

Saturday 5 January, page 9: THE QUESTION OF THROWING

The Warwickshire County Club do not propose to take any active part in the controversy concerning throwing. Mr Bainbridge, the Warwickshire captain, disagrees with the decision of the general body of captains, but says that captains are in the hands of their respective committees.

Mr Cartland, the chairman of the Warwickshire committee, yesterday informed a Press representative that he personally sympathized with the endeavour to enforce the law. He added that Warwickshire 16 or 18 years ago declined to offer an engagement to Mold on the ground of his unfair delivery.

Mr F E Lacey, the secretary of the M.C.C., writes that the M.C.C. committee meet on Monday and the captains of the first-class counties on Tuesday, but that he does not expect the throwing question will be discussed at either meeting.

Thursday 10 January, page 5: THE THROWING QUESTION

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB AND MOLD

Mr Cartland, the chairman of the Warwickshire Committee, has issued the following statement respecting the Warwickshire County Club and Mold: -

"On my return from North Wales I saw Mr Ansell's letter of the 6th inst. Before my leaving Birmingham on Friday morning last a Press Association correspondent introduced himself to me whilst walking from the station to my chambers. He was anxious to know if the Warwickshire Committee were taking any steps in reference to the action of the county captains. I told him the committee had decided to await the development of events and take no part in the controversy at present.

"We then chatted in an informal manner on several subjects, I being under the impression that what I may call the business part of the interview was over. I expressed the opinion that the captains had taken a very drastic and decided attitude, but apparently the only one [really to] stop throwing, and I certainly approved. I further expressed the opinion that Mold, though a very fine bowler, occasionally threw, and that his action, though sometimes challenged now, was more open to suspicion years ago, and stated that, but for that being so, he might have been engaged by Warwickshire.

"It is on this point I apparently come into conflict with Mr Ansell's opinion, though I think really there is no dispute between us on the point. Mr Ansell is quite correct in saying the Warwickshire Committee never in any way approached Mold, nor Mold the Warwickshire Committee; but at the time mentioned, whilst Mold was playing for Northamptonshire, an intimation, whether authorized or not I cannot say, was given to me and several of the amateurs who at the time helped to direct the county's cricket affairs that Mold would be glad to come to us, although he was then engaged with the Manchester Club. It was then we carefully considered the matter and, having regard to his somewhat doubtful action and out position as a rising second-class county, we did not bring the question before our committee.

"I am exceedingly sorry a casual conversation should have been given such wide publicity, as it deals with matters nearly two decades old and in which several of the actors are now dead, and especially at such a time as [in any way to] embarrass Mold, for whom I have a great regard as a cricketer."

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY CLUB AND THE THROWING QUESTION

The action of the county captains with regard to Mold was incidentally mentioned yesterday at the meeting of the Lancashire County Committee at Manchester. The committee, however, felt that the matter was not sufficiently ripe for action on their part, and deferred to consideration of it until a later meeting.

Tuesday 15 January, page 9: CRICKET

The annual report of the Notts County Club, which is to be submitted to the meeting of members on Saturday next, shows that the receipts for last year amounted to £3,543, of which £1,376 was derived

from matches and £2,140 from members' subscriptions, there being no fewer than 1,972 subscribers at a guinea each.

The highest sum received from a match was in the case of the game against Surrey at Nottingham, this engagement yielding £713. The next largest was £142 from the Yorkshire match. The expenditure in matches played away amounted to £1,852. Shrewsbury received £300 as half the net proceeds of the Surrey match. The general expenses amounted to £1,142 and, after allowing for this and some other items of expenditure and for the transfer of £200 from the general to the extension account, there remained £4 cash in hand at the bankers. The account shows that the club still owes £4,334 in connexion with the ground extension and improvement.

The amount of gate money taken last season was £519 in excess of that in the previous year, which the committee regard as a sign of revived interest in the game locally. To encourage still further this revival they have arranged an attractive list of fixtures for next season, including matches with Essex - a feature which has been desired for some time by many Notts supporters of the game. Two colts' matches are to be played in the county in addition to the usual fixture with Yorkshire colts away. By permission of the Duke of Portland the match against Derbyshire will be played at Welbeck.

The committee express their thanks to Mr A O Jones for his valuable services as captain, and signify their appreciation of the marked improvement in the team generally, mentioning particularly Wass and J Gunn for their bowling.

A capable ground staff has been engaged for the ensuing season. It is estimated that at least 2,500 members will be required to enable the committee to work the club efficiently in its various branches and to pay off a portion of its debt at the end of next season.

The committee conclude by expressing sincere thanks to Mr J A Dixon for his valuable services as captain of the team for 11 years. In order to mark their esteem for him a testimonial fund was opened, which realized, without any canvassing, £174. This, after allowing for the cost of an illuminated address, was, at Mr Dixon's express wish, placed at the disposal of the committee, to be given by them from time to time to players receiving their benefits, in such sums as may be thought proper, until the fund is exhausted. The committee trust that, although he has resigned the captaincy, Mr Dixon may long be able to play with the team.

#### A SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM TO VISIT ENGLAND

Lord Hawke announces that a team of South African cricketers will visit England next season, passages having been booked from Cape Town for April 17.

Murray Bissett, who led the South African elevens when Lord Hawke last took a team to South Africa, will act as captain, and the side will also include Sinclair, Rowe, Tancred, Graham and Halliwell, an exceptionally able wicket-keeper. The remaining members of the team will be selected nearer the time of departure.

Monday 21 January, page 11: THE NOTTS COUNTY CLUB

The Duke of Portland presided on Saturday at the annual meeting of the Notts County Club. Mr W E Denison, in moving the adoption of the report, said that in the past season the county had been fairly successful with regard to its matches, and on one or two occasions it had been deprived of almost certain victory through bad weather. Still, the county had taken a very forward step and was reasonably strong now in the bowling department, which had been getting worn out.

A considerable amount of rising talent had been attracted to the club. Notts had never been behind in raising cricketers. Fifteen or 20 years ago they produced an enormous crop of first-class men all at once, and they could not expect to keep up to that standard of excellence. Thanks, however, in a great degree to the management of the late Mr William Wright, they had been able to form a strong Trent-bridge ground staff and keep many men who might otherwise have gone away. He thought the prospects of Notts were in this respect more promising than for many years past, and that in a few years they would regain the same position they used to enjoy when, if not head of the tree, they were always a good second.

As to the club accounts, they had a satisfactory balance, though small. With regard to the recent controversy Mr Denison said that if the procedure of the county captains appeared to a certain extent inconvenient, it must be remembered that the matter was sprung upon them in the shape of a question which they were asked and to which they had probably not the time to give adequate consideration; but, although the form of procedure which they had adopted might possibly be amended, there could be no doubt as to the value of the opinions of the county captains, who possessed a thorough knowledge of the game and based their judgment upon careful observation.

Mr Key had called attention to another phase of unfair bowling, which took the form of drawing the foot over the crease. It was an aggravating and useless habit, which did a good deal of harm to the side of the bowler who fell into the error. He was extremely glad county captains had discountenanced the proposal to alter the leg-before-wicket rule.

Sir George E Paget was elected president of the club for the ensuing year.

Tuesday 22 January, page 10: K S RANJITSINHJI AND THE THROWING QUESTION

K S Ranjitsinhji, in a statement to a correspondent at Cambridge on the question of "throwing," said his opinion was that people made far more out of this matter of throwing than was necessary. No useful purpose would be served by over-legislating in the matter and by taking drastic measures, as the captains had done.

Moreover, the captains had no right, in his opinion, to assume the power they had taken upon themselves to bar people from bowling. The M.C.C. was the proper body to legislate upon cricket. There was only one man who could know when a bowler was throwing or not, and that was the bowler himself.

When throwing, a man used the elbow as well as the shoulder and the wrist in propelling the ball, whereas he would only use the shoulder and the wrist in bowling proper. In his opinion, the additional use of the elbow in propelling the ball constituted the throw.

When a man was no-balled for throwing, the public came to the conclusion not merely that in the umpire's opinion the man's action was not a bowl, but that the bowler had done something mean with the object of getting the other side out unfairly. In other words, they thought he had tried to take an unfair or unsportsmanlike advantage by deliberately throwing. They were trying to fathom his motives and, of course, it would be impossible for anybody to do that,

Last season he had asked several of his brother captains if Mr Fry threw. They had replied "No." Mr Fry had asked several of them himself, and had got a favourable reply. It seemed strange, if the account was true, that they should have voted unanimously against him. As he himself did not consider that Mr Fry threw, he should certainly bowl him if he thought it was to the interest of his side to put him on. He was not a party to that agreement, and his club had never empowered him to be a party to it.

He did not think that Mold threw, and he quite agreed with Mr A N Hornby's views expressed some time ago respecting Mold's delivery.

Tuesday 5 March, page 12: CRICKET

The following addition to the "instructions to umpires" has been approved by the captains of the first-class counties and the umpires, and confirmed by the committee of the M.C.C. In the code of signalling there is nothing new [new?], the general practice of umpires having merely been put, for the first time, into words: -

Code of Signalling.

Boundaries shall be signalled by waving the hand from side to side.

Byes shall be signalled by raising the open hand above the head.

Leg-byes shall be signalled by raising the leg and touching it with the hand.

Wides shall be signalled by extending both arms horizontally.

No-balls shall be signalled by extending one arm horizontally.

The decision "Out" shall be signalled by raising the index finger above the head. Umpires shall wait until a signal has been answered by the scorer before allowing the game to proceed. Besides signalling the umpire should "call" distinctly for the information of the players. On giving a decision the umpire should make sure that the batsman understands what the decision is.

There will be a change in the captaincy of the Worcestershire eleven in the coming season. Mr H K Foster has relinquished the office, because of increasing business engagements which may not allow him to play regularly, and Mr R E Foster has been elected to succeed him. Mr W L Foster has returned to South Africa, but in his absence it is expected a fourth brother, B S Foster - a Malvernian - will appear in county cricket.

Thursday 7 March, page 7: CRICKET

The annual meeting of the Leicestershire County Cricket Club was held at Leicester, yesterday, Mr Holmes, president, in the chair. The report of the committee showed that the total membership was 1,130, nearly 300 new members having been enrolled last year. It is imperative, however, that the number should be further increased if the club is to be placed on a sound financial basis.

The committee regretted that last year's deficit of £71 had, owing to adverse weather during their home matches, been increased to £860. The members had consequently been asked to double their subscriptions for one season, but, so far, the appeal had not been satisfactorily responded to.

Mr A D Pougher had received a cheque for £220, the proceeds of his benefit match last season. The committee reported that all last year's players would again be available, and better results might be looked for.

The president, in moving the adoption of the report, announced that donations to the amount of £4,370 had been received on account of the new ground, besides £1,150 guarantee to the bank. The new ground would be opened with a deficit of £2,000, which it was hoped to raise by means of a bazaar. The report was adopted, and Mr Holmes was re-elected president.

In answer to a circular received from Lord's, stating that the opinion of the Marylebone Club committee has been asked by certain counties on the resolution passed by the captains on the non-observance of Law 48, and asking if the Sussex committee wish the Marylebone committee to consider and pronounce any opinion thereon, the following reply has been sent: -

"The committee of the Sussex County Cricket Club are of opinion that the matter with regard to Law 48 should be left in the hands of the M.C.C. committee for decision."

Tuesday 19 March, page 12: CRICKET

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Golden Cross Hotel, Charing-cross, the Kent Committee passed the following resolution on the throwing question, which has been so much discussed, by all classes of cricketers since the county captains resolved on their drastic step at Lord's last December: -

"The committee of the Kent County Club approve the action of the county captains, and wish to express their great satisfaction at the fact that the M.C.C. Committee are prepared to take the question in hand in consultation with the county captains."

After the committee meeting the annual meeting of the Kent County Club was held, the proceedings, which were scarcely more than formal in character, lasting barely half an hour. Among those present were Lord Camden, Mr George Marsham, the Rev C E B Nepean, Mr F A McKinnon, Mr K McAlpin, Mr J Le Fleming, Mr John Howard, M.P., Mr W B Pattisson, Mr Frank Marchant, Sir Charles Oakeley, Mr H W Dillon, Mr Leach Lewis, Mr P B Neame and Mr A J Lancaster, secretary. In the course of the business Mr John Howard, M.P., was elected president, and the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

It was determined that during the Tonbridge week the charge for admission to the ground should be 1s instead of 6d, as heretofore.

Despite the wretchedly bad weather during the Canterbury Week last August, Martin's benefit match yielded him, including private subscriptions, something over £920. Mr J R Mason was, unfortunately, too unwell to be present at the meeting.

Tuesday 26 March, page 12: CRICKET

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire County Club was held at Birmingham yesterday evening, Sir James Smith presiding. It was reported that the past season had been satisfactory for the point of view of the cricket, but financially it had been unsuccessful, the accounts showing a deficit of £900. The gate receipts had fallen off to the extent of £500, through unfavourable weather. Mr G H Cartland, chairman of the committee, assured the meeting that, notwithstanding the adverse financial conditions, the club was never in a better position.

With regard to the throwing controversy the committee had expressed themselves very anxious indeed that the M.C.C. should deal with such a burning question, and suggested that the proper course for them to adopt would be to act in conjunction with the county clubs. He was glad to see that the lead had been followed by several counties, Kent amongst them. It seemed to him to be the only consistent way of settling the much-vexed question of throwing, once and for all. The report was adopted.

In the subsequent proceedings the management of the club was strongly criticized on the ground of indifference to the discovery and training of young cricketers and the spreading of a love for cricket throughout the district. The proposal to increase the subscription for the ensuing year from a guinea to a guinea and a half, in order to reduce the deficit, was not accepted.

The cricket sub-committee of the M.C.C. will meet the captains of the various counties at Lord's next Thursday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday 29 March, page 5: THE THROWING QUESTION

The cricket sub-committee of the M.C.C. had a long conference with the county captains at Lord's yesterday, on the question of throwing and the drastic action determined on by the captains at the meeting in December.

As to the result of the deliberations no information was given, beyond the fact that the sub-committee will report to the committee of the M.C.C., who hold their next meeting on Monday afternoon. The committee are certain, with the season so near at hand, to let their views be known before very long. They have only been asked by the counties to express an opinion on the question at issue, not to give an absolute ruling. All the same their opinion, whatever it may be, will in all probably be regarded by the counties as binding.

Lord Hawke and Mr G MacGregor were at yesterday's meeting in a double capacity, being members of the M.C.C.'s cricket sub-committee as well as county captains. The other captains present were Mr J R Mason, Mr A C MacLaren, Mr G L Jessop, Mr H W Bainbridge, Mr C Robson, Mr H G Owen, Mr A O Jones and Mr S M J Woods. Mr W E Denison (in the chair), Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, Mr V E Walker, Mr A J Webbe, Mr F Marchant and Mr J Shuter represented the sub-committee.

THE INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

Consequent on the recent ruling that the captains will in future be the judges as to the fitness of ground and light for play, the following becomes part of the M.C.C.'s instructions to umpires: -

"In the event of the captains agreeing as to the condition of the ground or light, the umpires will, so far, be relieved of their responsibility."

Earl Winterton presided at the annual general meeting of the Sussex County Club at Brighton yesterday. The report of the committee, though very satisfactory in its account of the cricket which

had been played, showed a deficit of £1,400 on the last year's working. The increased expenditure, however, included an outlay of £800 in enlarging and altering the members' pavilion and the ground hotel, and in establishing a perfect system of drainage.

Butt's benefit realized £900. A benefit match has been granted to Tate, who has selected the Sussex and Yorkshire fixture on August 19.

The bowlers engaged on the ground staff this year are Bland, Tate, Killick, Vine, Marlow, Cordingley, Parris, J Bean and Clarke, a son of the old Notts and Middlesex professional.

The chairman, in alluding to the throwing question, supported the Sussex committee in opposing the action of the county captains as being \*ultra vires\* and in advocating the consideration of the question by the Marylebone Club.

Sir Henry Harben was elected president for the ensuing year. The meeting passed a resolution regretting the death of the late Lord Leconfield. The present Lord Leconfield was elected a vice-president.

Saturday 30 March, page 14: CRICKET

A correspondent writes: - "Cricket at Sheffield Park seems likely to be definitely stopped by the extraordinary refusal of the magistrates in the Uckfield Petty Sessional Division in Sussex, both last year and this year, to grant Lord Sheffield licences for his celebrated ground at Sheffield Park for any hours before 12 o'clock. As cricket matches at Sheffield Park begin, as a rule, between 10 and 11 o'clock, and as many of the players come by early trains and require refreshments, such a refusal causes the greatest inconvenience. Lord Sheffield has, therefore, decided under these peculiar circumstances to discontinue cricket on his ground.

"This remarkably harsh treatment of Lord Sheffield and his historic ground has created much astonishment and discussion in the cricket community of Sussex, and has been very strongly criticized and condemned on all sides. What makes the refusal the more inexplicable and personally offensive is that Lord Sheffield has been in the habit of having licences for his ground invariably, for hours before noon, ever since licences came into existence, some 30 or 40 years ago.

"The reason given by the magistrates for refusing the licences is that a resolution has been passed by the Uckfield Bench, in consequence of some police representations, to the effect that no licences were to be granted before noon. To say the least of it, it seems exceedingly harsh and unjust to apply a resolution, obviously intended for places of public resort where the police find it difficult to maintain order, to such a place as Sheffield Park. It is to be hoped that the magistrates may see their way to reconsider their decision, which certainly seems unjustifiable and difficult to understand."

Thursday 4 April, page 5: CRICKET

In their annual report the committee of the Essex County Club refer to last season as having been disappointing, the position in the championship table being tenth. The want of success is stated to have been largely due to the team's failure in fielding.

Special mention is made of the services of Walter Mead, whose benefit realized the comparatively small sum of £137.

Mr A J Turner will be able to play during the coming season, having recovered from the wounds he received in South Africa. All the regular members of last year's eleven will be available. Carpenter will have the Lancashire match, on July 18, for his benefit.

Mr C McGahey is the new assistant secretary in succession to Mr F G Bull. The balance-sheet shows a loss on the year of nearly £350, but the capital account still amounts to £634.

The annual general meeting is to be held on April 24 in the pavilion at Leyton, and the ground will be open for members on May 4.

For three weeks from April 20 the county players will be coached by Alfred Shaw, R Peel and Albert Trott, who have been engaged by Mr C E Green. Mr H G Owen will again captain the eleven.

Friday 5 April, page 5: THE CRICKET SEASON

The great events of the past winter have left no room in the public mind for more than a very slight interest in the important questions which have been raised in the greatest of our national pastimes. The serenity of the cricket world was first ruffled in mid-winter by the decision of the county captains to "bar" certain bowlers and to "warn" others in county matches in the coming season with regard to their delivery. The list of bowlers affected may have been meant only for the consideration of the captains themselves, but it found its way into print; and to those conversant with first-class cricket for some years past it came not altogether as a surprise.

No doubt the county captains in their endeavour to arrive at some common understanding were guided by the best of motives, but their position was an illogical one. Honesty and honour are inseparable from cricket, and no captain would surely play a man whose bowling lent itself to much question. Otherwise a captain lays himself open to the charge of aiding by unfair means the dismissal of batsmen.

The action of the captains was questionable. Most people with a good judgment of the game are pretty well acquainted with the difference between throwing and bowling, although a hard and fast definition is difficult to arrive at. Opinion is the great thing, and among batsmen of great note who have made their hundreds against Mold, of Lancashire, there is a division of opinion as to his fairness of delivery.

Two or three flagrant cases do not count for anything. Lockwood, of Surrey, one of the finest bowlers of the day, has a trick of getting outside the return crease in his delivery of the ball, and for this he has often been no-balled; but few ever believed him actually to throw. Yet his name figures among the suspects. In Lohmann's declining days and when Surrey beat Notts at Trent-bridge there was an outcry against Richardson. Richardson is surely a fair bowler, with his easy run and with the ball delivered with an unbent arm.

It would have been more politic had the captains agreed among themselves to dispense with the use of certain bowlers whom they believe to throw rather than draw up a black list. It was not surprising, therefore, to find the Marylebone Club sub-committee on cricket after taking the matter into consideration deciding that "This committee approve of the principle of the action taken by the captains, but are of opinion that it would be expedient to postpone the actual suspension of any bowler during the coming season, in the hope that this course may strengthen the hands of the umpires without being unnecessarily drastic."

For the moment, therefore, the question may be regarded as being shelved. The umpires are younger and more fearless than in the old days, besides which they have had the additional power conferred on them of being able to discriminate from either the bowler's or striker's end between fair and unfair bowling. James Phillips, the Australian, has had much to do with the improved practice of umpiring, and his courage in no-balling Mold and the Australian Jones at different periods of their careers was a check to throwing in cricket, the value of which has not been sufficiently appreciated.

The action of the county captains, coming as it did after a season when the batsmen had so much his own way, has been severely criticized both in Lancashire and London, whence come most of the more famous delinquents. The captains attempted to do good, but showed some indiscretion in allowing any of the players aimed at to be publicly known.

The other great stir in cricket has been caused by the action of the M.C.C. committee in suggesting to their members an amendment of the leg-before rule by which a player is out from a ball which he stops with any part of his body if, in the opinion of the umpire, the ball would have hit the wicket. This is a great change from the old law and, coming from such cautious legislators as the M.C.C. have themselves proved to be, is remarkably drastic in its reduction of the power of the striker over the bowler. The law as it stands is a protection to a batsman on a sticky wicket, but it has been persistently abused by leg play, for against a breaking ball a striker could with impunity cover his wicket with his body and trust implicitly to luck for playing the occasional straight ball.

The M.C.C. committee in proposing this change in the laws of the game have had no doubt at heart the great number of long scores and drawn matches. The article by "An Old Blue" which appeared in The

Times two seasons ago might have suggested some better device than this for the suppression of the heavy odds against bowlers which are devouring all the elements of interest in cricket. Something might be done to abolish the artificial method of preparing wickets which was begun at the Oval some seasons ago and is now common to some of the great grounds. Whether slow or fast, the preparation of pitches has been brought to a fine art, to the great detriment of the bowler. This applies with especial force to the Oval in recent years.

The amendment to the leg-before rule does not come up for adoption until the annual meeting of the M.C.C. on the first Wednesday in May.

To the average cricket mind there is one cure always at the disposal of cricketers for the equalization of the chances of the bat and the ball. That is improvement of fielding. For some years there has been a steady deterioration in fielding, which is one of the finest and most important parts of the game. Ill-judged returns, slovenliness in gathering the ball and dropped catches are continually changing the whole course of a match. The old axiom that a man may be worth playing only for his fielding will again have to be, as it once was, closely followed.

Somerset found their way back to first-class cricket by their splendid fielding and by their habit of holding every catch. The side has fallen away from its standard, and fielding generally has become something of a lost art in cricket. Perhaps the most valuable chapter in Wisden's annual work on cricket is an article on the subject by Mr D L A Jephson, the captain of the Surrey eleven. Speaking of the counties, Mr Jephson says: -

"The two northern counties, the two best elevens of the year, fielded well, perhaps as well as any teams it has been my pleasure to play against, but the majority of the rest are absolutely outclassed by many a local club throughout the country. Naturally on every county side there are exceptions to this general sloth, men who believe that the game does not wholly consist in the making of a hundred runs or the taking of five wickets; men who delight in chasing the ball with the possible chance of saving a run and who never 'slack' however long their outing may have been. These are the members of a team that help to win your matches, the fieldsmen whose energy, pluck and endurance go far to remedy your deficiencies in other parts of the game."

Mr Jephson confesses that he is not without blame himself. "Personally," he says, "I shall never forget missing a well-known player through sleeping at extra slip. I missed him when 18, and he remained with us the rest of the live-long day, making nearly 300 with not a vestige of a chance. For several ensuing matches I endeavoured to keep awake." There is no doubt that fielding has been neglected, and the county captains might think well of this and impress upon their men the importance of one of the best points in the game.

To attend to the interests of cricket has always been the aim of the Marylebone Club, with, perhaps, the thought of governing them that it should never be deprived of its simplicity by over-legislation. Bowlers and batsmen must be brought more on a level when the conditions are all in favour of run-getting. The articles in The Times when the Australians were last in England secured some attention to the matter from the authorities at Lord's, and in a certain degree the suggestions of "An Old Blue" have become law.

The optional follow-on and the application of the closure on the second afternoon are steps in the right direction; but by raising the number to 150 in the rule governing the follow-on the operation of the law is rendered useless when scoring is low. If the side holding the advantage are allowed the discretion of putting their opponents in a second time there can be no necessity to fix a minimum to that advantage.

Certainly the law does not tend to help greatly in the bringing about of a definite conclusion to matches. On a hard wicket a side will always prefer to give their opponents the last innings, and when the scoring is small the law is useless. Very often an innings of 150 would win when the follow-on was at 80 runs behind. When bowlers are helped by the conditions and few runs can be obtained the law ceases to exist for all practical purposes.

Of course in the coming season the work of the counties will absorb the attention of the public. The championship is still the thing in cricket. There is little fresh to be said as to the prospects of the various counties this year. The South African war still deprives some of the counties of leading amateurs, notably Yorkshire, who have Mr F S Jackson still at the front. But Mr Frank Mitchell is back, and Yorkshire is so richly endowed with native ability for cricket that there seems no reason why the team should not do as well as last year. Lord Hawke has kept his team so well in hand that they should be as good in the coming season as they were in the last.



The renewed illness of Briggs means a loss to Lancashire, but Mold, notwithstanding the recent discussion, may be regarded as a certain player while his health and pace last.

Surrey will have no difficulty in finding a good eleven. They would be fortunate if they could find a good left-hand medium-pace bowler.

Middlesex, who used to have such a splendid batting side, have fallen away from the former standard. Mr Gregor MacGregor, who hopes to act as captain of the side pretty regularly, will, no doubt, try to recruit from the schools and the Universities which have hitherto supplied Middlesex so plentifully with every class of player.

Worcestershire will lose the regular service of Mr H K Foster; and his brother, Mr R E Foster, will succeed him as captain.

Visitors to Lord's will find little change since last year. The ground has so much altered in the last few seasons that there is little room for further variation. The members of the club are still well provided for and the members of the Press are to be given facilities for reporting the game.

Dulwich has the honour of producing the University captain at Oxford in Mr F P Knox, a good all-round cricketer, who did scarcely so well in the eleven last year as had been expected. Mr C H B Marsham, Mr H White, Mr J W F Crawford and Mr R E Moore are the old Blues at his disposal. Wicket-keeping was very good at Oxford last summer, and the Etonian Mr W Findlay will have to do very well to reach the standard of Mr Martyn.

Attention at Oxford will be largely devoted to Mr E W Dillon, of Rugby, perhaps the most distinguished of the schoolboy cricketers of last summer. He is a left-handed bowler with a good deal of discrimination and good pace and pitch, while as a batsman he has a fine forward style. Mr A C Von Ernsthause, the Uppingham captain, who was another fine school cricketer, will be at Oxford.

Mr S H Day, the old Malvernian, is one of the most stylish bats of the day. He has done well both for his University and for Kent, and he now has the distinction of captaining Cambridge. Mr R N R Blaker, Mr E M Dowson, Mr A E Hind and Mr A H C Fergus are the other old Blues "up." They are all fine cricketers, but Mr Dowson's season as a Freshman was something of a disappointment for his friends, for he never rose to the reputation built up by his play at Harrow in his four great years for the school. Mr W P Robertson, another old Harrow boy, will probably take the position at the wicket made vacant by the absence of Mr T L Taylor.

Mr Day has many good men among the seniors and Freshmen from whom to select. Of the latter, there is none more distinguished than Mr H K Longman, the old Eton captain, who has a variety of fine strokes.

At Eton there are only two former players left, but there is a prospect of a good side because of the good cricket shown by the next 22 last summer. Mr E G Whately and the Hon G W Lyttelton played at Lord's and at Winchester last year, and they are the only boys left with experience of these matches. Mr H C McDonnell is again captain at Winchester, and Mr E W Mann is captain at Harrow.

The chief fixtures for the summer are as follows . . .

[Note: the full first-class fixture list for 1901 can be found at:

[http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/Seasonal\\_Averages/ENG/1901\\_f\\_Match\\_List.html](http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/Seasonal_Averages/ENG/1901_f_Match_List.html)]

Saturday 6 April, page 10: THE CRICKET SEASON

## I. THE PROSPECTS OF REFORM

(By an Old Blue)

The cricket season of 1901 will open in somewhat exceptional circumstances. During the past autumn cricketers and those of the public who, without being players, continue to take a keen interest in that which is still one of the finest of our national games were startled by a procedure adopted by the captains of county elevens which was without precedent and was utterly unexpected - even by a considerable proportion of their own number.

Without warning to the bodies to whom they owe their existence - the county committees - and without, there is reason for believing, having placed notice of their proposed action upon the agenda paper of their own meeting, a certain number of the captains of county elevens issued an ukase declaring that they would not put on to bowl in any county match with which they had to do certain bowlers whom they named and whom they declared to be, in their opinion, guilty of unfair bowling; and they also publicly warned certain other bowlers that they were in imminent risk of a like fate.

There is nothing to show that the bowlers thus held up to a limited or unlimited odium had any intimation that their fairness was to be called into question; or any opportunity for urging that they should not be put into a public pillory as guilty of practices infringing that high code of morals which has made the phrase "it is not cricket" respected by the highest judges of honourable conduct in this country. They were publicly condemned without being tried or having any opportunity of being heard in their own defence. And they were condemned by a tribunal which was entirely without jurisdiction.

The captains of county elevens are selected by the committees of the several county clubs to rule for a limited period the elevens which those committees put into the field to represent their counties. They are chosen because they are players of a high class - though usually more distinguished as batsmen than as bowlers - because they are capable of governing an eleven in the field and because they are good judges of the way in which, in particular circumstances, a particular contest ought to be played. With legislation they have absolutely nothing to do. Possibly they might reasonably have claimed that in any matter affecting the laws of the game their voices should be heard by the committees appointing them, or even by the Marylebone Club, upon whom by common consent legislative responsibility is devolved. They might even have represented, and represented strongly, the desirability of taking some step to remedy an undoubted and undealt-with evil.

But they did nothing of the kind. Without any authority from their own committees, without any approval from the Marylebone committee, with whom the county committees are in continual and very friendly communication, They "warned off" certain bowlers, amateurs as well as professionals, and threatened others that a similar fate would befall them if they were not more careful in their ways. And they did this without any notice to the gentlemen whose honourable action they were censuring, or to the professionals whose livelihood and career they were doing a great deal to destroy.

Criticism of their action divides itself into two classes. Was that action *\*ultra vires\** or was it not? And, if it was within their competence, was it justified by the circumstances, and taken with proper precaution and care?

The first question is easy enough to answer. The week after they had publicly condemned as unfair players such well-known and respected men as Captain Hedley, Mr Fry, Mold, Quaife, Roche and others equally respected though perhaps not quite so well known, the captains might have been removed from their position at captains by the county committees by whom they were selected. If they had been, they would have had no cause whatever of complaint. If they had been, their undertaking not to put certain men on to bowl would have had absolutely no effect whatever. If they had been, they would have been under a condemnation like to that to which they subjected men not heard in their own defence.

That they were not removed is largely due to the far wiser regard shown by the county committees, than by the county captains, for the susceptibilities of honourable gentlemen with whom they have to deal. There can hardly be a doubt that the action which the captains took was entirely beyond their competence. And this is quite compatible with the position that what they did and what they wrote was done and written with a conscientious and earnest belief that they were doing the best possible thing for the game of which they are distinguished exponents, and the interests of which they have thoroughly at heart.

But was their action justified, and was it taken with proper care? Even were it granted that for some seasons there has been a prevalence of throwing, occasional or persistent, it does not follow that the intervention of exceptional authority was in December last necessary or even desirable. The umpires are, and the umpires ought to be, the judges of fairness of play. If the umpires employed in county matches could have been shown to have failed from timidity, from incompetence, from partiality or from some other cause, the county committees or the Marylebone committee might have been moved to influence them by either encouragement or warning. Instead of this, certain individuals who had not been condemned by the umpires, upon whom judicial responsibility rests, were condemned by the captains, upon whom judicial responsibility does not rest.

The captains may have thought that throwing has been so prevalent that something should be done to check it. The umpires certainly did not, otherwise they would have exercised their powers of no-balling more frequently than they did. The captains assumed the judicial capacities of the umpires and the legislative capacities of the Marylebone Club without being in the least degree entitled to either; and that in doing so they were actuated by the highest possible motives does not make their action less deplorable.

Again, was that action taken with proper care and due regard to those whom it affected? Captain Hedley and Mr Fry have so far made no public protest, and they are probably right in their abstention. But they remain in the position of being pilloried as unfair players in a game in which, above all others, fairness is cherished by those who play it and those who support it. They had no warning that they were in any such danger, they were never asked to plead in their own defence. Mold, whose career and reputation have been endangered, has made a protest, which is well entitled to consideration.

"No umpire save one has ever said that I throw - not one of them. Throw - I can't throw half as fast as I can bowl. I always field at mid-off, for it hurts my arm to throw. See, too, what my position in the future is. If hereafter I get wickets it will be said that I get them by throwing; if I don't get wickets it will be said that I fail because I am not allowed to throw. I feel strongly the unjustifiable way in which I am being pushed off the cricket-field after playing the game fairly and squarely for 12 years."

There is dignity as well as justice in the remonstrance.

What is the gravamen of the charge? - that certain bowlers habitually throw? Surely not, otherwise the umpires might be safely entrusted, with or without authoritative encouragement, habitually to no-ball them. The most that has ever been said is that certain bowlers occasionally throw. Were this to be proved up to the hilt, which it has not been, it would be a matter of unalloyed regret to all good judges and all fair spectators of the game. But, even so, would bowlers be so advantaged or batsmen so damnified by the illegality as to make an entirely exceptional procedure justifiable, on the ground that an emergency had arisen which warranted and necessitated abnormally strong measures?

There are many good judges who contend that even if throwing were legalized there would be very little additional danger to the wickets, and none to the limbs, of batsmen. I am not prepared to support this view. But I entirely fail to see that if, owing to the lack of vigilance of an inadvertent umpire, a batsman has every now and then to deal with an unfairly delivered ball he is entitled to run clamouring for an unconstitutional remedy to a tribunal not authorized to apply it.

An exceptionally strong Marylebone committee on Monday last dealt with the position so created, and, as might have been expected, dealt with it in a spirit of extreme gentleness and caution, and with the utmost regard for the feelings of the eminent gentlemen who created it. They approved the policy of the action taken by the captains, but are of opinion that it would be expedient to postpone the actual suspension of any bowler during the coming season in the hope that this course may strengthen the hands of the umpires without being unnecessarily drastic. In other words, they restore to the proper judges a discretion wrongly taken from them, they encourage the umpires to exercise discretion boldly and without fear or favour, and they kill the "unnecessarily drastic" procedure hastily and unwisely adopted by the captains.

In this they may have carried tenderness to a very great length; but they have erred, if they have erred at all, on the right side. They were asked their opinion by the counties; they have given it with the utmost regard for the honourable motives which actuated a serious mistake and for the feeling of those who made it. They have safeguarded the interests of the game and have justified the legislative position which they occupy in respect of it. The effect of the whole episode on the prospects of the coming season must remain for another article.

Wednesday 10 April, page 10: THE CRICKET SEASON

## II. THE PROSPECTS OF REFORM

(By an Old Blue)

The cautious attitude adopted by the Marylebone committee with regard to the hasty and deplorable action of the county captains last winter will probably result in removing from the matches of this

season an element of discord which would have been very detrimental to the true interests of cricket. Had the captains been allowed to have their own way the careers of some of our best bowlers would have been at an end. Some of them could not have bowled at all, and others could only have bowled in circumstances which would have paralyzed their efforts and made both success and failure in a high degree unsatisfactory to themselves and their critics. The Marylebone committee have quietly checked the untempered zeal of the captains and have once more placed in the hands of the umpires the judicial discretion as to fairness of play.

We may hope, therefore, that nothing more will be heard of a movement the intention - or, as the Marylebone committee say, the policy - of which may have been laudable, but which was ill-timed and quite as open to the charge of unfairness as the practice it sought to condemn. Ill-timed, for though the enforcement of fair play and of the observance of the rules by competent authority is always desirable, any drastic limitation at the present moment of the powers of bowlers, and consequent addition to the overwhelming preponderance of batting, would have been an unmixed evil.

Nor would it have afforded any pleasure to impartial judges of the game to find such a body as the captains, at a time when both fairness of attack and fairness of defence are being discussed, criticizing in caustic and scathing terms a small and comparatively ineffective head of the one and ignoring that which, though it is within the letter of the law, is a serious infraction of the others.

Had the Marylebone committee not been asked to intervene, some gentlemen and more professionals would have been throughout the season held up to an amount of scorn comparable only to that attending one who shoots a fox in Leicestershire or purposely revokes at farthing whist; while no blame whatever would have rested on the batsmen who, not contented with the enormous advantages which they at present enjoy, habitually defend their wickets with their legs. The making and administering the laws of a game should be, like legislation affecting more important interests, entirely free from bias in favour of any class. If it were ever to come about that cricket were governed by batsmen for batsmen, it would soon cease to occupy the high position it now holds as an unrivalled example not only of all that is lawful, but of all that is honourable and fair.

This is a danger which the Marylebone committee are capable of appreciating and may be trusted to avoid. The temptation which assails young men who from time to time are for a few years in prominent positions in the world of cricket to regard run-getting as the be-all and end-all of the game, and any curtailment of their power to make more centuries and break more records than their predecessors as intolerably unjust to their generation, will probably not affect the Marylebone committee. They may be expected to regard the game not only as it is, but as it ought to be, and to introduce reforms whenever the gradual but effective operation of changed circumstances has made reforms necessary or expedient.

No one, indeed, desires that they should do so impetuously, with undue haste or without free consultation of all such bodies as are able to give broad and impartial advice. But what is hoped from them is that they will not allow themselves to be influenced by either timid dread of change on the one hand or the interests of a powerful section on the other.

No charge of rashness can be brought against them in the matter of the rule as regards leg-before-wicket. They have hesitated, and perhaps hesitated wisely, to act on their own initiative. They have "flown a kite" to see which way the wind blows and how strongly. It remains for them to weigh boldly as well as carefully the options which they have invited, the arguments by which those opinions are supported and the impartiality of those by whom they are put forward.

Now it cannot be denied that the practice in regard to the defence of the wicket with the legs is wholly different now from what it was in the sixties, the seventies or even later. Who ever saw Mr Mitchell, Mr Burbidge or Mr C G Lane, George Parr or Tom Hayward in one decade, or Messrs Lyttelton, Studd and Steel, or even Humphrey and Jupp in another, deliberately move their bats from all possible contact with a breaking off long hop or a curling leg half-volley and cover all three stumps with their bodies? Occasionally, in attempting a cut or a hit in front of square leg they may have saved their wickets with their legs; but if by so doing they escaped penalty for a mistake, they did it without malice prepense. Nowadays, so common is the practice that bowling round the wickets with a curl is rarely attempted and still more rarely effective, and the value to the bowler of an off-break is seriously impaired.

It is a principle of legislation that when a law is found to operate in a way totally different from that contemplated by its original framers no slavish dread of change should stand in the way of its modification. The present law of leg-before-wicket does operate in a way which was not contemplated

by its authors, and does interfere with the balance of power by adding strength to that which other circumstances have made too strong; and it should be dealt with without undue regard to that conservatism which not unhappily controls our national pastimes.

So far as it is possible to judge from the public pronouncements of unbiased critics who have written or spoken on the matter, opinion in favour of the change is gaining weight rapidly. The principle that a ball which would hit the wicket should be kept out of the wicket with the bat and not with the legs is becoming more and more recognizable as unassailable. It is not weakened by the fact that it is far easier to do this now than it was when grounds were rough, when batsmen had to watch for the abnormal action of irregularly prepared turf, and when they were obliged to guard against the shoot as well as the curl or break of an oncoming ball.

The bat is a far more efficient and sufficient weapon than it was; and exclusive reliance ought to be placed on it for the defence of the wickets whatever may be the pitch of the ball. These propositions are becoming more and more to be looked upon as truisms. The only issue seems to be whether it is expedient to alter a law admittedly inequitable \*in se\* and in practice operating in a wholly undesirable direction.

Upon this two classes of arguments have been forthcoming against any change. The batsmen who want to make centuries and whose motto seems to be "*\*runs si possis rectesi non quocunque modo runs\**" stoutly protest against any curtailment of their predominance or any check in their privileges of record breaking. And a few impartial judges, free from the influence of any such selfish desire, still cherish and proclaim their dread of placing too much power in the hands of the umpires. The latter contention has been strangely supported by an able critic - but a batsman, of course - who urges that "on provincial cricket grounds and in those distant colonies of our great Empire where the spread of cricket is rapidly extending respect for British fairness it would be unsafe to entrust more discretion to untrained umpires, inasmuch as unwise exercise of that discretion would damnify the batsman and injure the game. Poor unhappy, down-trodden batsman, ever to be shielded from the superiority of an insidious opponent."

But would the change add to the responsibility of umpires, or improperly extend their discretion? Would it extend it at all? At present the umpire before he gives a batsman out leg-before-wicket has to decide that three conditions precedent have been fulfilled. The ball must have pitched within imaginary lines drawn between the two wickets, it must have so travelled from the ground that if not stopped by the batsman's body it would have hit the wicket, and the portion of body stopping it must have been found in front of that wicket.

Of the three questions an umpire has to ask himself now he would only have to ask two, if the change were made. One of them would probably be in certain sets of circumstances slightly more difficult to answer than it is at present. But on the whole it seems far more probable that the task of the umpires would be lessened than that it would be augmented by the change which the Marylebone Committee have informally suggested to the Marylebone Club. Even, however, if this were not the case, the interests of provincial, Indian and colonial run-getters should not be allowed to stand in the way of the general interests of the game, or even the interests of first-class play.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the Marylebone Club, of which all or nearly all the members of county committees are members, will remember that in the majority of questions affecting the laws and government of cricket the voices of batsmen are far more surely and far more loudly heard than the voices of bowlers. There are few amateurs who are played in first-class matches for their bowling, fewer still - it would probably be safe to say none - who are played for their bowling only. Gentlemen who bowl regard bowling as a secondary accomplishment, and would, if they were to confess the truth, admit that making a long score was to them a much greater source of pleasure than getting many wickets.

If professionals can bat as well as bowl so much the better. If gentlemen can bowl as well as bat, again so much the better. But the system of the game is such that bowling is the job of the professional, batting the job of the gentleman - not, of course, without exception, but as a general rule. Consequently, unless the Marylebone Club support their committee in legislating with regard to all interests and not merely to those of a class, there would arise some danger that this code would be partial and not comprehensive in its scope.

The writer of an able article in Blackwood's Magazine in February last says that "we have yet to learn what the great bowlers say. Is theirs the silence of despair?" It would be a thousand pities if bowlers were ever reduced to despair, but unless the ever-growing superiority of batting is checked the result may come about sooner than some persons expect. The Marylebone Club, moved

thereto by their committee, have an opportunity now of imposing such a check, and they will be wise if they refuse to neglect it.

Before passing to consider the needs and prospects of further reform in cricket than has as yet taken place, or seems imminent, it may be well to refer very briefly to a criticism, made with some authority and accepted with some support, that careless fielding has helped in a marked and avoidable degree the mammoth scores of recent years. It is probably true that the general fielding of county elevens is, with the exception of that of the two northern elevens, less brilliant and even less accurate than the average of 30, or even 20, years ago, and that dropped catches and slovenly returns have swelled the security of batsmen. It is also true that from improvement in this respect might result an appreciable diminution of scores of over 400.

But it is impossible to expect men to play a game which is in its essence uphill and monotonous as well as a game in which they have a reasonable chance of profiting by vigilance. The occasions on which there is a prospect of getting a wicket by a brilliant catch or a quick return are so few that everyone except the wicket-keeper fails throughout a long innings in keeping up to the highest pitch of keenness his look-out for one. Something more may be done by fieldsmen, ventured though seven hours of a long and tiring day, to check run-getting than is done. But, while there is not much to complain of in the fielding as it is, even were it brought to the highest degree of perfection hitherto attained in England or in Australia its influence in keeping down centuries would not make the exercise of any other influence unnecessary.

Thursday 11 April, page 4: THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The balance-sheet of the Gloucestershire County Club, which has just been issued, shows that last season's work entailed a loss of £842[?] 6s, the deficit being entirely due to the bad weather experienced on the August Bank Holiday and the collapse of the Yorkshire match at Cheltenham on the second day. The year began with the sum of £2,469 12s 2d in hand, and the receipts amounted to £3,031 0s 4d, making a total of £5,500 12s 6d.

The chief sources of income were: - Gate money, £1,850 3s 1d, and members' subscriptions, £1,083 4s. The expenditure amounted to £3,373 3s 4d, the leading items being: - Expenses of players, £1,405 19s; preparing grounds, erecting stands, material, gatemen, police &c., £615 17s 9d; ground bowlers, £256 12s 8d; secretary's salary, £200; luncheons, £194 3s 4d.

The balance in hand on December 31 was £2,127 9s 2d, of which £653 is invested in shares in the Gloucestershire County Ground Company (Limited).

Monday 15 April, page 7: THE NOTTS COLTS' MATCH

The Notts committee met on Saturday and decided that the eleven to play in the Colts' match at Trent-bridge on the 24th and 25th inst. should be selected from Mr A O Jones (capt), Mr J A Dixon, Mr W B Goodacre, Mr H Cartwright, Shrewsbury, W Gunn, J Gunn, Wass, Carlin, A W Hallam, Iremonger, Dench and P Mason.

The Colts' team will be - Mr Walter Marshall (captain), the Hon M Abbott (Teversal), Armitage, Wilson and Staton (Nottingham), Stuart (Annesley), Hemsley, Wright and Stapleton (Ruddington), T Wells (Eastwood), M Harrison (Calverton), Truman (Upton), Chambers (Kimberley Heath), Kirkby, Ellis and Gregory (Sutton-in-Ashfield), White (Annesley) and Pepper, P Harrison, J Harrison, Anthony and Atkinson of the ground staff.

Wednesday 17 April, page 4: THE CRICKET SEASON

III. THE PROSPECTS OF REFORM

(By an Old Blue)

The Marylebone Committee have shown a disposition to regard the interests of bowlers as well as those of batsmen; and, if the general body of members of the club who have been consulted with regard to

the rule of leg-before-wicket take the same broad view of the position, an opportunity which at present exists for improving and making more fair the conditions of the game will not be lost.

It is greatly to be hoped that they will do so. The impunity with which batsmen defend their wickets with well-padded limbs from balls curling from leg has been detrimental to good play. It does not pay a right-hand bowler to bowl round the wicket with a leg-twist. He may beat the batsman half a dozen times in an hour and, having morally bowled him, find that the ball has hit the vanquished player instead of his wicket. The bowler has deserved success but not achieved it, in consequence of the operation of an inequitable law. The result is that bowlers confine their attention to the off-side of the wicket, which it is comparatively easy to defend, instead of attacking the leg-side of the wicket, which it is difficult to defend.

What used to be known as the "blind spot" is in front of the leg-stump, not in front of the off-stump. Most good batsmen will admit that the most difficult ball to play - with the bat - is a good length ball pitched on the leg-side of the wicket and curling in towards the two leg-stumps. This ball is scarcely ever bowled now, because so many batsmen when they see it coming make no attempt to play it with the bat, but deliberately step in front of their wicket.

Yet one of the most graceful as well as the most paying strokes of former days was that with which such players as Mr A Lubbock and Mr C F Buller used to play the ball with a combination of perfect timing and swift wrist action in front of short leg. K S Ranjitsinhji, a batsman who has many more strokes than most modern players, in an able article which appeared in Blackwood's Magazine in 1897, says that "when over-arm bowling came in the sum total of bowlable balls was increased."

Theoretically he is right. Practically the development of over-arm, or over-shoulder, bowling has resulted in a confinement of the attack to one side of the wicket only. The leg-side is almost entirely neglected, and all the field, or all but one, are massed on the off-side of the player. An alteration of the law of leg-before-wicket would change all this, would reintroduce a series of difficult deliveries now completely disregarded and a class of delicate and beautiful strokes now never attempted, and would do so to the advantage of players and spectators alike.

It behoves those who exercise responsibility with regard to our great and much-loved national game seriously to consider its present and the possibilities of its future. From a pastime first-class cricket has become a business. The keen rivalry of leading counties in their contest for the championship has made it necessary for their elevens to play, between early May and the end of August, three or even four matches every fortnight. No one who attempts to occupy a prominent position in county cricket can do anything save play cricket for a third of the year. He must neglect not only all other amusements but all attempt at work. He must apply to cricket an amount of physical and mental energy which, though not without many advantages, leaves him incapable of other effort.

If he is an amateur he can neither cultivate nor prepare himself for any profession, nor bestow attention on his estates or his private affairs. If he is a paid player he must anxiety nurse his health and train himself to undergo continuous and unrelaxing labour. The consequence is that first-class amateurs last for very few seasons; first-class professionals not for many more. It is very rare indeed to find gentlemen playing first-class cricket for more than five or six years. Unless they are comparatively wealthy they cannot afford the necessary time. Even if they are they can only hope to play cricket by disregarding the public affairs of their county or the State. They can take no part in the work of the Legislature or join the Army or the Navy. All business save the business of cricket must be abandoned.

Cricket is a jealous mistress who never permits the attention of those who woo her to wander. Occasionally arrangements are made, into the exact nature of which it is perhaps wiser not to inquire too closely, which permit able amateurs to go on playing - as amateurs - till middle age; but, as a rule, brilliant young gentlemen devote themselves for a few seasons after taking their degree or leaving school to cricket, and then are forced to abandon it for the more serious occupations of life. As brief as it was dazzling was the cricket career of the Lytteltons, the Studds and the Steels; and this season it is learned with regret that Mr H K Foster will follow the example of retirement which in former years was set him by such players as Mr C K Francis, Mr Stoddart and Mr Key.

The whole character of cricket would be altered were it to pass entirely or even largely into the hands of professionals. Against the professionals of the present day nothing can be said. They are a well-behaved, orderly and agreeable class of men, who thoroughly deserve the support given to them by the clubs and by the public. But they could not with advantage to cricket be entrusted with the

control of the game. They work well, because they work under the direction of gentlemen whose point of view is entirely different from theirs. Were the county elevens to consist solely of professionals it would be an unmixed evil for cricket; and even the decrease in the number of amateurs who play continuously is a matter for very serious regret.

But that decrease and the consequently enhanced tendency to trust to professional talent is not the only danger which besets modern cricket. There is a risk that it may become tedious and dull - wearisome to players and a source of boredom rather than of excitement to spectators. It is no answer to this statement to urge that a succession of wet weeks would paralyze batsmen and put bowlers in an overwhelmingly strong position. This is probably the case, for the prevalence of true wickets has seriously impaired the capacity of batsmen to play on those which are false. Undoubted as has been the improvement of batting in the last quarter of a century, it has been of batting on good wickets. The best of the modern players are not as capable of playing successfully when the ground is false as were the leading batsmen of the sixties and the seventies. They have far less practice in so doing, and when they have to do it they fail egregiously.

But what cricket legislators have to legislate for is cricket in cricket weather. And what spectators wish to see, and what alone they will go to see, are matches played on warm dry days, when wickets are hard and run-getting is easy. On such occasions the preponderance of batting has produced a monotony of which the experience of the last two or three seasons has shown that not only the best critics but also the mass of ordinary lookers-on are rapidly becoming weary. It is as yet by no means generally admitted that little excitement or interest can be expected from watching a match at Lord's or the Oval for three or four hours on a summer afternoon. But it may become so. And if it did there would be a rapid diminution of that public support upon which even the Marylebone Club, somewhat unnecessarily perhaps, relies.

The pleasure of watching cautious players such as Abel or Quaife defending their wickets for over after over and hour after hour is not wholly free from alloy. And inspiring as is the play of K S Ranjitsinhji or the batting of Mr Jessop it would be far more delightful to watch those brilliant batsmen make 50 runs in difficult circumstances than 200 when the conditions are easy.

The equilibrium between batting and bowling has been destroyed partly in consequence of an enormous improvement of the grounds and partly from a combination of circumstances which is it not here necessary to recapitulate. Unless something is done to restore it, the popularity of cricket will wane. It is to be hoped that nature will not be the operating cause, nor incessant rains rescue the bowlers from their present intolerable position. Such climatic interference will be welcome to no one. What we all desire to see in the season now close before us is a continuance of warm weather and sunny days. What we do not desire to see, unless we are registrars of records or analyzers of averages is a succession of huge scores slowly and laboriously compiled against the attacks of paid bowlers.

No side has yet made 1,000 runs, no one pair of batsmen have as yet made 500. There is no reason why, in attempts to achieve this hitherto unattained result, the dreary monotony of run-getting should not become more deadly dull than it has been, and more persistently free from moments of excitement or even of interest. The Marylebone Club have a great opportunity of doing something to produce at any rate some modification of the existing inequality; and if they neglect it they may find, as other rulers in more serious circumstances have found, the avoidance of reform provoke a revolution.

A somewhat ingenious suggestion has been made by a careful writer (in Blackwood for February) that, say, five hours should be allotted to each innings, and the two sides therefore have a perfectly equal chance of making runs. There is much to be said for such a method, which would make the mere defence of the wicket, either with the bat or with the legs, useless as a means of success and would put a premium on bold play. It would still, however, leave the bowler at his present disadvantage; it would introduce a temptation to dawdle to which it is to be feared that a good many fieldsmen would succumb; and it would raise questions as to what was to be done during a mild shower which the fairest captains or the wisest umpires would find it difficult to solve. It would be almost impossible to abandon any match, however bad the weather; and there would be left in hopeless doubt the question which side ought to be declared winner if the batsmen in the last innings, having batted for much less than the prescribed time, were within a few runs of victory.

No, from some change in the instruments with which the game is played, and from this alone, is to be expected any real restoration of equality between the inside and the out. Either the wicket must be made larger or the bat must be reduced in size. Of the two alternatives the latter seems to me by far the more satisfactory. A narrower, thicker bat, though less useful for stolid and resultless



defence, would be even a better weapon for hitting than that now in use. The pleasure, it is not too much to say the delirium, of making 40 or 50 runs with such an instrument would be far greater than that of making thrice the number now.

Hitting, as distinguished from blocking, would be encouraged, to the delight of the spectators. The task of bowlers would cease to be hopeless. The game would be shorter, more brilliant, more full of episodes than it is, and no one would be damnified except such as play for their own record only and care nothing so long as they have an opportunity of making more centuries than men of an earlier generation. No such change could be introduced till after careful and repeated experiment; and no such experiment is possible in London unless Saturday afternoons at Lord's can be utilized for the purpose.

What is, however, possible is that the cricket-loving hosts whose hospitable entertainment of such wandering sides as I Zingari, Free Foresters and others has exercised incalculable advantage in the spread of the love of cricket should organize matches played with narrow bats. Such matches would begin by being attractive by their novelty and would soon become fascinating from their merits. Just as the brilliance and rapidity of short whist when it was once introduced as an experiment drove long whist into the waters of Lethe, and just as short whist itself has yielded to bridge, so would quick cricket rapidly gain a footing in second-class matches, which would make it easier to remove from first-class play the charge of intolerable dullness which now surrounds it.

If the coming season were to be wet, the prospects of reform would be gravely delayed. In the interests of all who have the welfare of the game at heart it is to be hoped that the sun may shine on the skill of batsmen, and that the efforts of bowlers may be fostered by other influences than wet days.

Thursday 18 April, page 7: THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

Mr S H Evershed presided at the annual meeting of the Derbyshire Cricket Club, which was held yesterday at Derby. In moving the adoption of the report Mr Evershed expressed regret at the club's present financial position, which, he said, was due to bad weather and to the continuance of the war. Unfortunately several other counties were in the same position, but they looked forward to a better state of things during the coming summer.

The report having been adopted, Sir Peter Walker was re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were also re-elected, with the additions of the names of Mr J Arnold, Mr J E Lawton, Sir Thomas Roe, M.P., Mr J R Eastwood and the Rev Lionel Ford, headmaster of Repton. The four retiring members of the committee - Messrs Newton, Barrington, Smith and Estridge - were re-elected, and Mr Hughes-Hallett was elected in place of Mr Eastwood.

Mr Arthur Wilson asked for support on behalf of Humphries, the wicket-keeper, who had been seriously ill; and Mr Leech appealed to members to improve the club's position by influencing fresh subscriptions or increasing their own. Mr Arnold, in addition to a donation of £25, had offered to increase his annual subscription; and Mr Sutton, though not a Derbyshire man, said he would be pleased to give £25 towards reducing the debt.

Votes of thanks were accorded the various gentlemen who had offered and given special financial assistance, Mr Wood for his able captaincy and unvarying generous support, and the secretary, Mr Barclay Delacombe. Attention was called to the unfortunate clashing of fixtures at Derby and Nottingham, which Mr Delacombe said they were powerless to prevent.

Tuesday 23 April, page 13: THE CRICKET SEASON

#### IV. THE PROSPECTS OF REFORM

(By an Old Blue)

If the warm weather which has graced the last few days and made the coyest spring of modern years put off her mourning and begin to deck herself in green, continues, there is a chance that in the opening match of the cricket season bowlers and batsmen may abandon their woollen jerseys and umpires refrain from borrowing fur coats.

May Day as fixed for the commencement of the season in bygone years, when the advent of summer could be foreseen with more certainty than the bound of a fast ball bowled at Lord's. The rulers of cricket have adhered to it as loyally as they have adhered to rules which have ceased to be fair and conditions which have become inequitable.

That they find gentlemen ready to run the risk of unutterable chill says much for the pluck with which Englishmen approach their pastimes and their work. The Eastern Potentate who asked how much the young ladies of London were paid for waltzing in a hot ball-room was never taken to Lord's in such weather as marked the early days of this April and, so far as we know, will possibly, even now, mark the early days of next May. Were he to ask now with regard to cricket a question similar to that which he asked with regard to waltzing the answer would have to be very different.

It is to be hoped that Lord's Cricket Ground may to-morrow week (May 1) be favoured with warmth at any rate until half-past 5. At that hour the Marylebone Club hold their annual general meeting. The ordinary business to be gone through is that which has to be transacted by a prosperous and successful club. The sole subject likely to lead to controversy is the recommendation of the committee that the number of members should be limited to 5,000. This is a recommendation which probably never has been and never again will be brought before such a gathering.

"I congratulate you on your eleven, Sir," said old Mr Aislabie to Tom Brown after the Marylebone match which ended his school days, "and I hope we shall have you for a member when you come to town." Were the captain of Rugby so addressed now, the most that Lord Darnley, the president, or Mr Lacey, the secretary, of the Marylebone Club could say would be, "we will endeavour to get you brought forward as a cricketer, but if we fail you may hope for election when you are 50."

I believe that there is a rule, written or unwritten, against the proposal of candidates yet unborn; but it is no secret that an entry in the candidates' book at Lord's has in many cases preceded an entry in the baptismal register. The Marylebone Club may well be proud of a position which is unique and of a popularity which has rarely been rivalled. Nevertheless they will be wise if they contemplate the possibility of change and remember that from the highest pinnacle is the deadliest fall.

The meeting, after the ordinary business is finished and after the election as an honorary member of Lord Roberts is carried, as it is sure to be carried, by acclamation, and a similar result has attended the selection of Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane as trustee, is to be made special to consider a suggested alteration of the law which deals with leg-before-wicket. The alteration would make the rule run: - "The striker is out if with any part of his person (except the hand) which is between wicket and wicket he intercept a ball which would (?have) hit his wicket." The alteration is recommended by a majority of the committee, but, having regard to the fact that the committee were not unanimous and that the proposed alteration is one of great importance, the committee desire that it should be dealt with as an open question.

In taking this line the committee have followed and have perhaps carried to an extreme that policy of caution which has for many years characterized their attitude. They prefer guidance to dictation, and it is only after much deliberation that they even recommend change. In this they are right. No code which is perpetually tinkered, whatever be the matter with which it deals, carries weight. The laws of cricket are so rarely altered that they are understood and observed all over the British Empire.

This would not be the case were they continually being modified, as too many rules are, by small changes. But in so important a matter as leg-before-wicket the recommendation of the committee might with advantage have been more strongly worded. It is undoubtedly the case that where a governing body put forward a suggestion in hesitating phrases, the opponents of the change are more fortified by the hesitation than the supporters by the fact that the suggestion has been made. The change which the majority of the Marylebone committee desire to see introduced is one which commends itself strongly to all outside critics. It is conceived in the interests of fair play. It would tend to restore to the game elements the removal of which has been injurious; and, if it were carried, but a short time would elapse before men began to wonder why it had been so long delayed.

Nevertheless, those who either see nothing to disapprove in the action of a batsman who walks in front of his wickets and removes his bat from all possibility of contact with the ball, or fear to entrust umpires with what they wrongly regard as increased responsibility, will be encouraged by the somewhat timorous tones in which the committee have put forward the change. Unless the majority of the committee are vigorously supported the necessary votes may not be forthcoming.

