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BECTIVE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michael Flood
Club President 2020/2021

It is a great honour and privilege for me to be President of Bective Rangers FC for the season 2020/2021.

I want to wish our Past President Johnny Vaughan the very best and thank him for all the work he put in for what was a very long season. I want to also thank every member of the Executive committee for all their hard work not only during last season but especially over the last 6 months. I am looking forward to working alongside Snr. Vice President David O'Donnell and Jnr. Vice President Michael Shalloe and I would like to take this opportunity in congratulating them on their nominations.

Our season is up and running, but due to the current Government Guidelines, matches can only take place behind closed doors. Hopefully guidelines will be altered soon to allow members to return to the side-lines and support our teams. Our most recent match was streamed live and the club plans to continue this service into the future.

Our Covid-19 Compliance officer Gavin Walsh and his team have worked diligently to put the appropriate measures in situ to make the clubhouse and grounds compliant with Government and Leinster branch Covid-19 guidelines. Our priority is the safety and welfare of our members, staff and players. Obviously, like all sports clubs our revenue will be curtailed due to the effects of the ongoing Pandemic therefore I would urge you to support your club in whatever manner you can.

Congratulations to our new club Captain Oisín Lennon, I wish him all the best for the coming season. Let me also wish our Head Coach, Bernard Jackman, his Coaching Staff, Medical Team, Physio, Kit Manager and all the players, managers, coaches from every level, Senior, Junior, Under 20's, Vets, Youths and Mini's a successful, enjoyable and injury free season. A club is not a club without its volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support the club and its members and I would like to thank all of them most sincerely for their time and efforts.

To all our sponsors past and present, a big thank you for continuing to support our club in these challenging times, we really appreciate your contribution as the club would not survive without your continued generosity. Hopefully the current restrictions will ease in the near future and we can all return to our ground and clubhouse to support our club. I know our club manager Mark O'Brien and his team will be ready to look after you with their renowned Bective hospitality.

Let us altogether, support our club and our teams for the 2020/2021 season and if you can be of assistance either on or off the pitch, please feel free to contact myself or any committee member to volunteer your time or services.

I hope you, your family and loved ones stay safe during these stressful times.

Best Regards,

Michael Flood, President Bective Rangers FC 2020/21



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IRFU PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Des Kavanagh,
President, IRFU.**

It is my privilege as President of the IRFU to extend my best wishes to Bective FC for season '20/21.

Our world, including our rugby world, has been greatly challenged by COVID 19 and the policies and restrictions necessary to combat its impact. While clubs have been significantly impacted both financially and in the playing of games the IRFU has demonstrated its support for clubs in the provision of financial supports including in the allocation of monies provided by the Government.

Hopefully, we will see our teams back on the pitch as soon as possible and an opportunity for Clubs supporters to get back to our clubs in reasonable numbers.

Bective Rangers will celebrate their 150th Anniversary in 2021. The Club has a very proud history and has provided significant numbers of players and administrators to Leinster and Irish Rugby including 5 Presidents to the IRFU. Michael Cuddy who died earlier this year was not just a great Bective man but a great servant of Irish Rugby. I have been pleased to serve with John Lyons RIP a former IRFU Treasurer and President and of course my good friend Louis Magee. Michael McGrail is

doing a fine job as the current Leinster Treasurer.

Bective Rangers is a very ambitious Club and are determined to make a return to the AIL as soon as possible. I want to wish the Club, President Michael Flood, the Officers, Executive, players, and members the very best of luck for this season and into the future. While the current Covid ravaged season offers no opportunity for promotion this season hopefully it will allow your excellent coach Bernard Jackman and his team the opportunity to build towards a successful future.

I am also pleased to wish you the very best for your 150th year. I hope you will have the opportunity to celebrate your anniversary in style and for all to enjoy the year on and off the pitch.

With Very Best Wishes,

Des Kavanagh



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LEINSTER RUGBY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**John Walsh,
President, Leinster Rugby 2020/21**

As President of Leinster Rugby I am delighted to have the opportunity to pen a few words for your yearbook for this, the 2020/21 season.

When I commenced my rugby journey never in my wildest dream did I contemplate that it would provide me with the honor of representing our sport on behalf of the province of Leinster. It's a humbling honor for me personally to be able to represent the core values of our sport and the great legacy of all those who have served Leinster since our establishment in 1897.

