short 66, S. D. Molins 51, J. D. Monteith 5-57).
Ulster Country 191-4 (I. J. Anderson 68*).
- May 27: At Phoenix Park. Ulster Town won by 6 wickets.
North Leinster 107 (E. A. McDermott 35, S. C. Corlett 6-45, R. I. Johnston 4-17).
Ulster Town 108-4 (C. J. Harte 37, M. Halliday 3-36).
- June 3: At Woodvale. Ulster Country won by 3 wickets.
Ulster Town 172-8 (R. I. Johnston 89, H. Cook 3-47).
Ulster Country 183-7 (I. J. Anderson 55, S. C. Corlett 3-58).
- June 10: At Kimmage. South Leinster won by 148 runs.
South Leinster 234-2 (A. V. Smith 101*, J. F. Short 54, S. D. Molins 52).
Munster 86 (B. O'Donnell 26, S. McCready 3-1, J. Keogh 3-25, C. Davis 3-29).
- June 10: At Cabra. North Leinster won by 4 wickets.
North-West 191 (R. McBrine 70, M. Halliday 5-72).
North Leinster 192-6 (B. J. Gilmore 41*, I. Lapsley 3-58, R. Moan 3-86).
- June 24: At Comber. Ulster Country won by 4 wickets.
North-West 102 (T. Harpur 30, I. J. Anderson 3-10, J. D. Monteith 3-15, D. Kane 3-27).
Ulster Country 104-6 (M. S. Reith 22, R. Moan 3-27).
- July 1: At Cork. Ulster Country won by 9 wickets.
Munster 109 (L. Durity 37, D. Kane 4-47, I. J. Anderson 3-11).
Ulster Country 111-1 (A. Goodrich 49*, D. Harrison 45*).
- July 1: At Anglesea Road. South Leinster won by 5 wickets.
North Leinster 140 (F. R. Synnott 52, D. Tanham 5-58, S. D. Molins 3-27).
South Leinster 144-5 (S. Parkinson 35*, J. F. Murphy 3-54).
- July 12: At Bœchgrove. Ulster Town won by 4 wickets.
North-West 161 (D. Simpson 78, S. C. Corlett 5-47).
Ulster Town 162-6 (R. I. Johnston 85, N. McMichael 4-41).
- July 14: At Ormeau. Ulster Town won by 7 wickets.
Munster 113 (J. Levis 67*, J. W. Elder 5-48).
Ulster Town 114-3 (R. Wills 28*).



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July 14: At Lisburn. Ulster Country won by 7 wickets.
 North Leinster 188 (F. R. Synnott 43, N. P. Grier 42, H. Cook 4-84, J. D. Monteith 3-39).
 Ulster Country 189-3 (D. Harrison 58*, M. S. Reith 51, M. Halliday 3-63).
 July 15: At Sion Mills. North-West won by 157 runs.
 North-West 282-4 (C. Nicholl 160, R. Moan 88*, D. Tanham 4-62).
 South Leinster 125 (A. V. Smith 34, J. Beattie 5-36).
 August 11: At Cork. North Leinster won by 4 wickets.
 Munster 132-8 (L. Durity 42, F. R. Synnott 5-27).
 North Leinster 133-6 (G. P. O'Brien 33, F. Creedon 2-10).
 August 12: At Queen's University. Drawn—4 points each (rain).
 South Leinster 117-4 (J. F. Short 42, I. Carroll 2-27).
 Ulster Town — did not bat.

Final Table

	Played	Won (12)	Drawn (4)	Lost	Points Possible	Points Obtained	%
Ulster Country	5	5	—	—	60	60	100.00
Ulster Town	5	3	1	1	60	40	66.66
South Leinster	5	2	1	2	60	28	46.66
North Leinster	5	2	—	3	60	24	40.00
North-West	4	1	—	3	48	12	25.00
Munster	4	—	—	4	48	—	—

Unplayed: Munster v. North-West (rain).



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The 3rd International Youth Tournament was hosted by the Canadian Cricket Association and was held at Upper Canada College and Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club, Toronto. Seven teams took part: Bermuda, Canada, Holland, Denmark, England North, England South and Ireland. The tournament was won by Bermuda with Ireland the runners-up.

The games were of one innings, 50 overs per side. A 'round robin' was played and the top four sides played a knockout to obtain finalists. This was a new feature of the tournament.

Three matches were played each day. At the College, the games were played on matting laid on a shale base and on both grounds the outfielders were longer than we are accustomed to and somewhat rougher. At the Toronto Cricket Club, the matting was laid on grass on a very good square, the outfield was also good. We were fortunate to play three times at this venue.

Irish Party: B. J. Gilmore (captain), J. Patterson (vice-captain), J. Carson, P. Coghlan, M. Cohen, D. Dennison, R. Haire, R. Hunter, C. Jeffrey, J. Kirkwood, M. Murphy, P. Magowan, I. McMichael, P. Wallace.

A particular tribute was paid to skipper Brian Gilmore for his leadership and tactics and a general one to the quite remarkable spirit of the touring squad as a whole.

MATCH REPORTS

Holland 130 Ireland 125

Much of what was to become commonplace about the Irish bowling and fielding was displayed in this match. The opening bowlers broke through early and were very economical. The spinners caused problems for all the batsmen.

The Dutch were the most miserly bowling and fielding side in the tournament. They had a week's preparation in Toronto and bowled tightly to defensive fields. The Irish batsmen found it difficult to score against these tactics and an over-cautious start by the early batsman put too much pressure on the latter batsman. Ireland were in with a chance a few times, but were always thwarted and needed 13 in the last over with the last pair together. Two off the first ball, two wides, a maiden ball, another two, another wide and then Hunter was brilliantly caught at mid-wicket.

Ireland 188 for 5 England North 135

The Irish innings was an excellent example of consistency. A feature was a partnership of 57 by Gilmore and McMichael for the 4th wicket and 48 for the 7th wicket by Coghlan and Wallace of which 27 were scored in the last four

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overs, all run in a temperature of approximately 80° C. When England batted, Patterson promptly disposed of two of the first three and after 10 overs, England were 9 for 3. Then an Englishman called Michael O'Shaughnessy played a very fine knock of 67 being especially severe on the slow bowlers and for a time, caused some worry. However, Wallace made the breakthrough in a spell which brought him three wickets and Ireland scored their first wicket over an English side in three tournaments.

England South 101 Ireland 104 for 6

Another good start with a catch behind off the first ball of the match and with Hunter bringing off a very fine catch and bowl in his second over, England South found themselves 2 for 2. All the bowlers kept the pressure on and were backed by good fielding.

The Irish start was very slow against the quickest bowlers in the tournament. Dennison, in his first game, dominated the opening partnership and made a very fine 30. Kirkwood (30) also batted well and, at 71 for 1 in 29 overs, all looked well. By 40 overs, we were 83 for 6. An unfortunate feature of the collapse was B. Gilmore hitting the ball on to his mouth, losing his front teeth. However, Patterson and Murphy saw us home before the English quickies could be recalled.

Canada 109 Ireland 110 for 0

Another dramatic start with Patterson bowling two men in his first over. Canada fought back and were 26 runs in the fifth over without further loss. However, when Haire had their best batsman Bottle l.b.w. for 37 all was well, for the remaining batsmen found the Irish attack overpowering and were all out for 109 in 40 overs. When Ireland replied Cohen (54*), who until then had difficulty adjusting to the matting, and Dennison (55*) gave a first-class display of well-placed shots and good running.

Denmark 121 Ireland 89 for 2

Ireland won on faster run rate. Denmark found themselves 1 for 2. A stand of 50 then followed between Standvig (51) and Jual (21) to steady the innings, but the return of Patterson broke the stand and with M. Murphy giving his best performance to date the innings closed at 121.

As the competition rules required the team batting second to bat at least 20 overs, all Irish eyes were on the threatening sky. Cohen and Dennison began where they left off against Canada and it was a surprise when Dennison (33) fell with the score at 64 in the 20th over. The rain soon followed and, though we started again, a further downpour in the 27th over finished the proceedings, Ireland winning with a run rate of 3.3 per over. We were now assured of a place in the semi-finals even though we had yet to play Bermuda.

Bermuda 205 for 8 Ireland 126 for 9

Patterson was unwell and Kirkwood injured. We got an early wicket, but the edge was not there and this was our worst fielding display. Apart from Gilmore, the bowling was loose with 60 runs coming off the last 7 overs. An injury to



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Dennison's finger in the early overs of the match, which prevented him from keeping wicket, didn't help.