It might, therefore, be worth the while of those who advocate the change to consider whether a certain amount of opposition would not be removed if the rule were adopted now but its coming into operation postponed for a year. Some months of grace might enable those gentlemen who defend their wicket with their legs to practise even at some small risk the preferable system of using the bat only.

The season begins with a match between Marylebone Club and Ground and the county of Nottinghamshire, and during the month of May the Club will play matches with Yorkshire, Lancashire, Sussex, Leicestershire, Kent and Derbyshire. These will, no doubt, provide a certain amount of interest. But they will not be marked by the keen *\*esprit de corps\** which attends a match between two counties in the running for the championship. It would be a great improvement to the contest for the championship if the Marylebone match were made a factor in determining the position of victor. The introduction of some general common measure such as would be a struggle with a Marylebone eleven would be an undoubted advantage, especially at a time when the high standard of such an eleven can be satisfactorily maintained. The interest of matches at Lord's and the zest with which they are played would be largely increased; and the position in the cricket world of the premier club would be made even stronger than it is.

The accounts which will be presented on the first day of May at Lord's show that the gate-money receipts for matches other than Oxford and Cambridge and Eton and Harrow disclose a decided falling-off in 1900 as compared with 1899. The receipts for Gentlemen and Players fell from £532 in 1899 to £437 in 1900; the receipts for all other matches fell from £820 in 1899 to £607 in 1900, or over 25 per cent. These figures should give pause to those who believe that the present position of cricket at Lord's is unassailable and who point to the volumes of aspirants for membership as a justification for their belief.

High as is the status of the Marylebone Club, great as is its popularity and widespread as is the desire to belong to it, it is by no means certain that that status or that popularity would withstand one or two changes of which no one can say that it is impossible that they should occur. Were the Eton and Harrow match to be removed from Lord's by far the greatest source of its popularity would be removed. The Eton and Harrow match is one of the great events of the social year. Hundreds of wives and daughters persuade their husbands and brothers to pay or to seek to be allowed to pay the small subscription involves in membership which enables them to attend a great and fashionable gathering at which cricket is by no means the only, and indeed is scarcely ever the primary, consideration. Remove the school match and this influence would cease to operate.

How great the effect of this would be is easily estimable by those who can compare Lord's as it was in the sixties with Lord's as it is now. The continuance of the school match at Lord's is by no means a certainty. Personally I strongly hope it will remain for many years. But there have been headmasters and there are critics of great weight in the school world who think that the business aspect of a game between boys has grown unduly, and that the circumstances connected with the necessary exeat from Eton and Harrow are not wholly for the benefit of the boys.

If the removal of the school match were to be accompanied by a decay in the interest taken in and the amusement afforded by the ordinary matches of the year, the Marylebone Club would be in imminent risk of a debacle. Its very size would be a source of weakness; and its rulers would be in danger of practical experience of the fact that going downhill is a far faster operation than going up. If it became the fashion to think and to say that first-class cricket is dull to watch and dreary to play, the number of those willing to pay an annual subscription for the privilege of watching it would rapidly dwindle. The ordinary public could not be relied on to make up the deficiency, and the financial position of the Club would soon become vastly different from what it is.

No pains and no exercise of courage should be spared to prevent the development of such an opinion. Good cricket cannot be allowed to fall into a dreary slough of dullness created by the extreme excellence of one of its own component parts. Amateurs who have ceased to play, amateurs who still are prominent and school or University players who desire to become so, should sternly refuse to be guided by the feeling that the compilation of runs is the sole object to be desired in the game. They should recognized the fact that the equilibrium between attack and defence has been destroyed by the match of circumstances, and that to its restoration all lovers of the best of modern games must look for a maintenance of its popularity.

Batsmen must not be allowed to control the administration of the game or the making of its rules with sole regard to their desire to bat. There are, unhappily, gentlemen who call themselves sportsmen who like to butcher by the hundred pheasants flying 40ft from the muzzles of their guns, others who

pride themselves on big breaks on billiard tables with huge pockets, and others again who would find nothing but pleasure in killing trout by the score and salmon by the dozen, or galloping with fast hounds after a well-laid drag. But the influence which actuates such men ought not to be allowed to prevail at cricket. Cricketers above all others ought to appreciate the charm which comes from the overcoming of difficulties, and ought to keep some of that charm for themselves instead of yielding it all to paid bowlers. True sport ceases to be true sport when the circumstances are too easy; and the pleasure is very unreal which an able batsman feels in approaching his second or third century under conditions which paralyze his opponents and make his own task simple.

Cricket can only thrive if the gentlemen of the British Empire support it. They do so liberally and energetically now. The pleasure of spending three or four hours of a summer afternoon in watching first-class play has not yet wholly disappeared. The prevalence of unfinished matches has not yet destroyed the keen rivalry which still makes attractive a match between two of the leading county elevens. But it will be an evil day for cricket when it has to depend upon gate money alone, and were the support of county gentlemen to become lukewarm the strength of county clubs would become gravely and rapidly impaired.

In the considerations which The Times has been so courteous as to allow me to put forward, and in the arguments which I have been permitted to advance in their support, I have had no object whatever to serve except the welfare of a game I dearly love. I dread lest that welfare should be imperilled by a continuance of the present inequality between batting and bowling, and I earnestly hope that the efforts of all those who look at the game from a closer point of view than I do will be directed to a restoration of that fairness which has contributed so much to the eminence and popularity of cricket.

24 April: THE NOTTS COLTS MATCH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted scores: THE COLTS 196 (G Anthony 63, Hon M Herbert 38; Hallam 4/46, Wass 10/83) and 95 (T C Wilson 20; Hallam 17/48). THE ELEVEN 256 (Shrewsbury 29, W Gunn 25, V H Cartwright 45, Dench 33, J Gunn 21, Carlin 27\*, Wass 46) and 13/1. Match drawn.

Day 1 (report from Thursday 25 April, page 12)

At Nottingham, yesterday, in the annual trial match between the Notts eleven and 22 colts of the county, though nothing remarkable was accomplished, several of the colts showed promising form with the bat.

The highest score of the day was obtained by Anthony, of the Trent Bridge ground staff, who scored his runs in an hour and 50 minutes, but by far the best cricket was that of the Hon M Herbert. Mr Herbert, who is still at Eton, played in attractive style for an hour, persevering all the time an excellent defence and scoring with cleverness at every point. Mr Armitage was also seen to advantage. Wass bowled with success, his ten wickets costing less than six runs apiece.

In an hour and 40 minutes the eleven lost four wickets for 92 runs, so that they are 104 runs behind with six batsmen to be disposed of. Mr Cartwright, a Rugby boy, was not out at the close, having batted excellently.

Day 2 (report from Friday 26 April, page 12)

The match at Nottingham yesterday ended in a draw. Hallam accomplished a wonderfully good bowling performance in the second innings of the Colts.

The eleven, who had overnight scored 92 for four wickets, added another 164 runs, but in obtaining their lead of 60 runs they were mainly indebted to Carlin and Wass, who, for the last wicket, put on 73 in 55 minutes. Dench and Cartwright played well, the latter, except for one bad stroke, giving an admirable display.

At their second attempt the Colts were dismissed in two hours and three-quarters, Hallam, who took the first 14 wickets for 15 runs, having the extraordinary record of 17 wickets for less than three runs apiece. The eleven had only 36 to get to win, but time did not permit of their obtaining these.

Of the young bowlers, Chambers, Gregory and Truman created the most favourable impression. Chambers bowled left-handed with a nice action.

Thursday 25 April, page 12: ESSEX COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Essex County Cricket Club was held last evening in the pavilion at Leyton, Mr C E Green presiding. The chairman said the report was not quite so satisfactory from a financial and cricket point of view as they could wish, but the club's position compared favourably with that of several other counties, and the falling off in the receipts was largely due to bad weather at some of the matches.

They had every promise of a good season this year. All the members of last year's team were available; Mr A J Turner was back from the war and would play again, and they had several promising recruits. They had a good batting and bowling side, and with more attention to fielding they should do much better. They were grateful to Mr Owen for again undertaking the captaincy. W Mead's benefit amounted to something over £800.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted. A new rule was approved vesting the ground and all property in trustees, and on the proposal of Mr Morgan, M.P., Messrs C E Green, G Buxton, A J Edwards, Chisenhale Marsh, C R Ridley, F R Pelly, A J Bevan and C R Higgins were appointed trustees. The retiring members of the committee were re-elected and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, whose valuable services in the interest of Essex cricket were warmly testified to by Mr Morgan.

Colonel Lockwood, M.P., presided at the annual dinner, which was held afterwards, and proposed the toast of "The Essex Club and Eleven," Mr H G Owen replying. Mr E A Ball proposed "The Officers," for whom Mr C R Higgins replied, and Mr Green proposed "The Chairman."

Friday 26 April, page 12: GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club was held at Gloucester yesterday, Mr H W Beloe presiding. The statement of accounts for the past year showed total receipts £5,500, including £2,469 balance from last year, £1,800 gate money and £1,055 from members' subscriptions. The expenditure, including £120 contributed and £1,405 expenses for players and presentation bats, left a balance of £2,127 to the good.

The chairman congratulated the meeting on the satisfactory position of the club last season, when it was bracketed seventh with Surrey and Middlesex. With the exception of Middlesex the percentage of drawn games was less than that of any county, as the Gloucestershire team went into the field to win and not to draw games.

It was true their balance in hand was £340 less than last year, but bad weather accounted for this and lost them £300 on August Bank Holiday. For the first time their subscriptions had exceeded £1,000.

Mr G L Jessop, in the course of a few remarks, spoke hopefully of the prospects of the coming season. The accounts were adopted and the committee re-elected.

CRICKET AT CAMBRIDGE

At Cambridge, yesterday, L V Harper, the freshman from Rossall School, again distinguished himself, scoring 100 not out for Christ's against Emmanuel College. Included in his hits were 15 fours. Useful assistance was given him by D R Taylor, the two men scoring 182 runs between them.

In a match between Pembroke and Trinity Hall, A H C Fergus, the Cambridge and Gloucestershire fast bowler, obtained five wickets for 26 runs. L J Clayton also dismissed five batsmen for 36 runs.

29 April: THE OXFORD SENIORS' MATCH

MR F H HOLLINS'S SIDE v MR R A WILLIAMS'S SIDE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256591.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256591.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 April, page 12)

The great feature of the play in the parks at Oxford, yesterday, was the batting of R Z H Voss, who scored 136 almost faultlessly. He gave but one chance, when 42, and hit a six, 16 fours, six threes and seven twos. Last year Voss played in one trial match, but never appeared in the University eleven. He scored freely off all the bowling, and when he and Hollins were together runs came at a great pace. Hollins played in good, easy style, and hit five fours. At the close of Hollins's team's innings play ceased for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 May, page 14)

Many batsmen met with fair success at Oxford yesterday, but the majority were fortunate in giving catches that were not held. J D Adamson and W L H Moss played best, timing the ball accurately and putting plenty of power into their strokes; and at the end of the day Moss bowled with much effect.

R A Williams and H J Wyld both batted well, and O M Samson hit with freedom. J S Munn, who nearly got into the University eleven last season, failed to take a wicket, and W S Medlicott, an old Harrovian, has done nothing worthy of his school reputation.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 2 May, page 12)

At Oxford, yesterday, the Seniors' match had to be left drawn. The most interesting feature of the cricket was the batting of Mr Voss, who followed up his previous fine innings by another of almost equal merit. In 75 minutes he scored 65 with only one mistake - a chance in the slips when his score was 50. He batted in remarkably good style.

For Mr Williams's side Mr Samson again played well, and with his captain saved the situation when there was every danger of a collapse. Mr Hollins fielded better than any one else in either team. The bowling was never of a very high quality.

29 April: THE CAMBRIDGE SENIORS' MATCH

MR P R JOHNSON'S SIDE v MR W P ROBERTSON'S SIDE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256590.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256590.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 April, page 12)

With the weather pleasantly fine some interesting cricket was seen in the opening match of the University season on Fenner's ground at Cambridge, yesterday. Apart from some good hitting by C H Bodington and J F Morris, the batting in the early part of the day proved rather disappointing. G A Scott (fast) and F A S Sewell (slow) bowled well, and G F Collett, the Rugby three-quarter, finished off Johnson's side's innings by taking the last three wickets for no runs.

After this F B Noel, the old Winchester boy, Sewell and W P Robertson batted in capital style. Noel showed good defence and plenty of power in hitting; Robertson, who is almost sure to succeed T L Taylor and wicket-keeper, hit freely, and when play ceased his side, with only four men out, led by three runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 May, page 14)

Yesterday's cricket at Cambridge was remarkable for the admirable batting of W P Robertson and H S Keigwin, and the all-round play of C H Bodington. Overnight Robertson had scored 53, and he

increased this to 123. Cutting and driving with much brilliancy, he obtained his runs in two hours and a half, hitting 16 fours, three threes and eight twos.

Robertson made his mark last season in the Middlesex eleven, but Keigwin, except in the Freshmen's match three years ago, has hardly maintained the form he showed at St Paul's School in 1897. Yesterday his batting was practically faultless; he scored his 121 not out in three hours and a half by sound defence and skilful hitting. Bodington has so far bowled better than anyone else in the match and played two attractive innings. Johnson also got his runs well.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 2 May, page 12)

There was quite an interesting finish at Cambridge yesterday, Mr Robertson's side winning by two wickets. The victory was mainly due to the batting of the captain, who hit with great determination when his team - set 234 to win - had lost three wickets for four runs. Scoring freely with a variety of excellent strokes, he only just missed his second hundred; in his 96 were 11 fours. Ebden helped Robertson to add 135 for the fifth wicket.

In the morning Keigwin increased his not out 121 to 162. At the wickets four hours and a quarter he played sound, if not very attractive, cricket, and put plenty of power into his strokes, the best of which were 19 fours.

30 April: SURREY TRIAL MATCH - FIRST TWELVE v NEXT SEVENTEEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256442.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256442.html))

Day 1 (report from Wednesday 1 May, page 14)

On the Oval yesterday the Twelve occupied most of the hours for their first innings. Hayward played the best cricket. The fielding and bowling of the Next Seventeen were moderately good, but there was no distinctive feature in their play.

The game will be finished to-day.

Day 2 (report from Thursday 2 May, page 12)

The two days' match on the Oval ended yesterday in a draw. Against the Next Seventeen Clode took five wickets for 53, Brockwell four for 12 and Richardson three for 36 . . .

Wednesday 1 May, page 14

LONDON COUNTY v SURREY. - The London team in this match at Crystal Palace to-morrow will consist of Dr W G Grace, Mr C B Fry, Mr C J Burnup, Mr F Mitchell, Mr C J B Wood, Mr A E Lawton, Mr G W Beldam and Mr L Walker, with Braund, Board and F Smith.

THE YORKSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB. - As neither Lord Hawke nor Mr T L Taylor will be able to play for Yorkshire against the M.C.C. at Lord's next Monday, Lees Whitehead will have a place in the team, and a trial will be given to Ringrose, a fast bowler at present engaged at the Aigburth ground, Liverpool. The other nine players will be Mr Frank Mitchell, Wainwright, J T Brown, Tunnicliffe, Denton, Hirst, Rhodes, Haigh and David Hunter.

THE MARYLEBONE CLUB

THE LEG BEFORE WICKET RULE

At the general meeting, at Lord's, to-day, the committee will submit their proposal for the alteration of the leg-before rule. Great interest has been aroused by the question and there is sure to be a much larger gathering of members than is usual at these meetings. It is understood that the

proposal, about which the M.C.C. committee were not unanimous, will be moved by the Hon Alfred Lyttelton, M.P., and that an amendment to the effect that the law should remain in its present form will be proposed by Mr W E Denison and seconded by Lord Hawke.

The Earl of Pembroke, Lord Wenlock, Mr A Appleby and Mr M Turner retire by rotation from the committee and there are four candidates for the vacancies - namely, the Earl of Darnley (retiring president), Mr A J Webbe, Lord Hawke and Mr A G Steel, K.C.

Thursday 2 May, page 12: THE MARYLEBONE CLUB

#### THE LEG BEFORE WICKET RULE

At the general meeting of the M.C.C. members at Lord's yesterday evening, the proposal submitted by the committee for the drastic alteration of the leg-before rule did not get the two-thirds majority necessary for any change in the laws of the game. The voting, as the show of hands was not conclusive, was by ballot, and, although many members went away without voting, there was a heavy poll. The figures were: -

For the new rule	259
Against	188

The majority of 71 was insufficient to carry the committee's proposed new rule and the old rule will remain in force.

The meeting was the largest since that held for the election of the present secretary. There was a great gathering of well-known cricketers of these and other days. But, in accordance with the customs of the club, the privacy of the proceedings was during the meeting rigidly upheld. Subsequently the following information in addition to the figures given above was gathered from official sources.

In the absence of the president, the Earl of Darnley, through illness, Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, one of the trustees of the M.C.C., took the chair.

The following is the text of that part of the report which embraced the proposed change: - Law 24, as it is at present, enacts that the striker is out *"if with any part of his person he stops the ball, which in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's wicket shall have been pitched in a straight line from it to the striker's wicket and would have hit it: 'Leg before wicket.'"*

For the words in italics it is proposed to substitute the following: - "If with any part of his person (except the hand) which is between wicket and wicket he intercept a ball which would hit his wicket; 'Leg before wicket.'" This alteration has been recommended by a majority of the committee, but, having regard to the fact that the committee were not unanimous and that the proposed alteration is one of great importance, they desire that the matter should be dealt with as an open question.

The Hon Alfred Lyttelton, M.P., proposed the new rule. It was seconded by Mr John Shuter.

Mr W E Denison moved its rejection and was supported by Mr A G Steel, K.C., whose arguments apparently had great weight with the meeting.

There were several other speakers and the discussion lasted about an hour.

Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane also presided at the ordinary meeting of the M.C.C. He announced to the members that he had heard that the King intended to continue as patron of the Marylebone Cricket Club.

The report of the committee, the chief points in which are given below, was adopted.

In 1900 the club consisted of 4,714 members, an increase of 92 over the previous year, of whom 3,969 paid, 406 were life members and 339 were abroad. During the past season 173 matches were played by the club, of which 88 were won, 32 lost, 52 drawn and one was a tie.



The Earl of Pembroke, Lord Wenlock, Mr A Appleby and Mr M Turner retired by rotation from the committee, and are succeeded by the Earl of Darnley (retiring president), Mr A J Webbe, Lord Hawke and Mr A G Steel, K.C.

The attention of members is drawn to the fact that "family tickets" for entrance to the ground on the Oxford and Cambridge and Eton and Harrow matches were intended, as the name implies, for a member's family residing in his house. Members are asked to assist the committee in keeping the use within this limit. As the demand for carriage tickets greatly exceeds the supply, and as they confer larger privileges than ordinary seat tickets, it has been decided to charge £1 per match for a carriage stand.

In fulfilment of a promise made at the last general meeting, a sub-committee was appointed to consider whether any limit in the number of members should be recommended; they have drawn up a report and recommend that the members of the club should be limited to 5,000, and that when this number is reached the proportion of cricketers to ordinary members to be elected to fill vacancies should be reconsidered.

The M.C.C. have made themselves responsible, subject to certain conditions, for the next English team to visit Australia. This marks a new departure which, it is hoped, will be satisfactory to both countries.

The secretary has authority to arrange cricket classes for the instruction of the sons of members in the Easter Holidays, 1902, and after. A charge sufficient to cover the cost of professional tuition will be made. All communications on this subject should be made to the secretary. The refreshment accounts show a loss for the year of £418 6s 11d.

Mr J B Gribble and Mr Edward Grey, M.P., are the respective holders of the gold and silver tennis prizes.

The committee recommended that Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane be appointed a trustee of the club, in the place of the late Earl of Londesborough, and that Earl Roberts should be elected an honorary member of the club.

In the evening the annual dinner was held, when Earl Howe was nominated the president for the year.

1 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5606.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5606.html))

Day 1 (report from Thursday 2 May, page 12)

The Nottinghamshire eleven played splendid cricket at Lord's yesterday and finished the day with every prospect of victory. It was a much harder wicket than is usually found in the first day of the season, and perhaps the failure of a very moderate M.C.C. side in the first innings was attributable to some extent to the pace of the ball.

The two Notts medium-pace bowlers - J Gunn and Hallam - got the M.C.C. out in about an hour and three-quarters. It was a fine performance on a hard wicket. J Gunn has certainly started the season well; he did most of the bowling and then batted with plenty of skill and vigour in a long partnership of 116 with Mr M Herbert for the fifth wicket.

Trott's rather random hitting was the best point in the M.C.C. innings. Hallam, a native of Nottinghamshire, who originally was in the Lancashire eleven, bowled particularly well; he went on when five wickets were down for 92 and got four of the other batsmen out at a cost to himself of only 12 runs.

When Notts went in William Gunn played with all his well-known finish and got his runs in an hour by superb batting. Dench was steady and rather uninteresting to watch; but Mr Herbert, who was in the Eton twenty-two last year, should certainly get his colours on yesterday's form. He played the great M.C.C. professional bowlers with every confidence; he came down well on the ball and his cutting was clean and hard. Notts got their 319 runs in a little over three and a half hours and, with a lead of 195, they have yet two wickets in hand. The weather was seasonable but the company at Lord's was small.

Day 2 (report from Friday 3 May, page 12)

Nottinghamshire won, at Lord's, yesterday by an innings and 90 runs, a result that was not surprising after the course of Wednesday's cricket. The county team completely outplayed the M.C.C. on a hard and true pitch. Hallam, with his medium right hand bowling, again did well, and his aggregate of eight wickets for 60 runs was a distinct feature of the match.

As for the M.C.C. play in the second innings the only satisfactory features were a few good drives by Mr Perrin, the Essex cricketer, who is new to the public as a member of the M.C.C., and a little hard hitting by Storer.

2 May: LONDON COUNTY v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5607.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5607.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 May, page 12)

London County were batting the whole of yesterday at the Crystal Palace, and scored 382. On a thoroughly good pitch the Surrey bowling presented few difficulties; before lunch and late in the afternoon, when the light might have been a serious hindrance to run-getting, the batsmen easily timed the ball, which always came along at an even pace.

The partnership of Dr Grace and Mr C J B Wood lasted an hour and three-quarters and produced 131 runs. It should have ended just after the 100 went up, Lockwood, at point, missing Dr Grace from a skier off Brockwell. But this was the only serious fault of the batting, and the fielding was smart. Mr Wood showed a certain stiffness and his strokes had no great variety; care in watching the ball and controlling it marked his play rather than any brilliancy. Dr Grace might have reached his 100 but for the slowness between the wickets, which is his only real sign of any falling-off. In placing the ball and in defence he seemed as skilful as ever.

But the best batting yesterday was that of Braund, who a few years ago played occasionally for Surrey and is now qualified for Somerset. Making a large proportion of his runs by hard, clean drives, he pulled unerringly any long hops, and his leg strokes were very effective; his chief hits were 17 fours, four threes and six twos. Board helped Braund in a most valuable stand when six wickets were down for 219.

Two catches by Hayes deserve special mention. At short slip he caught Dr Grace quite brilliantly with the left hand close to the ground, and in the long field he held a big drive by Mr Lawton. Lockwood only bowled a little at the beginning of the day, by far the best work with the ball being done by Brockwell and Lees. Stacey, right-hand medium pace, was severely punished and looked easy.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 4 May, page 9)

There was a splendid day's cricket on the Crystal Palace ground yesterday under the best conditions of weather and turf, but the company in numbers fell below expectations. Surrey, who had to fight against a score of 382, scored so quickly and easily that very early in the match they seemed likely to be ahead on the first innings.

According to the arrangement with the M.C.C. and Surrey Club the London County Club will win on the first innings unless the game is played out. In the last hour of yesterday there was some fine batting by Dr Grace and Mr Wood, and at the finish the London County side were 155 on with all ten wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 6 May, page 11)

London County won their match with Surrey on the first innings at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, by 77 runs; the cricket under the three days' match rule would have left the game unfinished. The innovation is the idea of Dr W G Grace by agreement with Surrey and with the permission of the authorities at Lord's, as was set out fully in Dr Grace's statement which appeared in The Times of

Saturday; and it is understood that the same method of deciding the issue of the return fixture will hold good at the Oval to-day.

The game at the Crystal Palace was a batsman's game from beginning to end. The true pitch, the beautiful weather and the precision of the batting never offered the bowlers much chance, although the bowlers were backed up by much good fielding. As in the first innings, Dr Grace and Mr Wood, the Leicestershire amateur, made over 100 for the first London wicket, and this double feat ranks with the effort of Ulyett and Hall for Yorkshire in 1885, Brown and Tunnicliffe for Yorkshire in 1896, and Brann and Mr Fry for Sussex in 1899.

Dr Grace has again made a wonderful beginning to a season. At the end of 35 years of first-class cricket his fine judgment in timing and in dealing correctly with the ball is full of instruction to the cricketer. He got most of his runs in his old place about mid-off and cover-point on Saturday; but he was very severe on any half-volley, which he hit with wonderful power to the ring. He seemed well set for his 100, when in trying to score from Mr Jephson's lobs he was caught at deep square leg. This was at 142.

Mr Wood, as in the first innings, played good and careful cricket; but the best thing next to the work of Dr Grace was the play of Braund. Braund has a fine future before him as a batsman and, indeed, as an all-round cricketer. Mr Beldam hit well.

The London County innings was closed with two hours left for actual play, and Surrey had to make 358 to win. This task was impossible in the time, but the two hours yielded over 200 runs. Brockwell and Mr V F S Crawford both played brilliantly, and Abel, too, after a steady beginning, scored with a freedom that is not regularly expected from him. The good cricket was enjoyed by a large company.

## 2 May: THE OXFORD FRESHMEN'S MATCH

MR MARSHAM'S SIDE v MR KNOX'S SIDE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256593.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256593.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 May, page 12)

In the annual trial of Freshmen at Oxford the best-known players are Mr Dillon, the old Rugby boy, who averaged 56 for his school last summer and did well for Kent in two or three matches, and Mr von Ernsthause, of Uppingham.

Chief honours yesterday were carried off by Messrs Sanderson, of Malvern, and Boissier, of St John's, Leatherhead. They became partners when Mr Dillon was out, and contributed 141 runs for the second wicket. Both had some luck, but they played attractive cricket, especially Mr Boissier, who scored his 74 in 80 minutes by means of 11 fours and other hits. Mr Sanderson took nearly 2½ hours to make his 92.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 4 May, page 9)

Yesterday's cricket at Oxford went all in favour of Mr Knox's side, who added 52 to their overnight score and then disposed of their opponents for the moderate total of 239. Following on, Mr Marsham's side did better, but at the finish, with all 12 wickets standing, were still 74 runs behind.

Day 3 (report from Monday 6 May, page 11)

There was no improvement in the quality of the play at Oxford on Saturday. Mr Knox's side steadily followed up the advantage they had gained and won by seven wickets.

Mr Marsham's side had started their second innings overnight by scoring 68 without loss, but they batted in disappointing fashion on Saturday. Thanks mainly to Mr Dickson and Mr Worsley, who carried the score from 14 to 93 while together, Mr Knox's side hit off the 109 runs necessary to win for the loss of five wickets, and then play was continued for half an hour longer.

2 May: THE FRESHMEN'S MATCH AT CAMBRIDGE

MR A E HIND'S SIDE v MR E M DOWSON'S SIDE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256592.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256592.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 May, page 12)

For the most part the batting of Mr Hind's eleven at Cambridge yesterday was of quite an ordinary character. Two men on the opposing side played well and carried off the honours of the day. Mr McCorquodale began his career at Cambridge with marked success, taking seven wickets for 58 runs.

When Mr Dowson's side went in, Mr Harper and Mr Bompas scored 165 between them for the first wicket. Mr Harper made his first 50 in 38 minutes, while the hundred took less than 55 minutes to obtain. Mr Harper's chief hits were nine fours and nine threes.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 4 May, page 9)

Yesterday's cricket at Cambridge was chiefly noticeable for the good form displayed by Messrs Bompas, of Westminster, Longman, of Eton, and Marsh, an Oxford county cricketer, who all made their runs in good style.

Day 3 (report from Monday 6 May, page 11)

The excellent example set by Messrs Marsh and Longman at Cambridge on Friday, which helped to place Mr Hind's side on something like an equality with their opponents, was not followed by their successors on Saturday. The second innings, in which four wickets had fallen overnight for 282, was finished off for an additional 37 runs. This left Mr Dowson's team only 115 to make, and through a second capital display by Mr Bompas the necessary runs were obtained by half-past 3 for the loss of only four wickets.

The bowling of Mr Watson and Mr McCorquodale was perhaps the most interesting feature of the match, the latter dismissing 11 batsmen for 123 runs and Mr Watson taking six wickets in the second innings for 74.

Friday 3 May, page 12: SURREY COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

The annual meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the pavilion at Lord's. Lord Alverston, the president of the club, read a letter of thanks from the King for a vote of sympathy sent by the Surrey County Cricket Club on the occasion of the death of the late Queen Victoria and of congratulation on his Majesty's accession to the Throne.

In moving the adoption of the report, Lord Alverstone dwelt briefly on the importance of bringing under the notice of Mr Graburn or members of the committee any promising young players the county might possess, for it was on the bringing forward of young players that the county would depend to keep up their position.

During the past year the club had lost three old and valued members - Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Marshall, president from 1867 to 1879, Mr John Burnup, one of the founders of the club and the second hon. secretary, and Sir F A Marindin, a good all-round sportsman, whom they had hoped to have among them for many years.

In speaking of the balance-sheet, which showed a deficit of over £500, the chairman said it was 15 or 20 years since they had come out on the wrong side, and mentioned that, with the exception of one or two counties, all had the same tale to tell. Additional expenses had been incurred, the weather has been unkind to them and the generally depressing effect of the war had been felt in Surrey as elsewhere.

Mr Home Gordon drew attention to some remarks about the payment by Surrey of their amateur players.

Lord Alverstone hoped that no one would take any notice of such anonymous insinuations, and said all that had been done was that certain members of the committee, of whom he was one, had interested themselves on behalf of one of their young amateurs in getting him into an office, and if such an action was to be construed into payment of a player then goodbye to amateur sport.

The election of office-bearers was next proceeded with. Mr Denzil Onslow proposed Lord Alverstone as president, and regretted that on his elevation to the peerage he had not taken a Surrey title. In replying, the Lord Chief Justice said he hoped he would be able to continue in his office for some years to come. He mentioned that the vice-presidents would not be elected at the meeting, as the names were still under consideration of their committee; possibly a special meeting for their election would be held shortly. The secretary (Mr C W Alcock), the treasurer (Mr W Cattley) and the auditors (Messrs C H Gibbs and H Evans Broad) were all re-elected.

Saturday 4 May, page 9: THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

The South African cricketers reached Southampton yesterday morning after a splendid voyage in the Union-Castle liner Briton. They were accompanied by the Hon J D Logan, who is in charge of the team, and George Lohmann, the old Surrey player, who will act as assistant manager. They will remain at Southampton and practise there until after the Hampshire match, with which they will start their tour on the 16th inst. Amongst those who met them was Mr A J L Hill, the well-known Hampshire cricketer.

Mr Murray Bisset will be captain of the side, and he will have with him Messrs A Bisset, A Reid, R Graham, J J Kotze, G Rowe, D Logan, Jun. (of the Western Province), J H Sinclair, E A Halliwell, L J Tancred, G Hathorn (of the Transvaal), W [Shalders] (Griqualand West), B C Cooley (Natal) and C F Prince (Border).

In the course of conversation several of the players expressed regret that a controversy should have been raised by Mr Conan Doyle respecting their visit to this country while war was being carried on in South Africa. It was pointed out that eight of the 14 players have seen active service, whilst others have been members of various town defence forces. The Hon J D Logan has also borne arms and, as captain of the Matjesfontein Rifles, was present at the battle of Belmont. Mr Sinclair, who is regarded as the best batsman on the side, served with General French's scouts.

Of the team which visited this country seven years ago Halliwell and Rowe are the only ones to renew acquaintance with English cricket. The colonials had counted on the assistance of Llewellyn - who has now qualified for Hampshire - when that player was not engaged for the county, but it is understood that the Hampshire executive will not release him for South African engagements. They contend that it would be a bad precedent and, moreover, would spoil his bowling for Hampshire.

The South African team is purely an amateur one and fairly representative of Cape cricket. Their colours - red, blue and orange - are identical with the colours of South African war medal ribbon, and the permission of General Sir Forestier Walker had to be obtained before they could be adopted.

The members are looking forward keenly to their opening match and, on hard wickets at any rate, hope to hold their own against the majority of the counties. The Hon J D Logan left for Scotland last night to arrange fixtures there.

DRAWN MATCHES IN COUNTY CRICKET

Dr W G Grace asks us to state that, by permission of the Marylebone Club and with the agreement of the Surrey Club, the match now being contested at the Crystal Palace ground between London County and Surrey will, if not played out through the four innings, be decided by the first. The idea is a tentative one, but, as Dr Grace observes, everybody is anxious to get rid of drawn games.

Of course it is a breach of the rules of cricket to decide a three-days' match on the first innings, but Dr Grace thinks that the counties will wholly agree with him. His plan is better than changing the size of the wicket or the bat or altering the leg-before rule. If a side in the three-days' match is ahead on the first innings and safe from defeat under the present rules the suggested change in the law would make it imperative that they should play right out to win, and with a team in a losing position the same argument against defeat holds good.

Dr Grace has striven in every way to revive the public interest to big cricket, and he thinks that, if the first innings decides the match when the game is not played out on the issue of four, the solution will have been found to all the troubles about long scores and drawn games. Anyhow, he has had permission from Lord's to see how his idea works in the Crystal Palace match, and the Surrey County Club, although some time ago they would have nothing to do with the suggested trial, agreed to it by telegram yesterday.

Of course, no change will be made this season in the course of the championship. One of the suggestions is that one point should be scored for a win on the first innings, and two for a win on the second. In this way there would be every incentive to play the match right through.

Monday 6 May, page 11

M.C.C. v YORKSHIRE. - At Lord's to-day the Marylebone team will consist of Mr P F Warner, Mr B J T Bosanquet, Mr W L Murdoch, Trott, Storer, Carpenter, Young, Jack Hearne, Mead, Woodcock and Relf.

K S RANJITSINHJI. - K S Ranjitsinhji's health will prevent his playing first-class cricket this month. He had promised Dr W G Grace to take part in the match for the London County against Warwickshire, at Birmingham, next Thursday, but he has now asked to be excused as the doctors are against his playing much for a few weeks. All cricketers will wish the great batsman an early return to robust health.

6 May: HAMPSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5608.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5608.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 May, page 12)

At Portsmouth yesterday, in the first county match of the season, bowlers, for the most part, had the upper hand; and so much progress was made with the game between Lancashire and Hampshire that during the afternoon 19 wickets went down for an aggregate of 315 runs. At one point it seemed quite likely that Lancashire would not hold very much advantage when cricket ceased; but late in the day there was some vigorous hitting by Mold, and at the finish Lancashire, with one wicket to go down, found themselves with a lead of 75 runs.

Hampshire began in fairly promising style, some bright batting by Mr Robson and Webb carrying the score to 57 before the second wicket fell; but then to successive balls Robson and Sport were out, and by lunch time five more batsmen were dismissed by Mold and Sidney Webb, and the score was only at 98. Webb, fourth to leave at 86, batted in nice style, but the remaining members of the side showed poor form, and by ten minutes past 3 the innings was all over. After starting indifferently, Mold bowled extremely well and had the capital record of four wickets for less than nine runs apiece.

With the bowling good and the fielding smart and close the Lancashire batsmen found run-getting a hard matter at the outset of their innings, Mr MacLaren and Ward taking a quarter of an hour to make the first six, but then the Lancashire captain hit brilliantly and before being out at 50 sent the ball seven times to the boundary. Mr Garnett made a bad start, but quickly improved, and the hundred was up with only two men out. However, half the wickets were down for 112, and though Mr Hartley and Mr Eccles added 32 runs the score was only 158 when Mold and Smith came together and stayed until the end.

Lancashire played practically their best eleven in the field, Briggs unfortunately not being available owing to his illness. Hampshire, though without Mr Hill and Captain Wynyard, were well represented. Qualified by residence, Llewellyn, the South African, played for the first time in a county match, and the team also included Captain Greig, of the Bombay Pioneers; Mr A G Hotham, a lieutenant in the Royal Navy and son of Admiral Hotham, the Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth; and Smoker, a young professional, who has enjoyed some coaching at the hands of Maurice Read. The weather was dull and cold, and not many people were present.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 May, page 14)

Lancashire yesterday at Portsmouth beat Hampshire by eight wickets.

6 May: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5609.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5609.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 May, page 12)

Lord's ground was seen at its best yesterday, in spite of the keen wind from the north, and the cricketers must have thoroughly enjoyed the day's play. The M.C.C. had secured a fine side in bowling; but as it turned out they mostly relied on one fine batting performance for upholding their credit.

This was the work of Storer. He went in second wicket down and was sixth out at 217. He and Carpenter put on 93 for the third wicket, and this was the best stand of the innings. Storer, who was beaten by a braking ball on the off-side from Hirst played superb cricket. His judgment and a fine eye secured success and he never looked like getting out, for both before and behind the wicket he had a splendid variety of strokes. At times his cricket was not wholly orthodox, but his eye served him to the end.

When he went everything fared badly for the club. Hirst had failed to begin with; but subsequently he did so well as to take seven wickets for 32 runs in his last 13 overs. Hirst, when he found his length, bowled with great effect, as the analysis will show. Rhodes and Ringrose had beforehand done a lot of hard work. Ringrose, who bowls rather fast, should have had Storer caught from him in his first few overs. He seems to be a really good bowler. Yorkshire's outfielding was one of the best features of the cricket.

When the county went in there was much fine batting by Denton, and the end of the day's play left the score thus . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 May, page 14)

The Marylebone team were steadily forced into the worse position at Lord's yesterday, and last night the cessation of play left the club small hopes of saving the game - that is, if the weather holds good - for the M.C.C., with six wickets down in the second innings, were then only 19 runs ahead. The cricket in this match has been splendid to watch, particularly yesterday, although there was a delay of more than an hour, owing to rain, after luncheon.

In the earlier part of the day the spectators saw the completion of Denton's innings; but the most interesting feature of the play was the brilliant hitting of Hirst, who made 86 runs in about the same number of minutes. Hirst for some seasons has been one of the best members of the Yorkshire eleven; this year there seems to be no reason to doubt of the maintenance of his form. So far in this match he has been quite himself; his sturdy batting, his unerring fielding, with the wonderful return from mid-off, and his left-hand bowling, with its pace and break, were never more marked. With the pitch affected by the rain, he bowled with much success.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 9 May, page 11)

Yorkshire won the match at Lord's yesterday by six wickets. The club's case was almost hopeless in the morning, for with Storer called away by a domestic bereavement there were only three batsmen left, and the score showed a lead of only 19 runs.

Some steady work by Hearne and the bad weather drove the cricket well on into the afternoon. Yorkshire had only 57 to get to win, but with the pitch affected by the rain this task was less easy than might have been expected. Mead bowled extremely well and there were several fine catches, particularly those by Mr Bosanquet deep on the off-side and Captain Wynyard close in at forward short-leg. Any question of Yorkshire's inability to get the runs on the difficult wicket was quickly removed after luncheon, when Hirst batted steadily and well.

Hirst was indeed the hero of the match; he got over 100 runs and was only once out, he took 11 wickets in the match for 83 runs and his fielding was very fine.

6 May: SURREY v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5610.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5610.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 May, page 12)

The first day's cricket in the return match between these sides at the Oval yesterday varied in character. There were times when the play was dull to watch, while at others runs came with great rapidity.

At first the bowling of Richardson and Montgomery wanted much watching, and it was not until Mr Jessop came in just before the luncheon interval that runs came with any freedom. Mr Jessop gave one of his characteristic displays and in some 25 minutes' batting he scored 60 out of 71. The vigour of his hitting can best be judged when it is stated that he hit four fives and eight fours. Braund, on the other hand, played an unusually careful game, for he took two hours and three-quarters to make his 74. It was only after he had passed his 50 that he played with any freedom.

Montgomery, who is making his first appearance for the county, is a right-hand, medium-pace bowler. He varied his bowling well, while he kept a good length and he can make the ball turn either way. He showed much better form than his analysis indicates, but the wicket gave him no assistance. The Surrey fielding was good. Hayes made five catches - four at slip and one at long-off - while he threw down Board's wicket.

When Surrey were in the batting was always good; this was especially the case when Abel and Hayes were together. But it must be taken into consideration that the London County, although a strong batting side, are weak in bowling. At the close Surrey were 130 runs behind with seven wickets in hand.

The weather was cold and dull, while rain interrupted the game for nearly half an hour directly after the luncheon interval. The game is being carried on under the same conditions as those obtaining at the Crystal Palace.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 May, page 14)

After leaving off in a fairly favourable position at the close of play on Monday, the Surrey eleven yesterday at the Oval were quite outplayed.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 9 May, page 11)

As the same conditions governed the game as in the match at the Crystal Palace at the end of last week, London County beat Surrey at the Oval yesterday by 51 runs on the first innings. Their victory was thoroughly deserved in every respect, for at the close of play overnight they had gained such a substantial advantage that they were practically safe from defeat.

Owing to the state of the wicket, a start could not be made until a quarter to 1, and then the score was taken from 275 for one wicket to 362 for three, when Dr Grace declared the innings closed. Surrey, who were 413 behind, went in a second time after the luncheon interval, but in half an hour rain came on so heavily that the match was abandoned at ten minutes to 4.

The chief feature of the game was the batting of Mr Beldam and Mr Wood in the London County's second innings, who put on 277 runs for the second wicket. Of the two Mr Beldam played the more attractive cricket. Last season for Middlesex he showed that he was a batsman possessed of some skill, but he has never before done anything approaching his 150 not out. He has a good stroke near cover-point, while he is also strong on the leg-side. His chief hits were 17 fours, five threes and 12 twos.

Mr Wood, who is not the ideal batsman to watch, showed great defensive powers - in fact he erred on the side of caution. Towards the close of his innings he scored freely, but he was batting two hours and a quarter for his first 50. He made the majority of his runs on the on-side and he hit 13 fours,



four threes and 15 twos. A word of praise is due to Braund for his splendid batting and bowling, and the London County in a great measure owe their victory to him.

6 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY TRIAL MATCH

MR F H HOLLINS'S SIDE v MR R A WILLIAMS'S SIDE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted score: MR HOLLINS'S SIDE 168 (G B Sanderson 27, A C Von Ernsthausen 32, G W Kelly 44; M Bonham-Carter 5/37) and 166 (A C Von Ernsthausen 67, H M Worsley 45; R A Williams 4 wkts, F H Bowring 3 wkts). MR WILLIAMS'S SIDE 233 (W S Medlicott 93, F H Bowring 24; G W Kelly 5 wkts, K O Hunter 5 wkts) and 98/3 (R Z H Voss 35, W S Medlicott 37\*). Mr Williams's Side won by eight wickets.

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 May, page 12)

The weather at Oxford yesterday was not favourable to good cricket, the air always being cold, while late in the afternoon a shower caused a brief stoppage. As a consequence the general form proved disappointing, but two seniors did well.

Mr Bonham-Carter, an old Wykehamist, bowled with great effect, and before Mr Kelley began hitting hard he had taken five wickets at a cost of only 17 runs. Mr Medlicott batted capitally. He made no effort to force the game, but played in an attractive style, scoring 69 not out in a couple of hours.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 May, page 14)

The score in this match at Oxford yesterday was as follows . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 9 May, page 11)

Rain prevented any play until nearly 4 o'clock at Oxford yesterday, but so much progress had been made on the previous afternoons that Mr Williams's side had plenty of time in which to gain a victory by eight wickets. Mr Medlicott again played well, maintaining a perfect defence for over an hour and a half.

Wednesday 8 May, page 14

YORKSHIRE COLTS v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COLTS. - At Sheffield, yesterday, the Notts Colts had the match in hand all day, and in the end they won by eight wickets. Excellent bowled secured them a lead of 150 runs on the first innings and Gregory's bowling did the rest. Pepper was batting for two hours and three-quarters for his 85, and gave no chance.

From Yorkshire's point of view the most hopeful feature of the game was the bowling of Oyston, a young cricketer who appeared in three county matches last season.

9 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MR A J WEBBE'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5611.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5611.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 May, page 12)

Up to a certain point yesterday the University team did very well at Cambridge. Rain delayed the start and Mr Webbe's team could only score 164. At lunch the total was 117 for three wickets, but then Mr G Howard Smith went on for the first time and dismissed six men at a cost of rather less than four runs apiece. Bowling rather fast, the old Eton boy was most difficult to play on a pitch that did not give him much assistance.

Mr H B Hayman batted capitally, but the best form was shown by the two freshmen, Mr H K Longman and Mr L V Harper, at the opening of the University innings. They put on 90 runs before being parted, both hitting well. Subsequently the batting broke down, but Mr Longman played with much care and was altogether at the wickets for over two hours, being bowled in the last over of the day. The University, therefore, finished up with only a slight advantage - 33 runs behind with four wickets in hand.

Mr S H Day, the captain, and Mr E R Wilson could not play owing to examinations. Mr H S Bompas, the Westminster freshman, kept wicket for the visitors.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 May, page 14)

The play at Cambridge yesterday went all in favour of the visitors.

Day 3 (report from Monday 13 May, page 11)

The University were beaten at Cambridge on Saturday by 107 runs. Requiring 293 runs to win, they had the whole day before them and the wicket seemed in very fair order for run-getting; but against the bowling of J T Hearne and Mr Bradley only Mr Blaker showed any ability to score. Mr Robertson, who helped Blaker to add 43 for the fifth wicket, in one period of 40 minutes only scored a couple of singles.

9 May: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5612.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5612.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 May, page 12)

As the result of a keen afternoon's cricket at Bristol yesterday Yorkshire gained some advantage, being two runs in front of their opponents' total and having three wickets to fall. But they had to fight very hard for the upper hand, the rather weak Gloucestershire eleven playing excellent cricket.

Rain had affected the pitch somewhat, but Mr Sewell and Mr Jessop hit brilliantly and gave their side an excellent start. Mr Sewell scored 42 out of 56, only making one false stroke in an attractive innings, and Mr Jessop hit up 44 out of 61 in 35 minutes, the 100 going up in an hour with only three men out. Wrathall and Mr Hodgkins gave useful help, the first partnership producing 50 and the fourth 43 runs. Although severely punished by Mr Jessop, Rhodes bowled unchanged and had an excellent record. There was no stand after Mr Jessop left at 111, the last six wickets only adding 39 runs.

The Yorkshiremen found runs extremely difficult to obtain. Some slight showers hindered the progress of the game a little and did not improve the state of the turf. This, with the fact of Brown and Tunnicliffe being out for a single, caused the batsmen to adopt cautious methods. Denton was an hour scoring 37, and Mr Mitchell was in nearly as long for his 30, at one time not getting a run for 20 minutes. With four men out for 63, Hirst played excellent cricket, scoring 46 in rather more than an hour and being not out when stumps were drawn for the day.

Roberts bowled from the end where Rhodes had done so well and took five of the seven wickets that fell, always troubling the batsmen. But by the exercise of much skill Mr Taylor and Denton added 41, and Hirst and Mr Mitchell put on 51 in half an hour. Altogether the day's cricket proved most interesting, and would have been still more even had not Haigh been missed in the last over.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 May, page 14)

Helped by the prevailing conditions Yorkshire gained a victory at Bristol yesterday by ten wickets. They had obtained a slight advantage on Thursday, but it was so insignificant as to suggest a continuation of the good fight. But heavy rain in the night had affected the pitch which, only slow to begin with, helped the bowlers very materially as the day advanced.

Rhodes's bowling was a feature of the game; he had an excellent record of 14 wickets for 141 runs. First also kept an admirable length, being very difficult to score from, and his all-round cricket helped materially in the success of his side.

9 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5613.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5613.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 May, page 12)

It was a typical bowlers' wicket at Lord's yesterday. The rain had settled on the clay surface and such wind as there was had failed to dry the turf. Mead, of Essex, bowled with wonderful effect, taking seven wickets for 23 runs. He kept a fine length and got plenty of spin on the ball. He and Young, his partner as a rule in Essex bowling, were unchanged.

Marylebone had a very good side; but it was only a poor day for cricket. Much rain, a bad light and a greasy ground rid the match of all its interest.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 May, page 14)

It was another disappointing cricket day at Lord's yesterday. The heavy rainfall coming after the long spell of dry weather prevented any cricket until late in the afternoon; and even then, although the captains over-riled the umpires' opinion and began half-an-hour sooner than the suggested time, the pitch was very soft and in the field it was difficult to get a foothold.

Lancashire fielded well, and the M.C.C. batsmen, by some very commonplace batting, managed to establish a lead on the first innings.

Day 3 (report from Monday 13 May, page 11)

From their disastrous start Lancashire were never able to recover, and they were beaten at Lord's on Saturday by seven wickets. The first 39 runs were scored at the cost of Mr A C MacLaren, Tyldesley, Ward and Mold, and then, in spite of the batting by Mr A Eccles, Lancashire could set the M.C.C. only 48 to win.

9 May: SURREY v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5614.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5614.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 May, page 12)

Owing to rain only 35 minutes' play was possible at the Oval yesterday. The wicket was only just in a fit state for a start to be made at five minutes past 12, but a heavy shower came on at 20 minutes to 1 and, although Apter put sawdust on the worn places in the hopes of the game being resumed on the earliest occasion possible, rain continued and cricket was abandoned for the day at a quarter past 3.

Mr C H Bodington, who is making his first appearance for Hampshire, played for Mr P R Johnson's side in the Seniors' match at Cambridge. He scored 54 and 61, and took eight wickets in the two innings.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 May, page 14)

So much rain had fallen at the Oval that the pitch yesterday was quite unfit for play at the usual time. Consequently an early lunch was taken and the game was resumed at a quarter past 2. Even then it was a most cheerless day for cricket and the light was bad.

Surrey at one time promised to run up quite a respectable score, but after the fifth wicket had gone the rest of the side were unable to play the bowling of Barton, whose medium pace and break quite upset the batsmen. Hampshire finished the day 86 runs behind and with four wickets gone.

Day 3 (report from Monday 13 May, page 11)

The cricket hours during the match had been so curtailed owing to the weather at the Oval that there was not sufficient time on Saturday to bring the game to a definite result. The finish, however, was exciting, and time alone saved Hampshire from defeat.

Overnight Hampshire in their first innings had made 62 for four wickets, but the bowling of Lockwood and Brockwell proved too good for the rest of the side, with the exception of Mr Sprot, who received some assistance from Barton, and they were all out for another 53 runs.

Having a lead of 33, the Surrey batsmen on going in a second time played a fine forcing game in a bad light. Mr Crawford and Hayes put on 75 runs for the second wicket in half an hour. After Surrey had made 132 for four wickets in a little under an hour and a half fog stopped play at half-past 3, and this lessened Surrey's chances of success. When the fog lifted Mr Jephson declared his innings closed, and Hampshire were left with 166 to get to win in two hours.

Hampshire contented themselves with playing for a draw. In this they proved successful, but the result was in doubt right up to the finish. At one time, however, Surrey appeared to have the match well in hand, for with half an hour left for play Hampshire had lost eight wickets for 50 runs. Then Mr Steele and Stone by acting entirely on the defensive managed to keep up their ends, although Surrey lost one good opportunity of winning, as a quarter of an hour from the finish Brockwell missed Stone off Richardson's bowling.

9 May: WARWICKSHIRE v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5615.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5615.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 May, page 12)

Lilley played a splendid innings at Birmingham yesterday. Going in when four wickets had fallen for 35 runs, he scored 124 in rather less than two hours. He was the last man to be dismissed, and his cricket stood out in striking contrast to that of his colleagues in the Warwickshire team.

Heavy rain had left the pitch slow and treacherous, the bowlers being able to get a lot of work on the ball. Braund especially caused much trouble to the early batsmen, but Lilley quickly became master of the situation. Forcing the game with great vigour, he scored freely from all the bowlers by every variety of stroke. He hit 19 fours, four threes and seven twos, figures which give a good idea of the brilliance of his play. With all this power of hitting Lilley combined perfect accuracy. He gave no chance and always seemed to get the ball in the middle of the bat. Walter Quaife helped Lilley to add 80 runs, a stand which turned the fortune of the game.

London County had not been batting long when rain caused play to be abandoned for the day. Moorhouse, who made his first appearance for Warwickshire, is a brother of the Yorkshire professional. The visiting eleven includes Mr J H Sinclair and Mr E A Halliwell, of the South African team.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 May, page 14)

The wicket was so soft at Birmingham yesterday, through rain overnight, that play could not be resumed until nearly 3 o'clock.

Day 3 (report from Monday 13 May, page 11)

The excellent bowling - for the second time in the match - of Hargreave enabled Warwickshire to win at Birmingham on Saturday by 214 runs. Dr Grace was caught off the first ball he received, and the side never looked like making much of a stand, though Mr Wood and Mr Sinclair played well. Mr Sinclair hit a ball from Santall over the grand stand into the road.

W G Quaife made his 101 not out in a little more than two hours and a half. In the whole match Hargreave came out with the fine analysis of 14 wickets for 115 runs.

Saturday 11 May, page 15: KING'S BENCH DIVISION

(Before Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Phillimore)

In re the Surrey County Cricket Club)

This was a petition by way of appeal against an assessment of duty under Part II of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1885, made by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue on property of the Surrey County Cricket Club, which is an unincorporated body and the lessee of the Kennington Oval, at a rent of £750 per annum, the lessee paying all rates and taxes. Certain parts of the property are underlet, and the club also has certain investments of stocks. The only other receipts are subscriptions and gate-money.

The Commissioners in making the assessment calculated the gross assessable income at £8,138. The total receipts of the club were £14,316, and accordingly reckoning the proportion of gross assessable income to the total receipts at 4/7, they allowed 4/7 of the assessable deductions, which were made up of match, general and ground expenses. In this way the net amount assessed was £2,058, and the duty at 5 per cent worked out at £102. In reckoning the gross assessable income the Commissioners included the rents received, the money received for the stands, the gate-money and the interest on investments.

The petitioners alleged that the assessment ought to be made only on the net annual value of the property of the club in hand and on the net income of property let, and of investments. They said that the gate-money and the receipts at the Oval were not annual value, income or profits of property belonging to the club within the meaning of the Act. They said further that if the receipts at the Oval as such were subject to taxation under the Act, the admissible reductions ought to be allowed in full, and not merely in the proportion which the gross assessable income bore to the total receipts of the club.

Mr A T Lawrence, K.C., and Mr F Vaughan Hawkins were for the appellants; the Attorney-General, K.C., the Solicitor-General, K.C., and Mr S A T Rowlatt for the respondents.

Mr Justice Kennedy, in giving judgment, said that on the whole he was in favour of the appellants. It was contended for the Crown that what ought to be got at was the annual value, having regard to what was actually earned from the property. It was important to deal with these things upon principle, and it was notorious that in taxation and in rating matters one sometimes must, in order to maintain a principle of general application, adopt a rule as near as one could get in its working to the intention of the Legislature. It was nearer to effecting the real purpose of section 11 of the Act to adopt the principle on which the appellants asked to be taxed - namely, on the income-tax assessment under Schedule A.

They also said that they were entitled by the section to certain deductions on the basis to be found in Schedule A in respect of necessary outgoings and costs of management, and he was satisfied that the words of the section, "properly incurred in the management of such property," might be taken to include expenses properly incurred, and there was good reason for that in the property being in the possession of the person to be taxed.

The Crown said that as to the annual value of the realty that one had to look at the use to which the property was actually put, and where property was used in a business way and for social enjoyment and was earning money that went to maintain the club and large sums of money were brought in by way of subscriptions, one was in a difficulty when one attempted to separate the annual value of the property from the annual value of the undertaking, in other words from the management of the property with such an element as the subscriptions, which the Crown admitted could not be taxed. This body was paying income-tax in the usual way under Schedule D.

The tax in question was by way of compensation for the probate, legacy and succession duty. It would be unfair that it should be taxed in respect of income under Schedule D, and that anything in the nature of income should be charged with the duty now in question, so that it would be taxed twice over.

His reading of section 11 of the Act was that the tax was intended to be levied on the annual value of real property. Annual value was a term which had already got an understood meaning in revenue and taxation Acts, and ought to be taken to be the annual value of the assessment under Section A. It might be that a portion of the property was personal and that the gains could not be called income, but the word "profits," which also occurred in the section, was more general, and it covered those incidental and non-periodical advantages of a pecuniary kind that might come from personal property and were intended to be covered by this duty. The scheme proposed by the appellants was the right one.

Mr Justice Phillimore delivered judgment to the same effect, holding that annual value must mean the same thing as in the other taxation Acts, and that it was to be ascertained as under Schedule A for the purposes of income-tax.

The appeal was accordingly allowed with costs.

13 May: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5616.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5616.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 May, page 12)

By far the most attractive feature of the cricket seen at Bristol yesterday in the match between Gloucestershire and Notts was the batting of Mr A O Jones. The Notts captain went in first for his side and in rather more than two hours made 95 out of 167. Except for one lucky stroke in the slips, he scored equally well all round the wicket.

William Gunn batted admirably and in company with Mr Jones put on 120 in 80 minutes. Gunn was finely set when he mis-hit a full pitch and sent it into the hands of mid-on. At lunch time Notts had scored 162 for the loss of only two batsmen, but afterwards Roberts and Huggins bowled so effectively that eight wickets went down for the addition of 72 runs, the visitors being all out for 234.

Gloucestershire started badly, losing Wrathall and Mr Sewell for 25. Hodgkins batted with extreme care and helped Hale to put on 39. Mr Jessop came in third wicket down and, although he exercised considerable restraint over himself, he made all the runs obtained after his arrival. At the drawing of stumps Gloucestershire, with three men out, were 146 behind. Gloucestershire are giving a trial to Mr F M Luce, the Oxford three-quarter.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 May, page 11)

Despite a fine display of batting on the part of Mr Jessop at Bristol yesterday, Gloucestershire left off last evening with much the worse of their match against Notts, the visitors at the drawing of stumps being 250 runs to the good with five wickets in hand. To such an extent did Mr Jessop monopolize the run-getting that in 65 minutes he scored 76 out of 77 from the bat. Forcing the game judiciously, he gave no actual chance, and amongst his hits were ten fours.

Mr Jones and Dench turned the fortunes of the day in favour of Notts by adding 100 runs in less than an hour and a half.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 16 May, page 7)

At Bramall Lane last evening Gloucestershire, after an exciting finish, succeeded in drawing their match with Notts. Gloucestershire were set 339 to win, and when shortly after lunch four wickets were down for 74 the chances seemed all against the match being saved.

Coming together at this point, however, Hale and Mr Luce put a much better appearance on the game for their side, taking the score to 123. Langdon and Paish offered a very stubborn resistance, remaining together for an hour and a quarter and adding 79 runs. For this stand, however, Notts were themselves to blame, as in making his first ten runs Langdon was twice missed. Five minutes from time Huggins was bowled, but Roberts safely played the last over and the match was saved.

13 May: LANCASHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5617.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5617.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 May, page 12)

Mainly by the work of Mr A C MacLaren, Lancashire secured a big advantage over Worcestershire in the course of yesterday's cricket at Manchester, leaving off 78 runs ahead with four wickets to go down. The old Harrovian went in first for the northern county and in an hour and a half scored 82 out of 155. He was missed from a skyer to mid-on when 52, but his pulling, placing and driving were all very fine.

In the early part of the day Worcestershire were dismissed in less than two hours and a half for 121. The wicket was somewhat fiery - a most unusual condition nowadays - and the majority of the Worcestershire batsmen could do little against Sharp and Webb. Pearson, of Mitcham, who used to play for Surrey Second Eleven, made his first appearance for Worcestershire.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 May, page 11)

The Worcestershire batting again broke down at Manchester, yesterday, and by half-past 3 Lancashire had won by an innings and 24 runs.

13 May: LEICESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5618.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5618.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 May, page 12)

The opening of the new county ground at Leicester yesterday was in every way most successful. The Marquis of Granby declared the ground open, and among others who took part in the proceedings and made speeches were the Mayor of Leicester, Sir J Rolleston, M.P., and Mr Logan, M.P.

Mr Wood and Knight opened Leicestershire's innings and scored 83 runs before they were separated. Later King and Pougher added 88 in 70 minutes.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 May, page 11)

The Surrey batsmen came out strongly at Leicester yesterday and finished up with the better position, although it is rather doubtful whether the game can be played out. Brockwell and Abel made 158 for the first wicket.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 16 May, page 7)

Surrey gained a remarkable victory over Leicestershire at Leicester yesterday by ten wickets. They had to go in on Tuesday against a score of 386, but did so well that when their innings closed they had a lead of 131 runs.

King, who went in at the fall of the third wicket, made a splendid effort to save Leicestershire, being the last man to leave. His 91 included eight fours, two threes and 21 twos. Mr Jephson bowled with great success. Surrey had only 42 runs to get to win.

13 May: LONDON COUNTY v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5619.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5619.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 May, page 12)

The first day's cricket at the Crystal Palace yesterday went all in favour of London County, who at the close had obtained the substantial lead of 119 with six wickets in hand.

