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THE ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN v THE UNITED ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1314.html)

Tuesday 17 May - no report found

Wednesday 18 May

Yesterday was the second day of this great match at Lord's ground, and the spectators were very numerous, the weather being extremely fine. On both sides some admirable cricket was exhibited, as the following score will indicate: . . .

Thursday 19 May

Yesterday was the third day at Lord's Ground of this highly-interesting match, for the benefit of the Cricketers' Fund. The weather again proved beautifully fine, and there was a great number of spectators. The United Eleven had 204 to get to win, and they commenced their task at about 12 o'clock. The batting that ensued was first-class, especially that exhibited by Mortlock and Iddison; the former hit a ball clean out of the ground, it going through the gateway, crossing the road and rebounding against an opposite garden wall; 7 runs were scored for it, and his total reached 65. The latter contributed 44, and was frequently applauded.

When seven wickets were down for 171 runs, and 33 were required to get to win, much excitement prevailed, especially when the eighth wicket fell for 195. However, Sewell and Silcock rubbed off the number, and thus the United Eleven won by two wickets. It was a fine match throughout, and the ground was in good condition. Both sides have now won six matches each, two being drawn; in all 14 matches have been played. MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1315.html)

Monday 23 May

This match was played on the Magdalen Ground, Oxford, on Thursday and Friday, and was remarkable for the large score made by the University, 439. Mr E Tritton obtained 110 and Mr R S Mitchell 103. The match was left drawn, the score standing as under: . . .

COUNTY OF SURREY V COUNTY OF SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1317.html)

This county match, which was commenced yesterday on the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, although the weather was cold, attracted about 2,000 spectators. The ground was in beautiful condition, and as Sussex won the toss they availed themselves of taking their innings first. It proved a run-getting match, despite the several changes that were made in the bowling, and the innings did not terminated till a quarter to 7, the total reaching 328.

The chief scorers were Mr Smith, 95; James Lillywhite, 25; G Wells, 82; R Fillery, 40; and John Lillywhite (not out), 49; the latter and G Wells were rewarded with the "talent money." Mr Smith for his fine play was presented with two new bats in the Pavilion, the hon. secretaries on behalf of the Surrey and Sussex Clubs giving one each. The wickets fell thus: . . .

Surrey commenced their innings by sending in T Humphrey and Jupp to the bowling of James Lillywhite and Ellis. The stumps were drawn at half-past 7 o'clock, and the score is as follows: . . .

The match will be resumed this morning.

Saturday 4 June

On account of the wet weather yesterday, no play took place, but the game will be resumed this morning at the Oval Ground, Kennington, at half-past 11 o'clock. . .

Monday 6 June

This match, at the Surrey ground, Kennington Oval, was resumed on Saturday from Thursday (Friday being wet). About 3,000 spectators were present, and some very fine cricket was exhibited, several large scores being made. Surrey finished their innings for 291; 37 in a minority of Sussex. The two innings together amounted to the large number of 619!

When the stumps were drawn Sussex had scored in their second innings 101, with the loss of two wickets only. The match was left drawn, the following being the state of the score: . . .

MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1318.html)

Tuesday 7 June

Lord's ground yesterday was well attended to witness this match. In three or four instances on both sides the list of players was deviated from as first announced. The M.C.C. commenced their batting about half-past 12, but only Biddulph and Mr E Tredcroft reached double figures, the former 27 and the latter 11. The bowling of Mr Fowler and Mr Dyke was very good, and the innings closed for 81.

On the part of Cambridge some excellent scores were made, Mr A Walker taking the lead with 53. The bowling was several times changed. At 7 o'clock the stumps were drawn, and with two wickets to fall the score stood as under: . . .

Play will be resumed this morning at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday 8 June

At Lord's Ground, yesterday, this match was resumed, the University, with two wickets to go down, having scored 212, and the total of the innings was made up to 221 - 140 ahead of their opponents. Against this number the M.C.C. only scored 52, Lord Garlies alone reaching double figures. The University won in one innings, with 88 runs over, as the following score will show. . .

MIDDLESEX V SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1319.html)

Tuesday 7 June

The first match between these counties was commenced yesterday morning on the Middlesex ground, adjoining the Cattle-market, Islington. About 1,000 spectators were present. Middlesex won the toss and took possession of the wickets.

The batting was very strong throughout; T Hearne and Mr Cooper scored 50 each, and were well supported by others. The fielding was very praiseworthy. When "time" was called, the following was the state of the score: . . .

Wednesday 8 June

Yesterday, at the Middlesex County Ground, this match was continued from the previous day, Sussex having scored 91 for the loss of six wickets, which they made up to a total of 111, against 261 of Middlesex. As a matter of course, according to cricket regulation, 80 is the minority for a two days' match, they followed their innings, but they could only muster 98, consequently Middlesex proved victorious in one innings with 52 runs over. The batting on the side of Middlesex was very strong, as the following score will show: . . . MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1320.html)

Friday 10 June

This return match was commenced at Lord's ground yesterday. The M.C.C. went in first, and marked 110, Hearne scoring the highest number (26); Grundy added 15, Mr Nicholson 13, Bignall 18 and Swain (not out) 13. Mr Maitland succeeded in getting eight wickets.

On the part of Oxford, Mr Mitchell gained 12 most ably, Mr Haygarth 12 very steadily, Mr Voules 36 (well played for) and Mr Teape (not out) 15. Total of the innings 99; 11 less than their opponents. Grundy and Wootton's bowling was really good and true. When "time" was called the M.C.C. had marked 72 for the loss of seven wickets, as the following score will show: . . .

The game will be continued this morning.

Saturday 11 June

At Lord's Ground yesterday this return match was resumed at 12 o'clock. The M.C.C. went on with their second innings, having seven wickets down for 72 runs. The total was made up to 96, leaving Oxford 108 to get to win. This number they failed to obtain, owing to the excellent bowling of Wootton and Grundy, who disposed of them for the small score of 44, not one reaching double figures. The M.C.C. won by 63 runs. OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1322.html)

Tuesday 14 June

The weather yesterday morning was very unpromising, and when, at Lord's Ground, the game was about to be commenced (12 o'clock) the rain came down very heavily. About 20 minutes to 1 it cleared up for a time, and "Play" was then called. Oxford won the toss for choice of innings, and elected to send in their opponents; but, after about an hour's play, rain again interrupted the game, which was not resumed till past 3 o'clock. The sun at this time shone fine and bright, and the spectators, who previously numbered only about 300, soon amounted to nearly 4,000, many carriages and equestrians being present on the ground.