We had a catastrophic start and were 6 for 4 in the 8th over. McMichael (68) then played his best innings of the tour, and with Coghlan (27) put on 87 for the 4th wicket. However, when McMichael fell, the innings folded up. Dennison was unable to bat.

Semi-Final: Holland 106 for 7 Ireland 109 for 5

Though the Dutch had sporadic bouts of scoring, their run rate was severely restricted, as each bowler was really economical and the fielding was aggressive. A special word of praise for M. Murphy for a fine spell of bowling when Holland needed to accelerate. Their approach was difficult to understand, for in their 50 overs they lost only 7 wickets in scoring 106.

Cohen and Dennison resumed their partnership, but Dennison was soon out. Cohen was in dominating form, being third out at 75 with 45 to his name. Gilmore then treated us to a captain's innings and with 4 overs to spare, we were in the final.

Final: Ireland 148 for 8 Bermuda 149 for 7

We won the toss, at last, but lost Cohen to the first ball of the second over. Shortly afterwards, Kirkwood was hit inside the pad and carried off. Their opening bowler was very accurate and bowled his allocation in one spell conceding 6 runs in 10 overs. Dennison was out with the score at 22 and McMichael soon followed out to a superb catch. Gilmore and Carson set about a rescue in sensible fashion and took the score to 79 before Gilmore was out to be followed at 81 by Carson and we were in trouble again. However, the remaining batsmen, especially Murphy and Wallace, hit out bravely and we reached 148.

For the first time in the tournament, we did not get an early wicket. Haire joined the attack and had an immediate success. Murphy did the same, but Bermuda were ticking over at just above the required rate. Gilmore switched his bowlers and wickets fell, but not enough. Nor could we contain their fluent stroke makers. During this time, the fielding was absolutely magnificent and, while it would be unfair to single out any person, mention must be made of the courage of Jim Kirkwood who, while in considerable pain, kept an excellent wicket. The game went to the 49th over and, although beaten, the team can be proud of their display.

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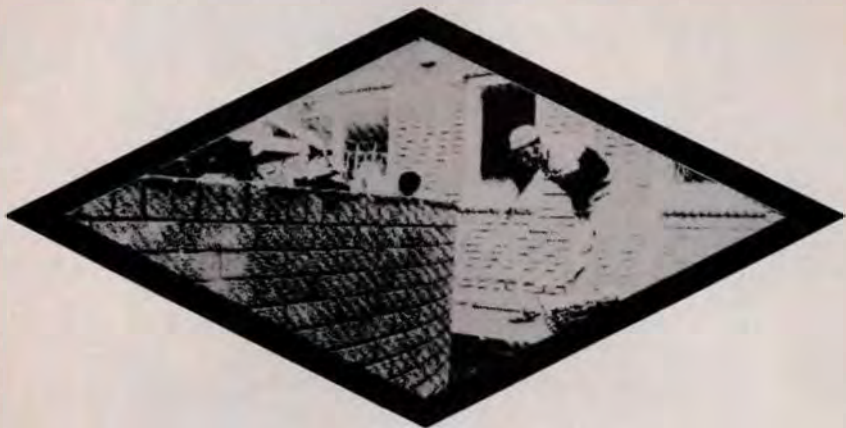
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1979 Esso Cup — Under 19

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The wet season had a very severe effect on this year's competition. No less than 6 matches were rain interrupted draws or abandoned without a ball being bowled. In addition the tragic happenings of the last week in August resulted in North Leinster not fulfilling their away fixtures with Ulster Town and North West, conceding walkovers.

WON BY ULSTER COUNTRY

The Cup was eventually won by Ulster Country with 40 points from their five matches. This was a strong all-round team containing four of the international side in Canada. Their most successful players were J. Kirkwood (wicket-keeper/batsman), J. Carson, M. Matier, I. Ferguson (batsmen), G. Harrison (captain) and the Magowan brothers (all-rounders).

The runners-up were South Leinster with 38 points. With only one match to play they only needed to draw with North West but were beaten by 10 wickets. This match emphasised how much they depended on Mark Cohen for a big score as he was out for 7. There can be no doubt whatever that he is the finest prospect that has appeared on the Irish scene for many years. He scored 371 runs in the competition with an average of 92.75 — highest score 148 v. North Leinster. P. Coghlan, D. O'Brien and H. Delany each had some good scores but the bowling was weak. Only B. Delany had reasonable figures; both I. Keartland and R. Malin were very expensive.

North West came third with 36 points with 1 win and 2 draws and a walk-over from North Leinster. They, in fact, only played 3 actual matches. C. Jeffrey, I. McMichael and I. Anthony were their most successful batsmen and the McBrine brothers and R. Hunter their most effective bowlers.

Next came Ulster Town with 30 points but they were not an impressive team. Twelve of these points also came from a walk-over. J. Lavery, T. McMaster and P. Hewitt were the most useful batsmen while R. Haire was a good all-rounder. They were weak in bowling.

Joint 5th and 6th were North Leinster and Munster, both having 3 rain affected draws. For the reason stated above North Leinster lost their chance of winning the Cup. Had they won the last two matches they would have finished with 42 points against Ulster Country's 40. C. Daly was their most successful batsman and M. Murphy, B. Gilmore, P. Hoare and J. Prior were all good all-rounders.

Munster showed considerable improvement this season and should be even stronger next year. J. Wolfe was a good all-rounder. D. Ryan and P. Dineen were useful bats while D. Moore supported J. Wolfe well in the bowling. Their match with North West was washed out completely.

RESULTS

July 5: At Downpatrick.

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- Ulster Country 179.
 South Leinster 89-9.
 July 6: At Limavady. Ulster Country won by 6 wickets.
 North-West 146 (I. McMichael 77).
 Ulster Country 152-4 (K. Malone 50).
 July 17: At Mardyke. South Leinster won by 10 wickets.
 Munster 146.
 South Leinster 147-0 (M. Cohen 104*).
 August 7: At Malahide. Draw.
 South Leinster 236-5 (M. Cohen 148, H. Delany 58).
 North Leinster 211-6 (C. Daly 45).
 August 9: At Ballymena. Ulster Country won by 4 wickets.
 Ulster Town 157 (I. McMaster 59).
 Ulster Country 158-6 (G. Harrison 68*).
 August 13: At Woodvale. No play—rain.
 Ulster Town v. North-West.
 August 14: At The Hills. Draw.
 North Leinster 235-6 (C. Daly 86, M. Murphy 50).
 Munster 65-4 (J. Wolfe 45).
 August 15: At Muckamore. Draw.
 Ulster Country 236-6 (N. Napier 64, I Ferguson 52).
 Munster—did not bat.
 August 16: At Strabane. No play—rain.
 North-West v. Munster.
 August 16: At Rush. No play—rain.
 North Leinster v. Ulster Country.
 August 22: At Kimmage. South Leinster won by 4 wickets.
 Ulster Town 149-5 (P. Hewitt 40).
 South Leinster 150-4 (M. Cohen 94).
 August 23: At Anglesea Road. North-West won by 10 wickets.
 South Leinster 107.
 North-West 110-0 (I. Anthony 61*).
 August 23: At Mardyke. Ulster Town won by 6 wickets.
 Munster 120.
 Ulster Town 121-4 (J. Lavery 53).
 August 29: At Ormeau. Ulster Town w.o. North Leinster scr.
 August 30: At Ballyspallen. North-West w.o. North Leinster scr.

Final Table

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>
		(12)	(8)	(6)	(4)		
Ulster Country	5	2	—	2	1	—	40
South Leinster	5	2	1	1	—	1	38
North-West	5	2	—	2	—	1	36
Ulster Town	5	2	—	1	—	2	30
Munster	5	—	—	3	—	2	18
North Leinster	5	—	—	3	—	2	18

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Smurfit Under-15 Cup 1979

In late July the four provincial unions under-15 teams all met each other over a three-day period in Dublin. The boys stayed at King's Hospital School and dined together on the first and second nights at the Pembroke and Leinster clubs. In a bad summer luck, happily, remained with the excellent Leinster organisers and rain only caused a 20-minute hold-up in one match.

