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7 May: YORKSHIRE v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1415.html)

Day 1

On Monday, at the Bradford Ground, this county match was commenced. Cambridgeshire took first innings, and two fine scores were made by T Hayward and Carpenter, the latter being not out with 97. Yorkshire commenced their innings and had scored 7 when "time" was called, Cuttle being not out with 4 and Freeman with 3. The game was to be continued yesterday morning.

Day 2

This match was resumed on the Bradford-ground, Yorkshire, on Tuesday, Yorkshire continuing their innings with 7 runs, Cuttle and Freeman being not out. The total of the innings reached 72. Being vastly in a minority, they followed their innings, Cambridgeshire having scored 224. The second innings showed a total of 85, so that Cambridgeshire won in one innings, with 67 runs over.

10 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1416.html)

Day 1

At Fenner's Ground, Cambridge, on Thursday, this match was commenced. The M.C.C. had first innings and made a good score, the total reaching 169. The University, at the close of the day's play, left off with 45, with the loss of three wickets. Play was to be resumed yesterday . . .

Day 2

At Fenner's Ground, Cambridge, on Friday, this match was resumed. The fore part of the morning was very wet, and play did not commence till about 12 o'clock, when the University, with three wickets down for 45 runs, went on with their innings and finished it with a total of 132.

In the second innings of Marylebone Mr Buller again showed some fine batting, scoring 64. Other good scores were made, but the game was left drawn . . .

14 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1417.html)

Day 1

This important match was commenced at Lord's-ground yesterday at 12.15. Cambridgeshire had the advantage in taking first innings, and J Smith made a fine contribution of 41, gained by three fours (drives), three threes, four twos and singles. R Carpenter, in his usual good style, marked 38, comprising two fours (a drive and a leg hit), three threes and a two. Mr Saunders added 18, in which were three threes and a two. The rest were single figures and the innings finished for a total of 127. Wootton, Grundy and Mr R D Walker (in place of the latter) bowled . . . The fielding was generally good. Time about 3 o'clock, and the parties retired to dine.

After the meal Marylebone entered on their innings, and Mr Buller, who went in fifth, was the first to make a stand, which he did in good earnest. When T Hearne became his partner runs were got fast, and Tarrant and T Hayward, who were bowling, exchanged ends, but the latter, for a short time, was relieved by Munsey (slows), when he again resumed. T Hearne got his runs in a most able manner, scoring 39, in which were two threes and eight twos.

Mr Buller remained till the last man came in, when T Hayward succeeded in taking his wicket, but he had placed to his account 55, gained in first-class style, including a four (leg-hit), five threes and eight twos. No other double figures were scored. Total of the innings, 143. A good match . . . The match will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

At Lord's ground yesterday this match was resumed from the previous day, both sides having an innings each. At 11.45 Cambridge commenced their second innings, being 16 in arrear of their opponents. Mr Warren played a careful innings of 15, comprising three twos; Smith again played up well and got his runs in good cricket style, he marking 30 by a four, two threes, five twos and singles. Mr Marshall contributed 11, made by a four (leg-hit), a three, a two and singles. D Hayward carried his bat out for 12, made by a three, four twos and a single. Total of the innings, 88, leaving Marylebone 73 to get to win.

There was some very good fielding, and a catch made by Mr Buller at short-leg elicited much applause, the ball being near the ground and it was taken by one hand, Tarrant (the batsman) being fairly astounded. Grundy, Wootton and Mr R D Walker bowled.

Marylebone, in their second innings, commenced well, the batting steadily made by the Hon T De Grey and Grundy against some excellent bowling of T Hayward and Tarrant. Before the batsmen were parted 39 runs were scored for the loss of one wicket (Hon T De Grey's). With the exception of Mr Buller, who scored 10, by a five (leg-hit), a three and two singles, no other stand was made and the game became extremely exciting, the third wicket falling for 40 . . . eighth for 62 - 11 runs to get to win for two wickets.

Wootton and Biddulph (both not out), however, succeeded in rubbing them off, Marylebone thus winning with two wickets to fall. There was some very clever fielding; two catches made by Tarrant excited much applause.

18 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v R D WALKER'S ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1418.html)

Final report [R D Walker's Eleven was referred to as Southgate.]

This match was played on Friday and Saturday on Fenner's Ground, Cambridge. In the second innings of the University, Mr Winter made a fine score of 121, and Mr Warren added 72.

21 May: ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN v UNITED ENGLAND ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1419.html)

Day 1

The above match between the two celebrated Elevens of England was commenced yesterday, at Lord's Ground, and was played for the benefit of the "Cricketers' Fund." The United went in first, and a conspicuous score was made by Smith, he scoring 62, comprising a five, five fours, five threes and six twos. The innings closed for 186, Iddison, Carpenter and Biddulph giving good contributions. Tarrant, Tinley, Wootton and J C Shaw bowled. The first wicket fell for 21 . . . tenth for 186. Time, 4.15. About 5,000 spectators present.

On the part of All England Tarrant, Wootton and Tinley got into double figures, the latter not out with 19; nine wickets down for 112 runs. The match will be resumed this morning . . .

Day 2

Yesterday, at Lord's Ground, the above match was resumed from the previous day. The cold easterly wind still prevailed, but notwithstanding about 4,000 spectators were present. Play commenced about 12 o'clock, All England, with one wicket to fall, again taking possession of the wickets. Tinley (not out, with 19) was faced by J C Shaw; the bowlers were Atkinson and Howitt. Tinley was caught out by Howitt from the first ball off Atkinson, and the score of 112 remained unaltered. Howitt and Atkinson bowled well throughout the innings.

With 74 "on" the United continued their second innings, and Iddison showed some excellent cricket in his score of 40, which comprised a three and seven two's. Grundy, Carpenter, Atkinson and Biddulph made good scores. The wickets fell in the following manner: . . . Tarrant, Wootton, Jackson, J C Shaw and Tinley ("slows") bowled. There was a little loose fielding at times.

With 223 against them the All England entered on their second innings, and with much spirit was it commenced, as when the stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock, 107 runs were obtained with the loss of three wickets only . . . The match will be continued this day.

Day 3

At Lord's Ground yesterday (the third day) the above match was continued. All England went on with their second innings. Oscroft (not out with 70) and Daft (not out with 1) resumed their positions at the wickets, the bowlers being Atkinson and Howitt. Oscroft's innings was the chief feature, his score being 86, comprising three fives, two fours, seven threes and ten twos. He was much applauded upon retiring. Daft's 18 were got in good style.

The runs made afterwards were small, and the innings finished with a total of 153, leaving the United Eleven victorious by 69 runs. This makes the 16th match, both Elevens standing even, two matches having been left drawn . . .

21 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1420.html)

Final report

This match occupied two days at Oxford – viz., Monday and Tuesday last, and ended in an easy victory for Oxford. Mr B B Cooper, for England, played well both in the first and second innings, and Messrs Buller, J D Walker and C D Marsham in the second innings. The Oxford play, with a few exceptions, was very good, and, from what we can see, their eleven for Lord's will be unusually strong.

24 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1421.html)

Final report

The above annual match was commenced on Thursday, on the Magdalen ground, Cowley-marsh, Oxford, and was brought to a conclusion on Friday. On the side of the University the batting was very strong, their score reaching the large number of 337 runs, of which Mr Davenport marked 107, Mr Carter 51, Mr Boyle 44, Mr Robertson 46 and Mr Venables (not out) 24. The changes in the bowling were various.

The innings of Marylebone was 158, of which Mr Fellowes scored 32, Mr Hone 35 and T Hearne 19. They went in a second time against the runs, and when "time" was called 86 were scored, with the loss of five wickets, the match being then drawn, much in favour of the University.

