

LEINSTER SENIOR CUP FINAL

WON BY MERRION

Curley Carries His Bat

Merrion won the Leinster Senior Cup for the second time, beating Clontarf by four wickets at Castle Avenue in a final spread over many days. Clontarf, on their own ground and winning the toss, let the initiative slip: Bernstein bowled superbly and, well supported in the field, reduced them to 56 for five before the weather closed in.

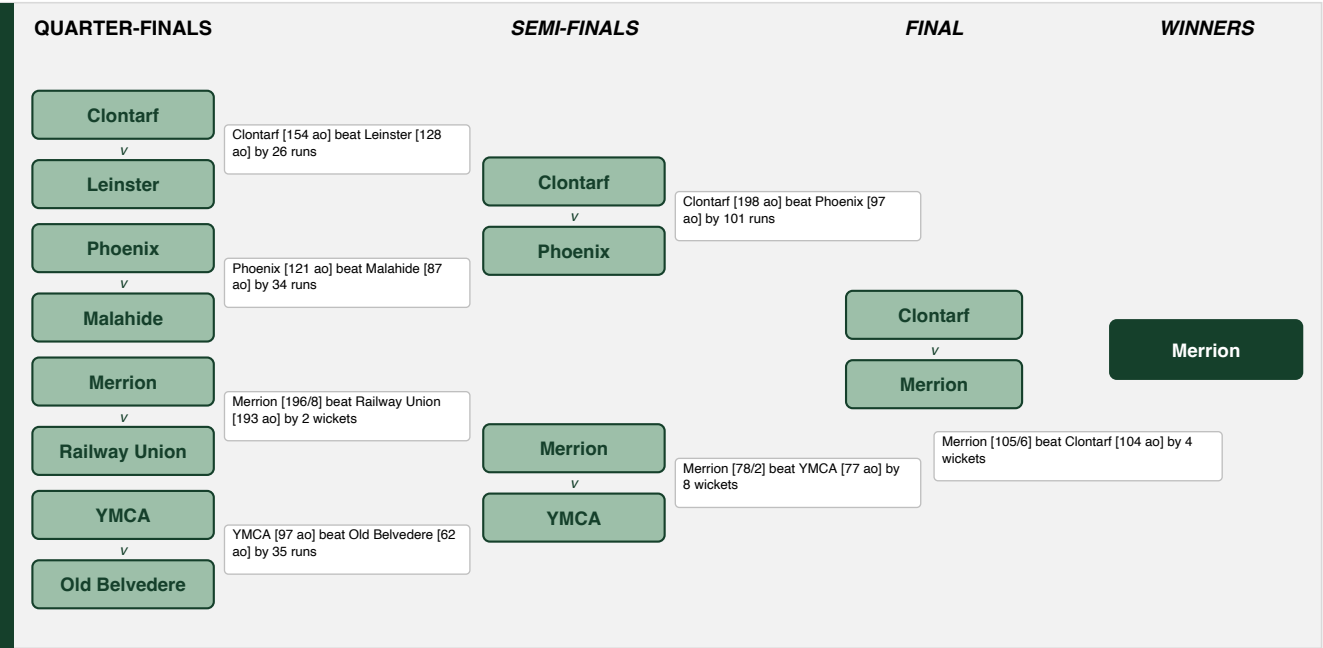
Clontarf could not recover. They crept to 99 for eight — O’Sullivan taking two hours over his 20 — and were all out for 104, Bernstein finishing with seven for 41 and the slow bowler Murdoch taking three. Dorgan held two fine slip catches.

Set 105, Merrion began badly. Bodell took three wickets in four overs and, with the score on 25 for four after Hughes had bowled Brendan Curley with a full toss, the holders looked in real trouble.

Simon Curley, the captain, then held the innings together, carrying his bat for an undefeated 48 with five boundaries; his fifth-wicket stand of 48 with Bernstein (17) was decisive. Burke helped add the closing runs, and Murdoch struck the winning hit to bring Merrion home with four wickets in hand.

The 1960 Campaign

Ten clubs took part, the rounds spread from May to July. Merrion beat Pembroke and Old Belvedere beat Dublin University in the first round, the other six clubs having byes to the second round. From there Clontarf and Merrion advanced to the final, Clontarf’s 101-run semi-final win over Phoenix the most decisive of the later rounds.



Cup Final Scorecard

Castle Avenue — 15th to 22nd July 1960

CLONTARF — 104 all out

Batsman	How Out	R
L. C. Jacobson	c Dorgan b Bernstein	34
G. M. Carroll	lbw b Bernstein	6
D. A. Sweeney	c Dorgan b Bernstein	10
S. B. McMullen	b Bernstein	0
D. M. O'Sullivan	b Bernstein	20
A. W. D. Spence	c Hopkins b Bernstein	0
E. H. Bodell	b Murdoch	14
V. F. Savino	lbw b Murdoch	4
J. A. Bell	c Hayden b Murdoch	7
L. P. Hughes	c Hopkins b Bernstein	0
R. W. Buckley	not out	0
Extras		9
Total (all out)		104

Merrion bowling: Bernstein 7–41; Willis 0–29; Hayden 0–11; Murdoch 3–14.

MERRION — 105 for 6

Batsman	How Out	R
D. J. Dorgan	b Bodell	8
D. J. Parkinson	b Bodell	5
J. K. Hopkins	b Bodell	0
B. C. Curley	b Hughes	5
S. A. Curley	not out	48
R. E. Bernstein	c Bell b Bodell	17
T. J. Burke	b Bodell	6
G. Murdoch	not out	4
Extras		12
Total (6 wkts)		105

Did not bat: D. Williams, P. Willis, D. Hayden.

Clontarf bowling: Bodell 5–36; Hughes 1–42; Savino 0–3; Carroll 0–12.

Result: Merrion [105/6] beat Clontarf [104 ao] by 4 wickets

Merrion First XI — Cup Winners



*Back row: Willis, Dorgan, Hayden, Hopkins, Murdoch, D. Williams
Front row: Bernstein, Parkinson, S. Curley, Burke, B. Curley*