Cambridge concluded their innings for 75, only three making double figures - Hon C G Lyttelton, 17; Mr Daniel, 16; and Mr Balfour, 12. Messrs Maitland and Teape bowled well throughout, and the wicket-keeping of Mr Haygarth was an excellent performance.

Oxford commenced their innings well, Mr Case scoring 13, Mr Tritton 24, Mr Evans 13 and Mr Mitchell 15; it then fell off, the others scoring only small figures. Total of the innings, 87, only 12 ahead of Cambridge. Mr Curteis bowled admirably throughout, Mr Pelham starting with him, but having the change of Messrs Fowler and Booth when he again went on. Mr Balfour was clever behind wicket, and Hon C G Lyttelton very smart at point. The close of the innings finished the day's play. . .

The game will be resumed this morning at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday 15 June

This exciting match at Lord's Ground was resumed yesterday, and attracted a very large and fashionable company — about 6,000 — including numerous carriages with fair occupants. Play commenced at 12 o'clock, Cambridge, with 12 in the minority, entering on their second innings. The batting was very steady and good, the leading scores being made by Messrs Daniel, Balfour and Booth. The innings closed for 136, leaving Oxford 125 to get to win.

Oxford succeeded in obtaining this number chiefly owing to the admirable batting of Mr Mitchell, who scored (not out) 55. Mr Maitland was not out with 12, and with four wickets to go down, Oxford proved victorious amid vociferous cheering from their partisans. On both sides the batting and fielding were of a high character. The game terminated at a quarter to 6 o'clock, just before the rain began to fall.

NOTTS V KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1321.html)

Tuesday 14 June

This great match commenced on Monday at the Trent-bridge Ground, near Nottingham. [No further report.]

Wednesday 15 June

This match between these two counties was resumed yesterday (Tuesday) morning at the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham.

After our parcel was dispatched on Monday evening, the Nottingham men got runs very fast, and when the stumps were drawn 157 runs had been made for the loss of seven wickets. This morning Biddulph and Wootton went to the wickets, Bennett and Willsher bowling. The Nottingham men played exceeding well, splendid hits were made, and several fours, threes and twos were obtained. The score rose rapidly, and at 1 o'clock it stood at 200. Eventually Nottingham finished their innings for 224, thus leading their opponents [by] 162.

After a short interval Kent went in for their second innings, Fryer and Burton going to the wickets, Grundy and Wootton bowling. The Kent men batted much better than in their previous innings, and the score rose rapidly to 90 for the loss of three wickets. After this the wickets began to fall quickly, and seven were down for 100. The others were taken for a total of 124, Nottingham winning in one inning with 38 runs to spare.

SURREY V YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1323.html)

Thursday 16 June

This match was commenced on the Bramall-lane ground, Sheffield, on Monday, and at the close of the day's play the score stood: - Surrey, 195; Yorkshire (one wicket down), 36.

On Tuesday the game was resumed, and Yorkshire finished their innings for 236, 41 ahead of their opponents. Surrey soon after entered on their second innings, and when "time" was called 19 were scored without the loss of a wicket.

Friday 17 June

Wednesday was the third day of this match on the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, when it was resumed about 12 o'clock, by Surrey continuing their innings, having 19 scored without the loss of a wicket. Some good batting took place, and the total was made up to 247, leaving Yorkshire 206 to go in against, but time did not permit of the match being played out, and it was left drawn. . . COUNTY OF SURREY V THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1324.html)

Friday 17 June

This interesting match attracted a numerous company yesterday at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval. Oxford won the toss and went in first, but made a bad beginning, two wickets going down for four runs. Mr Evans and Mr Frederick, however, made an alteration, and the score rose to 41, when Mr Frederick was dismissed by Sewell for 24. Mr Evans marked 20, Mr Mitchell 18, Mr Wright 18, Mr Haygarth 17 and Mr R D Walker 64 (the highest), for which he was presented with a new bat by the hon. secretary on behalf of the Surrey Club. Total of the innings, 171.

Surrey, considering they had been travelling all night, having played at Sheffield on the previous day, fielded very well. Lockyer's appearance, having just arrived from Australia, was hailed with general cheering, especially upon his taking his old post at the wicket. On the part of Surrey, Jupp marked 11, F Burbidge 18, E Dowson 24, H H Stephenson 27 (well got); the others were minor figures. When the stumps were drawn for the day there was one wicket to go down. . .

The match will be resumed this morning at 12 o'clock.

Saturday 18 June

At the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, this match was resumed from the previous day, Surrey having one wicket to fall, and the score standing at 124, which was not altered. Oxford in their second innings showed some good batting, but the fielding of Surrey was much better than on Thursday, and the innings closed for 152, leaving Surrey just 200 to get to win. The following score will show that 27, with four wickets to fall, have to be obtained to gain the victory . . .

The match will be concluded this day.

Monday 20 June

This match, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, was resumed on Saturday morning. Surrey, with six wickets down for 173 runs, had 27 to get to win, which number they obtained in about half an hour, Mr Burbidge being not out with 13 and H H Stephenson with 55 (a finely played innings). Surrey won with four wickets to fall.

KENT V SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1325.html)

Tuesday 21 June

The annual match between these two counties was commenced on the Sussex ground at Hove, near Brighton, yesterday morning. Such were the large scores made by Sussex, who took the innings first, that they occupied the wickets the whole of the day . . .

The game will be resumed this morning.

Wednesday 22 June

Play in this match was resumed yesterday from the previous day, on the Sussex county ground, Hove, near Brighton. Sussex had made an innings of 316, and Kent entered on their first hands and finished it for 177, Fryer heading the score with 65. Being very largely in a minority, they followed their innings, going in against the runs, but they did not succeed in rubbing them off. Consequently Sussex proved victorious in one innings . . GENTLEMEN v THE PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1326.html)

Friday 24 June

Yesterday at the Surrey Ground, Kennington Oval, this match, soon after 12 o'clock, was commenced. The Players won the toss and went in first, Mr Maitland and Mr V E Walker starting the bowling. The "professional" batting was extremely good, as might be expected, but the fielding was not bad, although there were two or three miss-chances. The innings closed for 244. R Daft, for his fine score of 61, was called up to the pavilion and received the "reward of merit" at the hands of the hon. secretary of the Surrey club, and was heartily welcomed, he having been absent from the ground for a season or so.

