

### **Phoenix Ladies v Railway Union 19/07/11**

Kate Voice had to give some thought to her final selection for this match and to what choice to make if she won the toss. The side was missing wicketkeeper-batswoman Helen Caird, batswoman Lisa Kelly and regular bowlers Deirdre Fahy and Donna Nicholson. Mary Curley and Carmel Connor were drafted into the side and Orla Martin would be the number 2 batswoman and the number 2 bowler. Voice won the toss and chose to bat in the following order: Karinda Tolland, Orla Martin, Hannah McGuckian, Mary Curley, Lesley Anders, Lorna Barton, Emer Bell, Kate Voice, Vanessa Kelada, Carmel Connor, Nicola Marples.

Continuing her Terenure form Tolland was positive from the outset as she fearlessly took on the fielders but there were early setbacks for Phoenix when Martin was bowled by Stokes for 1 and in an attempt to turn 1 into 2 McGuckian was given run out by John Anders. Tolland and Curley brought the score to 22 before the opener was caught and bowled by Nicholl. Stokes then got an lbw verdict against Curley to make it 25 for 4. Lesley Anders hit her customary boundary in the process of adding 10 with Lorna Barton and at 35 for 5 Emer Bell was next in. Boosted by her pre-match audience with the ageless Wexford Lothario Bell defied her court jester front and showing a good cricket brain probed the gaps in the field to reach 14 before Nicholl had her caught by MacArthur. At the other end Barton and Voice both fell to S Ingram with sisterly assistance from J Ingram as Voice was stumped. Connor was run out and Kelada was bowled by Stokes to leave Marples undefeated again as the innings closed on 64.

Lorna Barton was behind the stumps as Vanessa Kelada opened the bowling from the magazine fort end and Orla Martin from the Chesterfield Avenue end. Kelada conceded just one from her first over and although Martin's first was more expensive there was joy for Phoenix when Kelada held a caught and bowled chance to make it 13 for 1. However, this was as good as it was going to get for Phoenix. Mackenzie was in no mood to hang around and hit 15 from 8 balls against Kelada and 21 from 9 balls against Martin. MacArthur's innings of 19 not out from 17 balls looked almost pedestrian by comparison. Railway reached the target in 8 overs. However, Phoenix had conceded only two wides in the innings (both signalled by Jim Cleere) and on the face of it this constituted a significant improvement in bowling accuracy over the Terenure match.

Lady of the Match: C Mackenzie 40 not out

Phoenix bowling: V Kelada 1-24

Phoenix batting: E Bell 14, K Tolland 11