28 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SURREY CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1423.html)

Day 1

The match between the above clubs was commenced yesterday morning at Lord's Ground. "Play" was called at half-past 12, and Marylebone, winning the toss, took the batting first, and some good scores were made throughout, Hearne taking the "leger" with 52, well played for. Total of the innings, 243 . . . Mr Buchanan and Mr Kelson started bowling, and the changes were - Humphrey, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Calvert, Stephenson and Mr Noble. The innings did not terminate till first over minutes to 6.

Surrey sent in Jupp and Humphrey, to the bowling of Wootton and Grundy, and so good was it that but few runs could be obtained . . .

Day 2

Yesterday, at Lord's Ground, the above match was resumed. Surrey, with three wickets down for 19 runs, continued their innings, and it proved a very short one, 68 being the total . . . Grundy and Wootton bowled well throughout. Being 175 in arrear, Surrey followed their innings, going in against the runs. Jupp batted extremely well for 31, in which were a five, a four (drives) and four threes. Mr Kelson and H Stephenson marked 11 each, Mr Bissett (who batted well in the first innings) quickly gained 12, in which were a four and a three. The rest were single figures . . .

Grundy and Wootton started bowling, and Mr R D Walker and Mr Traill were the changes. Marylebone won in one innings with 93 runs over . . .

28 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1422.html)

Final report

This match was played at Cambridge, on Fenner's Ground, last Monday and Tuesday, and, as will be seen by the score, the University were victorious. Tarrant made a good innings of 108, but the features of the match were the masterly defence and hitting powers of the Hon F G Pelham and Mr A H Winter, especially as they were opposed to professional bowlers. The Hon S G Lyttelton also played a fine innings.

31 May: CAMBRIDGESHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1424.html)

Day 1

The above celebrated counties commenced a match yesterday at Fenner's Ground, Cambridge. It was 2 o'clock before play commenced, owing to rain. Cambridge won the toss for first innings, but owing to the non-arrival of two of their players, they put in Nottinghamshire. Brampton made the large score of 89, and Wootton added 55. At 6.30 the score stood as under: . . .
[Notts 189/5]

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3

The above counties brought their match to a conclusion on Saturday (the third day). Cambridgeshire met with a defeat, Nottinghamshire proving victorious with eight wickets to fall.

4 June: MIDDLESEX v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1427.html)

Day 1

The match between the above counties was commenced yesterday on the Middlesex County Ground, Caledonian-road, Islington, and though the weather was not over fine there was a goodly number of spectators. Middlesex took first innings, which terminated for 99, Mr Buller making 34 in a skilful manner, Mr Daniel contributed 23 most ably, and Mr V E Walker took his bat out with 19 well obtained. Hayward and Tarrant bowled throughout, and were well supported by some excellent outfielding.

Cambridgeshire commenced the batting strongly, Howitt, Messrs R D Walker and I D Walker and T Hearne severally bowling, but large scores were made, as the following score will show, the stumps being drawn at 7 o'clock . . . The match will be continued this morning.

Day 2

Yesterday, at the Middlesex County Ground, Caledonian-road, Islington, the above match was not resumed till 1 o'clock, owing to the ground being sodden from previously heavy rain. With eight wickets down for 178 runs, Cambridgeshire went on with their innings, Tarrant (not out, 42) being joined by Mr Saunders, the bowlers being Mr R D Walker and Howitt.

Tarrant made up his score to 64, when Howitt found his way to the wicket. Tarrant batted splendidly; among his hits were a five (square-leg), five fours, seven threes and five twos. Mr Saunders was also bowled by Howitt (a very promising young bowler) for two singles. Mr Watts was not out with 9, and the innings closed for 212.

With 113 against them, Middlesex entered on their second innings, when that fine player, Mr C F Buller, again batted in good style, contributing 25, comprising a five (square-leg), two fours, a three and three twos. Mr Wilkinson added 11 and Mr Calvert 12; the others were single figures. Hayward and Tarrant bowled well throughout . . . Cambridgeshire won in one innings, with 48 runs over . . .

4 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1426.html)

Day 1

The above match was commenced yesterday at Lord's Ground. Hampshire went in first, but were put out for the small score of 67. When "time" was called Marylebone had scored 183, with the loss of eight wickets. The game will be continued this morning . . .

Day 2

The above match, at Lord's Ground, was yesterday resumed from the previous day, when Marylebone continued their innings, having eight wickets down for 183 runs, and their total was made up to 204. Hampshire had 137 runs to go in against, but they only obtained 79, so the Marylebone won in one innings with 58 runs over.

7 June: SURREY CLUB v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1428.html)

Day 1

The return match between the above Clubs was commenced yesterday morning on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, at about 12.15. Marylebone, winning the toss for choice of innings, elected to go in first, and a fine score they made, the total reaching 248. Mr C F Buller made a fine display of batting, scoring 89. Hon C G Lyttelton (a fine batsman) marked 43. Other good scores were made, but to delineate the hits would occupy much space; suffice it to say, the batting was much too good for the bowling, the changes in which were various, Messrs Buchanan, Wilkinson, Humphrey, Noble, Lockyer, I D Walker and Winterflood severally taking a turn. The wickets fell in the following order: . . . ten for 248.

Surrey, in commencing their innings, lost two wickets without a run being obtained, Jupp and Mr Noble being disposed of by Grundy in his first over without scoring. Humphrey, however, defended his wicket well, and when faced by Mr I D Walker, who succeeded Mr Wilkinson, who had put on 11 very steadily, the score was made to rise rapidly, notwithstanding several changes of the bowling. The stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock . . . The game will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

Yesterday the above match, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington Oval, was resumed, Surrey, with three wickets down for 96 runs, continuing their innings, which they finished with a total of 195. The match was left drawn . . .

11 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1429.html)

Day 1 - no report found

Day 2

The match between the above was resumed yesterday at 12 o'clock on Lord's Ground. The University went on with their innings, with nine wickets down for 28 runs, and the total amounted to 47 only. Wootton and Grundy bowled throughout.

Being 177 in arrear, the University were put in again, against the runs, and misfortune seemed to pursue them at first, for four wickets fell for 50 runs, and out of these Mr Winter scored 34. Mr Balfour gave a fine contribution of 67, in which were three fours, eight threes and eight twos. Mr A Walker gained his 29 skilfully, comprising a four, three threes and three twos, when he was unfortunately run out.

The fifth and sixth wicket fell for 116 runs, and it appeared almost a certainty that Marylebone would win in one innings. The stand made by Mr Absolom and Mr Willes (the last man), however, created much excitement, the runs made being cleverly and fastly scored. Mr Willes made 51, being then bowled by Wootton. Among his hits were a five (drive), a four, eight threes and four twos, and in obtaining these the spirited and judicious running of his partner, Mr Absolom, aided him materially. Mr Absolom carried his bat out with 26, in which were two fine drives for five each, two threes and two twos.

The seventh wicket fell for 127 runs . . . eleventh for 235. Grundy and Wootton started bowling, and the changes were Mr R D Walker and Mr V E Walker (slows). There was some very loose fielding at times. Marylebone had 59 to get to win, and this number was obtained by the loss of one wicket . . .

11 June: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1430.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2

At the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, the match between the above counties was resumed. Surrey, with five wickets down for 145 runs, ran up a total of 256, Mr Mortlock making a splendid innings of 60 and Julius Caesar 43. This left Sussex 165 to go in against, and through the fine batting of Wells for 52, Charlwood for 44 and Figg for 38, the innings reached 179. Surrey had six runs to get to win, and they were obtained without the loss of a wicket . . .

14 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1431.html)

Day 1

A numerous and fashionable attendance was present at Lord's ground yesterday to witness the above match. Marylebone took first innings, and the chief scorers were - Grundy 35, Mr Buller 31, Wootton 12 and Mr Fowler (not out) 31. The wickets fell in the following manner: . . . 11 for 147. The fielding was very good and Mr Reid's wicket-keeping was much admired. Mr Boyle at "point" and Mr Case, as long-stop, were most efficient.