The early hours were noticeable for some wonderful bowling by Mr Sinclair, a member of the South African team. There was little in the pitch to help him, but he varied his pace with such excellent skill that the Derbyshire batsmen quite failed to time him. He is an adept at making the ball turn either way, while at times his swerve in the air is very deceptive. If yesterday's form should prove any criterion of his power the South Africans possess a bowler who is worthy of his place in any team. He had the splendid analysis of eight wickets for four and a half runs apiece.

The weather was fine and the ground looked at its best, but the attendance was small.

It should be pointed out that the match will not be decided by the first innings as in London County's other matches.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 May, page 11)

London County at Crystal Palace yesterday followed up the advantage which they had gained overnight by some more excellent batting, and at the close of the day's cricket they were left in a winning position. At the drawing of stumps Derbyshire still required 139 runs to save the innings defeat with only two wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 16 May, page 7)

London County beat Derbyshire at the Crystal Palace yesterday by an innings and 119 runs. Little interest was taken in the final stage, as the result was beyond doubt, for Derbyshire, with only two wickets in hand, required 139 to save an innings defeat. They added only another 20 runs to the overnight total, and the match was finished after a quarter of an hour's cricket.

13 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5620.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5620.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 May, page 12)

The scoring was not heavy at Lord's yesterday, but the cricket was very good to watch. In the morning the pitch was a trifle slow, but the skilful bowling, rather than anything wrong with the wicket, which is first thought of by many spectators when they see a small score, was the secret of the downfall of so many batsmen in a cricket day of a net five and a half hours. What the ball did it did very quickly, and thus came the mis-timing. Five of Trott's wickets (and he hit the stumps six times) were got by the fast yorker.

Alec Hearne's careful play and Mead's really good hitting gave the M.C.C. total what little respectability it possessed. As for Sussex, the only good thing was the batting of Killick, and he was run out by the cleverness of Huish, who took the ball on the half-volley from a bad return from extra cover-point. Huish also made a very good catch at wicket, when he got out Mr Newham.

M.C.C. finished up the day with a lead of 84 and nine wickets left in the second innings. It was a beautiful day for cricket, but the spectators numbered only a few hundreds.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 May, page 11)

The M.C.C. won the match at Lord's last evening by 230 runs.

13 May: SOMERSET v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5621.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5621.html))



Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 May, page 12)

At Taunton yesterday Yorkshire placed in the field exactly the same side which beat Gloucestershire so easily last week, but the team had a very different experience to that at Bristol, Somerset staying at the wickets until after 5 o'clock and in four hours and a quarter putting together a total of 349.

With Braund now qualified to play by two years' residence and Mr F A Phillips back in England after serving in South Africa with the Yeomanry, the home county had succeeded in getting together a much better eleven than they are usually represented by at this early period of the season. Mr L C H Palairet and Mr Lewis made a splendid start, raising the score to 1093 for the first wicket. Mr Lewis enjoyed some luck, but Mr Palairet's only mistake was a chance from a hard hit to Hirst at mid-off when 55. Rhodes bowled well, although over a hundred runs were hit from him. Hirst was unlucky and Haigh showed no command over the ball.

Yorkshire lost Brown in the first over, and Denton should have been out for five, but, being missed, he and Tunnicliffe raised the score to 69 without further loss, Yorkshire leaving off 280 behind with nine wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 May, page 11)

Happily for Yorkshire the wicket at Taunton remained true yesterday and, although Somerset had put together a total of 349 on Monday, the northern county succeeded in gaining a lead of 42 runs on the first innings. Except that Mr Mitchell was dismissed by a "yorker" for a single, the whole of the men who went in yesterday did well.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 16 May, page 7)

Amidst much excitement Yorkshire beat Somerset at Taunton yesterday by one wicket, the match coming to an end within three minutes of the time fixed for drawing stumps.

At one point it seemed almost certain that Somerset would win, as at 4 o'clock six Yorkshiremen were out and 121 runs were still required. Lord Hawke and Wainwright wore down the attack and added 93 runs in 75 minutes, but the two last batsmen were in when two runs were required for victory.

13 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY TRIAL MATCH - FIRST TWELVE v NEXT FIFTEEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256443.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/256/256443.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 May, page 12)

In the trial match at Oxford yesterday the chief feature of the play was the innings by Mr H J Wyld for the Fifteen.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 May, page 11)

There was little of interest in the cricket at Oxford yesterday.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 16 May, page 7)

The Twelve won the match at Oxford yesterday by four wickets.

Tuesday 14 May, page 12: THE PROPOSED ENGLISH TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

The committee of the Marylebone Club at their meeting at Lord's yesterday evening announced that with much reluctance they were obliged to abandon the idea of sending a team to Australia at the end of the present summer, as they did not see their way to get together a representative side of English

cricketers. This decision of the M.C.C. will, of course, not prevent any English cricketer from getting up a speculative trip, as in other years.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR A N HORNBY. - The Bishop of Manchester, as a member of the Lancashire Cricket Club, made the presentation yesterday, at Old Trafford, of the public testimonial to Mr A N Hornby, the president of the club, in recognition of his services to county cricket for 30 years past. The gifts comprised Mr Hornby's portrait in cricketing costume, by Mr Oules, R.A., and some pieces of plate, one of which is a centre piece of the value of £1,000. The portrait will be Mr Hornby's gift to the club and will hang in the Old Trafford pavilion.

The Bishop, in making the presentation, eulogized Mr Hornby as a great cricketer, a great captain and a thorough gentleman. He had maintained the best spirit of the game, whether in circumstances of victory or adversity. The game was one that not only exercise every muscle, but gave occasion for the manliest qualities, such as courage, tenacity, patience and rapidity of decision.

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M.C.C. v LEICESTERSHIRE. - At Lord's to-day the M.C.C. will be represented by Dr W G Grace, Mr G L Jessop, Dr A Conan Doyle, Mr A M Miller, Mr T A D Bevington, Mr W L Murdoch, Trott, J T Hearne, Board and Thompson.

16 May: ESSEX v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5622.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5622.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 May, page 12)

The batsmen at Leyton yesterday had to fight very hard for their runs. Tate kept a fine length and varied his pace, and he had a splendid analysis - seven wickets for 70 runs. Mr McGahey played a hard and careful game for his side; the ball required a great amount of watching and Mr McGahey played, in the circumstances, one of the best innings he has ever made for Essex. He rescued his side from collapse and he got his runs in rather more than two hours.

When Sussex went in Mr Kortright and Mead for a long time seemed almost irresistible; but after five men had gone for 64 Mr Newham and Vine played splendidly and the sides finished up the day pretty evenly. There was a big attendance and the Essex executive have every reason to congratulate themselves on the good beginning they have made to the season.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 May, page 9)

In his great days at Cambridge and Uppingham, Mr A P Lucas never played better cricket than he did at the Lyttelton ground, Leyton, yesterday, when, with Mr McGahey, he turned a losing game into one that now spells success. It is some 20 years since Mr Lucas made his mark as a great batsman, and he was never so keen on county cricket as some of his colleagues in that ever famous Cambridge eleven. He has hovered about various counties - Surrey, Middlesex and Essex.

Yesterday his method of dealing with a short ball was perfect; and in dealing with the good-length bowling on the hard wicket his straight bat and his power of striking were inimitable. He was handicapped through a strain in his knee, which made it necessary to have a man to run for him; but his innings of two hours was perfection itself. He was fifth out at 299.

Mr McGahey rather scraped his runs and never seemed thoroughly at home. Their partnership produced 133 for the fifth wicket and their side ought not to be in any danger to-day. The batting of Mr Newham and Vine, who made 141 for the fourth wicket of Sussex, was also good to watch. The Essex men are now 283 on, with five wickets left.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 May, page 13)

Essex won their first county match of the season, defeating Sussex at Leyton by 171 runs. Mr McGahey had a big share in the victory of his side, scoring 202 runs in the match for once out.

When the game was resumed on Saturday morning the home county held a lead of 283 with half their wickets in hand. Mr McGahey continued to bat finely and received useful assistance from Russell; and when he was caught by Cox from a hard return the total had reached 414, of which his share was 125. He played brilliant cricket, although his batting did not compare in player of style with that of Mr Lucas.

Sussex had 50 minutes' batting before luncheon, and in that time scored a like number of runs. Killick and Relf both batted well, and Mr Goldie hit very hard for his 44. Butt also did well, but none of the others rendered much assistance.

16 May: HAMPSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5623.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5623.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 May, page 12)

The South Africans had a severe experience in the opening match of their tour at Southampton yesterday, Hampshire staying in all day and in five hours and a quarter putting together the huge total of 538.

The batting honours of the day were carried off by Llewellyn, whose driving and placing on the leg side were very good. He and Captain Greig for the fifth wicket added 219 runs in an hour and 50 minutes.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 May, page 9)

At Southampton, yesterday, the South Africans succeeded in putting together a fine total, but were unable to avoid having to follow on, and at the close, with four wickets down in the second innings, they still required 110 runs to avert an innings defeat.

The feature of the afternoon's cricket was the batting of Mr Arthur Bisset and Mr Hathorn, the latter of whom had the distinction of making the first hundred of the tour. Despite some vigorous play by Mr Shalders and Mr Logan, half the wickets were down for 142, when Mr Bisset and Mr Hathorn came together. Then, however, the bowling was mastered, and in an hour's time the two men added 98 runs, the partnership being the best of the afternoon. Mr Bisset obtained his runs in faultless style, scoring all round with an easy grace, and, though Mr Hathorn made some uncertain strokes in the slips, he hit well on the leg-side, sending the ball 13 times to the boundary.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 May, page 13)

At Southampton on Saturday, in the first match of their tour, the South Africans were beaten by an innings and 51 runs. They were in a hopeless position at the close of play on Friday, being 110 runs behind with four wickets down in their second innings; and, with the pitch wearing badly on Saturday, the match was finished off before 1 o'clock.

16 May: LANCASHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5624.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5624.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 May, page 12)

In the opening of this match at Manchester, yesterday, batsmen were at a disadvantage, the ball frequently rising shoulder high on an imperfect pitch. Considerable skill and pluck were needed to overcome the difficulties, which proved too much for the majority of the players.

Ward played a sound game, while Hallows hit up 47 out of 72 in less than an hour. The best batting was perhaps shown by Kinneir and William Quaife, who in the last hour and a half added 74 runs, their stand giving Warwickshire something of an advantage.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 May, page 9)

The Lancashire eleven quite outplayed their opponents yesterday at Old Trafford. They began the day in an unfavourable position, but wound up with every prospect of victory, being 350 runs on with a wicket to fall.

The eight outstanding Warwickshire wickets were disposed of for the addition of 91 runs, and then Lancashire gave a display of batting in marked contrast to that previously seen. Ward and Tyldesley both did well, but the best cricket was shown by Mr Eccles and Mr Hartley. The two amateurs quite mastered the bowling, punishing it with such severity as to add 134 runs in an hour and a quarter.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 May, page 13)

The Lancashire team played just as well in the field on Saturday as they had batted on the previous afternoon, and they won very easily by 243 runs. On the fiery pitch Warwickshire never offered much resistance, W G Quaife and Lilley, who added 32, making the only stand, and the whole side were out in an hour and fifty-five minutes.

Sharp and Hallows both bowled well and the fielding of the Lancashire men generally was very smart. Smith proved invaluable behind the wicket. Standing back to the fast bowlers he took five catches in the match, and did not give away a bye.

16 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5625.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5625.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 May, page 12)

Mr Jessop gave a splendid illustration of hard hitting at Lord's yesterday, making 169 runs off his own bat in 100 minutes. In forcing the game at such a pace he had an element of fortune in his innings; he might have been taken in the long-field before he had got into double figures, and there were two other supposed chances, but the ball went to the fieldsmen at a great pace. These two chances only occurred after he had passed the hundred. It was a splendid innings to watch and he made one hit out of the ground for six, a five and 26 fours.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 May, page 9)

Leicestershire succeeded in heading the club score, on the first innings, at Lord's yesterday. This was largely due to the fine batting by Mr de Trafford and Geeson. Mr de Trafford hit freely and scored his 66 in an hour, and 12 fours were among his figures.

Mr Murdoch again played a perfect innings and scored 93 in two hours and ten minutes; Mr Jessop was caught in the deep field after batting a little more than half an hour, while Mr Miller, Dr Conan Doyle and J T Hearne added no fewer than 95 runs for the last two wickets. The home side were all out at ten minutes past 6, and stumps were then drawn, Leicestershire being left to get 295 runs to win.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 May, page 13)

At Lord's, on Saturday, Leicestershire went in for the last time to make 294 to save the match; but in the course of two hours and a half they were dismissed for 201, and the Marylebone Club won by 93 runs. Thompson, who bowled exceedingly well, had a great deal to do with this result.

16 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MR A J WEBBE'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5626.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5626.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 May, page 12)

For the first of their important trial matches at home Oxford have been set a fairly severe test, Mr A J Webbe's team, entirely amateur, being strong at all points. The University eleven included five old Blues, four seniors and two freshmen - Mr E W Dillon and Mr A C von Ernsthausen.

Mr Webbe's eleven made a good start with 65 before the second wicket fell; but at lunch time there were seven out for 114. A complete change then came over the game, Mr Key and Mr Martyn adding 137 runs in an hour. Mr Key played excellent cricket for an hour and a half, and included in his figures were a six and eight fours. Mr Martyn hit 15 fours and six twos. Stumps were drawn at half-past 5 in consequence of the Eights.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 May, page 9)

Everything else in the cricket at Oxford yesterday was overshadowed by the remarkably brilliant innings of 165 by Mr H B Hayman. He got his runs in two hours and three-quarters. He made his first 50 out of 81 in 70 minutes, completed his 100 out of 171 in two hours and a quarter, and afterwards added 65 in half an hour. Among his hits were six sixes - all drives over the ring - and 22 fours.

Mr Hayman found his chief supporter in Mr Bosanquet, who stayed with him while 127 runs were put on for the fourth partnership.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 May, page 13)

At Oxford, on Saturday, Mr Webbe's Eleven gained an easy victory over the University by 168 runs. On arriving at the ground Mr K J Key at once declared the second innings of Mr Webbe's Eleven closed, the University being left to get 421 to win.

This task proved altogether beyond their powers and, except during the partnership of Mr Knox and Mr Wyld, Oxford never looked like making a big score. Mr Marsham was unable to bat owing to an injury sustained on Thursday, and Mr Dillon was hurt by the first ball of the innings and had to retire. Mr Wyld, who joined Mr Knox when Mr Dillon left, played very attractive cricket and between them scored 106 for the second wicket. Mr Wyld scored his runs in 75 minutes and hit seven 4s, while Mr Knox, who was batting an hour and 35 minutes, made nine 4s.

Mr Crawford obtained his 67 in 75 minutes, and among his hits were 11 fours. He found a useful partner in Mr Findlay, who helped him to put on 50 runs for the eighth wicket.

16 May: SURREY v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5627.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5627.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 May, page 12)

After an indifferent start, Surrey batted splendidly at the Oval yesterday, for they kept Derbyshire in the field during the whole of cricket hours, and at the drawing of stumps had two wickets still in hand.

With the total only 30, Brockwell, Hayes and Lockwood were out; but from this point everything went well for Surrey. When Abel and Hayward were together they considerably increased Surrey's prospects, but the feature of the day was the stand by Mr Jephson and Hayward, who put on 250 runs for the fifth wicket in two hours and 50 minutes. Mr Jephson, who was out to a catch at mid-on, found Bestwick rather troublesome to time for the first over or so, but afterwards he settled down and played splendid cricket, making his runs by a great variety of strokes. His chief hits were one five, 15 fours, five threes and five twos.

Hayward, who was seventh out at 380, was at his best. At times he was rather slow - he was in a little over four hours and a half - but he is such a finished batsman that there is always something to be learned from his play. He made a greater proportion of his runs than Mr Jephson in front of the wicket. He hit 21 fours, two threes and 15 twos.

Mr Wright fielded splendidly at point, while of the seven bowlers tried Bestwick was the only one to meet with any degree of success. The day was fine and there was a good attendance.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 May, page 9)

The feature of yesterday's cricket at the Oval was the bowling of Lockwood. There was little in the pitch to help him, but his fine pace and spin completely puzzled the Derbyshire batsmen. His figures - seven for 57 - would have been considerably better but for Mr Lawton, who, although he was several times beaten, was very severe on his slow ball. He finished off the innings with the "hat trick," taking Hulme, Berwick and Bestwick with successive balls, bowling the last two middle stump.

Apart from Lockwood, who received valuable support from Lees, there was little worthy of note in the play. During the early hours Derbyshire had to fight hard for their runs - Storer was batting an hour and a quarter for 11 - in fact, the only time that they came with any freedom was when Mr Lawton was in. He made some fine drives to the on-side, but he was uncertain behind the wicket.

Having to go in a second time, Derbyshire gave a much better display, Mr Wright and Bagshaw putting on 101 for the first wicket. At the drawing of stumps Derbyshire were left in a hopeless position, for with half the side gone they still required 152 to save the innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 May, page 13)

Three-quarters of an hour's cricket at the Oval on Saturday proved enough to finish the match, Surrey winning by an innings and 11 runs. There was little of note in the closing stage. Storer, who had gone in first wicket down overnight, was eighth out at 202. He was batting nearly two hours, and his play was chiefly marked by strong defence.

With half their wickets down for 167 it was simply a question of how long Derbyshire could prolong the game, but the bowling of Richardson and Mr Jephson proved too much for the rest of the side, and they were all out for another 41 runs, Richardson taking three of the last five wickets for 17.

16 May: YORKSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5628.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5628.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 May, page 12)

Yorkshire had the advantage of batting first at Dewsbury yesterday. They lost Tunnicliffe and Denton in the first over, and Brown was dismissed with the score at eight, while half the wickets were down for 57. Good batting by Mr Taylor, Mr Mitchell and Wainwright, and a stand by Rhodes and Hunter - who, assisted largely by luck, put on 61 for the last wicket - improved the innings.

Worcestershire began badly, Pearson, Arnold and Mr Foster being out for 13, but afterwards Bowley and Mr Wilkes added 93 runs in an hour.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 May, page 9)

There was plenty of incident and variety about the cricket at Dewsbury yesterday, and the game was left in such a position as to hold out every promise of an interesting finish.

Bowley, who had on Thursday evening helped Mr Wilkes to add 93 runs for Worcestershire after the fall of the third wicket, was soon dismissed yesterday morning, but Mr Wilkes raised his not-out 41 to 109 by admirable cricket, this being his first hundred in an important match. He was batting for two hours and 20 minutes and gave no chance. His score included 16 fours.

Yorkshire had four wickets down for 71, and though Mr Mitchell and Hirst added 65 together, seven men were out for 158. However, Lord Hawke and Haigh put on 22 runs, and after Lord Hawke left, Rhodes and Haigh stayed together until the close of play, when Yorkshire, with two wickets still to fall, held a lead of 193 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 May, page 13)

On Saturday, at Dewsbury, the Worcestershire eleven did not maintain the capital form they had shown on the two previous days, and the match, which had promised to produce rather a close finish, was won readily enough by Yorkshire by 90 runs.

Haigh and Rhodes added 33 runs to Yorkshire's overnight score of 206 for eight wickets, and the total reached 245. Worcestershire were left to get 233 to win, a task which they never seemed likely to accomplish. Indeed, they began so badly that three of their best wickets were lost for 27 runs, Pearson, Arnold and Mr R E Foster being out.

Bowley and Mr Wilkes - the former making nearly all the runs - but a better complexion on the game, but Mr Wilkes left at 67, and at lunch time four wickets were down for 80. Bowley found another useful partner in Wheldon, 36 runs being added for the sixth wicket, but after Bowley left at 125 the last four wickets fell so quickly that the innings was over for 142. Bowley played good cricket for a couple of hours, and hit in his 73 eight fours, four threes and eight twos.

Rhodes had much to do with Yorkshire's victory, bowling so well on the hard ground that six wickets fell to him at a cost of exactly nine runs each. So far this season in four matches for Yorkshire - against the M.C.C., Gloucestershire, Somerset and Worcestershire - Rhodes has taken 40 wickets.

16 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TRIAL MATCH [First Eleven v Next Fifteen]

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted score: FIRST ELEVEN 277 (Dowson 81; T H Watson 5/77) and 281 (Robertson 47, Johnson 83+?, Dowson 30+?). NEXT FIFTEEN 210 (Dowson 9/53) and 344 (Harris 105).

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 May, page 12)

At Cambridge, yesterday, the Eleven, without Mr Day, Mr Wilson, Mr Blaker and Mr Hind, scored 277, and the next fifteen made nine runs for two wickets. Mr Harper and Mr Longman made 94 for through first wicket, and Mr Dowson scored 81. Mr T H Watson was the most successful bowler, taking five wickets for 77 runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 May, page 9)

At Cambridge, yesterday, the fifteen, who had overnight lost two wickets for nine runs, were all out for 210. After the luncheon interval Mr Dowson's bowling met with great success, and his analysis for the innings was nine wickets for 53 runs.

The eleven, who held a lead of 67, quickly lost Mr Harper and Mr Doll, but Mr Robertson and Mr Johnson stayed together an hour and a half, and raised the score to 125, when Mr Robertson was bowled for 47. At the close Mr Johnson was not out 93 and Mr Dowson not out 30, the score being 198 for four wickets.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 May, page 13)

Within a minute of the time for drawing stumps at Cambridge on Saturday the Eleven gained a victory over the Next Fifteen by four runs. The Fifteen had been set 349 to get to win.

Mr Harris, a freshman from Westminster, made 105, and though twice missed he batted in promising style, hitting two fives and 12 fours. Capital assistance was rendered him by Mr Young and Mr Goodden.

Friday 17 May, page 12: ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN CRICKET

Melbourne, May 17.

Mr Wardill is arranging with Mr A C MacLaren, the Lancashire captain, for the latter to bring an English cricket team to Australia.

Saturday 18 May, page 9: THE PROPOSED VISIT OF AN ENGLISH TEAM TO AUSTRALIA

Mr A C MacLaren received a cable message at Manchester yesterday asking him if he would take out a representative English team to Australia and replied that he was willing, if possible, to do so on the same terms as those under which Mr Stoddart's eleven went to the colonies.

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THE SOUTH AFRICANS. - The South African Eleven play their first match in London to-day, when they meet a strong side of the London County Club at the Crystal Palace. In the evening they will be entertained at dinner by the London County Club, Lord Suffield, the president, being in the chair.

20 May: LONDON COUNTY v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5629.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5629.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 May, page 12)

The South Africans made their first appearance in London yesterday and played very good cricket at the Crystal Palace and the London County Club. Dr Grace had got together a fairly strong side, and the bowling of himself and Braund seemed at one time to discomfit the South Africans, for five of the team were out for 88 runs, and that too on an excellent wicket.

But after the early triumphs of London Mr Halliwell and Mr Hathorn played such splendidly free cricket that in an hour they added 133 runs. Mr Halliwell's style, with its hard drive and its clean cut, is familiar to many English cricketers. One five and nine fours were his best hits. Mr Hathorn is a far less attractive bat to watch, but he kept up his end to the finish and hit one five and four fours. London fielded and bowled with plenty of skill, but on such a wicket they were fortunate to be rid of the South Africans at a cost of 262 runs. Mr J H Sinclair made some splendid drives, but he did not stay sufficiently long to give an adequate display of his powers.

In batting and bowling the South Africans did very well in the last 80 minutes of the day, and there is every prospect of a hard match. Mr Llewellyn's bowling and Mr Murdoch's batting were the closing features of the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 May, page 13)

There was another splendid day's cricket at the Crystal Palace yesterday, particularly as regards the batting and bowling; the fielding of both sides left room for some improvement. There were several very good batting feats during the day, and none excelled that of Mr Walker, who has already distinguished himself in Surrey smaller cricket.

London after their bad start overnight led on the innings by 54 runs. The South Africans, in spite of the fine free cricket of Mr Llewellyn, did rather badly in the second innings; and to-day with four men left they are only 146 ahead. Mr Llewellyn and Mr Arthur Bisset made 105 for the fourth South African wicket.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 May, page 7)

The South Africans won their match at the Crystal Palace yesterday by 61 runs. It was a keen fight to the finish, and the interest in it was sustained by the fluctuations of fortune from beginning to end. The South Africans are a good side both in batting and bowling; but if they want to win matches they must learn to hold the catches.

Mr Hathorn is not a spectators' batsman, but he was a consistent scorer on these days at the Crystal Palace. He has a good drive and an early cut, but his back play is his great defence. Mr Llewellyn is the best all-round cricketer of the South Africans, and his success in batting, bowling and fielding was the chief cause of the South Africans' success yesterday. The South Africans had a warm welcome as they came off the field last evening. To-day they play at Beckenham against Kent.

20 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5630.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5630.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 May, page 12)

The chief feature in the opening day's cricket at Lord's yesterday was the fine innings played by Mr J R Mason. Going in at the fall of the third wicket the Kent captain was not dismissed until 279 runs had been scored. At 33 he might have been caught by Pike standing back, and at 135 Thompson in the long field misjudged a catch off Hearne.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 May, page 13)

The Marylebone Club did not show to any great advantage at Lord's yesterday, for, after the overnight not outs, Mr Hayman and Thompson, had been dismissed, the remaining batsmen did very little. Trott and Hearne made a useful stand, which enabled the club to show a respectable total.

When Kent went in for the second time Mr Burnup played capital cricket, scoring his 84 in free style. Mr Mason seemed well set before he overreached himself in playing forward to Trott and was stumped. Kent are now 396 runs on, with three wickets left in the second innings.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 May, page 7)

Kent won their match with Marylebone at Lord's yesterday in brilliant fashion by 205 runs. Marylebone had to make 441 in the last innings for victory. Mr P F Warner and Thompson both played fine cricket, but the Kent bowling and fielding were so effective that the club side never seemed likely to save the match.

20 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5631.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5631.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 May, page 12)

The Notts eleven were seen to marked advantage in the opening of their match with Lancashire at Nottingham, yesterday.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 May, page 13)

The Notts eleven were again seen to advantage at Trent-bridge yesterday, raising their overnight score of 149 for one wicket to 436. This performance, excellent in any case, was rendered additionally meritorious from the fact that at the outset four batsmen were dismissed for the addition of seven runs.

Then J Gunn played a magnificent game, and the remaining batsmen also rose to the occasion. Gunn was at the wickets for three hours and a half without making a mistake. Iremonger batted with great steadiness and Mr Dixon hit in bright fashion. Gunn and Iremonger put on 91 while together, their stand being the turning point of the day's fortunes.

Lancashire began their second innings badly, and though Tyldesley and Mr Garnett improved matters, they still require 138 runs to avoid an innings defeat with eight wickets left.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 May, page 7)

At Trent-bridge yesterday the Lancashire eleven were engaged for the greater part of the day in a seemingly hopeless task, but thanks mainly to the batting of Tyldesley succeeded in drawing the game.

They started the day with two wickets down in their second innings for 88, being then 138 behind, but managed to keep in until nearly 5 o'clock for a total of 400. The stand of the day was for the seventh wicket, Sharp staying in for an hour and a half and helping to put on 143 runs. Tyldesley, in making 221 - his second highest score in important cricket - was at the wickets for nearly five and a half hours, and apart from two difficult chances to the wicket-keeper no fault could be found with his cricket. His chief hits were 25 fours, ten threes and 14 twos.

Notts required 175 to win and after 50 runs had been scored in as many minutes the game was abandoned as a draw.

20 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v M.C.C. AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5632.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5632.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 May, page 12)

Oxford University had to take the field yesterday at Oxford without Mr E W Dillon and Mr C B H Marsham, who both sustained injuries last week, and late in the afternoon Mr F H Hollins hurt his knee so badly that he had to retire.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 May, page 13)

Though there were several bad mistakes in the field by the Dark Blues, the cricket at Oxford yesterday was of a thoroughly interesting character, and at the finish Oxford, with two men to be disposed of in their second innings, were 121 runs to the good.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 May, page 7)

At one point on yesterday's cricket at Oxford the University seemed to have a good chance of winning, but in the end they were beaten by six wickets, their defeat being in large measure due to poor fielding. Thanks to a fine stand for the last wicket by Mr Hollins and Mr Collins, who added 149 runs in an hour and 20 minutes, they were able to set the M.C.C. team the task of getting 299.

When the M.C.C. went in, two wickets were lost for 14 runs, but the partnership of Mr Chinnery and Mr Schwarz turned the fortunes of the match. Mr Chinnery for the second time in the game played a three-figure innings, but though in making 165 he showed some excellent cricket, he was decidedly fortunate, being missed three times. His score included 18 fours.

20 May: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5633.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5633.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 May, page 12)

The first day's cricket at the Oval yesterday went in favour of Surrey, for at the close they were only 60 runs behind with seven wickets in hand. They owed their position chiefly to the good work on Mr Jephson, Abel and Hayward.

Mr Jephson did not put himself on to bowl until the score was 88 for the loss of Mr Sewell's wicket, but he immediately met with success. In fact none of the Gloucestershire batsmen relished his lobs. He had the fine figures of seven wickets for 51 runs, while he took his last five for three runs apiece.

Surrey made an indifferent start, owing to some good bowling by Mr Lane, who has making his first appearance for his county. They lost Brockwell, Hayes and Lockwood for 21. Afterwards, however, Abel and Hayward by some good cricket turned the game in favour of Surrey. They came together at half-past 4, and at the drawing of stumps they had added 132 without being parted.

Mr Lane is a right-hand medium bowler, and his success was due to the excellent way in which he varied his pace without any appreciable difference in his delivery. The weather was fine and the attendance was the largest seen at the Oval this season.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 May, page 13)

It was a splendid day's cricket at the Oval yesterday, for it was full of interesting items from start to finish, while its varying fortunes lent additional interest to the game. In the early hours the batting of Abel and Hayward, who put on 206 for the fourth wicket, enabled Surrey to establish a strong lead.

This advantage, however, was almost neutralized by Gloucestershire in their second innings, for they hit off the arrears of 180 for the loss of two wickets; but some wonderful bowling by Richardson during the last three-quarters of an hour entirely altered the aspect of the game, and Surrey were left in a winning position, for at the drawing of stumps Gloucestershire only held a lead of 39 with three wickets in hand.

Hayward, who was batting some five hours, showed more caution than usual. His chief hits were 24 fours, which included many fine off-drives. Abel also played extremely well. From the spectators' point of view the brightest cricket was shown when Mr Sewell and Wrathall were together. They put on 117 for the first wicket in an hour. Mr Sewell's 70 was marked by strong play on the off side and included one five and 11 fours.

After so much good batting the bowling of Richardson came as a change. He started by getting Wrathall, Mr Jessop and Langdon in four balls, only just missing the "hat trick," while shortly afterwards he dismissed Board and Mr S de Winton by successive balls. The weather was beautifully fine but the attendance was not so large as on Monday.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 May, page 7)

Surrey gained a well-deserved victory over Gloucestershire at the Oval yesterday by ten wickets. It was a much more interesting match than the result would indicate. The first two days were full of incident, and it was only towards the close of Tuesday's play that some splendid bowling by Richardson altered the aspect of the game and gave Surrey a winning advantage.

Overnight Gloucestershire held a lead of 39 with only three wickets in hand. But the remaining batsmen offered some resistance to the bowling, and Surrey were sent in a second time requiring 85 runs to win. These were hit off by Abel and Brockwell in 50 minutes, and the match was over at 25 minutes to 2.

20 May: SUSSEX v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5634.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5634.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 May, page 12)

At Brighton, yesterday, Sussex kept their opponents in the field during the whole of cricket hours, scoring 424 with three wickets still in hand. Mr Fry and Relf made a capital start, putting on 76 runs in rather more than an hour, before Mr Fry was out to a splendid catch, Burrows taking a very hard return with one hand.

Mr Goldie scored his 58 out of 75 in less than an hour, and Mr Fisher, who showed sound defence, was at the wickets two hours and a half. K S Ranjitsinhji was still too unwell to captain the Sussex team.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 May, page 13)

An hour and a half's cricket at Brighton yesterday morning sufficed to bring the Sussex innings to a close, the overnight score of 424 for seven wickets being increased to 528. Butt and Mr Smith, whose partnership had proved the feature of the play on Monday, did not stay much longer together, Butt being bowled in trying to pull a straight ball at 446.

Arnold and Mr R E Foster played such capital cricket for Worcestershire that in 70 minutes they put on 93 runs, the total reaching 144 with only two men out. After this, however, Vine, who kept an excellent length, proved quite irresistible, sending down 12 overs for 26 runs and five wickets. At the close Worcestershire were still 233 runs behind with six wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 May, page 7)

When the match at Brighton was continued yesterday morning Worcestershire, with four wickets down in their second innings for 188, were still 233 runs in arrear, and as Bowley owing to a damaged hand was unable to bat they had in reality only five wickets to fall.

Vine, who had bowled so effectively in the earlier stages of the game, met with no further success; but Bland, assisted by a strong wind, dismissed four of the remaining batsmen for the addition of 47 runs. The innings should have ended at 158, but Mr Fisher missed Wilson at deep square-leg when that batsman had only scored three, and some vigorous hitting resulted un 49 runs being put on for the ninth wicket. Sussex won by an innings and 137 runs.

20 May: WARWICKSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5635.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5635.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 May, page 12)

After beginning badly the Essex team stayed in nearly all the afternoon at Birmingham, yesterday. They had a perfect pitch to bat on, and only the admirable bowling of Hargreave and smart fielding prevented runs from coming fast.

Two hours before lunch produced only 91 runs, but when the fortune of the game turned Mr Garrett, Mr McGahey and Mr Kortright all hit well. Mr Kortright scored at the rate of a run a minute, and in less than three-quarters of an hour he and Mr Garrett added 61 runs. A large crowd watched the cricket in beautiful weather.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 May, page 13)

Extremely slow batting gave the cricket its one characteristic at Birmingham yesterday, only 291 runs being scored during a long afternoon on a fast wicket. Kinneir carried cautious methods to an extreme, taking three hours and a quarter to make 72, but during his partnership with W G Quaife 82 runs came in about as many minutes.

Warwickshire's innings of 258 lasted four hours and a quarter, and then in the last hour and 50 minutes Essex lost four wickets for 53 runs. Necessarily the play did not present many attractions to the spectators.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 May, page 7)

After being at a disadvantage when an innings had been completed on each side, Warwickshire showed much the better all-round form and beat Essex at Birmingham, yesterday, by seven wickets. W Quaife bowled with such success that the last seven Essex wickets fell for 103 runs yesterday morning. Mr McGahey played a good defensive game for over three hours, but Russell, who helped to add 50 runs, alone gave him much assistance.

Devey and Kinneir made their side sure of victory by hitting up 99 in 70 minutes. Devey hit capitally, and Mr Fishwick and Santall, who obtained the last 69 runs in 40 minutes, forced the game effectively. Mr Fishwick drove with great power and sent the ball ten times to the boundary.

20 May: YORKSHIRE x DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5636.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5636.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 May, page 12)

At Huddersfield, yesterday, Yorkshire went a long way towards winning their match against Derbyshire. Derbyshire batted first, but made such poor use of their good fortune that in two hours and a quarter

they were all out for 106. The only members of the team who showed any ability to cope with the bowling were Storer and Chatterton, who put on 62 for the third wicket, Storer's vigorous 46 including nine fours. Hirst and Brown bowled well, Hirst taking three of the last four wickets for three runs.

Brown and Tunnicliffe, who started the Yorkshire innings, passed the Derbyshire score before they were separated.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 May, page 13)

Yorkshire beat Derbyshire at Huddersfield, yesterday, by an innings and 282 runs.

Tuesday 21 May, page 12: DINNER TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS

Last night at the Crystal Palace the South African cricketers were entertained to dinner by the London County Club. Lord Suffield, the president, was in the chair, and among the guests, in addition to the cricketers, were Sir Walter Peace, the Hon J D Logan, the Hon Colonel F Schermbrucker and Mr C E de Trafford. Dr Grace, Mr W L Murdoch, Mr W Gardiner and Mr A Schenk were also present.

The chairman read letters from Mr Chamberlain and the Lord Chief Justice expressing regret at their inability to be present. Lord Suffield, in giving the toast of "The King," mentioned His Majesty's deep interest in colonial cricket tours. Other speakers were Mr J D Logan, Dr W G Grace, Colonel Schermbrucker, Mr A Schenk, Mr W L Murdoch, Mr Murray Bisset, Sir Walter Peace and Mr H V L Stanton.

23 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5637.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5637.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 May, page 12)

Mr H K Longman, last year's captain at Eton, distinguished himself at Cambridge, yesterday, by scoring 150. With the pitch in perfect order, he played a remarkably sound game. When 80 he should have been stumped, but this was his only error during a stay of four hours and a half. He hit 13 fours, five threes and 15 twos.

Without Rhodes and Hirst the Yorkshire attack lacked its usual variety and skill. Nearly all the Cambridge men showed good form; Mr Robertson helped to add 71 runs and Mr Johnson and Mr Longman put on 83. Mr Johnson punished the worn-out bowling severely.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 May, page 14)

Yorkshire were batting nearly all day at Cambridge, yesterday, and completed their innings for only 39 less than the University. The most successful batsmen were the three amateurs - all old Cambridge captains.

Mr Taylor, who led the University eleven last season, and Mr Frank Mitchell became partners when Brown, Tunnicliffe and Denton were out for 68 runs, and added 77. Mr Mitchell might have been caught from a hard return when 40, but otherwise his cricket was safe and hard. Mr Mitchell hit ten fours and Lord Hawke eight fours. Mr Hind and Mr Dowson were the best of the bowlers. Late in the day Mr Johnson hurt his wrist and K S Ranjitsinhji came out as substitute.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 May, page 5)

As only one innings a-side had been completed after two full days' cricket at Cambridge, there did not appear much chance of the game between the University and Yorkshire being brought to an issue on Saturday. With the conditions materially changed from those which prevailed on the two previous days, Haigh and Wainwright bowled so effectively that they dismissed the Cambridge men in two hours and 40 minutes for 121. The University had to bat a man short owing to an injury to Mr Johnson. The

feature of the innings was the skilful cricket of Mr Wilson, who, going in before a run had been scored, was seventh out at 101.

Owing to an arrangement to draw at a quarter past 5 in order that the visitors might catch a train for the North, Yorkshire had less than two hours in which to make 161. Tunnicliffe and Denton failed, but Brown and Mr Taylor made a fine effort to win, and for some time looked like succeeding. However, the good bowling and fielding of Cambridge destroyed the chance, and at 5 o'clock the game was left drawn, the county, with eight wickets in hand, being within 34 runs of victory.

23 May: ESSEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5638.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5638.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 May, page 12)

The Leyton ground is very fickle. Last week in the Sussex match the batsmen had to fight very hard for their runs on an apparently dry pitch; yesterday the turf was splendidly true and the ball, in spite of the skill of the bowlers, rarely rose more than half stump high. And thus Essex with first innings could scarcely help scoring heavily.

Mr Perrin, usually a slow bat with only a small variety of strokes, got his runs quite quickly and hit ten fours. His was the best innings of the day, but not numerically. The heroes of the innings were Carpenter and Mr McGahey. Both are batsmen of the plodding school, but both played more attractive cricket than is common with them even on an easy wicket. Each ran into three figures, and it was their work which gave to Essex their commanding position. Mr Lucas's 33 was, of course, a very choice innings.

The crowd at Leyton fell below expectations, and perhaps the failure of the side at Birmingham in the early part of the week was mostly responsible for this.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 May, page 14)

The Leyton ground is for once consistent. The heavy scoring of Essex on the first day of the match was followed by a fine batsman's innings by Gloucestershire yesterday.

The great thing was the batting of Board, a good and sturdy player of the Storer type, who got most of his runs by hard driving. It was a quick innings and included a five and 17 fours. Of course, Board's early place in the order was a matter of accident for the reason that he was a stop-gap on Thursday night so as to save some of the greater players after a long day's fielding. Hale played a hard innings and took out his bat. But the Essex fielding was much at fault; had they held the catches they might have been in a good winning position.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 May, page 5)

After some heavy scoring on the Lyttelton-ground, Leyton, the match resulted on Saturday in a drawn game. So little progress had been made during the first two days that there never seemed much probability of bringing the game to a definite issue. With the pitch remaining firm until the end the bat always held the upper hand, and any chance which Essex might have had of success was lessened by the inability of Mead to bowl.

Although containing many excellent performances the match will especially have many pleasing recollections for Mr McGahey. This season he has been showing better form than he has ever previously displayed, and it was only a fitting tribute to him that he should be the first to score two separate hundreds on the Leyton ground. Mr McGahey is a batsman who possesses good defence, while he is able to hit with considerable power, but he is wanting in that wrist play which is a characteristic of public school cricketers. On Saturday he was seen at his best, and he made his 145 not out in just under three hours, hitting a five and 15 fours.

Another feature of the closing stage was the hitting of Mr Jessop, one of his strokes going over the pavilion out off the ground. He made his 81 out of 111 in little less than an hour, and his chief hits were two sixes and nine fours.

23 May: KENT v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5639.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5639.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 May, page 12)

After a bad start at Beckenham the South African team recovered themselves, and by the time their last wicket had fallen they had scored 225. Mr Read carried his bat for a brilliant 77, which included 13 fours. Mr Kotze assisted him to put on 50 runs for the last wicket.

When Kent went in Mr Burnup and Humphreys scored at a great rate, sending the 100 up in just over 50 minutes before Mr Burnup mis-timed a ball from Mr Sinclair and was easily caught. Mr Baker was also out to a good catch by the South African captain.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 May, page 14)

This match came to an unexpected close at Beckenham yesterday afternoon, Kent winning by seven wickets. The wicket appeared to be somewhat crumbling, but that fact would hardly account for the collapse on both sides. After the pitch had been rolled on the conclusion of the Kent innings the South Africans scored 80 runs before lunch without loss; and again when Kent went in for the second time Mr Burnup and Humphreys sent up three figures before being separated.

In the morning Mr Kotze bowled with singular success, his analysis at one time showing four wickets for six runs, while Mr Halliwell - the wicket-keeper - was successful in dismissing three batsmen. After a good start by Mr Tancred and Mr Shalders the colonial team did badly, Mr Bradley and Blythe, both of whom secured three wickets in four balls, accounting for the downfall of the side. The feature of the game was the brilliant fielding of the South African side.

23 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5640.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5640.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 May, page 12)

Although nearly 400 runs were scored at Lord's yesterday, it was not an interesting day's cricket. Derbyshire, who this season have shown indifferent form, again gave a poor display. There was nothing in the pitch to account for their downfall, which was due to bad batting.

They are a side which largely depend on the individual efforts of a few men; but some of the old hands have shown a great falling off in their play, while the younger members who have been tried have failed to fill the breach. Jack Hearne, with his splendid length, proved much too good for the majority of them, and he came out with the fine figures of seven wickets for 67 runs.

The club batting was marked more by his consistency than by any innings of individual merit; but the Derbyshire bowling - seven of the 11 were tried - lacked sting, and at the close of the day Marylebone were 131 on with two wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 May, page 14)

The Marylebone Club beat Derbyshire at Lord's yesterday by nine wickets. Although the cricket was relieved by one or two interesting items, the play generally was commonplace.

Derbyshire, who were 157 runs behind on the first innings, again broke down badly, and they lost six wickets before the arrears were hit off, Storer, who received some assistance from Mr Lawton, being the only one to offer any serious resistance to the bowling. When he and Mr Lawton were together 82 runs were put on for the fourth wicket. Storer's chief hits were 11 fours. The poverty of the Derbyshire batting can best be seen when it is stated that eight of the eleven could only score 34



between them. Rawlin proved the most difficult bowler to play and he had the splendid figures of five wickets for 28.

In the Marylebone first innings Cadman, fielding at long-off, made a wonderful catch. He had to run a long distance and he took the ball with his right hand extended.

23 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5641.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5641.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 May, page 12)

In the match which commenced on the Christ Church ground at Oxford yesterday, Surrey were weakened in bowling by the absence of Lockwood, Lees and Brockwell.

The most successful batsman for Oxford was Mr More, the senior from Westminster, who went in at the fall of the fourth wicket at 104 and was ninth out at 352. His excellent innings of 133 included 17 fours. The most finished batting of the day was that of Mr Wyld.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 May, page 14)

Surrey had decidedly the worst of Thursday's cricket at Oxford, but yesterday they did so well that they have now a splendid chance of winning the match.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 May, page 5)

When, on Saturday morning at Oxford, Mr Knox was bowled without the addition of a run to the overnight score of 76 it seemed likely that the match would be over long before the end of the afternoon, the University with five wickets down being only 28 runs ahead. As it happened, however, play lasted till 6 o'clock. Surrey won by six wickets but they had to get 222 in the last innings.

Mr More and Mr Crawford first improved Oxford's position, putting on 82 runs for the sixth wicket in 70 minutes. Both played uncommonly well, Mr More giving further evidence of his improvement as a batsman since last season. He scored his 60 without a mistake and his five 4s. Eight wickets were down for 179, but Mr Kelly and Mr Findlay then played freely together and carried the score in three-quarters of an hour to 246.

From the first ball after lunch Mr Findlay was caught by the wicket-keeper standing back and at 10 minutes past 3 the innings closed for 269. Mr Kelly made two splendid drives over the ring in his 52, but he had something more than a fair share of luck; he was not missed, but fast balls that he stepped out to drive got past him and some of his hits were fortunate in falling out of reach.

Abel and Mr Crawford began Surrey's task in businesslike style by scoring 35 runs in 25 minutes, and after Mr Crawford had been bowled in attempting a "pull," Hayes helped to add 52 in half an hour. Then, just touching a ball he had left his ground to hit, he was cleverly run out by the wicket-keeper. Mr Jephson was out at 98 and Abel at 120, the latter having shown first-rate cricket. As Hayward and Mr Walker were a little slow to settle down there seemed a chance of Oxford's saving the game, but when once they had played themselves in the two batsmen hit away brilliantly and obtained the remaining runs without being separated, Surrey winning with half an hour to spare.

23 May: WORCESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5642.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5642.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 May, page 12)

In their return match with Lancashire, at Worcester, Worcestershire laboured under great disadvantages, being compelled to take the field with a weak side. Lancashire were more fortunate than their opponents, although Mr MacLaren was absent through a cold.

Pearson and Mr Isaac started the innings for Worcester in excellent form by scoring 50, but three wickets were down for 53. Mr R E Foster and Wheldon then carried the score to 122. Mr Foster, who was out fifth at 144, played splendidly for an hour and 40 minutes, and hit eight fours. After he left, Bird and Mr Simpson-Hayward put on 48 for the sixth wicket; but this was the last stand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 May, page 14)

At Worcester, yesterday, the home team were completely outplayed. Of their bowlers only Pearson, a young Surrey professional qualified by residence, met with success, and late in the afternoon the batting broke down badly before Sharp's fast bowling, so that when play ceased they required 183 runs to escape defeat in a single innings, and had only five wickets to fall.

Tyldesley batted in his best form for two hours and a quarter, giving only one chance and hitting 15 fours. Mr Garnett played a defensive game, and he and Tyldesley added 182 for the second wicket. Mr Eccles was never at fault either in defence or timing his strokes, and scored the highest innings of the day, hitting 13 fours. All the Lancashire batsmen forced the game and their cricket was bright and interesting.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 May, page 5)

The match was soon over at Worcester on Saturday, and Lancashire won by an innings and 98 runs. Sharp's bowling was the closing feature of the cricket.

27 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5643.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5643.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 May, page 5)

In a fairly interesting day's cricket at Cambridge, yesterday, there was nothing much worthy of special comment. Mr Day made some changes in his eleven to give a trial to new men. Perhaps the best batting was that of Dr Grace and Mr Murdoch for London County.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 May, page 5)

There was good steady cricket at Cambridge yesterday, but it fur no particularly striking feature. London had rather the better of the position on the first day, and this morning [Cambridge] have to go in to make 340 to win.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 May, page 9)

The Cambridge eleven made a splendid effort to win the match at Cambridge, but they were beaten by 103 runs.

27 May: ESSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5644.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5644.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 May, page 5)

The Essex eleven renewed their batting triumphs, at Leyton, yesterday, and lost only three men in getting 399 runs, so that they may be said to have placed themselves away from the possibility of defeat. It was another good wicket; the ball would neither rise nor turn and the Kent bowling seemed quite simple stuff to play, and to make matters worse the catches were not held. Huish did some capital work at wicket, particularly when he stumped Mr Perrin.

But while Essex got so many runs there was a lack of variety about the cricket. Carpenter and Mr Perrin, whom it took Kent three hours of actual play to separate, began steadily and their steadiness was never shaken until the fag end of Mr Perrin's innings, when the Essex amateur lofted the worn-out bowlers several times on to the pavilion. This partnership of Carpenter and Mr Perrin for the second Essex wicket yielded 232 runs; and then Carpenter was out to a very clever catch at mid-on. Mr Perrin was not out until after 6 o'clock, and he took five hours to get his runs. Carpenter got 88 of his runs by fours, and Mr Perrin 104 out of his 189.

The company - there were over 12,000 people at Leyton - were so well pleased with Carpenter's batting that the collection round the ground for him realized over £33.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 May, page 5)

The bad fielding of Essex is a chronic disease with the side. They could not hold the catches last week against Gloucestershire, and so failed to win the match; and yesterday at Leyton, two errors in the field, such as good cricketers should not make, enabled Kent to score quite heavily and to do much to place them in a position of saving the game.

Alec Hearne, who is 120 not out, was badly missed in the slips when he had made only eight, and Humphreys should have been taken at the wicket when only 11. Hearne and Humphreys made 100 for the third Kent wicket. Hearne after the first half-hour played himself in, and his fine variety of strokes made him very attractive to watch. Neither Mr Mason nor Mr Dillon stayed long; but Mr Browne and Alec Hearne played through the last hour of the day and put on 66. The weather was dull and oppressive, but the crowd numbered about 6,000.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 May, page 9)

As most cricketers expected this match was drawn. Essex possesses a sterling lot of batsmen, but the side lacks skill in the field and the many dropped catches have made the eleven quite notorious. To win matches it is necessary to hold catches, and this is what Essex did not do.

Carpenter played good cricket for his runs, and he had the distinction of making two centuries in the same game. Mr Chinnery and Mr McGahey have already made two centuries in consecutive innings this season.

Perhaps the best feature of the closing day was the fine batting of Mr Marchant, whose play on the off-side was worthy of his best days. There are many who remember his great innings for Eton against Harrow, at Lord's, when he kept hitting the ball towards the boundary near the old tennis-court.

The match was drawn at about a quarter to 6. the Essex wickets have been generous to batsmen, and nothing could have exceeded their excellence of the last two matches.

27 May: HAMPSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5645.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5645.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 May, page 5)

Captain Greig's bowling and Mr S H Evershed's batting absorbed the excellence of yesterday's cricket at Southampton. Mr Evershed and Mr Wright made 170 for the first Derbyshire wicket, but it was then that Captain Greig performed his fine bowling feat. Mr Evershed played with all his well-known brilliancy and hit 19 fours. Hampshire started well.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 May, page 5)

Hampshire played a fine winning game at Southampton yesterday, and they now have only 119 runs to make with all ten wickets left. Chatterton did his best to rescue the side from their losing position, but he got very little support.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 May, page 9)

At Southampton, yesterday, Hampshire defeated Derbyshire by two wickets, this being their first success in the county championship competition since August, 1899, when they beat Worcestershire. Hampshire, with all their wickets in hand, still required 119 runs to win yesterday, and when 100 was reached with only three men out an easy victory for the side seemed in prospect.

However, after Mr Hill left - fourth out at 103 - Bestwick and young bowled with such effect that eight wickets were down for 135. Happily for Hampshire, Baldwin and Mr Steele proved equal to the occasion and quickly hit off the remaining 12 runs.

27 May: LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5646.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5646.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 May, page 5)

Cricket at Manchester yesterday was carried on under conditions that were all against run-getting, and in the course of an eventful afternoon's play no fewer than 15 wickets went down, while only 221 runs were scored. Despite the recent dry weather, the pitch was unexpectedly difficult, the ball at one end repeatedly getting up.

With two or three exceptions, batsmen were not seen to advantage. Except for some plucky batting by the later members of the side Lancashire would have fared badly, for in quick succession eight were got rid of for 67 runs. Even in making these, Lancashire had some luck, Mr MacLaren, Tyldesley, Mr Eccles, Mr Garnett and Cuttell all being missed. Then, however, Sharp and Smith carried the score to 106, and afterwards Mold stayed with Sharp while 27 runs were added, the innings, which lasted two hours and a quarter, closing for 133.

Yorkshire began quite as badly as their opponents, three wickets going down in just over half an hour for 20, while the fifth fell at 44. At this point Hirst and Wainwright came together and, keeping in until the close, doubled the score. Like Yorkshire, Lancashire blundered in the field, Hirst being missed at three and Wainwright at nine. Yorkshire left off only 45 runs behind with half their wickets in hand. After his let-off Wainwright forced the game splendidly.

It will be seen that Yorkshire are without Lord Hawke and Hunter, while Lancashire have their strongest eleven. Except that a shower stopped play for an hour and a half the weather was fine and about 25,000 people were present.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 May, page 5)

Before the bowling of Hirst, the Lancashire batsmen failed badly in their second innings at Manchester yesterday, and by five minutes to 4 Yorkshire had gained a victory by nine wickets. The breakdown of the home side came as a complete surprise, for on the first two innings there was a difference of only one run in favour of Yorkshire.

Hirst quite carried off the honours of the match, playing the highest innings and taking 12 wickets for 77 runs. Yesterday he had 12 runs hit from him before he took a wicket, but, changing ends after he met with his first success, he carried all before him, his analysis showing seven wickets for 23 runs.

The partnership between Wainwright and Hirst, thanks to which Yorkshire had held their own on the previous day, did not last long yesterday; but it produced in all 56 runs and was of immense value to the visitors. Yorkshire got to within seven runs of their opponents' total before their seventh wicket went down, but then their innings was very smartly finished off by Sharp and Mold.

When Lancashire went in, Hirst's bowling again rose up very awkwardly, and a series of disasters, commencing early, closed only with the finish of the innings. The Yorkshiremen, who had blundered very badly in the first innings, fielded most accurately yesterday. Wanting only 44 runs to win, Yorkshire made very light of the task, hitting the runs off in half an hour for a cost of only one wicket.

27 May: LEICESTERSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5647.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5647.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 May, page 5)

Mr De Trafford's policy of putting his opponents in at Leicester yesterday met with success. In spite of some good cricket by Mr Sinclair and Mr Reid, the South Africans, on a wicket which gave the bowlers a lot of assistance, were out for a small score. Knight and Mr de Trafford batted so brilliantly for Leicestershire that the county had a strong advantage on the day's play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 May, page 5)

The South Africans never recovered from their poor innings on the first day, and Leicestershire beat them yesterday by nine wickets. The turf always helped the bowlers and Mr De Trafford's policy of putting his opponents in first paid well.

27 May: MIDDLESEX v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5648.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5648.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 May, page 5)

By an arrangement between the Middlesex executive and the Marylebone Club, it has been the custom for some years past to give the proceeds of the Whitsuntide match at Lord's alternately to a Middlesex player and a professional on the ground staff. This season William Gunn takes his benefit for his services rendered to the Club. Gunn has now been on the staff at Lord's for some 20 years. Yesterday between 12,000 and 13,000 people paid at the gates, so that given fine weather he should reap a very fair benefit.

The play yesterday was marked more by its evenness than anything of special merit. With nearly everyone making runs the spectators had an opportunity of seeing a good variety of batting. At the outset Mr Warner and Mr Beldam showed fine defence, while those who prefer quicker scoring welcomed the more aggressive methods of Mr Bosanquet and Braund, though runs never came at an exceptional rate. Mr Bosanquet and Mr Beldam put on 72 for the fourth wicket in 45 minutes, which was the longest stand during the innings.

The Somerset fielding on the whole was good, while Mr Newton at wicket was excellent. Mr F A Phillips was originally included on the Somerset side, but in fielding he unfortunately managed to break a bone in his hand and Mr G Fowler took his place.

Somerset made a bad start, as the brothers Palairt were both out at 25, but Braund by some bright cricket helped to improve their prospects. Although doing good service for his side, Lewis was terribly slow to watch, for he was batting 70 minutes for his 16. At the drawing of stumps Somerset was 182 runs behind with seven wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 May, page 5)

Nearly all the excellence of yesterday's cricket at Lord's was absorbed by Middlesex. First of all some good bowling by Hearne and Trott gave Middlesex a lead of 63 on the first innings. Then some fine batting by Mr Warner, Mr Beldam and Mr Schwarz left them at the close of play in practically a safe position.

Somerset were outplayed in all points save one, and that was in their fielding. A couple of missed catches certainly proved expensive, but their ground work reached a high order, Robson at mid-off especially being prominent.

The feature of the day was the batting of Mr Warner, who was at the wickets for some three hours and three-quarters. He ought to have been caught at slip at 110, but otherwise his cricket was marked by

great precision, and he was particularly happy in dealing with anything approaching a short ball, which he pulled with unerring accuracy.

The cricket generally was much brighter than on the first day. Mr Beldam helped Mr Warner to put on 96 for the second wicket, while the latter and Mr Bosanquet put on 71 in three-quarters of an hour for the fourth. But the prolific stand was that between Mr Warner and Mr Schwarz, who added 135 towards the close in an hour and a quarter without being separated. Mr Schwarz was missed at slip before he had scored, but when once he had settled down he played good cricket.

At the drawing of stumps Middlesex were 392 runs ahead with four wickets in hand. The day was fine and between seven and eight thousand people paid for admission.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 May, page 9)

Middlesex were left in such a strong position overnight that their success by 258 runs yesterday at Lord's came as no surprise.

Mr Warner, by some brilliant hitting, increased his score from 149 to 197. But Mr Schwarz, who had given him such excellent assistance, was soon out. The partnership for the seventh wicket realized 144. Mr Warner was batting four hours and a half, and his chief hits were 28 fours. He played his usual steady game until after passing his 100, after which he put in runs at a fast rate, chiefly by splendid driving both sides of the wicket. It is curious that a batsman of Mr Warner's ability among his various excellent performances should not have previously made a higher score, but his physique is somewhat against him. His highest score before yesterday was 176 against Notts on the same ground in 1897.

When Somerset went in a second time, 463 behind, there were a little over five hours left for play. They never looked like making a draw, however, and it was only the good batting of Mr Lionel Palairet and Mr Woods which enabled their score to reach respectable dimensions. Mr Lionel Palairet, who started the innings and was fourth out at 82, made some beautiful strokes on the off-side; but his cut and his drive were perfect, but he seemed to be rather weak on the leg-side.

Mr Woods is a batsman who is frequently seen at his best when runs are wanted, and his cricket yesterday was marked by his usual dogged determination. He treated all the bowling alike and made his 83 in 70 minutes chiefly by the aid of 14 fours. When Mr Fowler joined him eight wickets were down for 108, but before they were parted 92 runs were put on in 50 minutes. The match was over just before four o'clock.

27 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5649.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5649.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 May, page 5)

As Surrey have already gained several victories this season and the Notts players have been in good form, great interest was attached to the meeting of the two counties at Trent-bridge yesterday. Beautiful weather prevented and 10,000 people visited the ground; but owing to rain during the early hours of Sunday the bowlers received a good deal of assistance from the condition of the turf. Mr Leveson-Gower replaced Goatly in the Surrey team that beat Gloucestershire last week.

Thanks to Brockwell, Hayes and Lockwood, Surrey had 100 runs on the board with only two men out; but five wickets were down at lunch time for 122, and afterwards the innings was finished off in less than an hour, Wass bowling with great effect. Brockwell forced the game to good purpose, but a more correct piece of cricket was that of Lockwood. Hayward was out in a very humiliating way. He deliberately put his leg in front to a ball from Mr Dixon, thinking it would not pitch straight, and found himself out leg-before-wicket.

By far the finest batting of the day came from Mr A O Jones, who, playing in his attractive style, hit up 75 out of 109 in just over an hour and a half. Except for a chance at the wicket, his play was free from fault, and the best testimony to the excellence of his work was the difficulty experienced by the later batsmen in getting runs. His hits included 11 fours, two threes and six twos.

After he left, four batsmen were dismissed in less than an hour for 39 runs, Lees doing excellent work for Surrey, and when stumps were drawn the game was in a practically even condition, Notts, with three wickets to go down, being 34 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 May, page 5)

Although the Notts eleven began the day 31 runs to the bad, with only three wickets to go down, they had all the better of the play yesterday at Nottingham and finished up with prospects of gaining a victory. The wicket yesterday was faster than on Monday, but, curiously enough, not so many runs were scored, the Notts bowling, particularly that of J Gunn, being maintained at a pitch of steadiness worthy of the county's best days.

It took an hour and a half to finish off the Notts innings, the last three wickets giving so much trouble that 99 runs were added before the innings closed. Dench, who played a particularly good innings, added 61 runs in less than an hour for the eighth partnership, and Hallam stayed while another 28 were put on. Carlin was lucky in being missed when at 20. Dench made his runs in two hours and 25 minutes, without a mistake.

