

Phoenix at Clontarf 19/06/11

With Coach Bray still injured and Cavanagh and Anders dropping out of the side Raza and Vaidyanathan returned to 1st xi duty and there was a 1st xi debut for Mike Clucas. The Phoenix team was: Captain Dickeson, David Langford-Smith (the illustrious hyphen), Conor Kelly, Ryan Gallagher, Rory Flanagan, Sadaf Raza, Osama Khan, M D Masud Ahmed, Jonathan Wardell, Vish Vaidyanathan, Mike Clucas. Clontarf won the toss and chose to bat first.

The illustrious hyphen took the new ball from the Killester end with Osama Khan taking the Clontarf Castle end. Cusack looked in good touch early on as he struck a boundary against both bowlers but there was early success for Phoenix when Bill Coghlan was caught by Wardell to give Khan a wicket. Cusack carried on while Hokin appeared to be playing himself in but then Hokin skied one up which one of the outfielders called for Flanagan to be left unhindered and the former skipper duly took the catch. Poynter took more of the strike than Cusack and the latter then became the illustrious hyphen's second victim to leave the home team on 40 for 3. Discussions between players, captains and umpires followed and the match was abandoned with the wicket judged too dangerous to play on.