

TIMELESS TALE

[NERVOUS COUGH]

"Sorry Love" pokes Mr Cricketman.

[MRS CRICKETMAN TURNS AROUND VERY SLOWLY AND LOOKS AT HER HUSBAND FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE A VERY LONG TIME SAYING NOTHING]

[MORE NERVOUS THROAT CLEARING]

"We're on again" says Mr Cricketman.

"What do you mean "We're on again"?"

"Well, you know we eventually won that marathon cup match and now we're playing the semi tomorrow."

"All I know is that you've been missing for the last 10 days. And now you tell me you're going missing again!"

In days of yore, the Leinster Senior Cup was played on a timeless basis. Started on a Friday evening, continued on Saturday and then on the following Monday evening and each succeeding evening thereafter until a result was achieved.

In 1963, Malahide CC from deepest, darkest north Dublin was pitted against Pembroke CC in Sydney Parade, south Dublin in Round 2 of the Senior Cup, the blue riband trophy of Leinster cricket. On the first Friday evening the Seasiders piled up a record 179 for 3. But thereafter the weather gods stuck their noses in. Rain and more rain. For 10 days the Seasiders trooped across the city each evening and intervening Saturday, long before any Eastlink Bridge. Stanley Bergin in his regular Sporting Column in the Evening Herald, and who was a notable participant in the match, wrote "As our film critic might say, the Pembroke-Malahide Senior Cup cricket "show" at Sydney Parade has been retained for a second week!". Eventually, The Irish Times headline a report **"Malahide Win Marathon Cup Match"**.

The problem being that the semi-final was due to begin two days later and that again the Seasiders were drawn to travel to south Dublin to play Merrion CC. The rains continued, the grounds were sodden and the forecast was not good. Malahide appealed and sought a deferral. There was some confusion, Malahide understood that the governing body was considering their appeal and failed to show for the first evening of play.

The Leinster Cricket Union issued a statement to the national newspapers which ruled that as Malahide failed to show on the appointed date, the semi-final was awarded to Merrion.

Needless to say there was great disappointment in the Village (ructions was a word that was mentioned by those that could recall!) particularly after such an epic victory.

The following Saturday the Malahide Committee issued a lengthy statement again printed in the nationals. It read that the Club regretted the misunderstanding and that its members did not have the opportunity of seeing its team in the semi-final.

Trinity beat Merrion in the Final by one wicket making it a remarkable three in a row for the students.

Inevitably, the Leinster Senior Cup changed to a limited overs format in 1972 (60 overs per side).

2nd Round Leinster Senior Cup 1963

Malahide CC 302/10 (Paddy Neville 98, Joe Caprani 57)

Pembroke CC 232/10 (Joe Byrne 79, Doug Goodwin 6/73 in 47 overs, Les O Shea 4/103 in 51 overs)

Malahide win by 70 runs

Leinster Senior Cup Final 1963
Merrion CC 155/10
Dublin University 157/9
DU win by 1 wicket

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LCU STATEMENT The Irish Times Saturday 6 July 1963

MERRION JOIN TRINITY IN LEINSTER FINAL

The Leinster Cricket Union have issued the following statement:

“The Senior Cup semi-final between Merrion and Malahide, which should have started on Monday, July 1st, due to play not being possible on the previous Saturday, June 29th, has been awarded to Merrion, as Malahide would not start the match on that date and Merrion have now advised that they are not prepared to play the game on any other date.”

Merrion are due to meet Dublin University in the final which is scheduled to start next Friday.

MALAHIDE CC STATEMENT
IRISH TIMES SATURDAY 13 JULY 1963

MALAHIDE EXPLAIN MISUNDERSTANDING

The Malahide cricket club state that following the

second round senior cup match against Pembroke, which lasted ten days and finished on Wednesday, 26th June, they agreed under protest to commence the semi-final against Merrion on Saturday, 29th June in the hope that the game would, at the latest, finish early the following week.

When no play was possible on the Saturday the Leinster Cricket Union were asked by Malahide if the game could be re-arranged for the following week-end and the L.C.U. referred the matter back to the two captains who failed to reach agreement.

The Malahide club requested an emergency meeting of the L.C.U. to consider the matter. This meeting was arranged for Monday July 1st, and consequently they did not consider necessary to attend the Merrion ground earlier that evening. As Merrion were unable to re-arrange the match so that the cup final could still take place on the appointed date the Leinster Cricket Union referred to a minute of a meeting which took place the previous Thursday, which stated that the semi-final should commence on Saturday 29th, and continue the following week and consequently awarded the match to Merrion. .

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56	60	142	226	214	212	210	208	206	204
A. Pleuro	G.O'Brien	J.O. Capron	W. Goodman	S.O'Brien	O. Goodman	R. Neville	A. Galligan	L.O'Shea	T.O'Neill

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Handwritten cricket scorecard for a match between Malahide and Pembroke. The card includes columns for Batsmen, Innings, How Out, Bowler, and Total. The match was played on 15/6/62. The result was Malahide won by 71 runs. The scorers were K. O'Brien and P. O'Shea. The umpires were K. O'Brien and W. H. Hume. The match was played at Malahide.

The Autoadd Scorer section of the scorecard, featuring a grid for recording runs scored each over. The grid is organized by bowler (L. O'Shea, D. Goodwin, C. Burgess, J. O'Neill, G. O'Brien, D. Goodwin, L. O'Shea) and over (1 to 20). The grid includes columns for runs scored, wickets, and extras. The total runs scored were 232, with 4 wickets and 9 extras.