During the innings a very heavy storm came on (soon after 1 o'clock), and play was stopped for an hour. When the stumps were drawn for the day the Gentlemen had lost two wickets . . .

The match will be continued this morning.

Saturday 25 June - no report found

Monday 27 June

Saturday was the third day of this match at the Surrey Ground, Kennington Oval. Play was resumed at noon, Stephenson and Mortlock again taking possession of the wickets, the score standing at 261, with six wickets down. Stephenson made up his number to 117 by some very fine hitting, and was a second time rewarded at the Pavilion. Mortlock, also, played well, 78 being his contribution. He also came in for the "talent money." Lockyer's 24 was rapidly gained, and the innings closed for 371, leaving the Gentlemen 414 to go in against.

The Gentlemen entered this task, but lost the firs four wickets for 11 runs only. When the Hon C G Lyttelton and Mr Burbidge got together, however, a stand was made, though Wootton and Griffith were bowling remarkably well. Mr Burbidge scored 27, and Mr Lyttelton, by some as fine batting as ever was witnessed, placed to his name 81. On reaching the Pavilion he was much cheered, and was presented with a new bat by the hon. secretary of the Surrey Club on its behalf. Mr Kelson, in a very short time, contributed 21, Mr Maitland marked 14, and Mr V E Walker played a fine not-out innings of 47. The total amounted to 209 - thus the players won by 205 runs. . THE GENTLEMEN V PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1327.html)

Tuesday 28 June

This match usually creates a vast amount of interest, and it was fully evinced yesterday, about 4,000 spectators being present at Lord's ground to witness it. About half-past 12 the game commenced, the Players, having won the toss, going in first, Willsher and Mortlock being the representatives, Mr Payne and Mr Traill being the bowlers.

Both batsmen made a good stand, and Mr Voules and Mr Arkwright, by way of change, took a turn with the ball; this soon proved effective, Willsher being caught off the latter by Mr Voules for 19, well gained. Carpenter played a steady innings of 20; Tarrant marked 10, Tinley 16, Anderson (not out) 20; but the chief score was that of Mortlock, who contributed 71 by some very fine batting, when he was splendidly caught by Mr Burbidge with one hand (left) amid a round of applause. Among Mortlock's hits were a five, three fours, five threes and nine twos. Hon C G Lyttelton took "point" well, and Mr Round was a most efficient wicket-keeper. The general fielding was also good.

The Gentlemen were made short work of, the whole of them being disposed of for 60 runs only. Tarrant and Willsher bowled most effectively throughout. The wickets fell thus: . . .

Being within a short time of 7 o'clock, the stumps were drawn for the day. The Gentlemen, being in a minority of 127, will have to follow their innings.

The match will be continued this morning.

Wednesday 29 June

At Lord's Ground yesterday this match was resumed, the Gentlemen, with 127 in a minority, having to follow their innings. Play began about half-past 12, but such was the shortness of the Gentlemen's career that it was all over before 2 o'clock. With the exception of Mr V E Walker, who scored 19 by a three, six twos and singles, none reached double figures, the innings finishing for 59. The batting was not straight enough to withstand the bowling of Tarrant and Willsher. The Players won in one innings, with 68 runs over. . . THE GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH ${\rm v}$ THE PLAYERS OF THE SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1329.html)

Friday 1 July

Yesterday, at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, this match was commenced. The Players made a total of 229, of which Griffith marked 43, H Stephenson 58, Ellis 31, Hearne 19, James Lillywhite 22 and Sewell (not out) 20; the rest were single figures. Messrs Kelson, Wilkinson and Norton bowled. . .

Saturday 2 July

This match, at Kennington Oval, was resumed yesterday, when the Gentlemen continued their innings from the previous evening, the score standing at 67 runs with seven wickets down. Not many more were added for it, for the total only reached 79. Being in a very large minority, they followed their innings, going in against the runs. Mr I D Walker scored 59, and Messrs Round, Norton and Hyndman gave good contributions, but the amount of the innings only reached 134, consequently the Players were victorious in one innings with 16 runs over. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1330.html)

Saturday 2 July

This county match was commenced on Thursday on the Trent Bridge-ground, Nottingham. Yorkshire took the batting first and made an innings of 125. When play ceased for the day, Parr was left not out with 32 . . .

Monday 4 July - no report found

SURREY V NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1332.html)

Wednesday 6 July

At the Surrey ground, Kennington Oval, yesterday, this match was continued from the first day. The weather was fine, a large company present (about 5,000), and the cricket extraordinarily good on both sides. . .

Thursday 7 July

This extraordinary run-getting match was brought to a conclusion yesterday (the third day), at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, and resulted in a victory for Surrey with all their wickets standing. No less than 939 runs were scored during the match. The ground was in admirable condition, and well attended each day. . .

KENT V ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1335.html)

Tuesday 12 July

This match yesterday at Lord's Ground did not excite so much interest as it did a few years ago; nevertheless, there was a very good assemblage. England won the toss and went in first. The innings was not very large, 138 being the total. Mortlock played well for 41, as did Rowbotham for 21. The other double figures were - Hayward 11, Carpenter 14, Jackson 11 and Wootton (not out) 10. Fryer and G Bennett bowled well, and R Bennett's wicket-keeping was very meritorious.

Although Goodhew, Mr Troughton, T Sewell and H Fryer batted well on the part of Kent, Tarrant, Wootton and Hayward's bowling proved too effective for large scores to be made, and 87 was the amount of the innings - 51 in a minority of England.

The game will be resumed this morning . . .

Wednesday 13 July

An innings each having been played on Monday, England with 138 runs for their total and Kent with 87, England entered on their second hands soon after 12 o'clock, Lord's-ground showing but a poor attendance. The chief scores made by England were - Tarrant 30, Hayward 49 and Jackson (not out) 68, all well played for, but the fielding of Kent was most indifferent. The wickets fell thus: . .

Kent had 264 to go in against, but no stand was made, G Bennett alone getting double figures. The bowling of Tarrant and Wootton was so very effective that the whole were put out for 45 shortly before 7 o'clock, England winning by a large majority . . .

CAMBRIDGESHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1337.html)

Tuesday 19 July

These celebrated counties met to contest a match yesterday at Lord's ground, which was well attended. Play commenced about half-past 12 o'clock, Cambridgeshire, winning the toss, going in first. D Hayward and Tarrant went to the wickets, and Wootton and Jackson started bowling. Tarrant marked 13, and Pryor followed, when, as runs were made, a change of bowling was tried, and Tinley went on at Jackson's end. This proved effective, Pryor being caught off Tinley by the first ball; his 22, however, were well got.

