

Phoenix v Clontarf 18/06/11

Your correspondent was greeted with the pleasant sight of the scorers' table already set up when he arrived at Phoenix and got a further treat when the visiting scorer proffered a latte. The selectors had obviously pondered their options and player availability during the week and Williamson, Vaidyanathan, Savage and Raza were replaced by Rory Flanagan, Wardell, Thomas Anders and Cavanagh. The Phoenix team was: Captain Dickeson, Coach Bray, David Langford-Smith (the illustrious hyphen), Conor Kelly, Ryan Gallagher, Rory Flanagan, Thomas Anders, Osama Khan, M D Masud Ahmed, Jonathan Wardell, Chris Cavanagh. Phoenix won the toss and inserted the visitors.

Phoenix opted for the big Scot to partner the illustrious hyphen with the new ball and in the 6th over Bill Coghlan mistimed a shot to midwicket which Khan held at the fourth attempt. After 4 overs from Cavanagh he was replaced by Khan and Conor Kelly soon replaced the team's talisman at the other end. Kelly was a bit more expensive than usual whereas Khan's first spell fared better at a tad under 3 runs an over but Cusack and Hokin were hanging in comfortably. Flanagan and Gallagher came on just before lunch and bowled through overs 27 to 41 but neither took a wicket and it was the illustrious hyphen's second spell of three overs which removed Cusack for 89 and Poynter for 1. At this point Phoenix may still have been optimistic that the visitors could be kept between 270 and 280 but unfortunately Darcy and Hokin kept the accelerator pressed. Masud Ahmed cost a run a ball and Kelly's second spell marginally exceeded that while Khan's last two overs dented his analysis badly with 25 runs. Kelly managed to dismiss Hokin for 119 while Darcy fell to the illustrious hyphen for 54 leaving Morrissey and Eoghan Delany undefeated on 10 and 17 respectively as the innings closed on 326 for 5.

Having left the field injured after 20 overs Coach Bray's innings had to be deferred until later on and Phoenix opened with Flanagan (rested after his holiday) and the in form Gallagher. As the stand developed Flanagan took more of the strike and scored more freely than Gallagher but the overall effect was a solid response to the challenge facing Phoenix. The opening bowlers Morrissey and Amir Anwar were rested and it was N. Delany who made the first inroad for Clontarf when what the umpire later described as a good ball saw Flanagan out lbw for 49. Kelly and Gallagher progressed satisfactorily against Hokin and Delany but the introduction of Poynter for the 28th over saw Gallagher stumped off a wide for 39 – possibly the first Phoenix batsman to suffer this fate since David Ford against Lurgan in July 2006. At 128 for 2 at tea Phoenix needed 199 runs to win from 186 balls with eight wickets in hand. Captain Dickeson could only manage a single but Kelly and Anders looked solid enough until Kelly was caught at long off for 49. The illustrious hyphen had yet to face a ball when rain stopped play. After a few false starts about one hour later it was decided that no further play would be possible and having fallen a little behind on the Duckworth Lewis calculation Phoenix were deemed to have been beaten.

Clontarf Batting: Rod Hokin 119 Alex Cusack 89

Phoenix Bowling: the illustrious hyphen 12-1-53-3

Phoenix Batting: R Flanagan 49 C Kelly 49 R Gallagher 39

Phoenix Groundsman: Colm Byrne's track produced 501 runs for 9 wickets in 99.4 overs

1-Innings Match Played At Phoenix Park, 18-Jun-2011, LHW Leinster Senior Cup

Clontarf 1 Win by 22 runs

Umpires	McGeehan / Dutt
Comment	Clontarf won by 22 runs (D/L)

Clontarf 1 1st Innings 5/326 Closed (Overs 60)

Batsman	Fieldsman	Bowler	Runs	BIs	4s	6s
A Cusack	c D Langford-Smith	b D Langford-Smith	89	143	12	0
B Coghlan*	c O Khan	b C Cavanagh	10	12	2	0
R Hokin	c D Langford-Smith	b C Kelly	119	146	11	2
A Poynter	lbw	b D Langford-Smith	1	5	0	0
A D'Arcy+		b D Langford-Smith	54	38	5	2
J Morrissey	not out		10	5	0	1
E Delany	not out		17	11	1	1
MA Anwar	dnb		-			
J Coghlan	dnb		-			
N Delany	dnb		-			
Richard Forrest	dnb		-			
extras		(b9 lb7 w10 nb0)	26			
TOTAL		5 wickets for	326			

FOW

1-25(A Cusack) 2-206(B Coghlan) 3-210(R Hokin) 4-291(A Poynter) 5-300(A D'Arcy)

Bowler	O	M	R	W	wd	nb
D Langford-Smith	12	1	53	3	5	-
C Cavanagh	4	0	24	1	-	-
O Khan	11	2	50	0	4	-
C Kelly	12	1	76	1	-	-
R Flanagan	8	0	35	0	1	-
R Gallagher	7	0	36	0	-	-
M Ahmed	5	0	28	0	-	-
T Anders	1	0	8	0	-	-

Phoenix 1 1st Innings 4/175 Closed (Overs 39.4)

Batsman	Fieldsman	Bowler	Runs	BIs	4s	6s
R Flanagan	lbw	b N Delany	49	67	8	0
R Gallagher	st A D'Arcy	b A Poynter	39	77	5	0
C Kelly	c B Coghlan	b A Poynter	49	53	4	1
C Dickeson	c A Poynter	b A Poynter	1	10	0	0
T Anders	not out		15	31	2	0
D Langford-Smith	not out		0	0	0	0
J Wardell	dnb		-			
J Bray	dnb		-			
M Ahmed	dnb		-			
C Cavanagh	dnb		-			
O Khan	dnb		-			
extras		(b7 lb5 w10 nb0)	22			
TOTAL		4 wickets for	175			

FOW

1-81(R Flanagan) 2-123(R Gallagher) 3-140(C Kelly) 4-175(C Dickeson)

Bowler	O	M	R	W	wd	nb
J Morrissey	9	1	26	0	1	-
MA Anwar	6	0	32	0	2	-
N Delany	7	0	28	1	3	-
R Hokin	6	0	29	0	-	-
A Poynter	6.4	0	31	3	2	-
A Cusack	5	0	17	0	2	-