The University made very little progress at first against Wootton's and Grundy's bowling, the first three wickets falling without a run. Mr Tritton, however, made a stand and scored 23. When the stumps were drawn for the day, Mr Voules had marked 14 and Mr Robertson 16 (both not out) . . . The match will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

The match between the above was resumed yesterday at Lord's Ground, the University, with 67 runs and the loss of seven wickets, continuing their innings. Through the fine batting of Mr Robertson, Mr Fellowes and Mr Voules (not out, 49), the total reached 140. The batting and fielding were admirable, good cricket being exhibited all round. Although the first three wickets fell for "0," it will be seen as they fell the game was well pulled up towards the close of the innings . . .

In the second innings of Marylebone, the Rev S Pepys headed the score with 55; Mr Lubbock added 51, Grundy 30, Mr Buller 28, Mr R D Walker 16 and Wootton 17, the total amounting to 231. The match was left drawn . . .

14 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1432.html)

Day 1

The match was commenced yesterday morning on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, which was well attended. The University won the toss for a choice of innings, and elected to take the batting first. The chief features were the fine scores made by Mr Winter and Mr Richardson, the former marking 93 and the latter 41 (including a splendid hit for six). Other good scores were made – Mr Warren 29, Mr Balfour 21 and Mr Green 28. Total of the innings, 255.

On the part of Surrey, Jupp and Humphrey batted in their usual skilful manner. Humphrey contributed 22, and Jupp was left not out with 30 and Griffith with 11 when play ceased for the day . . . The game will be continued this morning.

Day 2

This match was resumed yesterday morning on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval. On the part of Surrey Jupp exhibited some fine batting for 44, and Griffith gave good support with 34, Lockyer adding 11 and Sewell carrying his bat out for 10. The total of the innings, however, was 157, leaving them 98 in a minority.

Surrey, consequently, were put in again against the runs, when some large scores were made, Pooley and Griffith marking 49 each. Jupp again batted well, gaining 37; Stephenson marked 28 and Mr Miller 23 (not out). Total of the innings, 229. The match will be concluded this day . . .

Day 3

On Saturday this match was resumed on the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, and brought to a conclusion, the University winning by three wickets. There was some excellent cricket displayed in this match, the fielding being very good.

18 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1433.html)

Day 1

Yesterday was far from being cricket-like weather, nevertheless during the day Lord's-ground was well attended, there being several thousand spectators, including many in carriages and on horseback. Play commenced a few minutes before 1 o'clock, rain and cold wind prevailing throughout the day. Cambridge won the toss for choice of innings, but elected to put their opponents in first. The ground was very heavy and slippery owing to the rain.

Mr Fellowes was the only one who reached double figures (21), scoring two fours, a three and two twos. The Hon F G Pelham and Mr Weighell started bowling, the latter being soon after relieved by Mr Green. The fielding was good - Mr Balfour behind wicket, Mr Winter at "point" and Mr Tuck long-stop - all efficient. The wickets fell thus: . . . ten for 62. Time, 2.35.

After a short interval Cambridge sent to the wickets Hon F G Pelham and Mr Winter against the bowling of Mr Maitland and Mr Fellowes. Mr Winter obtained 23 in very good style, comprising a four, three threes and three twos. Mr Green batted well for 16, in which were four twos. The steady and cautious play of Mr Warren was much appreciated, and he carried his bat out with 37 to his name; his hits included four threes and six twos. Mr Absolom, for his neatly got 13, deserves mention.

Several very clever catches were made, and the fielding generally was good. Mr Reid was the wicket-keeper, Mr Boyle "point" and Mr Davenport "long-stop." The changes in the bowling were Messrs Kenney, Carter and Voules. The first wicket fell for three runs . . . tenth for 128 - 66 ahead of their opponents.

At about 6 o'clock Oxford commenced their second innings, and up to the time of drawing the stumps (7 o'clock) the cricket displayed on both sides was good . . . This morning the match will be continued.

Day 2

Lord's Ground yesterday showed a great contrast to the previous day, the weather proving much finer and the spectators much more numerous. Play was resumed on the part of Oxford at about a quarter past 12, they having three wickets down for 40 runs. Mr Davenport, being not out with 16, again went to the wicket, being faced by Mr Tritton. The bowlers were Hon F G Pelham and Mr Absolom.

Mr Davenport added a single to his previous score, and was then run out; among his hits were a three (cut) and three twos. Mr Carter put on 15, including a four and a two. The chief score, however, was made by Mr Maitland, who displayed some admirable batting for 51, comprising a five (drive), four fours, two threes and six twos. He was loudly cheered upon retiring.

Mr Voules came in for a share of applause for a well-gained 21, in which were two fours, a three and three twos. Mr Smith showed some good hard

hitting, eliciting frequent applause; his score was 30, gained by a five (drive), three fours, three twos and singles. The innings closed with a total of 171. The changes in the bowling were Mr Green, Mr Weighell and Hon S G Lyttelton . . . The general fielding was admirable. A shower of rain came on just as the innings closed, but it did not interrupt the game.

At about 10 minutes to 3 Cambridge entered on their second innings, having 106 to get to win. The excitement created as the runs or wickets were gained was very great, both sides trying all they knew. The first wicket fell for 17 . . . and ninth for 80. At this point of the game every run was anxiously watched, and as the Hon F G Pelham seemed to be playing very cautiously and adding to the score, Mr Weighell being in with him, it looked as if Cambridge had a chance of winning. However, fortune proved adverse to them, for when the score reached 93, Mr Pelham was bowled out by Mr Fellowes, amid jubilant shouts from the Oxonians, who thus won by 12 runs.

It was an excellent match, the fielding of Oxford being unexceptionable, as well also that of Cambridge. The game was over at a quarter before [? Figure missing.]. This makes the 32nd match, Oxford winning 16, Cambridge 14 and two left drawn.

21 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1437.html)

Day 1

This match, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, attracted about 2,000 spectators. Surrey won the toss and took the batting first, and very strong it proved, Jupp making a splendid innings of 82, and was loudly applauded. Mortlock added 31, Pooley 18, H Stephenson 33 and Mr Miller 30. The first wicket fell for 63 . . . and tenth for 243.

Messrs Maitland, Fellowes, Smith, Carter, Kenney and Voules bowled, and were aided by some good out-fielding. When the stumps were drawn for the day the University had lost two wickets . . . The match will be continued this morning.

Day 2

There was a very large company present yesterday on the Surrey ground, Kennington Oval, to witness the continuance of the above match from the previous day. The University went on with their innings, having lost two wickets for 57 runs. Although several good scores were made they could not save their innings, the total being 129. The third wicket fell for 58 . . . and tenth for 129. There was some very good fielding on the part of Surrey.

The University went in again against the runs, being 114 in a minority. Some spirited batting ensued, large scores being made, Mr O Spencer-Smith marking 49, Mr Maitland 18, Mr Davenport 19, Mr Fellowes 29 and Mr Voules 56, well played for. Total of the innings, 216 . . . It being nearly half-past 7, play ceased for the day . . . The match will be concluded this day, Surrey having 103 to get to win.

Day 3

On Saturday – the third day – this fine match was brought to a conclusion. Surrey had 103 to get to win, and they entered on their task soon after 12 o'clock, and finished it about 10 minutes to 3, winning by four wickets. The bowling of Mr Fellowes and Mr Kenney was very good, the first five wickets falling rapidly, thus: . . .

Here Griffith made a good stand, running up the score to 94, his contribution being 49, comprising two fours, five threes and eight twos. Mr Miller faced Julius Caesar, and the required number of runs was soon obtained, Mr Miller making the winning hit for three. Surrey won by four wickets. It was an exceedingly good match.

21 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1436.html)

Day 1

The match between these two celebrated cricketing counties commenced on Thursday at the Trent-bridge ground, near Nottingham. A good deal of rain had fallen in the early part of the week, which had rendered the ground heavy. Middlesex won the toss, and sent in Mr Wilkinson and Mr Tessib to the bats, the bowlers being Grundy and Wootton. Some excellent play was exhibited, and the bowlers were frequently changed in consequence of the steady rise of the score. When the dinner bell rang 68 runs had been made for the loss of three wickets.