D Hayward's innings of 37 was a very meritorious one, and he was much applauded. R Carpenter added 10 and T Hayward 16, chiefly singles. The others were single figures. Total of the innings 122. There was some very good fielding, and Grundy and Tinley bowled well.

On the Nottinghamshire side three only scored double figures - Oscroft 10, Jackson 14 and Grundy 10. Reynolds and Tarrant bowled well throughout, and the innings terminated for 59 only, 63 in a minority of Cambridgeshire. While batting, R Daft was severely hurt by a ball from Reynolds, which caused him to retired for a time. . .

The match will be continued this morning.

Wednesday 20 July

This match, at Lord's Ground, was resumed yesterday, when Cambridge continued their second innings, and from 55 on the previous evening made it up to 113. Nottingham had 177 to go in against; and such was the spirited play that great excitement ensued. Every run gained was cheered; and although Nottingham lost, it was one of the best contested matches that have taken place this season.

SURREY V SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1338.html)

Tuesday 19 July

The return match between these counties was commenced yesterday, on the Sussex county ground, Brighton. Sussex took the batting first and made an innings of 213, of which Ellis marked 54 and Stubberfield 40. Other good scores were made, Payne being not out with 24. Surrey fielded very well.

After the usual limit, Surrey entered on their innings, sending to the wickets T Humphrey and Jupp, and they kept possession of them till play ceased for the day . . .

The game will be continued this day.

Wednesday 20 July

This match was continued yesterday from the previous day, at the Sussex County-ground, Brighton, when Humphrey and Jupp, being not out, continued their innings, the former with 53 and the latter 44, and both added to their number. The batting was strong and beat the bowling all through. . .

Thursday 21 July

This match, on the Sussex County Ground, Brighton, was brought to a conclusion yesterday (the third day). The innings of Surrey closed for the large score of 419, which left Sussex 206 to go in against, but they only succeeded in scoring 152, consequently Surrey won in one innings, with 54 runs over.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1339.html)

Friday 22 July

This match was commenced yesterday in the cricket-ground attached to the Crystal Palace. It created much interest, and numerous spectators were present. The ground, being recently formed, was not in very good condition for playing, being rather lumpy.

Nottinghamshire had the batting first, and Wootton headed the score with 38. The innings terminated for 143. Willsher, Fryer and G Bennett bowled. R Bennett, as wicket-keeper, was an efficient one. Kent lost seven wickets for 80 runs, when the stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock.

The match will be resumed this morning . . .

Saturday 23 July

The match was resumed yesterday, on the Crystal Palace ground, and excited much interest among a large number of spectators. Kent had seven wickets down for 80 runs, and they finished their innings for 124 - a minority of Nottinghamshire of 19. Grundy obtained seven wickets, and there was some good out-fielding.

Nottinghamshire, in their second innings, scored 165, of which 78 were gained by R Daft and 41 by Bignall — both played well. Biddulph was not out with 15. Willsher, Norley, Fryer and G Bennett (slows) bowled, and there was some energetic out-fielding, especially by Mr Watken. Kent then took their second innings, having 184 to go in against, and when "time" was called they had lost four wickets for 41 runs . . .

Monday 25 July

This return match was resumed on Saturday (the third day) on the Crystal Palace ground, Sydenham. Kent had four wickets down for 41 runs in their second innings, which they went on with, play commencing at 12 o'clock. Sergeant M'Canlis again batted well, making 24, in which were two fours, a three and four twos. Willsher and Fryer contributed 12 each. The total of the innings was 110; this left Nottinghamshire victorious by 74 runs. .

MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1340.html)

Tuesday 26 July

At Lord's Ground yesterday, this match was commenced. Middlesex took possession of the wickets, but they did not keep them long, for about an hour sufficed to see them all out, the bowling of Grundy and Wootton being very destructive. One wicket fell for 0 . . . and nine and ten for 20 runs! For the M.C.C. Grundy marked 33, Mr R A Fitzgerald 16, Bignall 16, Mr Davidson 13 and Biddulph (not out) 11. total of the innings, 113.

Soon after Middlesex entered on their second innings, and with better fortune, as the following score will show, the stumps being drawn at 7 o'clock.

The match will be resumed this morning.

Wednesday 27 July

Yesterday was the second day of this match, at Lord's Ground, and at noon Middlesex went on with their second innings and finished it for 154; T Hearne scoring 33, Mr Daniel 52 (well played for), Mr I D Walker 11 and E Pooley 10. Grundy, Wootton and Bignall bowled. The M.C.C. had 62 to get to win, and that number was obtained with the loss of five wickets, Mr Broughton contributing 23 most ably. SURREY V KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1341.html)

Tuesday 26 July

The return match between these counties was commenced yesterday morning on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval. Kent had their innings first, and several good scores were made, but Mortlock's "slows" made sad havoc with the wickets, he obtaining seven of them. The innings terminated for 104.

T Humphrey and Jupp, on the part of Surrey, displayed some admirable batting, eliciting frequent applause from the numerous spectators. Before they parted 77 was placed on the score, and no less than four changes of bowling took place during their innings. After their retirement the wickets fell rather rapidly, the only stand being made by H Stephenson, who was left not out with 25, when play ceased for the day.

The game will be continued this morning.

Wednesday 27 July

This match was resumed yesterday at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, and, as on the previous day, the spectators were very numerous. Surrey finished their innings for 157, H Stephenson taking out his bat for 48, gained in good style. Kent fielded rather loosely at times, missing several "chances."

In the second innings of Kent Mr Kelson displayed some splendid batting against a variety of bowling; he scored 83, comprising two fives, four fours, three threes and 11 twos. On retiring to the Pavilion he was much cheered, and was presented with a new bat by the hon. secretary of the Surrey Club on its behalf, and one also from the hon. secretary on behalf of the Kent County Club.

Fryer played well for 22, and Mr Stuart also for the same number. Mr Lipscombe gave a contribution of 11, and the rest were single figures. The total of the innings was 169, leaving Surrey 117 to get to win. The stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock . . .

Thursday 28 July

Yesterday was the third day of this match, at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval. Surrey had 117 to get to win, of which 79 were gained on the previous evening for the loss of three wickets, H Stephenson being left not out and Griffith not out with 5. They, of course, resumed the batting, Mr Lipscombe and Willsher being the bowlers.