Surrey were thus 65 runs behind, and they made a very bad start in their second innings, three wickets going down for 25, while the fifth fell at 78. At this point, however, Lockwood and Mr Crawford came to the rescue of their side and took the score to 118 for the sixth wicket. Mr Crawford had not made a run when he was missed in the long field, but afterwards he hit splendidly. Mr Leveson-Gower gave useful help, the partnership for the seventh wicket realizing 45 runs, and at the close of the innings stumps were drawn for the day.

For three hours and 40 minutes Lockwood batted most patiently, his defence being wonderful. As the game stands, Notts, with an innings to play, have to get 142 runs to win.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 May, page 9)

At Nottingham, yesterday, Notts beat Surrey by five wickets, the match coming to an end shortly before 2 o'clock. It was the first win of the Notts eleven over Surrey since the double victory of 1892.

The overnight state of the game had pointed to the match being over early, as Notts, with an innings to play, required only 142 runs to win. Notts began well by scoring 29 in 20 minutes before the first wicket fell. Shrewsbury was then out, and Mr Jones left at 34. W Gunn stayed some time, but at 65 was caught at the wicket in trying to cut a long hop.

At that point there was just the possibility of a hard struggle taking place. Mr Dixon and J Gunn, however, added 40 runs for the next wicket, this partnership putting the result beyond doubt. After J Gunn had left, Dench was got rid of, but Mr Dixon and Iremonger hit off the remaining runs.

27 May: SUSSEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5650.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5650.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 May, page 5)

Gloucestershire had the better of the day's cricket on the Hove ground, Brighton, yesterday, and for their excellent position they were mostly indebted to the work of Wrathall. The vigour and dash with which Wrathall hit may be gathered from the fact that he played his innings of 135 in a couple of hours and that he hit 22 fours. Mr Jessop gave one of his characteristic displays, scoring his 57 in just outside the half-hour.

Sussex did not begin well, but Mr Fry did better, and towards the close of the day K S Ranjitsinhji, who has been kept out of the side through illness, showed a glimpse of his old form.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 May, page 5)

Mr K O Goldie, of Wellington and Sandhurst, carried off the batting honours for Sussex at Brighton yesterday, when he played a fine innings of 140. He has been seen both this and last year in the Sussex eleven, but he has never done anything to equal his achievement of yesterday. He is a fine hard wicket batsman, with no lack of strokes, and he got 100 of his runs by fours.

K S Ranjitsinhji seemed in very good form and with Mr Goldie added 125. At the finish Gloucestershire, with two wickets to fall, held a lead of 289.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 May, page 9)

The bowling of Mr Jessop gave Gloucestershire a victory at Brighton yesterday by 228 runs. Even on the Hove ground it was a serious matter for Sussex to require 327 runs in the last innings, but the many brilliant batsmen on the side gave promise of a keen struggle. Instead of this, however, there was an utter collapse.

Mr Jessop has bowled very little this season, but yesterday his great pace and excellent length completely demoralized the Sussex men. He practically won the match by dismissing Mr Fry, Mr Goldie and K S Ranjitsinhji on the course of a couple of overs, all three wickets falling at 37, and Paish finished the game by some remarkable bowling. Killick alone batted well and his 56, scored in 80 minutes, was full of merit. He hit 12 fours and played with a freedom in striking contrast with the feeble efforts of his colleagues.

27 May: WORCESTERSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5651.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5651.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 May, page 5)

William Quaife's innings furnished the feature of yesterday's play at Worcester. He got his runs in about two hours and a half, and his batting possessed much of the style and finish of Arthur Shrewsbury, whom it was long ago understood he had steadfastly copied. Mr H K Foster's reappearance for Worcestershire is worthy of mention.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 May, page 5)

Although playing on their own ground and with a very good side Worcestershire have fared rather badly. They gave a better show in their second innings, Mr R E and Mr H K Foster both batting well. Hargreave with his left-hand slows bowled with great distinction for Warwickshire, and in the double innings he took 11 wickets at a cost of about ten runs each. To-day Warwickshire have only 84 to get to win, with nine wickets left.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 May, page 9)

Warwickshire easily won this match at Worcester by six wickets. The two hours' play presented no feature of interest.

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position is: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	5	5	0	0	5	100.00
Notts	3	1	0	2	1	100.00
Middlesex	1	1	0	0	1	100.00
Lancashire	6	4	1	1	3	60.00
Surrey	5	3	1	1	2	50.00
Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	1	33.33
Essex	4	1	1	2	0	0.00



Hampshire	3	1	1	1	1	0.00
Kent	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Sussex	3	1	2	0	-1	-33.33
Gloucestershire	5	1	2	2	-1	-33.33
Leicestershire	1	0	1	0	-1	-100.00
Somerset	2	0	2	0	-2	-100.00
Derbyshire	3	0	3	0	-3	-100.00
Worcestershire	5	0	5	0	-5	-100.00

According to the rule laid down by the M.C.C., "one point shall be reckoned for each win, one deducted for each loss; unfinished games shall not be reckoned. The county which during the season shall have, in finished matches, obtained the greatest proportionate number of points shall be reckoned champion county."

THE SOUTH AFRICANS. - The South Africans will dine with the M.C.C. executive at Lord's on the evening of June 4.

30 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5652.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5652.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 May, page 9)

Worcestershire paid their first visit to Cambridge yesterday, but they were unable to place their full strength in the field, Mr H K Foster, Bowley and Arnold being away. Heavy rain in the night made the wicket slow.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 June, page 14)

The wicket at Cambridge yesterday was much more favourable to batsmen than on Thursday, and the character of the cricket underwent a considerable change.

Day 3 (report from Monday 3 June, page 12)

As was pretty generally expected from the position of the game overnight at Cambridge, when the county, with three wickets down in their second innings for 165, were only 61 runs on, the University had little difficulty in winning on Saturday - the actual margin in their favour being seven wickets. Worcestershire were handicapped by the absence of Mr R E Foster, who was injured.

Great as was the Cambridge captain's share in the victory, that of Mr E R Wilson was even more pronounced, for the old Rugby boy took seven wickets in each innings for 37 and 38 runs respectively. This record of 14 for 75 runs will rank among the best bowling performances of the season.

30 May: DERBYSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5653.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5653.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 May, page 9)

At Derby, yesterday, Derbyshire had first innings, the feature of which was the batting of Bagshaw, while Hulme's vigorous play helped to give the slight respectability to the home score. Surrey bowled and fielded exceptionally well; while after a bad start to their batting Hayward enabled his side to finish ahead on the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 June, page 14)

After more or less a bowler's first day Surrey got the better of the match at Derby yesterday. They have now nine wickets left in the last innings and they have only 108 to get to win.

Hayward, who saved his side on Thursday, had a good deal of luck, but he played fine cricket. The Surrey bowling and the batting of Mr Wright and Bagshaw were the features of the day, but there were too many dropped catches to make it possible to give much praise to the fielding.

Day 3 (report from Monday 3 June, page 12)

Surrey beat Derbyshire at derby on Saturday by five wickets. They were on Friday evening within each reach of victory, for going in to get 204 runs they had scored 96 for the loss of one wicket.

Abel and Hayes added 86 runs for the second partnership, and then Mr Walker, hitting freely, helped Abel to put on 60 runs in half an hour. Abel, who batted splendidly for two hours and 40 minutes, was fifth out, when only eight runs were required. Abel did not give a chance and among his strokes were seven fours.

30 May: LANCASHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5654.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5654.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 May, page 9)

As was the case in the Lancashire and Yorkshire match earlier in the week, the wicket at Manchester yesterday gave the bowlers great assistance. Under similar conditions Lancashire had failed against Yorkshire, but yesterday they did very well, while, on the other hand, the Kent batsmen were almost helpless.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 June, page 14)

The advantage gained on the first innings promised well for Lancashire's success, and they won, at Manchester, yesterday, by 184 runs.

Rain in the night had not made any difference in the state of the turf, and again the fast bowling kicked. Runs were thus only obtained by much skill and nerve. The Lancashire men, with their knowledge of the Old Trafford ground, proved vastly superior to their visitors; but at one time they seemed likely to be dismissed very cheaply. Mr Bradley got four men out at a cost of nine runs with the total 18, and three runs later Tyldesley received such a severe blow on the jaw that he had to retire.

Then Lancashire were 130 runs on and the result was in doubt. But Mr MacLaren hit up 38 out of 46; and when, at the fall of the sixth wicket at 93, Tyldesley resumed his innings he and Hallows forced the game with such spirit as to add 84 runs in 50 minutes, his pluck and resource being most commendable. Hallows took an hour and 50 minutes over his 63, a faultless innings of great merit.

The partnership of the two professionals had made Lancashire certain of victory, Kent's task of 294 runs being practically impossible under the existing conditions. There was one stand by Mr Mason and Mr Baiss, who added 40 runs when five men were out for 34, but they alone offered much resistance to Sharp and Webb. Bowling unchanged throughout the match, their records were 11 wickets for 105 and eight for 68 runs respectively. Mr Bradley met with great success, taking 14 wickets for 134 runs.

30 May: LEICESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5655.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5655.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 May, page 9)

On a pitch soft from rain during the night runs were never easy to get at Leicester yesterday, and Yorkshire made good use of their opportunity. Late in the afternoon a heavy shower left the turf

wet, and Hirst, by brilliant hitting, did most to give Yorkshire their useful start. In just an hour he scored 61 runs, mainly by daring pulls. He hit ten fours and showed an ability to force the game which none of his colleagues had done.

J T Brown played with unusual care and managed to stay in for nearly three hours and a half, but he was often beaten by the bowling and should have been stumped when 15. Tunnicliffe hit hard, scoring 47 out of 72 before the first interruption by rain. Afterwards, against admirable bowling by King and Pougher, runs had to be struggled for until Hirst came in.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 June, page 14)

At Leicester yesterday Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by an innings and 128 runs. On a pitch that helped him Rhodes was almost unplayable, and in the match he had the wonderful record of 13 wickets for 96 runs.

30 May: MIDDLESEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5656.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5656.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 May, page 9)

The cricket at Lord's yesterday proved a triumph for Middlesex, although missed catches helped them a good deal. Gloucestershire in recent years have had the reputation of being a fine fielding side, but yesterday they failed in this department of the game. With the pitch easy runs averaged about 90 an hour for a little under five and a quarter hours' cricket.

The chief honours were carried off by Mr Moon and Mr Chinnery. Of the two innings Mr Chinnery's was the better. Going in fourth wicket down at 241 he was seventh out at 437. From the first he played beautifully free cricket all round the wicket, while his driving at times was quite brilliant. In one over from Roberts he scored five fours. He ought to have been caught at slip at 89, but apart from that he made very few bad strokes. Mr Chinnery's 100, which is his third successive innings of three figures in important cricket, was chiefly got by the aid of 15 fours, and only took him an hour and three-quarters.

Mr Moon, who was batting only a quarter of an hour longer, far exceeded anything he has previously accomplished in county cricket, although he made 138 for Cambridge University against the last Australian team. He was very uncertain during his first 50 and was missed three times, but afterwards he showed excellent form. His 102, which was marked by strong play on the off side, included one five (four for an overthrow) and 16 fours. For the fourth wicket Mr Moon and Mr Bosanquet put on 104, and for the sixth Mr Chinnery and Mr Schwarz added 153 in an hour and a quarter. Mr Schwarz was out to a good piece of work by Mr Jessop, who hit the stumps from extra mid-off.

Late in the afternoon Board injured his hand and left the field, and Mr Fowler kept wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 June, page 14)

Although the turf at Lord's remained in excellent run-getting order, Gloucestershire yesterday found their task much too heavy, and at the drawing of stumps Middlesex were left in a safe position.

Having to go in against the large score of 483, Gloucestershire gave a consistent display, but there was no special feature in their batting. Mr Jessop and Mr Kitcat put on 75 in 45 minutes for the fourth wicket, and Mr Fowler and Langdon 86 for the sixth. Mr Jessop, although scoring fast, was not so vigorous in his methods as usual, while Mr Fowler, the top scorer for his side, had more than his fair share of fortune, being missed three times.

Having a lead of 217 on the first innings, Mr MacGregor thought it the better policy for Middlesex to go in; and the spectators were rewarded by seeing by far the best piece of play during the day. Mr Hayman and Mr Warner from the first played beautifully free cricket. The ease with which runs came can best be understood when it is stated that they were only together for an hour and a quarter for 154. At the close Middlesex were 371 runs ahead with all their wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 3 June, page 12)

At Lord's on Saturday this heavy scoring match - 1,328 runs made for 27 wickets, or an average of nearly 50 runs a wicket - ended in a draw. There had been a good deal of criticism of Mr MacGregor's policy in putting Middlesex in a second time instead of allowing Gloucestershire to follow on on Friday afternoon. In any circumstances the captain, although not infallible, ought to be the best judge of the situation.

Missed catches are a topic of more serious import, for had the fieldsmen accepted the chances the match might have been brought to an issue. As long as the turf favours the batsmen, drawn games are bound to be of frequent occurrence unless a great improvement is shown in this department. Middlesex in their first innings were largely indebted to mistakes in the field for their big score, while a couple of chances missed on Saturday when Gloucestershire were fighting hard to save the game proved of the greatest service to the visitors.

After Middlesex had increased their score from 154 to 266 for two wickets Mr MacGregor declared his innings closed. Mr Hayman and Mr Warner played magnificent cricket, and the way in which they adapted themselves to circumstances was worthy of the best traditions of the game. Mr Hayman, whose driving on both sides of the wicket was marked by great power, was only batting an hour and 35 minutes, and his chief hits were one five and 18 fours. Mr Warner was in five minutes longer and his 96 included 14 fours.

With about five hours left for play Gloucestershire, who were 483 behind, could only hope for a draw; but the cricket proved much brighter than could have been expected. For some time the play was marked by caution, and Wrathall deserved great credit for his fine defence, but he did not fail to punish the loose balls as his 83 included 13 fours. He ought to have been caught in the sixties, but otherwise he was never at fault.

It was left, however, to Mr Jessop to put the issue beyond doubt. He went in third wicket down at 141 with two hours and 20 minutes still left for play, and in an hour and a quarter scored his 124 out of 161. His wonderful hitting - he made 20 off one over from Trott and 19 off an over from Mr Chinnery - was marked by all his well-known power. When he and Langdon were together 145 were put on for the fifth wicket. Mr Jessop had one piece of good fortune, being missed by Mr Chinnery at long-off at 53, and this practically saved Gloucestershire from defeat. Mr Jessop scored 88 of his runs by fours.

Rain drove the players to the pavilion at 20 minutes past five, and the game was resumed at a quarter to 6. But rain came on again about 6 o'clock, and as there were no prospects for finishing the match the stumps were pulled up.

30 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5657.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5657.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 May, page 9)

Owing to interruptions by rain there was only about three hours' cricket at Nottingham yesterday. During nearly all that time W Gunn was at the wickets, scoring 100 not out. He had one piece of luck, Mr Fane missing him in the long field when 13. Otherwise he showed all his skill on a pitch made soft by overnight rain.

Helped by J Gunn to add 96 for the third partnership, W Gunn was also ably assisted by Mr Dixon, when run-getting had been rendered easy by a heavy downpour. In three-quarters of an hour they hit up 71 runs by good cricket before a catch in the long field dismissed Mr Dixon. In the last 20 minutes three men were dismissed, so that Notts did not leave off in such a favourable position as had seemed likely. The match is the first to be played between Notts and Essex.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 June, page 14)

Considerable progress was made at Trent-bridge yesterday, 23 wickets falling and 396 runs being scored. As the result of all this cricket the Notts eleven, at the close of the afternoon, found themselves with a victory well assured, wanting only 49 runs to win with an innings to play.

Notts started the day from a flattering position, their score standing at 238 with seven men out. Three-quarters of an hour's cricket brought the innings to an end, 55 runs being added by the outstanding wickets. W Gunn was out ninth at 286, having been batting three hours and a half. He gave an easy chance at long-on at 13 and made a lucky stroke in the slips at 71, but otherwise his cricket was up to its best standard.

Mr Owen and Carpenter started the Essex innings in such fine style that 60 runs were scored in less than an hour. However, when A O Jones went on to bowl a complete change came over the game. Five wickets were down for 73 and the side were out for 128. The Essex batsmen were placed at a disadvantage by the condition of the wicket, but it was their inability to play Mr Jones's leg breaks rather than the state of the ground that accounted for this collapse.

As Notts held a lead of 165 runs Mr Jones decided to put his opponents in a second time. With so much success was this policy attended that five wickets were down for 78 and an innings defeat for Essex seemed in prospect. However, Mr Perrin and Mr Kortright, by splendid hitting, put on 80 runs in 40 minutes.

Day 3 (report from Monday 3 June, page 12)

Thirty-five minutes' cricket at Nottingham on Saturday sufficed to give Notts a victory over Essex by nine wickets. Notts had a trifling task to perform, as with an innings to play they required only 49 runs to win.

Mr A O Jones and Shrewsbury went in first. Mr Jones played in brilliant style, though he ought to have been caught by the wicket-keeper standing back when he had made three. He was bowled with the score at 46, his downfall being brought about by over-anxiety to make the winning hit. W Gunn came in and two strokes finished the game. Shrewsbury hit three fours in his 16, but was missed by T Russell at mid-on.

30 May: SUSSEX v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5658.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5658.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 May, page 9)

In a brilliant innings of 133 at Brighton, yesterday, K S Ranjitsinhji showed little ill-effects from the indisposition which has prevented him playing first-class cricket until this week. He had not quite his old sureness in placing the ball, but his faulty strokes were few. Scoring his runs out of 202 in a couple of hours, he hit 19 fours and did not give a chance.

Mr K O Goldie helped his captain to add 140, and played soundly. Equally good displays were given by Mr Fry and Killick, who started the innings with a partnership of 96 runs. Vine and Mr Fisher also batted capitally, and the form of the whole side came as a welcome change after the poor display on the previous day against Gloucestershire.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 June, page 14)

At Brighton yesterday Sussex won by an innings and 39 runs. They had all the luck on their side, rain setting in after their heavy scoring on Thursday. On a drying pitch Tate made such good use of his opportunity that Somerset had to follow on 262 runs behind, and were all out in an hour and 50 minutes.

They did better as the wicket improved, but again Tate was effective. Keeping a perfect length, he repeatedly made the ball break back, and in the day he had the record of 12 wickets at a cost of just eight runs each.

Mr Lionel Palairet and Robson began Somerset's second innings by hitting up 75 in 45 minutes, the amateur being third out at 88 after playing beautifully for an hour. Braund and Mr Bernard added 49, both playing very good cricket.

30 May: WARWICKSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5659.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5659.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 May, page 9)

It was a bowler's wicket at Birmingham yesterday, and Warwickshire had all the better of the game. There were some showers, and with the wicket easier in the afternoon Kinneir showed the best batting of the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 June, page 14)

The South Africans were beaten at Birmingham yesterday by an innings and 69 runs. The rain had left the pitch soft, and before it favoured the bowlers to any great extent Lilley and Mr Fishwick scored 83 in 45 minutes. Lilley made his 70 at the rate of one a minute by free hitting all round the wicket.

Mr Kotze's fast bowling brought the county's innings to a rapid conclusion, and Field and Santall met with still more success when the visitors went in 204 runs behind. Half the side were out for 41, when Mr Tancred and Mr Arthur Bisset played sound, steady cricket and saved the Africans from a complete collapse.

Monday 3 June, page 12: THE AVERAGES

Among the more interesting averages for the season are the following: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Total Runs	Most in an Inns	Not out	Average
Mr C McGahey	10	728	145*	3	104.00
Mr P F Warner	8	527	197*	1	75.28
Hayward	13	687	181	2	62.45
Abel	17	802	111	4	61.69
Mr R O Schwarz	7	333	74	1	55.50
Mr G L Jessop	16	864	169	0	54.00
Mr G W Beldam	14	623	150*	2	51.91
Mr K O Goldie	6	298	140	0	49.66
Tyldesley	14	609	221	1	46.84
Mr S M J Woods	6	281	90	0	46.83
W Gunn	8	322	127	1	46.00
Carpenter	16	730	136	0	45.62
J Gunn	7	309	91	0	44.14
Mr P Perrin	11	483	189	0	43.90
Mr L Walker	13	480	114	2	43.63
Mr L C H Palairet	6	261	103	0	43.50
W G Quaife	9	346	101*	1	43.25
Mr H B Hayman	13	662	165	0	43.23
Mr A O Jones	10	389	95	1	43.22
Hirst	10	380	86	1	42.22
Braund	13	503	115*	1	41.91
Mr R E More	6	245	133	0	40.83
Lilley	10	354	124	1	39.33
Lord Hawke	7	230	69*	1	38.33
Mr H K Longman	8	294	150	0	36.75
Mr C J B Wood	16	534	137	1	35.60
Killick	8	247	56*	1	35.28

E M Sprot	7	175	92	2	35.00
Mr T L Taylor	10	305	97	1	33.88
Kinneir	9	298	72	0	33.11
Wrathall	12	394	135	0	32.83
Mr C J Burnup	16	521	141	0	32.56
Storer	15	481	107	0	32.06
Tunncliffe	14	374	145	2	31.16
Mr R E Foster	11	341	79	0	31.00
Lockwood	10	245	66*	2	30.62
Denton	13	335	80	2	30.45
Mr D L A Jephson	11	335	133	0	30.45
Mr J R Mason	9	265	141	1	29.44
Brockwell	15	375	101	2	22.84
Dr W G Grace	13	370	80	0	28.46

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr E R Wilson	131.2	33	240	23	10.43
Hirst	248	65	623	51	12.21
Rhodes	297.5	88	772	61	12.65
Hargreave	277.1	87	614	48	12.79
Mold	144.3	34	372	28	13.28
Mead	227	77	481	34	14.14
Sharp	233.3	43	702	47	14.93
Dr W G Grace	182.4	59	426	23	18.52
Mr D L A Jephson	209.2	28	608	31	19.61
J Gunn	207	70	454	23	19.73
J T Hearne	375.5	119	861	43	20.02
Lockwood	205.5	58	534	26	20.53
Trott	352.4	84	1101	53	20.77
Mr W M Bradley	239	50	790	38	20.78
Llewellyn	222.3	52	697	33	21.12
Lees	268.2	67	722	33	21.87
Richardson	312.3	55	930	36	26.57
H Young	183.2	33	542	20	27.10
Mr J R Mason	137.4	41	416	16	27.73
Braund	362.3	68	1284	40	32.10

#### THE COUNTIES

The following is the present position of the counties in the championship: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	6	6	0	0	6	100.00
Notts	4	2	0	2	2	100.00
Middlesex	2	1	0	1	1	100.00
Lancashire	7	5	1	1	4	66.66
Surrey	6	4	1	1	3	50.00
Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	1	33.33
Hampshire	3	1	1	1	0	0.00
Sussex	4	2	2	0	0	0.00
Essex	5	1	2	2	-1	-33.33
Gloucestershire	6	1	2	3	-1	-33.33
Kent	2	0	1	1	-1	-100.00
Leicestershire	2	0	2	0	-2	-100.00
Somerset	3	0	3	0	-3	-100.00
Derbyshire	4	0	4	0	-4	-100.00
Worcestershire	5	0	5	0	-5	-100.00

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3 June: HAMPSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5660.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5660.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 June, page 7)

The Yorkshire eleven gave a fine display of batting at Bournemouth yesterday, staying in from 12 o'clock till ten minutes past 6, and scoring 365. At lunch time a much smaller total seemed in prospect, four men being out for 125, but afterwards Hirst and Mr Mitchell took the score to 265.

Hirst, who hit with great power, made 81 out of the 140 runs added in an hour and 35 minutes. Among his figures were 13 fours. While Hirst was batting Mr Mitchell remained chiefly on the defensive, but he scored very rapidly afterwards and was batting two hours and 40 minutes. He hit 11 fours, three threes and ten twos.

Denton and Brown gave the side an excellent start, adding 88 in 70 minutes for the second wicket. The performance of Yorkshire was the more creditable as the condition of the wicket gave the bowlers some assistance.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 5 June, page 11)

At Bournemouth, yesterday, the Yorkshire Eleven defeated Hampshire by an innings and 82 runs. The wicket was slightly faster than on the previous day, and going in yesterday morning Hampshire fared so badly that the whole side were dismissed in an hour and 25 minutes. Hirst finished off the innings in great style, taking four of the last six wickets in two overs and three balls without a run being hit from him. Rhodes and Hirst both got much break on the ball and kept a fine length.

3 June: KENT v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5661.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5661.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 June, page 7)

At the Bat and Ball ground, Gravesend, these counties met in fine weather. The home eleven, who were strengthened by the inclusion of Mr S H Day, the Cambridge captain, and Mr R N R Blaker, had the advantage of having the first innings on a true wicket.

Humphreys was very busy from the start, and just before 50 runs were recorded Mr Fergus, the Cambridge fast bowler, was given a trial. After a free innings the professional was caught in the deep field. Mr P C Baker, who so signally failed to do himself justice while at Oxford, joined Mr Burnup, and after losing his partner made a fine stand with Alec Hearne, the score at lunch time being 169 for the loss of two wickets. With 20 runs added Mr Baker was finely caught at point by Wrathall after a brilliant innings, which included 17 fours. Mr Mason did nothing, and after the second century had been recorded the side collapsed.

Gloucestershire started badly against the Kent fast bowlers, Mr Bradley and Blythe [?], both of whom, keeping an excellent length, bowled at a great pace and seemed to get a good deal of work on the ball. With six wickets down for 48 runs the Western county were in a bad way, but Mr Kitcat and Paish put a much better complexion on the game, both showing capital defence.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 5 June, page 11)

When the game was resumed yesterday morning at Gravesend Mr Kitcat and Paish, who overnight had added 75 runs to the Western county's score, were still in good form, and it was not until 150 had been reached that a separation was effected. Blythe and Mr Bradley, who had bowled so well on the previous day, were freely knocked about, and Mr Mason, with Alec Hearne, soon took charge of the bowling.

While Mr Kitcat played steadily, Paish hit out well and scored 66, his highest score for his county, before he was out to a good catch by Mr Day. None of the others could stay with Mr Kitcat, who was

the last to leave for an invaluable innings of 57. Alec Hearne took all the wickets that fell in the morning at the cost of 26 runs.

Kent did badly in their second innings, losing four good wickets before luncheon for 45 runs, and Mr Mason, after scoring 26 out of 39 runs while he was at the wicket, was caught by Board. Mr Baker played good cricket and Huish hit freely for his runs, but the innings closed for the moderate total of 142. The bowling honours were carried off by Paish.

With close on 200 to win, Gloucestershire started on the fourth innings of the match and began well, Mr Sewell and Wrathall putting on 35 runs before the first wicket fell, but the score had just been doubled when the third wicket went down. Mr Jessop again failed to delight the crowd, but Wrathall batted extremely well. At the close the game was left in an interesting state, Gloucestershire requiring 72 runs to win, with half their wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 6 June, page 7)

At Gravesend yesterday Kent beat Gloucestershire by 38 runs. The last five wickets of the Gloucestershire eleven signally failed in the comparatively easy task of getting 72 to win the game. Mr Kitcat and Paish, who had done so well in the first innings, were soon separated, and Mr Bradley, whose bowling proved irresistible, got rid of the remaining batsmen at a small cost.

The Gloucestershire tactics in forcing the game in the early part of the second innings may have lost them the match; but the wicket was beginning to crumble and a bold game was the only one to be played. The features of the match were the batting of Mr Baker and Mr Kitcat, the all-round cricket of Paish and the bowling of Mr Bradley, who took five wickets for 17 runs yesterday.

3 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5662.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5662.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 June, page 7)

The wicket was a trifle fiery at Lord's yesterday and so the bowlers had quite a luxurious time. Marylebone had a splendid side, both in amateur and professional talent, and people who went up to the ground after luncheon must have been astonished to find such an army of M.C.C. batsmen out so cheaply.

The South Africans bowled and fielded very well, and nothing could have exceeded in brilliancy the catch in the slips that got out Mr Chinnery. K S Ranjitsinhji never seemed at home, and he completely mistimed the ball that bowled him. The batting of the whole M.C.C. side fell to a low standard.

There was one very good piece of batting for the South Africans - on the part of Mr Shalders, who has a strong cut and is clever on the leg side. But the bowlers always seemed to have the game in hand. Mead came at a great pace from the pitch, and after the 100 had gone up with only three men out he and Young quickly finished off the innings.

The close of the day left the match anybody's, seeing that the M.C.C., with ten wickets left in the second innings, were 39 runs ahead. The absence of Mr Sinclair and Mr Llewellyn was much felt by the South Africans; but on a rather cold day for June the team had a fine company to watch their cricket, and the capital game they gave the powerful club side secured plenty of applause. K S Ranjitsinhji, owing to the cold wind, was allowed a substitute in the field during the South Africans' innings.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 5 June, page 11)

The M.C.C. won their match with the South Africans yesterday at Lord's by 53 runs. It was not a wonderful victory for a side of such calibre; but the excuse of the batting failures was the dusty pitch, although there seemed to a candid mind an excessive desire to force the run-getting. Anyhow the M.C.C. batting was hardly worthy of the club. Storer and Trott made some respectable hits, but the South Africans' bowling and fielding were splendidly keen.

Their batting was normal. Mr M Bisset played a very good innings, and while he was in there seemed just a chance of the 189 wanted being secured, for 120 went up with only five men out. But Mead bowled with great effect from the pavilion end. It is a long time since he did such a fine piece of work at Lord's; his 11 wickets in the match cost only 77 runs. Storer kept wicket splendidly for the club.

3 June: SURREY v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5663.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5663.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 June, page 7)

There was an ordinary day's cricket at the Oval yesterday, and at the drawing of stumps the game was left in an uneven position. With the pitch favourable for run-getting, nearly all the batsmen made double figures, although there was no individual score worthy of special merit.

Perhaps the feature of the day was the bowling of Cranfield, who took six wickets for 16 runs apiece. Cranfield was practically unknown as a bowler before last season, but he has made rapid strides and he should prove of the greatest service to Somerset. There was no prolonged stand during the Surrey innings; in fact, the best partnership was 52 for the second wicket. The brightest cricket was shown by Mr Walker, who made his 37 in about as many minutes. Brockwell and Hayward played excellent cricket, and Mr Jephson found a useful partner in Stedman. The Somerset fielding was good, while Mr Newton kept wicket remarkably well.

Somerset started batting at a quarter to 5, but rain curtailed play by some 25 minutes. At the close Somerset were 162 behind with eight wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 5 June, page 11)

Had all the catches been held on the Oval yesterday neither Surrey nor Somerset would have made such respectable scores even on a good wicket. The worst mistake of the day was the simple catch that Gill dropped at short-leg from Abel, some time before the batsman got 50. There were also a couple of dropped catches towards the close of Somerset's innings.

Otherwise the feature of the cricket was the consistent batting, for with two exceptions every one made double figures. Abel played with much more freedom than usual, and his 78, for which he was batting an hour and three-quarters, included 15 fours. The play generally was brighter than on Monday. Hayes and Abel put on 62 for the second wicket, while just before the close Lees scored 43 out of 56 for the eighth in 25 minutes. The quickest piece of scoring, however, was when Mr Leveson-Gower and Hayward were together, 43 being added in 15 minutes.

Brockwell was out to a splendid catch at long-off by Lewis. At the drawing of stumps Surrey were 306 ahead with two wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 6 June, page 7)

Surrey beat Somerset at the Oval yesterday by 204 runs. Overnight the home side had made 298 for eight wickets, but they only added another dozen runs, and Somerset were sent in to get 319 to win. With the pitch helping the bowlers Lockwood and Richardson soon put the issue beyond doubt, and the match was over just before the luncheon interval.

At one period it seemed probable that Somerset would be out for an even smaller score - six wickets were down for 55 - and it was due to the "tail" that the innings reached the hundred. Lockwood with his splendid length and pace had the excellent figures of seven wickets for just over six runs apiece. The Surrey fielding, although two comparatively easy catches were missed, showed improvement. Mr Lionel Palairt was out to a splendid running catch by Brockwell fielding at long-off, while Hayes deserves credit for his catch at slip that dismissed Tyler.

3 June: WARWICKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5664.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5664.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 June, page 7)

The Lancashire bowlers had a doleful experience at Edgbaston yesterday, Warwickshire on an excellent wicket remaining in the whole of the afternoon and scoring 329 runs for the loss of only two batsmen.

Kinneir and William Quaife, coming together at the fall of the second wicket at 69, stayed until the end, and in just over four hours put on another 260 runs. Without in any way trying to force matters they scored at a nice pace, and so correctly did they bat that not a single chance was given. Indeed, the only semblance of a bad stroke came from Kinneir, who, when 124, put up a ball just out of Tyldesley's reach at short-leg. Kinneir reached his 100 in three hours and 50 minutes, but Quaife was much quicker, being at the wickets two hours and 35 minutes in scoring the same number.

The Lancashire bowling looked for the most part quite simple, but Huddleston - a member of the ground staff at Old Trafford - accomplished fine work, keeping up his end for over two hours in the afternoon with commendable steadiness. Though a couple of slight showers caused brief interruptions, the weather was bright and fine, and a large number of people watched the cricket. It will be seen that neither Mold nor Cuttell is playing for Lancashire.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 5 June, page 11)

At Birmingham, yesterday, Warwickshire followed up in fine style the advantage they had gained on Monday over Lancashire, and by the time stumps were drawn they were well on the road to victory. In about two hours and a half they increased their overnight score of 329 for two wickets to 532 for four, and then, declaring the innings closed, got rid of Lancashire cheaply and caused them to follow on.

Kinneir and William Quaife, who had played so finely on Monday, were not separated until the score was 396, their partnership, which lasted four hours and three-quarters, having produced 327 runs. Quaife made his runs in faultless style and, playing with unwonted freedom, hit 21 fours. Afterwards, Lilley with Kinneir added 125 runs before the innings was closed. Kinneir was in seven hours and 50 minutes, and hit 28 fours.

The Lancashire innings produced some strange variations of fortune. After Ward was out off the first ball sent down, Mr Garnett and Tyldesley hit so splendidly that in an hour and 50 minutes 164 runs were scored, but then came a startling collapse and the side were all out for another 89 runs. This was almost entirely brought about by the bowling of Field, who, after going in a second time, took six wickets for 42 runs. Tyldesley hit with great power, sending the ball 16 times to the boundary, and made no mistake of any kind.

As the game stands at present Lancashire, with all their wickets in hand, require 275 runs to save the innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 6 June, page 7)

Lancashire were in a well-nigh hopeless position when cricket was resumed in Birmingham yesterday, and Warwickshire won by an innings and 75 runs. This was the Midland county's third consecutive win in the championship, and it was almost entirely brought about by the cricket of Quaife, Kinneir and Field.

3 June: WORCESTERSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5665.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5665.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 June, page 7)

Worcestershire were able to put a capital team into the field yesterday at Worcester, Mr H K Foster, Arnold and Bowley being included in the eleven, as well as Mr R E Foster, who had quite recovered

from the strain he sustained last week at Cambridge. In the absence of Mr De Trafford, Mr G E Rudd captained Leicestershire.

The visitors won the toss, and up to a certain point looked like making a big score, 153 with two men out being recorded at the interval. After the fall of the third wicket at 186, however, the batting broke down. Mr Wood played steadily for his 61 and helped King to add 129 runs for the third wicket.

Pearson and Bowley made a most successful start for Worcestershire, staying together for an hour and a half. Bowley hit 14 fours in his 93. Worcestershire are now only 77 behind, with nine wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 5 June, page 11)

As a result of some very successful bowling by Pougher and excellent batting by Mr Wood, Knight and Whitehead, Leicestershire completely recovered yesterday at Worcester from the bad position in which they had been left at the close of play on Monday.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 6 June, page 7)

Leicestershire won the match at Worcester yesterday by 79 runs. The home batsmen threw away their chances by trying to force the game. Mr Wood's 156 is the best innings he has played for the county, although in August last at Leicester he scored 147 against Derbyshire.

6 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5666.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5666.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 June, page 12)

In taking the field against Cambridge University at Cambridge yesterday Surrey gave a rest to Lockwood, Brockwell and Hayes, the vacant places being filled by Mr Crawford, Gooder and Smith. On the side of Cambridge Mr Fergus and Mr Singh appeared instead of Mr Wilson and Mr Harper, Mr Wilson being compelled to stand down owing to an injured finger.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 June, page 13)

As stumps were to be drawn early owing to the boat races, play was started at Cambridge yesterday morning at a quarter past 11.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 June, page 11)

At Cambridge, on Saturday, Surrey beat the University by 115 runs. When play began in the morning Surrey, with three wickets down in their second innings, held a lead of 147 and, thanks mainly to a stand by Abel and Hayward, who added 57 for the fifth wicket in just over an hour, were enabled to set Cambridge the task of getting 309 to win.

The University made a disastrous start, three batsmen being out for 17, and despite a useful stand by Mr Day and Mr Blaker, who put on 56, nine wickets were down for 142. Mr Hind and Mr Fergus, however, offered an unexpected resistance, scoring 51 before the end came.

6 June: DERBYSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5667.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5667.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 June, page 12)

An interesting feature of the match at Derby, yesterday, was the appearance for the first time in the Derbyshire team of E Needham, the famous Association football half-back, who played for the county under the birth qualification. He met with success, scoring 57 in an hour and a quarter without giving a chance. Some of his leg strokes were very fine and his score included eight fours.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 June, page 13)

Mr Murray Bisset's fine batting at Derby yesterday established a winning position for his side. It is the highest score that he has ever made. He played good, free cricket and his variety of strokes gave plenty of interest to the game. There were 19 fours among his figures. The South Africans have an innings to play and require 84 to win.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 June, page 11)

At Derby the South Africans won this match on Saturday by nine wickets.

6 June: ESSEX v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5668.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5668.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 June, page 12)

Warwickshire followed up their fine performance against Lancashire with another batting triumph on the Leyton ground yesterday. Since becoming a first-class county Warwickshire have never been stronger than this season. They have had the reputation of being a slow scoring side, but this was not the case yesterday, for they made their runs at the rate of just over 80 an hour.

For their favourable position they were largely indebted to Devey and Lilley. Devey, who was fourth out at 199, being stumped off the wicketkeeper's pads, had his fair share of fortune, as he gave three chances - he was missed at the wicket before he had scored - otherwise his cricket was excellent. He was batting about three hours and his chief hits were one five and 13 fours. He and Mr Byrne put on 135 for the second wicket.

The best innings of the day was Lilley's 121. Going in fourth wicket down, Lilley hit with great power and precision, and his cricket throughout was worthy of his name. Possessing a variety of strokes, he is always an excellent batsman to watch, and yesterday he was seen at his best. The vigour of his play can best be judged when it is stated that he was only batting some two hours and ten minutes, and his chief hits were 15 fours, six threes and eight twos. He was seventh out at 426. Mr Fishwick also played remarkably well and, when he and Lilley were together, 192 were made for the fifth wicket in two hours. Mr Fishwick's driving was the chief characteristic of his game.

The Essex fielding was normal for the county; there were sundry catches dropped which proved expensive, for, apart from Devey, Mr Byrne was missed in the thirties. Young, for Essex, and Field, for Warwickshire, were nothing absent through rheumatism. There have been some wonderful pitches at Leyton this season, and yesterday's wicket must rank as one of the best.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 June, page 13)

After the fine form shown by Warwickshire on Thursday, the cricket at Leyton yesterday was commonplace. The best thing during the day was the batting of Charlesworth, who made his 60 in 70 minutes, chiefly by the aid of ten fours. It was essential for Warwickshire in the circumstances to force the pace, and Charlesworth, although running no risks, played the right game for his side, and his driving was marked by much power. Of the seven Essex bowlers tried, Mr McGahey, who has cultivated leg breaks, was the only one to meet with any degree of success.

With the turf remaining firm it was expected that Essex would to a certain extent emulate the feat of Warwickshire. But they failed completely - seven wickets were down for 151 - and it was only the stand by Mr Tossetti and Reeves, who put on 57 in half an hour, that their score reached respectable dimensions. Although not doing anything like the work of Santall or Hargreave, William Quaife, with his slow leg breaks, proved of great service to his side, for on the two occasions on which he was

put on to bowl he got a wicket in his first over just when the batsmen had played themselves in. He completely beat Mr Lucas, who was easily stumped, while Mr Perrin was out to a good catch at deep long-on.

There was little worthy of mention in the Essex batting, which was perhaps the worst they have shown on the Leyton ground this season. Mr Owen played good cricket, while a word of praise is due to Mr Tossetti for his plucky play when things were going against his side. The Warwickshire fielding was good, and Lilley was in excellent form at wicket. Following on 306 behind, Essex at the drawing of stumps still required 248 to save an innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 June, page 11)

Essex, who had nothing to hope for but a drawn game at Leyton on Saturday, were seen to great advantage in their uphill fight, and at the close of the match were 48 runs ahead with six wickets in hand.

Mr Owen, by his steady cricket, prepared the way for what was to follow. But it was the prolonged stand by Mr McGahey and Mr Garrett which put the issue beyond doubt. They were together for some three hours, and put on 158 for the fourth wicket. Mr McGahey, who has greatly improved his form this season, played a wonderful innings for his side. Although tried with all kinds of bowling - Mr Fishwick was the only one on the Warwickshire side who did not go on during the Essex innings - he never allowed himself to be tempted during his long stay at the wickets.

Mr Garrett, who made 48 of his runs by fours, showed good defence, but he had his share of good fortune, as he was twice missed. After Mr Garrett left Mr Lucas kept with Mr McGahey until ten minutes past 6 and, as there was no chance of finishing the match, stumps were drawn.

In this match the fielding of both sides was at fault. Warwickshire's first innings of 525 would have been considerably less had the Essex fieldsmen held their chances, while, in addition to Mr Garrett, both Mr Owen and Carpenter were missed on Friday evening early in the second innings of Essex.

6 June: HAMPSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5669.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5669.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 June, page 12)

The cricket at Bournemouth yesterday was slow and uneventful, only 254 runs being scored in five hours and ten minutes for the loss of 11 wickets. Of the Kent batsmen Mr Baker alone played a forcing game, making his 53 by brilliant cricket in an hour and a quarter. He found a very useful partner in Humphreys, who helped him to put on 81 runs for the second wicket. Mr Baker hit five fours, three threes and three twos.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 June, page 13)

At Bournemouth, yesterday, Hampshire succeeded in establishing an advantage. They began the day with one wicket down for 15 runs, and so badly did they fare for a time that, with half their batsmen out, the total had only reached 98.

The change in the fortunes of the side came when Llewellyn joined Barton. In an hour and 35 minutes the two men added 147 runs, the score when Llewellyn was at last bowled standing at 245. Barton, who hit well all round the wicket, was batting three hours and a quarter, but he was favoured by fortune, being missed three times. His chief strokes were ten fours, seven threes and 14 twos.

Going in against a balance of 103, Kent had at the drawing of stumps lost Mr Burnup and Humphreys for 42.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 June, page 11)

The result of a most keenly contested game was a victory for Hampshire by four wickets on Saturday at Bournemouth. After losing three men in their second innings and being still 40 behind, Kent actually got the better of the game. Mr Mason and Mr Baker added 122 runs in an hour and a half, and, with the pitch in good order, a draw seemed probable. But the last six wickets only put on 48 runs, and Hampshire wanted 131 to win.

In a quarter of an hour they lost Mr Hill, Captain Greig and Barton for 12 runs, and a close finish was promised. Then, however, Captain Wynyard had such useful help from Llewellyn and Webb that the next two partnerships realized 62 and 48 runs, and Hampshire won easily. But Llewellyn should have been out for 22, mistakes by Huish and Mr Browne in one over of Mr Mason ruining Kent's chances.

Dropped catches marked the play of the Kent men, but nothing could have been better than the way in which Mr Mason and Mr Baker attempted to turn the game at a critical period. Mr Baker's 95, made in two hours and a half, was marked by clean, hard driving to the off and well-timed cuts. He hit eight fours, four threes and ten twos. Mr Mason met the needs of the case by stubborn defence or hard hitting as required. He scored 50 in 75 minutes, and only two more in another half-hour.

Captain Wynyard's 59 was another example of dogged self-restraint combined with power of scoring. Going in first, he wore down the attack and then hit so well as to score 59 out of 122, assuring his side of victory before being beaten by a perfect length ball that broke and hit the leg stump.

6 June: LEICESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5670.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5670.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 June, page 12)

Despite their excellent start at Leicester yesterday, when the total was 163 before the fourth wicket fell, Lancashire were all dismissed for 201. The last seven wickets fell rapidly before the bowling of Geeson and Woodcock.

Mr MacLaren and Ward opened in capital style by making 80 in 95 minutes, and later, in strong contrast, Tyldesley and Mr Garnett contributed 62 in 25 minutes for the third partnership. Tyldesley, apart from being missed before scoring, played brilliant cricket, putting together his 50 in three-quarters of an hour by means of eight fours and smaller hits.

At the outset of Leicestershire's innings Mr Wood and Knight contributed 50 in 40 minutes, but then there was a collapse and six wickets were down for 75.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 June, page 13)

The Lancashire team accomplished a brilliant performance at Leicester yesterday. The honours were carried off by Mr H G Garnett, the old Clifton boy.

Mr MacLaren, Ward and Tyldesley made a good start, but three wickets were down for 125 and nothing out of the common seemed in prospect. Mr Garnett, however, hitting in superb style, scored 139 out of 215 in two hours and 15 minutes without giving a chance. His figures included 21 fours. Later Sharp and Cuttell punished the worn-out bowling and scored 118 runs in 55 minutes.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 June, page 11)

Leicestershire appeared to be in such a hopeless position when the game was resumed at Leicester on Saturday - they had gone in overnight to make 526 and lost four wickets for 43 - that few persons expected the game to last beyond the luncheon interval. But though beaten in the end by the substantial majority of 199, they made an extremely good fight, keeping Lancashire in the field until 25 minutes to 5.

The chief credit for this feat belonged to Mr Wood and Coe. The former was seventh out at 177, after batting about three hours, for a sturdy 59. With Coe as a partner he made 65 in 75 minutes for the seventh wicket, and after he left Coe found valuable assistants in Mr Crawford, who helped to put on 98, and Mr Rudd, who was in while another 40 were obtained. Coe was last out for a brilliant score



of 18, contributed in the course of three hours. His cutting and driving were brilliant, and among his figures were a five and 21 fours.

6 June: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5671.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5671.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 June, page 12)

There was a splendid day's cricket at Lord's yesterday in one of the most popular matches of the Lord's season. Yorkshire were batting the whole day and had still a wicket in hand when stumps were drawn. The pitch at the pavilion end was perfect, but there seemed a spot or two at the nursery which troubled the batsmen very much.

And herein was the secret of some of the slow scoring, for 383 in a full day at Lord's on what was virtually a batsman's wicket was not a wonderful score for Yorkshire. But the Middlesex bowlers kept a fine length and the fielding was very good. Mr MacGregor kept wicket in something like the splendid form of his Uppingham and Cambridge days, and he had much difficulty to take at the lower end. His catching of Denton was particularly good. There were some errors in the fielding generally, but the form was a great improvement on that against Gloucestershire last week.

The great batting feat of the day was the century by Mr Frank Mitchell, but even he, although one of the finest hard-wicket players Cambridge has produced, had to work hard for his runs. He timed the ball splendidly and his off-drive and his cut were among the best things of the day. It was unquestionably one of the best innings he has ever played at Lord's. He only just managed to get his 100 before being cleverly caught in the slips; and by the clock his cricket may have been ruled slow, but it was splendid to watch.

Brown, who is one of the best cuts of the day, was quite cramped in his style, and was fortunate in an escape in the field when only 21. Mr T L Taylor played a very good innings at a critical time, when Yorkshire had lost two wickets for 16 runs. A fine day's cricket under the best conditions for the game was appreciated by a large crowd.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 June, page 13)

The Yorkshire eleven played a splendid winning game throughout yesterday at Lord's, and last night their position promised only success, seeing that Middlesex, with only four wickets left after the follow-on, are still 23 behind.

Rhodes's bowling was the great feature of yesterday's play. His splendid length, his varied pace and his well-disguised delivery compelled success from the moment he changed over from the nursery to the pavilion end. Excluding the luncheon interval he bowled more than three hours and a half at a stretch. Everyone must have admired his length and pace, and his eight wickets for 53 runs made one of the best things done on Lord's this season. He was backed up by much good fielding. The catches in the slips that got out Mr Beldam and Rawlin were very well made by Tunnicliffe.

Rhodes bowled again in the follow-on with every success. Middlesex were always fighting a losing game. Mr P F Warner did the best for his side; his 73 was a fairly good innings. He was always fighting for his runs against able bowlers; he mistimed the ball several times and gave one chance in the long field to Denton when he was 33. But Mr Warner's batting is always good to watch. In the second innings he was beaten completely by the flight of the ball from Wainwright.

When there seemed every prospect of the match ending last night, Hearne and Mr Beldam put on 74 for the seventh Middlesex wicket. This stand would not have occurred had not a couple of chances been dropped. For Lord Hawke and Brown both failed to hold catches which might have made the game Yorkshire's. There was a very large company to watch the cricket.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 June, page 11)

Yorkshire won their match at Lord's on Saturday in brilliant style by seven wickets. The position of the game overnight promised some such result, for with six men out in the second innings Middlesex

had still arrears of 23. The last few batsmen made a gallant fight. Mr Beldam played a good defensive game, and when Hearne had gone there was a piece of vigorous batting by Rawlin.

But Yorkshire's task in the second innings was light. Indeed, the two hours' play which constituted the third day at Lord's for this match furnished no striking feature. This was the eighth victory of Yorkshire this season. The men seemed to be fielding perhaps with a little less than their old precision, but Lord Hawke keeps the team splendidly together and their keenness is unquestionable.

6 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5672.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5672.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 June, page 12)

Cricket at Trent-bridge yesterday, in the opening of the match between Notts and Somerset, went in favour of the southern eleven. In spite of the fact that rain had fallen during the night Sussex batted so well for a long time that at a quarter to 4 their score stood at 255, with only four men out. Then came such a startling change that three-quarters of an hour later the side were all out for 287, Anthony, who was not tried until 225, meeting with unexpected success.

Mr Fry and Relf gave the side a good start by putting on 101 for the second partnership, while Mr Goldie and K S Ranjitsinhji added 80 runs in 40 minutes for the fourth wicket. Mr Goldie batted well, but K S Ranjitsinhji's display was marred by two chances and other faulty hits.

Mr Jones and Shrewsbury scored 45 for the first Nottingham wicket, and William Gunn and Mr Dixon added 44. At the drawing of stumps Notts had lost five of their best batsmen and were 181 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 June, page 13)

A remarkable batting display was given by Mr Fry, at Trent-bridge, yesterday. Going in first in Sussex's second innings, he carried his bat right through, scoring 170 out of a total of 254. Except for a wide return to Anthony when 64 and a palpable chance to William Gunn when 120, his innings was almost free from blemish.

Sussex experienced such disasters before lunch that four of their best batsmen were dismissed for 29, and had Mr Fry failed the visitors would probably have been out for a poor score. Vine stayed with him while 77 runs were put on, and Tate helped to add 64.

In the morning Mr Dixon and Iremonger raised Nottingham's score of 106 for five wickets to 185, and then Vine finished off the innings abruptly, sending down his last five overs and a ball for 13 runs and five wickets. As the game was left last night Notts, with all ten wickets in hand, want 331 runs to win.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 June, page 11)

Losing to Sussex by 157 runs, Notts, on Saturday, at Trent-bridge, met with their first defeat of the season. Of the 339 runs which they were set to win only eight had been obtained at the drawing of stumps on Friday, so a heavy task lay before them in the final stage. They were dismissed in less than three hours for 181, and even this total was higher than at one time appeared probable, the score with seven men out standing only at 107.

At first Notts had fair prospects of success, the total at one point reaching 58 for the loss of one wicket, but then Relf in the course of a few overs dismissed Dench, William Gunn and Shrewsbury, and Mr Jones returning a ball tamely to Vine at 72 the success of Sussex became assured. John Gunn batted in excellent form, and Carlin hit away vigorously for half an hour, these two adding 50 runs for the eighth wicket, but there was nothing else of note in the batting. Vine followed up his success in the first innings with an almost equally fine performance, and in the whole match obtained the splendid record of 15 wickets for less than 11 runs each.

6 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5673.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5673.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 June, page 12)

Mr Lionel Palairet's batting was the best feature in yesterday's cricket at Oxford.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 June, page 13)

At Oxford, yesterday, Somerset gained an easy victory over the University by 233 runs. When play ceased on Thursday, Somerset, with one wicket down in their second innings, held a lead of 186, and thanks to some vigorous hitting on the part of Mr V T Hill and Robson, who added 122 runs in 40 minutes for the seventh wicket, the total reached 420. Mr Hill's dashing 75 included a six and 11 fours.

The University were set 513 to get to win, and this task proved altogether beyond their powers. The feature of the innings was the fine batting of Mr Dillon. Going in first, he was the last to leave, having been at the wicket three hours and a half. He played brilliant cricket, his chief hits being 24 fours.

Friday 7 June, page 12: MR STODDART'S TEAMS IN AUSTRALIA

Mr Stoddart yesterday issued the following statement to the Press: -

"Having regard to the recent discussion which has appeared in the Press, I feel that it is desirable that I should make a short statement of the circumstances under which I took out my two teams to Australia.

"The difficulty is that there is so little to tell. Both my teams went out to Australia purely as the guests of the Melbourne Cricket Club and the trustees of the Sydney ground. The invitation coming in this way, there was no question of making terms, but it was understood by me that this meant that the two clubs would pay all travelling expenses and hotel bills exclusive of wines, cigars, tips &c., as in the case of former teams. I was, however, left a discretion in the matter of ordering champagne for the teams at the expense of the promoters when I considered it necessary, and with the weather we experienced there this was almost a necessity, and the discretion was exercised by me freely but wisely in the best interests of our health and cricket.

"We were also shown unbounded hospitality both by the clubs and private individuals; but, to make it more clear, to imagine us the guests of any private gentleman, or playing country house cricket in England, and to remember our incidental expenses were heavy would be the best light from which to judge us. No payments or allowances of any kind, direct or indirect, were made to any members of the teams except to the professionals, who were paid according to their written agreements sums by no means disproportionate to their services. Each amateur member of the team had to pay a considerable sum out of his own pocket, varying no doubt with the means and tastes of the individual, but in no case, I believe, less than £100.

"I hope this plain statement of the exact facts will dispel the absurd and absolutely unfounded rumours which have grown up by degrees out of a curiosity which is perhaps not unnatural, but which has fed on the somewhat unnecessary reticence of those principally concerned in the matter. The accounts of my two tours I have never seen, and had no right to see, but the whole of the very large profits which were made were received by the two clubs who were our hosts, and no part of them reached the hands of any member of the teams."

Monday 10 June, page 11: THE COUNTIES

The positions in the championship table are set out below: -

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
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Yorkshire	8	8	0	0	8	100.00
Surrey	7	5	1	1	4	66.66
Lancashire	9	6	2	1	4	50.00
Warwickshire	5	3	1	1	2	50.00
Notts	5	2	1	2	1	33.33
Sussex	5	3	2	0	1	20.00
Middlesex	3	1	1	1	0	0.00
Hampshire	5	2	2	1	0	0.00
Kent	4	1	2	1	-1	-33.33
Essex	6	1	2	3	-1	-33.33
Leicestershire	4	1	3	0	-2	-50.00
Gloucestershire	7	1	3	3	-2	-50.00
Somerset	4	0	4	0	-4	-100.00
Derbyshire	4	0	4	0	-4	-100.00
Worcestershire	6	0	6	0	-6	-100.00

According to the rule laid down by the M.C.C., "one point shall be reckoned for each win, one deducted for each loss; unfinished games shall not be reckoned. The county which during the season shall have, in finished matches, obtained the greatest proportionate number of points shall be reckoned champion county."

#### THE AVERAGES

Subjoined is a list of some of the leading averages of the season: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Runs	Most in an Inns	Not out	Average
Mr C McGahey	12	878	145*	4	109.75
Mr P F Warner	10	629	197*	2	76.72
Mr H B Chinnery	7	425	165	0	60.71
Mr C B Fry	7	362	170*	1	60.33
Abel	21	930	111	5	58.12
Hayward	17	843	181	2	56.20
Mr R O Schwartz	7	333	74	1	55.50
Lilley	12	529	124	2	53.90
Kinneir	11	537	215*	1	53.70
W G Quaife	11	524	177	1	52.40
Tyldesley	18	867	221	1	51.00
Mr G W Beldam	16	713	150*	2	50.92
Mr G L Jessop	18	869	189	0	48.27
Mr L C H Palairot	10	460	103	0	46.00
Hirst	12	497	86	1	45.18
Mr J A Dixon	7	269	74	1	44.83
Mr C J B Wood	20	842	156	1	44.31
K S Ranjitsinhji	7	308	133	0	44.00
J Gunn	9	347	91	1	43.37
Carpenter	18	771	136	0	42.83
Mr H B Hayman	17	677	165	0	39.82
Mr A P Lucas	6	199	83	1	39.80
Mr P Perrin	13	516	189	0	39.69
Braund	15	551	115*	1	39.35
W Gunn	10	351	127	1	39.00
Mr S M J Woods	10	378	90	0	37.80
Mr A O Jones	13	443	95	1	36.91
Mr R E Foster	13	439	79	1	36.58
Mr S H Day	10	329	76	1	36.55
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	9	291	90*	1	36.37
Mr F Mitchell	16	507	100	1	33.80
Storer	19	633	107	0	33.31
Mr T L Taylor	13	359	97	2	32.63
Lord Hawke	9	253	69*	1	31.62
Mr L J Moon	6	156	102	1	31.20
J T Brown	17	460	81	2	30.66

Barton	11	306	122*	1	30.60
Mr H K Longman	10	303	150	0	30.30
Mr C J Burnup	20	605	141	0	30.25
Mr J R Mason	13	346	141	1	28.83
Mr D L A Jephson	15	413	133	0	27.53
Dr W G Grace	15	390	80	0	26.00

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	391.1	116	1001	80	12.51
Mold	144.3	34	372	28	13.28
Hirst	299.4	74	784	58	13.51
Mead	301.5	99	661	47	14.06
Hargreave	394.1	116	906	56	16.17
Sharp	318.3	65	937	57	16.43
J T Hearne	437.2	141	990	47	21.06
Mr W M Bradley	330.4	72	1058	50	21.16
J Gunn	237	72	564	26	21.69
Trott	419.4	97	1319	57	23.14
Richardson	386.3	69	1177	47	25.04

#### 10 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5674.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5674.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 June, page 12)

Although without their best batsman, Mr J H Sinclair, the South Africans at Cambridge yesterday accomplished a remarkably fine performance against the Cambridge bowlers, staying in during the five hours and 35 minutes that play lasted, and scoring 519 for the loss of only seven wickets.

The honours of the day belonged to Mr Hathorn, who, going in at the fall of the third wicket at a quarter to 2, made 203 not out. At every point his play was brilliant; and he gave only one chance - to Mr Hind in the slips when 81.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 June, page 14)

Cambridge came out rather badly from their losing fight yesterday, and to-day they required 453 to save an innings defeat with ten wickets left.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 June, page 11)

At Cambridge yesterday the South Africans beat the University by an innings and 215 runs. This was their third victory of the tour.

#### 10 June: ESSEX v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5675.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5675.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 June, page 12)

Runs were readily scored at Leyton yesterday, 432 being obtained for 11 wickets. At lunch time Essex looked like running up a very big total. Mr Owen and Mr Perrin were together and had played so freely as to make 50 in one period of 20 minutes; but Bestwick, who bowled very fast, and Hulme caused such a collapse that whereas only one man was out for 173 at the interval, six wickets were down for 218.

Mr Owen and Mr Perrin both played free and faultless cricket, adding 142 runs in an hour and 40 minutes; and Reeves hit up 87 in rather more than an hour. His vigorous batting after Mr Garrett and Mr Tossetti had stopped the breakdown gave the game its brightest feature. After completing 50, Reeves had a little luck, but for the most part he showed excellent form. He hit 13 fours and with Russell scored 90 for the ninth wicket in 35 minutes. Bestwick and Hulme bowled well on a perfect pitch, but otherwise the Derbyshire attack had little sting.

Mr Wright found the Essex bowling easy to score from, and Bagshaw seemed to be settling down when he was bowled off his body. Locker, a young professional, made his first appearance for Derbyshire. He batted in good style besides catching Mr McGahey very cleverly.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 June, page 14)

The bowling of Reeves and the batting of Mr Owen and Mr Perrin gave Essex all the best of the game at Leyton yesterday. Mr Wright and Locker, by adding 95 runs for the second wicket, left Derbyshire in a favourable position, and Mr Lawton and Needham, the famous football player, scored 65 while together.

In fact, the visitors had made 234 runs with only five men out, but then Reeves went on and in one over and five balls took the remaining wickets without a run being scored from him, while his total was only increased by a single. On a fast, true pitch this was a performance almost without precedent. Reeves kept a splendid length and bowled faster than his action suggested. The batsmen he dismissed were not first-rate batsmen; but under any conditions and against any batsmen it was a remarkable achievement.