I welcome the invitation to contribute to the annual Bective Rangers Club handbook and do so in a manner that reflects my admiration for a club that I have been acquainted with during my career as a player and rugby administrator.

Bective has always been a welcoming and inclusive club to all and has a rich legacy of making a positive contribution to Irish rugby as evident that 5 club members have served as IRFU Presidents and 56 Bective players have represented Ireland. Another distinguished player who wore the Bective jersey was no other than the

great Cliff Morgan of Wales, Lions and Barbarian fame who did so much as a broadcaster to promote rugby on TV in his role with the BBC. His memory lives on forever due to his memorable commentary on "that try, that golden try" scored by the Barbarians in their epic fixture against the All Blacks in Cardiff in 1973. His services to rugby were acknowledged by his induction to World Rugby Hall of Fame. The club's history is embroidered into the rich fabric of Irish rugby and we acknowledge with our thanks to all those individuals from Bective who have made that contribution. The Bective Club have a thriving mini and youth section and a reminder to all that Leinster and Ireland players Johnny Sexton (father Jerry was Club Captain), Rory O'Loughlin (father Mick was a club stalwart) commenced their careers at Bective as indeed has Leinster's Cian Kelliher.

The fickle pendulum of good fortune that determines elation or disappointment has in recent seasons swung into the latter zone for Bective.

Having won AIL Division 2 in 2001/02 the club looked to have established itself as one of the major forces in Irish Rugby. However this was to be a false dawn and the decline through the national league is well documented but the outcome was relegation from the AIL Division 2C in 2017/18. A glance at Bective's Centenary Book of 1981 reminds us that this is a club that has achieved so much and contributed so much to the game and so it must be heartbreaking for all associated in the club to have gone through this decline. The distinguished sports author Hugh McIlvanney stated "the magnificent triviality of sport touches our senses, we receive both elation and disappointment. It's not a game of chance, you get out of it what you put into it".

There is no future in the past and Bective must now adjust to the new challenges that all our clubs are facing in what is a very difficult period for all clubs.

It is often stated that Luck is the intersection between hard work and opportunity.

I believe that the ongoing commitment of Leinster Rugby to develop and enhance the sporting facilities in Donnybrook will presents opportunities to both tenant clubs Bective Rangers and Old Wesley. These developments have been progressing since the construction of the new stand in 2008 and have been added to further with the construction of the Ken Wall Centre of Excellence,

TV quality floodlighting and two top class all weather floodlit pitches. These are investments on behalf of all our

Leinster clubs and schools in our 12 county Province and for the continued development and promotion of Leinster Rugby and of a venue that reflects the status of Leinster Rugby.

Leinster has also invested considerable valuable and scarce resources in the next proposed phase which is the development of the Bective End of the grounds at Donnybrook. I would urge all parties involved in these negotiations to keep to the forefront of their thinking that this is an opportunity to benefit all our clubs, schools, players, spectators and sponsors and that the tide of time waits for no one.

I congratulate Michael Flood on his election as Club President and on behalf of all involved in Leinster wish him and all the Committee Members, Players, Volunteers and supporters an enjoyable and successful season. I also want to acknowledge with thanks the important and vital role that Club Trustee Michael McGrail has played as Hon Treasurer of Leinster especially during this C-19 period that has proved to be extremely challenging on so many fronts. I also wish to acknowledge the positive contribution that Fergus Flanagan has made as the Club's Representative on the Leinster Executive and as Tournament Director for the Metropolitan Cup. Leinster Junior Vice President Billy Murphy who chairs the Leinster Commercial and Marketing Committee with tremendous success is a past Bective player. Another Bective man who is fully deserving of a special mention is Johnny O'Hagan who has been a key member of our Leinster teams for many a year and serves as kit manager as well as an inspirational figure to our players.

A sincere thank you to Club Trustee Louis Magee for his immense contribution to Bective, Leinster and Ireland and indeed for his advice friendship and guidance to so many of us who serve on the Leinster Executive.

From a rugby playing perspective 2020 has been our annus horribilis with in excess of 1,000 club and schools fixtures lost including our prestige Cup competitions. The task for Club Captain Oisin Lennon and Head Coach Bernard Jackman to manage what are now two highly disruptive playing seasons is a considerable one but their commitment and that of their backup team also provides an opportunity for the club to restructure and prepare to win the Leinster League and target a return to the All Ireland League.

“And when the shades of night are falling, you will meet them in the clubhouse bar.