On the first day Munster confirmed their 1978 form by beating North-West. J. Wolfe scored 83 and took 5 for 16. He ultimately won the batsman-of-the-tournament award. Leinster beat the Northern Union by two wickets thanks to the all round play of their captain Alan Lewis, son of former international Ian. Alan was named bowler-of-the-tournament.

The second day saw Munster bowl out Leinster for only 97 (Wolfe 4-22) but this was enough to win easily by 40 runs.

In the best match of the six played, North-West chase the Northern Cricket Union's 200 for 5 and won in the second last over with their no. 11 at the wicket.

The last two matches were both played at Cabra. Northern Cricket Union easily and quickly beat Munster, J. Erskine taking 5 for 5 in Munster's score of 53.

If Leinster beat North-West they were clear winners. If not these two teams would finish level on points with a runs-per-over tie breaker in operation.

Leinster made 154 for 8 in their 50 overs. A far smaller score looked likely until P. Aldiss and P. Neilsen put on 55 for the eighth wicket. Alan Lewis then did masterfully well in the field. He took 3 for 19 in his 10 overs, caught a good catch and ran out N. Thomson who was threatening to win the match for North-West. Leinster won by 44 runs.

Mr. Billy McDonald of Messrs. Smurfit made the awards and all went home well satisfied with the success and standard of the three days.

July 24: At Claremont Road. Munster won by 41 runs.

Munster 164-9 (J. Wolfe 83).

North-West 123 (G. Potts 42, J. Wolfe 5-16).

July 24: At Park Avenue. Leinster won by 2 wickets.

Northern C.U. 116 (R. Shilliday 43, A. Lewis 3-19).

Leinster 117-8 (A. Lewis 31, J. Erskine 3-25).

July 25: At Castle Avenue. North-West won by one wicket.

Northern C.U. 200-5 (R. Shilliday 51, A. Clement 50).

North-West 201-9 (A. Scott 44, J. Erskine 3-40).

July 25: At Anglesea Road. Leinster won by 40 runs.

Leinster 97 (P. Meehan 33, J. Wolfe 4-22).

Munster 57 (P. O'Reilly 3-5).

July 26: At Cabra. Leinster won by 44 runs.

Leinster 154-8 (P. Aldiss*).

North-West 110 (A. Scott 33, A. Lewis 3-19).

July 26: At Cabra. Northern C.U. won by seven wickets.

Munster 53 (J. Wolfe 27, J. Erskine 5-5).

Northern C.U. 54-3.

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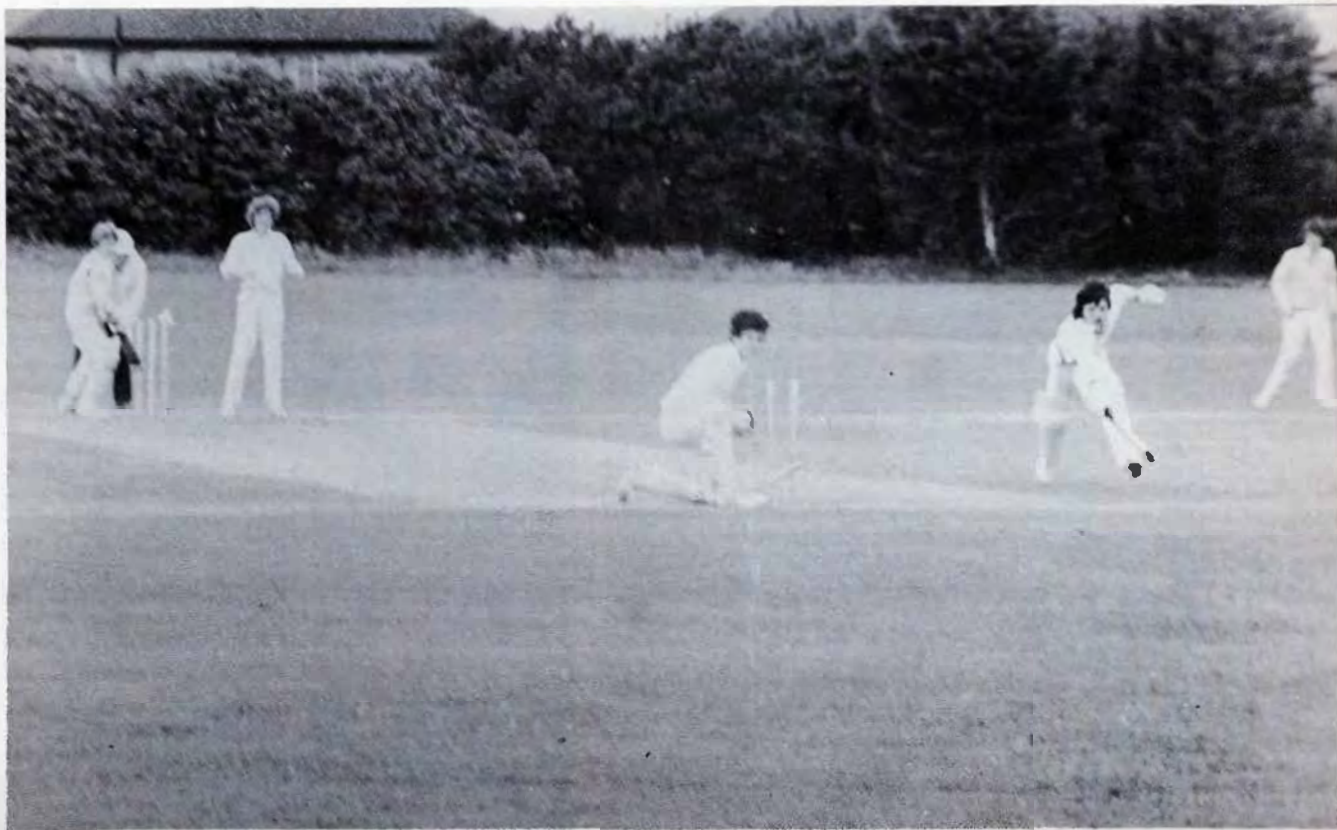
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[From *The Cricketer*, May 1979]

I first met John Arlott at Taunton in 1948. He was already a famous broadcaster, especially for his Test match commentaries. I was a novice. It was not quite my first broadcast, but it was my first about cricket. The match, which took place after the fifth Test of the season, was Somerset against the conquering Australians. John was to do the commentary, naturally, and I was to help him out with a short report for 'Sports in the West' at the close of play. I was also to have an audition for commentary.

When the time came for my audition, John said: 'Would you prefer me to stay here in the box, or would you rather I cleared out?' It was a characteristically thoughtful gesture. I knew at once that he was a kind man. At some point during that match he was required, for what was then known as the General Overseas Service, to broadcast a talk, a little matter of 15 minutes, about how the counties

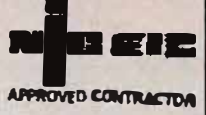


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had been doing in the championship. I was sitting just in front of the box.

A minute or two before he was due to begin, he asked if he could borrow my newspaper, because he wanted to have the current championship table by him, 'as a reminder'. With no other equipment than that championship table, and a stop-watch, he did his 15 minutes, dealing with every county in turn, with never a fluff, never a hesitation that was not deliberate. I realised then that he was an even better broadcaster than his reputation. Indeed, I was somewhat downcast, because I knew I would never be as good as that.

One evening, emboldened by a few pints, I asked him if he thought my audition had been any good. He said, with a smile, 'Aar'rggh'. I spent the train journey back to Plymouth pondering every *nuance* of that 'Aar'rggh'.

Some years ago, Norman Harris wrote a long article about John, I think in *The Sunday Times*, though I cannot be sure since I have lost my copy. It was, as I remember, an entirely laudatory article, apart from a mild suggestion that John might not be a completely authoritative judge of the poetry of Thomas Hardy. It was a good and enjoyable article, giving full recognition to his various merits, but I remember thinking that it missed two of the qualities which had always struck me most about him.

GENEROUS

One was his generosity to young men who were aspiring to the same trade. He would go out of his way to be helpful to us. This was even more generous than it sounds, because the amount of radio commentary available was, even in those

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more spacious days, limited: and, even if a likely newcomer only received a small slice of the cake, there was that little less for the others. The other striking quality has been John's reluctance to speak ill of any of his friends and acquaintances, behind their backs. He can be sharp enough to their faces. But, if you were to say to him, for instance (to take an entirely fictional character) 'I think Boswancock is a bloody man' and, if Boswancock is absent, he will immediately, though tactfully, think of something kind to say about him. I have always thought this quality is a mark of a good man: especially among cricket reporters, a gossip, and occasionally bitchy, lot.