The excellence of Reeves's bowling was emphasized by the easy manner in which the Essex batsmen scored when they went in a second time leading by 144 runs. Mr Owen and Carpenter hit up 80 in an hour, and then Mr Owen and Mr Perrin put on 132 without being separated. Although so handicapped by lameness that he had Mr McGahey to run for him during the last half-hour, Mr Owen played with more freedom than either of his partners. He scored his hundred, out of 185, in two hours and ten minutes, but afterwards was obviously too tired to make much effort to score. Mr Perrin played free stylish cricket, making most of his runs in front of the wicket by well-timed strokes all along the ground. When play ceased Essex, with nine wickets in hand, led by 356 runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 June, page 11)

The cricket yesterday at Leyton was a dull kind, and the match was drawn. Near the finish Essex had, perhaps, a chance of winning; but the bowling was not well managed and the delays caused by the showers deprived the Essex side of some time.

If they wanted to win the game Essex should have declared earlier. They followed the fashion, now so common, of thinking of individual centuries; and the delay caused by allowing time to Mr Perrin to get his three figures probably cost the side the match. Allowing even for this, if catches had been held Essex might have won.

Mr Owen's retirement through a strain left the captaincy in the hands of Mr A P Lucas, who, perhaps, did not give Mead a sufficient chance. Derbyshire are a poor side this year, but they deserved every credit for saving this match at Leyton. There was only a small company to see the end of the game.

10 June: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5676.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5676.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 June, page 12)

Gloucestershire and Worcestershire were unable to put representative teams into the field at Bristol yesterday. At the last moment Gloucestershire lost the services of Mr Oswald Jessop, who damaged his thumb while at practice, and the vacancy thus unexpectedly caused in the eleven was filled by Mr W H Rowlands, a Bristol amateur, who did well in a trial match last week.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 June, page 14)

Monday's cricket at Bristol went in favour of Gloucestershire, but yesterday the Worcestershire eleven pulled the game round and left off at the drawing of stumps with a big advantage. The best batting was again shown by Mr Foster, who scored 110 in two hours and 20 minutes. He was never in the slightest difficulty with the bowling. His innings, marked by great variety in hitting, was unquestionably one of the best he has played.

As the game stands now, Worcestershire are 308 runs ahead with four wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 June, page 11)

Whatever chance Worcestershire might have had of beating Gloucestershire at Bristol yesterday was destroyed by bad weather, which restricted the day's cricket to an hour and a quarter . . .

10 June: LANCASHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5677.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5677.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 June, page 12)

With Captain Wynyard, Mr Heseltine, Mr A J L Hill and Mr Sprot all away, Hampshire put a very weak batting side into the field against Lancashire at Liverpool yesterday, and, as was to be expected, they had all the worst of the day's cricket. Lancashire finished 133 runs ahead on the first innings with six wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 June, page 14)

The chances are all in favour of an easy victory for Lancashire at Liverpool to-day. At the drawing of stumps on Monday evening Lancashire had scored 239 for the loss of four batsmen, and when the total had been carried to 413 for eight wickets Mr MacLaren declared the innings closed. Mr Eccles played faultless cricket for two hours and 25 minutes, and among his figures were eight fours and eight threes. Hallows and Sharp added 103 runs in 75 minutes for the seventh wicket.

Hampshire had to go in against the heavy majority of 307, and the rest of the afternoon was made notable by the cricket of Captain Greig. He made a hundred out of 204 in two hours and 25 minutes. So far Captain Greig's cricket has been quite without blemish. The feature of his batting yesterday was his splendid late cutting. Apart from Mr Ward, Captain Greig found his best partner in Webb, who assisted him to put on 64 runs for the first wicket. As the game was left last evening Hampshire, with four men out, were still 27 runs behind.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 June, page 11)

At Liverpool, yesterday, the match between Lancashire and Hampshire ended in a draw. When play began in the morning Hampshire, with four wickets down in their second innings, were still 27 runs behind and, had Lancashire taken all the chances offered, they would in all probability have won easily.

Early in the day, however, two blunders were made for which a heavy price had to be made. At the fall of the fifth wicket Hampshire were only 14 runs to the good, and then, in the course of a few minutes, Webb twice missed Captain Greig at cover-point, first when that batsman had made 167 and again at 175. In each instance the chance looked to be easy. Profiting by this good fortune, Captain Greig carried out his bat for a magnificent innings of 249, which is, so far, the highest individual score of the season. Mr Robson, when 19, was also missed by Webb in the slips.

Lancashire were set 181 to get in two hours and 20 minutes, and an attempt was made to obtain the runs. For a time this policy was attended with disastrous results, half the side being out for 80 - an hour and ten minutes then remaining for play. Mr Hartley, however, met with more success than the earlier batsmen, and when, at 25 minutes to 6, rain set in and caused the match to be given up as a draw, the score had been raised to 111 without further loss.

10 June: LEICESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5678.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5678.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 June, page 12)

The honours in a brilliant batting performance by Sussex at Leicester, yesterday, belonged to Mr Fry, who was at the wickets the whole of the afternoon and made 237 not out. At starting he exercised some care, taking nearly an hour and a half to score his first 30 runs, but when once set, he put on runs at a good pace, his second hundred being made in two hours. He was batting five hours and a half, and apart from two hard chances - at 23 and 190 - he scarcely made a bad stroke.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 June, page 14)

The Sussex eleven, who had stayed all day at Leicester on Monday, scoring 491 for the loss of half their wickets, outplayed Leicestershire yesterday and finished up with every prospect of gaining another victory.

Mr Fry added only seven more to his overnight score of 237 not out. For five hours and 50 min he had batted in his best style. In this long innings there were only two chances - at 23 and 199. Among his hits were 26 fours and 23 twos. This is the highest score Mr Fry has made in first-class cricket, and with his not out 170 against Notts it gives him an aggregate of 414 in two consecutive innings for once out.

Leicestershire had to follow on 304 runs behind and, losing two wickets in their second innings, left off 258 runs behind.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 June, page 11)

Sussex won this match by an innings and 22 runs.

10 June: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5679.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5679.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 June, page 12)

At Lord's yesterday whereabouts Middlesex were establishing a strong position J Gunn, who had then made ten runs, gave a catch to Mr Moon at third man off Hearne's bowling, but the chance was missed. The same batsman subsequently profited by more kindness at the hands of Mr Beldam in the deep field, and had another life in the slips, so that for virtually four innings his 47 was only a moderate score, though he stayed the collapse of his side.

He and W Gunn had a partnership of 59 for the third wicket. Trott then carried all before him until Carlin came in and did a good deal to spoil his analysis. But Trott is not afraid of varying his pace and length and giving the batsman an easy one to hit. In this was the secret of the success of his fast yorker. Mr Bosanquet, the Old Etonian, also bowled well, and Mr MacGregor was very good at the wicket.

The Notts men bowled and fielded so well that at one time there seemed every chance of an even first innings, but Mr Beldam's steadiness saved the Middlesex side. Mr Beldam is not an attractive player to watch, but his usefulness in defence can be gathered from his last two innings. There was a large company to see yesterday's cricket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 June, page 14)



At Lord's yesterday Middlesex beat Notts by an innings and 14 runs. The ease with which the home side scored during the morning left few prepared for the utter collapse of Notts in their second innings, especially after the fine batting of Mr Jones and J Gunn.

Going in 174 behind, Notts made an indifferent start, losing Dench and W Gunn for 17. Then Mr Jones and J Gunn by splendidly free cricket put on 113 in an hour for the third wicket. Mr Jones hit with great vigour. His 81 contained one seven (six being run) and 16 fours. After Mr Jones left the Notts batsmen utterly failed against the bowling of Trott and Mr More, and the last seven wickets going down for another 30 runs, the match was over at ten minutes to 5.

The turf was dusty and greatly helped the bowlers. Trott bowled splendidly and in the match took 13 wickets for 140.

10 June: YORKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5680.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5680.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 June, page 12)

There was a sensational start to this match at Bradford yesterday. Surrey went in first and in half an hour lost half their wickets for 16 runs. At one end the turf seemed a little fiery, but the credit of dismissing the early Surrey batsmen so cheaply clearly belonged to Hirst, who combined great pace with remarkable accuracy of pitch.

Hirst somewhat discounted his fine work as a bowler by missing Hayward when that batsman had scored only 13. Wainwright also let him off when his innings had been advanced to 29. Yorkshire had a high price to pay; for Hayward afterwards showed his finest form against some excellent bowling and carried his bat out for 91. He was at the wickets for two hours and a half and his ten 4s, two 3s and five 2s. He received valuable support from Mr Leveson-Gower, who, at the most critical time, helped to put on 62 runs.

Mr Walker being missed by Lord Hawke when 15 assisted Hayward to add 66 for the seventh wicket, and, despite the disasters of the first half-hour, the Surrey innings extended over nearly three hours and amounted to 172. Hirst, though not quite able to maintain his pace to the end, bowled splendidly.

Yorkshire, on going in, found Lockwood very difficult to score from, and in two hours and a half made no more than 138. Still the number left them with a big advantage, the champions at the close of the day being only 34 runs behind with six wickets in hand. Brown batted poorly, but Tunnicliffe and Denton made a fine stand. Mr Crawford brought off two catches in the slips and also dropped two, letting off Mr Mitchell, who was still not out at the drawing of stumps.

After a dull morning the weather turned bright and about 20,000 people visited Park-avenue. Illness kept Mr T L Taylor out of the Yorkshire eleven, and Mr Jephson was prevented from leading the Surrey team by an injured knee.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 June, page 14)

For several hours at Bradford yesterday the game went steadily against Surrey until at one point, with three wickets down in their second innings, the southern team were 84 runs behind.

Abel and Hayward then made a magnificent effort which changed the whole aspect of the match. They offered a splendid defence against the Yorkshire bowlers for two hours and a quarter, and during that time put on 135 runs. With so much depending upon them, both batsmen played with marked caution, and even when well set took no liberties; but they neglected no legitimate opportunity of making runs. Of such a high standard was their batting that, so far from any chances being given, neither player made a really bad stroke.

Hayward at last was at fault in trying to turn a straight ball, but Abel kept up his wicket until the drawing of stumps, when, as the result of three hours and 40 minutes' most patient and watchful cricket, he had raised his score to 94. Hayward, whose admirable innings of 80 included ten fours, made his aggregate for the match 171 for once out. Each of the two famous Surrey batsmen completed

his 1,000 runs yesterday, Hayward, who wanted 66 to Abel's 67, attaining that distinction a few minutes earlier than his colleague.

After Hayward's departure Mr Crawford, playing freely, helped to add 55 runs in 40 minutes. Surrey, who had begun their second innings 118 runs in arrears, left off last evening 106 runs ahead with six wickets in hand.

In the early part of the day Yorkshire increased their overnight score of 138 for four wickets to 290. Hirst was out in the first over, but Lord Hawke, being missed when at ten, helped Mr Mitchell to put on 71 for the sixth wicket, and the last wicket produced 44. Mr Mitchell, who had made 26 overnight, carried out his bat for 106 - his third innings of 100 in three following matches. He gave a chance at ten and made a number of faulty strokes in the slips, but his driving on the off side was excellent. Included in his score were 17 fours.

Richardson yesterday took the six outstanding wickets and after resuming at 201 dismissed five batsmen for 47 runs. The weather proved rather cold and windy, but nevertheless about 15,000 people assembled at Park-avenue.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 June, page 11)

A splendid game between Yorkshire and Surrey ended at Bradford last evening in a draw, the champions at the close of play wanting 157 runs to win and having only three wickets to fall. Time thus robbed Surrey of a victory, but the southern team should have been well content with leaving off in so favourable a position, seeing that at the beginning of the match they lost half their wickets for 16 runs.

The close of play on Monday found Yorkshire with a big advantage - only 34 runs behind with six wickets in hand; but on Tuesday Abel and Hayward retrieved the ground lost, and Surrey entered upon the concluding stage of the encounter 106 runs ahead with six wickets to go down. Any chance of Surrey's being beaten was practically destroyed in the first hour, during which Abel and Mr Crawford carried the overnight score of 224 to 327. The two batsmen had come together with the score at 169, so their partnership for the fifth wicket, extending over an hour and 40 minutes, produced 158 runs. Abel, who was then out, had withstood the Yorkshire bowlers for four hours and 40 minutes and, except for one faulty hit when 112, scarcely made a bad hit during his long stay.

Mr Crawford gave a chance behind the wicket at 69 and should have been taken at long-off by Brown when 102, his dismissal being finally effected by Mr Mitchell, who with one hand brought off a brilliant catch at long-off. After his departure Mr Leveson-Gower and Mr Walker made a useful stand, adding 67 runs for the seventh wicket. Surrey declared at lunch time with the score at 431 for nine wickets.

Yorkshire had 314 to get to win in three hours and 40 minutes. Rain caused a delay of half an hour after Brown had been dismissed at 23. The only question remaining was whether Yorkshire would save the game. Three wickets were down for 49 just after 4 o'clock, five for 87 before 5 o'clock, and seven for 119 at half-past 5. An hour remaining for cricket, the chances were all in favour of Yorkshire's being beaten, but Lord Hawke and Haigh at this critical time offered a stubborn opposition and saved the champions from defeat, adding 38 runs without being separated.

The weather proved dull and, despite the prospect of an exciting day's cricket, the attendance fell to about 3,000.

Wednesday 12 June, page 14: THE ENGLISH TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

Mr MacLaren has practically settled arrangements with the Australian authorities to take out a team in the autumn. Mr G L Jessop, Hayward (of Surrey) and Lilley (the Warwickshire wicket-keeper) have definitely promised to join Mr MacLaren's side.

Thursday 13 June, page 11: THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Below will be found the present position of the counties in the competition for the county championship: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	9	8	0	1	8	100.00
Surrey	8	5	1	2	4	66.66
Lancashire	10	6	2	2	4	50.00
Warwickshire	5	3	1	1	2	50.00
Sussex	6	4	2	0	2	33.33
Middlesex	4	2	1	1	1	33.33
Notts	6	2	2	2	0	0.00
Hampshire	6	2	2	2	0	0.00
Kent	4	1	2	1	-1	-33.33
Essex	7	1	2	4	-1	-33.33
Gloucestershire	8	1	3	4	-2	-50.00
Leicestershire	5	1	4	0	-3	-60.00
Derbyshire	6	0	4	1	-4	-100.00
Worcestershire	7	0	6	1	-6	-100.00
Somerset	4	0	4	0	-4	-100.00

According to the rule laid down by the M.C.C., "one point shall be reckoned for each win, one deducted for each loss; unfinished games shall not be reckoned. The county which during the season shall have, in finished matches, obtained the greatest proportionate number of points shall be reckoned champion county."

13 June: KENT v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5681.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5681.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 June, page 12)

Kent, after a bad start, on the Private Banks' ground, Catford, yesterday, kept Notts in the field during the whole of the cricket hours, and at the drawing of stumps they had still three wickets in hand.

It was the fine batting of Mr Mason and Mr Baker which laid the foundation for their excellent score. During a partnership of an hour and 50 minutes they put on 136 runs. Although Notts were at fault in dropping catches, their ground fielding was good.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 June, page 14)

It was a day of varying fortunes at the Private Banks Ground, Catford, yesterday. Notts were put in a second time by Mr Mason, and at the drawing of stumps were 41 behind with seven wickets in hand. The Kent fielding throughout reached a high pitch of excellence.

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 June, page 13)

After an interesting day's cricket on the Private Banks' ground, Catford, on Saturday, Notts succeeded in playing a draw with Kent. Several times during the match the home side appeared to have the game well in hand, and Notts deserve great credit for the manner in which they extricated themselves from a losing position.

This was especially marked on Saturday morning, for Notts, who had followed on overnight 191 behind, and had made 150 for the loss of Mr Jones, Dench and William Gunn, with three wickets in hand were only 22 runs on. But a splendid stand by Arthur Shrewsbury and Carlin completely altered the aspect of the game, for during a partnership of an hour and three-quarters they put on 140 for the next wicket. Any chance Kent had of hitting off the runs was destroyed by some vigorous batting by Anthony and Wass, who made 65 in 35 minutes, and this enabled Mr Jones to declare his innings closed.

With only two hours left for play Kent required 230 to win, but as there was no chance of getting the runs in the time they made no attempt to force matters.

13 June: LANCASHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5682.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5682.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 June, page 12)

Rain fell steadily in Manchester for the greater part of yesterday and, in consequence, no start could be made in the Lancashire and Surrey match . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 June, page 14)

The Surrey team did very badly at Old Trafford yesterday, an innings on each side leaving them 155 runs in arrears.

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 June, page 13)

The ground at Old Trafford on Saturday was still showing the effects of Thursday's heavy rain and, as might have been expected from the position in which the game was left on Friday evening, Surrey suffered defeat, Lancashire winning by nine wickets. Still, the Surrey eleven made a very creditable fight in the matter of Saturday's cricket. The same thing, however, could hardly be said of their deplorable breakdown on Friday.

For a time it seemed almost certain that they would be beaten in a single innings. They had to start their second innings in the morning against a majority of 155, and, in spite of the good batting of Abel, Lockwood and Hayward, there were six wickets down at a quarter past 1 for 89. Then Lockwood found an excellent partner in Mr Jephson. These two carried the score to 125 before lunch time, and were not separated until it had reached 148, their partnership for the seventh wicket producing 59 runs in 70 minutes. The balance on the first innings was hit off with three wickets in hand, but shortly before 4 o'clock the innings was all over for 196. Webb bowled very well, and by taking seven wickets for 81 runs had his share in the ultimate success of his side.

Lancashire only wanted 42 to win, and this number they hit off in 35 minutes for the loss of Mr MacLaren's wicket.

13 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5683.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5683.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 June, page 12)

Yesterday was a bowler's day at Lord's. There [were] plenty of good batsmen, but none could resist the bowling of Dr Grace and Mead.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 June, page 14)

At Lord's yesterday the London County team beat Marylebone by four wickets. Dr Grace's bowling and Mr W Smith's batting were the best features of a dull game on a bowler's wicket.

13 June: SOMERSET v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5684.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5684.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 June, page 12)

The visitors were outplayed at Taunton, yesterday, a completed innings on each side leaving them in a minority of 189 runs. Mr Lionel Palairet scored 72 out of 115 in less than an hour and a half. All the Somerset batsmen got their runs freely; Lewis gave one chance, but otherwise played soundly for nearly an hour and a quarter, his leg hitting being particularly good.

The South Africans started well, Mr Tancred and Mr Shalders scoring 43 for the first wicket. When Mr Sinclair was in 42 runs came in 15 minutes; twice Mr Sinclair drove Cranfield over the Press-box. After he left at 96 the last six wickets fell for 38 runs. Gill caused this collapse. Going on at 76, he dismissed five men at a cost of 25 runs, and in five overs [balls?] he bowled Mr Prince, Mr Graham and Mr Kotze, none of the batsmen timing the pace of the ball accurately.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 June, page 14)

Somerset stayed in until 5 o'clock and ran up the big score of 440, the innings being declared closed with nine wickets down. With the almost impossible task of getting 630 runs to win the South Africans fared badly, losing four wickets for 75 in an hour and ten minutes.

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 June, page 13)

Somerset won this match at Taunton on Saturday by 341 runs. Two hours only were taken in the finishing of the game.

13 June: WARWICKSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5685.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5685.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 June, page 12)

The Warwickshire wicket-keeper Lilley was very unfortunate in the weather for his benefit match at Birmingham yesterday. Yorkshire, who won the toss, made 51 for the loss of one wicket, Tunnicliffe being out with the score at 44.

Under such depressing conditions as prevailed it was no matter for surprise that the company on the Edgbaston ground numbered under a thousand. Yorkshire have the same eleven as against Surrey at Bradford, and Warwickshire are at full strength.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 June, page 14)

A very fine display of batting was given by the Yorkshire eleven yesterday at Birmingham, and they raised their overnight score of 51 for one wicket to 401 for five wickets, when they declared their innings closed.

The most successful of the Yorkshire batsmen were Brown and Mr Mitchell, each of whom scored over 100. A heavy storm stopped play for the day at half-past 5, when Warwickshire had lost one wicket for no runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 June, page 13)

Lilley's benefit match at Birmingham was quite a success in its final stage, the attendance on the Edgbaston ground on Saturday being estimated at fully 10,000.

Warwickshire started in the morning from a somewhat unpromising position, as, in face of Yorkshire's score of 401, they had lost one wicket - that of Devey - without a run. Rain having fallen on the two previous days, there was considerable uncertainty as to how the wicket would play, but, after helping the bowlers more or less for an hour or so, it improved so much that in the latter part of the afternoon there was little or no fault to be found with it. Under these circumstances Warwickshire did not have a very heavy task in saving the match, and long before the end of the day they were free from all risk of defeat.

They began very badly, having three wickets down for 14 and four for 39, but from the time that Lilley became Quaife's partner everything went well for the side. Quaife went in second wicket down and was not out 118 when, at the fall of Warwickshire's last wicket, the game was left drawn. He hit 16 fours, four threes and nine twos. Lilley, Charlesworth and Mr Glover helped him to put defeat out of the question, and after that Santall, who hit with plenty of vigour, assisted him to score 122 runs in an hour and 50 minutes for the eighth wicket.

13 June: WORCESTERSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5686.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5686.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 June, page 12)

On a good wicket at Worcester, yesterday, the home county had much the better of the play. The partnership of Mr R E Foster and Arnold turned the fortune of the game when two men were out for 25. They added 150 runs in about an hour and a half, Mr R E Foster, who scored his 98 in an hour and three-quarters, hitting 14 fours. Mr H K Foster also batted very freely, scoring his 50 in an hour.

Derbyshire were unlucky in having to bat when the light had become bad, and they finished the say 321 runs behind with seven wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 June, page 14)

The Derbyshire batting broke down badly at Worcester yesterday and the home county gained a victory by an innings and 49 runs.

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THE OXFORD ELEVEN. - It is understood that Mr F P Knox, the Oxford captain, has given blues to Mr E W Dillon, Mr G W F Kelly, Mr W Findlay and Mr H J Wyld.

Monday 17 June, page 13: THE AVERAGES

The averages of the leading cricketers are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Runs	Most in an Inns	Not out	Average
Mr C McGahey	13	880	145*	4	97.77
Mr P F Warner	11	647	197*	2	71.68
Mr C B Fry	10	640	244	1	71.11
W G Quaife	12	642	177	2	64.20
Hayward	21	1036	181	3	57.55
Abel	25	1086	125	5	54.30
Mr G W Beldam	17	802	150*	2	53.46
Lilley	13	568	124	2	51.63
Tyldesley	22	1017	221	2	50.85
Kinneir	12	548	215*	1	49.81
Mr G L Jessop	19	846	169	0	49.78
Mr P Perrin	15	691	189	1	49.35
Mr F Mitchell	19	787	162*	3	49.18
Mr L C H Palairet	12	584	103	0	48.66
Mr R E Foster	16	696	110	1	46.40
Captain J G Greig	14	518	249*	2	43.16
K S Ranjitsinhji	8	345	133	0	43.12
J Gunn	13	503	91	1	41.91
Llewellyn	15	609	216	0	40.60
Mr C J B Wood	24	929	156	1	40.39

Carpenter	22	834	136	0	40.18
Braund	17	629	115*	1	39.31
Mr S H Day	14	460	75	2	38.33
Mr P C Baker	13	487	96	0	38.23
Mr H B Hayman	18	682	165	0	37.83
Mr A O Jones	17	602	95	1	37.62
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	11	365	90*	1	36.50
Mr H G Owen	13	435	106*	1	36.25
Mr R E More	9	325	133	0	36.13
Mr S M J Woods	12	423	90	0	35.25
Mr J R Mason	15	454	141	2	34.92
Lord Hawke	11	313	69*	2	34.77
J T Brown	20	615	121	2	34.16
Storer	23	723	107	0	31.43
W Gunn	14	401	127	1	30.84
Mr H K Longman	12	361	150	0	30.03
Mr V F S Crawford	20	534	122	2	29.66
Mr C J Burnup	21	611	141	0	29.09
Brockwell	19	456	101	2	26.82
Tunnicliffe	20	480	145	2	26.66
Lockwood	16	365	66*	2	26.07
Mr D L A Jephson	17	443	133	0	26.05
Dr W G Grace	17	403	80	0	23.70
Mr A C MacLaren	19	417	82	0	21.94

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mead	379.5	127	803	57	14.08
Dr W G Grace	241.4	75	566	39	14.51
Rhodes	503.1	156	1270	87	14.59
Hirst	394.4	83	1022	69	14.81
Hargreave	421.1	117	1000	56	17.85
Sharp	402.4	76	1263	69	18.30
S Webb	387	101	927	48	19.31
Lockwood	204.2	77	834	42	19.85
Trott	509.4	116	1582	76	20.81
Vine	363	74	1079	50	21.58
Mr W M Bradley	395.4	88	1246	57	21.85
J T Hearne	462.2	151	1067	48	22.22
Richardson	480.1	89	1405	60	23.41
Llewellyn	373.3	98	1055	45	23.44
Lees	370.2	94	993	42	23.64
J Gunn	300	86	733	30	24.43

#### THE COUNTIES

The record of the championship competition is now as follows: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	10	8	0	2	8	100.00
Lancashire	11	7	2	2	5	55.55
Warwickshire	6	3	1	2	2	50.00
Surrey	9	5	2	2	3	42.85
Sussex	6	4	2	0	2	33.33
Middlesex	4	2	1	1	1	33.33
Notts	7	2	2	3	0	0.00
Hampshire	6	2	2	2	0	0.00
Kent	5	1	2	2	-1	-33.33
Essex	7	1	2	4	-1	-33.33
Gloucestershire	8	1	3	4	-2	-50.00
Leicestershire	5	1	4	0	-3	-60.00
Worcestershire	8	1	6	1	-5	-71.42
Derbyshire	6	0	5	1	-5	-100.00

Somerset                    4        0        4        0        -4        -100.00

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Mr J E Raphael, captain of cricket at Merchant Taylor's School, who has just been elected to the Andrew scholarship for St John's College, Oxford, has already this season made five centuries for the school.



17 June: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5687.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5687.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 June, page 12)

The batting of Mr G L Jessop was the best thing in the day's cricket at Bristol yesterday. With the exception of Mr Fowler and Mr O Jessop the rest of the side gave him little support, and at the drawing of stumps Derbyshire were left in the better position.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 June, page 11)

Yesterday, at Bristol, remarkable batting was shown for Derbyshire by Mr Wright and Chatterton, and by their efforts the side are now well within sight of victory.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 June, page 7)

There was no chance at Bristol yesterday of playing the match out, a steady rain restricting the cricket to an hour and 20 minutes. The score of the drawn match is given below . . .

17 June: HAMPSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5688.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5688.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 June, page 12)

Leicestershire made a very good show at Southampton yesterday. They were chiefly indebted for this to King's batting, who went in first wicket down and was fifth out at 241. When he and Mr Crawford were in 154 were added for the fourth wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 June, page 11)

Hampshire gave a capital display of batting at Southampton yesterday, though they fell 35 runs short of the big score obtained by their opponents.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 June, page 7)

There would in any event have been little chance of bringing the match to an issue at Southampton yesterday; and rain came on shortly after half-past 3 and prevented any further cricket. The score of the drawn game is given below . . .

17 June: KENT v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5689.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5689.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 June, page 12)

The cricket at Tonbridge yesterday was excellent alike in batting, bowling and fielding. Kent, on a batsman's wicket, made a very good innings, but the play of Mr Dillon, the old Rugby boy, and Mr J R Mason exceeded in excellence everything else. Mr Mason was perhaps scarcely so quick as usual in getting his runs, but his driving and cutting were extremely good.

Middlesex fielded well, but neither J T Hearne nor Trott found his length. The best bowling for Middlesex was done by Rawlin and Mr More. The first match of the Tonbridge week is for Walter Wright's benefit.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 June, page 11)

In a splendid day's cricket on an easy wicket at Tonbridge yesterday Middlesex established a strong lead. With three wickets gone in the second innings Kent are still 45 runs behind, and had Rawlin in the last half hour of the day held a catch from Mr Mason - a very dangerous batsman to give a life to - at short leg off Mr More the Kent team would have been in a worse plight.

The cricket of the day was excellent. Mr MacGregor played as well as he did when he went up from Uppingham to Cambridge - and in his first year at Cambridge there was not a better bat in the eleven. Mr J Douglas's wonderful innings of 84 was so good as to make one regret that his mastership at Dulwich allows him so little time for big cricket. Then when Middlesex looked like finishing only level there was free play by Trott, Mr More and Rawlin; and the last three wickets yielded 230 runs. The Kent fielding was generally good and Huish kept wicket well, while Mr Bradley bowled with great energy and endurance and with some bad luck.

Tonbridge excels itself this week in its claims to recognition as one of the best Kentish festivals. Splendid weather prevailed and there was a crowd of 10,000 people on the Angel ground.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 June, page 7)

A splendidly contested match at Tonbridge was won last evening by Middlesex by two wickets. Middlesex had only to make 126 in the last innings, but the Kent bowlers did so well and the fielding and wicket-keeping were so close and keen that the odd 26 runs were still wanted when Mr MacGregor and Rawlin got together, with eight of the side gone. Everyone expected Middlesex to win easy, for the pitch was hard and true; but the early Middlesex batsmen were afraid to force the game and the Kent bowlers kept a beautiful length.

17 June: LONDON COUNTY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5690.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5690.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 June, page 12)

Although Cambridge University have been doing none too well this season, they managed to make a good score at the Crystal Palace yesterday in the first of their fixtures away from home. The value of their performance was to some extent neutralized by the weak bowling side which was opposed to them. Throughout the day runs were put on at a steady rate, and the cricket generally was marked more by its consistency than by any innings of individual merit.

Mr Robertson was batting nearly two hours and a quarter for his 78, which included ten fours, and when he and Mr Blaker were together 77 were put on for the fifth wicket. This was the best stand during the innings. Although dismissing two men, Lilley was not quite so safe at the wicket as usual, but the London County fielding generally was good, while the catch by Mr Smith which got rid of Mr Longman was worthy of mention.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 June, page 11)

Yesterday's cricket at the Crystal Palace again demonstrated how weak Cambridge University are in bowling this season. Although there were several fine performances there was nothing to beat Dr Grace's 72. His timing was marked by all his well-known precision, and his method of dealing with anything approaching a short ball was perfect. Another pleasing feature of the day was the form shown by Mr W Smith, who has done good service for Oxfordshire.

Cambridge had a trying time in the field, but their work was excellent, especially the fielding of Mr Blaker, who, among other things, held a hard drive at mid-off from K S Ranjitsinhji. Mr W P Robertson was not so safe as usual at the wicket, and this was all that could be urged against them. By arrangement, unless the match should be otherwise finished, the game will be decided on the first innings.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 June, page 7)

London County beat Cambridge University at the Crystal Palace yesterday by an innings and 73 runs.

17 June: SURREY v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5691.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5691.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 June, page 12)

Without their best side (Mr H K Foster and Arnold were both away) Worcestershire did fairly well at the Oval yesterday, and there is every prospect of a long match.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 June, page 11)

All the excellence of the cricket at the Oval yesterday was with Surrey, and at the drawing of stumps they were left in practically a winning position. For this they were chiefly indebted to Abel and Mr Crawford, whose partnership realized 227.

Mr Crawford's 159, for which he was in two hours and a quarter, was marked by his fine driving and included 29 fours. Although not scoring at the same rate, Abel's innings was of great value, while later the batting of Hayward went a long way to establish Surrey's advantage. Mr Jephson is suffering from water on the knee, and in his absence Mr Crawford acted as captain.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 June, page 7)

At the Oval yesterday Surrey beat Worcestershire by an innings and four runs. Mr R E Foster's batting was the feature of the closing stage of the cricket. Richardson and Lockwood bowled exceedingly well.

17 June: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5692.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5692.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 June, page 12)

Mr A O Jones, the Notts captain, enjoyed a great personal triumph yesterday at Brighton, putting together the big score of 249 and thus tying with Captain Greig for the highest innings of the season. He made his runs in three hours and 55 minutes out of a total of 414, and though scoring at a splendid rate his play was singularly free from any serious blemish.

When 15 he was nearly caught at point by Mr Fry and he made one or two strokes that fell harmlessly. He did not drive to the off as much as is usual with him, but hit with great power on the other side of the wicket, while his square-leg hits were admirable. His chief hits were 39 fours, four threes and 25 twos. This is Mr Jones's second highest score in first-class cricket, being only surpassed by his 250 against Gloucestershire at Bristol two years ago.

J Gunn, who showed capital form, helped his captain to add 128 in an hour and a half, but the big stand of the day was that for the fourth wicket, Mr Jones and Shrewsbury putting on 183 in an hour and 40 minutes. In scoring 453 for four wickets Notts were only batting for four hours and a half.

Though he went out to practise, K S Ranjitsinhji did not take part in the match, owing to the presence of Barlow as one of the umpires. Last season at the Oval some trouble arose between K S Ranjitsinhji and Barlow, and though the latter sent a letter of apology which the county captains considered adequate, the Sussex captain took the opposite view.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 June, page 11)

At lunch time at Brighton, yesterday, Mr Jones, the Notts captain, found himself in a position to close the innings. By that time the overnight score of 453 for four wickets had been advanced to 642 for the loss of three more. Shrewsbury, after playing excellent cricket for nearly three hours, just missed his 100, but Iremonger and Carlin put on 121 runs for the sixth wicket in 80 minutes, each batsman making his highest score for Notts.

For a time Sussex fared very badly as, though Mr Goldie hit up 56 out of 68 in 50 minutes, gald the side were out for 114. Later Vine batted with great steadiness.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 June, page 7)

With the wicket remaining sound the Sussex eleven at Brighton yesterday did not have much difficulty in saving their match with Notts. The home county had lost eight wickets overnight for 263, and after the first hour's cricket yesterday they did not at all look like being beaten. Vine and Tate brought about this state of things, staying together for an hour and 40 minutes and adding 96 runs. In making 84 Tate surpassed anything he had previously done for the county. Vine took out his bat after being in for nearly four hours.

When Sussex followed on Mr Fry played a capital game and Vine again batted with extreme caution. Sussex deserved every praise for their sound batting.

17 June: YORKSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5693.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5693.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 June, page 12)

In the opening of their match with Yorkshire at Leeds yesterday the Essex eleven fully held their own with their formidable opponents. Indeed, on the day's play, they gained something of an advantage. In being put out in four hours for 252 the Yorkshire eleven scarcely played up to their reputations, and they would not have made so many runs had the Essex bowling been properly supported.

Mr Mitchell and Lord Hawke were the only batsmen to master the attack. Going in when two wickets had fallen for 17, Mr Mitchell played without fault for an hour and 40 minutes, while Lord Hawke hit up 60 out of 80 in an hour and 20 minutes. The Yorkshire captain made one mistake, but he gave a bright display. Five other members of the side reached double figures, but their batting was of moderate quality. The match drew a crowd of 15,000 people.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 June, page 11)

The match at Leeds, which had promised to produce a keen fight, came to a rapid end yesterday, Yorkshire winning by an innings and 60 runs. Some rain fell during Monday night, and to such an extent had it affected the pitch that the Yorkshire bowlers carried everything before them. Rhodes bowled nine overs for 11 runs and four wickets, and Haigh also had a remarkable average.

When Essex followed on, Mr Perrin played finely, but despite his efforts five wickets were down for 39. Careful defence having quite failed, the remaining batsmen tried what free hitting would do. They met with some little success, but there never seemed much chance of avoiding the single innings defeat and, with Mr Tosetti prevented from batting by an injured hand, the side were all out for 95. Rhodes again bowled finely, and in the match he took ten wickets for just under eight runs each. There were about 7,000 people on the ground.

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THE CAMBRIDGE ELEVEN. - Mr S H Day, the Cambridge captain, has given Mr W P Robertson his blue.

20 June: DERBYSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5694.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5694.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 June, page 12)

Cricket at Derby yesterday was restricted to three hours, rain several times interrupting play and finally causing stumps to be drawn at a quarter-past 6 o'clock. Warwickshire were very fortunate to win the toss, for runs were easy to get owing to the wet ball.

For the first time this season the Warwickshire eleven is being captained by Mr H W Bainbridge. Derbyshire are giving a further trial to Warren, who played in eight matches for the county in 1897.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 June, page 13)

Warwickshire completely outplayed their opponents at Derby yesterday, and left off with every prospect of an easy victory, Derbyshire, with a wicket down in their second innings, requiring 171 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

The feature of the early play was the stand by W G Quaife and Lilley, who added 93 runs for the fifth wicket. For his not-out innings of 117 Quaife was batting just over three hours. It was his third successive hundred and his fourth three-figure score in five innings.

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 June, page 9)

At Derby, on Saturday, rain robbed Warwickshire of victory. The conclusion of the Derbyshire innings had left the visiting team with only 38 to get to win, but before they could go in the downpour began, and at 20 minutes to 6 the match was given up as a draw.

20 June: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5695.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5695.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 June, page 12)

In spite of a delay caused by the rain Kent got through an innings at Tonbridge yesterday in the second match of the week. The wicket was slow, but the ball came along pretty easily. Tate's seven wickets for 83 runs was a fine performance, and his bowling was seen to better advantage than it has been for a long time. The Sussex bowling and fielding were so good that Kent had to fight hard for their runs. Mr Burnup, Mr Dillon and Mr Marsham all played fine cricket.

K S Ranjitsinhji rejoined the Sussex side and his usefulness as a bowler was apparent. The weather looked like breaking up, but there was a good attendance on the Angel ground and the success of the Tonbridge week is assured.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 June, page 13)

The cricket at Tonbridge yesterday was excellent. Mr Fry was the batsman of the day. K S Ranjitsinhji went in rather late and was not quite himself; he played on at the finish. Kent were handicapped by Mr Bradley's straining himself, but he resumed bowling after a delay of about two hours.

Mr Newham, Vine and Killick all batted excellently, and in the end Sussex had a lead of 135. Kent in their second innings lost two wickets for 19 runs. The weather was beautifully fine and there was a company of about 6,000.

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 June, page 9)

Everything pointed to an early finish in this match on Saturday at Tonbridge. Kent were beaten by an innings and 64 runs. Overnight the home county had only reduced the 135 runs lead of Sussex by 19

for the loss of Mr Burnup and Humphreys, and much rain in the early morning, followed by bright sunshine, made run-getting a matter of extreme difficulty.

Few, however, were prepared for such a collapse by Kent, who were all dismissed for 71. The man who wrought the havoc was Tate, the Sussex slow bowler. On a pitch altogether to his liking he bowled with great success, and was responsible for the dismissal of seven batsmen. His record for the match was 14 wickets at a cost of under nine runs apiece.

20 June: LANCASHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5696.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5696.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 June, page 12)

There was scarcely an hour and a half of actual cricket at Manchester yesterday, owing to rain. Essex were handicapped by the absence of Mead, who, owing to the serious illness of his wife, returned to town, while Mr Lucas, Mr Turner and Mr Tosetti were also away. Mr MacLaren was unable to play for Lancashire owing to an attack of rheumatism.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 June, page 13)

Heavy rain during the night, followed by bright sunshine, made the pitch at Old Trafford yesterday very treacherous, and Lancashire, helped by the conditions, secured such a strong advantage over Essex that with all their wickets in hand they are now 143 runs to the good.

At the outset the turf was so wet that the bowlers were greatly handicapped and, seizing the opportunity, Holland and Hallows, the overnight not-outs, added another 101 runs before they were separated. When once, however, a wicket had fallen, the bowlers carried everything before them for the rest of the afternoon, 16 wickets going down while only 145 more runs were scored. Altogether Holland and Hallows put on 145 runs for the fourth partnership, both men playing excellent cricket.

As the day wore on the pitch became very bad, and after lunch Reeves met with such success that he took four wickets for four runs apiece. Apart from a fine display of defensive cricket for 75 minutes by Mr McGahey, there was nothing of note in the Essex innings.

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 June, page 9)

Rain saved Essex from defeat at Old Trafford on Saturday, no cricket being possible after half-past 4. At that time, with only four wickets to fall, Essex wanted 185 runs to win. Lancashire started with ten wickets standing in their second innings and with a lead of 143. They were batting till lunch time, the overnight score of six being increased to 165 for six wickets, and during the interval the innings was declared closed.

Essex had a heavy task when they went in after lunch to get 303 to win, and there never seemed the least likelihood of the runs being obtained. The early play was marked by nothing but disaster, Carpenter and Mr Owen being out at one and Mr McGahey at 12. After this, however, the batting improved, Mr Perrin playing splendid cricket and being well supported by Mr Garrett. Seventy-eight runs were added in an hour, and then Mr Garrett and E Russell were out to Hallows's bowling.

Mr Kortright left at 110, and the position of Essex was desperate. Buckenham went in next and, when the score had been raised to 118, rain drove the players from the field. The weather became worse instead of improving, and at half-past 5, as the outlook was hopeless, it was agreed to abandon the match.

20 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5697.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5697.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 June, page 12)

Play at Lord's was limited to a little over three hours, and in that time no fewer than 17 wickets fell. The cricket was of an interesting character, as runs were always difficult to get. Trott's bowling wanted a lot of watching, and Pearson was the only player on the Worcester side that batted with any confidence. The whole side was disposed of in an hour and 50 minutes.

Chiefly owing to the plucky hitting of J H King the M.C.C. had equalled their opponents' total at the fall of the fifth wicket, but at the close of play the advantage was infinitesimal.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 June, page 13)

The score at Lord's last evening was left thus . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 June, page 9)

Rain fell so heavily in the St John's-wood district on Friday night that further play in the match was not possible until five minutes past 1 on Saturday. As might have been expected, the batsmen were always in difficulties. Worcestershire won by 109 runs.

20 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5698.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5698.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 June, page 12)

The weather was dull at Nottingham yesterday and the attendance fell far short of the crowd that the presence of the unbeaten Yorkshire eleven might have been expected to attract. The day's play was marred by an accident, Arthur Shrewsbury, before the match had been an hour in progress, splitting his hand so badly in stopping a hard cut at point that he had to give up all idea of taking any further part in the game. Lord Hawke allowed his place in the Notts team to be filled by Harrison.

Yorkshire, represented by exactly the same side that defeated Essex at Leeds on Tuesday, were batting for three hours and 40 minutes, but it cannot be said that in getting out for a score of 204 they showed anything like their usual form. Before the interruption there did not seem anything the matter with the wicket, and even after the rain it was not at all soft.

The honours clearly rested with Denton, who alone met with much success. In making his first 30 runs he was very uncertain; but after that his hitting was most brilliant. After the rain the last five wickets went down in less than an hour for 49 runs. John Gunn bowled in capital form and, except that Denton was missed when he had made 64, the Notts fielding left nothing to be desired.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 June, page 13)

There has been nothing so sensational in the cricket field this season as the play yesterday at Trent-bridge. A night's rain was followed by a sunny morning, and when at last - at about ten minutes to 1 - the condition of the ground admitted of the game being resumed, the Notts eleven collapsed in a style unexampled in county cricket.

Overnight they had lost Hallam's wicket for one run, and in 50 minutes the innings was finished off for 13, the batsmen finding Rhodes and Haigh unplayable. Including the few minutes on Thursday, the innings lasted as nearly as possible an hour. Mr A O Jones hit a four to leg and Carlin a two, the other seven runs being all singles. Of the two bowlers Rhodes was the more successful, taking six wickets for four runs as against Haigh's four wickets for eight.

This total of 13 is the smallest on record in county matches, the previous lowest being 16 by Derbyshire in 1879 and by Surrey in 1880, both these scores, curiously enough, being obtained against Notts. It is not, however, the smallest in first-class cricket, that unenviable record still belonging to Oxford University, who, batting one man short, were put out by the M.C.C. at Oxford in 1877 for 12.

In the case of an innings so remarkable as that of yesterday it will be interesting to give the fall of the wickets. They were: -

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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1	3	3	4	8	8	10	10	12	13

It was, of course, an inglorious display on the part of the Notts eleven, but they could plead in excuse for their failure that on such a wicket they could not have had two more difficult bowlers to play than Rhodes and Haigh.

Notts had to follow on after luncheon against a balance of 191, and a brilliant start was made by Mr Jones and Iremonger, 82 runs being scored in an hour before Mr Jones left. He ought to have been stumped when he had made 14, but for all that he played a forcing game with splendid skill. W Gunn and Mr Dixon failed, but J Gunn, when he joined Iremonger, hit very finely, and just after 5 o'clock Notts, with seven wickets in hand, were only 409 runs behind.

There then seemed little fear of a single innings defeat, but Hirst, going on for the second time, bowled in irresistible form, taking six wickets in nine overs and a ball for only 11 runs. With this wonderful piece of work he finished the match soon after 6 o'clock, Yorkshire winning by an innings and 18 runs, and so gaining their tenth victory in county matches this season. Iremonger, who carried his bat through the innings, played with great skill for three hours, his display being one that cannot fail to increase his reputation. So far this season Rhodes has taken 104 wickets.

20 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5699.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5699.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 June, page 12)

There was a keen day's cricket at the Oval yesterday, and Cambridge University, who at one period had the better of the position - ninety being on the board with only one man out - had a disastrous half-hour at the end of the day, which more than neutralized their advantage.

All the excellence of the Surrey batting belonged to Abel, who going in first was the last to leave. He made a couple of bad strokes in the slips in the twenties and forties, but otherwise his play was marked by great skill and judgment. He was out to a catch at third man after batting near two hours and three-quarters, and his innings included 10 fours. The Cambridge fielding was good, while Mr Wilson and Mr Dowson proved most successful with the ball.

Cambridge are giving a trial to a new fast bowler in Mr Dewé, of Queens' College and an old Marlborough boy, who is in his third year. But yesterday he failed to keep a good length.

When Cambridge went in Mr Longman was soon out, but Mr Day and Mr Wilson showed such excellent form that the score was taken to 88 without further loss when rain drove the players to the pavilion. When the game was resumed the bowling of Richardson and Smith proved too much for the Cambridge batsmen. Mr Wilson was out at 93, while for another two runs three more wickets fell.

Mr W P Robertson was given a rest by Cambridge, and Surrey were without Mr Jephson, Hayes, Lockwood, Brockwell and Lees.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 June, page 13)

There was nothing exceptional in the cricket at the Oval yesterday, but at the drawing of stumps the game was left in an interesting position. When Cambridge continued their first innings they did badly, and it was only the batting of Mr Hind and Mr Dewé which enabled the score to reach something like respectable dimensions. Smith bowled excellently, and his three wickets yesterday morning were taken for 17 runs.

With the pitch much faster the Surrey batting was not so skilful as usual. Mr Crawford's 66, which was marked by strong driving, was made in 80 minutes and included 11 fours. The Cambridge fielding was again good. Mr Dowson, who varied his bowling well, took nine wickets in Surrey's two innings for just under ten runs apiece.



Requiring 270 to win, Cambridge had half an hour's batting and at the close they were left with 243 to get to win with nine wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 June, page 9)

After an excellent match Surrey beat Cambridge University at the Oval on Saturday by 44 runs. The position of the game overnight pointed to an interesting finish, but heavy rain in the early hours of Saturday morning lessened the University's chance of success.

For the first hour or so after the effects of the roller had worn off the pitch gave promise of being difficult, but there was not sufficient sun to bake the surface and the wicket remained slow, although the ball at times popped up and required careful watching. The Surrey bowlers did not make the most of their opportunities and were found wanting in length.

The chief honours were carried off by Mr S H Day, the Cambridge captain, who, going in wk down at 58, took his bat out for a fine innings of 91. Mr Day made nearly all his runs in front of the wicket, being equally strong on either side, and his cricket throughout was marked by great judgment. He was batting over three hours and a quarter, and his chief hits were two fives and eight fours.

Mr Wilson, who had made 23 overnight, played excellent cricket, scoring all but 10 of the runs while he was in. Mr Longman also showed good form, but does not possess the strength of either Mr Day or Mr Wilson on the on-side. With 200 on the board for the loss of six wickets there seemed just a chance that Cambridge might pull the match out of the fire, but Mr Day could get no one to stay and the game was over at 20 minutes past 4.

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THE CAMBRIDGE ELEVEN. - Mr S H Day has given Mr H K Longman his Blue.

Monday 24 June, page 9: THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Below will be found the present positions of the counties: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	12	10	0	2	10	100.00
Lancashire	12	7	2	3	5	55.55
Surrey	10	6	2	2	4	50.00
Warwickshire	7	3	1	3	2	50.00
Middlesex	5	3	1	1	2	50.00
Sussex	8	5	2	1	3	42.85
Hampshire	7	2	2	3	0	0.00
Notts	9	2	3	4	-1	-20.00
Essex	9	1	3	5	-2	-50.00
Gloucestershire	9	1	3	5	-2	-50.00
Leicestershire	9	1	4	1	-3	-60.00
Kent	7	1	4	2	-3	-60.00
Worcestershire	9	1	7	1	-6	-75.00
Derbyshire	8	0	5	3	-5	-100.00
Somerset	4	0	4	0	-4	-100.00

THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

	Innings	Total Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
W G Quaife	14	857	177	3	78.81
Mr C McGahey	17	904	145*	4	69.53
Mr C B Fry	13	807	170*	1	67.25
Mr P F Warner	13	685	197*	2	60.45

Abel	28	1361	138	5	59.17
Hayward	24	1143	181	4	57.15
Lilley	15	697	124	2	53.61
Mr G L Jessop	21	1092	169	0	52.00
Tyldesley	24	1099	221	2	49.95
Mr L C H Palairet	12	584	103	0	48.66
Mr G W Beldam	19	816	150*	2	48.00
Mr F Mitchell	21	861	162*	3	47.83
Mr A O Jones	20	902	249	1	47.47
Mr P Perrin	19	805	189	2	47.35
Kinneir	13	560	215*	1	46.66
Mr R E Foster	18	782	110	1	46.00
Captain J G Greig	15	595	249*	2	45.76
Mr S H Day	16	592	91*	3	45.53
Llewellyn	16	656	216	0	41.00
Mr R E More	11	410	133	1	41.00
Mr C J B Wood	26	1022	156	1	40.88
K S Ranjitsinhji	10	402	133	0	40.20
J Gunn	16	586	91	1	39.06
Braund	18	645	115*	0	37.94
Mr V F S Crawford	23	761	159	2	36.23
Mr J R Mason	19	615	141	2	36.17
Hirst	17	572	86	1	35.75
Carpenter	26	926	136	0	35.61
Mr S M J Woods	12	423	90	0	35.25
Mr H B Hayman	20	704	165	0	35.20
Mr E W Dillon	12	422	143	0	35.16
Mr J A Dixon	9	278	74	1	34.75
Mr P C Baker	15	520	95	0	34.66
Mr L G Wright	21	726	155	0	34.57
Lord Hawke	13	374	69*	2	34.00
Mr T L Taylor	13	359	97	2	32.63
J T Brown	22	648	121	2	32.40
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	13	377	90*	1	31.41
Mr H G Owen	15	436	106*	1	31.14
Mr A P Lucas	9	239	83	1	29.87
Storer	26	770	107	0	29.61
Denton	21	557	80	2	29.31
Mr C J Burnup	25	730	141	0	29.20
Mr H K Longman	16	463	150	0	28.93
Mr E R Wilson	9	253	48	0	28.11
Mr W P Robertson	13	369	78	0	27.61
Dr W G Grace	18	475	80	0	26.38
W Gunn	17	422	127	1	26.37
Mr D L A Jephson	17	443	133	0	26.05
Chatterton	21	495	169	2	26.05
Shrewsbury	15	322	96	2	24.76
Brockwell	22	462	101	2	23.10
Mr A C MacLaren	19	417	82	0	21.94
Thompson	14	261	59	2	21.75

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	576.5	182	1405	104	13.60
Mead	415.5	139	881	62	14.20
Hirst	440.5	106	1110	78	14.23
Dr W G Grace	269.4	83	622	40	15.55
Tate	341.1	97	830	50	16.60
Lockwood	332.2	79	941	49	19.20
Trott	625.4	147	1893	94	20.13
Cranfield	291.5	58	908	45	20.17
Mr D L A Jephson	270.5	36	784	38	20.63
Mr W M Bradley	479	110	1511	71	21.28
J Gunn	380.1	124	844	39	21.64

Richardson	575.1	106	1689	74	22.82
G Rowe	388.1	82	1176	48	24.60
Mr E M Dowson	370.4	102	1009	41	24.60
J T Hearne	539.2	175	1240	50	24.80

24 June: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5700.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5700.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 June, page 11)

In the match which began at Gloucester yesterday Mr MacLaren, who is suffering from a chill, was again unable to play for Lancashire. The northern county, on the other hand, had the assistance, for the first time since Whit-week, of Mold. For Gloucestershire Mr C L Townsend and Mr W S A Brown appeared for the first time this season, and a place on the side was given to Mr S Lane, the local cricketer who did well against Surrey some weeks ago.

The day's cricket was greatly restricted by heavy showers and defective light, which made it necessary to draw stumps at 6 o'clock. In the hour and 50 minutes before luncheon Lancashire scored 109 for two wickets, but they fared badly afterwards on a pitch severely affected by a downpour of rain which came on during the interval. When the second shower fell, at 4 o'clock, there were six men out for 163.

The best stand of the day was made by Ward and Holland, who put on 84 runs in an hour and a half for the third wicket. Ward, however, who took two hours and ten minutes to score his 48, was missed by Board before he had made a run. In the last hour Hallows played very well, and after the fall of the ninth wicket received effective support from Mold.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 June, page 13)

The bowlers had the better of the game at Gloucester yesterday until the closing hours, when Lancashire established an advantage. Tyldesley's batting was particularly good. He made 63 out of 93 in an hour. Lancashire are 222 on, with six wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 June, page 11)

Lancashire beat Gloucestershire at Gloucester yesterday by 108 runs.

24 June: LEICESTERSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5701.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5701.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 June, page 11)

The weather proved very unfavourable at Leicester yesterday and less than three hours' cricket was played. There was no particular feature in the play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 June, page 13)

Essex on a bowler's wicket had all the better of the cricket at Leicester yesterday. The batsmen had to struggle hard for their runs, and at the close Essex were 196 on, with three wickets left.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 June, page 11)

Essex beat Leicestershire yesterday, on a wicket made false by rain, by 79 runs, at Leicester.

24 June: SOMERSET v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5702.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5702.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 June, page 11)

The opening of the cricket week at Bath yesterday was marked by unfavourable weather. Rain fell heavily in the morning, and this not only spoilt the wicket, but naturally affected the attendance. For some time the pitch was too soft to give the bowlers much aid.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 June, page 13)

After an exciting finish Worcestershire beat Somerset at Bath yesterday by 26 runs. The ground was faster than on Monday, but so much damage had been done to the pitch that the bowlers easily had the upper hand.

Overnight Somerset, with seven men out for 95, were 62 behind, and the innings being finished off for an addition of only three runs, Worcestershire were left with a lead of 59. In Worcestershire's second innings, Mr R E Foster alone was seen to anything like advantage. He went in second wicket down at 18 and was sixth out at 92.

Somerset were left with 170 to get to win, but so badly did they fare for a time that six men were out for 78. At this point Mr Hill was joined by Mr Hyman, and a great effort was made to win. It was not until the total had reached 130 that a separation was effected, and with only 40 runs required the chances were, if anything, in favour of the home side.

24 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5703.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5703.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 June, page 11)

Surrey made the Oxford bowling at the Oval yesterday look very moderate stuff, but if Oxford had made the most of their opportunities the Surrey total would have been considerably less. Hayes was missed in the slips at 14 and Lees gave a chance before he had scored.

The honours of the day were carried off by Hayes and Holland, who put on 161 for the third wicket in an hour and a half. Hayes was out to a well-judged catch at long-off at 240. As usual, he played a forcing game, and his 121, for which he was batting two hours and a quarter, included 13 fours, five threes and 11 twos. Holland was in exactly the same time.

Hayward, although playing correct cricket, was slow by comparison, but for style and finish his was the best innings of the day, while Mr Leveson-Gower was also seen to advantage. Towards the close there was some fast scoring by Lees and Richardson, and added 54 in 20 minutes for the last wicket. Mr Bomford kept wicket very well, but the Oxford fielding was uncertain. Several catches were dropped which ought to have been held, but generally their ground work was fairly good. Mr More bowled with bad luck, as both Lees and Hayes were missed off him. His catching of Hayward was worthy of mention.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 June, page 13)

Surrey had much the better of yesterday's cricket at the Oval. After Oxford had followed on, 250 behind, they lost half their wickets in their second innings for comparatively few runs and at the close still required 155 to save an innings defeat.

The Oxford batting, although consistent, was disappointing and at no time did they really appear to master the bowling. Generally there was an absence of life about their play; in consequence of which a good proportion of their runs were made behind the wicket. Mr Kelly, by some powerful driving, showed that the Surrey bowling possessed no terror for him, but the majority erred on the side of

caution. Mr Dillon, who was out to a splendid catch at point in the first innings, played the most attractive cricket, being especially strong on the leg side.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 June, page 11)

Surrey beat Oxford University at the Oval yesterday by an innings and 119 runs. When they resumed their batting Oxford gave such a bad display against the bowling of Lees and Richardson that the five outstanding wickets added only 36 runs, and the match was over at a quarter to 1.

24 June: SUSSEX v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5704.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5704.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 June, page 11)

At the Hove ground, yesterday, Cambridge opened their last county trial match, and batting first on a fairly fast wicket ran up the very respectable score of 347. Sussex were without the services of Bland, their fast bowler, who has not recovered from his recent indisposition; otherwise the side was strongly represented.

The best thing in the early cricket was the batting of Mr L V Harper. He went in first and was fourth out, scoring 63 out of 157 in two and a half hours. His cutting was brilliant and he did not make a bad stroke. Mr Robertson's was a very lucky innings, for he was missed four times. Mr Dowson played well towards the close, and Mr Johnson and Mr Fergus displayed considerable hitting powers.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 June, page 13)

Mr Fry played a fine innings at Brighton yesterday and, with Mr Goldie, placed Sussex in a very strong position. Against a total of 360 Sussex went in about noon, and at the drawing of stumps had scored 476 for the loss of only four wickets. Their position would not have been so good had the Cambridge fielding been accurate; several catches were missed.

Mr Fry, by contributing an innings of 200, completed his 1,000 runs for the season; he never played better cricket and was batting five hours. Except for a chance to Mr Longman at point when 89, his innings was faultless. Among his hits were 34 fours.

He and Mr Vine put on 203 runs for the first wicket; but the most exhilarating cricket was seen when Mr Fry and Mr Goldie added 204 runs in 90 minutes. Mr Fry was the first to leave, being caught at deep square leg. Mr Goldie's 100 only took him 40 [?] minutes to make. He gave two chances, one at five and the second before he had reached 50. During his stay he scored 19 boundary hits. As the game now stands Sussex are 116 runs on, with six wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 June, page 11)

At Brighton yesterday Sussex beat Cambridge University by an innings and 73 runs. K S Ranjitsinhji and Relf added 100 in a little over an hour, and when the total had been carried to 571 for five wickets the innings was declared closed.

Requiring 211 runs to avert a single innings defeat Cambridge went in again at 1 o'clock. Tate on a worn wicket proved almost unplayable, and nine wickets fell for 52 runs. Mr Day, however, then batted well and scored 82 out of 86 for the last wicket.

24 June: YORKSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5705.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5705.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 June, page 11)

Kent could only take a moderate side down to Sheffield to meet Yorkshire, University engagements taking away Mr Day, Mr Blake and Mr Dillon, while Mr Baker was disabled by an injury to his hand. Yorkshire, however, with Mr T L Taylor recovered from his recent indisposition, placed their full strength in the field. For all that Kent, when yesterday's cricket came to an end, had the better of the game, leaving off only 53 behind with five wickets in hand.

The state of the match held forth promise of a very different result to the day's play. Lord Hawke, for the fourth time in succession, won the toss, and so finely did Tunnicliffe hit that in less than an hour Yorkshire had 100 runs on the board with only one man out. Brown assisted him to put on 64 runs for the first wicket and Denton stayed while 54 more were added for the second. After Denton's dismissal, however, Mr Mason bowled in such splendid form that the other eight wickets fell for 83 runs.

Tunnicliffe, who was third out at 122 - finely caught in the long field - might have been disposed of for 8, but afterwards made a series of powerful drives from Mr Bradley and Mr Mason, his 64 including 13 fours. Mr Mason, although freely punished at first, never lost his length and bowling all through the innings took seven wickets for 90 runs.

Kent, going in against a total of 201, lost three wickets in 50 minutes for 22 runs, but although Mr Mason batted steadily for an hour half the side were out for 68. At this point Mr Marchant joined Hearne, and the latter batting steadily while his partner cut and drove brilliantly, 80 runs were added without further loss in three-quarters of an hour. Of this number Mr Marchant made the large proportion of 64. The game, the first played at Sheffield this season, attracted about 15,000 people.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 June, page 13)

Yorkshire had rather an anxious time at Sheffield yesterday until late in the afternoon, but they managed to set Kent 2293 runs to get to win, and thus left off yesterday evening with excellent prospects of adding one more to their already long list of victories.