Last season’s glories are treasured memories but their leaves do not stay green forever.

You are only as good as your last few games. And the bitterness of last season’s disappointments has mellowed, this coming season you will make up for it, you will be fitter and sharper and wiser, the old mistakes will not be repeated. And you listen to all the yeasty talk - and reflect that nature’s autumn is rugby’s spring” Con Houlihan

It would be remiss of me not to note and sympathize on the passing of great club stalwarts and Past Presidents of the IRFU, Mick Cuddy and John Lyons, who contributed so much to the club, Leinster and Irish rugby.

My “home” club of Naas has a long friendly relationship with Bective. Mark Deering (brother of Seamus Deering) was a member of the Naas side that captured our first Leinster trophy, the Junior Challenge Cup and progressed to play for Bective, Leinster and Ireland. His son Barry, also a Bective player was a member of Naas team that won our second Leinster trophy, the Provincial Towns Plate. This victory was to act as a catalyst for the club to acquire it’s first home at Forenaughts. Philip Lawlor was another Naas player who joined Bective from Naas and played for Leinster and Ireland and had the honor of Captaining Bective. The traffic has never been a one way system as Philip is now involved in Naas Youth coaching as are former Bective players Joe Osborne and Tony Denver.

On behalf of Leinster Rugby I wish all involved in your great club a happy and enjoyable season and that the New Year brings you and those you hold dear joy and happiness into your lives.

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JOHN WALSH

President Leinster
Rugby 2020/21





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OUR CORE VALUES

To realise that the characters make a great Club and everyone has something to offer.

That we are caretakers of the traditions, history and values of a great club, but it's future is in our hands.

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To welcome all to Bective, friend or adversary for a lunch-time or a life-time.

To recognise that we love rugby for the unique game it is in the modern era. A competitive duel with your opposite number, a bonding with team-mates yet a total unquestioning respect for match and competition officials.

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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE OISIN LENNON

I am extremely proud and honoured to be named as Club Captain of Bective Rangers for the 2020/21 season. Having joined Bective at U20's level in 2008 and supported this club since my brother Fiachra joined in 1993, I know how much the club means to the community and our members, so it is not a role I will take lightly.

As this season has suffered significant interruption due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are all eager for the season to kick off again and get back out playing in Donnybrook. It is a truly strange season, but it is a great opportunity for the club to continue building a strong culture and community spirit, as we support and help each other navigate through the difficulties caused by the pandemic.

It is clear to see that the club is building something special under the leadership of Bernard Jackman. It is a joy to see so many talented players training weekly and although there may not be any opportunities for promotion this year, we must continue to build on that momentum and potentially win some silverware this season. Building that momentum, and retaining the strong team and culture built by the club and Bernard, we can approach the 2021/22 season with every opportunity to win promotion to our rightful place in the AIL.

I would like to thank all involved in the senior set up this year; Bernard Jackman, Head Coach, Corry McCarthy & Hein Havenga, Assistant Coaches, Shane Dunne, Team Manager, and Marta Giner, Sports Psychologist. I also want to thank Eamon Murphy, Manuel Alonso, and Ben Kealy for the hard work they have put in to create a strong squad and team spirit amongst the clubs U20's. I am looking forward to these young men progressing into the senior squad and challenging for spots in the senior team. And to all members of the club involved at every level, from Minis through to Senior, thank you for your hard work, support, and dedication to the club.

A big thank you must go out to our sponsors, Knight & Frank, and most importantly, to our kit

man Steve Rattigan with Steve Shallow and Rory Finnegan, and our Covid Officer, Gavin Walsh; we would be lost without these guys' work in the background. Not to mention Mark O'Brien, Sharon Byrne, and their team in the Club Bar, they are the heart and soul of the Bective Clubhouse, keeping us all entertained after every game. I welcome our new physio Keelan McKenna. It is great to have the son of club legend Ray McKenna working with the club.

I wish to extend a big thank you to last year's Club President, Johnny Vaughan, for the dedication and commitment he showed throughout the season. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate incoming president, Michael Flood. I wish him every success as club president. We will never forget the service of outgoing players such as Captain Aidan Mulligan and former Captain Eoin Sweeney; and many other individuals who have been true servants to the club. These players move on from Bective Rangers leaving a legacy for current players and incoming players to follow.