I suppose now I must consider his bad points. It is always difficult to write about an old friend. If you praise him, they say 'the usual backslapping stuff' and, if you are rude about him, they say 'damned disloyal'. I will summon up my courage and do my best to be rude about John. He can be garrulous, but this is often a useful quality in a radio commentator. I remember attempting commentary on the first half-hour once at Southampton. The fast bowlers were on, walking back very slowly to their marks, and four runs were scored, all in singles. It was a painful experience, both for me and for the listeners. John would have sailed through it. Still, I remember also a thoughtful comment from Trevor Bailey, when John was completing his biography of Trueman (an astonishing *tour de force*, done at high speed). Fred was going down to Alresford to stay with John, to survey the manuscript. Trevor, awe-stricken at the prospect, wondered 'Which of them will stop talking first?'

I have heard John called patronising, indeed I might at one time or another have used the word myself. While I do not think it is a just criticism, he does sometimes assume a subservience in his friends which can irritate them. No doubt he drinks too much. This failing, which we have in common, was one of the foundations of our friendship. Besides, what is a wine correspondent expected to do?

I pass to a more serious criticism. I have sometimes thought he lacked what might be called severity in logic. I am not thinking of him now as a cricket commentator, but as a poet, and a kind of politician (he was President of the Young Liberals long before he became — to him, the greatest compliment he has been paid — President of the Cricketers' Association); and also, I suppose the word would be, as philosopher.

Another common ground for our friendship, after cricket and drink, was a belief, not entirely orthodox, in Christian truth. Among the countless radio programmes to which he has contributed was 'Christian Forum', in which I used to take the chair. His faith, I think, wavered after the death of his eldest son in a road accident. How could a loving God permit such a thing to happen? This was a human reaction, but he knew his Christian apologetic, knew that the world was full of such miseries. This is an illustration of what I mean by a lack of severity in logic. So was his insistence thereafter in wearing a black tie almost every day, year after year after year. This went beyond a proper Christian mourning, and became perilously near a pagan rite, like Queen Victoria having Albert's dinner clothes, down to the studs, freshly laid out ever night, for nearly 40 years.

John's hymns, three of which appear in *The BBC Hymn-Book*, are concerned with praying about the weather, an activity with many distinguished precedents,

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but again not a strictly logical one. Another illustration: at the time of the controversy about the proposed 1970 South African tour, he did dither a bit, when many of his colleagues and friends were looking for a strong lead.

But these things are obviously the defects of his qualities, and I have no wish to play the unlikeable part of the candid friend. Let me return to the qualities.

In *Sort of a Cricket Person*, Jim Swanton wrote this, in a discussion of cricket commentators through the years:

All these experienced men have their individual virtues and their particular admirers, but to one cricket owes a special debt, not so much because he happens to have done more talking about the game over the last quarter of a century than anyone else, but because in the post-war years his manner and style attracted a new and wider audience. I mean, of course, John Arlott who managed to weave together as much information about the progress of the game as the average listener wanted along with the fruits of his observation on players, spectators and the scene generally, all laced with humour and put across in an intimate, confidential way and a rich Hampshire accent. The voice evoked the village green and rustic England and leisurely days in the sun.

NAUGHTY AND WITTY

In their first few years together as commentators, John and Jim did not always get on too well. I reveal no secrets in saying this. John wrote some verses about Jim which began

O stately is my manner,
And Swanton is my name,
And in *The Daily Telegraph*
I write about THE GAME.

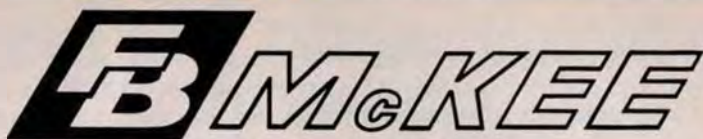
I refrain from quoting the rest of it, partly because I am not sure I can remember it, partly because I do not wish to stir old embers; it was a naughty but witty lampoon. The two men were far too intelligent, and came to respect each other too much, to let a feud develop.

I would add a paragraph to Jim's assessment of John as a radio commentator. Because John had this beguiling gift of words, and an eye for the unusual incident, some austere cricketers tended to think of him as no more than a phrase-maker. His phrase-making was only a secondary attribute. He worked very hard at learning his craft.

THE POET

When he was beginning, just after the war, the Hampshire side used sometimes to grow tired of his incessant questions. 'Yes', he would say, after they had briefly described some new bowler as a 'legger' or a 'seamer', 'yes, but what does he *do*? What is his dangerous ball? Can he flight it?' and so on and on. In this way he acquired, and continues to acquire, a vast amount of knowledge about what goes on in the first-class game. Yet he has always been known among first-class cricketers as a man who does not betray confidences — which is why he receives so many.

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antiques, I am not qualified to write. Arlott the poet was thought one of the brightest prospects of his youthful time, but he did not persevere with it. I have asked him why, and he usually says, with wry, not to say gnostic, shrug: 'The words stopped coming'. I expect he simply had too much to do. Poetry is time-consuming. Despite his staggering capacity for work, he had to make his way in a variety of highly competitive fields, and he had increasingly little opportunity for 'emotion recollected in tranquillity', though he still manages it from time to time in his prose.

DRAWN STUMPS

Has he been a happy man? His life has been scarred by more than one tragedy. I expect he would say — though I have never asked him — that he has had times of intense happiness, such as can only be experienced by one who has had intensely unhappy times. This is an illustration of the truth that the best things are only won through suffering. But, in good times and bad, he has continued to be a source of happiness to a great many.

But let me end on a less solemn note. I have heard it said, of his broadcast commentaries, that he must have 'thought up the jokes beforehand'. He may have done this occasionally, but he does not need to 'think them up'. Once at a Test at Trent Bridge, at the beginning of the day's play, Trevor Bailey began at 11.25 with a statement of the position of the game, and a few minutes later said 'Here come the umpires, wearing their new short coats, looking rather like dentists. Over to John Arlott.' John immediately replied 'It occurs to me, Trevor, that it is rather suitable for the umpires to look like dentists, since one of their duties is to draw stumps'.

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Sunday, May 25:	North Leinster	v.	Ulster Country	Castle Avenue, Dublin
Sunday, May 25:	South Leinster	v.	Ulster Town	Rathmines, Dublin
Monday, May 26:	Ulster Country	v.	Ulster Town	Lisburn
Saturday, May 31:	North West	v.	Munster	Sion Mills
Sunday, June 1:	North Leinster	v.	South Leinster	Phoenix Park
Sunday, June 22:	Ulster Town	v.	North West	Woodvale
Sunday, July 6:	Munster	v.	South Leinster	Mardyke
Sunday, July 6:	North West	v.	North Leinster	Strabane
Saturday, July 12:	Ulster Town	v.	North Leinster	Ormeau
Saturday, July 12:	Ulster Country	v.	Munster	Downpatrick
Monday, July 14:	North West	v.	Ulster Country	Beechgrove, Derry
Sunday, August 10:	North Leinster	v.	Munster	Cabra
Sunday, August 10:	South Leinster	v.	North West	Park Avenue, Dublin
Sunday, August 24:	Ulster Country	v.	South Leinster	Comber
Sunday, August 31:	Munster	v.	Ulster Town	Mardyke

ESSO UNDER-19 CUP 1980 (11 a.m. start)

Friday, July 4:	Ulster Town	v.	Ulster Country	Woodvale
Monday, July 7:	Ulster Country	v.	North West	Ballymena
Wednesday, July 9:	Ulster Country	v.	North Leinster	Portadown
Thursday, July 10:	North West	v.	Ulster Town	Limavady
Thursday, July 10:	South Leinster	v.	Ulster Country	Anglesea Road
Friday, July 11:	Munster	v.	Ulster Country	Mardyke
Wednesday, July 16:	Munster	v.	North Leinster	Mardyke
Thursday, July 17:	South Leinster	v.	North Leinster	Sydney Parade
Monday, July 21:	Ulster Town	v.	South Leinster	Castle Ground
Tuesday, July 22:	North West	v.	South Leinster	Beechgrove, Derry
Tuesday, August 12:	Ulster Town	v.	Munster	Ormeau
Wednesday, August 13:	South Leinster	v.	Munster	Claremont Road
Thursday, August 14:	North Leinster	v.	Ulster Town	Castle Avenue
Tuesday, August 19:	North Leinster	v.	North West	
Wednesday, August 20:	Munster	v.	North West	Mardyke

SMURFIT UNDER-15 CUP 1980 (11 a.m. start)

Tuesday, July 22:	Leinster	v.	North West	Claremont Road
	Munster	v.	Northern C.U.	Park Avenue
Wednesday, July 23:	Leinster	v.	Munster	Terenure
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Women's Cricket

By Barbara Schmidt

1979 saw yet another year of development and expansion for women's cricket in Leinster and throughout Ireland.