The champions began their innings at some slight disadvantage, as Kent, with five wickets in hand, were only 53 runs in arrear. Mr Marchant and Hearne had taken the visitors' score from 68 to 148 without being separated, and yesterday these two batsmen added 20 more, their partnership, although lasting only an hour, producing 100 runs.

After Hearne's dismissal Brown bowled so effectively that when Mr Bradley, the last man, joined Mr Marchant, Kent were still 15 runs behind. Mr Marchant, however, continued to hit brilliantly, and when the innings came to an end he had made 111 out of 150 in 95 minutes. He played faultless cricket, his beautifully hit innings containing 17 fours, two threes and ten twos.

Yorkshire, beginning their second innings 17 runs behind, lost Tunnicliffe and Denton for 23, and although Mr Taylor and Brown added 57, the home side, with four men out, were only 65 ahead at lunch time. Afterwards everybody played up well, the last six wickets producing 227 runs. Hirst hit freely, and Mr Mitchell obtained his runs in fine form, while Wainwright was at the wickets for an hour and 40 minutes and hit a six and ten fours. Rhodes and Hunter put on 45 for the last wicket, the innings closing for 309.

The cricket on both sides was maintained at a high level all day. The weather proved dull, but a company of about 10,000 people assembled at Bramall-lane.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 June, page 11)

Yesterday, at Bramall-lane, the Kent batting broke down in an hour and a half the side were all out for a total of 80. Yorkshire thus won by 212 runs. The wicket yesterday was worn, but its condition, as compared with what it was on the previous day, could hardly have been such as to account for the difference in the scoring. Probably, however, the batsmen were handicapped by the defective light.

Kent on starting lost five wickets to Hirst and Rhodes for 31 runs. Mr Mason and K S Singh afterwards played well. Mr Mason, who was eighth out at 71, stayed in for 50 minutes. Rhodes bowling unchanged took five wickets for 34 runs, and Haigh, who did not go on until the total had

reached 61, secured three of the last five for ten runs. The finish of the game was watched by about 3,000 people.

24 June: LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105749.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105749.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 June, page 11)

The South Africans began a match against Liverpool and District at Liverpool yesterday. The weather was beautifully fine, but recent rain had damaged the pitch, and to such an extent did the ball beat the bat that 23 wickets fell for 353 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 June, page 13)

The home team resumed this match with a big advantage, being 99 runs on with seven wickets in hand. But the remainder did little and the South Africans won by five wickets. Mr Tancred, Mr Hathorn and Mr Halliwell all batted well.

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Present position: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	13	11	0	2	11	100.00
Lancashire	13	8	2	3	6	60.00
Surrey	10	6	2	2	4	50.00
Warwickshire	7	3	1	3	2	50.00
Middlesex	5	3	1	1	2	50.00
Sussex	8	5	2	1	3	42.85
Hampshire	7	2	2	3	0	0.00
Notts	9	2	3	4	-1	-20.00
Essex	10	2	3	5	-1	-20.00
Worcestershire	10	2	7	1	-5	-55.55
Gloucestershire	10	1	4	5	-3	-60.00
Leicestershire	7	1	5	1	-4	-66.66
Kent	8	1	5	2	-4	-66.66
Derbyshire	8	0	5	3	-5	-100.00
Somerset	5	0	5	0	-5	-100.00

27 June: DERBYSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5706.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5706.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 June, page 12)

Considering that they were without Mr L G Wright, Derbyshire made a very good fight with Yorkshire yesterday. The Glossop ground seemed in capital condition for run-getting, but against Bestwick's fast bowling Yorkshire did badly. Mr Taylor and Mr Mitchell saved the side by adding 127 runs in an hour and 35 minutes when three wickets had fallen for 24. The admirable play of the two amateurs was in strong contrast with the poor form shown by the majority of the side.

Bagshaw and Locker began Derbyshire's innings by scoring 40, but after they were separated the batting broke down, the Yorkshiremen, as usual, working very keenly in the field.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 June, page 15)

With the last few Derbyshire batsmen quickly dismissed at Glossop, yesterday, Yorkshire secured a lead of 72 on the first innings, and going in a second time they did much as they liked. By brilliant batting Brown and Tunnicliffe scored 121 in rather more than an hour, and after the fall of the fifth wicket at 268 Wainwright and Whitehead added 91 in an hour. So after four hours' batting Lord Hawke closed the innings.

The expectations of getting several wickets in the last 40 minutes was not realized, only one falling, but Derbyshire were left with an apparently hopeless task, wanting 398 runs to win.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 July, page 12)

Yorkshire beat Derbyshire at Glossop on Saturday by 245 runs, the match coming to an end before 2 o'clock. The success of the champions had been practically assured at the drawing of stumps on Friday evening, as Yorkshire, declaring with five wickets down, had set Derbyshire 432 to get to win and had dismissed one batsman for 34.

Locker and Warren batted creditably at the start of Saturday, and when seven wickets had fallen for 129 Mr Wood and Needham added 31, but the innings was all over for 186. Haigh took nine wickets in the match for 14 runs each, and Rhodes seven for 12 runs each. With this victory over Derbyshire Yorkshire completed half of their championship programme. Out of 14 matches 12 have been won and two left drawn. They have met every county except Sussex, whom they oppose at Bradford to-day.

27 June: ESSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5707.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5707.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 June, page 12)

At one time at Leyton yesterday it seemed as if Surrey would be out for a small score, but Abel, Hayes and Hayward succeeded in checking the Essex bowlers and the innings was not over until 20 minutes past 4.

Essex started even worse than Surrey, Mr Owen falling in the first over, and at eight Mr Perrin left. Carpenter and Mr McGahey, however, played steadily and were together until stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 June, page 15)

The Essex innings at Leyton yesterday was singularly like that of Surrey, inasmuch as only three of the home batsmen offered any serious resistance. The last eight Essex wickets only added 92 runs, so that Surrey held a lead of 32 on the first innings.

Abel was quickly out in the second innings, but Holland and Hayward played the bowling with the greatest of ease. The former at 77 gave a hard chance at mid-off to Mr Lucas, who injured his hand so badly that he was obliged to leave the field. Holland reached 100 in two hours and 20 minutes and his 129 included 14 fours. When stumps were drawn Surrey were 315 runs on with four wickets down.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 July, page 12)

At Leyton on Saturday Essex succeeded in bringing about a draw, which was in a great measure due to a splendid defensive game on the part of Mr McGahey, who was batting over three hours. On Friday night Surrey held the substantial lead of 315 runs and had only lost four wickets. This was increased to 402 before the innings was declared closed.

Essex had about five hours left, and with Carpenter bowled in the first over all they could hope for was a draw. Mr Perrin batted remarkably well, but after he had been disposed of Mr Owen and Mr Garrett quickly left. With four wickets down it seemed as if Essex would meet with defeat, but Mr Lucas, after giving a hard chance to Lockwood at point, stayed with Mr McGahey from half-past 3 until a quarter to 6 o'clock, and half an hour later stumps were drawn.



27 June: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5708.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5708.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 June, page 12)

In a commonplace day's cricket at Bristol, yesterday, the score was left as follows . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 June, page 15)

At Bristol, yesterday, Mr Jessop played a characteristic innings of 106, which he made in 90 minutes, out of a score of 145; he hit one six, one five and 13 fours. Every man on the Gloucestershire side scored double figures. Warwickshire, with ten wickets left, are 120 runs behind.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 July, page 12)

At Bristol on Saturday Gloucestershire gained their second success this season in county matches, defeating Warwickshire by nine wickets.

27 June: KENT v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5709.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5709.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 June, page 12)

Batting first against Kent at Maidstone yesterday, Worcestershire gained an advantage by first completing an innings themselves for 291 and then in the last 35 minutes getting rid of three Kentish men for 46.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 June, page 15)

Wilson's bowling enabled Worcestershire to establish a lead of 158. In their second innings the visitors, though starting none too well, completed their innings for 250, leaving Kent with 409 to win.

Mr Foster again batted well, and Bowley, Wheldon and Hunt scored freely. When stumps were drawn Kent still wanted 362 with nine wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 July, page 12)

At Maidstone on Saturday Worcestershire beat Kent by 184 runs, the match coming to an end at half-past 1. Kent on Friday night required 362 runs to win, with nine wickets in hand.

At no time did the home side look like making a fight of it. The best batting was shown by Hearne. Going in first wicket down at eight on Friday evening he was third out at 111, and, except for a chance to Wilson in the slips when 16, he made no mistake during his stay of an hour and 50 minutes.

27 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5710.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5710.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 June, page 12)

Cambridge University, in the last of their trial matches at Lord's yesterday, gave a very fair display and at the drawing of stumps they were able to claim a slight advantage.

The honours of the day were carried off by Mr Wilson and Mr Dowson, who both played splendid cricket, while the batting of Mr Day and Mr Robertson was also good. Cambridge were without Mr Blaker and Mr Longman, while Mr Robertson was given a rest at wicket and Mr C E Winter took the gloves.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 June, page 15)

After having slightly the worst of the opening day's cricket, the Marylebone Club yesterday at Lord's established a strong advantage. For their favourable position the club were almost entirely indebted to Mr F L Fane and Mr G J V Weigall.

Going in 162 behind, Cambridge lost four wickets, and at the drawing of stumps they still had arrears of 11 runs, so that they will have to fight hard to avoid defeat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 July, page 12)

After a good match the Marylebone Club beat Cambridge University in the last of their trial games at Lord's on Saturday by seven wickets. At the close of play overnight everything pointed to the ultimate success of the club, for Cambridge in their second innings had lost four wickets and were still 11 runs behind. But they made an excellent fight of it and were only beaten just before time.

The honours of the day belonged to Mr Dowson and Mr Robertson, whose stand for the fifth wicket produced 152 runs. Mr Dowson, who is a typical hard-wicket batsman, played splendid cricket for his 105. He was in some two hours and a half, and his chief hits were 12 fours, three threes and 13 twos. Mr Hind also played a good innings for his side; but he had more than his share of luck, as he was twice missed before reaching double figures.

Requiring 221 to win and less than two hours and 40 minutes still left for play, Marylebone, thanks to some vigorous batting by Mr Fane, King and Trott, just managed to hit off the necessary runs.

27 June: SOMERSET v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5711.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5711.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 June, page 12)

Mr Lionel Palairet played a great innings at Bath yesterday. Scoring rapidly from the start, he made 52 out of 64 in 40 minutes, 100 out of 166 in an hour and a quarter, and 182 in three hours and a quarter, the total at his dismissal being 298. A chance in the slips when 20 alone marred a wonderful display of batting, his chief figures being 22 fours, four threes and 19 twos. A large company watched the cricket in splendid weather.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 June, page 15)

Lancashire did very badly at Bath yesterday. After their bowling had been so freely hit that Somerset's last five wickets added 149 in an hour and three-quarters, the visitors were dismissed in rather more than three hours. Following on, they lost a wicket, and to-day require 314 runs to save being beaten in a single innings.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 July, page 12)

Somerset enjoyed a great triumph at Bath on Saturday, beating Lancashire in a single innings with 117 runs to spare. Though the wicket was quite sound Lancashire gave an indifferent display. They had lost one wicket in their second innings for two runs, and were all out in two hours and a half for 199.

Seeing that they had only a draw to play for the Lancashire men did not adopt the right tactics. Garnett and Tyldesley put on 77 runs in three-quarters of an hour, and after they were parted at 109 the batting went to pieces, seven men being out at lunch time for 136. Afterwards Sharp hit up 40 of

the last 63 in half an hour, but on the whole the Lancashire batting was unworthy of the side and the occasion. Braund bowled skilfully and the Somerset fielding was excellent.

27 June: SUSSEX v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5712.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5712.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 June, page 12)

At Eastbourne yesterday Oxford University kept their opponents in the field throughout the day, scoring 451 for eight wickets. Mr Knox, the captain, played for four and a quarter hours without giving a chance, scoring 198 out of 451. This is his highest innings in first-class cricket and his best hits were 31 fours. Mr Hollins helped him to add 168 for the fifth wicket in a little under two hours.

Cordingley, the Yorkshireman, who will be qualified for the Southern county next season, took Bland's place.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 June, page 15)

Sussex gave a disappointing display at Eastbourne yesterday. There was nothing to account for their breakdown, as the wicket played quite as well as on the opening day. It was not encouraging to the side when Mr Fry was dismissed without scoring and, although Vine and Mr Goldie put on 91 for the second wicket, their good example was not followed by the other batsmen. K S Ranjitsinhji played some brilliant cricket during his short stay.

Sussex had to follow on 226 behind. In this match Oxford have shown a distinct improvement in batting and bowling, and their fielding has been clean and sure.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 July, page 12)

At Eastbourne on Saturday Essex were extricated from a bad position by the brilliant batting of Mr C B Fry, who, for the second time in the week, played an innings exceeding 200. Mr Goldie and Mr Fry played attractive cricket for an hour and a half, during which time the score was increased by 119. Later in the innings the partnership of Mr Fry and K S Ranjitsinhji realized 167 runs in less than an hour and a half, the Sussex captain then being run out. He hit 16 fours. Mr Fry for his 219 was batting five hours and 20 minutes without giving a chance, and hit 18 fours.

When Oxford went in 188 runs behind, there were scarcely two hours left for play. Five wickets fell for 107, and then the game was abandoned as a draw.

Saturday 29 June, page 15

Yesterday Mr S H Day almost completed his side to play at Lord's on Thursday. There is only the question of the eleventh place, which rests between Mr L F Driffield and Mr G Howard-Smith.

The following will play: - \*Mr S H Day, captain, \*Mr E R Wilson, \*Mr E M Dowson, \*Mr A E Hind, \*Mr R N R Blaker, \*Mr A H C Fergus, Mr W P Robertson, Mr H K Longman, Mr L V Harper, Mr P R Johnson and Mr L F Driffield or Mr G Howard-Smith.

\* Blues.

Mr F P Knox gave Mr F H Hollins his blue yesterday, and the Oxford eleven at Lord's will include for certain the following eight players: - \*Mr F P Knox, \*Mr R E More, \*Mr C H B Marsham, Mr E W Dillon, Mr H J Wyld, Mr W Findlay, Mr G W F Kelly and Mr F H Hollins.

\*Blues.

Monday 1 July, page 12: THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	16	1267	244	2	90.50
W G Quaife	16	839	177	3	72.23
Mr C McGahey	21	1059	145*	5	66.18
Hayward	27	1346	181	5	61.18
Mr P F Warner	13	656	197*	2	60.45
Lilley	17	796	124	3	56.85
Mr L C H Palairret	14	783	182	0	55.82
Abel	31	1414	138	5	55.53
Mr G L Jessop	24	1241	169	0	51.70
K S Ranjitsinhji	13	590	133	1	49.16
Mr R E Foster	22	1018	110	1	48.47
Tyldesley	18	1248	221	2	48.00
Mr G W Beldam	19	816	150*	2	48.00
Mr A O Jones	20	902	249	1	47.47
Mr F Mitchell	25	1022	162*	3	46.45
Kinneir	15	643	215*	1	45.92
Captain J G Greig	15	595	249*	2	45.76
Mr S H Day	20	744	91*	3	43.75
Mr K O Goldie	17	725	140	0	42.64
Mr P Perrin	23	893	189	2	42.52
Mr C J B Wood	28	1067	156	1	39.81
J Gunn	16	585	91	1	39.66
Braund	21	700	115*	1	37.30
Mr F P Knox	11	401	198	0	36.45
Mr H B Hayman	20	704	165	0	35.20
Mr P C Baker	15	520	65	0	34.00
Mr L G Wright	21	726	155	0	34.57
Mr V F S Crawford	25	705	169	2	34.17
Wrathall	21	716	135	0	34.04
Carpenter	30	1021	136	0	34.03
Vine	19	570	83	2	33.52
Mr E M Sprot	10	288	92	2	33.50
Mr J R Mason	23	654	141	2	32.57
J T Brown	28	778	121	2	32.33
Mr R E More	15	450	133	1	32.14
Mr T L Taylor	17	481	97	2	32.06
Mr S M J Woods	15	474	90	0	31.00
Mr E M Dowson	19	553	105	1	30.72
Hirst	21	907	86	1	30.35
Mr E W Dillon	16	476	143	0	29.75
Mr A P Lucas	11	291	83	1	29.10
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	16	435	90*	1	29.00
Lord Hawke	16	359	69*	2	28.50
Storer	28	783	107	0	28.14
Denton	23	590	80	2	28.09
W Gunn	17	422	127	1	26.37
C R Hartley	26	631	112	2	26.29
Mr D L A Jephson	17	443	133	0	26.05
Dr W G Grace	20	501	86	0	25.05
Mr E R Wilson	13	324	57	0	24.92
Shrewsbury	15	322	96	2	24.76

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	660.3	215	1583	119	13.30
Mead	513.5	174	1038	76	14.44
Hirst	608.5	120	1279	84	15.22
Tate	431.4	124	994	83	15.77

Dr W G Grace	296.1	87	681	42	16.21
Mold	220.3	42	640	37	17.29
Hallam	354.4	129	715	39	18.33
Lockwood	378.2	89	1052	57	18.45
Cranfield	392.5	81	1166	62	18.80
Sharp	486.1	85	1513	78	19.39
Hargreave	514.1	138	1284	65	19.75
Trott	695.4	156	2133	100	21.33
J Gunn	380.1	124	844	39	21.64
Richardson	589.1	136	1897	85	22.05
Mr W M Bradley	576.3	134	1793	81	22.13
J T Hearne	609.1	188	1450	58	25.00
Mr J R Mason	396.3	105	1112	44	25.27
Vine	523	122	1547	50	25.78
Roberts	427	105	1324	51	25.86

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The results up to date are printed below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	14	12	0	2	12	100.00
Surrey	11	6	2	3	4	50.00
Middlesex	5	3	1	1	2	50.00
Lancashire	14	8	3	3	5	45.45
Sussex	8	5	2	1	3	42.85
Warwickshire	8	3	2	3	1	20.00
Hampshire	7	2	2	3	0	0.00
Notts	9	2	3	4	-1	-20.00
Essex	11	2	3	6	-1	-20.00
Gloucestershire	11	2	4	5	-2	-33.33
Worcestershire	11	3	7	1	-4	-40.00
Somerset	6	1	5	0	-4	-66.66
Leicestershire	7	1	5	1	-4	-66.66
Kent	9	1	6	2	-5	-71.42
Derbyshire	9	0	6	3	-6	-100.00

1 July: DERBYSHIRE v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5713.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5713.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 July, page 12)

There was no play in the following fixtures yesterday owing to the effect of the rain on the grounds:

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Chesterfield: Derbyshire v London County . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 July, page 7)

Monday proved a blank day at Chesterfield and yesterday was not much better, as less than 90 minutes' play was practicable.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 July, page 11)

The match at Chesterfield yesterday was drawn.

1 July: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5714.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5714.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 July, page 12)

The ground at Bristol yesterday was so much in favour of the bowlers that in the course of the day 17 wickets went down for 286 runs. Only the fine hitting of Mr Palairret and the patient defence of Lewis redeemed the Somerset batting before luncheon from failure. Mr Palairret made most of his runs by drives. After the interval Mr Hill and Gill made a stand, Gill scoring freely off Paish, who proved very expensive.

Gloucestershire started badly, three wickets being lost for three runs, while Mr Jessop left at 18. At 20 minutes to 6 the bad light stopped play for the day. Though the weather was gloomy the attendance was the best seen on the Bristol ground this season.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 July, page 7)

Gloucestershire, who had on Monday, at Bristol, lost seven wickets for 89 runs, were all out yesterday morning for 118, Somerset thus gaining a lead of 79. Before the visiting county could go in a second time a heavy storm delayed the game for an hour and 40 minutes.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 July, page 11)

Somerset beat Gloucestershire at Bristol yesterday by 127 runs. The wicket was made false by the overnight rain and the bowlers carried all before them.

1 July: HAMPSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5715.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5715.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 July, page 12)

There was an even day's cricket at Southampton yesterday on a slow wicket. Mr R E Foster played a very fine innings.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 July, page 7)

There was no cricket at Southampton yesterday owing to the wet weather. Worcestershire on Monday made an innings of 146, and Hampshire scored 110 for nine wickets.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 July, page 11)

Worcestershire gained a clever win at Southampton yesterday by 91 runs. Bird bowled splendidly against Hampshire and got 14 wickets in the match for 109 runs.

1 July: LANCASHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5716.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5716.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 July, page 12)

There was little play at Old Trafford yesterday, owing to the bad weather.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 July, page 7)

In the match at Old Trafford yesterday the score was left as follows . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 July, page 11)

Lancashire beat the South Africans at Old Trafford yesterday by eight wickets.

1 July: M.C.C. AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5717.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5717.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 July, page 12)

There was a slow wicket at Lord's yesterday in the early part of the day, and later, under the influence of the sun, it became sticky. It was this state of the wicket which led to Oxford's misfortunes in the last two hours of the day, when Hearne and Mead found a pitch exactly to their liking.

Marylebone had a good side and, though their score was comparatively small, there was plenty of good batting. Mr Fane was steady, but Mr Bosworth-Smith played freely; the best cricket of the innings however was that of Sir Timothy O'Brien. The Oxford captain varied his bowling with much success and five of his men took a wicket in their first over. The fielding, too, was excellent, Mr Munn and Mr Crawford being particularly good.

With a tricky wicket the Oxford men made a very poor show against the M.C.C. professionals.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 July, page 7)

The weather ruined the cricket at Lord's yesterday; and the match was abandoned before 6 o'clock soon after Oxford had gone in to make over 200 to win on a false pitch. Mr Crawford's hitting placed the University on terms with Marylebone. In the second innings of the club Mr Knox's slow leg breaks were very profitable for his side and Mr Williams made the ball turn wonderfully when he bowled out Sir Timothy O'Brien, Trott and Mr Archer.

1 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5718.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5718.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 July, page 12)

There was no play in the following fixtures yesterday owing to the effect of the rain on the grounds:

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Nottingham: Notts v Leicestershire.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 July, page 7)

Following a blank day owing to rain, some interesting cricket was witnessed at Nottingham yesterday. In the absence of sunshine the wicket was not so difficult as would otherwise have been the case, and on the whole the batsmen fared fairly well.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 July, page 11)

Thanks mainly to some fine bowling by John Gunn, the Notts eleven beat Leicestershire at Trent Bridge yesterday by 157 runs. Leicestershire lost their last five outstanding wickets for 45 runs and found themselves 67 runs behind, John Gunn obtaining four of these wickets for three runs.

When Notts went in a second time Iremonger batted with marked care, but John Gunn, Carlin and Mr Dixon all made their runs at a good pace. The innings was declared closed at 159 for four wickets, leaving Leicestershire two hours and 25 minutes in which to obtain 227 runs.

The Leicestershire batting failed before the bowling of John Gunn and Hallam. Gunn was quite the hero of the match as, in addition to two useful scores, he obtained 12 wickets for 67 runs.

1 June: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5719.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5719.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 July, page 12)

At the Oval yesterday play was always interesting, for the batsmen had to fight hard for their runs. Kent were fortunate to have first innings, and to this was due their favourable position at the close of play.

A start was not made until half-past 12 as the wicket was so soft on account of the rain. For a time the bowlers were at a disadvantage, but as soon as the pitch began to dry they carried everything before them. Mr Burnup and Alec Hearne put on 111 for the first wicket, but immediately they were parted the success of the batsmen stopped.

When Surrey went in the pitch was even worse and the ball frequently beat both the batsman and the wicket-keeper. Seven wickets were down for 54, and but for Lees and Mr Leveson-Gower the score would have been small indeed. Lees, who was out to a good catch at long-off, made 22 out of 31 for the eighth wicket. He hit at everything and was twice missed in the long field. At the drawing of stumps Surrey were 96 behind with two wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 July, page 7)

Owing to the weather little progress was made in this match at the Oval yesterday. Overnight Surrey had scored 93 for eight wickets, and the innings was completed for another 38 runs. Mr Leveson-Gower was out to a fine catch by Mr Burnup running from long-off behind the bowler. Blythe had the good figures of seven wickets for 64 runs, but he was rather unlucky in having catches missed from him.

There was little play after the completion of the Surrey innings, and rain coming on again at 20 minutes to 4 stopped further play.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 July, page 11)



After an interesting match Kent beat Surrey at the Oval yesterday by 110 runs. Although Kent held the upper hand from the beginning, there was a great variety in their cricket, for at times the batsmen had to fight hard for their runs, while at others they scored with freedom.

The visitors were largely indebted for their success to the bowling of Blythe - he took 11 wickets for 11 runs apiece in the match - and the batting of Mr Burnup, Alec Hearne and Murrell. Thanks to Murrell's fine hitting, Mr Mason was enabled to declare his innings closed at the luncheon interval. Half the side were out for 87, when K S Singh and Murrell put on 115 in an hour for the seventh wicket. Murrell made some tremendous drives to the on-side, and his 68 included nine fours. Not one of the four Surrey bowlers kept a good length.

Requiring 276 to win, with three hours and three-quarters still left for play, the home side started so badly that six wickets went down for 57 runs, and there appeared a great disinclination among the batsmen to play their ordinary game. Mr Crawford's driving was quite a feature of the play. After starting quietly he scored five fours and a single in an over from Blythe, hitting three successive balls into the pavilion. He was thrown out by Mr Burnup fielding at third man. Mr Leveson-Gower and Mr Crawford added 90 in just over 50 minutes. The match was over at a quarter past 5.

1 July: YORKSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5720.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5720.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 July, page 12)

The startling cricket was witnessed at Bradford yesterday in the opening of the match between Yorkshire and Sussex. Owing to constant light showers, a start could not be made until after lunch, and then in less than an hour and a half Sussex were out for 52.

Hirst bowled magnificently, using great pace and making the ball swerve and come with his arm. At times he was quite unplayable, and even Mr Fry, who kept in for an hour, was repeatedly beaten. The variety of Rhodes's bowling also puzzled the batsmen. Mr Fry and K S Ranjitsinhji put on 26, and then the last eight wickets went down for the addition of 25 runs.

When Yorkshire were in Brown played capital cricket, and at a quarter to 6 the bad light brought the day's play to a close, the champions having a lead of six runs with seven wickets in hand. Despite the bad weather, the cricket was watched by quite 5,000 people.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 July, page 7)

There was no play at Bradford yesterday, owing to bad weather. Should it be practicable the game will be resumed at 11 o'clock this morning.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 July, page 11)

By defeating Sussex by ten wickets at Bradford yesterday, Yorkshire scored their 13th victory in the competition for the county championship. They entered upon the concerning stage of the match six runs ahead with seven wickets in hand, and their success was only once or twice during the day in any doubt. In an hour and a half they raised their score from 58 to 158. Mr Taylor and Mr Mitchell were soon out, but Hirst and Whitehead put on 35 runs, and Lord Hawke played a fine resolute game for 40 minutes.

Sussex entered upon their second innings 106 runs behind. Mr Fry and Ranjitsinhji took the score from 25 to 64, and appeared well set with Hirst caught Mr Fry from a very hard return. The arrears were cleared off with six wickets in hand and, Ranjitsinhji playing with great skill, Sussex had something more than a chance of escaping defeat. Wainwright met with remarkable success, dismissing five batsmen in ten overs and four balls at a cost of only 19 runs, and the innings closed for 155.

Yorkshire had only 50 to win, and Brown and Tunnicliffe hit off the runs in 40 minutes. About 8,000 people assembled at Park-avenue.

Tuesday 2 July, page 12: OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE

We are asked to state that the times for beginning the match this year will be 11.30 on Thursday and 11 o'clock on Friday and Saturday. Luncheon will be taken at half-past 1 instead of the usual hour of 2. Stumps will be drawn each day at 6.30, except on Saturday, when, if necessary, the captains may arrange to go on for an extra half-hour should there be a possibility of finishing the match. The rule of the ground at this point will not hold good unless there is a mutual agreement between the sides.

#### GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

The M.C.C. committee have had some difficulty in getting the best sides for the representative matches of the year at Lord's. Mr Lionel Palairet, who has since his Oxford days been one of the most brilliant batsmen of modern times, again is unable to accept the invitation to play, while Lilley and William Quaife will be engaged with Warwickshire in a county match.

The sides are yet incomplete, but the certainties for the match are: -

Gentlemen. - Mr G MacGregor, Mr A O Jones, Mr D L A Jephson, Mr J R Mason, Mr W M Bradley, Mr C B Fry, Mr R E Foster, Mr G L Jessop and K S Ranjitsinhji.

Players. - Rhodes, Hirst, Lockwood, Trott, Abel, Tyldesley, John Gunn, Hayward and Braund.

Storer and Carpenter will probably complete the Players' side, and Mr P F Warner, in the absence of Mr Palairet, will probably get his place for the Gentlemen.

Wednesday 3 July, page 7: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

In addition to the lists of players for next Monday's great match at Lord's which appeared in The Times of yesterday, the M.C.C. committee have received a definite answer from Mr P F Warner that he will play for the Gentlemen. This leaves only one vacancy, which will not be filled until after the University match. As already suggested, Storer and Carpenter have been given their places for the Players.

#### OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE

Yesterday Mr J S Munn was given his blue for Oxford in the match to-morrow at Lord's.

Thursday 4 June, page 11: OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE

The University match begins this morning at Lord's at 11.30, half an hour earlier than the usual time. As already announced in The Times, the luncheon hour will be 1.30 instead of 2 each day, and stumps will be drawn at 6.30. The sides are: -

#### OXFORD

\*Mr F P Knox (Dulwich and Corpus) (captain)  
\*Mr C H B Marsham (Eton and Christ Church)  
\*Mr R E More (Westminster and Christ Church)  
\*Mr J W F Crawford (Merchant Taylors' and St John's)  
Mr E W Dillon (Rugby and University)  
Mr F H Hollins (Eton and Magdalen)  
Mr H J Wyld (Harrow and Magdalen)  
Mr G W F Kelly (Stonyhurst and Lincoln)  
Mr R A Williams (Winchester and University)  
Mr W Findlay (Eton and Oriel)  
Mr J S Munn (Newton Abbot and Hertford)

#### CAMBRIDGE

\*Mr S H Day (Malvern and Queens') (captain)  
\*Mr E R Wilson (Rugby and Trinity)  
\*Mr R N R Blaker (Westminster and Jesus)  
\*Mr E M Dowson (Harrow and Trinity)  
\*Mr A E Hind (Uppingham and Trinity Hall)  
\*Mr A H C Fergus (Haileybury and Pembroke)  
\*Mr J Daniell (Clifton and Emmanuel)  
Mr W P Robertson (Harrow and Trinity Hall)  
Mr P R Johnson (Eton and Trinity)  
Mr H K Longman (Eton and Trinity)  
Mr L V Harper (Rossall and Christ's)  
    \*Old Blues

4 July: LANCASHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5721.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5721.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 July, page 10)

At Manchester, yesterday, for the first time this season, the wicket afforded the bowlers little or no assistance. The batting was very uneven, but at one point a big score seemed probable, Mr Fry and K S Ranjitsinhji playing so well that in 95 minutes 124 runs were added for the second wicket. K S Ranjitsinhji, who was out in the last over before lunch, was seen at his best.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 July, page 14)

The feature of a keen day's cricket at Manchester yesterday was the batting of Mr Garnett and K S Ranjitsinhji. At the close, Sussex, with six wickets in hand, were 189 runs to the good.

Day 3 (report from Monday 8 July, page 11)

Sussex achieved a very creditable performance when they beat Lancashire at the Old Trafford ground by 94 runs after a match of heavy scoring.

When play was resumed on Saturday the southern county were 189 runs to the good, with six wickets to fall. K S Ranjitsinhji was not out 93 overnight, and so well did he continue to bat that he scored 170 before he declared the Sussex innings closed at the total of 331 for seven wickets. In his splendid innings, in which he hit 21 fours, he received great help from Mr Newham.

Lancashire lost Mr Steel before lunch, but Mr Garnett and Tyldesley scored at a great rate. After they left, however, the remaining batsmen did little with the bowling of Vine and Relf, and the side were all out shortly after 5 o'clock.

4 July: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5722.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5722.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 July, page 10)

The University match was begun in most favourable circumstances. The weather was splendid and the break-up of the drought led many to expect that the wicket might not be so favourable to the batsmen as to cause the match to be drawn in consequence of the plethora of runs.

It cannot be said that the results of the trial matches were such as to warrant the assumption that either eleven had reached a high standard. Out of 17 matches played by the two Universities no fewer than 13 had ended in defeat; and the solitary victory won by either was won by Cambridge at the expense of Worcestershire, who had by no means a representative eleven, and were further weakened by an accident to Mr R E Foster, who was unable to bat in the second innings.

If popular opinion can be accurately described, it is probable that Cambridge were slight favourites, chiefly because Mr Dowson, in the opinion of good judges, was a bowler of a higher class than any that Oxford possessed. If the two sides were fairly level in batting, it was thought that Cambridge had the best bowler and the best fielding. It is generally safe to assume that University elevens are strong in batting, weak in bowling and good, though not perhaps so good as they should be, in fielding; and the present year's elevens seem to bear out the truth of this theory.

If there were many who hoped that the wicket would prevent any high scoring and the match end in a decisive result, it is a matter of regret that the result of the first day's play goes far to disappoint these expectations. Cambridge, who won the toss, cannot be accused of entering upon the match with a diminished sense of responsibility, and seldom has the first day's play in the University match produced so little of anything that many be called eventful cricket.

Cambridge were batting from 11.30 till 5.30 for 325 runs, and never did any side take fewer liberties and run fewer risks. Not until Mr Blaker came in rather late in the afternoon was there any attempt to force the play. Mr Wilson, who was batting for about four hours for an innings of 118 and gave no chance, made scarcely a hit that might be called dangerous, and contented himself with driving and cutting, not very hard but very safely, along the ground. But the value of his innings may be estimated by a glance at the score, and without him Cambridge would, indeed, have fared badly. He never attempted any forcing strokes till he had got 90 runs, and was in for an hour after luncheon for 14 runs. In the safety of his method old cricketers were reminded of Mr Ottaway more than 20 years ago; but it may certainly be said of Mr Wilson that nobody ever deserved success more than he did on account of the thoroughly sound self-restraint of his play.

Mr Dowson played well, and was beginning to play a free game when he was caught and bowled from a fairly hot return; and the same may be said in a less degree of Mr Robertson, who was just becoming dangerous when a really good ball from Mr More proved too much for him. The foundation of a long score was really laid by Messrs Wilson and Longman, who went in first; though, as a matter of fact, when the third wicket fell with the score at 103 Cambridge looked to have none the best of the match. To Mr Blaker belongs the credit of being the first Light Blue batsman to recognize the fact that the Oxford bowling, though steady, was of a nature that might be met by a free style of play; and as far as mere hitting was concerned he showed the best form of the day.

Popular opinion did not, before the match began, anticipate much skill in bowling (and still less in fielding) from Oxford. Popular opinion was certainly wrong as far as the fielding was concerned. Granted that the ground was slow and therefore easy to field well on, great credit is due to Oxford for the very high standard of their fielding and wicket-keeping. It is not often that an innings of over 300 runs is played and not a single chance of catching missed; but not a single chance of catching did Oxford miss, even at the wicket, and the result was somewhat surprising considering the very bad reputation the eleven had earned for themselves in this respect in the trial matches. All fielded well, especially Mr Hollins and Mr Dillon, and Mr Findlay kept wicket admirably.

The Oxford bowling was steady without being deadly - Messrs Williams and more being, perhaps the best, though the leg-break bowling of Mr Dillon was very useful to his side.

The Oxford innings was opened by Messrs Marsham and Dillon, who played steadily and well, though the former's style cannot be called attractive. He was caught at the wicket off the last ball of the day. Unless the weather should break up or something happen which would make the wicket more difficult, it is not easy to see how a draw can be averted, and this prospect has a depressing effect. But such a result is probable, unless Oxford break down in batting, which there is no reason to anticipate.

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The University match at Lord's, yesterday, had for its chief feature a century by Mr E R Wilson, of Rugby, a brother of Mr C E M Wilson, the Old Uppingham player and Cambridge captain of a few years ago. Thus have the Wilsons achieved what the brothers Foster did in so far that each ran into three figures; but Mr R E Foster still has the distinction of having scored the highest innings in the University match when he made 171 last year.

Apart from this century yesterday's cricket at Lord's was humdrum. Even Mr Wilson was not an attractive bat to watch. He followed the ball with every care; but his 118 took him nearly four hours to make. The slowness of his scoring on an easy wicket was inexplicable, for the bowling of the Oxford men never seemed to possess much sting. The fact was there was too much back play; a little hard forcing would have turned the game much more heavily against Oxford.

The Oxford fielding was very good, and of the bowlers Mr Williams did best, while Mr Findlay kept wicket very well. Cambridge also fielded excellently, and Mr Dowson's slows needed a lot of watching.

With the weather fair there was a great crowd at Lord's; the semi-official report suggested 20,000. The old scenes of brilliancy in the promenade and in the picnic on the nursery once again recurred. But there seemed much less enthusiasm over the play than in some other years. The secret of this, perhaps, may be found in the slowness of the cricket. The pitch was always easy yesterday, but Oxford probably lost nothing by losing the toss.

Oxford turned out to field on the stroke of 11.30, and a few moments afterwards Messrs Wilson and Longman began the Cambridge batting. Messrs More and Knox, the Oxford bowlers, made a striking contrast, the former, who bowls fairly fast, making a good contrast with the latter's slows. Mr Wilson from the start played good, steady cricket, but with his score at 13 he made a bad hit just over the bowler's head, while Mr Longman had made only eight when he made a bad stroke in the direction of short slip, but it was hardly a catch.

The cricket was sound and the bowlers kept a nice length. Mr Hollins fielded splendidly at point when the batsmen were getting most of their runs by cutting. Mr Knox at the end of about 40 minutes changed his bowling both sides; but neither Mr Munn nor Mr Kelly could check the batsmen. Indeed, the former was very slack in getting his length and was repeatedly short. But when Mr Williams, who varied his pace well, was put on the character of the game underwent a change.

He beat Mr Longman twice in one over, and at 69 he bowled him playing back at something that looked almost a half-volley. After being twice nearly bowled out by Mr Williams, Mr Day, the Cambridge captain, pulled a ball from Mr Munn into his wicket at 74. Mr Wilson soon reached his 50 with a good stroke on the off side. He had got these runs out of 98 in 100 minutes. The luncheon score was 100 for two wickets.

Immediately after the interval Mr Harper was bowled, and another period of slow scoring followed. Mr Robertson, who had joined Mr Wilson, was twice nearly bowled by Mr More, and at 129 was dismissed by that bowler. Mr Dowson hit well and livened the scoring very much. Mr Williams, who varied his bowling very well, held a brilliant return catch at 172 that got out Mr Dowson. Mr Wilson was meanwhile playing the same steady game. The Oxford fielding was good and the bowlers kept a nice length.

Mr Daniell was never at home and, when Mr Dillon succeeded Mr Williams, with his slows round the wicket, he made a couple of dangerous strokes and was then easily stumped. This was at 231. Mr Wilson had meanwhile got his century out of 220; but he did not stay much longer. He played on at 251. His innings had begun at 11.35 and it ended at 4.35; he played consistently steady cricket from the first, and his best hits were ten fours, eight threes and nine twos.

The best thing in the closing stages of the innings was the fine free hitting of Mr Blaker, who timed the ball with wonderful exactness. Driving was his great stroke, and when at last he was beautifully caught low down at cover-point he had made 49, while he and Mr Fergus had put on 45 for the last wicket in half an hour.

Oxford had three-quarters of an hour's play, and in this time they made 34 for the loss of Mr Marsham, who was caught at the wicket in the last over of the day. Mr Dillon's left-handed driving was one of the best features of the day, although, so far, he had only a few runs to his account.

The game will be resumed this morning at 11 o'clock, and luncheon will be taken at half-past 1.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 July, page 14)

The second day's play of the University match was not of a very different character from the first. The day was very hot, the wicket appreciably faster, and the bowling and fielding not of such superior quality as was likely to prevent any ordinary University eleven from making a big score.

Nevertheless, the Oxford Eleven in the early part of the innings - like Cambridge - seemed weighted with the importance of the occasion. Later on there was some free hitting by Mr More, and in the latter part of his innings by Mr Williams; but the fact remains that on a considerably faster wicket than that on which Cambridge had to bat Oxford took six hours to score 336 runs.

No doubt the University match is the great match of the year to those engaged; but, whatever the cause, up to the end of the first innings the warding off of defeat seemed to be the apparent object and not the gaining of a victory. It is hardly to be wondered at, for even in county matches how seldom is any captain seen to run the risk of declaring the innings at an end if there remains any chance of the other side's making the runs in the time left before drawing the stumps. The play on the third day promises to be of the usual modern type; Cambridge will score as many runs as may be necessary to make defeat impossible, and the whole interest will have gone.

At the beginning of the day Oxford hardly looked like making the runs they did. Mr Dillon, who had batted exceedingly well on the previous evening, did not seem quite so much at home, and the fall of his wicket and those of Messrs Hollins and Wyld placed the Oxford Eleven very much in the same position as Cambridge at the fall of the third wicket. A long stand by Messrs Knox and More proved, however, the turning point of the match. When he had played himself in Mr More gave a really excellent display of batting. He hit with considerable power and had, in addition, the capacity to hit where the field were conspicuous by their absence. On the modern billiard table wickets a batsman with a good eye may pull in a way that the old-fashioned popping wicket would have made impossible to the older cricketers. Yesterday not a single ball got up, very few went over the stumps and only one kept at all low, and that one clean bowled Mr More.

Mr Knox is an altogether different batsman. His arms are stiff as pokers, and his style, from the aesthetic point of view, cannot be considered to be anything but most ungainly. He is, nevertheless, an extremely difficult man to get out; he plays very straight, with a total absence on cut, but some power of driving. The stand by Messrs More and Knox made it, in all human probability, a certainty that the match would be drawn.

Later on Mr Williams played a thoroughly sound innings, watching the ball well and at the end hitting with some freedom. As is so frequently the case in these days, the last few wickets were by no means easy to dispose of; and, though there was a complete absence of style in the play of Messrs Lindlay and Munn, they kept up their wickets while Mr Williams hit.

The Cambridge bowling was fair, but Mr Dowson hardly came up to what was expected of him. He bowled, however, with bad luck, and more than one chance was missed off him, though one was very difficult. Mr Wilson bowled perhaps better than any one in the match, and never lost his length, but after these two there was a considerable falling off. Mr Fergus got two wickets, but neither of them could with truth be put down to the credit of the bowler.

The ground fielding of Cambridge was excellent all day, but two easy catches were dropped and two difficult chances might with a little luck have been held. Mr Harper made a fine catch close to the pavilion rails, and very good work on the ground was done by Messrs Johnson, Harper, Daniell and Blaker, and Mr Hind's powers of sprinting were frequently conspicuous.

To prophesy at cricket was formerly a very hazardous undertaking; but with every prospect that the wicket will get easier and faster after a hot, dry night it is almost impossible that the match can be brought to a decisive result. If Cambridge had a Rhodes and a Hirst to bowl for them they might venture to declare their innings closed if they were 250 runs ahead with three hours to play; but even if such was the position there would be no certainty that the match would be finished.

Humanly speaking, it is practically impossible for either University to get the other out for anything under 200 runs, and, indeed, it would be nearer the truth to say that the probability is in favour of 300 runs being an average score for both sides. If it takes nearly the whole of a long day's cricket for one side to make these 300 runs, as has been shown to be the case on both days in the present match, how is it possible to expect anything but a draw? May not a hope be indulged in that county captains and all who oppose any cricket reform will ask themselves if this is a satisfactory state of things?

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The Cambridge men were punctually in the field, and it was only just after 11 o'clock when Mr Dillon, the not out of the previous night, went on with the Oxford innings with Mr Hollins. Mr Wilson and Mr Dowson found a good length at once and the Oxford batsmen exercised a wonderful caution.

Mr Dillon hardly fulfilled the promise of his cricket of the previous evening. But both Mr Dowson and Mr Wilson were making the ball turn a good deal, and in this he had his excuse for his mistiming of much of the bowling. The fielding was keen, while the bowlers maintained their length. Mr

Hollins was beaten by a leg break from Mr Dowson, whom he was trying to turn. This was at 63. Before, there had been some good hits on the leg side by Mr Dillon, mostly from Mr Dowson.

Momentarily things took a bad turn for Oxford. Mr Dillon having escaped from a hard catch to Mr Longman at point, was caught at mid-off from the next ball through failing to get right hold of a half-volley. Then there was another spell of slow scoring. Mr Wyld and Mr Knox were very cautious. Mr Harper and Mr Blaker at third man and in the long field as the bowling changed did some of the best work of the match. It was 94 when Mr Wilson got one of his slows through Mr Wyld's defence. Thus Oxford, who had been batting for an hour up to this point, had rather a critical position to face. They had lost three wickets during the morning in putting on 60 runs.

Mr More and Mr Knox were now together. Neither seemed quick to find his game and there were some false strokes through the slips. As the luncheon interval came near the pace had so much increased that 62 were added in the first hour of the partnership that was destined to rescue Oxford from a bad position. The luncheon score was 156 for four wickets, the result of three hours' cricket in the innings.

After the interval the batsmen went in for hitting; Mr Knox played extremely well, while Mr More's skill in the practice of the pull resulted in many fine fours. Mr Day kept Mr Dowson and Mr Wilson on, but their slows were severely handled. But after the score had passed 170 there were some serious errors in the field from Mr Dowson's bowling. Mr More, with his figures at 46, was missed at mid-off by Mr Fargus; it was a hard drive, but went straight to the fieldsman, and the catch should have been held. Mr More was then missed from a skier at extra mid-off by Mr Johnston, while, also from Mr Dowson, Mr Knox was dropped at the wicket, and gave a hard return to the bowler.

Mr More scored very fast and in half an hour after lunch 56 were added. Mr Wilson had kept a regularly good length, and at 212 he bowled out Mr More. It had been a very profitable fifth wicket, for 118 runs had been added. Mr More's share of this was 76; it was, particularly after the first 20, a courageous innings and full of dash at a period when his side were in a bad position.

With Mr Fargus bowling with no particular length and with the batsmen slowing down there was another period of dullness. Mr Crawford was caught at point at 242, and Mr Knox at mid-off at 253. Mr Knox was playing two and a half hours for his 81; he has not an attractive style, but he watched the ball well and rarely let off a loose ball. After this Mr Kelly was brilliantly caught at long-on almost on the rails in front of the pavilion by Mr Harper. This was the eighth wicket and the score was 266.

Mr Findlay stayed a little while, but the best thing in the closing part of the innings was the cricket of Mr R A Williams, the old Wykehamist. For a long time his stolidity of style bordered on dullness; but later he took full advantage of every loose ball. Mr Williams was cleverly caught behind the bowler off Mr Dowson, and the innings ended for 336, just 11 in front of Cambridge. Mr Wilson bowled splendidly to the end.

When Cambridge went in again there was rather more than an hour's play. Mr Longman played good, free cricket and knocked off both Mr Dillon and Mr Williams. The fielding was good, and Mr Hollins made a fine attempt to catch Mr Longman at point early in his innings. Mr Harper played well. He and Mr Longman made 52 for the first wicket, and the end of the day found Cambridge 53 ahead with nine wickets left.

Play will be resumed this morning at 11 o'clock, and should there be any chance of finishing the match there will be an extension of the time for the drawing of stumps beyond half-past 6.

Day 3 (report from Monday 8 July, page 11)

At the end of the second day's play it appeared tolerably certain that unless Cambridge collapsed in a manner that the state of the wicket and the quality of the Oxford bowling would not render probable they were, at any rate, secure from defeat. They played in a far freer and more confident style on Saturday, and shortly before 4 o'clock they declared the innings at an end and left Oxford with three hours' play and 327 runs to get.

At no time did Oxford, except in the last half hour, seem likely to avert defeat, and to Mr Marsham alone is due the fact that they were not rather badly beaten. The wicket was as easy as possible, and it must be confessed that the Dark Blue batting was very indifferent, with the one exception of

Mr Marsham. A timely modicum of assistance was afforded by Messrs Williams and Hollins, but it certainly was a case, in the last innings, of Mr Marsham first and the rest nowhere.

Early in the day Messrs Hind and Harper mastered the Oxford bowling, and both played exceedingly well, and later on Mr Dowson hit with great freedom and made it possible for Mr Day to declare when he did, and the credit of Cambridge's score must mainly be given to these three batsmen. The Oxford fielding was again very good and proved that if pains be taken a moderate fielding side can be improved beyond recognition.

Some years ago it was a common belief that few innings of 300 runs would be played if all the catches were held. Unfortunately, in one sense, the last University match has dissipated this pleasing theory. Cambridge scored 662 for 18 wickets, and not a single chance was dropped, even at the wicket, and from this fact it must be inferred that the batting was good, the wicket easy and the bowling, however steady, lacking in sting. As far as can be judged from present appearances this state of things is likely to be of common occurrence, and unless reforms are carried out drawn matches will be the most common ending to the University match.

When Oxford went in for their second innings there was a collapse, and if Cambridge had followed Oxford's example and held all the chances they would have won a substantial victory. Only two chances were dropped and the second was too late in the innings to do any harm; the first, however, gave a life to Mr Marsham, who ought to have been out for a small score. This recalled the famous innings played by Mr G O Smith a few years ago, when he was missed in the slips, and afterwards brought his side to victory.

In one respect Cambridge were unfortunate. Mr Hollins came in at the fall of the seventh wicket with nearly half an hour left to play, and was caught in the slips by Mr Wilson, but on an appeal to the umpire neither apparently had seen the chance and no decision could be given, and the batsman continued his innings and gave no second chance till the match was saved. If he had been given out, as he ought to have been, there would have been a chance for Cambridge.

The unexpected often happens in the University match, and Mr Johnson's bowling was an instance in point. Bowling at the nursery end, he appeared to make the ball work down the hill and two batsmen, one being Mr Knox, were caught in the slips, and Mr Crawford was given out l-b-w. The fall of these three wickets placed Oxford in a very critical position, and moreover it was off Mr Johnson's bowling that Mr Hollins was caught.

In considering individual play it may be readily conceded that, though the bowling generally was weak, the batting was on the whole good, and in three or four instances brilliant. For all-round merit Mr Wilson for Cambridge, and Mr More for Oxford, stand pre-eminent, for both batted and bowled well. Mr Wilson is perhaps the safer of the two as a scorer, but Mr More is the harder hitter, and in the match under notice was perhaps the best bowler in the two elevens. He never bowls a bad length, but shows skill in varying his pitch and, to a limited extent, his pace.

It was the common opinion before the match began that Mr Dowson was the best bowler, but in this match he did not come up to expectations, though he had by no means the best of luck. On the other hand he batted in both innings with skill and power and with the coolness of a veteran. Mr Harper and Mr Knox, in two very dissimilar styles, did first-rate work, and Mr Hind again showed himself an extremely useful man at a pinch. Mr Dillon was hardly as effective as his side hoped, but all the same he must be a good bat, as Cambridge will probably find out in future years.

Mr Williams is a good all-round man and had to go in the second time at a very critical period when many a more experienced player has failed. Mr Marsham has not an attractive style, but batted in the second innings in a different style from that of his first innings, and he stands in a pleasing position as the one man who saved his side from defeat. Mr Findlay was the better of the two wicket-keepers, and Mr Longman showed himself a sound bat.

Cambridge had, no doubt, the best of the draw, and probably are slightly the better eleven, about equal in bowling, but slightly superior all through as batsmen.

Again we cannot refrain from expressing a hope that the dull series of three consecutive drawn University matches may turn the opinions of those opposed to all reform and may lead to some change. During the last three years not a single drop of rain has fallen, very little time has been wasted - though perhaps the incoming batsman might sometimes have been more ready to go in directly his predecessor was out - and play has this year begun at 11.30 on the first day and 11 on the second and



third and continued to 7 on the last, and yet not one of the three matches has been finished. Is not this statement alone enough to prove the necessity of some reform?

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Cricket was resumed within a few minutes of 11 o'clock by Mr Harper and Mr Hind, who continued the Cambridge second innings. The score at this stage was 64 for one wicket, or 53 runs ahead. Mr More and Mr Knox were the bowlers.

The batting was excellent, and it took nearly an hour and a half to get down the second wicket, which yielded 108 runs. It was 160 when Mr Hind was bowled out. All the excellence had been with Mr Harper, but with two wickets falling in the next 20 minutes Cambridge were almost in a losing position. Mr Harper was bowled by a fast ball from Mr More at 168, and Mr Day was taken in the long field at 194. Cambridge thus had four men out; it was 1 o'clock and they were only 183 runs on.

But the next partnership improved the Cambridge prospects. Mr Robertson and Mr Wilson carried the score to 227, when Mr Wilson was well caught at mid-off, and the luncheon interval showed Cambridge 216 to the good with five wickets left.

The stand of Mr Dowson and Mr Robertson after luncheon took the record to 235, when Mr Robertson was brilliantly caught by Mr Williams, who, running in from short leg, held the ball low down. With Mr Blaker seventh out, caught at short slip, the score only 255, and nearly four hours left for play, Cambridge were in scarcely a safe position. Mr Dowson, however, played excellently, and with Mr Daniell added 51 in half an hour. A brilliant catch at point sent back Mr Daniell, and then Mr Johnson stayed with Mr Dowson until just after half-past 3, when Cambridge declared, leaving Oxford with three hours to play and 327 to win.

Oxford could scarcely expect to get the runs wanted by them in three hours, even against commonplace bowling and on a good wicket. But the company were destined to see the best part of what had been the dullest of University matches. Mr Wilson and Mr Dowson took up the bowling against Mr Dillon and Mr Marsham. Everything was steadiness to start with. Mr Dillon went at 17, when in trying to cut an over-pitched ball he was caught at third man. Mr More was bowled by a fast one from Mr Dowson. Mr Kelly, after being nearly bowled, hit Mr Wilson into the pavilion seats and was then beautifully caught - it was a running catch by Mr Daniell at long-on.

Three wickets for 27 augured ill for Oxford. At 49 Mr Johnson went on to bowl at Mr Dowson's end. The effect was a sensational over. The light was bad, and Mr Johnson in his tear-away style with no particular length sent down a wide, then got a wicket; he bowled another wide and then got another wicket. He got his wickets through two great catches in the slips by Mr Wilson, and the men dismissed were the Oxford captain and Mr Wyld. Five for 51 presaged absolute disaster to Oxford. There were two hours left for play.

Meanwhile, Mr Marsham had been playing a fine game, but he should have been caught by Mr Longman quite early in the teens. Mr Crawford stayed until 82, when he was leg-before to Mr Johnson. Mr R A Williams, the old Wykehamist, stayed a long time with Mr Marsham. In spite of the bad light, the batsmen had plenty of things to hit from Mr Johnson and Mr Fergus, the Cambridge fast bowlers. The men got well set and Mr Day changed his bowlers for a long time in vain. Mr Johnson was tried at the pavilion end, but Mr Marsham hit him severely and he and his partner got four fours and a single from him in one over.

It was 6.20 when at last Mr Williams was caught at cover; 63 had been made for the wicket. With Mr Hollins in there was a strong appeal for a catch in the slips against him, but both umpires were convinced about its being no catch, although only Hearn had to give the decision. Mr Hollins was missed in the slips off Mr Johnson, and just afterwards by Mr Hind, whose hand was injured. Even then there were only 12 minutes to go.

Mr Marsham reached his 100 amid loud cheers just before 7 o'clock, and then stumps were pulled up, Oxford with three wickets left wanting 150 to win.

[Note: there follow full batting and bowling averages for both Universities. Batsmen with 600 runs: Mr E M Dowson (Cambridge) 651 @ 34.76; Mr S H Day (Cambridge) 649 @ 40.56. Best for Oxford, Mr F P Knox (Oxford) 507 @ 36.21. Bowlers with 30 wickets: Mr E M Dowson (Cambridge) 52 @ 28.19; Mr E R Wilson (Cambridge) 37 at 24.18; Mr R E More (Oxford) 32 @ 32.00.]

4 July: SURREY v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5723.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5723.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 July, page 10)

An uneventful day's cricket at the Oval yesterday left Warwickshire with slightly the better position, for at the drawing of stumps they were 137 behind with eight wickets in hand. The pitch gave the bowlers some assistance, and it was one of those occasions on which it would have been just as well to have lost the toss, for the wicket showed some improvement as the day advanced.

The chief items of interest in the Surrey innings were the bowling of Hargreave and the batting of Hayward, Abel and Mr Jephson. Hargreave kept a splendid length and varied his bowling with great discretion, taking six wickets for 70 runs. Warwickshire had an hour and three-quarters' batting at the end of the day, but the batsmen acted chiefly on the defensive.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 July, page 14)

With the pitch entirely in favour of the batsmen, Warwickshire, at the Oval, yesterday, passed the Surrey total for the loss of only four wickets, and at the close of their innings they held a lead of 186 runs.

For their position they were chiefly indebted to Kinneir, who is the finest left-hand batsman now playing. His cricket, which was singularly free from fault, was marked chiefly by his fine driving. He was playing five hours and 20 minutes for his 145. Whittle played a vigorous innings of 40 in half an hour. Hayward's four wickets were got for just over ten runs apiece. The catch which dismissed Charlesworth was a good one, for Mr Crawford, in the long field, after running some distance, held the ball about knee high.

Surrey had an hour's batting, and at the drawing of stumps they were 123 behind with all their wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 8 July, page 11)

Surrey recovered their position at the Oval on Saturday, and at the finish they had none the worse of a drawn game. The closing stage, however, was not without its period of anxiety for the home side.

Overnight Surrey, who had gone in a second time 186 behind, had made 63 without loss. When they resumed their innings Abel and Holland took the score to 123 before being parted, while the arrears were hit off before another wicket fell, but with six men out Surrey were only 83 runs ahead. Then Lockwood and Mr Walker, by some splendid batting, put the issue beyond doubt, adding 82 for the seventh wicket in 70 minutes.

The chief credit for their good display belonged to Lockwood and Holland, while they received excellent support from Abel and Mr Walker. Lockwood was batting just over three hours and a half for his 100, which included 12 fours; while Holland's chief hits were a five and ten fours. Directly Lockwood had made his century Mr Jephson declared his innings closed; but as there was only an hour and a quarter left for play when Warwickshire began their second innings, requiring 189 to win, no interest remained in the cricket.

4 July: YORKSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5724.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5724.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 July, page 10)

On a perfect wicket at Scarborough, yesterday, Yorkshire completely mastered the weak Leicestershire bowling and scored 441 for the loss of only four wickets. The best batting was shown by Tunnicliffe, who, while the bowlers were fresh, scored 91 out of 174, without a mistake, hitting 15 fours, a three and two twos. His driving was hard and clean.

Denton, in obtaining his 86, gave a chance at 60. Mr Taylor played well except for a chance to Mr de Trafford at point. He made his 113 in just over two hours and a half, and his 12 fours and four threes. Mr Mitchell, who drove with great power, completed his hundred just before the drawing of stumps. Lord Hawke, who is suffering from an injured hand, is unable to take part in the match.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 July, page 14)

The Yorkshire eleven were seen to advantage at Scarborough yesterday and they went a long way towards winning their match against Leicestershire. Hirst met with remarkable bowling success, dismissing seven batsmen - five clean bowled - for three runs each.

When Leicestershire followed on the best batting was shown by Knight and King, who in the last hour and a half added 117 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 8 July, page 11)

At Scarborough, on Saturday, Yorkshire won by an innings and 247 runs. This, their 14th victory in the county championship, had been [assured] by their play during the previous two days.

Leicestershire were 293 runs behind after following on and had two men out. The hopelessness of their position was made worse, if possible, by rain during the night, and the eight remaining wickets fell for 46 runs. For a time the Leicestershire batsmen could do nothing with Rhodes, who took five of the first six wickets that fell at a cost of only four runs. Hirst dismissed the last two men and followed Rhodes and Albert Trott in the distinction of securing 100 wickets this season.

King and Knight, whose stand on Friday had given Yorkshire the only serious trouble in the match, altogether added 124 runs in an hour and three-quarters. Knight hit nine fours; King a six and four fours. With the bowlers making the ball turn quickly catches in the slips were frequent, and Tunnicliffe brought off five - all that went to hand.

Friday 5 July, page 10

Lilley and William Quaife wish it to be stated that their acting in refusing the invitation to play at Lord's in Gentlemen v Players on Monday was in no way influenced by the Warwickshire committee. They acted entirely on their own initiative and preferred to help their own county, as Mr T S Fishwick is suffering from rheumatism and it is very doubtful if Mr J F Byrne will be able to play in Warwickshire v Leicestershire, which match begins on the same day.

Saturday 6 July, page 14: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

The Gentlemen's side for Monday's match at Lord's has been completed by the inclusion of Mr C M Wells. Mr E R Wilson was the 12th man. The teams otherwise have been already announced in The Times.

Monday 8 July, page 11

GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS. - For this match at Lord's to-day there was no change up to Saturday evening in the chosen sides. The teams have already been given in The Times.