On a final and personal note, this club means a great deal to me and will always hold an important place in my life. Although I continue to recover from last season's injury, I will work tirelessly, with the support and guidance of Keelan McKenna and Sports Physio Ireland to get back to full fitness and represent the club on the pitch this season. I would like to thank my family and friends for their constant support. Mostly, I would like to thank my wife, Clara for her tireless motivation, love, and support.

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HEAD COACH MESSAGE BERNARD JACKMAN

I am honoured to be part of Bective Rangers for a second season. Last year we made a lot of progress on the field which was just reward for the hard work and commitment that our players put in. We had consistently good numbers at training and the strength of the seconds and the quality of rugby that they played helped us build a competitive training environment which has improved our players skill sets.

Off the field we enjoyed many a good night in the Club house and I would like to thank the players for buying into the club ethos.

I have really enjoyed the energy that the new recruits to Bective have given us and even though it has been the strangest Pre Season that I have ever experienced with Covid 19 I have been incredibly Impressed by the resourcefulness of the squad to make sure we have prepared well.

I love the mix of players and Management that we have in the club now and to see

young men with Bective Rangers Legacy in their blood like Eoin Vaughan, Jack Kealy, Luke Martin, Donagh Lawlor and Keelan McKenna be part of this mix is in my mind a huge positive.

We could not have a better Leader on and Off the field than our Club Captain Oisín Lennon and he is the man to lead us back to the Top Table of Irish Rugby.

Finally I would like to recognise the work that goes on by Executive, Emmet Sheridan our DOR, Ratts the Kit Manager and all the support staff that are incredible.

Darragh Sheeran and Gavin Walsh our Covid Officers have kept the show on the road and its a thankless job that we greatly appreciate.

I am looking forward to getting back training, playing and meeting you all in the club again soon.

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Michael Cuddy

An Appreciation



Michael Cuddy had a long association with Bective Rangers beginning when he left Castleknock College in 1950. He was following in the footsteps of his father Noel who had played for Bective for a number of seasons as an out half. Michael was joined soon thereafter by his brother Bobby who played in the centre whilst Michael was enrolled in the forwards.

Bective in the mid 50's were the coming team. At the forefront of Leinster Rugby they were able to attract players of ability that would go on to win silverware and earn representative honours with Leinster and Ireland. Halcyon days were around the corner and Bective won the cup in 1955, 1956 and 1962. Michael won two Senior Cup medals and a Challenge Cup medal.

In those days Bective had a fixture list that was the envy of many clubs with matches against Northampton, Cardiff, Leicester, and Neath. Many lifelong friendships were forged after these matches. Playing matches against such opposition made the Bective Rangers battle hardened, especially in the front row, and it was not a surprise that so many of them were selected to play for Leinster, Michael included.

M. Cuddy played for Leinster for three seasons the highlight being a match against the South African touring side of 1962 where Leinster lost narrowly. He was on a Leinster team that beat Munster 30 to nil in 1958 when there were only 3 points for a try!

When his playing days came to an end Michael immersed himself in administration at club then provincial and subsequently national level. He became an "Allicadoo". He had the great honour of being President of

Bective Rangers in its centenary year 1981.

Michael became a Leinster selector and had great success with the teams of 1979, 1980, 1981. Following that he became an Irish selector and was chairman of the "Big Five" of the Triple Crown and Championship winning side of 1985. He was also President of the Leinster Branch that season. In 1993/94 Michael had the privilege of being President of the IRFU. The highlight of that year was winning in Twickenham.

When Michael retired from active duty of playing and administration he once again concentrated on his favourite and engaged fully in the affairs of Bective Rangers. He was honoured by the club when he was made an Honorary Life Member. Bective on a Saturday afternoon at a home game was where you would usually find him. For away matches he had his own communication network to report back to him with full match analysis. It was a great source of pride to Michael that Bective Rangers had produced 5 Presidents of the IRFU and he held a watching brief for the next potential candidate from Bective for that high office.

The Friendships that began in Bective Rangers in those early days lasted throughout Michael's life and were deeply felt always.