A landmark occurred when Isolde Howard stepped down from the position of Honorary Secretary of the Leinster Women's Cricket Union after 43 years on the committee. The occasion was marked by a reception and presentation and by the establishment of the Howard Cup to be awarded annually to the best all-rounder in Leinster.

A great step forward was the establishment of the school girls' competition in which eight schools competed: Alexandra College, High School, Our Lady's Terenure, Rathdown, St. Columba's, Santa Sabina and two teams from King's Hospital, King's Hospital A defeating Alexandra College in the final.

Eleven clubs were affiliated to the LWCU: AIB, Clontarf, King's Hospital, Leinster, Malahide (for the first time), Merrion, Mullingar, Pembroke, Phoenix, Railway Union and Rush. Fourteen teams competed in the two divisions of the League and in the Tyler Cup. Clontarf A won the Division I League with Pembroke runners-up. Clontarf B topped Division II with Malahide runners-up.

John J. Tyler & Sons again sponsored a Cup competition in which Merrion defeated Clontarf off the second last ball of a cliff-hanger final.

Riverside WCC from London visited Dublin in July and defeated North Leinster and South Leinster in limited overs matches but a combined Leinster team defeated Riverside in an all-day match, the first of its kind for Leinster. Riverside 142, Leinster 143 for 6. The main contributors to the score, achieving a century partnership, were A. Stanton and M. Stanton, both of Merrion. R. Hardiman (Merrion), S. Owens (Clontarf) and M. Kenny (Leinster) led the bowling.

Women's cricket has revived in other parts of the country. Phoenix and Leinster played Cork County last season. Athlone and Carlow now have teams and a series of interprovincial matches between Munster, Ulster and Leinster is planned for 1980.

An Irish side has been invited to tour in England in 1981.

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Northern Cricket Union

By Murray Power

'We may look down a long vista of dreary summers ere we find an exact parallel to that last past.' Thus John Lillywhite's *Cricketers' Companion* for 1880 viewed the previous season. The writer's ghost might have similarly bemoaned the weather a century later. Yet for those who braved it there was in 1979 competitive cricket with drama and quality which we had not seen for many a year.

Pre-season speculation again focussed on a newly-arrived professional: Uday Joshi of Gujerat, Sussex, and now Woodvale. In 1978 Woodvale could claim to have replaced Lisburn as principal contenders to topple Waringstown from their long-accustomed throne; it remained to be seen whether the acquisition of a potentially match-winning slow bowler would be enough to close the gap. We also had bonus points in section one for the first time — a maximum of four to be added to the ten for a win — and a new sponsor, giving Ulster its own Benson and Hedges League. All in all quite a trendy image compared to that which had been dusted and put away seven months earlier.

BEGAN QUIETLY

Things began quietly: the first round of the Cup produced no surprises and perhaps the only significant League result in May was North's defeat of Woodvale. The first weekend in June brought warm weather (fleeting) and the first of the excitement which was to last deep into September. The second round of the Cup, on the Saturday, saw North go out to Ballymena from section two, but the greater surprise was Lurgan's summary dismissal — by no less a margin than nine wickets — at the hands of Instonians of section three. Perhaps it was the hot weather, or the coincidence of dates with the local agricultural show which saw the ground in Lurgan Park surrounded by trotting ponies, surly cattle, farmers' daughters and other distractions, but whatever its cause the result drew many a wry chuckle two miles down the road in Waringstown, where a third-round battle with their nearest and least dear had been awaited with relish.

The next day Ulster Town met Ulster Country in a Guinness Cup match of such quality that it would have been a worthy final to any competition. It did full justice to the sunny day and drew a crowd as large as I have seen in fifteen years of the competition. Ulster Country's 3-wicket win came in spite of a superb innings of 80-odd by Ian Johnston which secured him his first Ireland cap. Neither side lost again all season.

JOSHI'S DAY

Six days later all eyes turned to Waringstown, where Woodvale were the visitors. The match was a total triumph for Joshi. Bowling unchanged from one end on a softish pitch, he took eight wickets for less than 40 runs as the villagers

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were tumbled out for 115. Only Ivan Anderson played him with confidence as the Indian used his variations of flight, pace and turn to lethal effect. Woodvale — principally Johnston — knocked off the runs with ease to win by eight wickets. With the third round of the Cup producing wins for Lisburn, Waringstown, Woodvale and Donaghdee of section two, the prospect of another Woodvale versus Waringstown final had begun to whet the appetite. On the last day of June these two duly won their way through.

SCHOOLS

During July Woodvale and North set the pace in the League with a series of impressive wins, whilst Waringstown, although beaten only the once, lagged behind because they had finished less games. Meanwhile the formidable Ulster Schools team suffered the indignity of having a century taken off them by a Leinster Schools player for the first time in living memory (If any reader, living or otherwise, would care to correct me I should be glad to hear from him). The player, need I say, was Mark Cohen and the match, on a real batsman's paradise at Lisburn, ended in an unusually high-scoring draw — 688 runs for 26 wickets in two days!

The serious business of the Challenge Cup final was conducted at Downpatrick on the first weekend of August. The two-day final has its critics, both on grounds of illogicality and, more tellingly, because the side with a lead on the first innings has so often been able to retain its grip by defensive bowling in the second, removing the prospect of excitement in the closing stages. 1979 was to be the year of shattered preconceptions.

The first to go did so at the very outset. Seven of the previous nine finals had been won by the side batting first and on five of those occasions Waringstown had been the side in question. So Woodvale won the toss — and Graham Crothers sent Waringstown in first! A persistent low hum could be heard around the ground all morning: it proved to be the tut-tutting of pundits. But Graham is nothing if not an original thinker (not so much the Mike Brearley of Ulster cricket, more the Tony Greig) and his gamble was that Joshi might repeat his League success. Waringstown however were in more resolute mood and although none of their batsmen was allowed to cut loose they totalled 168 for 9 in their 60 overs, with Anderson, Jim and Deryck Harrison each getting 30 or so. Although

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It was a slowish wicket, this was not a particularly impressive score and Woodvale must have had high hopes of surpassing it.

However, when it comes to putting on the screws Waringstown have few rivals, and they in turn restricted Woodvale to 140, Michael Reith bowling unchanged to take 5 for 75, and only Robert Wills of the frontline batsmen hanging about for long. At the end of the first day the game had the familiar look of most recent finals, but Woodvale were to surprise us all with their resurgence. First Joshi came into his own, taking 7 for 49 as Waringstown faltered and then collapsed. Looking for 200 to sew the match up they were spun out for 151, with only Anderson (53) and Garfield Harrison (30) avoiding the Indian sign. Still, 180 to win looked a lot for Woodvale in the fourth innings.

Their start was disastrous. At 40 for 4 most of their supporters adjourned to the bar, and although Wills again played well, reaching 43 for the second time in the match. At 100 for 6 their cause seemed hopeless, with 80 needed at six an over and all the main batsmen gone. That man Joshi, however, had other ideas, choosing this moment to reveal unsuspected batting talent. The score began to mount at six, seven or eight runs an over as he stroked all the bowlers around the field with rare freedom. Woodvale supporters emerged into the light again (or at least stared rapt through the bar windows) as the impossible began to happen. Over after over the runs flowed. Waringstown began to look worried and ragged in the field. Crothers and then David Houston lent sterling support, and when Joshi was out for 41 Houston took on his mantle. At the start of the final over it was Woodvale, on 177 for 8, who had the Cup within their grasp.

