

Phoenix v Merrion 7th May 2011

Merrion Cricket clubhouse and grounds are situated on the Anglesea Road linking Donnybrook and Ballsbridge and the well heeled and self-respecting burghers of Dublin 4 will happily point out that the ground is partially within the boundaries of DU018-060, the zone of archaeological constraint for the Donnybrook/Ballsbridge settlement. It was to this spot that Phoenix journeyed on a May Saturday having regrouped following the defeat at Inch. Rory Flanagan declared himself fit to play as a batsman only and despite his relatively assured contribution at Inch Thomas Anders was the one to make way. The Phoenix team was: Captain Dickeson, Coach Bray, David Langford-Smith (the illustrious hyphen), Conor Kelly, Ryan Gallagher, Rory Flanagan, Ted Williamson, Osama Khan, M D Masud Ahmed, Sadaf Raza, Sipe Mzayidume. Phoenix won the toss and chose to field first.

The illustrious hyphen got an lbw verdict against Brown in the first over but the arrival of Anderson to the crease might have been regretted by the Phoenix bowlers by the time the innings closed. Joyce and Anderson began to make the Phoenix strike pair look a tad expensive and it was Khan who broke the 2nd wicket stand after 77 runs in one hour. Khan was on a hat trick after he bowled Kane with the next delivery but the moment passed and O'Donoghue, Allwright and Poder all gave solid support to Anderson before perishing for 19, 23 and 15 respectively to the illustrious hyphen, Mzayidume and Masud Ahmed. The illustrious hyphen was on a hat trick after removing Anderson and Petrie and ended with 5 wickets but Merrion were able to bat through their full allocation of 50 overs. Captain Dickeson used all the bowling resources available to him to a greater or lesser extent and it will be interesting to see as the season evolves who of the new bowlers is asked to bowl most. The innings closed on 207 for 9.

Williamson survived three appeals from the first four balls by Petrie and he and Flanagan added 11 before the Dubliner was caught at second slip area by Joyce to give Petrie his first victim. Petrie soon added Williamson lbw and Gallagher (caught at cover point) to his ledger with Coach Bray and Conor Kelly giving signs of more substantial resistance before the coach fell to Joyce for 19. Captain Dickeson failed to get a shot over the gully fielder's head and the illustrious hyphen was left to play a lone hand after Anderson got one to keep low on Kelly and the batsman was given out lbw. There was sufficient support from Masud to take Phoenix past 100 and the tail enders managed to prolong the inevitable sequence of events enough for Phoenix to take 3 points out of a possible 25. The final margin of defeat was 57 runs.

Men of the Match: John Anderson 79 runs

Phoenix Performers	the illustrious hyphen	5 wickets for 43; 25 runs
	Conor Kelly	31 runs

Match Report below:

Toss won by	Phoenix 1
Umpires	Thew / Coleran
Points Awarded	Merrion 1 22, Phoenix 1 3

Merrion 1 1st Innings 9/207 Closed (Overs 50)

Batsman	Fieldsman	Bowler	Runs	BIs	4s	6s
D Joyce		b O Khan	35	51	4	0
N Brown	lbw	b D Langford-Smith	0	2	0	0
J Anderson*	c R Gallagher	b D Langford-Smith	79	126	11	0
T Kane		b O Khan	0	1	0	0
C O'Donoghue	c R Gallagher	b D Langford-Smith	19	19	3	0
R Allwright		b S Mzaidume	23	49	5	0
D Poder	c O Khan	b M Ahmed	15	30	1	0
M Petrie	lbw	b D Langford-Smith	1	3	0	0
J Short	not out		6	5	0	0
P Tice+	c D Langford-Smith	b D Langford-Smith	2	7	0	0
A O'Brien	not out		4	7	0	0
extras		(b3 lb4 w16 nb0)	23			
TOTAL		9 wickets for	207			

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1-1(D Joyce) 2-78(N Brown) 3-78(J Anderson) 4-111(T Kane) 5-154(C O'Donoghue)
6-193(R Allwright) 7-195(D Poder) 8-195(M Petrie) 9-199(P Tice)

Bowler	O	M	R	W	wd	nb
D Langford-Smith	10	2	44	5	3	-
S Mzaidume	7	0	35	1	6	-
C Kelly	8	1	25	0	3	-
O Khan	8	1	23	2	4	-
S Raza	10	0	32	0	-	-
R Gallagher	3	0	17	0	-	-
M Ahmed	4	0	24	1	-	-

Phoenix 1 1st Innings 10/150 Closed (Overs 35.1)

Batsman	Fieldsman	Bowler	Runs	BIs	4s	6s
T Williamson	lbw	b M Petrie	7	22	1	0
R Flanagan	c D Joyce	b M Petrie	0	7	0	0
R Gallagher	c R Allwright	b M Petrie	9	15	2	0
J Bray+	c P Tice	b D Joyce	19	20	4	0
C Kelly	lbw	b J Anderson	31	25	3	2
C Dickeson*	c J Short	b D Joyce	4	5	1	0
D Langford-Smith	c P Tice	b D Poder	25	53	3	0
M Ahmed		b M Petrie	12	26	2	0
O Khan	c M Petrie	b A O'Brien	7	12	1	0
S Mzaidume	c C O'Donoghue	b D Poder	2	18	0	0
S Raza	not out		13	9	1	1
extras		(b5 lb1 w14 nb1)	21			
TOTAL		10 wickets for	150			

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1-11(T Williamson) 2-23(R Flanagan) 3-29(R Gallagher) 4-56(J Bray) 5-70(C Kelly)

6-90(C Dickeson) 7-120(D Langford-Smith) 8-129(M Ahmed) 9-131(O Khan)

10-150(S Mzaidume)

Bowler	O	M	R	W	wd	nb
M Petrie	9	2	36	4	6	1
D Joyce	8	0	37	2	5	-
D Poder	8.1	0	37	2	3	-
J Anderson	5	0	14	1	-	-
T Kane	3	0	9	0	-	-
A O'Brien	2	0	11	1	-	-