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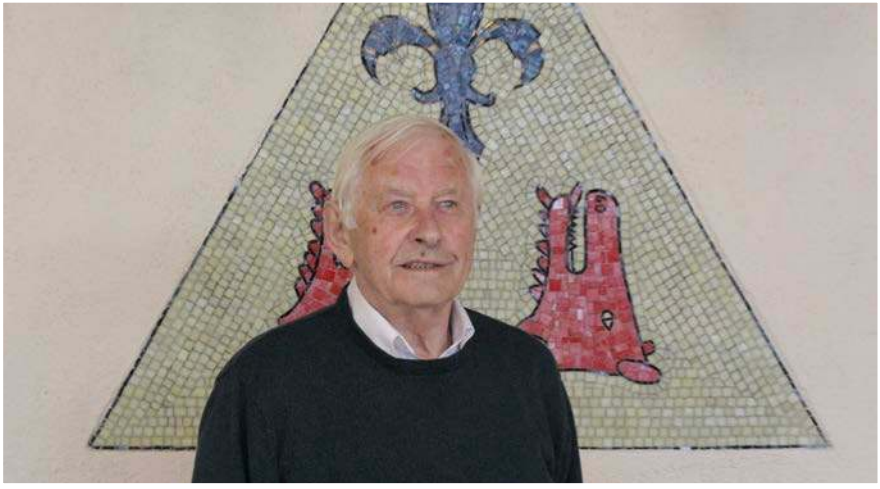
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EDDIE BRYAN

70 YEARS A RANGER

Season 20/21 will be my 70th season as a member of Bective Rangers FC. In those years I have played with and met some wonderful characters from all walks of life and I have truly had a wonderful lifetime experience being a member of this great club. Here's a little about my journey...

My sporting life began with Gaelic Football in my native town of Athlone, Co Westmeath. Thanks to the opportunities given me at the Marist College, I enjoyed participating in field games - I was fortunate to gain team honours while at the College. Shortly after leaving the college I made the Westmeath Minor team for two seasons, my final game taking place in Croke Park in the Leinster Championships at semi- final stage - a unique experience in those far off days.

Meanwhile in parallel with football in the College I was invited by the Athlone Boat Club along with a group of senior students to sample the benefits of rowing. The club coaches saw I had ability to row and made me the stroke of the A4 Team, my cox for that crew was to become a very well-known politician call Brian Lenihan (snr). Shortly afterwards as part of a group of oarsmen, we were approached by members of the Ballinasloe RFC, all of us agreed to try our hand at the

new sport. So arrangements were made to train mid-week and play on Sundays. At that time Buccaneers RFC in Athlone did not exist. Little did I think such a venture would lead me into hostile territory as far as the GAA were concerned. Having made no secrecy of my change in football code, I was duly banned from the GAA and have never looked back since.

A momentous day in my young sporting life was going to live in and work in Dublin and taking advice from my fellow members in Ballinasloe RFC, I was advised that there was only one club I should join and that was BECTIVE RANGERS FC, which I did!

In 1950 Bective was a premier club with a great history. In those days Bective could count in its playing membership, such renowned players as George Norton, Cliff Morgan, Maurice Mortell, Bill Mulcahy, Jim Murphy O'Connor, Tom O'Brien (outstanding Club Captain) and Paddy O'Donoughue. The contrast between the GAA county and Bective FC was very noticeable. As I said earlier, my last game in GAA was in Croke Park in front of 30,000 spectators (the senior semi-final was to follow) hence the large crowd. The changing rooms in Croke Park were to say the least primitive ie nails in the walls for your personal gear and no showers after the game.

I spent six years playing in various teams and owing to the nature of my work, I was always unavailable

for selection to play for 1st team so I played with the 2nd team on Sundays. One of my first memories at the club was playing a trials match with an 18 year old Mick Cuddy and his brother Bobby, fresh from Castleknock College. I went on to play on some very good competitive teams and enjoyed my years as a player. During that time I also cut my teeth on the organisational side of the club. I was elected to the social committee as we used organise social dances in those days on Sunday evenings as a way of raising funds and meeting new people, especially the ladies. This was to be my first entre into this area and I went on to become Director of Organisation in the 1990's. I am, even to this day still involved in running events, mostly now on match days.

I decided to leave Ireland due to economic reasons and set sail for sunny South Africa ending up in the city of Gold, ie Johannesburg, Capital of the province of Transvaal. Lucky for me I had another Bective member with me on my journey called J J Kenny who by chance was returning to Northern Rhodesia at the same time but had spent some time previously in Johannesburg and had contacts with some friends there, so I was able to settle into my new and strange environment rather quickly. Within a week I had found myself a job in a store - the equivalent of Arnott & Co called John Orr & Co. This chain of department stores was founded by John Orr originally from County Tyrone.