CRUCIAL OVER

Who would bowl this crucial over? The Waringstown captain — that doughty warrior of 25 seasons Roy Harrison (surely the Brian Close of N.C.U. cricket: competitiveness personified) — had no doubts: he would shoulder this onerous task himself. A single off the first ball — two to win. Then disaster: backing up enthusiastically, Houston stumbled and was run out by the return — 178 for 9, and Ian Carroll, now in strike, bore a lonely responsibility. The hushed crowd stood motionless as the next ball — perfect length — was pushed back defensively — no chance of a run. Harrison bowled again — well up — a yorker — a stump fell back and the crowd erupted. Waringstown had won by *one run*. The pitch was invaded (naïve TV habit, this) and Roy Harrison chaired from the field by delirious supporters; but nobody complained when Uday Joshi was man of the match — he had so nearly made the impossible a reality.

GAP CLOSED

After this the rest of the season should have been an anti-climax. Woodvale and North continued to set the League pace while Waringstown tried hard to close the gap. Instead they lost to the bottom club, Donacloney, and put themselves under greater pressure. Near the end of August they had to win four more hard matches or yield their League title. The September weather for once was clement and gradually the gap began to close. Waringstown beat North twice to extinguish their challenge, but Woodvale remained. The final confrontation was at Ballygomartin Road on 29th September — the last possible

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Saturday of the season. Joshi had had to return to India on the expiry of his contract, so it was like Hamlet without the Prince. A large crowd saw Woodvale shot for under 100 and Waringstown methodically compile the runs which would give them the League title. As the scores drew level the sound of breaking glass was heard from the pavilion. Was it a six into the bar? No, just a small brawl on the balcony (Is this what comes of playing so deep into the soccer season?). The final over was a treat: Graham Crothers came on to bowl to Roy Harrison with the scores level, and Roy, after studiously stopping the first four balls, hit the fifth into the crowd long on. Their tactical duel was finally resolved: Waringstown had done the double again—just!

DINNER

At the N.C.U. dinner a fortnight later a huge company of over 200 cricketers from almost every club rose in a spontaneous standing ovation as Gordon Ormsby was given a presentation to mark his 21 years as secretary of the Union; a splendid record of conscientious service to a Union which has changed greatly since the days of Willie Andrews and Jimmy Picken in the 1950s. We all hope that, now he has been given the key to the door, Gordon will remain with the N.C.U. for many more years. The other standing ovation that evening was less predictable. Waringstown's numerous successes since 1965 had earned them great respect, but not always the same affection (Yorkshire in the 1960s had the same problem!), but the degree to which their struggle against all the meteorological odds of September had captured the cricketing imagination was apparent as Roy Harrison came forward to receive the League trophy. The club's triumph of character, for once coming from behind, was most warmly applauded.

What, then, of 1980? There is much talk of more overseas professionals — welcome variety — and of financial offers being made to local players to induce them to change clubs — a more dubious development. The 1970s were the decade of Waringstown versus the rest; will the 1980s be the decade of the £20 note in the boot? I hope not, but whatever happens it will be worth watching.

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Waringstown	14	12	2	23	143
Woodvale	14	11	3	26	136
North of Ireland.....	14	10	4	28	128
Downpatrick.....	14	7	7	21	91
Bangor.....	14	6	8	22	82
Lisburn.....	14	5	9	21	71
Lurgan.....	14	3	11	15	45
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Munster Cricket, 1979

By Christopher Fellowes

It was a generally disappointing season for cricket in Munster. The Senior League was won by Harlequins, and the Senior Cup by Wanderers. Some of the 1978 under 15s made their mark in both competitions, particularly Derek Ryan, John Wolfe and Brian O'Flynn.

The Senior League was not completed due to Limerick's inability to find a suitable home ground, but this did not prevent the league being decided in the final match of the competition. Harlequins needed only a draw against Wanderers, who needed to win to take the title. In the end it was Harlequins who got the result they wanted in an exciting game that was curtailed due to bad light. Outstanding for Harlequins throughout the season was Leo Durity who won the batting cup with an average of 55.00. Only two players completed centuries during the season. Pat Dineen scored 102 against Limerick and John Wolfe scored 110 not out for Church of Ireland against Wanderers. Frank Creedon (Bohemians) collected the bowling cup by taking 27 wickets for 12.78 runs each. No other bowler took more than 18 wickets which makes Frank Creedon's analysis outstanding.

The Senior Cup was won by Wanderers when they defeated Church of Ireland in the final. On the way to the final Wanderers disposed of Limerick and the 1978 winners, Harlequins. Church of Ireland benefited from a bye in the first round and defeated Waterford in the semi-final. The man of the match award in the final was given to Brian O'Flynn for his excellent fielding and tidy bowling.

1980 will see a change in the Munster scene with the Senior League being abandoned due to the withdrawal of Limerick. In its place will be a league for all the Cork clubs, and one round competition. The Senior Cup will remain as it is.

Leinster Cricket 1979

By J. Dawson (Hon. Secretary)

The 1979 season saw Phoenix once again emerge as the most successful club in the senior competitions. In the early part of the season they repeated their success in the Tyler League when finishing ahead of Railway Union and Carlisle who won the awards for the minor placings. The John Player Cup which they had won for the four previous seasons was their next target. A bye in the first round was followed by a home game against Clontarf. After a very exciting and nail biting match Phoenix won their way into the semi-finals where they were paired against Malahide with again having ground advantage in their favour. Chasing a target of 225 runs, Phoenix were in trouble early on and with six overs left required 48 runs for victory. A whirlwind innings by B. Freer came to their rescue and they reached



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their target with an over and a half to spare. Meanwhile, in the other half of the draw, Carlisle, under the guidance of professional player coach from Australia, Doug Gott, were winning their way through to a first appearance in the final.

The final this year took place at Railway Union's ground as part of their 75th anniversary celebrations and in fine sunny weather Phoenix were put in to bat by Rodney Molins, the Carlisle captain. At the lunch break this move seemed to be justified when Phoenix were 106 for 2 with more than half their allotted 60 overs completed. In the after lunch period however, a sparkling innings of 132 by man-of-the-match, Gerry Murphy laid the foundations for a huge total of 295 being set by Phoenix for their opponents. Carlisle like their opponents got off to a slow start but unfortunately never recovered and eventually were 98 runs short of their target when their overs ran out. Phoenix thus won a very exciting and entertaining Cup competition for a record fifth successive time.

The personal achievement of Rod Young, their opening bowler who was appearing in his eight consecutive final (5 with Phoenix and 3 with Pembroke) will stand in our records for a long time I feel. Rod in fact is only playing cricket in the province for eight years so he would appear to be a lucky omen as far as cups are concerned.

The last competition of the season, the Wiggins Teape League, was also a very exciting one in 1979. Phoenix and Clontarf were neck and neck up to their last scheduled matches. Phoenix's last game against Railway Union fell victim of the weather thus leaving the way open for Clontarf to achieve outright victory if they beat Leinster in their last match. Before a huge crowd in Castle Avenue they gave their supporters many anxious moments before Fergus Carroll and P. Hughes shared a match-winning stand which gave them the league title for the second successive year. Phoenix had to be satisfied with the runners-up spot thus ending a very successful year for the club.

The Alan Murray mid-week 20 overs competition was won by Leinster who proved too strong for Railway Union in the final.

The individual batting and bowling awards were again keenly contested for during the season. The Marchant Cup for batting was won by international opening bat Jack Short (Leinster) whilst the O'Grady Cup for bowling and the Samuels Cup for best all rounder were won by the Carlisle professional player coach Doug Gott who proved a worthy successor to Julian Weiner to whom we send our congratulations on his selection to the Australian Test team. G. Murphy (Phoenix) was the provinces most successful wicket-keeper and was the recipient of the Hopkins Cup for his endeavours. The performances of Mark Cohen (Carlisle) during the 1979 season are worthy of mention. Mark had the distinction of scoring centuries in schools, club schoolboy and adult competitions in a period of four weeks. These and his consistent batting throughout the season earned him a certificate of merit in the Levi Strauss National Youth award scheme. The Unions coaching scheme continued to provide a sound basis for schoolboy and adult players during 1979. An intensive coaching course in batting and bowling for selected under-15 boys was run by Noel Mahony and Denzil Tipping on twelve Monday nights for two hours each night in the Belvedere College indoor complex. The assistance received from our senior and international players in running the course proved very successful and encouraged the participating boys to try and

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emulate, in time, the achievements of these players. The success of the Leinster under-15 team in winning the first national competition for the Smurfit Trophy at this level in 1979 was a very satisfactory victory for the coaches and their pupils.