Griffith only added one more to his number, and made way for Caesar, when he and Stephenson obtained the required runs. Surrey thus won with six wickets to fall. The play commenced shortly before 12 o'clock, and it was all over in less than an hour.

NOTTS v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1344.html)

Friday 29 July - no report found

Saturday 30 July

This match was resumed yesterday morning, at the Trent Bridge-ground, near Nottingham. Betting even. After our parcel was dispatched on Thursday night Tinley took Stephenson cleverly at point off Wootton (five wickets for 58). When the stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock Surrey had scored 73, with eight wickets down.

Yesterday morning the game was resumed by Sewell and Dowson going to the wickets to the bowling of Wootton and Grundy. The batting was very good, but the bowling was not so good as on the previous day. Dowson, after scoring 20, was bowled by Jackson. Shepherd then joined Sewell, and the latter continued to bat splendidly until he was run out for 37. Surrey completed their innings for 127, thus heading their opponents by 20 runs.

After a short interval Nottingham went in for their second innings. Brampton and Biddulph went in first, Shepherd and Griffith bowling. The batting of the Nottingham team was very poor, only R Daft, Biddulph and Tinley making double figures. Several of the wickets were taken at the first ball, and the innings was completed for the small score of 81, leaving Surrey only 60 to rub off. R Daft played well and carried his bat out for 27.

The betting was now 10 to 1 in favour of Surrey. The latter commenced their innings with 61 runs to rub off. . .

(By Electronic and International Telegraph)

Surrey won the match with the loss of only one wicket. Play was continued up to half-past seven o'clock.

Monday 1 August

After our parcel left the Trent Bridge-ground, Nottingham, at 6 o'clock on Friday evening, the game became extremely exciting, the wickets falling very quickly; Mortlock scored 24 and Jupp 14 when they retired; but few runs were gained, owing to the smartness of the fielding. Mr Dowson played steadily and judiciously, and mainly through him did Surrey gain a victory, with one wicket to fall, he taking out his bat with 11 and Shepherd 1. The wickets fell thus: . . . nine for 58; four to get to win, which were gained by Mr Dowson and Shepherd.

Seven o'clock was the time for drawing the stumps, but so great was the excitement of the large assemblage and the shouts of "Play it out" from all parts of the ground, that the game was allowed to proceed, and at half-past 7 it was finished. It was a very close match, the bowling of Grundy being greatly admired, as was also the fine wicket-keeping of Biddulph. . .

KENT V SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1343.html)

Friday 29 July - no report found

Saturday 30 July

About noon yesterday this match was resumed on the ground at Margate, and again the spectators were numerous.

SURREY V YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1346.html)

Tuesday 2 August

The return match between these counties was commenced yesterday, on the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, and excited great interest, the spectators being very numerous. The batting and fielding on both sides were excellent. At 7 o'clock the stumps were drawn . . .

Wednesday 3 August

At noon, yesterday, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington, this match was resumed. Again there was a very large attendance of spectators. Yorkshire, with 86 runs for the loss of eight wickets, continued their innings and finished it for 100, 43 in the minority of Surrey, whose fielding was very good.

In the second innings of Surrey Jupp and T Humphrey again showed some fine free hitting; the former marked 28 and the latter 67, for which he was rewarded at the Pavilion. Mortlock made a good score of 30 and J Caesar added 11, the others being single figures. Total, 157. The bowling and general fielding of Yorkshire were most praiseworthy, E Stephenson keeping wicket most effectively.

Yorkshire commenced their second innings with 200 against them . . .

The match will be concluded this day.

Thursday 4 August

Yesterday (the third day), at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, this match was resumed and brought to a conclusion. Yorkshire, with four wickets down for 67 runs in their second innings, went on with it and made a total of 140, leaving Surrey victorious by 60 runs. Thewlis batted extremely well, and, as he had scored 51, the talent money was awarded him. The fielding on the part of Surrey was very good.

MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1345.html)

Tuesday 2 August

At the Middlesex County ground yesterday this match was commenced. Middlesex having won the toss for choice of innings went to the wickets first, and so strong was the batting that one wicket had to fall to finish the innings, when play ceased for the day. . .

Wednesday 3 August

At the Middlesex County Ground, Islington, yesterday, this match was resumed and brought to a conclusion, the result being very one-sided, Middlesex winning in one innings with 232 runs over.

YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1347.html)

Saturday 6 August

This match was commenced on Thursday on the Cricket-ground, at Bradford, and excited much interest. Yorkshire had the batting first, Tinley and Grundy being the bowlers and Biddulph the wicket-keeper. J Berry headed the score with 42 and G Anderson was the next with 24; E Stephenson gave good support with 23; E Dawson, 16; Rowbotham, 26; and Iddison, 24. The innings closed the day's play.

Monday 8 August

On the cricket-ground at Bradford on Saturday this match was resumed and brought to a conclusion, Nottinghamshire winning with seven wickets to go down . . .

ELEVEN OF ENGLAND v THIRTEEN OF KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1348.html)

Tuesday 9 August

Yesterday morning, at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, this return match was commenced. The weather was beautifully fine, and for the first day there was a very large attendance. The ground it beautifully situated, surrounded by corn fields and hop gardens. "Play" was called at 12.30, and Kent, having won the toss for choice of innings, elected to go in first.

The batting was very tame, two only reaching double figures, Fryer and Willsher 14 each. The innings lasted about two hours, and finished with a total of 57. Grundy and Tarrant started bowling; the former bowled throughout and the latter was changed for Wootton when the score stood at 30. The wickets fell thus: . . .

Soon after the innings was over, the band of the East Kent Militia came on the ground and played some popular airs. It was now dinner time and the parties retired to partake of that meal, after which England commenced their innings, sending to the wickets Mr E M Grace and Mr W Nicholson; the latter did not score and the first wicket fell for 10 runs.

W Mortlock followed, and a change of bowling was tried, Mr Harris going on at Sewell's end and G Bennett at Willsher's. The batsmen soon caused the score to rise, Mr Grace being sent back by Bennett for 31, in which were three fours, a three and four twos. Carpenter was the next, but lost the company of Mortlock, who added 27, comprising two fours and two twos; three wickets and 66 runs.

Hayward joined Carpenter, and both made runs fast. Another change of bowling was tried, Fryer taking the ball from Mr Harris, and soon after Willsher went on at G Bennett's end. The batting was very good at this time, but at length Fryer succeeded in finding his way to Hayward's wicket with a score of 22, in which were a four and a three; four wickets and 109 runs. Mr Buller was the next, but retired for 3; five wickets and 112 runs. T Hearne followed, and the batsmen preserved their wickets till time was called.