The game being resumed, Mr R D Walker and Mr I D Walker went to the wickets, Shaw and Tinley bowling. The latter tried his "slows," but without success, and runs were made freely. The ball was knocked into all parts of the field, the batters having complete control of the bowling. Eventually Mr I D Walker concluded a well played-innings for 26, having been bowled by Shaw. Four wickets for 100.

Mr V E Walker then joined his brother, and both played very well indeed, the score rising rapidly; the ball was kept well on the ground and very few chances were given. Betting, 5 to 4 on Middlesex. The play still continued first rate and the score was speedily raised to 150; the betting consequently increased in favour of Middlesex. Mr R D Walker, after playing a very slashing innings for 90, was caught by Oscroft from J C Shaw's bowling. Five wickets for 187.

The next two wickets were taken for six runs; seven for 200. Mr V E Walker was finally taken for 58. Eight wickets for 209. The innings ultimately closed for 221. After a short interval Nottinghamshire went in for their first innings by sending Oscroft and Bignall to the wickets.

Day 2

After our parcel was despatched on Thursday, Nottingham commenced their first innings by sending in W Oscroft and A Shaw, to the bowling of Mr R D Walker and T Hearne. Both bowling and fielding were indifferent at starting. Oscroft soon came to grief for a single, being caught and bowled by Hearne, with the score at 7. Wootton joined A Shaw, and in half an hour the pair hit the score up to 21. The stumps were then drawn, leaving 200 to the credit of Middlesex.

The game was resumed this (Friday) morning, A Shaw and Wootton taking the bats against the bowling of Mr R D Walker and T Hearne. The play was very good indeed, the batting, bowling and fielding being superb, but owing to the heavy state of the ground (a good deal of rain having fallen during the night) runs were only obtained slowly. The Notts team were all disposed of for 88, their opponents thus heading them [by] 133.

After a short interval Notts were sent in for their second innings. A Shaw and Wootton went to the wickets, bowlers T Hearne and Mr R D Walker. Shaw was given out leg before wicket the second ball, and G Parr took his place. Wootton, after scoring 7, was caught by Hearne, and R Daft went in; almost immediately afterwards Parr was caught by Mr R D Walker for 5. Three

wickets for 13. Bignall then joined Daft (betting 2 to 1 on Middlesex), but in a very short time he was caught by Mr Tessib, after adding 6 to the score. Four wickets for 22. 10 to 1 was now freely offered on Middlesex. Daft only scored 6, and was then clean bowled by T Hearne. Five wickets for 31. Any odds were now offered against Notts.

Grundy and Oscroft were the next in, but there was scarcely any life in the game. Misfortune still followed the Notts men, Grundy being caught by Box for nine, making 38 runs for the loss of six wickets. The remainder of the Notts players were disposed of for small scores, the total being 66. Middlesex thus won the match in one innings with 67 runs to spare.

25 June: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1438.html)

Day 1

The Lord's Ground yesterday morning, the annual match between the above was commenced, and attracted between 4,000 and 5,000 spectators. The batting was begun by the Players, they having won the toss for choice of innings. Jupp batted carefully and well for 31, in which were a five (drive), two fours, a three and three twos. Wootton played in good form for 19, made by a four (drive), a three, two twos and singles. Grundy added 14, Hearne 16 and James Lillywhite 14, well gained.

The wickets fell thus: . . ten for 116. Messrs [W G] Grace and Fellowes started bowling, one change being made – Mr E M Grace for the latter. The Hon C G Lyttelton stood at "point," Mr Balfour kept wicket and Mr Buller was the long-stop – all efficient.

The Gentlemen commenced their innings by sending to the wickets the Hon C G Lyttelton and Mr E M Grace, against the bowling of James Lillywhite and Howitt (both left-handed). No stand was made, however, till Mr W G Grace appeared, and he contributed 25, chiefly singles. Mr R D Walker scored 15, Mr Lubbock 13 and Mr Maitland 15. Mr Balfour and Mr Fellowes, the two last to go in, made some lively batting and gave the field something to do, for in Mr Balfour's 23 were a five (drive) and two threes, and in Mr Fellowes's 16 (not out) were a five (drive), a four (leg-hit) and a three.

The changes in the bowling were Bennett ("slows"), Grundy, Wootton and Willsher. Hearne took "point," Lockyer at the wicket and Jupp the long-stop. The first wicket fell for 12 . . tenth for 136 – 20 "on." The innings terminated a few minutes before 7 o'clock . . . This morning the match will be resumed.

Day 2

This match was resumed yesterday morning, at Lord's Ground, about 12 o'clock amid a large concourse of spectators. The Players entered on their second innings, being in a minority of the Gentlemen of 20 runs. Jupp's score amounted to 54, in which were a three and eight twos. G Bennett played a lively innings of 21, gained by two threes, four twos and singles. Grundy placed to his account 20, obtained in his usual well-known style, among his hits being two threes and five twos.

The score of the day, however, was made by T Hearne, who exhibited some of the finest batting that could be witnessed. He went to the wicket about 1 o'clock, and remained till the innings terminated (quarter before 7), when he carried out his bat with a large contribution of 122. His hits comprised a six (overthrow), three fours, 13 threes and 11 twos. Messrs E M Grace and W G Grace started bowling, and the changes were – Messrs Fellowes, R D Walker, Maitland and the Hon C G Lyttelton. The first wicket fell for 12 . . ten for 253.

The Gentlemen have 233 to go in against. The match will be continued this morning . . .

Day 3

This match was resumed yesterday at Lord's-ground, and there was a numerous company present. The gentlemen, at about 12 o'clock, entered on their second innings, having 233 to go in against. A good stand was made by Mr R D Walker for 63, his hits comprising five fours, four threes and a two. The other good scores made were by the Hon C G Lyttelton 19, W G Grace 11, E M Grace 25 (a five, two fours, three twos and singles), Mr Lubbock 15 (not out) and Mr V E Walker 10 (a six and a four). The first wicket fell for 11 . . 10 for 195. It was a well-contested match, the players winning by 38 runs.

28 June: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1439.html)

Day 1

At the Surrey Ground, Kennington Oval, yesterday a second match this week was commenced. The Players won the toss and took their innings first. Three very fine scores were made, A Shaw taking the "leger" with 70, gained in a very skilful manner; among his hits were a five (drive), four fours, five threes and eight twos. Greenwood was the next highest with 66, in which were six fours, three threes and five twos. Both players were much applauded and received "talent money." Hearne batted well, as he usually does, and marked 47, comprising five fours, three threes and three twos.

Messrs R D Walker and Dr E M Grace started bowling, and with Messrs V E Walker, W G Grace, Maitland, Voules and I D Walker were variously changed. The wickets fell thus: . . ten for 250. The Gentlemen, at about 5 o'clock, commenced their innings, and when the stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock the score stood as follows: . . . [61/3] . . . The match will be continued this morning.

Day 2

At 12 o'clock yesterday morning the play in the above match was resumed. During the day there were upwards of 4,000 spectators present. The gentlemen, with three wickets down for 61 runs, continued their innings, and finished it with a total of 102, Mr V E Walker being not out with 13 . . . Lillywhite and Wootton bowled throughout, and Pooley was very clever at the wicket.

Being 148 in a minority, they followed their innings, being put in against the runs. A rare afternoon's cricket followed, affording great delight to the visitors, the batting being really splendid. The manner in which the wickets fell was as follows: . . seven for 293 - 146 "on." Frequent hits for twos, threes and fours were made by the several batsmen, which elicited general applause. The changes in the bowling were various - Lillywhite, Wootton, A Shaw, Bennett, Hearne, Willsher, Mortlock (slows) and Greenwood being severally tried. The stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock . . . The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

On Saturday morning, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, this match was resumed. With seven wickets down for 294 runs the gentlemen continued their innings, and finished it with the large total of 352, the batting throughout being of the first order. The players had 204 to go in against, but 106 was all they obtained; thus the gentlemen proved victorious, winning this finely contested game by 98 runs.