The completion of an N.C.A. schoolteachers course and a refresher for N.C.A. coaches were also undertaken.

Another first in 1979 was the one day 'Grounds Preparation Seminar' given by Mr. Peter Dury of Nottingham County C.C. in March. The hard work which is necessary to provide first-class pitches was fully emphasised at this seminar and the large attendance from clubs and schools fully appreciated Mr. Dury's well illustrated lectures.

The continuing expansion of the games in the province at both adult and schoolboy level is an encouragement to the Union. For 1980 we welcome North Kildare and Bray Cricket Clubs back into our competitions and thus we hope set the trend for further expansion to non-cricketing areas in future years.

The Tyter Senior League

		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i> (12)	<i>Drawn</i> (4)	<i>Drawn</i> (3)	<i>Drawn</i> (2½)	<i>Drawn</i> (1)	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Bonus</i> <i>Points</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>Points</i>	<i>Prize</i>
Phoenix	(1)	10	8	—	—	—	1	1	45	142	£500
Railway Union	(7)	10	6	1	—	—	—	3	35	111	£150
Carlisle	(6)	10	4	1	1	1	1	2	36	94½	£100
Dub. University	(9)	10	4	2	—	—	1	3	37	94	—
Clontarf	(2)	10	3	4	—	1	—	2	32	86½	—
Merrion	(5)	10	3	2	—	1	—	4	37	83½	—
Leinster	(8)	10	2	2	—	—	2	4	37	71	—
Pembroke	(9)	10	2	—	2	—	2	4	34	66	—
Malahide	(3)	10	2	—	1	—	2	5	30	59	—
Y.M.C.A.	(11)	10	2	1	—	—	2	5	27	57	—
Old Belvedere	(4)	10	1	1	—	1	3	4	27	48½	—

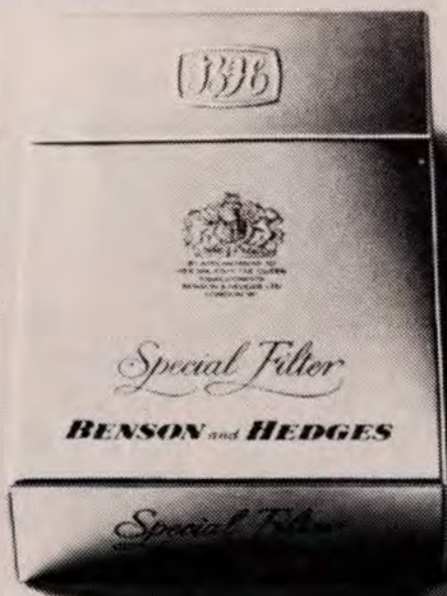
Figures in brackets denote final positions in 1978.

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		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i> (10)	<i>No Result</i> (2)	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Prize</i>
Clontarf	(1)	9	8	—	1	80	£400
Phoenix	(2)	9	7	1	1	72	£250
Old Belvedere	(2)	9	6	—	3	60	£200
Carlisle	(4)	9	5	—	4	50	£125
Leinster	(5)	9	4	1	4	42	£100
Malahide	(5)	9	4	—	5	40	£83
Merrion	(8)	9	4	—	5	40	£83
Railway Union	(8)	9	2	2	5	24	£60
Y.M.C.A.	(7)	9	2	1	6	22	—
Pembroke	(10)	9	—	1	8	2	—

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The North West, 1979

By D. W. Todd

The 1979 season was one of the coldest and wettest we experienced for many years. Seldom had we the sun on our backs and hard fast wickets; usually sawdust was in demand by the bowlers. Nevertheless, a surprising amount of cricket was played, all the competitions being completed on schedule. The Senior Cup, which has been up to 1979 an unlimited overs competition, produced a few games which dragged on long into the following week mainly on account of the number of overs bowled. For example, in the first round Strabane bowled 127 overs whilst Coleraine batted the entire Saturday. In the final it looked as if Brigade were in a strong position after the second day; they had scored 300 in the first innings with a brilliant 78 by Clarke Nicholl and a solid 92 by Gerald McCarter and had Sion Mills at 144 for 8 at the end of the second day. A placid wicket on the third day caused no problems in allowing Sion to avoid the follow-on but then dried out so that Raymond Moan became almost unplayable. Brigade scored only 69 which left Sion 170 to win which they did thanks to an outstanding unbeaten century by Thomas Harpur. Donemana, after an uncertain start, won the senior league and also, in atrocious conditions in late September, the Faughan Valley Cup, the senior mid-week knock-out competition.

At representative level our Guinness Cup side, under-19 XI and under-15 XI all broke more or less even. Outstanding contributions came from Clarke Nicholl with 160 against South Leinster at Sion Mills. This is the highest score achieved in a Guinness Cup game and, according to those who were fortunate enough to witness it, a memorable innings. His partnership with Raymond Moan (88 not out) was also a record. Other feats worthy of note were the unbeaten opening stand of 108 by Colin Jeffrey and Ian Anthony for the under-19 XI in their win over South Leinster and in the same game Brian Coyle had the remarkable bowling analysis of 12 overs, 10 maidens, 1 wicket for 2 runs.

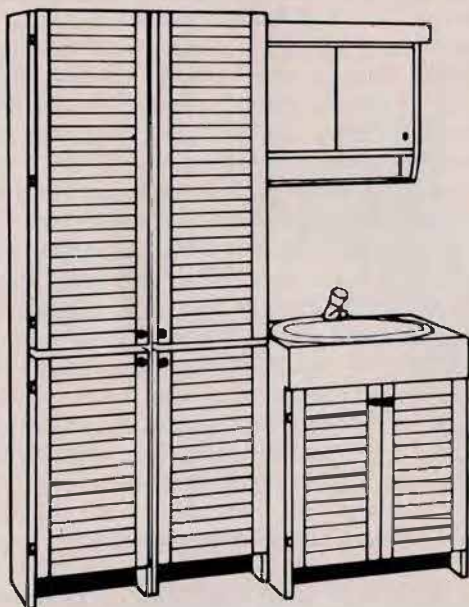
TOUR TO CANADA

We were all pleased and proud to have four young men from the North West on the under-19 tour to Canada — Ivan McMichael, Richard Hunter, Colin Jeffrey and Paul Wallace — and that they were members of a party which not only acquitted themselves so well on the playing field but also attracted so much favourable mention for the way they handled themselves off the field. These are only four of quite a significant number of potentially good young players spread around several clubs at the moment. One is tempted to speculate that we are already seeing some return on our first coaching course in 1977.

Another such course was held in the spring of 1979 and this time we had successes including two advanced passes for Ken Mawhinney and William Wilson, who, we hope, will be accepted for Lilleshall next autumn. We need another couple of advanced coaches to supplement the good work being done in his own club and in other clubs by Billy McSparron.

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END OF AN ERA

1979 also saw the end of an era in that Ossie Colhoun, after 20 years (1959-1979) and 87 matches for Ireland, decided to retire from the international scene. Throughout that time his place was never seriously challenged. Tribute has been paid to his achievements and the North West Union will be holding a dinner in the spring of 1980 to mark his contribution to Irish cricket.

For the second year in succession we staged an Irish international match, this time against Sri Lanka in early July. Like the MCC game in 1978 it was somewhat spoiled by the weather but once again the Eglinton Club and the Union showed that their resources can rise to the occasion and once again the Northern Ireland Sports Council made a worthwhile reception possible at Michael Nicholson's home — 'Fort Nicholson' as it is now affectionately known in Irish cricketing circles! We are very grateful to Michael Nicholson, the Sports Council and the various sponsors of the game, in particular B.P. for providing a reception and meal for the official party.

Finally, I would say a word of thanks to the Guinness, Esso and Smurfit companies for their sponsorship of the three all-Ireland competitions and especially to Harris Marrian for their sponsorship of the game in Ulster out of which North West clubs claim their fair share. At least that's how we see it!