#### THE COUNTIES

Below are the present positions in the championship: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	16	14	0	2	14	100.00
Middlesex	5	3	1	1	2	50.00

Lancashire	15	8	4	3	4	33.33
Surrey	13	6	3	4	3	33.33
Sussex	10	6	3	1	3	33.33
Warwickshire	9	3	2	4	1	20.00
Notts	10	3	3	4	0	0.00
Hampshire	8	2	3	3	-1	-20.00
Essex	11	2	3	6	-1	-20.00
Worcestershire	12	4	7	1	-3	-27.27
Somerset	7	2	5	0	-3	-42.85
Gloucestershire	12	2	5	5	-3	-42.85
Kent	10	2	6	2	-4	-50.00
Leicestershire	9	1	7	1	-6	-75.00
Derbyshire	9	0	6	3	-6	-100.00

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	20	1388	244	2	77.66
W G Quaife	18	985	177	4	70.35
Mr C McGahey	21	1059	145*	5	66.18
Mr P F Warner	13	665	197*	2	60.45
K S Ranjitsinhji	17	897	170*	2	59.80
Hayward	31	1442	181	5	55.48
Lilley	18	831	124	3	55.40
Mr L C H Palairret	17	926	182	0	54.47
Abel	35	1558	138	5	51.93
Kinneir	17	813	215*	1	50.81
Mr G L Jessop	25	1289	169	0	48.80
Mr F Mitchell	27	1184	162*	3	48.50
Mr R E Foster	24	1079	110	1	46.91
Mr G W Beldam	20	829	150*	2	46.05
Tyldesley	32	1373	221	2	45.70
Mr A O Jones	22	910	249	1	43.83
Mr P Perrin	23	892	189	2	42.52
Captain J G Greig	17	633	249*	2	42.20
Mr S H Day	22	761	91*	3	40.05
J Gunn	18	561	91	1	38.83
Mr C J B Wood	32	1130	156	1	36.45
Mr K O Goldie	21	763	140	0	35.23
Mr F P Knox	14	507	193	0	36.21
Mr T L Taylor	19	607	113	2	35.70
Mr H B Hayman	20	704	165	0	35.20
Braund	23	772	115*	1	35.09
Mr E M Dowson	21	661	105	2	34.78
Carpenter	30	1021	136	0	34.03
Mr L G Wright	22	747	166	0	33.25
Wrathall	23	774	135	0	33.65
Mr V F S Crawford	28	894	169	2	33.11
J T Brown	29	849	121	3	32.65
Mr H G Garnett	31	967	133	1	32.23
Mr R E More	18	539	133	1	31.70
Hirst	23	689	88	1	31.31
Mr E R Wilson	15	469	118	0	31.26
Mr J R Mason	26	719	141	2	31.26
Denton	24	676	86	2	30.72
Mr C H B Marsham	13	303	100*	3	30.30
Vine	23	636	83	2	30.25
Tunnicliffe	29	770	145	3	29.61
Mr S M J Woods	17	503	90	0	29.58
Mr W P Robertson	19	557	78	0	29.31

Mr A P Lucas	11	291	83	1	29.10
Lord Hawke	17	435	69*	2	29.00
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	18	480	90*	1	28.82
Lockwood	23	545	100*	4	28.68
Mr C J Burnup	31	884	141	0	27.22
Mr E W Dillon	20	516	143	1	27.15
Wainwright	24	634	108*	1	27.13
Mr H K Longman	20	537	150	0	26.85
Mr A J L Hill	10	268	120	0	26.80
W Gunn	19	478	127	1	26.55
Mr H G Owen	19	467	106*	1	25.94
Chatterton	24	570	169	2	25.90
Shrewsbury	16	362	96	2	25.85
Mr D L A Jephson	19	479	133	0	25.21
Dr W G Grace	21	501	60	0	23.86
Brockwell	22	462	101	2	23.10
Mr A C MacLaren	19	417	82	0	21.94

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	760.2	242	1781	136	13.09
Hirst	585.4	142	1427	101	14.12
Mead	537.5	183	1152	81	14.22
Tate	485.4	147	1151	69	16.58
Dr W G Grace	306.1	88	721	43	16.76
Mold	285.1	57	846	48	17.62
Hallam	390.4	128	802	45	17.82
J Gunn	417.3	140	911	51	17.86
Sharp	456.1	86	1513	78	19.39
Lockwood	413.2	95	1159	58	19.98
Trott	699.1	157	2145	101	21.23
Haigh	338.5	72	956	45	21.24
Mr D L A Jephson	284.5	40	818	38	21.62
Mr W M Bradley	576.3	134	1793	81	22.13
Richardson	721.1	151	1987	88	22.69
J T Hearne	631.1	192	1507	62	24.30
Vine	583	131	1786	71	24.45
Mr J R Mason	406.3	105	1138	46	24.73
Mr E R Wilson	358.2	91	917	37	24.78
Braund	585	87	2005	71	25.23

8 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5725.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5725.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 9 July, page 12)

Gentlemen v Players at Lord's is essentially a cricketers' match. The 15,000 people who went up to Lord's yesterday showed this to the full. Every one was intent on the game and there was no promenading while the cricket was in progress.

The Players won the toss, and with first innings on a perfect wicket ran up the fine score of 385 for eight wickets. Some catches were dropped, or perhaps a different tale would have to be told; for, when it seemed likely that the Players would only make an ordinary score, Mr C M Wells dropped a catch at second slip off Mr Bradley, which gave Lockwood a very profitable life. This enabled Lockwood and Hirst to make over 120 runs for the seventh wicket.

But the feature of the day was Tyldesley's innings. He went in first wicket down at 36 and was sixth out at 242. He played beautiful cricket with his fine variety of strokes, and was particularly strong on the off-side, in the direction of cover-point. His batting in every way justified his selection by the M.C.C. committee. He got his runs at a quick rate and his hits included 20 fours. Apart from his innings there was nothing remarkable in the batting for a great while.

The bowling was good and, although there were two or three errors in the field, nothing could have been better than the work of Mr Fry at long-off and of Mr Jones at mid-off and long-off. On a true wicket Mr Jones, Mr Bradley, Mr Mason and Mr Jessop all bowled well; but the last-named abandoned his fast style and converted himself into almost a slow bowler. Mr Jones's slow leg-breaks were profitable at a late stage; he deceived Lockwood with a short one and got Hirst leg-before in the same way.

The Gentlemen, of course, have scarcely a chance of success. But they have the satisfaction of knowing that they bowled and fielded splendidly on a hard, true wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 10 July, page 12)

There was a wonderful day's cricket at Lord's yesterday. The score of the Gentlemen was practically due to a single member of the side; the failure of the rest, even taking into account the fielding and bowling of the Players, was almost inexplicable, as the wicket was perfectly true.

Mr Fry, in a brilliant batting side of Gentlemen, was the only player who could ever get command of the bowling. Mr Warner, Mr Foster, Mr Mason and K S Ranjitsinhji were always unsettled and there were many other failures. There was a collapse after Mr Fry left. He played a beautifully easy innings, to which his physique and grace of stroke lent distinction. Mr Fry in his Oxford days was an excellent batsman of the ordinary type. To-day he is extraordinary and his style is superb. It was in vain that the great professional bowlers distributed their field in every possible way.

The off-bowling theory was nothing to Mr Fry. He got most of his runs on the leg side. His splendid judgment in timing the ball enabled him to practise the pull to its fullest extent, and his on-driving and placing were faultless. His 126 was one of the most remarkable innings ever played at Lord's. He was out second at 203, to a Lohmann-like catch in the slips by Braund, who held the ball, which came very fast, very low down with his right hand. This was just before half-past 3.

Thereafter, in spite of the good wicket, the Gentlemen failed. Mr Foster succumbed to a fast yorker on the middle stump from Hirst, who bowled wonderfully after luncheon, when he was kept on from a quarter to 3 until the close of the innings at half-past 4. Lockwood similarly had all the work to do at the other end, but his action and run are of a much less exacting nature. K S Ranjitsinhji, who never got fairly set, was brilliantly caught at short leg. When Mr Jessop went in it was curious to see five men in the country for a fast bowler like Hirst; but Lockwood got the great hitter out with a fast break-back. This was at 227.

And then the Gentlemen collapsed. They had 200 up with only two men out, but the innings was over for 245. They just saved the follow-on; but had they not done so, it is unlikely that on such a true wicket Abel would have risked putting his opponents in again.

In the last hour and a half of the day there was good hitting by Abel and Carpenter. But the chances of a definite issue to the match are almost hopeless seeing that the Players are now 258 ahead with eight wickets to fall. If the weather holds good, there is not much chance of the Gentlemen being got out cheaply in the second innings. There were 15,000 spectators at Lord's yesterday.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 11 July, page 9)

The Players beat the Gentlemen at Lord's yesterday by 221 runs. The day's cricket must have been disappointing to the majority of the 10,000 spectators.

On Tuesday night the Players held an almost overwhelming advantage, and yesterday morning there was every reason why they should play a quick, fast game. Instead of this they gave, for a little less than three hours, a display of the dullest cricket possible. With the wicket true there was nothing to gain by their extreme caution. The best cricket was, in fact, in the fielding and bowling. Mr Mason, for instance, bowling particularly well. Abel declared his innings closed at luncheon time and left the Gentlemen with four hours to play and 406 runs to get.

The innings of the Gentlemen was a disappointment. The professionals fielded and bowled with wonderful precision. Braund, J Gunn and Trott were backed up by grand fielding. There were some fine catches in the deep field by Hirst and Carpenter. It was curious to note that Rhodes did not take a wicket in the match.

8 July: SURREY v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5726.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5726.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 9 July, page 12)

Considerable progress was made in this match at the Oval yesterday. This was chiefly due to the good bowling of Richardson and Mr Sinclair. On the Surrey side Brockwell alone met with any degree of success with the bat.

When the South Africans went in Mr Sinclair, who has not been batting anything like up to his reputation, played a fine innings. He went in third wicket down at 31 and was ninth out at 128.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 10 July, page 12)

After some interesting cricket at the Oval yesterday Surrey were left in the better position.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 11 July, page 9)

Surrey beat the South Africans at the Oval yesterday by 59 runs. The South Africans, with four wickets to fall, required 97 runs to win; but a little over half an hour's play sufficed to bring the match to an issue, Richardson taking the four outstanding wickets for 15 runs.

8 July: WARWICKSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5727.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5727.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 9 July, page 12)

Kinneir played another big innings yesterday at Birmingham, and through him Warwickshire have little reason to fear defeat in their match against Leicestershire. Leicestershire were handicapped in bowling through Woodcock's straining himself soon after the start. Stumps were drawn at the fall of the last Warwickshire wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 10 July, page 12)

As the result of yesterday's cricket at Birmingham, Warwickshire were left with a big advantage.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 11 July, page 9)

Warwickshire beat Leicestershire at Birmingham, yesterday, by 75 runs.

Wednesday 10 July, page 12: THE YARDLEY MEMORIAL MATCH

Mr C I Thornton asks us to state that he has got a splendid side for the match at Lord's in September for the benefit of the family of the late distinguished Cambridge University and Kent cricketer, Mr William Yardley. The days of the match are September 12, 13 and 14.

11 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5728.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5728.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 12 July, page 11)

For some years past the Surrey executive has experienced great difficulty in getting anything like representative sides for Gentlemen v Players at the Oval. Yesterday's match proved no exception. Although several of the most prominent counties have engagements, the Players' side is a very strong one, but the same cannot be said of the Gentlemen's. Nearly all of them are good batsmen, but they are very weak in bowling.

The Gentlemen, who were fortunate to win the toss, on a true, fast pitch gave a consistent display, but there was little in their batting of special merit. The Players, although making a few mistakes, fielded excellently, and against their great variety of bowling runs never came with much freedom, averaging a little over 60 an hour for the innings.

Dr Grace's 57 was equal to anything during the day. He played with more caution than usual, for, although he made 32 of his runs by fours, he was batting two hours and a half, being fifth out at 136 to an easy return. His cricket on the off-side was worthy of his great reputation. Mr Wright and Mr Jones were much more aggressive in their methods, and the latter was only in an hour for his 50.

When half the side were out for 136 there seemed some probability of the Gentlemen being out for a comparatively small score, but, with nearly all the later batsmen making useful scores, the total eventually reached good proportions. The Players should have no difficulty in gaining a substantial lead on the first innings, provided the wicket remains in its present state.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 July, page 14)

There was a solemn day's cricket at the Oval yesterday. The weather was oppressive with never a breath of breeze, the Gentlemen's bowling was third rate, Abel's batting was prolonged but dull, and there was a humdrum spirit about the whole game. The best thing in the day easily the outfielding of the Gentlemen, who worked splendidly all round. Mr Sewell, Mr Burnup, Mr Jones and Mr Hayman may be singled out as doing particularly well. But the bowling was poor and the wonder was that the batsmen did not score more freely.

The great thing of the match was the batting of Abel, who in making 247 played the highest innings recorded in the Gentlemen v Players matches. Until yesterday the highest scores were Dr Grace's 215 and 217 at the Oval and at Brighton in 1870 and 1871. Abel in 1894, 1899 and 1900 made scores of 168, 195 and 153 for the Players, and in 1892 he scored 117 at Hastings for them.

Every cricketer is familiar with Abel's style. He plodded on for many hours yesterday in his own stolid manner, timing the ball well and always waiting for the loose one from which to score. He was bowled by a lob from Mr Jephson at the finish and was seventh out. He hit two fives and 20 fours, and was at the wicket for six hours.

The day's play ended with the completion of the professionals' innings, and the Gentlemen now want 191 to save an innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 July, page 11)

The Players beat the Gentlemen at the Oval on Saturday by ten wickets. The disparity between the two sides was so marked that their decisive victory came as no surprise. At the end of an innings each the professionals held a lead of 191 runs, and this in itself sufficed to rob the final stage of any interest. From start to finish the game was singularly devoid of incident beyond the record score by Abel, which alone raised the game from commonplace. Even Abel's innings suffered by comparison with some of the big individual performances of the past in Gentlemen v Players on account of the weak bowling.

As in the preceding days, dullness was the chief characteristic of Saturday's cricket. The Gentlemen, from the beginning of their second innings, had to fight hard for their runs. Dr Grace and Mr Warner put on 41 for the first wicket, but half the side were out for 81. Then Mr Burnup and Mr Jones added 53 for the next wicket, and this proved to be the best stand of the day. The innings defeat was saved with two wickets in hand, but the end came shortly afterwards.

The Players only required 23 to win, and these were hit off by Carpenter and Wrathall in a quarter of an hour, and the match was over just after half-past 4.



11 July: LANCASHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5729.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5729.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 12 July, page 11)

Quite a sensation was provided at Manchester in the opening of the return match between Lancashire and Somerset. In the course of ten overs Mold, the Lancashire bowler, was no-balled 18 times by James Phillips for unfair delivery. The umpire no-balled him first from square-leg and subsequently when Mold bowled at his wicket. Afterwards Mold was put on again, but no further objection was taken to his delivery. It should be stated that in putting on Mold at the outset and then having him to cross over Mr MacLaren, the Lancashire captain, acted in accordance with the expressed wishes of the county committee.

Apart from the no-balling incidents the cricket was extremely interesting. By consistent batting Somerset put together a good total, but the best part of the day's play came when Lancashire went in. Tyldesley was in brilliant form and, taking advantage of a life at 37, hit the Somerset bowling to all parts of the field. Thanks almost entirely to him Lancashire left off with a lead of 22, with seven wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 July, page 14)

At Old Trafford, yesterday, Lancashire beat Somerset by ten wickets. Mold bowled throughout at the end from which Phillips was standing, and his bowling passed muster.

Having, in face of their opponents' total of 253, scored 275 for the loss of only three wickets, Lancashire started from a strong position, but the expectations of a big score were not realized, the seven remaining batsmen going down in an hour and a half for another 79 runs. Somerset were 101 runs behind on the first innings, but they gave such a poor display at their second attempt that in a couple of hours they were out for 108.

Monday 15 July, page 11: THE NO-BALLING OF MOLD

STATEMENT OF JAMES PHILLIPS

With regard to the no-balling of Mold at Manchester last Thursday James Phillips, the umpire, has issued the following statement: -

"At the present time, as the question of Mold's bowling and my actions with regard to it are being so warmly discussed, I ask the privilege to be allowed through the medium of the press to make a few remarks on recent events.

"From the first time I saw Mold, over ten years ago, I thought many of his deliveries were not above suspicion, and every subsequent time of seeing him bowl has served to confirm that first impression. Before proceeding further let me quote the laws of the game bearing on the subject: -

"48. If either umpire be not satisfied with the absolute fairness of the delivery of any ball, he shall call "No-ball."

"48a. - The umpire shall take especial care to call "No-ball" instantly upon delivery."

"No in most deliveries that are not absolutely fair the slight element of throw which makes them unfair is introduced in the final swing of the arm or at the precise moment of delivery, and the moment this happens 'No-ball' must be called, which is much more difficult to put into practice than most people think. Consequently, however careful an umpire is watching, a delivery will frequently pass 'uncalled' which if he had had a moment for reflection could have been adjudged no-ball. The same thing applies frequently to bowlers who crib on the bowling or return crease, and because the umpire is taken unawares the instant for calling is past and the delivery is 'uncalled.' Such is my experience.

"Coming now to Mold's deliveries at Old Trafford last week. In the first innings of Somerset it must not be supposed that many deliveries that passed unchallenged were in my opinion fair. The ball that upset Mr Jupp's wicket was not, in my opinion, a fair one, but I was too late in deciding against the delivery to call instantly.

"The same remark applies to several subsequent deliveries in that innings. I may remark that I thought Mold was laboriously trying to keep his arm rigid and straight throughout its swing.

"In the second innings when he was put on at the end at which I stood, instead of retiring several yards behind to devote my whole attention to his delivery as I did in the first innings, I stood at the wicket in the ordinary way, close up, and determined to try and make myself believe his bowling was above suspicion, and, whatever opinion I thus formed, to afterwards freely and openly express it. It was not long before it became apparent to me that there was a marked change in some deliveries, and as the innings proceeded this change became more pronounced and frequent.

"About the first batsman to receive an occasional delivery that in my opinion was not fair was Lewis. Mr Woods afterwards received several, as did Mr Hill. Mr Newton was caught off one which, though not a pronounced bad one, was not absolutely correct. But Mr Barrington and Cranfield were dismissed by what appeared to me to be absolutely unfair deliveries.

"I am well aware that this experiment tried by me was not strictly in accordance with the law. But I was most anxious to come to some kind of definite conclusion for my future guidance with regard to Mold, seeing that his captain seemed determined to bowl him regardless of the number of times I had taken exception to his deliveries.

"Taking into consideration the wrong which is inflicted upon opposing batsmen such as I have indicated, I am for the future determined to apply Law 48 with a severity that may occasionally do injustice to a bowler. In the match in question, instead of 'calling' Mold 18 times, if I had successfully given effect to my opinion on every delivery he would have been 'called' between 70 and 80 times.

"Fully knowing that susceptibilities will be wounded if certain players are 'called,' the task of conscientiously carrying out the law by accepting the responsibility forced upon me by Law 48 has been and always will be very distasteful. In conclusion, if it is thought that certain bowlers have been wronged by my having no-balled them, then my judgment of absolutely fair bowling must be grievously at fault, and I ought not to be allowed to umpire. If, on the other hand, the law is too exacting, it ought to be repealed.

"JAMES PHILLIPS.

"London, July 14, 1901."

11 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5730.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5730.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 12 July, page 11)

The South Africans had the better of the first day's cricket at Trent Bridge yesterday.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 July, page 14)

The play at Trent-bridge yesterday left the South Africans in a winning position.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 July, page 11)

The South Africans beat Notts, at Trent-bridge, on Saturday, by 94 runs.

11 July: SUSSEX v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5731.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5731.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 12 July, page 11)

For their return match at Hastings yesterday Sussex made one alteration in their eleven, Marlow taking the place of Mr C L A Smith. Woodcock's injured ankle necessitated Leicestershire trying Haywood, one of the ground staff at Leicester.

The features of the cricket were the play of Knight and the patient defence of Dr MacDonald, who, becoming partners with three wickets down for 64, increased the total to 150 in the course of an hour and 20 minutes. Knight, who pulled a ball into his wicket, made his runs without giving a chance in two hours five minutes, hitting 15 fours. In strong contrast, Dr MacDonald was at the wicket for four hours and 35 minutes, and was not out at the drawing of stumps for 87.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 July, page 14)

The Leicestershire innings was finished off yesterday at Hastings for 446, the last partnership yielding 86 runs in 70 minutes. Dr MacDonald played very carefully for his runs and was batting six hours. He did not make a bad stroke and among his figures were 21 fours.

Sussex lost Mr Fry at 12, but Vine, first with K S Ranjitsinhji and later with Killick, played finely. K S Ranjitsinhji scored his 55 out of 83 in less than an hour, and was bowled by a ball which he did not attempt to play. Vine was at the wicket three hours for a faultless 94, hitting 12 fours. Sussex with four wickets to go down are 132 behind.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 July, page 11)

There was no play at Hastings on Saturday owing to the heavy storms. The game was abandoned as a draw in the position already set out in The Times of Saturday. Leicestershire made 446 and Sussex 314 for six wickets.

11 July: WORCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5732.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5732.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 12 July, page 11)

The Yorkshiremen quite outplayed Worcestershire at Worcester yesterday, dismissing the home side on a good wicket for 156 and leaving off 33 runs ahead, with six wickets in hand. Rhodes and Hirst each kept a capital length, the latter repeatedly beating the batsmen.

For the visitors Tunncliffe, except for a chance at 37, batted in excellent form, his innings including ten fours.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 July, page 14)

The Yorkshire eleven gave a splendid display of all-round cricket at Worcester yesterday, and they nearly succeeded in finishing off their match with Worcestershire before the time came for drawing stumps. As it is, their victory is quite secure, apart from any interference from the weather.

Hirst enjoyed quite a triumph. In raising his 22, not out, to 214 he played his highest innings in first-class cricket, and further he gained the distinction of being the first man this season to perform the double feat of scoring 1,000 runs and taking 100 wickets. He was missed at 106 and again at 206, but only made two other faulty strokes, and his hitting all round the wicket was as usual hard and well timed. Taking an hour and three-quarters to make his first 50, he doubled his score in another hour, added his third 50 also in an hour, and then got to 200 in another 35 minutes. In his big score he hit 26 fours, three threes and seventeen twos.

Mr Mitchell, who played in excellent style for 57, helped Hirst to add 107 runs for the fifth wicket. The Worcestershire bowling, however, came in for its worst punishment after the fall of the eighth

wicket, Hirst forcing the game so brilliantly that during his partnership with Rhodes 146 runs were put on in 80 minutes. Rhodes, who was last out, played well for his 53.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 July, page 11)

Yorkshire gained another easy victory on Saturday, beating Worcestershire by an innings and 212 runs. Although the Worcestershire wicket remained in good order the home county had small prospect of making a good fight. The four batsmen left were got rid of in 70 minutes for 79 runs. Yorkshire have now won 15 out of 17 matches in the county championship.

Monday 15 July, page 11: THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are as follows: -

BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	23	1568	244	2	74.39
W G Quaife	20	1068	177	4	65.75
Mr C McGahey	23	1074	145*	5	58.68
Abel	38	1887	247	5	57.16
K S Ranjitsinhji	20	1003	170*	2	55.72
Kinneir	18	945	215*	1	55.58
Mr P F Warner	17	785	197*	2	52.33
Lilley	20	887	124	3	52.17
Tyldesley	35	1714	221	2	51.93
Hayward	34	1503	181	5	51.62
Mr L C H Palairet	19	978	182	0	51.47
Mr F Mitchell	28	1221	162*	3	48.84
Mr G L Jessop	28	1314	169	0	46.92
Mr G W Beldam	20	829	150*	2	48.05
Mr P Perrin	23	897	189	2	42.52
Mr R E Foster	28	1148	110	1	42.51
Captain J G Greig	17	633	249*	2	42.20
Hirst	26	1002	214	2	41.75
Mr S H Day	22	761	91*	3	40.05
Mr A O Jones	26	988	249	1	39.80
John Gunn	20	706	91	2	39.22
Mr C J B Wood	35	1271	153	1	37.41
Mr F P Knox	14	507	198	0	36.21
Mr K O Goldie	22	782	140	0	35.43
Mr E M Dowson	21	661	105	2	34.78
Carpenter	34	1137	136	1	34.26
Mr T L Taylor	20	609	118	2	33.83
Mr L G Wright	24	807	155	0	33.82
Mr H B Hayman	22	734	105	0	33.36
Mr H G Garnett	32	1034	133	1	33.35
Mr S M J Woods	19	579	90	1	33.16
J T Brown	30	857	121	3	33.11
Mr V F S Crawford	31	930	169	2	32.06
Denton	25	724	85	2	31.47
Lockwood	25	631	100*	5	31.47
Mr E R Wilson	15	463	118	0	31.25
Braund	27	811	115*	1	31.19
Mr J R Mason	27	741	141	3	30.87
Tunnicliffe	30	827	146	3	30.62
Mr C H B Marsham	13	303	100*	3	30.20
Mr W P Robertson	21	587	78	1	29.35
Mr R E More	20	554	133	1	29.15
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	18	490	80*	1	28.82
King	33	908	131	1	28.37
Shrewsbury	18	457	89	2	27.93

Lord Hawke	18	448	69*	2	27.50
Storer	31	847	107	0	27.32
Mr E W Dillon	20	516	143	1	27.16
Mr C J Burnup	33	894	141	0	27.09
W Gunn	19	478	127	1	26.55
Mr H G Owen	19	467	106*	1	25.84
Dr W G Grace	23	577	80	0	25.08
Mr A C MacLaren	21	426	83	1	21.30

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	813.5	266	1912	142	13.45
Hirst	642.4	154	1575	109	14.44
Mead	572.5	195	1254	84	14.92
Tate	582.4	105	1252	72	17.38
Hallam	439.4	152	944	53	17.81
Dr W G Grace	322.1	91	774	43	18.00
Mold	333.5	82	999	55	18.15
Cranfield	449.5	85	1325	72	18.40
Lockwood	473.3	105	1317	70	18.81
Sharp	486.1	86	1513	78	19.39
J Gunn	477.3	158	1071	54	19.83
Hargreave	653	180	1572	77	20.41
Haigh	350.5	74	994	48	20.70
Trott	781.2	173	2388	114	20.92
S Webb	632.3	169	1874	79	21.18
Richardson	763.2	160	2122	99	21.43
Mr W M Bradley	643.4	155	1982	88	23.04
Mr D L A Jephson	334.2	47	977	41	23.83
G A Wilson	433.5	68	1675	65	24.23
J T Hearne	631.1	192	1507	63	24.50
Mr J R Mason	473.3	119	1285	63	24.93

#### THE COUNTIES

The positions in the Championship are now as follows: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	17	15	0	2	15	100.00
Middlesex	5	3	1	1	2	50.00
Lancashire	16	9	4	3	5	38.45
Surrey	13	6	3	4	3	33.33
Sussex	11	6	3	2	3	33.33
Warwickshire	10	4	2	4	2	33.33
Notts	10	3	3	4	0	0.00
Hampshire	8	2	3	3	-1	-20.00
Essex	11	2	3	6	-1	-20.00
Worcestershire	13	4	8	1	-4	-33.33
Gloucestershire	12	2	5	5	-3	-42.85
Somerset	8	2	6	0	-4	-50.00
Kent	10	2	6	2	-4	-50.00
Leicestershire	11	1	8	2	-7	-77.77
Derbyshire	9	0	6	3	-6	-100.00

15 July: DERBYSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5733.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5733.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 July, page 12)

At Derby, yesterday, William Gunn played the highest innings of his career in first-class cricket, staying at the wickets for four hours and three-quarters, and being not out at the close with 247 to his credit. Gunn has twice before made over 200 against Derbyshire.

While the bowling brought against him yesterday was not particularly strong, Derbyshire having for the time being lost the services of Bestwick, yet too much praise can hardly be bestowed upon him for his fine performance. Hitting brilliantly at times, he did not once lift the ball, driving and cutting with a power and grace hardly to be equalled by any other batsman now before the public. His partnership with Shrewsbury has, up to the present, added 208 runs to the score.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 July, page 8)

Yesterday, at Derby, the Notts eleven increased their overnight score of 491 for three wickets to 661, but their bowlers fared almost as badly as those of Derbyshire, the home team staying in for the rest of the afternoon and making 271 for the loss of two wickets.

Everything in the day's cricket was overshadowed by the great innings of William Gunn who, not out on Monday with 247, made 273 before being caught in the slips at 533. He hit 38 fours, five threes and 23 twos. Shrewsbury helped him to add 245 runs in just under three hours for the fifth wicket. Derbyshire require 241 to save the follow-on.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 July, page 11)

The match at Derby was left drawn last evening greatly in favour of Notts, Derbyshire, with seven wickets to fall, still requiring 93 runs to avoid a single innings defeat. Mr Wright was batting five hours and a half for his innings, and apart from a chance in the slips when he had made 54 his cricket was faultless.

15 July: KENT v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5734.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5734.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 July, page 12)

Nevill-park, where the Tunbridge Wells cricket week was opened yesterday, will form a welcome addition to the cricket grounds of Kent. It is now nearly 15 years since first-class cricket was played at Tunbridge Wells, and then the matches were on the common. Now that a good and well-laid ground has been provided a "week" has been instituted, and the first match, the return between Lancashire and Kent, was opened yesterday. At the close of the week two smaller matches will be played.

Kent had three of the University men playing with them, and made a good start on an excellent wicket, scoring 132 for two wickets before lunch. Mr Baker made 50 out of 72 in 45 minutes. Afterwards a great change came over the game. When Mr Dillon and Mr Burnup were parted there was a collapse, and the remaining seven wickets fell for 53 runs. Mr Burnup was badly missed when he had made 24.

Lancashire started badly, losing three wickets for 58, and Tyldesley was badly missed before he had scored. Five wickets were down for 75, but Mr MacLaren and Hallows stayed the collapse. The Lancashire captain played more carefully than usual, but lost his wicket in the last over of the day. With five wickets in hand Lancashire are 103 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 July, page 8)

The second day of the Tunbridge-wells week produced some very good cricket. Mr Mason, the old Winchester captain, and Mr Blaker rescued Kent from a critical position. With 192 to win, Lancashire lost two wickets for 69 runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 July, page 11)

Kent beat Lancashire by 67 runs at Tunbridge-wells yesterday. Blythe took three wickets for ten runs and Hearne four for 14.

15 July: LEICESTERSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5735.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5735.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 July, page 12)

A brilliant innings by Captain Greig was the feature of yesterday's cricket at Leicester.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 July, page 8)

Thanks to good batting all through, and especially to that of Knight and King, Leicestershire finished off their first innings with a lead of 70 runs. On going in a second time Hampshire made a good start, and Mr Robson, who batted finely, was not out at the close of play.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 July, page 11)

This match at Leicester yesterday was won by Hampshire by 121 runs.

15 July: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5736.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5736.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 July, page 12)

The Surrey eleven came out of the first day of their match at Lord's in a better manner than seemed at one time probable. There was nothing very striking about the cricket. The fielding was fairly good; but there were periods of slovenliness in the ground work and three dropped catches.

The batting before luncheon was dullness itself. After luncheon Hayward played beautifully-finished cricket all round. Every one is familiar by this time with his style, and to say that he was at his best is sufficient praise of the excellence of his innings. He was eighth out at 281, and there were 12 fours among his hits. Mr Dowson played prettily; but Mr Crawford, while hitting successfully for a brief period, had a random style.

Middlesex in the three-quarters of an hour left for play made a fairly good start. Mr Warner was very strong on the leg side. It was an ideal day for the game, but the crowd of 7,000 or 8,000 scarcely came up to the attendances recorded at this match in recent years.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 July, page 8)

There was a good day's cricket at Lord's yesterday. Mr Warner's innings was far and away the best for Middlesex; he had been a little unsteady overnight, but yesterday his fine work on the off-side against such good bowling was worthy of all praise.

Middlesex yesterday at one period looked like establishing a big advantage. They had 200 up with only four men out, but then came a collapse. Mr Dowson bowled with more success than he has done since his early Harrow days. His length, break and pace were splendid, and he played altogether much better cricket than he did in the University match.

There was only a difference of 48 between the innings, and Abel and Hayward for Surrey were responsible for the strong position held at the end of the day. The fielding was generally good. Surrey are now 252 on with four wickets left.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 July, page 11)

The match at Lord's yesterday was drawn. Mr Jephson in the morning played a fine forcing game; but the finest cricket of the day was shown by Mr Warner, who drove splendid on the off side. There was a company of 5,000 to see the play.

15 July: SUSSEX v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5737.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5737.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 July, page 12)

Although without the services of H Carpenter, who was absent from the match owing to the death of his father, Essex did well at Brighton yesterday, staying in the whole of the day and scoring 370 for the loss of six wickets.

Mr Perrin's innings of 101 was a singular display. Before luncheon he scored 68 out of 92 in 75 minutes, hitting with great power, but after the interval he was repeatedly beaten. He took an hour to add a dozen runs to his score, and while in his 68 before the adjournment he hit 14 fours, it was not until an hour and a quarter after the resumption that he made another stroke for four.

A much finer innings was that of Mr Turner, who in an hour and three-quarters scored 82 by means of 11 fours, three threes, eight twos and singles. Mr Lucas, who was batting two hours for his 45 not out, helped Mr Turner to add 100 runs for the fifth wicket. Mr Owen early in the day also played steadily and, although handicapped by lameness, stayed in for two hours and 20 minutes, assisting Mr Perrin to put on 115 for the second wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 July, page 8)

Sussex, at Brighton, yesterday, had to go in against the big score of 412, but, thanks to a great innings by K S Ranjitsinhji, they were able to leave off at the end of the day in quite an even position, being 63 runs behind with four wickets to fall.

K S Ranjitsinhji went in first wicket down at 11, after Mr Fry had been got rid of without scoring, and was sixth man out at 379, stumps being drawn at the fall of his wicket. He was batting four hours. Perhaps the most noticeable feature of his play was his hard driving. In his 219 he hit 32 fours, four threes and 18 twos.

Vine helped him to put on 92 for the second wicket, and then came the great partnership of the day, K S Ranjitsinhji and Mr Goldie, in an hour and three-quarters, increasing the score by 181 runs. Mr Goldie was left off by Mr Perrin at long-off when 67, but otherwise played in splendid style. His 77 included 13 fours, mostly drives.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 July, page 11)

At Brighton, yesterday afternoon, Sussex went in to bat, wanting 204 runs to win. When stumps were drawn they had lost half their wickets for 127, so that the draw was fairly even.

15 July: WARWICKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5738.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5738.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 July, page 12)



Warwickshire gained a slight advantage over Gloucestershire at Birmingham yesterday, being only 111 behind with seven wickets in hand at the close.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 July, page 8)

At Birmingham yesterday at the drawing of stumps Warwickshire were left in an almost hopeless position, requiring 184 to win, with only four wickets left.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 July, page 11)

Gloucestershire beat Warwickshire yesterday at Birmingham by 107 runs.

15 July: WORCESTERSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5739.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5739.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 July, page 12)

In this match, at Worcester yesterday, the South Africans had the better of the play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 July, page 8)

The South Africans again had the better of yesterday's cricket at Worcester.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 July, page 11)

After a wonderful finish at Worcester, yesterday, the match ended in a tie.

15 July: YORKSHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5740.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5740.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 July, page 12)

Yesterday's cricket at Leeds was of a startling description. Up to a certain point the bowlers, with the pitch helping them, had matters quite their own way. In a little over an hour and a half Somerset were put out for 87, Mr Woods alone showing any ability to cope with the bowling; and then Yorkshire lost half of their wickets for 55.

From that point, however, the character of the cricket underwent a marked change. Yorkshire lost another wicket before passing their opponents' total, but, with the last four wickets adding 239 runs, reached the splendid total of 325. Hirst played a great game, scoring 61 in an hour while the bowling was at its best.

By this time the Somerset bowlers had become somewhat demoralized and, moreover, the pitch had improved. Haigh and Rhodes made the most of their opportunity and, hitting with splendid vigour, added 118 runs in 55 minutes, while Haigh and Hunter put on 40 for the last wicket. Haigh was batting for an hour and three-quarters for his 96, the highest innings he has played in first-class cricket. With the close of the Yorkshire innings play ceased for the day, the home county holding the big lead of 238 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 July, page 8)

Those who visited the Headingley ground at Leeds, yesterday, could hardly have been prepared for the surprising cricket. Monday's play gave every promise of an easy victory for Yorkshire, but Somerset,

instead of being beaten by an innings, as seemed quite likely, actually turned a deficit of 238 - the result of two completed innings on the first afternoon - into a lead of 311. Only five wickets went [down], and for the loss of these Somerset scored 549 runs.

For this splendid score the chief honours belonged to Mr Lionel Palairet, Braund and Mr F A Phillips; but Somerset were also indebted to Mr Woods and Mr V T Hill for their brilliant hitting. Mr Palairet was three hours and 40 minutes in getting his 173, in which he hit 28 fours. He gave a hard chance to Rhodes at 135. Braund in his somewhat lucky 107 - the highest innings he has yet played for Somerset - hit 15 fours. Mr Phillips was just under three hours scoring his 122. He was always a brilliant bat at Oxford and he never played better than yesterday.

The foundation of Somerset's score against the best bowling in England was laid by Mr Palairet and Braund, who put on 222 before a wicket fell. They opened the Somerset innings just after half-past 11 and stayed till nearly lunch time. When he had made 22 Braund might have been caught by Tunncliffe. At 55 Tunncliffe appealed for a catch, having secured the ball low down at the second attempt, but Hirst, the bowler, obstructed Mycroft's view, and Wright, the umpire at short leg, gave Braund not out. At 61 the professional gave a further chance, but after this both played in fine style.

When Mr Phillips joined Mr Palairet another fine stand was made, 97 being added in 65 minutes. With Mr Woods in, the hitting was so severe that 125 runs were put on for the fourth wicket in 75 minutes. The Yorkshire bowlers had by this time lost their sting, and after Mr Woods left Mr Hill helped Mr Phillips to add 56 in half an hour. On Mr Phillips's departure Robson joined Mr Hill and played out time. Somerset were batting five hours and three-quarters. With half their wickets in hand Somerset hold a lead of 311 runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 July, page 11)

After a remarkable run of successes the Yorkshire eleven lost their first county match at Leeds yesterday. They were set 393 runs to get to win and were beaten by 279. It was a remarkable performance for Somerset to win after being headed on the first innings by 238 runs.

Braund and Cranfield took advantage of the state of the ground and proved too much for the Yorkshire batsmen. Tunncliffe batted very well, but he alone was seen to any advantage; and after lunch the side collapsed in a lamentable fashion, the last six wickets going down for 16 runs. The result was very well received by some 6,000 spectators, who heartily cheered the winning side.

Wednesday 17 July, page 8: THE NO-BALLING OF MOLD

The following answer to Phillips's statement has been issued by Mold: -

"Tunbridge-wells, July 16.

"I am much surprised that James Phillips, the umpire, has rushed into print concerning the attitude he has taken with reference to my bowling. I have no intention, nor have I any desire to obtrude myself of the public prints with reference to a matter which can only be decided by the M.C.C. I am not sure that Phillips is within his rights in addressing a communication to the Press, but as he has done so perhaps I may be permitted to remove any wrong impression that he appears to have given.

"First of all, Phillips declares that ten years ago he thought many of my deliveries 'were not above suspicion.' As Phillips stood umpire at the Gentlemen v Players match at Lord's and in other matches in which I played, how is it that upon those occasions he passed all my bowling as absolutely fair? Either this is the case, or he did not fulfil his duty as an umpire under law 48.

"Phillips also declares that the slight element of throw is introduced in the final swing of the arm or at the moment of delivery, but I search in vain through his letter to discover under which head he places by 'doubtful delivery.' My arm comes round as rigid as the spoke of a wheel. There is no bend from the commencement to the time the ball leaves my hand, and the break of the ball is not imparted by the wrist or the twist of the fingers. This comes entirely from the swing of my body, and anyone who understands cricket knows that many bowlers do not know how break is exactly imparted to their deliveries.

"I was astounded to read Phillips's observations with reference to certain balls which took wickets in the Lancashire v Somerset matches, which he declares now, instead of doing so at Old Trafford, were not absolutely fair. He excuses himself - nobody accused him - on the ground that he could not name the ball instantly on delivery. I think many of the balls that he called had arrived at the wicket-keeper's hands before he signalled them, and corroboration of this opinion can, no doubt, be had from the players on both sides. Rule 48a says that the umpire shall take special care to call 'no ball' instantly on delivery. If he cannot satisfy himself at the time of delivery then surely he cannot satisfy himself when the ball has passed the batsman.

"Phillips is kind enough to suggest that I was 'laboriously trying to keep my arm straight and rigid.' I tried to do nothing at all of the sort. I bowled as I have always bowled throughout my career. I have never changed my delivery for any ball in my lifetime, and I am not likely to do so now when my professional career is drawing to its close. Phillips talks a great deal about the task of carrying out the law, but I should like to remind him that he does not enjoy a monopoly of conscience. I, in common with every other bowler, try to obey the law in the first instance. It is very easy for Phillips to preach about his desire to put law 48 into force. Every other umpire has the same desire, but I have never yet met one who has ever questioned, let alone 'named,' my delivery.

"Phillips may possibly prejudice the case against me by his letter, but if it is fair and honourable for one umpire to write a letter in such a dispute as this, surely it is within the privilege of all the other umpires [also to] write letters. In that event I believe that I should have 19 letters from umpires declaring that my delivery was perfectly legitimate, so that the balance of expert evidence would be in my favour - and I take expert evidence on this point to come from English umpires, men who played first-class cricket before Phillips was ever heard of. It will be a bad thing for English cricket if expert opinion on English cricket is to come from the Bush of Australia.

"I happen to have been told what bowlers Phillips has on his list as doubtful. Why has he not 'named' every one on that list? If Phillips will go on no-balling every man on that list the greatest bowler, in my opinion, of this age will be 'no-balled.'

"I know that Phillips went to Nottingham last year with the firm intention of 'no-balling' me, and I am convinced that, although I have satisfied all other umpires, this year he came to Manchester with the same set purpose. Remembering this, I think we had better put the word conscience out of the question.

"There is one line in Phillips's letter with which I am in cordial sympathy. He uses the words, 'I ought not to be allowed to umpire.' I agree with him.

"ARTHUR MOLD"

Thursday 18 July, page 11: THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position is as follows: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	18	15	1	2	14	87.50
Middlesex	6	3	1	2	2	50.00
Surrey	14	6	3	5	3	33.33
Sussex	12	6	3	3	3	33.33
Lancashire	17	9	5	3	4	28.57
Warwickshire	11	4	3	4	1	14.28
Notts	11	3	3	5	0	0.00
Hampshire	9	3	3	3	0	0.00
Essex	12	2	3	7	-1	-20.00
Gloucestershire	13	3	5	5	-2	-25.00
Somerset	9	3	6	0	-3	-33.33
Kent	11	3	6	2	-3	-33.33
Worcestershire	13	4	8	1	-4	-33.33
Leicestershire	12	1	9	2	-8	-50.00
Derbyshire	10	0	6	4	-6	-100.00

New York, July 17

The Cricket Association, having failed to induce Mr C Wreford-Brown to bring over a British team this autumn, will open negotiations with Lord Hawke. Should Lord Hawke refuse the committee will ask Mr P F Warner to captain a team. - Laffan.

#### THE M.C.C. UMPIRES AND MOLD'S BOWLING

All the umpires on the M.C.C. list for county matches, with the exception of Phillips, were communicated with by telegraph yesterday and asked to give their opinion on that part of Mold's letter in which he said that he believed they would declare that his delivery was perfectly legitimate.

Titchmarsh, Smith, Hearn and Moss preferred not to express any opinion. Porter stated definitely that he thought Mold's delivery perfectly legitimate. White telegraphed, "Have not seen Mold this year. In the past have considered him doubtful." The other umpires have not replied.

Further information comes officially from Mr Lacey, the secretary of the M.C.C., that White has resigned his position as a first-class umpire for the reason that he considers Mold's deliveries doubtful. His place in the Lancashire match at Liverpool next Monday will probably be filled by Alfred Shaw.

#### 19 July: DERBYSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5741.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5741.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 July, page 12)

At Glossop yesterday the visitors were batting all day, and at the close of play had scored 363 for four wickets. Mr King batted well for his runs; and Mr Wood hit hard and helped him to add 127 for the third wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 July, page 14)

Leicestershire, who had scored 363 for the loss of four wickets on Thursday, declared their innings closed without further loss. Dr Macdonald and Geeson both scored over 100, and when the total reached 541 Derbyshire were given a chance, and at the end of the day had made 209 with seven men out.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 July, page 12)

Leicestershire beat Derbyshire by an innings and 20 runs at Glossop.

#### 18 July: ESSEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5742.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5742.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 July, page 12)

There was a splendid day's cricket at Leyton yesterday, the chief feature being the play of Mr A P Lucas, whose off-driving and cutting were worthy of his best days. The Lancashire fielding and bowling were very true, although on such a hard wicket the absence of Mold, whose injured knee kept him out of the side, was naturally felt.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 July, page 14)

There was another good day's cricket in Carpenter's benefit match at Leyton. Mr Garnett, who was not out overnight, was out to a very fine catch by Mr Kortright in the slips after 20 runs had been added.

Tyldesley and Mr Steel did not do much, and after Hibbert had been unluckily run out Hallows and Broughton came together. Their partnership realized 207 runs, and the former was out just after 5 o'clock, having scored his first 100 in a county match. He played confidently and in better style than most left-hand batsmen. With the exception of a hard chance at the wicket his innings was without fault. His driving and placing through the slips were features of his play. In his 130 he hit 18 fours.

Broughton, who played his first county match, was ill at ease for some time, but when set he hit well all round the wicket. When nearing three figures he was nervous and played several bad strokes, from one of which Mr Lucas caught him at point. Essex fielded only moderately well; at times they were brilliant, but at others they were slovenly. In the last half-hour of the day Essex scored 41 without loss.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 July, page 12)

The match at Leyton on Saturday was drawn. The Lancashire team fielded and bowled well, but Mold's absence was felt. It was very appropriate that Carpenter should have made a century in his benefit match; it must, however, have been disappointing to him to find such comparatively small gates on the three days.

18 July: MIDDLESEX v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5743.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5743.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 July, page 12)

That Middlesex are at present a brilliant rather than a safe side was again demonstrated at Lord's yesterday. After 197 had been obtained for four wickets, the innings closed for 275, the last six wickets thus adding only 78 runs.

Mr P F Warner played another fine innings of 82, and Mr Hayman, Mr Beldam and Mr Bosanquet all gave him useful assistance. Relf bowled very finely for Sussex, whose fielding was good, Tate in particular bringing off one very fine catch in the slips. The wicket was fiery during the afternoon, and Sussex lost two wickets for 79 during 80 minutes' batting.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 July, page 14)

At one time yesterday, thanks to some brilliant batting by Mr Fry and Killick, Sussex seemed likely to establish a commanding lead in this match at Lord's. Coming together with the total at 81 for three wickets, they added 105. Then Killick was run out through a very smart return by Mr More.

This was the turning point in the innings, for Trott coming on after the dismissal of Killick took the last six wickets in 12 overs for only 19 runs. He varied his pace and pitch with great judgment, and though over 100 runs were added to the total during his period of success, he claimed every wicket, including that of Mr Fry, who was caught off a deep hit. Mr Fry's innings was in every respect an admirable display, combining sound defence with brilliant batting all round the wicket.

The second innings of Middlesex opened in promising fashion, Mr Warner and Mr Hayman hitting up 94 in 65 minutes for the first wicket. The advantage thus gained was not retained, however, and at the close of play Middlesex with six wickets in hand were only 123 on. The fielding of both sides was excellent and did not seem to be affected by the excessive heat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 July, page 12)

After an interesting match Middlesex beat Sussex at Lord's on Saturday by 193 runs. The position of the game overnight gave promise of a good finish, for Middlesex, with six wickets in hand, held a

lead of 123 in their second innings. After some good batting by Mr Bosanquet and Mr Robertson, the Middlesex captain declared his innings closed at luncheon.

Requiring 339 to win with three hours and three-quarters left for play, Sussex had little chance of saving the game, as the wicket showed signs of wear; and the whole side was out just before 5 o'clock. Middlesex were largely indebted for their success to Trott, who had the splendid figures of seven wickets for just over ten runs each, while in the whole match he took 15 wickets for 187.

18 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5744.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5744.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 July, page 12)

The Notts team yesterday followed up their score of 661 against Derbyshire by scoring 403 for five wickets against Gloucestershire at Trent-bridge.

Shrewsbury, who had not previously made 100 this season, played faultless cricket for four hours and 40 minutes, and at the close of the day was not out with 138 runs to his credit. His driving on the off side was particularly fine. In company with Mr A O Jones he put on 164 runs for the second wicket in less than two hours, and then with John Gunn and Shrewsbury together 101 were added for the third wicket. Gunn, beginning indifferently, afterwards played bright cricket.

Mr A O Jones shared the honours of the day with Shrewsbury. He batted very quietly at first, but when once well set hit away most brilliantly, making 50 out of 72 in 70 minutes and in all 147 out of 198 in two hours and 40 minutes. He gave two chances in one over when just over 70, but otherwise his innings was a grand display of clean driving and well-timed cutting. He hit 25 fours. William Gunn was prevented from playing by a damaged finger.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 July, page 14)

The features of the cricket at Trent-bridge yesterday were the innings of Shrewsbury and Wrathall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 July, page 12)

The match at Nottingham was left drawn on Saturday. On going in a second time Notts so far mastered the bowling that at half-past 4 Mr Jones was able to declare with three wickets down for 246. He himself played a beautiful innings and Gunn's driving was brilliant.

Gloucestershire were left with 235 to get to win, and had lost six wickets for 94, when Board and Paish got together and saved the game.

18 July: WORCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5745.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5745.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 July, page 12)

In meeting Worcestershire at Worcester, yesterday, Surrey were not at full strength, Hayward and Mr Leveson-Gower being away. The former is taking a rest.

Surrey had the good fortune to win the toss, and up to a point did well, the score when the fifth wicket fell being 209. After this, however, the batting broke down completely before the bowling of Wilson, who, dismissing Mr Walker, Mr Dowson and Stedman with consecutive balls, performed the "hat-trick." Hayes hit with vigour and Mr Jephson was also seen to capital advantage. Mr Jephson was third out at 180.

The best batting of the day was that of Mr R E Foster. He reached his 50 in an hour and ten minutes, and afterwards hit so brilliantly that he completed his 100 in a little under two hours. At the close Worcestershire were only 40 runs behind, with six wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 July, page 14)

Mr R E Foster, who was not out 116 when play ceased at Worcester on Thursday, raised his score yesterday to 135 before being caught at the wicket.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 July, page 12)

Surrey beat Worcestershire, at Worcester, by 47 runs. In the morning Worcestershire seemed to have a prospect of victory, requiring only 128 runs to win with six wickets in hand. With the exception, however, of Mr R E Foster and Pearson, the side batted badly. Mr Dowson bowled well and Surrey's fielding was good.

18 July: YORKSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5746.html](http://www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5746.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 July, page 12)

In their return match with Warwickshire Yorkshire yesterday, at Bradford, lacked the services of Mr T L Taylor, and in the course of the day Hirst, having injured his foot, had to retire from the field, and Lord Hawke split a finger.

Warwickshire did not make quite the most of their opportunity. Still they kept their opponents in the field all day, and scored 320 for the loss of seven wickets. Kinneir, who succeeded in putting together his fourth 100 of the season, played a good innings, but was very slow until he had reached three figures. He was missed before he had scored, but subsequently made no mistake during a stay of more than four hours and a half.

Devey assisted to put on 79 runs for the first wicket, but the brothers Quaife batted in tedious fashion, and it was not until Charlesworth came in that any life was infused into the play. Kinneir then rapidly hitting up his last 23, 66 runs were added for the sixth wicket. The weather proved intensely hot, but Yorkshire fielded admirably. About 7,000 people watched the play.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 July, page 14)

Warwickshire had the better of the cricket at Park-avenue, Bradford, yesterday.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 July, page 12)

Warwickshire had a great chance of defeating Yorkshire at Bradford on Saturday, but threw away their opportunity by bad fielding. Brown and Mr Mitchell each scored a hundred, but were several times missed. Their partnership produced 258 runs in three hours and a half, the game being abandoned at 5 o'clock. Some 5,000 people watched the cricket in brilliantly fine weather.

Friday 19 July, page 12

MOLD'S BOWLING. - To prevent misapprehension we are requested to state that telegrams which were sent to the county umpires asking their opinion on a certain portion of Mold's reply to James Phillips emanated from Manchester, but not from the Lancashire County Club.

Saturday 20 July, page 14: THE HASTINGS FESTIVAL

The first match of the Hastings Festival, beginning on Thursday, September 5, will be Yorkshire v an England Eleven. The original fixture was Yorkshire and Lancashire v the Rest of England.

#### MR MACLAREN'S TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

We are asked by Mr MacLaren to state that so far the only cricketers who have definitely arranged to go to Australia with him at the end of September are Mr G L Jessop, Hayward, Lilley, Tylecote and W G Quaife.

MR STODDART'S TEAM IN AUSTRALIA. - Mr A E Stoddart has received a communication from Mr R Shute, hon. treasurer, New South Wales Cricket Association, enclosing two letters written to the editor of the Sydney Morning Herald to refute statements which had appeared in that paper to the effect that the amateur members of the last English team in Australia received payment. The writers of the letters, Mr Philip Sheridan, of Sydney, and Mr C H Ross, late hon. treasurer Melbourne Cricket Club, both protest emphatically against such assertions and utterly deny their truth.

AN ENGLISH TEAM FOR AMERICA. - Mr B J T Bosanquet has accepted an invitation to take an English eleven for a short tour in America this autumn.

Monday 22 July, page 12: THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	27	1762	244	2	70.48
Mr L C H Palairet	21	1151	182	0	64.33
K S Ranjitsinhji	24	1284	219	2	53.36
Abel	42	2120	247	5	57.28
W G Quaife	23	1036	177	4	57.15
Kinneir	21	1189	215*	1	56.95
Mr P F Warner	21	1012	197*	2	58.42
Mr F L Fane	12	602	156	1	54.72
Mr C McGahey	27	1192	145*	5	54.18
Hayward	38	1677	181	5	54.09
Tyldesley	36	1748	221	2	51.41
Mr F Mitchell	32	1379	162*	4	49.25
Capt J G Greig	19	797	249*	2	46.88
J Gunn	23	927	81	3	46.35
Lilley	23	927	124	3	46.35
Mr G L Jessop	32	1463	169	0	45.87
Mr A O Jones	29	1253	249	1	44.75
Mr G W Beldam	24	961	150*	2	43.68
Mr R E Foster	32	1342	135	1	43.29
Mr P Perrin	27	1044	189	2	41.76
Mr A P Lucas	15	499	83	3	41.58
Shrewsbury	21	724	167*	3	40.22
Mr S H Day	22	761	91*	3	40.05
Hirst	29	1074	214	2	39.77
W Gunn	20	751	273	1	39.62
Mr C J B Wood	38	1421	156	1	38.40
Mr J A Dixon	13	376	74	3	37.60
Mr L G Wright	28	1050	193	0	37.50
Carpenter	38	1290	136	1	36.85
Mr F P Knox	14	507	183	0	36.21
Wrathall	29	977	148	1	34.89
Mr K O Goldie	26	904	140	0	34.76
Mr S M J Woods	21	691	90	1	34.55



J T Brown	34	1030	134*	4	34.33
Mr H B Hayman	26	850	165	0	33.07
Mr V F S Crawford	36	1053	169	3	32.90
Braund	29	918	115*	1	32.78
Mr H G Garnett	36	1137	139	1	32.43
Mr T L Taylor	21	610	113	2	32.10
Mr E R Wilson	15	469	118	0	31.28
Mr J R Mason	29	796	141	3	30.57
Mr E M Dowson	25	696	105	2	30.26
Storer	35	1002	107	1	29.41
Tunnickliffe	34	895	145	3	28.80
Mr D L A Jephson	27	693	133	3	28.87
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	20	507	90*	2	26.16
Mr W P Robertson	26	689	78	1	27.87
Mr C J Burnup	38	956	141	0	27.31
Mr H G Owen	21	534	106*	0	26.70
Dr W G Grace	23	577	80	0	25.08

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	934	308	2214	157	14.10
Mead	674.5	222	1519	96	16.03
Hirst	702.4	162	1826	113	16.15
Dr W G Grace	322.1	91	774	43	18.00
Mold	355.5	67	1634	57	18.14
Tate	634.4	181	1563	84	18.60
Hallam	509.4	180	1145	58	19.75
Hargreave	754.2	218	1778	89	19.97
Sharp	532	101	1731	86	20.12
Trott	921.3	211	2807	137	20.43
Lockwood	514.3	114	1457	72	20.65
Richardson	851.2	171	2387	111	21.50
Haigh	389.5	80	1132	51	22.19
J Gunn	531.3	167	1260	55	22.20
Mr J R Mason	501.3	131	1350	57	23.85
Mr W M Bradley	670.4	160	2097	87	24.10
Mr D L A Jephson	383.2	55	1105	45	24.57
J T Hearne	690.1	210	1674	54	26.15
Vine	746	183	2127	78	27.26
Braund	518.3	96	2243	81	27.69

#### THE COUNTIES

The present position of the Championship is as follows: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	19	15	1	3	14	87.50
Middlesex	7	4	1	2	3	60.00
Surrey	16	7	3	6	4	40.00
Lancashire	18	9	5	4	4	28.57
Sussex	13	6	4	3	2	20.00
Warwickshire	12	4	3	5	1	14.28
Notts	12	3	3	6	0	0.00
Hampshire	9	3	3	3	0	0.00
Essex	13	2	3	8	-1	-20.00
Gloucestershire	14	3	5	6	-2	-25.00
Somerset	9	3	6	0	-3	-33.33
Kent	11	3	6	2	-3	-33.33
Worcestershire	14	4	9	1	-5	-38.46
Leicestershire	13	2	9	2	-7	-63.63
Derbyshire	11	0	7	4	-7	-100.00

22 July: DERBYSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5747.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5747.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 July, page 12)

At Derby, yesterday, the day's cricket was not marked by any specially interesting features.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 July, page 11)

On a pitch that gave the bowlers no apparent help, 18 wickets fell at Derby yesterday, with the result that Gloucestershire, with an innings to play, were left with 288 runs to get to win. Mr Brown, who was twice missed, was batting an hour and ten minutes for his runs. For Derbyshire Mr Lawton hit with great vigour and with Warren made a most useful stand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 July, page 11)

The wet weather prevented any play yesterday in the following matches, which were thus necessarily left drawn: -

. . . Derby. - Derbyshire v Gloucestershire.

22 July: HAMPSHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5748.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5748.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 July, page 12)

Yesterday, at Portsmouth, the Hampshire eleven batted evenly and made a very good score. Mr E I M Barrett's 89 was the best innings of the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 July, page 11)

At Portsmouth overnight the Somerset score stood at 89 without loss, Mr Palairret having made 50 and Braund 34. Upon the resumption of play yesterday both batsmen continued to score fast, and it was not until the total had been raised to 196 that the separation came. Afterwards, however, Soar bowled with such effect that the last nine wickets after the big stand only realized 100 runs.

Hampshire made a bad start, but Webb once more came to the rescue. When stumps were drawn Hampshire, with seven wickets down, were 276 runs on.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 July, page 11)

A most exciting finish was witnessed at Portsmouth yesterday. Rain had fallen heavily during the early morning, and when play was resumed on a wicket drying under the sun Hampshire declared, leaving Somerset 276 to win in three and a half hours.

Mr Palairret batted superbly under difficulties and appeared to be saving his side. He was out, however, with only ten minutes remaining for play and three wickets to fall. When Llewellyn entered upon the last over and still two men to get out, Somerset looked like making a draw. The first ball, however, bowled Cranfield, who did not attempt to play it, and the third Tyler put up to the wicket-keeper. Hampshire accordingly won an extraordinary match just on time by 103 runs.

22 June: LANCASHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5749.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5749.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 July, page 12)

The batting of the Lancashire eleven at Liverpool yesterday as for the most part of an indifferent character, and no such total as 325 would have been reached but for blunders in the field. The worst mistake was that made by Rawlin, who, after two wickets had fallen for 31, failed to hold a simple catch at forward short leg given by Tyldesley, when that batsman had scored only four.

This had an extraordinary effect on the course of the game, Tyldesley staying at the wickets for two hours and a half and obtaining 170. After his escape he played in brilliant style for 50 minutes, driving with great power; then in quick succession he gave two more chances - at 52 and 55. Late in his innings, too - at 141 - he was nearly caught at mid-on. The total had reached 285 when he was eighth out, having hit in his big score 24 fours, five threes and 15 twos. Ward helped him to add 85 runs for the third wicket, and while Mr Steel was in with him 76 runs were put on in just over half an hour.