2 July: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1440.html)

Day 1

This annual match, which was commenced yesterday at Lord's Ground, was not so well attended as we have witnessed a few years back; nevertheless, there was a good sprinkling of spectators. The North won the toss for choice of innings and took possession of the wickets.

No great scores were made, the highest being Biddulph's (29), his runs comprising two fours, three threes and two twos. Bennett and Willsher started bowling, the former being relieved by James Lillywhite, but near the close of the innings he went on again. The wickets fell thus: . . ten for 95.

After a brief interval the South commenced their innings, and all made good scores as far as the game went. Wootton, Grundy, Dawes and Plumb bowled. The stumps were drawn at 11 o'clock, and at the fall of each wicket the runs were telegraphed as follows: . . eight for 185 . . . The match will be continued this morning.

Day 2

At Lord's ground yesterday morning the above match was resumed from the previous day. The South went on with their innings, having eight wickets down for 185, and finished it with a total of 203. Pooley, being ill, did not appear, though left not out with 2.

At about 1 o'clock the North commenced their second innings, having 108 runs against them. This number they could not rub off, for 65 was their sum total, and the victory thus rested with the South, they winning in one innings with 43 runs over. Wootton had an injured hand and was unable to go in. On the South side, in the absence of Pooley (an excellent young wicket-keeper), H Stephenson officiated, and very efficiently too. We have witnessed many North and South matches, but this certainly was the tamest of all.

5 July: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1443.html)

Day 1

This annual county match was commenced yesterday morning on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval. Surrey took first innings, and a very steady one it proved to be throughout. Humphrey scored 25, Jupp 18, Stephenson 15, Mr Dowson 13, Mr Collyer 14 and Sewell (not out) 50 - very cleverly gained. Among his figures were a four, two threes and 12 twos (eight in succession). Willsher and Bennett started bowling, the changes being Messrs W S Norton and Mr A Troughton and Marten. The innings closed for 156 . . . Play was interrupted twice for a short time by rain.

Kent commenced their innings by sending to the wickets C Payne and Carroll, against the bowling of Sewell and Griffith (slows) . . . The game will be continued this morning.

Day 2

Play in this match was resumed yesterday from the previous day on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval. With three wickets down for 22 runs, Kent went on with their innings and finished it with a total of 136, of which Mr Richardson obtained 36 by some excellent batting; his figures comprised a four, four threes and four twos. Mr W S Norton was the next highest, with 22, and good support was rendered by Mr Troughton, Mr B Norton and Bennett. The third wicket fell for 54 runs . . . and tenth for 136. Griffith (slows) and Sewell started bowling, and Humphrey, Lockyer, Mortlock and Mr Noble were the changes.

With 20 "on," Surrey entered on their second innings, and Stephenson played in an able manner for 37, Mortlock contributed 23, Griffith 16 and Sewell 17; Mr Collyer being not out with 9 . . . Willsher, Marten and Bennett bowled, the latter throughout. At 7 o'clock the stumps were drawn . . . The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

At the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, the above match was resumed from the previous day and brought to a conclusion. Surrey in their second innings had seven wickets down with 108 runs, and this number was increased to 118. Kent had 138 to go in against, but they were all put out for 70 . . . Surrey thus won by 68 runs.

5 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1442.html)

Final report

The return match between these two celebrated cricketing counties was played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday on the Trent-bridge ground, near Nottingham. Cambridgeshire went in first and batted exceedingly well, making a total of 217. Notts followed, and scored 195, leaving 22 to the credit of Cambridgeshire.

In their second innings the latter scored 179, leaving Notts 202 to get to win. In Notts' second innings the first two men (Brampton and A Shaw) were disposed of for 6. Biddulph was bowled by Tarrant for 10, Daft batted splendidly for 19, when he was clean bowled by Watts, Oscroft made a splendid drive out of the ground for 6, and when the stumps were drawn at a quarter to 7 he carried out his bat for 55 – six wickets for 90. There not being time to conclude the match, it ended in a draw.

9 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1444.html)

Thursday 5 July: This match will be commenced on Monday next, at Lord's Ground, and the Marylebone Club, as a tribute to the memory of T Box, the once renowned Sussex wicket-keeper, will play the match for his especial benefit. Many old cricketers will doubtless remember him when, in company with those celebrated players Mr Charles Taylor, Mr Langdon, Mr Napper and Broadbridge, Bushby, Lillywhite, Hawkins, Dean, Wisden and others, no match was considered perfect unless Box was seen behind the wicket.

Day 1

There was a very good company at Lord's Ground yesterday to witness the above match, which is played for the benefit of the celebrated Sussex wicket-keeper, Thomas Box, one of the best of his day. Sussex availed themselves of going in first, having won the toss.

The chief feature was the fine batting of the Hon F Pelham, who scored 78 by a five (drive), 12 threes, six twos and singles. Mr Smith, Charlwood (a promising young player), John Lillywhite and Ellis also made good scores. The wickets fell in the following manner: . . 10 for 190. The bowlers were Wootton, Grundy, Hearne, Mr Maitland and Mr Drake. A very splendid catch was made by Mr Drake, which elicited much applause.

Marylebone soon after commenced their innings, and when play ceased for the day the score stood as under: . . [M.C.C. 79/2.]

Day 2

At Lord's ground, yesterday morning, this match was resumed, and the Marylebone Club resumed their innings with a total of 283, of which Mr C F Buller contributed, in excellent style, 106. Figg and James Lillywhite bowled well, and Ellis was successful with the "slows" . . .

Sussex in their second innings began well, but fell short at the close, and their total amounted to 115. Marylebone had 23 to get to win, and with the loss of three wickets the number was obtained.

9 July: SURREY v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1445.html)

Day 1

At the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, the match between the above was commenced, and the spectators mustered numerously. Hampshire took the batting first and made a good innings of 208, the chief scorers being Captain Taylor, Mr Gale, Holmes, Mr E L Ede and Southerton. Sewell, Humphrey, Griffith, Stephenson and Mr Noble bowled. After a short time Surrey commenced their innings, and when the stumps were drawn the following was the state of the score: . . [Surrey 93/6.]

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3

This match, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, was resumed on the part of Surrey, they having one wicket to fall to conclude their second innings, the score being at 291, and it was made up to 297, Jupp taking his bat out with a splendid contribution of 94. Hampshire had 199 to go in against, but the innings closed for 140, thus Surrey won by 59 runs.

12 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1446.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2

This match was resumed yesterday at the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend. Kent, with six wickets down for 313 runs, continued their innings and finished it with the large score of 367. Surrey, when "time" was called, had scored 230 for the loss of seven wickets. Jupp again showed some fine batting for 79. The following is the state of the score: . . [Surrey 230/7.] The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

On Saturday (the third day) this match was resumed at the Bat and Ball ground, Gravesend. Surrey went on with their innings and finished it with a total of 243. This number leaving them in a minority of 124, they were put in again against the runs, but the innings only reached 86, which left Kent the winners by 38 runs.

16 July: MIDDLESEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1448.html)

Day 1

At the Middlesex county ground, Caledonian-road, Islington, yesterday, this match was commenced. Lancashire went in first and made an innings of 146. The innings of Middlesex was a large one, 202, and finished the day's play.

Day 2

At the Middlesex County Ground, yesterday, this match was resumed from the previous day by Lancashire entering on their second innings. Coward headed the score with 52, and the total of the innings reached 142. Middlesex had 87 to get to win, and, with the loss of four wickets, the number was gained, Mr Sewell being not out with 41.