North West Final League Tables — Senior A

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>%</i>
Donemana	13	10	3	0	76.9
Sion Mills	11	7	4	0	63.6
St. Johnston	13	7	5	1	55.7
Brigade	12	5	5	2	50.0
Limavady	13	6	7	0	46.1
Eglinton	13	5	8	0	38.4
Strabane	12	4	7	1	35.4
Ballyspallen	13	3	8	2	28.8

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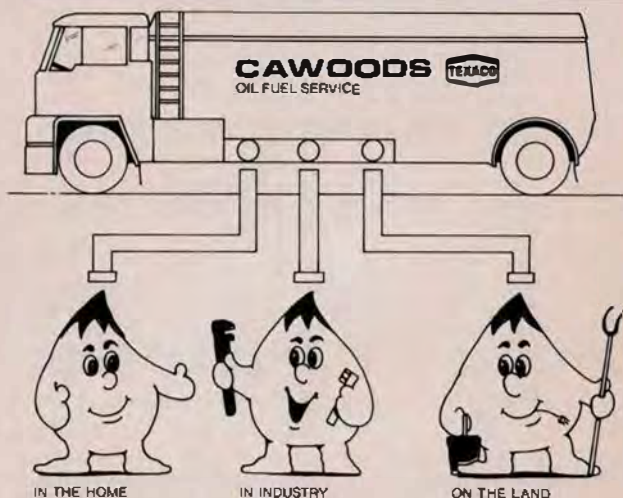
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MOST IN INNINGS (5):

C. R. Cuffe (ct 2, st 3) v. Australians at College Park, Dublin, 1938.

O. D. Colhoun (ct 4, st 1) v. Pakistan International Airways at Sydney Parade, Dublin, 1969.

MOST IN A MATCH (7):

O. D. Colhoun (all caught, 3+) v. M.C.C. at Castle Avenue, Dublin, 1964.

MOST IN A SEASON:

O. D. Colhoun, 23 in 1971 in six matches (20+3).

MOST IN A CAREER:

O. D. Colhoun, 190 in 87 matches (1959-79), 148+42. Colhoun played 87 out of a possible 88 matches before retiring in mid 1979. His one "miss" was in 1961.

RUNS FOR IRELAND

MOST RUNS IN A SEASON:

	M.	I.	N.O.	H.	R.	A.
J. F. Short (1979).....	7	14	2	83	490	40.83

MOST RUNS IN A CAREER:

	M.	I.	N.O.	H.	R.	A.
I. J. Anderson (1966-79).....	60	106	20	198*	2,902	33.74

MOST CENTURIES IN A SEASON:

Two by I. J. Anderson in the same match v. Scotland at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow, 1976 (147 and 103*).

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The Tormentor of Daisy Hill

Bill Allen meets a bowling legend

[From *The Cricketer*, June 1979]

The slight, almost boyish, figure remains the same. The familiar peaked cap is pulled down tightly over the forehead and the neat, buttoned-down sleeves still help to disguise that distinctive wheeling action and almost imperceptible flick of the fingers. This is Sonny Ramahdin, nearly 30 years on from his greatest triumph of 1950 when, as a unknown spinner, he formed one half of the famous Valentine-Ramahdin double act which destroyed the flower of England's batting. In that four-match Test series they shared 59 wickets as the brilliant West Indies swept all before them.

But the venue now is not the imposing Lord's, or Sabina Park or Adelaide Oval. It is St. James' Street, Daisy Hill, in Lancashire, a sloping village green ground where the ball has a disturbing habit of losing itself when anyone has the temerity to hit the revered spinner for six. Ramahdin, tormentor of England, is now 49 but no one in the Bolton Association would use his own money to back against Sonny repeating his annual haul of 100 or more league wickets. He has been doing it for so long in so many north-country leagues that there is a certain inevitability about his passing that milestone yet again.

Ramahdin began league cricket at Crompton in the Central Lancashire League in the early 1950s — he met his wife June there — and has played as a club professional most seasons either side of a brief county flirtation with Lancashire in 1964 and 1965. His strategy is simple: he spends a couple of

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seasons in one league, then moves on before discerning, and sometimes quite talented, amateurs can discover a significant clue in the wily spinner's technique.

WICKETS BY THE HUNDRED

Some believe they have found it — could the batsman, seeing the ball briefly changing hands just before the bowler turns back into a nimble seven-step delivery, distinguish the leg-break from the stock off-break? Protracted examination gives some credence to this original theory but Ramadhin himself insists there is no tell-tale sign.

By thus restricting his exposure, Ramadhin has apparently insured himself against 'discovery', guaranteeing his prolonged success in a variety of competitions including the Central Lancs, North-Staffs, Saddleworth, Bolton League and presently the Bolton Association where last season he helped Daisy Hill to the championship. Ramadhin's haul of 122 wickets followed a record 136 and 132 gained in the two preceding summers at Delph in the Pennine league around Saddleworth.

Sonny Ramadhin, born at Esperance Village, Trinidad, on May 1, 1930, was very much the mystery bowler when, as virtually untried and unknown, he won selection for the West Indies tour of England. Twelve wickets in two trial



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	M.	I.B.	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Most Wickets in a Season: J. D. Monteath (1971).....	5	10	204.1	88	393	47	8.36
Most Wickets in a Career: J. C. Boucher (1929-54).....	60	99	1,597.1	371	4,684	307	15.25

Best Bowling in Innings (11-a-side matches only):

F. Fee, 9 for 26, v. Scotland, at College Park, Dublin, 1957.

(A. Samuels took nine for an unknown number of runs v. I Zingari at Phoenix C.C., Dublin, 1859.
The innings total was 92).

Most Wickets in a Match (11-a-side only):

S. S. J. Huey, 14 for 97 (6-49 and 8-48) v. M.C.C. at College Park, Dublin, 1954.

F. Fee, 14 for 100 (7-56 and 7-44) v. M.C.C. at College Park, Dublin, 1956.

THE ONLY HAT-TRICK FOR IRELAND:

T. H. Hanna v. I. Zingari at Phoenix C.C., Dublin, 1877. A fast underarm bowler. This was his debut.
Ireland won by 23 runs following this hat-trick.

matches immediately before selection represented his entire first-class career record but during the next five months he was to supplement that modest statistic with 135 more wickets and a reputation as a world-class spinner.

His finger spin perplexed almost every batsman who encountered him and, as the problems he posed remained unsolved, so his reputation preceded him. Only the best of technicians, prepared to use quick footwork to counter the varied spin and subtleties of pace achieved anything like a solution and more ordinary mortals were almost invariably early victims of their self-doubts about this 'bogeyman'.

Ramadhin often bowled with three short-legs, one of whom was slightly deeper, but his main target of attack was the stumps. Off-breaks, pitched outside the line of the wickets on a 'turner', and a quicker ball pushed through with a flatter action were his chief weapons. The 'legger', bowled principally with the middle and third finger, usually accounted for more ambitious batsmen lured from the relative safety of their crease.

His 26 Test wickets, at a little over 23 runs each, helped the West Indies to win three of the four games and his tour return of 109 wickets at less than 13 runs each *against the counties* underlined his complete mastery over anyone but the most accomplished batsman. The diminutive Ramadhin — he stands less than 5 feet 5 inches — enjoyed almost unbroken success during the next seven years until that Edgbaston Test of 1957 when, in a record stand of 411, Peter May and Colin Cowdrey employed the regrettable bat-pad counter to Ramadhin with such devastating effect that the repercussions were far-reaching.

The spell was broken — 'For me it was a killer', says a reflective Ramadhin today — and the spin wizard was never so effective again. Second innings figures of two for 179 were the prelude to only spasmodic appearances until the Test tour to Australia in 1960-61 when, in an atmosphere of heady elation for the popular touring team, the disillusioned Ramadhin slipped into comparative oblivion. His Test career had brought him 158 wickets in 43 Tests at an average of 28.96.

NEARING HIS HALF CENTURY

As one era ended another was resurrected. Ramadhin returned to the leagues and quickly convinced Lancashire officials of his worth with 117 wickets at 5.72 for Radcliffe in the Central Lancs League. He had two more seasons with the county and several more with Lincolnshire in the Minor Counties while retaining his weekend 'job' in the leagues.

Today he mixes Saturday and Sunday cricket with a domestic life as 'mine host' of a country pub nestling in a picturesque part of the hilly Lancashire-Yorkshire border. At 49, he quite properly refuses to exert himself in the field and, although he still feels 'the odd twinge' in his shoulder, it is a handicap he accepts philosophically.

'Once or twice I have thought about quitting but then I get 100 wickets and think I will carry on for another season. I still get them with straight balls, although it seems all my life batsmen have got themselves out by expecting the ball to do something it hasn't.'

Bill Allen is cricket writer of the *Bolton Evening News* and a fellow league player of Ramadhin.

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