The match will be resumed this morning . . .

Wednesday 10 August

Yesterday morning proved showery, but at noon it cleared up, and the players soon after took the field at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury. England, with five wickets down for the 121 on the previous evening, resumed their innings, Carpenter and T Hearne going again to the wickets. Carpenter did not ad to his score of 27, being caught by Willsher (at slip) off Fryer; six wickets and 122 runs.

Grundy joined Hearne, but the latter soon after sent a ball into the hands of Fryer off Willsher, after adding 13, in which were three 2's; seven wickets and 136 runs. Tarrant was the next, and, as the batting was beating the bowling, a change was deemed expedient, G Bennett going on at Fryer's end and Sewell at Willsher's. Tarrant, after marking 22, was bowled by Sewell; among his figures were three 4's and three 2's; eight wickets and 176 runs.

Lockyer filled the vacancy, and Mr Harris had a few overs at G Bennett's end. Another change, however, was soon made, Willsher and Fryer again taking up the bowling. Grundy played a steady innings of 36, in which were three 4's and three 2's; nine wickets and 218 runs. Wootton was the last, and Lockyer, after playing a lively innings of 30, was caught by Sewell off Willsher. Among Lockyer's figures were four 4's, two 3's and a 2. Wootton was not out with a single, and the innings closed for 222 - leaving Kent 165 to go in against.

It was now dinner time, and during the interval a large and fashionable company began to arrive. The fine band of the Cavalry depot also came on the ground and played some excellent music. The wind at this time was very high, blowing a perfect hurricane, doing serious damage to several tents.

Kent commenced their second innings very unfortunate, the first five wickets going for 13 runs only, the bowling of Grundy and Wootton being very good. G Bennett got into double figures, making 11, but his wicket (the seventh) fell for 32 runs. Soon after 4 o'clock a shower of rain dispersed some of the company, but did not stop the play. The eighth wicket fell for 46, ninth for 50, and tenth (Sewell's) for 66. In Sewell's 11 were a three and a two. Goodhew added 10, in which was a 4; 11 wickets and 73 runs.

The other two wickets only gave nine runs more, and the innings closed for 82, England winning in one innings with 83 runs over. Tarrant relieved Wootton near the close of the innings, which was the only change, Grundy bowling well throughout. As soon as the game was over the rain came down heavily . . .

The match between the Marylebone Club and Gentlemen of Kent will be commenced this morning.

GRAND WEEK AT CANTERBURY

THE MARYLEBONE CLUB V THE GENTLEMEN OF KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1349.html)

Thursday 11 August

Yesterday morning proved very fine, and at about half-past 12 o'clock, on the St Lawrence ground, Canterbury, the above match was commenced. The Marylebone Club won the toss for choice of innings and elected to go in first, sending to the wickets Mr Nicholson and Mr E M Grace against the bowling of Mr Harris and Mr Kelson.

Mr Grace commenced with two drives for four each, and Mr Nicholson scored three twos in succession. Mr Grace made his number up to 17, when he was well caught by Mr Kelson off Mr Harris — one wicket and 22 runs. Lord Garlies then added two singles; two wickets and 31 runs. Mr Buller followed and exhibited some fine batting. Mr Nicholson played a careful innings of 20, including a four, a three and five twos — three wickets and 45 runs. Mr Balfour added a single only. Mr R A Fitzgerald took his place and added 6 — four wickets for 54 and five for 56.

Mr Frederick succeeded, and runs being gained fast, Mr Oldfield relieved Mr Kelson of the ball, and this change in a short time proved effective, Mr Oldfield sending back Mr Buller for 21, well gained by two fours, two twos and singles - six wickets and 76 runs. The Hon S Ponsonby was the next, and Mr Amherst took the ball from Mr Harris, but for a short time only, the latter resuming. Mr Ponsonby scored 9 in a very neat manner, when he gave way to Mr Harris - seven wickets and 118 runs. The dinner bell now rang, and the parties retired to partake of the meal.

At this time (three o'clock) the ground was well attended, and the Band of the East Kent Militia arrived and played during the afternoon. After the repast Captain Parnell joined Mr Frederick. Mr Kelson again took up the bowling, relieving Mr Oldfield. The innings of Mr Frederick was well played; in his 29 were three fours, two threes and a two - eight wickets and 125 runs. The next to show was Captain Parnell, who had Mr Tritton for his partner. The captain marked 11, in which was a four and a two - nine wickets and 137 runs. Mr Fellows took the vacant wicket, but shortly after Mr Tritton was run out for 5 - ten wickets and 158 runs.

The last man was Mr Arkwright (12 a side playing) and the batting became strong. Mr Robertson took up the bowling from Mr Harris, but after two overs was succeeded by Mr Amherst. Mr Arkwright's career was stopped by Mr Oldfield, who got in his way, after contributing 12 by four twos and a four - 11 wickets and 192 runs. Mr Fellows played a capital not-out innings of 25, comprising three fours and two threes. Time, 4.45. Captain Knight kept wicket very praiseworthily.

Kent soon after sent to the wickets Mr Troughton and Mr Scott against the bowling of Mr Arkwright and Mr Grace. Mr Troughton in the first over scored three fours in succession, and followed it up with another in the next over. He made up his figures to 28, including two more fours. Mr Scott added 16, in which were a four and three twos. Play ceased for the day at about half-past 6.

The game will be resumed this morning . . .

Friday 12 August

At the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, yesterday, play in this match was resumed at half-past 12, the weather being delightfully fine. An excellent company (about 4,000) attended, and the depot band added to its enjoyment by some very good music. Kent continued their innings, having eight wickets down for 98 runs.

Mr Lubbock (not out with 29) again handled the bat, Captain Knight being his partner. The bowlers were R A Fitzgerald and Mr Arkwright. Captain Knight added two singles only - nine wickets and 105 runs. Mr Edlmann followed, and with Mr Lubbock batted well. A change of bowling took place, Mr Grace relieving Mr Fitzgerald of the ball. Mr Lubbock showed a good defence and played extremely well, Mr Arkwright at length dismissing him for 50, in which were three fours, four threes and five twos - 13 wickets and 135 runs. Mr Oldfield was the last, but did not score, leaving Mr Edlmann not out with 13, comprising two threes and a two. Total of the innings, 135 - 57 in a minority of Marylebone Club, who fielded very well. The innings lasted a little over half an hour.