16 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1449.html)

Day 1

The return match between these two counties was commenced yesterday on the Brighton ground. Sussex made the large score of 345. The following was the state of the game when the stumps were drawn for the day: . . [Surrey 13/0.] This morning the match will be resumed.

Day 2

At the Brighton Ground yesterday the match between the above counties was resumed. Surrey went on with their innings, and finished it with a total of 209. Although this was a good score, still they were in a large minority, and had to follow their innings. At the close of the day's play, the score stood as follows: . . [Surrey (2) 109/6.]

Day 3

This match, at the Brighton ground, was brought to a conclusion yesterday, when Surrey finished their innings with 189 as their total. Sussex had 54 to get to win, which they gained, having eight wickets to fall.

19 July: SURREY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1450.html)

Days 1 and 2 – no reports found

Day 3

Saturday was the third day of this match on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval. With 227 against them, Lancashire entered on their second innings, and an excellent display of cricket was exhibited. Iddison scored 106, Holgate 65, and when "time" was called Smith was not out with 40. The wickets fell in the following manner: . . . eight for 321. The match was left drawn, with two wickets to fall.

23 July: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1451.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2

Yesterday this county match was resumed at the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend. With 105 runs for the loss of five wickets, Kent went on with their innings, Mr Richardson (not out 50) and Mr W S Norton (not out 4) again taking possession of the wickets, the bowlers being Wells and James Lillywhite. Mr Richardson batted in a very splendid manner, and made up his number to 92, in which were nine fours, two threes and eleven twos.

Several other good scores were made, but the chief feature was the fine not out innings of Mr W S Norton, who scored 120, comprising four fours, eleven threes and fifteen twos. On retiring to the pavilion two new bats were presented to him – one on behalf of the Kent County Club and the [other] on the part of the Gravesend and Milton Club. The changes in the bowling were Fillery, Killick, Figg, Dean and Ellis. The sixth wicket fell for 177 runs . . and the tenth for 352.

With 157 against them, Sussex entered on their second innings, sending Mr Smith and C Payne to the wickets against the bowling of Bennett and Willsher. Payne made a good stand for 32, and the first wicket fell for 59 runs. Killick followed, and when the stumps were drawn the score stood as under: . . [Sussex (2) 62/1]. The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

At the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend, yesterday, this match was resumed from the previous day. Sussex, with one wicket down for 62 runs, continued their innings, and finished it with the large score of 304, both the Lillywhites making good contributions. Kent had 148 to get to win, and when "time" was called they had lost three wickets for 26 runs. The match was left drawn . . .

26 July: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1452.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2

At the Middlesex County Ground yesterday this match was resumed. On the previous evening five wickets were down on the part of Middlesex for 169 runs. Mr V E Walker (not out with 25) and T Hearne (not out with 72) again took possession of the wickets. Mr V E Walker made up his number to 79, and Hearne to 146 (a splendid innings). A good 29 was gained by Mr Calvert, and the total amounted to 402. The bowling of Surrey was very weak, as was also their general fielding.

Surrey, with 294 against them, entered on their second innings, but the total only reached 122. This left Middlesex victorious in one innings with 172 runs over.

July 30: SURREY v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1453.html)

Day 1

This exciting match was commenced yesterday morning on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, and attracted about 4,000 spectators. The wickets were excellent, the turf being in fine order. England won the toss for choice of innings and elected to go in first.

Some rare run-getting ensued, the scores made being very large, against a variety of bowling – Humphrey, Sewell, Jupp, Griffith (fast and slow), Mr Miller, Mr Noble and Pooley (who had been wicket-keeping) all taking a turn, most of them three or four times. The batting completely “collared” the bowling, the wickets falling thus: . . eight for 421, Mr W G Grace being (not out) with 187 and Mr Round with 12. In most of the large scores hits for fives, fours, threes and twos were frequent. The fielding of Surrey was very far from being up to the mark. The following is the score: . . [England 444/8]. The match will be resumed this morning.

Day 2 – no report found

Day 3

This match, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, was resumed yesterday. Surrey had two wickets to fall, with the score standing at 84, but very few runs were added, the innings closing of 99. The bowling and general fielding of England was good. Surrey followed their innings, having the formidable number of 422 against them. Some good batting was exhibited, but evidently Surrey was over-matched, their second innings terminating with a total of 126.

England thus won in one innings, with 296 runs over. It will be seen by the following score that in the two innings of Surrey only three were bowled out: . . .

2 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1454.html)

Day 1 – cursory report

Day 2

At the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday, this match was resumed. Yorkshire, with 11 against them, entered on their second innings, but their total reached 83 only. This left Nottingham 71 to get to win, which they obtained with the loss of one wicket.

6 August: SOUTH OF THE THAMES v NORTH OF THE THAMES

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1455.html)

Day 1

Yesterday the weather was very unfavourable for cricket, being cold, windy and showery. The St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, however, was well attended, and the spectators waited anxiously for play to begin. At about 4.20 the weather cleared up awhile, and the players took the field. The toss for choice of innings was won by the South of the Thames, and they sent to the wickets Dr E M Grace and Jupp against the bowling of Grundy and Wootton.

Dr Grace commenced with a three off Wootton. Jupp marked two singles, and Dr E M Grace made a single. The rain again came on, and as there was no appearance of it giving over, the stumps were drawn, the state of the game being as follows: . . [South of the Thames 6/0].

The band of the East Kent Militia, by permission of Colonel Deedes, led by Mr T Wood, attended, and played some very good music on the ground during the afternoon. The match will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

Yesterday the fore part of the morning was very windy and stormy, but at about 11 o'clock the weather cleared up, and the sun shone out brightly. On reaching the St Lawrence ground, although early, the spectators mustered numerously. At 11.30 play was called, and Dr Grace and Jupp again resumed their positions at the wickets, being not out on the previous evening. Grundy and Wootton were the bowlers.

No great scores were made, Mr Lubbock being the exception, he scoring 33 (not out); his hits comprised two fours, four threes and three twos – an excellently played innings. Towards the close of the innings, Mr R D Walker went on bowling at Wootton's end. The wickets fell thus: . . and 10 for 73. Time, 1.30.

Soon after, the North sent to the wickets Hearne and Shaw, against the bowling of Willsher and Lillywhite. Hearne marked a four and a single; one wicket and ten runs. Mr R D Walker did not add; two wickets and 14 runs. Shaw was then faced by Mr Buller, who scored four singles only; three wickets and 23 runs. Mr Maitland next faced Shaw, who had been batting steadily and well, but Willsher disposed of him for 13, in which were a four and two twos; four wickets and 27 runs. At this time (2.30) dinner was called, and during the interval the band of the Cavalry Depot arrived on the ground and played some excellent music, to the delight of a very large and fashionable company.

Very small scores were made, the innings closing for 46, at 4.15 . . . Willsher and Lillywhite bowled throughout. An extraordinary wind prevailed, blowing many of the flag-staffs down and levelling several tents.

The South commenced their second innings, Dr Grace and Jupp going to the wickets, against the bowling of Grundy and Wootton. After a short time the latter had to retire, being injured in the foot, and Shaw took up the

bowling. The runs made were small, the first wicket falling for four . . and the fifth for 31. Humphrey and Stephenson then made a stand, and at the close of the day's play the score stood as under: . . [South (2) 72/6].

Day 3

Play in this match was resumed yesterday morning, at 11.15 on the St Lawrence ground. H Stephenson (not out 21) and James Lillywhite (not out 9) again took possession of the wickets (six being down for 72 runs), Grundy and Mr R D Walker being the bowlers.

Stephenson made his number up to 24, in which were a four, a three and three twos; seven wickets and 80 runs. Pooley followed, and some lively hitting ensued. Lillywhite gave a chance to Grundy, which proved fatal; however, he played well for 21, which comprised two fours and three twos; eight wickets and 100 runs. Willsher joined Pooley, who had been batting very well, was soon after sent back by Shaw, who had taken up the bowling at Mr Walker's end, but he had placed to his account 20, in which were three fours and a two; nine wickets and 114 runs. Mr [G F] Grace was the last, but Willsher left with six, made by a four and a two. Mr [G F] Grace was not out with three, and the innings closed with a total of 119.