My interest in sport continued with a certain intensity, I was fortunate to be invited to join the Old Johannian Club where I started to play squash, Hockey in the winter months and Cricket and Tennis in the summer. South Africa is an oasis for people who appreciated the outdoor life. The climate is such that it is possible to attain better personal standards in most sports. After six years in Johannesburg work took me to Durban in Natal, a coastal city with a slower pace of life. There I continued my sporting interests, mainly this time, concentrating on squash with the Defence Club. Shortly after settling in Durban, I was at the beach one Sunday when I by chance saw a familiar face from my days in Bective. Eddie Bergin had travelled out with his family to take up a role in the Insurance industry. Eddie and I began a friendship that has lasted to this day and both of us went on to become Club Presidents of Bective. In that time I also grasped a good understanding of the Afrikaans language something which was to come in handy after pints in the Bective bar as I acted as a translator for the many Afrikaans players who joined us in the 1980's and onwards. This is where my nickname "OUT OF AFRICA" came from and I still haven't managed to shack it off!

On returning to Ireland in 1968 I joined the Fitzwilliam LTC and continued to enjoy competitive squash, being part of teams that were successful at club, provincial and national levels. Meanwhile never having lost my interest

in Bective FC I began to participate in off the pitch activities through the various committees and I was honoured with the Presidency of the Club in 2000. Like every club in Ireland the journey from 1950, the year I joined Bective FC the structure, the ethos, the values of Rugby have changed, changed utterly, regretfully not for the best. Prior to the establishment of the AIL Leagues there was an unwritten code ie the club that you began after school etc or joined was your club, period - good, bad or whatever. Rugby values were the envy of the other main football field games - not anymore!!!

My hope for the future of the clubs is that the Corinthian values will return once more and that Bective FC will survive due to its location and facilities that we possess, but the current members will have to work with endeavour to revitalise the club once again. I am confident this can and will happen to maintain our great club!



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BECTIVE RANGERS' LIONS

TRIPLE CROWN 1899

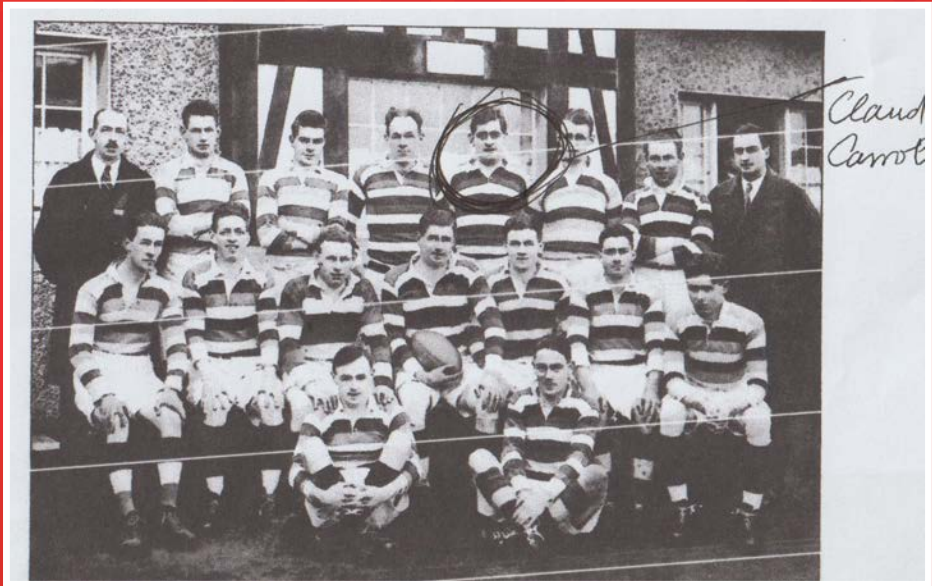


Ireland v Wales
1899

Ireland's second Triple Crown

Standing: W.G. Byron, M. Ryan, J. Sealy, J. Ryan, C.C. Moriarty, A. D. Mears, J.B. Moore (President IRFU)
Sitting: J. McIlwaine, E.F. Campbell, T.J. Little, L.M. Magee (Capt), G.G.Allen, C. Reid, G. Harman.
Front: G. P. Doran, P.E. O'Brien-Butler.

The British and Irish Lions are a rugby touring team that draws on international players from the four Home Unions, England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Uncapped players have also been selected to join the touring party. Every four years tours are undertaken to Australia, New Zealand or South Africa. Over the years players from Bective Rangers have been selected to play with the Lions starting With Louis Magee on the Lions tour to South Africa in 1896 and others included Jimmy Farrell, George Norton, Cliff Morgan, and Bill Mulcahy.