The Marylebone Club commenced their second innings by sending to the wickets Messrs Nicholson and Grace, the bowlers being Messrs Harris and Kelson. Mr Grace gained 15, when he was bowled by Mr Harris. Among his hits were a four, a three and three twos — one wicket and 23 runs. Mr Tritton was bowled by the first ball from Mr Harris, a good left-handed bowler, and did not alter the score. Mr Buller next appeared, but Mr Nicholson left him for a well-got 12, in which were a three and three twos — three wickets and 42 runs. Mr Frederick succeeded, and many runs were added before the dinner bell rang at half-past 2.

After the meal play was continued, but an alteration was made in the bowling, Mr Oldfield taking Mr Kelson's end, and Mr Scott Mr Harris's. Mr Frederick succumbed to Mr Oldfield for 16, comprising two fours (one of them a good hit to the leg) - four wickets and 93 runs. Mr Fitzgerald became the companion of Mr Buller, who was batting in fine form. Runs were rapidly got, and Mr Kelson and Mr Harris again took the ball, but soon after changed ends. Mr Fitzgerald in a rapid manner contributed 55, comprising 11 fours and two twos - five wickets and 184 runs.

Mr Balfour was the next, but Mr Buller parted from him, after playing an admirable innings of 68 (without giving a chance), in which were six fours, four threes and eight twos — six wickets and 190 runs. The Hon S Ponsonby played steadily for 18, comprising three fours and a two — seven wickets and 232 runs. Captain Parnell scored 10 — eight wickets and 248 runs.

Lord Garlies came next, but Mr Balfour left him with 36, well gained — nine wickets and 260 runs. Mr Fellows quickly marked 12, in which were two fours and a two — ten wickets and 277 runs. Mr Arkwright (the last man) added nine, and Lord Garlies was not out with 21, in which were a six (overthrow), two fours and three twos. Total, 298. Soon after Kent commenced their second innings, and shortly after the stumps were drawn.

The match will be continued this morning.

Saturday 13 August

Yesterday was another fine day, but the spectators on the St Lawrenceground, Canterbury, were not so numerous as on Thursday. Play commenced at half-past 11, the Gentlemen of Kent, with one wicket down for nine runs, continuing their innings, Mr Arkwright and Mr Fellows being the bowlers. Mr Barber played remarkably well, he facing Mr Lubbock. Mr Lubbock marked 29, in which were four fours, a three and two twos; and Mr Barber scored 37, including five fours (one off Mr Fellow's fast bowling), a three and two twos. With the exception of Mr Robertson, who carried his bat out with 13, in which were a four and three twos, none others reached double figures.

The bowling of Mr Arkwright and Mr Fellows throughout was good, and that of the latter very effective. The innings amounted to 114, the M.C.C. thus winning by 241 runs. Time, a few minutes past one.

SURREY V ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1352.html)

Tuesday 16 August

This great match excited so much interest yesterday as to attract nearly 6,000 spectators to the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval. Soon after 12 o'clock the game commenced, England going to the wickets first, Mr E M Grace handling the bat, and Griffith and Shepherd the ball. Mr Grace made the large score of 78, in which were two fives, six fours, two threes and six twos. He was presented with a new bat on reaching the Pavilion.

Mr Kelson played an able innings of 26, comprising three fours, a three and a two. G Bennett in his 22 marked a five (overthrow), two fours and two twos. Thewlis displayed some good cricket, obtaining 36 very ably; among his figures were a five, a four, two threes and four twos. Willsher played in good form and took his bat out for 37, in which were three fives (drives), a four (drive), two threes and a two - total, 259. the bowling was rather weak, but the out-fielding at times was good.

About 20 minutes to six Surrey commenced their innings, T Humphrey and Jupp going to the wickets, and they preserved them till a quarter to 7, when play ceased for the day, and during that time they had placed the extraordinary number of 100 runs on the score! Upon their taking their bats out quite a "scene" ensued, and they were rewarded at the Pavilion among general cheering. . .

The match will be resumed this morning at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday 17 August

The interest excited by this match was unabated, the spectators on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, being more numerous than on the previous day, there being nearly 7,000. With punctuality, at 11 o'clock (a good hour), the bell rang to resume play, and soon after Humphrey and Jupp, the "not outs" (the former with 39 and the latter with 54) again went to the wickets, Willsher and G Bennett being the bowlers.

Jupp made up his number to 65, well gained, and he was much applauded. Griffith came next and added 10; he hit a ball up two or three times, and R Daft accepted a chance and had the ball in his hand; but Brampton, attempting also to field it, accidentally ran against him at the moment, and the ball fell to the ground. An appeal was made to the umpire, who decided "not out."

H H Stephenson went in next, when Humphrey, who had been in a long time and played a very fine innings of 94, was caught by Hornby off Willsher; his figures comprised fives, fours, threes, twos &c. The next in order was Mortlock, and he and Stephenson batted well. The latter gave a good contribution of 22. Four wickets were now down for 211 runs, and here a great change in the game took place, the next three raising the score only to 224.

Another change, however, soon followed, for when Lockyer faced Mortlock the batting became so strong as to cause a variety of bowlers against them.

Before Mortlock left he had put on the score 55, ably gained, and he received the talent award at the Pavilion. Eight wickets and 318 runs.

Sewell added 10 by a hit for six and another for four; nine wickets and 348 runs. Shepherd was the last in order, and Lockyer soon after had to give way to Mr Grace, his contribution of 79 comprising a six, three fives, three fours, three threes and six twos. He was called to the Pavilion and received the "Surrey compliment." Total of the innings, 368 - 109 ahead of England, whose fielding at times was rather loose. There was a variety of changes in the bowling.

The time was now a quarter to 6, just the hour on the previous evening when Surrey commenced their innings. At 6 o'clock England sent to the wickets Mr Grace and Thewlis, to the bowling of Lockyer and Griffith, H H Stephenson being the wicket-keeper and Mr Burbidge taking "point." Thewlis marked seven only, and made way for Brampton, who, however, did not score. The stumps were then drawn, Mr Grace being not out with 29.

Thursday 18 August

Yesterday was the third day of this match at the Surrey Ground, Kenningtonoval, and again there was a large attendance. England, with two wickets down for 38 runs, resumed play soon after 11 o'clock. Mr Grace added two more to his score of the previous evening, making his number up to 31. Other good scores were made - Iddison 16, Daft 10, G Bennett 22, Willsher 31 and Mr G M Kelson ("the leger") 40. Total, 182. In this innings Lockyer, who is termed "the Surrey wicket-keeper," showed that he could bowl, and well, too, for he gained several wickets.