The North soon after entered on their second innings, having 147 to get to win. Mr Cambridge and Grundy appeared at the wickets, against the bowling of Lillywhite and Willsher. Grundy marked a three only; one wicket and six runs. Mr R D Walker was the next, and made 10, and the second wicket fell for 32 runs. Hearne followed, but Mr Cambridge parted from him, having 24 to his name, in which were three threes and four twos; three wickets and 38 runs.

Mr Buller appeared next, and runs were made fast. Hearne marked 42 in a very short time, against several changes of bowling. Among his hits were five fours (three in succession), two threes and a two; four wickets and 97 runs. Mr Buller played well for 27, comprising three fours, a three and three twos; five wickets and 111 runs. Mr Maitland scored 11, in which were two fours and a two.

Mr Fitzgerald and Chatterton were in together, and the runs were soon rattled off, Mr Fitzgerald scoring 16 (not out), by three fours, a two and singles; and Chatterton nine (not out), by a four, a three and a two. Total of the innings 148, thus winning with two wickets to fall. The changes in the bowling were - Dr Grace, Mr W G Grace and Griffith. Time, 3.15. A heavy shower of rain interrupted the game for a short time.

8 August: GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH v I ZINGARI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1456.html)

Day 1

The South took first innings, Dr Grace and Mr Lucas going to the wickets against the bowling of Captain Parnell and Mr Cambridge. Dr Grace scored 6, Mr Lucas 14, Mr W G Grace 30 (well gained) and Mr Wathen 15 . . . The following was the score, the innings closing for 97 at 6.15.

Just as our account was leaving it was agreed to play till 7 o'clock, and I Zingari entered on their innings. Play to be resumed this morning.

Day 2

St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury. - This match was resumed yesterday, at about 11.30, the weather being very fine, and again a large and fashionable company was present. The Cavalry depot band played during the afternoon some beautiful selections of music. I Zingari, with 16 runs for the loss of one wicket on the previous evening, went on with their innings and finished it with a total of 78, of which Mr Maitland scored 16, comprising a four, a three and four twos; Mr Buller 11, in which were a four and a two; Mr Edward's 27 (not out), made by three fours, two threes, a two and singles. The others were minor figures. Dr Grace and Mr Lipscombe bowled throughout.

With 19 "on" the Southern Gentlemen commenced their second innings, Dr Grace and Mr Lucas going to the wickets, against the bowling of Captain Parnell and Mr Cambridge. Dr Grace scored 13, in which were two fours; one wicket and 36 runs. Mr W G Grace followed, when, as runs were made fast, a change in the bowling was made. Mr Lucas batted well for 31, in which were six fours and two twos; two wickets and 70 runs. Mr Baker followed, and the batting became very strong, against several changes in the bowling; Mr Buller, Captain Arkwright, Mr Maitland, Mr Fellowes and Mr E Lubbock all being tried. Mr W G Grace scored 50, comprising five fours and six twos; three wickets and 105 runs; the fourth fell for 107, the fifth for 111 and the sixth for 115.

Mr Troughton and Mr [G F] Grace (quite a youth) made a stand; the latter got his runs well and soon put together 17, in which were three fours. The seventh wicket fell for 139 and the eight for 160. Captain Fyfe joined Mr Troughton. Some very free hitting took place, and Mr Antrobus, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr A Lubbock took a turn with the ball. Captain Fyfe gained 31, comprising six fours; nine wickets and 209 runs. Mr F Hore next faced Mr Troughton and scored two; ten wickets and 222 runs. Mr Lipscombe marked five; 11 wickets and 226 runs, at which the innings closed. Mr Troughton carried his bat out with 40, steadily gained, in which were two fours and five twos. The game will be resumed this morning . . .

Day 3

Yesterday the forepart of the morning was stormy, but when play was resumed the sun was shining brightly (time, 12.15). I Zingari, with 245 against them, entered on their second innings, Mr Cambridge and Mr Maitland going to the wickets against the bowling of Dr Grace and Mr Lipscombe; as runs

were made rather quickly, Dr Grace went on at Mr Lipscombe's end. Mr Cambridge scored 23, in which were two fours and two threes. Mr Maitland marked 36 (well played for), including three fours, three threes and four twos.

The other conspicuous score was that of Mr Buller, who, in his usual good style, placed to his account 28, in which were four fours, two threes and two twos. Mr Edwardes made 12 by three threes, a two and a single; Mr Fellows 11, by two fours, a two and a single. The rest were minor figures. The innings closed at 12.30 with a total of 124 . . . The Gentlemen of the South won by 121 runs.

10 August: GENTLEMEN OF KENT v MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1458.html)

Day 1

At 3.30 this match was commenced, and there was a very excellent company on the ground, the band of the Cavalry Depot being again present, and performing some excellent music. Marylebone won the toss for choice of innings, and elected to take the batting first, sending to the wickets Mr Nicholson and Mr Cambridge against the bowling of Mr Lipscombe and Mr Money.

Mr Cambridge played well for his 18, which included a four and a three. Mr Buller was the next to make a stand, and he put on 27, comprising five fours and a two. Mr Frederick marked 13, in which were a four and a two. The rest scored single figures, and the innings closed for 85 . . . Soon after the Gentlemen of Kent entered on their innings, and the score stood as follows when play ceased for the day, the game to be continued this morning . . . [Gentlemen of Kent 32/2.]

Day 2

Saturday was a beautiful day for cricket, and although the last day of the "grand week," the ground was well attended. At 11.45 play was resumed by the Gentlemen of Kent, who had scored 32 with the loss of two wickets. Some good cricket ensued.

Mr Money marked 36, comprising five fours and a two; Mr Thornton 26, including a six (square leg) and three fours; and Mr Edmeades 24, in which were a six, two fours and two twos. Total of the innings, 150. Mr Cambridge, Dr Grace, Captain Parnell and Captain H Arkwright bowled. The wickets fell thus: . . and eleven for 150.

At about 2 o'clock Marylebone commenced their second innings, with 65 against them. Dr Grace played a very fine innings of 40, in which were five fours, a three and three twos. Mr Cambridge in his score of 29 marked four fours and two twos. After this no stand was made till Mr Buller appeared. The first wicket fell for 60 . . and the sixth for 100. Mr Frederick joined Mr Buller and some free hitting ensued; the former scored 15 quickly, by three fours and singles; seven wickets and 128 runs.

Mr Fitzgerald left the score unaltered. Captain Parnell added five; nine wickets and 139 runs. Mr Buller had defended his wicket most ably for some time, but at length Mr Lipscombe lowered his wicket after a fine innings of 34, in which were five fours, two threes and a two; ten wickets and 139 runs - and at that number the innings closed. Mr Lipscombe bowled throughout and obtained seven wickets. Mr Money had the changes of Messrs Edmeades and W H Wathen, and then went on again till the close.

At 4.40 the Gentlemen of Kent entered on their second innings, with 75 to get to win. Mr Troughton and Mr Thornton went to the wickets, against the bowling of Captain Arkwright and Mr Frederick. Mr Thornton (a very free hitter) scored 24, including two hits for six (on drives), a four and three twos; one wicket and 39 runs. Mr Buller went on bowling at Captain Arkwright's end, and Captain Parnell at that of Mr Frederick; soon after, however, Captain Arkwright resumed.

Mr Troughton played steadily, and put on 18, in which were a four, a three and a two; two wickets and 51 runs. Mr Edmeades added two, and the third wicket fell for 58. Mr Money commenced well, and when faced with Mr S Lubbock, some steady play ensued, which was followed by a little energetic running, and the game was pulled off, the Gentlemen of Kent winning by eight wickets. Mr Money's not out innings of 20 comprised two fours, a three and two twos. Subjoined is the full score, the game finishing at 5.50: . . .

