

DON GERAGHTY RIP 2018

Don's senior cricket career began with Leinster CC in 1961 when he made his debut against Phoenix CC. Uniquely, this was a 2 day 2 innings league fixture played only between Leinster and Phoenix over Bank Holiday weekends starting on Saturday and continuing on the Monday. Overall, between 1961 and 1965 Don played 41 senior games for Leinster taking 53 wickets at a cost of 974 runs. He bagged 3 five wicket hauls with a best bowling analysis of 6 for 25 against Pembroke in 1964. He was a member of the Leinster team which won the Senior League in 1963. Although Don's main strength was as a bowler his top senior batting score was 48 made on his debut in 1961.

Don also played 3 senior games for Clontarf CC between 1972 and 1975 and 1 senior game for Malahide CC in 1989.



MATT DWYER XI 2011

MALAHIDE CC 150th YEAR COMMEMORATION MATCH v. MALAHIDE CC XI

b/r: Martin Russell (umpire), Andrew Poynter, Howard McDonnell, Mark Dwyer, Adi Birrell, Alan Lewis, Saadat Gul, Don Geraghty (umpire)

f/r: Barry Archer, Michael O'Herlihy, Norman Adams (President Malahide CC), Matt Dwyer, Dick Forrest

Don was a fully signed up member of the Bowlers Union. He was a skilled right arm, seam up bowler with an economical, angled approach to the wicket. He bowled close to the stumps with a stock away swing ball. But, as he would say himself, there were variations including cross seam, leg cutters and in duckers! Don played a lot of cricket below Senior 1 particularly with Clontarf CC. One of his many fine performances with Tarf was in a Senior 3 Cup Final in the early 1970's with bowling figures of 30 overs, 5 for 42 including 16 maidens. This Clontarf team was captained by John McGivern former Malahide member.

Following his playing career Don became a much respected umpire on the senior circuit. His playing experience and easy manner contributed to his popularity and skill as an umpire. He adjudicated at Senior, Interprovincial and International level. His one International Umpire "cap" was in 1990 when he umpired a One Day International (Women's) Ireland v England at Castle Avenue.

Don was a great clubman and gave of his time willingly and without complaint. He often umpired club games on dark, cold midweek evenings when no other volunteers in a white coat were to be found. He volunteered his carpentry skills in the same manner. Santa's Annual Grotto and the chess table in the Club Bar are his creations.

Don was Club President in 2001 and 2002 and was a proud President when the Village won the Senior All Ireland Cup in 2002 versus Rush CC at Castle Avenue.

Brian Gilmore