Surrey had 74 runs to get to win, and these they obtained with the loss of one wicket. Mr Grace showed himself a clever cricketer in this match, for at all points he seemed at home — at wicket-keeping, bowling, out-fielding and especially batting.

MIDDLESEX V SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1353.html)

Wednesday 17 August

The return match was commenced on Monday, on the Sussex County Ground, Brighton. Middlesex went in first, and nearly all reached double figures. The innings closed for 244. When play ceased for the day Sussex had scored 55 for the loss of two wickets.

Yesterday the match was resumed, when Sussex continued their innings, and finished it with a total of 194, of which Wells contributed 82. With 50 to the good Middlesex entered on their second innings, and scored 118, leaving Sussex 168 to go in against. This task they soon entered on . . .

Thursday 18 August

This return match was resumed yesterday on the Sussex County Ground, Brighton, and brought to a conclusion, Sussex winning by three wickets. SURREY V SOUTH OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1354.html)

Tuesday 23 August

At the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, this match (for the benefit of Daniel Day, a veteran Surrey player) was commenced, and the ground was well attended. The South won the toss, but put Surrey in first, who sent to the wickets Humphrey and Jupp to the bowling of Mr V E Walker and James Lillywhite. Humphrey and Jupp gained their runs rather quickly. The batting afterwards, however, was slow, but good, as was also the bowling in its several changes — eight taking place — Messrs V E Walker, James Lillywhite, Hearne, Holmes, G Bennett, R D Walker, Kelson and Ellis (who had been wicket-keeping) all taking a turn.

Mortlock, for his fine innings of 105, received a double of the "talent money" at the Pavilion, and was much cheered. At half-past 6 the stumps were drawn, Lockyer being not out with 43 and Caesar with 5.

Wednesday 24 August - no report due to rain

Thursday 25 August

At the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, on Tuesday no play took place, owing to rain. In the evening, however, a dinner was given in honour of Mr Miller, late "captain" of the Surrey Eleven, when a testimonial was presented to him in the shape of a handsome silver vase, value 50 guineas, bearing the following inscription: - "Presented to Frederick Peel Miller, Esq., by his cricketing friends, in commemoration of his long and brilliant career as a cricketer, and as a slight acknowledgement of his eminent services as one of the Surrey eleven, August 23, 1864." The reverse side bore the crest and monogram of Mr Miller.

Yesterday the match was resumed, and Surrey finished their innings with a total of 249. The South scored 177, of which T Hearne gained 69 (for which he was rewarded), Mr R D Walker 15, G Bennett 35, I D Walker 11 and James Lillywhite (a rising young player) 20 (not out). The bowlers were T Humphrey, Sewell, Griffith, Mr Miller and Lockyer. When "time" was called Surrey, in their second innings, had lost three wickets for 32 runs. The match was left drawn.

It is due to the Surrey cricketers to state that they gave their services gratuitously to Daniel Day, for whose benefit the match was played. The Surrey Club, too, with much liberality, gave an extra £25, on account of no play taking place on Tuesday.

NORTH v SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1356.html)

Tuesday 6 September

This match yesterday morning attracted a very numerous company to the Middlesex County-ground, Islington, adjoining the New Cattle-market. The North took possession of the wickets first, the bowlers being Sewell and James Lillywhite, jun. (left-handed). The innings terminated for the small score of 63, three only reaching double figures, the highest being 11. Sewell and Lillywhite bowled well throughout, and the general fielding was good.

The South lost their first four wickets for 23 runs, and no stand was made till G Bennett and W Mortlock got together. Wootton and Grundy had been bowling well, but a change being thought desirable, the latter resigned the ball to Darnton. Mortlock was soon afterwards stumped, having contributed 18, in which were a five, two threes and a two. Lockyer scored thirteen, comprising two threes and a two. Biddulph, who had been wicket-keeping, received a severe injury to his thumb, which caused him to retire, and Pryor took his place.

Pooley played a neat innings of 17, in which were two fours and two threes. Bennett's batting was both good and cautious, and he was left not out with 51 when stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock.

The match will be resumed this morning.

Wednesday 7 September

Yesterday morning the weather was very unfavourable, the rain delaying play till 1 o'clock, and the spectators on the Middlesex County Ground, Islington, were not so numerous as on the previous day. The South, with 126 runs and one wicket to fall, continued their innings, G Bennett (not out with 59) being faced by T Sewell, Wootton and Darnton being the bowlers. The ground was very heavy.

As both batsmen made runs, a change of bowling took place, Atkinson going on with the "slows" at Wootton's end, but soon after the latter again took a turn, but this time at Darnton's end. This change proved effective, Wootton very shortly finding the way to Bennett's wicket, but he had placed on the score 73, gained by very steady play, his defence being much admired. Among his figures were a five, seven fours, a three and four twos. Sewell carried out his bat with 26, well and quickly obtained, comprising a four, two threes and four twos. Total of the innings, 175, heading the North by 112 runs.

In the second innings of the North Brampton scored 16, in which were three twos, and Joy played most ably for 30, comprising two fours, a three and a two. The total amounted to 83, but Biddulph, it must be mentioned, did not go in, owing to an injury to his thumb. Sewell, James Lillywhite, Griffith and T Hearne bowled. The South won in one innings, with 29 runs over.

The North were vexatiously disappointed at the absence of R Iddison, who was to have represented them at "captain," he having arranged the match,

and much praise is due to Mr C F Buller, who kindly volunteered to play in his stead.

KENT V YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1357.html)

Thursday 22 September

This match was commenced on Monday at Middlesborough, near Stockton-on-Tees, and created great interest. Kent went in first, and made an innings of 195, Goodhew heading the score with 52. Iddison, Atkinson, Cuttle and Scott bowled. Yorkshire commenced their innings, but soon after "time" was called, J Berry being not out with 9 and E She with 4.

On Tuesday the game was resumed, and Yorkshire finished their innings for 212 - 17 ahead of their opponents. M'Canlis, Fryer, Bartholomew and Mr Kelson severally bowled. Joy was much applauded for his fine innings of 74. When play ceased for the day, Kent, in their second innings, had lost six wickets for 65 runs. The game was to be resumed yesterday.

No further reports found