16 August: HAMPSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1461.html)

Days 1 and 2

At Southampton, on Thursday, this return match was commenced; yesterday the game was continued, and the following is the result: . . [Surrey 85 and 127/3; Hampshire 281.] The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

At the Antelope-ground, Southampton, on Saturday, play in the above match was resumed. Surrey, with 127 runs for the loss of three wickets, continued their innings, Jupp (not out 70) and Pooley (not out 1) again going to the wickets, the bowlers being Southerton and Tubb. Jupp made his number up to 96 and Pooley to 14. The innings closed for 216. Hampshire had 21 to get to win, and those they obtained without losing a wicket.

20 August: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1462.html)

Day 1

The return match between these counties created much interest. It was commenced yesterday morning on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, and the spectators were very numerous. Surrey took the batting first, and the play was very steady. Jupp scored 19, in which were two fours and two twos. Stephenson batted in good form and gained 22, comprising a three and four twos. Pooley played a smart innings of 11, made by a four, a three and two twos. The chief stand, however, was Mortlock, his score reaching 41 (well played for); among his figures were a four, seven threes and four twos.

Griffith was not long in putting on 14, comprising two fours and a three. Sewell showed some lively batting for 32 (not out), in which were a four, a three and seven twos. Total of the innings, 159. Mr R D Walker and Howitt started bowling, the changes being Mantle and Hearne. Mr Bissett kept wicket well and the general fielding was good . . .

Middlesex commenced their innings by sending to the wickets Mr J J Sewell and Mantle against the bowling of Humphrey and Sewell, but as runs were quickly made, Griffith and Mr Miller went in. Mantle marked 22 in a neat and clever style, and the first wicket fell for 51 runs. Mr Marshall was the next, but soon after "time" was called, Mr J J Sewell being not out with 29. The following is the state of the score: . . [Middlesex 57/1.]

Day 2

This match was resumed yesterday morning on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, and the spectators present were about 3,000. Middlesex, with one wicket down for 57 runs, went on with their innings. Mr J J Sewell (not out 29) and Mr Marshall (not out) again took possession of the wickets, Mr Miller and Griffith being the bowlers.

Various changes in the bowling were made, but the score showed 210 before the batsmen were parted. Indeed, the batting proved so strong that, although the whole of the Surrey eleven took a turn at bowling, it was completely "collared." The third wicket fell for 270 . . and the tenth for 455. The innings closed at a few minutes past 6, and the stumps were drawn for the day, Surrey having had enough of "leather hunting" . . . The match will be concluded to-day.

Day 3

Soon after 12 o'clock yesterday this match was resumed on the Surrey ground, Kennington Oval, and again the spectators mustered numerously. Surrey, with the formidable score of 296 against them, entered on their second innings, Jupp and Humphrey going to the wickets against the bowling of Howitt and Mantle. Jupp marked 13, in which were a four and three twos. A great stand was made by Mortlock and Mr Noble, and both exhibited some fine batting, against several changes in the bowling.

It was a fine afternoon's cricket on both sides, and the spectators seemed much delighted. Mortlock scored 106, including a five, twelve fours, seven

threes and four twos. He was rewarded with the double "talent money." Mr Noble's batting was first-class, especially for a young player, and among the list of gentlemen is likely to be a great acquisition to Surrey. For his fine score of 71 he was presented with a new bat on behalf of the Surrey Club. Among his hits were three fours, three threes and fourteen twos.

The changes in the bowling were Hearne, Mr I D Walker, Mr R D Walker and Mr V E Walker. Total of the innings, 226 . . . At 5.10 the innings terminated, Middlesex winning in one innings with 70 runs over.

27 August: GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH v PLAYERS OF THE SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1464.html)

Days 1 and 2

This match, which was commenced on Monday, on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, excited considerable interest, a very large assemblage of spectators being present. The game did not commence till a few minutes before 1 o'clock, owing to the non-arrival of one or two of the gentlemen. The toss for choice of innings was won by the Players, who sent to the wickets Payne and Jupp, the bowlers being Mr W G Grace and Mr I D Walker.

Payne made a good stand for 20, including two 4's, a 3 and a 2. Stephenson marked 12, in which were a 3 and a 2. The wickets had fallen rather fast, viz.: . . five for 46. When Griffith appeared things began to improve. He hit away merrily, and was well aided by 11 from Pooley, who was followed by Lillywhite. The score reached 110, when Mr Noble relieved Mr I D Walker of the ball. At 132 another change was made, Mr Lee taking Mr Noble's place.

Lillywhite batted well and scored 24, in which were a four, four threes and a two. Sewell next faced Griffith, and runs were still made. Mr I D Walker went on bowling again, but changed ends with Mr Grace. Sewell gained 12 very smartly, including a four and a three. Willsher was the last man, and when he had scored 15 he was clean bowled by the first ball from Mr Greenfield, who had taken up the bowling from Mr I D Walker. In Willsher's figures were a three and three twos. Griffith's innings was a splendid one, he being left not out with 97, gained by three fours, 13 threes and seven twos. He was deservedly applauded. The sixth wicket fell for 57 . . and the tenth for 207.

The Gentlemen commenced their innings by sending in Mr Noble and Mr Lucas, the bowlers being Willsher and Bennett; the latter, however, was soon relieved by Lillywhite. Both gentlemen exhibited some first-class batting. Mr Noble parted first with 24, in which were two threes and four twos. When play ceased for the day Mr Lucas was not out with 20 and Mr Lee with 3.

The game was resumed on Tuesday, when the Gentlemen, with the loss of two wickets for 47 runs, went on with their innings, Mr Lucas being not out with 20 and Mr Lee with 3. Mr Lee made his number up to 8, and the third wicket fell for 57. Mr W G Grace next appeared, and his batting was first class. Mr I D Walker scored 14 and Mr Alexander 10, but it was left to Mr Grace to carry his bat out with the large score of 173, including two sixes, two fives, seven fours, 14 threes and 16 twos. A finer innings could not be witnessed; good bowling (with several changes) being tried against him; but his runs were gained in admirable cricket form, not even the shadow of a chance for a catch being given. During the play he was frequently applauded; but upon retiring the applause was general . . .

The innings closed at about ten minutes to five, but rain came on and interrupted the play till 20 minutes after, when the Players, with 90 against them, entered on their innings. Jupp and Payne went to the wickets against the bowling of Mr Grace and Mr Walker. Payne scored 2 only, and the first wicket fell for 10 runs. Hearne followed, but Jupp left him, after marking 10, in which were three twos; two wickets and 18 runs.

Stephenson was the next, but Hearne gave a chance to Mr Calvert, which he accepted, after contributing 18, comprising a five (fine drive), two threes and three twos; three wickets and 34 runs. Griffith followed and quickly marked 12; when he was "c and b Mr Walker;" four wickets and 52 runs. When "time" was called Stephenson was left not out with 10, the following being the state of the score: . . [Players (2) 52/4.] The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

Owing to heavy rain yesterday, no play in this match took place on the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval; consequently the game was left drawn, the following being the state of the score: - The Players, 207 and 52, with four wickets down; the Gentlemen, 297. Umpires, Mortlock and Caesar.

For the brilliant play exhibited by Mr W G Grace a very handsome prize bat, with silver plate, was presented to him, on behalf of the Surrey Club. His innings in this match was 173 (not out), and in the match "Gentlemen v Players" at the Oval about three weeks back he was not out with the extraordinary number of 224.

6 September: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1465.html)

Days 1 and 2

The third, or conquering match, between the above counties was commenced on Thursday at Tunbridge Wells, and was continued yesterday, the following being the result: . . [Kent 80 and 20/5; Sussex 83.]

Day 3

This, the third or conquering match, between the above counties was to have been resumed on Saturday at Tunbridge, but, owing to heavy rain, no play took place, so that, like the previous matches, the game ended in a draw . . .