Louis and James Magee

Louis was capped 27 times for Ireland and played his club rugby for Bective Rangers in Dublin.

On a Lions tour to South Africa in 1896 Louis was accompanied by his brother James who played in two tests and refereed a third test but never played for Ireland at rugby but was capped as an international cricketer.

Subsequently Louis went on to Captain Ireland to win the Triple Crown in 1899.

George Norton

George Norton started his rugby career while at school in St. Mary's College and subsequently joined St. Mary's RFC.

Unable to displace his brother Austin at full back on the 1st XV joined Bective Rangers. Then in 1950 he was selected to join the British and Irish Lions tour Australia and New Zealand.

J.L. Farrell

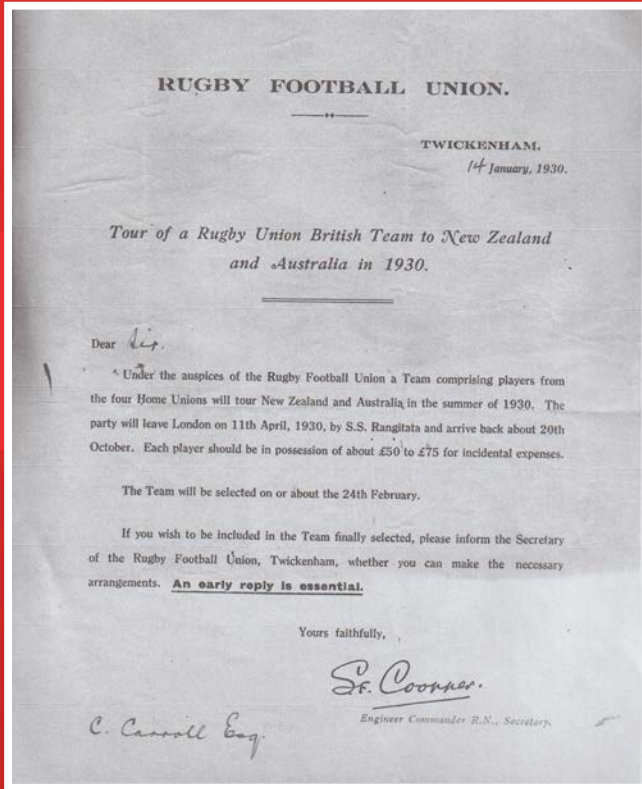
With 27 caps Jimmy Farrell was one of Bective Rangers most capped international players and in 1930 was selected to join the British and Irish Lions tour to Australia and New Zealand.

Cliff Morgan

Capped 29 times for Wales, Cliff played for Bective Rangers in the 1955-56 season winning a Leinster senior Cup medal. At the end of the season he joined a very successful British and Irish Lions that toured in South Africa.

Bill Mulcahy

Playing with UCD RFC alongside Niall Brophy, both were selected by the Lions for their squad touring Australia and New Zealand in 1959. In 1962 he again toured with the Lions.



A Prized Invitation

A letter dated the 14th of January 1930 was received by Claud Carroll of Bective Rangers inviting him to indicate if he wished to be included in the final selection of the team.

The tour party would leave London on the 11th of April 1930 on the S.S. Rangitata arriving back about the 20th October 1930.

Players were expected to be in possession of about £50 to £75 for incidental expenses.

The secretary of the Rugby Football Union S.F. Cooper, Twickenham was to be informed as availability.

Claud Carroll a Bective Rangers member had to decline participation in the Tour as he was unable to obtain leave of absence for the six-month tour.

Claud Carroll capped for Ireland and Leinster was an all-round sportsman being an accomplished tennis player, swimmer, and water polo player.

In 1930 Claud was a member of Bective Rangers 1st XV captained by Jimmy Farrell (British and Irish Lion 1930) and played alongside him.

A photograph of the 1930 1st XV includes Farrell (4th from the left seated) and Claud Carroll (standing 5th from the left).



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THE PRESIDENT WAY BACK WHEN -1976-

As the song goes 'Can it be that it was all so simple then'



Left to Right: Michael Flood, Noel Murphy, Sean Hanraty, Johnny O'Hagan, Peter Hogarty
Middle Row: Danny Parkinson Snr. (Mgr.), Pat Freeman, Dave Brady, Greg Smyth, Brian O'Hallrahan, Dermot Jordon, Declan Shalloe, Paul Feeney.
Front Row: Michael McGrail (Hon Sec), Gerry Culleton, Stan Parkinson, Joe Nolan (Capt.), Sean Nixon, Bill Alwell, Sean Galvin, Kevin Doyle (President).
Seated: Brian Conway, Eugene O'Neill.

The Leinster rugby club scene in the 1970's was huge with most senior clubs fielding 8 teams, training nights even had staggered slots, incredible when you think that there were no floodlights. The Senior Cup Final that year was won by Trinity beating Blackrock after

a replay in front of a massive crowd in Lansdowne Road. Indeed that was the format back then, after the Belvedere 7's the Senior Cup final was typically the last match of the season every player hung up their boots at the start of May, went away and rugby

commenced again in September. All the club finals took place each evening at 6.00pm in Donnybrook in the week before the Senior Cup and these finals attracted large crowds and the Leinster branch charged an admission fee in.

So it came to pass that the legendary Joe Nolan was going for an incredible feat at the time, captaining for a 3rd time in a row, 3 Leinster Branch 3rds Cups, having won previously in 1974 and 1975. The team met in the Burlington Hotel a few hours before the match with Joe finishing his team talk with "Hey baby Its Showtime". Some team talk.

Our opponents in the final were Greystones and another incredible aspect to the game was that the Presidents of both clubs were brothers, Kevin and Jim Doyle, also their nephew played on the day for Greystones.

Indeed Joe himself was a past member of Greystones too. With a great mix of youth and experience Bective prevailed with top players to name but a few , in the pack Greg Barry , Declan Shalloe, Brian (The Body) O'Hallrahan, backs Johnny O'Hagan, Peter Hogarty and brilliant half backs Brian (Muscles) Conway and Eugene O'Neill steering Bective home. The winner's dressing room was supplied with a couple of cases of the best Champagne and I recall drinking a 'Black Velvet' for the first and only time.

Notable that 5 players (including myself) from the team have become Presidents of our club. Hopefully we won't be the last. Sadly time has caught up and we have lost not only Joe, but also a few more of our dear players from the team. God bless them all. Wonderful memories.



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MINI'S REVIEW

2019/20 Review

Our Mini's Section from u6 to u13 continues to grow and we had over 200 registered players playing in Donnybrook this season. The players, parents and visiting teams really appreciate the fantastic facilities and playing conditions provided by the club through the two all-weather pitches which continue to be a big draw for consideration when choosing a mini's rugby programme in the area and bar facilities (for tea and coffee!) provided by Mark on Sunday mornings. Visiting teams were very impressed with the playing surface and we were able to maintain an active programme of matches and blitzes even through the winter months when many clubs had to cancel events. Unfortunately, our season was cut short this year with COVID 19 which stifled many mini fundraising events as well as a number of blitz's that normally would have taken place and a couple of end of season trips both home and abroad!

The coaching system is improving at mini's level and great thanks go to all the head coaches, managers and assistant coaches at each of the age groups. There are approximately 35 parents involved in the coaching scene many of whom are former senior/junior players and the volunteer ethos is essential to maintaining a successful the mini's programme. Therefore, the continued support from the club in relation to pitch availability, clubhouse facilities on Sunday mornings and hopefully a mid-week slot for the

older groups from u12's/u13's will be critical next year season particularly during this challenging time.

This season as with most seasons in the past we said good-bye to our u13 group of players, most of whom had over 7years association with the club. It is a travesty that the current culture fostered in Leinster is Schools focused from u13 upwards as it breaks a player/club link that is rarely reactivated. It would be in the interest of the club to maintain a steady stream of players up through the youth ranks to support adult rugby, but this is unlikely to be achieved in the current environment. Consideration should be given by the club, and possible canvassing similar clubs in the locality, to challenge the rules, both written and unwritten with respect to school's rugby so that players are allow and actively encouraged to play with their clubs at weekends, particularly those players not necessarily involved in first/second teams in schools.

2020/21Season

Our target for this coming season is to have at least 30 players in each age group. That would raise our mini membership to 240 players. We particularly need players at u6/7 level as this age group is where we can establish a relationship and gain further members through positive experience. We ask all members to encourage sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, friends, cousins and their classmates to come down and enjoy the Bective experience with our fantastic facilities.

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2020/2021 season

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