Middlesex went in at a quarter to 6, and before the drawing of stumps lost Mr MacGregor and Mr Moon for 38, so that they have now an uphill battle before them. In the course of the morning a little rain fell, but not enough to have any effect on the wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 July, page 11)

Middlesex did very badly at Liverpool yesterday and can hardly hope to escape being beaten. Yesterday they were 287 behind with two wickets down, and whatever chance they had of making a good fight was practically lost in the first hour, for in that time six more wickets fell before the bowling of Sharp and Mr Steel for the addition of 46 runs. Mr Nicholls and Mr More, by good cricket, put on 31 runs together for the ninth wicket, and Mr More and Rawlin afterwards scored another 43, but Middlesex finished their innings in a minority of 167.

Lancashire chose to go in again and, though Mr MacLaren was absent, they succeeded in setting Middlesex the tremendous task of getting 406 to win. Hallows, who went in third wicket down at 82 and was the last man out, hit 13 fours in his 77. Middlesex were greatly handicapped during the Lancashire second innings by losing the services of Trott and Mr Beldam. It is not certain whether either player will be able to bat to-day; but in any case Middlesex can have little prospect of saving the game, as they have already lost Mr MacGregor's wicket for four runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 July, page 11)

The wet weather prevented any play yesterday in the following matches, which were thus necessarily left drawn: -

Liverpool. - Lancashire v Middlesex . . .

22 July: LONDON COUNTY v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5750.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5750.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 July, page 12)

London County, at the Crystal Palace, yesterday, had considerably the better of the play against Leicestershire. After lunch Leicester collapsed badly. This was in a great measure due to the bowling of Mr McGahey, who took four wickets for 17 runs.

The best piece of play was left until the closing hours, when Dr Grace and Mr Fane by some splendidly free cricket established a favourable position for London County.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 July, page 11)

At the Crystal Palace yesterday London County gained a decided advantage. Dr Grace, who had played so brilliantly on Monday evening, was out at 161 to a fine catch at long-on. He was at the wickets for an hour and three-quarters and among his hits were 11 fours.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 July, page 11)

The wet weather prevented any play yesterday in the following matches, which were thus necessarily left drawn: -

. . . At the Crystal Palace, as it had been arranged to decide the game on the first innings, failing any other issue, London County won by 225 runs. Had cricket been possible Dr W G Grace would have been absent owing to the death of his sister-in-law, the wife of Dr E M Grace.

22 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5751.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5751.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 July, page 12)

Brighton wickets are usually so good from a run-getting point of view that the Surrey score yesterday was rather disappointing. They kept Sussex in the field until after 6, but only obtained 355 runs.

The fielding of the home side was very close and the batsmen generally adopted careful methods. Mr Jephson played remarkably well, although giving two chances - at 37 and 52. With Abel he put on 114 for the first wicket. The feature of Mr Jephson's innings was the excellent cutting. He was batting two hours and hit 15 fours.

Mr Crawford was much quieter than usual, but he played a sound game, as also did Mr Dowson, who was in nearly two hours and a half. The latter made some risky strokes on the off-side, but was seen to advantage in on-driving and clever leg placing. Relf, Tate and Vine bowled well; but Parris, who has not figured in county cricket for two seasons, was unfortunate, inasmuch as Mr Jephson was twice missed off him.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 July, page 11)

The cricket at Brighton yesterday was dull and uninteresting. Mr Dowson followed up his excellent innings by carrying off the bowling honours. But for some steady work by Vine and Killick Sussex would have held a very unenviable position.

Surrey being 155 on, Mr Jephson decided to go in again rather than take any risks; and he, together with Abel, made 109 for the first wicket in an hour and a half.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 July, page 11)

Heavy rain fell in Brighton yesterday morning, but about 12 o'clock there was an improvement in the weather and the game was resumed under favourable conditions. Mr Jephson was batting for two hours and did not give anything like a chance, his best hits being sixteen fours. At the luncheon interval, Surrey held a lead of 315, and it was thought that the innings would be declared closed. Mr Jephson, however preferred to see Lees disposed of before taking this step and, with three hours and a quarter left for play, Sussex were 330 runs behind.

K S Ranjitsinhji and Mr Fry were seen at their best. In about two hours they scored 134, Mr Fry being then out. By this time Sussex held a safe position, and at 6 o'clock, when K S Ranjitsinhji had scored 100, the game was abandoned as a draw.

22 July: WORCESTERSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5752.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5752.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 July, page 12)

At Worcester, yesterday, in their match with Kent, Worcestershire had the services of both Mr R E and Mr H K Foster. The home side gave a very good show of batting. Kent fielded and bowled well.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 July, page 11)

Mr Burnup and Mr Dillon made 210 for the first wicket at Worcester yesterday, both playing beautiful cricket. At the close of play Worcestershire were 58 runs behind with nine wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 July, page 11)

The wet weather prevented any play yesterday in the following matches, which were thus necessarily left drawn: -

. . . Worcester. - Worcestershire v Kent . . .

22 July: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5753.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5753.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 July, page 12)

The ill luck experienced by the Yorkshire eleven last week in no way affected the attendance at Sheffield yesterday, about 12,000 people watching the first day's play in the return match with Notts.

The feature of the cricket was the success that attended J T Brown, of Darfield, who was making his first appearance in a big match this season. Bowling at a fine pace, with plenty of spin, he was mainly instrumental in getting Notts out for the small score of 151, seven wickets falling to him at a cost of less than eight runs each. At one period - after Mr A O Jones and Iremonger had put on 55 runs in 35 minutes for the first wicket - Brown sent down seven overs and two balls for nine runs and seven wickets, an hour's cricket causing the dismissal of seven men for only 26 runs.

The side would probably have been out for less than a hundred had not Hallam, with his score at four, been missed by Lord Hawke in the deep field. The mistake proved expensive, Hallam, Mason and Wass giving a good deal of trouble at the end of the innings, adding 70 runs for the last three wickets.

Yorkshire, who went in at a quarter-past 3, were handicapped by the defective light, and their batting was extremely slow in consequence, only 153 runs having been scored when stumps were pulled up a little after 6. They are, however, in a decidedly good position, being two runs ahead with half their wickets in hand. Hirst was an exception to the slow play, scoring 35 in just over half an hour.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 July, page 11)

By fine all-round play Yorkshire gained a brilliant victory over Notts at Sheffield yesterday by an innings and 226 runs. After dismissing their opponents for 151 they had on Monday gained a lead of two runs with half their wickets to fall.

This advantage they followed up yesterday by superb batting, staying in from half-past 11 till ten minutes past 4 and adding 375 runs to their overnight score of 153. Runs were scored at the rate of 100 an hour. Hirst and Haigh, who had become partners overnight with the total at 131, were not separated until they had put on 205 for the sixth wicket in two hours and ten minutes. Hirst, who was the first to leave at 336, was batting for rather less than two hours and a half. Included in his 125 were a six, a five and 16 fours. His innings was without blemish until he had made 100, but afterwards he gave a couple of chances.

Haigh - ninth out at 528 - quite surpassed all that he had done before in a big match, scoring 159, the first three-figure innings he has played for Yorkshire. Though he made three or four doubtful strokes, he gave no actual chance in a display that lasted four hours and included 19 fours. His partnership with Lord Hawke for the eighth wicket produced 146 runs, the Yorkshire captain, who hit up 89 of this number, making his best score for the county this season.

Being 377 runs in arrear Notts were in an unenviable position, but no one expected that the match would be finished yesterday. Two wickets went down for 14, but Mr A O Jones and John Gunn, helped by luck, put on 54 runs for the third wicket, and Mr Dixon afterwards played a fine innings. It was after 6 o'clock when Mr Dixon left - sixth out at 135 - but the innings came to an end before the time for drawing stumps, the last four wickets only adding 16 runs to the score. The Notts total was exactly the same as in the first innings.

Wednesday 24 July, page 11

MR MACLAREN'S TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA. - The Yorkshire committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the pavilion at Sheffield while the Yorkshire and Notts match was in progress, and expressed a wish that Rhodes should not accept Mr MacLaren's invitation to accompany his team to Australia.

Thursday 25 July, page 11: THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Below will be found the present positions of the counties: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	20	16	1	3	15	88.28
Middlesex	8	4	1	3	3	60.00
Surrey	16	7	3	6	4	40.00
Lancashire	19	9	5	5	4	28.57
Sussex	14	6	4	4	2	20.00
Warwickshire	12	4	3	5	1	14.28
Hampshire	10	4	3	3	1	14.28
Notts	13	3	4	6	-1	-14.23
Essex	13	2	3	8	-1	-20.00
Gloucestershire	15	3	5	7	-2	-25.00
Kent	12	3	6	3	-3	-33.33
Worcestershire	15	4	9	2	-5	-38.06
Somerset	10	3	7	0	-4	-40.00
Leicestershire	13	2	9	2	-7	-60.63
Derbyshire	12	0	7	5	-7	-100.00

A Reuter telegram states that the Associated Cricket Clubs of Philadelphia have decided to send a Philadelphian team to England next year to play the leading county elevens.

25 July: ESSEX v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5754.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5754.html))

25 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5756.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5756.html))

25 July: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5757.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5757.html))

25 July: WORCESTERSHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5759.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5759.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 July, page 6)

The rainstorms were almost general in London and the provinces yesterday, and except at Brighton none of the big matches could be proceeded with. There was a large crowd at the Oval in the morning for the beginning of Yorkshire v Surrey; but the ground was under water at 1 o'clock and no play was possible. The Surrey executive will no doubt see that Lockwood's benefit does not suffer by the lost day.

The matches in which no play was possible yesterday were: - Oval, Surrey v Yorkshire; Leyton, Essex v Leicestershire; Nottingham, Notts v Kent; Manchester, [Lancashire] v Gloucestershire.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 July, page 14)

The recurrence of the rainstorms prevented any play yesterday at the Oval in Yorkshire v Surrey; at Leyton, in Essex v Leicestershire; at Worcester, in Worcestershire v Somerset; and at Nottingham, in Notts v Kent.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 July, page 10)

The heavy storms recurred on Saturday and an early decision was come to at most of the grounds to abandon all idea of cricket. Lockwood, of Surrey, will no doubt be given a fresh fixture as a benefit by his committee. The severity of the rainfall prevented play on any of the days set apart for the following matches: -

Oval. - Surrey v Yorkshire.  
Nottingham. - Notts v Kent.  
Worcester. - Worcester v Somerset.  
Leyton. - Essex v Leicestershire.  
Lord's. - M.C.C. v Royal Engineers.

25 July: LANCASHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5755.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5755.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 July, page 6)

The matches in which no play was possible yesterday were: - . . . [Lancashire] v Gloucestershire.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 July, page 14)

Yesterday, at Manchester, there was some bright cricket on a soft wicket. Board and Mr Kitcat, with their stand of 91 for the fifth partnership, furnished the best play in the Gloucestershire innings.

For Lancashire the chief work was done by Mr Garnett, who made 80 out of 106 for the first wicket. He got his runs very quickly by a wide variety of strokes, the best of which was, perhaps, that on the leg side.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 July, page 10)

At Manchester on Saturday the match between Lancashire and Gloucestershire had to be left drawn; but it was not until they had passed through a period of anxiety that Gloucestershire succeeded in averting defeat.

In the morning the sun shone with great power and batsmen found themselves at a disadvantage. Mr Brown bowled with marked success, the whole Lancashire team being out for 257. Ward, who gave a fine display of defensive cricket, was in for three hours and five minutes.

Holding a lead of 28 runs, Gloucestershire then fared so disastrously that when the sixth wicket fell they were only 94 runs to the good, and an hour and three-quarters remained for play. At this critical moment Mr Kitcat and Mr Fowler came together, and their stand saved the game for their side.

25 July: SUSSEX v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5758.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5758.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 July, page 6)

More fortunate than any other town at which a county match was arranged to begin yesterday, Brighton enjoyed very pleasant weather all the afternoon. Hampshire won the toss and did so well that at the time for drawing stumps they had scored 384 and had still a wicket to fall.

Captain Greig and Mr E I M Barrett divided the honours of the day, the former playing especially well. Going in first, he was out fourth at 215, having made 103 in a little over three hours and a half without a chance. Mr Barrett, who made his first hundred for Hampshire, gave a chance at the wicket when he had scored 53; but otherwise his batting was admirable. Butt was extraordinarily successful in making catches at the wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 July, page 14)

In the few minutes' cricket possible through the weather yesterday at Brighton, Hampshire completed their innings.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 July, page 10)

Though rain fell for hours in Brighton on Friday afternoon and during the night, the ground suffered less than might have been expected, and cricket was found possible on Saturday before 1 o'clock.

Sussex lost four wickets before lunch for 54 runs, but after that the batting improved. Mr Fry, who was batting for over two hours and a half, played a very fine innings. Relf showed good cricket, but he ought to have been caught in the deep field before he had made a run. To please the crowd, Hampshire went in for the second time, something under half an hour remaining for cricket. Two wickets fell, and then the match was left drawn.

Saturday 27 July, page 14: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

Mr A O Jones has accepted the invitation to go to Australia. Hirst, of Yorkshire, has been invited.

Monday 29 July, page 10: THE AVERAGES

The chief averages are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	30	1926	244	2	68.78
K S Ranjitsinhji	27	1401	219	3	58.37
Mr L C H Palairet	23	1313	183	0	57.00
Kinneir	21	1138	215*	1	56.95
Abel	44	2211	247	5	56.69
Mr P F Warner	21	1072	197*	2	56.42



Mr C McGahey	28	1273	145*	6	55.34
W G Quaife	24	1089	177	5	54.45
Hayward	37	1633	161	5	52.90
Tyldesley	41	2006	221	2	51.41
Capt J G Greig	20	900	249*	2	50.00
Mr F Mitchell	33	1395	162*	4	48.10
Lilley	23	923	124	3	46.16
J Gunn	25	968	81	3	44.00
Mr A O Jones	31	1309	249	1	43.63
Mr R E Foster	33	1396	135	1	43.62
Mr G L Jessop	36	1513	169	0	43.22
Hirst	30	1199	214	2	43.82
Mr G W Beldam	25	973	160*	2	42.30
Mr P Perrin	27	1044	189	2	41.76
Mr A P Lucas	15	499	83	3	41.58
W Gunn	20	751	273	1	39.52
Mr C J B Wood	40	1188	156	2	39.15
Mr S H Day	23	771	91*	3	38.65
Shrewsbury	23	740	167*	3	37.00
Carpenter	36	1290	136	1	36.85
Mr L G Wright	30	1105	165	0	36.83
Braund	31	1026	115*	1	34.50
Mr H G Garnett	38	1261	139	1	34.08
King	38	1217	143	2	33.80
J T Brown, sen.	35	1047	134*	4	33.77
Mr V F S Crawford	37	1110	159	4	33.63
Mr D L A Jephson	29	673	133	3	33.57
Mr K O Goldie	27	904	140	0	33.48
Mr H B Hayman	26	860	166	0	33.07
Wrathall	32	1018	143	1	32.87
Mr E M Dowson	25	778	106	2	32.41
Mr T L Taylor	21	610	113	2	32.10
Mr S M J Woods	23	693	90	1	31.50
Mr J R Mason	30	836	141	3	30.96
Mr C J Burnup	36	1066	141	0	29.38
Tunnicliffe	35	930	145	3	29.06
Lord Hawke	22	571	89	2	28.66
Storer	37	1013	107	1	28.13
Dr W G Grace	24	660	83	0	27.30
Mr H G Owen	21	534	106*	1	26.70
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	21	507	80*	2	26.68
Hayes	37	923	121	2	26.37
Mr A C MacLaren	25	502	82	1	20.91

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	957	312	2302	160	14.38
Mead	674.5	222	1548	96	16.03
Hirst	710.4	163	1864	114	16.35
Mold	355.5	67	1034	57	18.14
Dr W G Grace	349.1	101	814	44	18.60
Cranfield	552.5	181	1511	86	18.73
Tate	735.1	206	1813	93	19.49
Hargreave	754.2	216	1778	89	19.97
Sharp	581	109	1861	92	20.22
Lockwood	514.3	114	1487	72	20.65
Hallam	571.4	200	1218	58	21.00
Trott	975.3	220	2966	140	21.18
Haigh	401.3	81	1166	55	21.20
Richardson	890.2	186	2461	114	21.58
J Gunn	586.2	172	1352	59	22.57
Mr J R Mason	526.3	143	1404	58	24.20
Mr W M Bradley	708.4	170	2209	90	24.54
Mr E M Dowson	637.3	160	1804	72	25.05

J T Hearne 740 223 1834 70 26.18

## THE COUNTIES

In the championship competition the positions of the sides are now as follows: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	20	16	1	3	15	88.23
Middlesex	8	4	1	3	3	60.00
Surrey	16	7	3	6	4	40.00
Lancashire	10	4	5	6	4	28.57
Sussex	15	6	4	5	2	20.00
Warwickshire	12	4	3	5	1	14.28
Hampshire	11	4	3	4	1	14.28
Notts	13	3	4	6	-1	-14.23
Essex	13	2	3	8	-1	-20.00
Gloucestershire	16	3	5	8	-2	-25.00
Kent	12	3	6	3	-3	-33.33
Worcestershire	15	4	9	2	-5	-38.46
Somerset	10	3	7	0	-4	-40.00
Leicestershire	13	2	9	2	-7	-63.63
Derbyshire	12	0	7	5	-7	-100.00

29 July: DERBYSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5760.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5760.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 July, page 12)

The policy adopted by Mr Lawton, the Derbyshire captain, of putting Lancashire in to bat after he had won the toss at Derby, yesterday, turned out badly. For the success they obtained Lancashire were indebted to Albert Ward and Tyldesley, who, coming together at the fall of the first wicket at 26, were not separated until they had raised the score to 299, when Tyldesley was out for a fine total of 158.

He was missed by Bestwick at ten, but after that he made no other mistake till his score had reached 133, when he was again let off by Bestwick. He gave two other chances - at 143 and just before he was out - but despite all blemished he played really good cricket. He made his 158 in three hours and a half, his chief strokes being 17 fours.

Ward, who left at 301, also had his share of good fortune, being missed from a difficult chance at point when he had scored only six and again in the slips before completing 50. He was batting four hours for his 117 - his first 100 this season - and hit 11 fours. When the big stand had been broken the bowlers got the upper hand.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 July, page 12)

The wicket was always treacherous yesterday at Derby. In an hour and a half before luncheon the whole of the home side were dismissed for 92. Cuttell and ebb bowled unchanged, and the former, who took seven wickets for 19 runs, as almost unplayable.

After the interval Derbyshire followed on against a majority of 324 and, though Mr Wright made a fine effort, Lancashire succeeded in winning by an innings and 184 runs.

29 July: KENT v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5761.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5761.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 July, page 12)

Some heavy showers overnight followed by a hot sun made the Catford wicket treacherous yesterday. Mr Mason won the toss and decided to bat first, but Kent found run-getting no easy matter. Mr Mason made 40 out of 57 and played admirable cricket. Braund met with great success with the ball, while Robson, who sent down only two overs, secured the last three wickets at a cost of only one run.

Somerset fared much better. Mr Woods forced the game from the start and with Robson put on 49 for the first wicket, while later in the innings Mr Porch, Mr Samson and Gill gave material assistance. When Kent went in, 83 behind, three wickets fell for 22 runs, but thanks to Mr Mason, Mr Day and Hearne, Kent were 23 on at the close with six wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 July, page 12)

At Catford, yesterday, Kent won by 25 runs. For their success they were mainly indebted to Mr Mason, who, with A Hearne, put on 113 for the fifth wicket in two hours; while later Mr Blaker forced the game successfully.

Somerset had 158 to make to win, and before lunch Mr Woods hit so freely that 53 of that number were secured without loss. After lunch a change came over the game and, though Mr Phillips showed sound defence and Somerset obtained 115 for five wickets, Mr Mason subsequently carried all before him and the last five wickets fell for an addition of 17 runs.

29 July: LEICESTERSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5762.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5762.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 July, page 12)

Bowlers had all their own way at Leicester yesterday. During the five hours and ten minutes that play was in progress 25 wickets fell for an aggregate of 333 runs, and as a result Notts at the close were 71 runs ahead with five batsmen left.

Going in first, Notts were out in an hour and 40 minutes for 71. This was chiefly the work of King, who made full use of the condition of the ground and came out with the splendid record of six wickets for 22 runs.

The feature of the Leicestershire innings was a dashing display by Mr De Trafford. He was ninth out, having been at the wickets an hour and 35 minutes. Amongst his hits were nine fours. Leicestershire secured a lead of 60.

Going in a second time, Notts lost Iremonger and Shrewsbury for five runs, and had Leicestershire taken all the chances offered them they might have left off in a good position. However, Mr Jones and J Gunn, who were partners at this point, were each missed twice in the long field, and profiting by their good fortune put on 80 in 45 minutes for the third wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 July, page 12)

Leicestershire beat Notts at Leicester yesterday by five wickets. When play started in the morning Notts, with half their batsmen out, were 71 runs ahead; but King and Geeson bowled with such effect that the last five wickets fell for an addition of only 40 runs. Leicestershire had 112 to get, and so well did Mr de Trafford and Mr Wood play that the issue was never in doubt.

29 July: WARWICKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5763.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5763.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 July, page 12)

The heavy rains of last week had left the wicket at Birmingham so soft yesterday that no cricket was possible until a quarter to 1. Warwickshire, winning the toss, did not hesitate to bat, but sent their steady batsmen in first when it was obviously the game to try to force the runs. All the best work was done during the later stage of the innings when the pitch was affected by the sun, and, whereas the first 98 runs took two hours and a quarter, the next hundred were scored in an hour and a half.

Up to a certain point there was little of note in the batting. Vigorous cricket by Lilley and Charlesworth yielded 72 runs for the sixth wicket. Surrey are 174 runs behind with all their wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 July, page 12)

At Birmingham yesterday Surrey left off with every prospect of winning the match. Abel and Mr Jephson made a good start, and a fine innings was played by Hayes, who, going in first wicket down, scored 100.

When Warwickshire went in again Devey and Kinneir scored 73 for the first wicket, but Hayward then bowled so well that when stumps were drawn Warwickshire, with half their wickets down, were only 22 runs to the good.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 August, page 10)

The Warwickshire eleven gained a really wonderful victory over Surrey at Birmingham, yesterday, by 16 runs. At the close of Tuesday's play they were only 22 runs ahead with five wickets down in their second innings, but in the end their total reached 218. Hayward again bowled in capital form and in the whole innings took eight wickets for 89 runs.

Surrey only wanted 126 to win and, though under the influence of bright sunshine the wicket was becoming difficult, the task seemed to be well within their powers. Mr Jephson and Abel scored 44 for the first wicket, but after lunch the batting broke down so badly that the innings ended for 109. Charlesworth and Hargreave bowled finely and the fielding was very smart.

29 July: YORKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5764.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5764.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 July, page 12)

The ground being soft at Hull yesterday, Mr Jessop on winning the toss put Yorkshire in. For the action he took there was scarcely justification and the result proved most disastrous, Yorkshire running up a score of 186 and Gloucestershire being dismissed for 70.

The bowling of Rhodes was the element in determining the course of the day's cricket. In 20 overs and two balls he did seven batsmen at a cost of only 20 runs. Brown batted well for Yorkshire, but the best cricket was that of Mr Mitchell, who, in company with Hirst, added 40 runs. Lord Hawke and Hunter put on 36 for the last wicket.

When Gloucestershire went in scarcely any one offered real resistance to Rhodes, but Mr Kitcat, although occasionally beaten, showed skilful defence and carried his bat right through the innings for 18. As the game was left last evening Yorkshire, with nine wickets in hand, possess a lead of 124 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 July, page 12)

Gloucestershire made a good fight with Yorkshire at Hull yesterday, but could not regain the ground they had lost on Monday, and were beaten by 55 runs.

They were set 240 to get to win, and though Mr Kitcat and Wrathall made a capital start, and Mr Jessop and Board batted well, the task was too much for them. Rhodes again bowled with marked success.

29 July: M.C.C. AND GROUND v BEDFORDSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/251/251319.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/251/251319.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 July, page 12)

At Lord's yesterday Bedfordshire fared badly against the bowling of Mead and Relf. Mr Turner played a good innings for the club and Mr Parbury bowled very well for the visitors.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 July, page 12)

After a good match Bedfordshire beat the M.C.C. at Lord's yesterday by 13 runs. The scores were: - Bedfordshire, 141 and 101; M.C.C., 131 and 98. Mead for the club took 12 wickets for 88 runs, while Wharmby took nine for the county for 82 runs.

Wednesday 31 July, page 12: INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

New York, July 30.

The committee of Philadelphia cricketers has accepted Mr Bosanquet's terms for bringing over a team in the autumn. The Philadelphians were probably never better prepared for an international match. - Reuter.

Thursday 1 August, page 10: THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Below will be found the present position of the counties: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	21	17	1	3	16	83.79
Middlesex	8	4	1	3	3	60.00
Lancashire	21	10	5	5	5	33.33
Surrey	17	7	4	6	3	27.27
Warwickshire	13	5	3	5	2	25.25
Sussex	15	6	4	5	2	20.00
Hampshire	11	4	3	4	1	14.28
Essex	13	2	3	8	-1	-20.00
Kent	13	4	6	3	-2	-20.00
Notts	14	3	5	6	-2	-25.00
Gloucestershire	17	3	6	8	-3	-33.33
Worcestershire	15	4	9	2	-5	-38.46
Somerset	11	3	8	0	-5	-45.45
Leicestershire	14	3	9	2	-6	-50.00
Derbyshire	13	-	8	5	-8	-100.00

1 August: ESSEX v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5765.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5765.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 August, page 12)

It was a dull day's cricket at Leyton yesterday. Essex were batting most of the day, but there was nothing in their play to arouse the slightest enthusiasm.

Carpenter's innings was the best. Mr McGahey was uninteresting to watch. He batted for about three hours. The Middlesex fielding was good and the bowling of Mr Wells and Mr More was effective. Hearne and Trott were not quite themselves in length, pace or pitch, and what made things worse was that Trott in stopping a hard return injured his bowling hand and had to retire from the game about two hours before its close. Mr Foley made two clever catches and Mr Robertson proved an excellent wicket-keeper.

The batting was the dullest seen at Leyton this year. The pitch was rather slow, but in spite of this the ball moved easily.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 August, page 11)

A splendid innings by Mr Warner made the cricket at Leyton yesterday of a far higher class than that of the first day. Mr Warner since his Oxford days has never played better. He took about three hours to get his 103, and his off-drive and his leg-placing were pleasant to see after Thursday's dullness.

Middlesex have had many troubles in this match. Trott's hand is so badly damaged that it will be some time before he can bowl again; Mr Beldam was injured in fielding, but by the courtesy of Mr Lucas, the Essex captain, Mr Cobb was allowed to come in the side - he arrived too late to bat - and Mr Robertson, the Cambridge wicket-keeper, had, through injured hands, to give up the gloves to Mr Warner.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 August, page 10)

A fine innings by Mr J Douglas failed to rescue Middlesex from defeat at Leyton on Saturday. Essex declared their innings closed and won by 92 runs within 20 minutes of time, although at one period there seemed no chance of a definite issue. After four hours' play Mr Douglas was tempted to hit a short ball and was caught in the long field. Mr Douglas and Mr More made a fine stand, adding 119 to the total.

Earlier in the day Mr A J Turner gave a fine display of hard hitting. It was a good match from beginning to end, but Middlesex were unlucky in having several of their men disabled.

1 August: HAMPSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5766.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5766.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 August, page 12)

Hampshire put a strong batting side into the field against Surrey yesterday at Southampton. Surrey gave a trial for the first time to Mr H C McDonell, the Winchester captain, a promising slow bowler.

Surrey were batting all the afternoon, and as the result of rather more than five hours' play scored 309 for the loss of seven wickets. Abel and Mr Jephson made a fine start, scoring 123 together in two hours for the first wicket, but three wickets were down for 140. Mr Jephson, who was the first man out, did not seem master of the bowling in the first hour, but played admirably afterwards.

Abel, however, took the honours of the day, his 93, apart from two small blemishes, being perfect. He was at the wickets for three hours and a half, and hit 11 fours. The ground fielding of Hampshire was admirable.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 August, page 11)

Surrey soon finished their innings at Southampton yesterday morning, their three outstanding wickets going down for an addition of 18 runs.

Hampshire made a bad start, losing Captain Greig and Mr Sprot for 13 runs. Captain Wynyard and Webb then stayed together for nearly two hours and put on 91, but six men were out for 156. The seventh wicket fell at 178, and then came the best cricket of the day. Barton joined Mr Barrett, and the two hit so well that in 70 minutes they added 96 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 August, page 10)

With nothing but a draw in view at Southampton, on Saturday, the final stage of the game between Hampshire and Surrey was dull and uninteresting. After Abel was out, Surrey made an attempt to force the game, and when Mr Jephson declared his innings closed the time left for play was less than two hours. As there was no chance of finishing the match, stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock.

1 August: WORCESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5767.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5767.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 August, page 12)

The batting of Sussex at Worcester yesterday was of an uneven character, only Mr Fry, Vine and Mr Brann showing good form. Mr Fry, who made 42 out of the first 50, scored 76 in an hour and three-quarters. Mr Brann scored his 56 in 55 minutes, hitting nine fours.

Worcestershire went in at a quarter past 5, and Mr H K Foster and Pearson made a good start, 56 being put on for the first wicket. At the close Worcestershire, with eight wickets to fall, were 184 behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 August, page 11)

The feature of the cricket at Worcestershire yesterday was the innings of 139 by K S Ranjitsinhji. He made his 100 in two hours and was not dismissed until the score had reached 192, his cricket having been faultless throughout. His chief hits were a five, nine fours and 13 twos. Killick was also seen to advantage, his late cutting being particularly fine.

Earlier in the day the home side had given a disappointing display, Pearson, Mr R E Foster and Bowley alone showing good form. At the close Worcestershire were in an almost hopeless position, Sussex, with six wickets in hand, being 305 runs ahead.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 August, page 10)

After an exciting finish the match at Worcester ended in a draw, but it was only after an anxious time that Worcestershire averted defeat, the last pair of batsmen being in when time was called.

Overnight Sussex, with four batsmen out in their second innings, had established a lead of 305 runs, and when, just before 1 o'clock, the score had been advanced to 358 for the loss of two more wickets the innings was declared closed. Killick batted well for two hours and ten minutes, his hits including 12 fours.

Worcestershire, who were left with 442 to win in four and a half hours, fared so badly that an easy victory for Sussex appeared to be inevitable, three wickets being lost for 55 runs. Mr H K Foster and Mr Evans then made an effort on Blackheath of their side, but despite this nine wickets fell and a quarter of an hour remained for play. Fortunately for Worcestershire Straw and Wilson withstood the Sussex bowlers to the end.

1 August: YORKSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5768.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5768.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 August, page 12)

Although, in view of the match on Monday, Yorkshire gave a rest to Hirst and Haigh, they were well represented at Harrogate yesterday, for Rhodes was in the eleven and the team was made up by Mr Ernest Smith and Mr T L Taylor. For all that, however, they had little the better of an extremely interesting day's cricket.

The pitch was fast, but not quite perfect, and the batting was most unequal, Yorkshire, who had 144 on the board with only two men out, being dismissed in just over three hours for 215, the last seven wickets going down after lunch for 70. Brown and Tunnicliffe gave the side an excellent start by scoring 86 in an hour, and then Denton helped Brown to add 56 in 35 minutes. All three batted well, but the remainder of the side fared very badly.

Mr Sinclair brought about this startling change, as, after going on at 72, he took the first six wickets. He kept an excellent length and varied his pace very cleverly. Later on he rendered his side further valuable assistance, as after four wickets had fallen for a dozen runs he and Mr Murray Bisset added 100 in 50 minutes.

Mr Sinclair drove with great power, once hitting the ball out of the ground and, in addition, sending it 12 times to the boundary. His 80 was made in 50 minutes without a chance. So well did he force the game that the total was carried from 50 to 100 in 15 minutes, and when play ceased the South Africans, with three wickets to fall, were 54 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 August, page 11)

Batting with more consistency than on the previous afternoon, the Yorkshire eleven had all the best of the day's cricket at Harrogate yesterday. The South Africans were left with 392 to get to win.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 August, page 10)

Although for some time they made a good stand, the South Africans found their task of getting 392 runs to win against Yorkshire too much for them on Saturday and were beaten by 151 runs.

Monday 5 August: THE AVERAGES

The chief averages of the season are as follows: -

BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	32	2002	244	2	65.73
K S Ranjitsinhji	29	1540	219	3	59.23
Mr L C H Palairet	24	1313	182	0	57.08
Mr P F Warner	23	1185	157*	2	56.42
Abel	48	2363	247	5	55.41
Tyldesley	42	2164	221	2	54.07
Mr C McGahey	30	1548	145*	5	53.92
Kinneir	23	1179	215*	1	53.59
W G Quaife	26	1115	177	4	50.68
Captain J G Greig	22	940	249*	3	49.57
Hayward	41	1782	181	5	49.30
Lilley	25	995	124	3	48.22
Mr F Mitchell	37	1490	162*	4	45.75
Mr A O Jones	33	1362	249	1	43.18
Mr R E Foster	35	1464	136	1	43.02
J Gunn	27	1024	91	3	42.65



Mr G W Beldam	25	973	160*	2	42.30
Mr G L Jessop	37	1552	169	0	42.21
Mr P Perrin	27	1044	169	2	41.75
Hirst	32	1217	214	2	40.56
W Gunn	20	751	273	1	39.52
Mr A P Lucas	17	507	83	4	39.00
Mr C J B Wood	42	1526	138	2	38.16
Carpenter	38	1358	135	1	37.81
Mr S H Day	25	801	91*	3	36.54
Mr L G Wright	32	1166	193	0	36.43
Shrewsbury	25	754	167*	3	34.27
Mr D L A Jephson	32	991	133	3	34.17
Mr H G Garnett	39	1278	139	1	33.63
Mr V F S Crawford	40	1200	159	4	33.63
King	40	1242	143	3	33.58
Mr K O Goldie	27	954	140	0	33.48
Mr H B Hayman	28	860	165	0	33.07
J T Brown, sen.	39	1167	134*	4	33.05
Mr J R Mason	32	957	141	3	33.00
Braund	33	1053	113*	1	32.40
Hallows	31	904	130	3	32.28
Mr S M J Woods	25	760	90	1	31.63
Wrathall	34	1042	148	1	31.57
Lord Hawke	26	642	89	5	30.57
Mr J A Dixon	17	426	74	3	30.42
Denton	34	971	83	2	30.24
Mr E M Dowson	30	845	105	2	30.23
Mr C J Burnup	36	1069	141	0	28.73
Tunnicliffe	39	1000	145	3	27.77
Dr W G Grace	24	660	83	0	27.50
Storer	45	1027	107	1	27.28

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	1048	348	2479	173	13.92
Hirst	735	172	1928	118	16.28
Mead	737.5	240	1656	100	16.56
Mold	355.5	67	1034	57	18.14
Dr W G Grace	249.1	101	814	44	18.50
Tate	782	230	1920	100	19.20
Hargreave	816.2	233	1890	95	19.89
Sharp	581	109	1861	92	20.22
Trott	1002.3	237	3023	142	21.23
Lockwood	548.3	117	1554	73	21.28
Richardson	924.2	190	2644	119	21.37
Haigh	417.3	87	1199	56	21.41
J Gunn	571.5	176	1385	62	22.01
Roberts	631.3	171	1876	84	22.33
Mr J R Mason	545.3	148	1468	64	22.62
Mr W M Bradley	710.4	170	2273	90	24.81
Mr E M Dowson	655.3	172	1828	75	25.66
J T Hearne	765.1	226	1903	72	26.45

#### THE COUNTIES

The present position of the County Championship competition is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	21	17	1	3	16	88.33
Lancashire	22	10	5	6	5	33.33
Middlesex	8	4	2	3	2	33.33
Surrey	18	7	4	7	3	27.27
Warwickshire	13	5	3	5	2	25.00

Sussex	16	6	4	6	2	20.00
Hampshire	12	4	3	5	1	14.28
Essex	14	3	3	8	0	0.00
Kent	13	4	6	3	-2	-20.00
Notts	14	3	5	6	-2	-25.00
Gloucestershire	17	3	6	3	-3	-33.33
Worcestershire	16	4	9	3	-5	-38.45
Somerset	11	3	6	0	-5	-45.45
Leicestershire	14	3	9	2	-6	-50.00
Derbyshire	13	0	8	5	-8	-100.00

5 August: DERBYSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5769.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5769.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 August, page 9)

Derbyshire yesterday, at Derby, made very poor use of their advantage in batting first on an easy wicket. Mr Wright and Burton were an hour and a quarter in scoring 63 for the first partnership, Burton being in an hour and three-quarters for his 41. Storer, who was third out at 132, showed good form and Chatterton played steady cricket; but of the remaining batsmen only Mr Lawton showed any ability to make runs, and the total of 230 was a most disappointing one in the circumstances.

Hampshire started badly, Mr Robson and Mr Sprot both being lost for ten runs, but after that the game went all in favour of the visitors. Captain Greig and Webb, who became partners after Sprot's dismissal, hit in brilliant style and in the last 80 minutes of the day added 120 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 August, page 9)

At Derby, yesterday, an interesting day's cricket left the game in the following position . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 August, page 10)

Last evening, at Derby, Hampshire beat Derbyshire by five wickets.

5 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5770.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5770.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 August, page 9)

The start of the visitors' innings at Bristol yesterday have no promise of a big score, as with only four runs registered K S Ranjitsinhji and Vine were both dismissed. After this the batsmen were masters of the situation. A stand by Mr C B Fry and Killick, which realized exactly 100, and another by Mr Brann and Relf, who added 148, were the chief factors in placing Sussex in what may be considered a safe position.

Mr C B Fry played one of his characteristic innings. His runs were made mainly in front of the wicket and his batting was free from fault. Both Mr Brann and Relf, however, gave chances, the former an easy one to Paish at cover-slip when he had scored 52, while the professional returned a ball to Townsend, who fell in attempting to catch it.

Mr K R B Fry, the captain of the Cheltenham eleven and a cousin of Mr C B Fry, made his first appearance in important cricket. The catch with which Mr Jessop disposed of Relf was a fine piece of fielding, the Gloucester captain running from third man to behind cover-point.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 August, page 9)

The feature of yesterday's batting at Bristol was the innings of Mr Jessop on a treacherous wicket. Heavy rain during the night followed by sunshine rendered the pitch favourable for the bowlers, and from the start of the Gloucestershire first innings the home county never appeared otherwise than a beaten side.

During his first innings Mr Jessop departed from his usual method, with the result that he was at the wickets half an hour for a dozen, while his 66 in the second innings occupied him two minutes less, and an extraordinary feature of the performance was that he made the whole of the score during his stay. Mr Townsend, Mr Brown, Huggins, Langdon and Wrathall batted well under difficulties in the first innings, but, with the exception of the Gloucestershire captain and Mr Brown, no one appeared comfortable with the bowling.

In the second innings the leg breaks of Vine, who did not go on until after the interval, puzzled the batsmen. Mr Rice was in 35 minutes before scoring and took an hour making ten. Sussex won by an innings and 64 runs.

5 August: THE CANTERBURY WEEK

KENT v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5771.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5771.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 August, page 9)

The Canterbury Week began yesterday under the best conditions. In addition to the cricket there are the social attractions, the performances of the Old Stagers, the concerts, illuminations on the Dane John and the dances. Canterbury itself is full of visitors. The Old Stagers' programme includes Captain Marshall's romance His Excellency the Governor and Mr Haddon Chambers's comedy The Tyranny of Tears.

There was a splendid attendance on the St Lawrence ground. Both Kent and Essex were represented by their full strength, the visitors being captained by Mr A P Lucas, who is making his first appearance at that festival after about 25 years.

Essex made admirable use of their good fortune in securing first innings on a splendid wicket. Carpenter and Mr Fane, opening the batting, scored 76 in 50 minutes, and then Mr Fane and Mr Perrin exactly doubled that number in another three-quarters of an hour, when Mr Fane was out, the total being 152 for two wickets. The old Oxonian gave no chance, and the figures of his excellent 80 were 11 fours, a three and eight twos.

Subsequently cricket was much slower, Mr Perrin and Mr McGahey contributing 56 in 65 minutes. Mr Turner was fortunate in escaping several times from bad strokes, but Mr Perrin gave no chance in his 104, as a result of second game and 50 minutes' cricket. He hit 17 fours.

From this point the Kentish bowlers did better for some time. Mr Turner's somewhat fortunate display ended by a catch at point at 306, and Mr Kortright was taken at slip at 326; but on Mr Lucas and Reeves becoming partners the batting obtained the upper hand once more. Mr Lucas hit well, while Reeves brought off two or three daring pulls. The pair had added 58 in 30 minutes when Mr Lucas was out to a splendid one-hand catch at point, at 384. Reeves, who hit seven fours, was bowled four runs later, and Russell at 413.

At the end of the day Essex had made 432 for the loss of nine wickets. In the over before he was out Russell was apparently caught at extra mid-off and the umpire gave him out, but Mr Blaker, the fieldsman, stated that he had not made the catch and Mr Mason recalled the batsman.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 August, page 9)

After some light showers in the morning a drizzling rain set in at Canterbury yesterday about half-past 11, and it was feared that the second day of the festival would be spoiled; but at ten minutes past 12 the game was continued and, apart from the usual intervals, there was no further interruption. For a long time, however, the sky remained overcast and, despite an improvement in the afternoon, the attendance, which numbered about 5,000, was slightly below the average.

It did not take long to complete the Essex innings, in which overnight 432 runs had been scored for the loss of nine wickets, for Mead cut the first ball delivered into Mr Bradley's hands at point.

Kent went in at half-past 12, and the rain having been insufficient to affect the pitch Mr Burnup and Mr Dillon made an excellent start, 70 runs going up at the end of an hour. Then, however, they had a bad quarter of an hour, for in succession Mr Dillon, Mr Baker and Mr Burnup were dismissed, and there were three men out for 80.

The total was 83 at luncheon, and at 115, when Mr Day was sent back, the prospects of the home county looked very serious. But a stand was made by Mr Mason and Hearne, which yielded 103 runs in an hour and a half and which did much to pull the game round. Hearne was smartly stumped at 218, and Mr Mason, after batting splendidly for two hours and 20 minutes without a mistake, was caught at the wicket at 226, having hit eight fours, four threes and eight twos.

At that point Kent, with four wickets in hand, required 57 to save the follow-on; but Mr Blaker and Mr Marchant, the latter favoured by a full share of good fortune in the way of numerous snicks, made 51 in half an hour, and got within six of the required number. Mr Blaker, who played in attractive style for 45 minutes, put together 34 and was out at 305. At 311, with Blythe and Mr Bradley dismissed by consecutive balls, the innings finished off just before 6 o'clock, and with it the day's cricket.

The latter part of the innings was noticeable for the perfect understanding which existed between Russell and Mr McGahey, the former stumping four batsmen off the latter's leg breaks. In addition, Russell made a couple of catches off Young. A collection made for F Martin, the old Kent bowler, realized over £34. Essex hold a lead of 121 runs.

The Kent committee, in anticipation of the general mourning for the late Empress Frederick, decided to abandon the county ball which was to have been held on Friday.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 August, page 10)

Although Wednesday is usually an off-day at the Canterbury festival, the delightful weather and the prospect of a day's cricket full of interest tempted a large number to the St Lawrence Ground. With only an innings each completed as the result of the two first stages there was little prospect of a definite issue, provided the wicket remained true.

The early play suggested that the turf was breaking slightly. Essex with a lead of 121 runs were in a good position, for whatever happened they could scarcely be beaten. Following an early disaster, Mr Fane being dismissed in the second over at five, Carpenter and Mr Perrin scored freely, wisely forcing the game in order that Mr Lucas might close about lunch time. From the moment Carpenter was bowled by a leg break at 61 the batsmen always found runs difficult to make. Mr Perrin, who was missed twice in the slips, left at 67, and then Mr McGahey and Mr Turner contributed 76 in 65 minutes.

Thanks largely to Mr Turner's vigorous tactics, his, the [fourth], wicket fell at 143, and afterwards three other batsmen were also got rid of, and the total, as a result of two hours and a half's batting before luncheon, was 167 for seven wickets. Essex were then 288 runs on. Mr Lucas, refraining from any risks, would not declare, preferring to wait for another quarter of an hour's cricket after the interval. With the score at 176 for eight, he closed the innings at 3 o'clock and left Kent 298 to make in about three hours.

The subsequent play proved the wisdom of the Essex captain's judgment. Naturally there was some little anxiety as to how the Kent batsmen would fare, and Mr Dillon and Mr Burnup opened with much care. When set they hit admirably and in an hour and three-quarters not only contributed 126 runs, but effectually averted any possibility of defeat. Mr Burnup was caught in the long field, and Mr Baker and Mr Day made some magnificent drives, and Mr Dillon had the satisfaction of completing his first hundred for Kent.

It having been agreed to draw stumps at a quarter to 6 if there was no chance of finishing, the match was abandoned in a position which certainly favoured Kent. Mr Dillon's not out 103 was a delightful display of free cricket and included 15 fours.

5 August: LEICESTERSHIRE v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5772.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5772.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 August, page 9)

The best feature in the cricket at Leicester yesterday was the batting of King.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 August, page 9)

In this match at Leicester yesterday the score was left as follows . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 August, page 10)

At Leicester yesterday the London County lost this match by an innings and 45 runs.

5 August: SOMERSET v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5773.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5773.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 August, page 9)

In meeting Somerset at Taunton yesterday Middlesex laboured under two serious disadvantages, Trott and Mr G W Beldam being unable to play owing to the injuries sustained at Leyton last week. Trott's absence left the side very weak in bowling, J T Hearne being at present far below his proper form.

Allowing for these misfortunes, however, Middlesex did not make the best use of their opportunity of batting first. The wicket was in perfect condition, but they were all put out in three hours and a half for the moderate score of 265. This was practically the work of three men, and had Mr Wells been caught at the wicket before he had scored the total would in all probability have been well under 200.

After a rather uncertain start Mr Warner batted very stylishly for 90 minutes before being fourth out at 102. Mr Wells and Mr Bosanquet, who put on 82 runs in 50 minutes for the fifth wicket, were both seen to excellent advantage. Apart from the chance already referred to Mr Wells made no other mistake. His cutting was particularly fine, and included in his hits were 12 fours. The Somerset fielding was excellent.

Mr Palairret and Braund gave Somerset a fine start by scoring 86 runs together for the first wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 August, page 9)

With the conditions favouring the bowlers, Middlesex at Taunton yesterday acutely felt the loss of Trott. Rain during the night so saturated the wicket that it was not until nearly an hour after the usual time that play could be resumed, and though the sun never shone with great power batsmen for a while after lunch found their task a thankless one.

During the morning the ground was too slow to be at all difficult, and so well did Mr Palairret and Mr Phillips force the game that in 65 minutes they carried the overnight score of 103 for two wickets to 169 before Mr Phillips was out. After the interval Somerset fared badly and had six batsmen out for 231. At this point they had a little the better of the positions, but the remaining members of the side batted finely, and the useful lead of 109 was obtained.

Mr Palairret, who was fourth out at 206, played the innings of the day. He was at the wickets three hours and, except for two bad strokes, his cricket was faultless. Mr Daniell gave a fine display of forcing cricket.

Middlesex had an hour's batting at the end of the day, and when stumps were drawn they were 52 runs behind with eight wickets to fall. Mr Douglas and Mr Warner were dismissed by brilliant catches.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 August, page 10)

Middlesex had no difficulty in drawing their match at Taunton yesterday, but at one time a victory for Somerset seemed probable. Some steady cricket in the morning by Mr W P Robertson and Mr R N Douglas had placed Middlesex in an excellent position, but when at a quarter to 3 the sixth wicket fell with the total at 187 they were only 78 runs ahead.

From this point, however, everything went well with the visitors, a brilliant innings by Mr C M Wells quite altering the aspect of the game. The fourth wicket went down at 160 and Mr Wells was still unbeaten when the innings was declared closed. He only made one bad stroke during the two hours he was batting, and among his hits were 25 fours. The feature of his play was his splendid driving and cutting. The only other stand of note was that between Mr Wells and Mr MacGregor, who put on 92 runs in an hour for the seventh wicket.

Somerset, 263 behind, had an hour's batting at the close, scoring 87 runs for two wickets.

5 August: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5774.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5774.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 August, page 9)

There was a splendid day's cricket at the Oval yesterday, and it finished in favour of Notts, who are only 40 runs behind on the first innings, with eight wickets left. The pitch helped the bowlers to start with, but was not sufficiently bad to justify any other course for Mr Jephson than to go in when he won the toss.

The Notts team bowled and fielded splendidly. Abel and Mr Jephson began well for Surrey, but after 40 had gone up with no batsman out, six wickets fell for 56, three going at the same total. A great stand followed by Mr Crawford and Mr Dowson, who put on 130 runs in an hour and a quarter. Mr Crawford got nearly all his runs in front of the wicket by admirable driving. How quickly he scored may be gathered from the fact that he went in fifth wicket down at 56 and made 110 out of the next 161 runs in 100 minutes. John Gunn bowled from the pavilion end through almost the entire innings, varying his pace well and keeping a good length.

When Notts went in some fine free cricket was shown by Mr A O Jones, the captain. He forced the game well on a pitch that had by this time improved, and his cutting and driving were superb. Iremonger was very slow at first, but scored quickly towards the end of the day. The most striking feature of the last stage of the play was the wonderful catch by Mr Crawford, at deep square-leg, that got out Mr Jones. The weather was fine and there was a crowd of between 20,000 and 30,000 spectators.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 August, page 9)

The cricket on the second day at the Oval was not so good as that on the first. Nottinghamshire missed their chances of making their position almost unassailable by failing to force the game in the forenoon. While they were plodding on and slowly scoring the wicket was getting rid of its slowness and the ball came along pretty easily.

After luncheon Nottinghamshire were playing a winning game and finished the day with five wickets of their opponents gone and with Surrey only 27 runs ahead. The feature of the day's play was the bowling of Richardson. He has not the pace he used to have, but he kept a fine length and got plenty of spin on the ball. He was handicapped by some errors in the field. In such a long innings as 347 seven for 89 is a record that speaks for itself.

It must be gratifying to Surrey to find Richardson doing so well. Lockwood bowled very fast and with a nice length, but he had bad luck. The balance of Iremonger's innings and the free cricket of Mr Dixon, Mr Cartwright and Mr Herbert were attractive.

Surrey, in spite of a characteristic innings by Abel, who was beautifully caught at point, had four men out for 76. Hayward then played with caution and Mr Leveson-Gower hit well at times. There were some 15,000 people on the Oval and the weather kept fine.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 August, page 10)

The Nottinghamshire eleven beat Surrey at the Oval yesterday by ten wickets. It was the first victory of the Notts side since 1892 at Kennington, and revived memories of the days when Surrey were looked upon as easy game for the great Notts side of those times, when Barnes, Alfred Shaw, Morley and Sherwin were favourites.

Nothing could have been better than the Notts cricket in this match. Almost the best was left to the last, when yesterday Mr A O Jones played his second excellent innings of the match. He has few equals this year as a cricketer, and his style and execution were never better shown than yesterday, when he got 99, and with Iremonger hit off the 143 wanted to win in 85 minutes. It was a wonderful performance.

The balance of the Surrey innings had for a feature some good hitting by Brockwell. But Hallam bowled splendidly and Surrey never recovered from their disasters of Monday, when six wickets went for 56. There was a large crowd at the Oval.

5 August: WARWICKSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5775.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5775.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 August, page 9)

In a brilliant day's cricket at Birmingham yesterday the chief feature was the batting of Mr J F Byrne, who drove well and gave no chance. He and Kinneir put on 164 runs for the second wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 August, page 9)

The Warwickshire team fielded and bowled splendidly yesterday at Birmingham in a game that promised to be theirs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 August, page 10)

Despite a brilliant effort to save the match on the part of Mr R E Foster and Arnold, Worcestershire were beaten at Birmingham yesterday by an innings and 22 runs, the closing stage of the game being marked by some sensational cricket.

When play was resumed in the morning Worcestershire, with nine wickets to fall, still required 224 runs to avert a single innings defeat. The pitch had quite recovered from the rain of Monday night, and Worcestershire, with nothing to play for but a draw, adopted cautious methods. Three wickets were down for 37, but on Mr R E Foster and Arnold coming together a fine stand was made, 154 runs being added for the fourth partnership.

Arnold, who played faultless cricket for 59, was the first to leave. Mr Foster, who had completed his 100 before Arnold was out, lost his wicket immediately afterwards without adding to his score. His 100 was without blemish and included seven fours. The game was finished off in an unexpected manner, the last seven wickets going down for 20 runs. Quaife bowled his leg breaks with remarkable success after lunch, taking five wickets for only 11 runs. In the whole match 12 wickets fell to him at a total cost of 127 runs.

5 August: YORKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5776.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5776.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 August, page 9)

A huge crowd assembled at Leeds yesterday to witness the opening day's play in J T Brown's benefit match. The turnstiles showed at 30,891 paid for admission, the accommodation in the Headingley enclosure being so strained that the field of play was encroached upon. At lunch time such difficulty was experienced in clearing the ground that it was 25 minutes past 3 before the game could be proceeded with. The large crowd behaved very well and subscription £62 for Brown.

The day's cricket was full of interest. After a disastrous start, three wickets falling for 21, Yorkshire succeeded in making a satisfactory score. Mr Mitchell, going in third wicket down, stayed until the score was 225. For over two hours and a half he played good cricket, hitting all round the wicket. Included in his 106 were 19 fours. Hirst displayed great resolution and helped Mitchell to score 122 in 70 minutes. Late in the innings Lord Hawke hit well.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 August, page 9)

Another large crowd assembled at Leeds yesterday, 20,321 paying for admission. The gate receipts for the two days have so far amounted to £2,032 and, as his subscription list is over £700, Brown is already assured of the most successful benefit ever enjoyed by a professional cricketer.

Aided by the mistakes of their opponents, three or four chances being missed, Lancashire did very well, heading Yorkshire's score by 13 runs and having six wickets in hand. For the first time this season Mr MacLaren, who has not done himself justice, played an innings of a hundred. In less than three hours and a half he scored 117 out of 207, and only made one mistake. He made many beautiful strokes all round the wicket, his score including 19 fours.

Ward, who went in second wicket down at 73, was batting for nearly four hours. He was a little tedious at times, but he had much to do with the wearing down of some excellent bowling. He and Mr MacLaren put on 134 for the third wicket, and later Mr Eccles hit up 59 out of 107 in 85 minutes.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 August, page 10)

After a somewhat anxious time Yorkshire saved the match at Leeds quite comfortably. In a minority of 94 they lost three wickets in their second innings for 31, but at that critical point Denton and Mr Mitchell played with great skill, keeping together for an hour and a half and adding 114 runs, when at ten minutes past 5 rain put an end to the game. Yorkshire with five wickets in hand were 81 runs on.

But Mr Mitchell and Denton batted very well, but the latter when 31 was missed by the wicket-keeper. This mistake occurred just before the arrears were cleared off and settled whatever chance Lancashire might have had of winning.

In the morning Ward completed his 100, but neither he nor the other Lancashire batsmen played the proper game. Though their side were quite secure from defeat the six outstanding Lancashire wickets only added 84 runs in an hour and three-quarters. Yesterday 8,120 paid for admission, the gate for the three days amounting to 59,572. The exact amount cannot yet be fixed, but J T Brown is certain to receive over £3,000 for his benefit.

5 August: M.C.C. AND GROUND v GENTLEMEN OF HOLLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/103/103122.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/103/103122.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 August, page 9)

At Lord's, yesterday, the Gentlemen of Holland began the first match of their short tour. The Marylebone Club, who were indifferently represented, scored very freely, runs coming at the rate of 100 an hour. Mr Hattersley-Smith played a good innings and Captain Guggisberg hit freely, while the play of Mr Don Wauchope was perhaps the most attractive of the innings.



In Mr Posthuma the Dutchmen have a capital bowler, and had he been better supported in the field the club's total would have been much smaller. In the last hour of play the visitors scored 79 for the loss of one wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 August, page 9)

It is a pity that the M.C.C. team opposed to the Dutch eleven did not include a single bowler of any repute, for it is impossible to gauge the real value of the innings played by the side. All the batsmen showed a lack of variety in their strokes, and there was a tendency to turn every ball into a half-volley.

Mr Feith showed very good cricket until he mistimed a ball from Mr Lacey. Mr Bourlier, Mr Schroder and Mr Hisgen, the latter playing all round the wicket, also did well. With a little more experience on grass wickets and better turf on which to field a great improvement may be expected in Dutch cricket in the future, for their grounds at present are in a very primitive state. The match resulted in a draw.

Tuesday 6 August, page 9: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

Braund has received an invitation from Mr MacLaren to form one of the team for Australia, and will accept it if the Somerset committee offer no objection. Blythe, the Kent slow bowler, has also been asked, and the question of his going will be considered at the next meeting of the Kent committee.

Thursday 8 August, page 10: THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The positions of the counties in the championship are: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	22	17	1	4	16	88.88
Lancashire	22	10	5	7	5	33.33
Warwickshire	14	6	3	5	3	33.33
Middlesex	10	4	2	4	2	33.33
Sussex	17	7	4	6	3	27.27
Hampshire	13	5	3	5	2	25.00
Surrey	19	7	5	7	2	16.66
Essex	15	3	3	9	0	0.00
Notts	15	4	5	6	-1	-11.11
Kent	14	4	6	4	-2	-20.00
Gloucestershire	18	3	7	8	-4	-40.00
Worcestershire	17	4	10	3	-6	-43.85
Somerset	12	3	8	1	-5	-45.45
Leicestershire	14	3	9	2	-6	-50.00
Derbyshire	14	0	9	5	-9	-100.00

8 August: ESSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5777.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5777.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 August, page 9)

The home county received an object lesson at Leyton yesterday in the way of how the game should be played, and it is to be hoped that they will profit by the lesson. Nottinghamshire remained in all day and scored 460 runs, the highest innings played in one day on the Essex ground this season.

Mr A O Jones and Iremonger for the third time in succession put on over 100 runs for the first wicket. They were not separated until the score stood at 238, and with 336 runs totalled with only one man out the visitors looked like making a very big score. Then came a collapse, seven more wickets falling for 20 runs. The last two wickets, however, put on 100 runs.

Mr Jones scored 149 in faultless style and at a great rate. Iremonger, too, played a good innings, but after he had made 100 he grew erratic and made more than one bad stroke. Anthony scored 50 in a quarter of an hour. The Essex men fielded well.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 August, page 7)

At Leyton, yesterday, Essex gave a brighter display than they have done this season. Going in against the formidable total of 460, they scored freely all through.

Carpenter and Mr Fane made a good start by making 99 before the old Oxonian was out, and when the professional, who batted for two and a half hours, left Essex were in a comfortable position. The three-figure innings by Carpenter is the fifth that he has hit on the Leyton ground this season. He played very sound cricket and dealt with Mr Jones's slow bowling in the right way, going out to meet it and hitting it hard all along the ground.

The most attractive cricket of the day was seen when Mr Turner and Mr Lucas added 143 for the fifth wicket. Mr Turner gave a chance to Carlin off Mr Jones early in his innings, and Mr Lucas should have been caught when he had made 23, but, apart from these lives, both men played grand cricket. Mr Turner made 120 in a little over two hours, and hit 13 fours. Except for the chance mentioned, he made no mistake, and his innings was of great value to his side. Mr Lucas was a little uncertain at first, but when set he played with all his old-time accuracy and beautiful style.

The Essex innings closed for 415, and at the end Nottinghamshire had increased their lead by 29 runs for the loss of a valuable wicket - that of Iremonger.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 August, page 9)

At Leyton, on Saturday, time did not allow the home county to win their match, and another drawn game was added to their already long list. Notts were 74 on when the game was resumed on Saturday, but so well did Mr McGahey bowl that four men were out for the addition of 50 runs. Thanks mainly to Dench, who scored a careful 73, the total reached 219. Had Essex taken advantage of the chances offered they would have had plenty of time to win, for both Gunn and Dench were missed.

With 265 to get and rather less than three hours for play, Essex had just a chance of winning. After Carpenter had been snapped at the wicket, Mr Fane and Mr Perrin made a great stand, but stumps were drawn before the necessary runs could be scored. Mr Fane played a brilliant innings. Mr Perrin's innings, though not so attractive as Mr Fane's, was of great value to his side. Each batsman scored eight boundary hits. Over 1,300 runs were scored in the match and the free cricket was much appreciated each day by a large crowd.

8 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5778.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5778.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 August, page 9)

On the opening day of the Cheltenham festival the bowlers did well, but their efforts were not by any means sufficient to account for the collapse of half the Middlesex side. Of the home side Mr Brown showed the best form, his runs being obtained by a variety of strokes, while Wrathall made many fine cuts. Mr Jessop did not score with his usual freedom on a good wicket. His 38 took him three-quarters of an hour to compile. Mr Rice was batting two hours for his 26.

The only player on the Middlesex side to show any resolution was Mr J Douglas, and he looked like making runs before being out to a good catch at third man. Mr Bosanquet was in 35 minutes, while the remaining four batsmen accounted for nine between them. During the Middlesex innings Board hurt his thumb, an injury which is likely to keep him out of the field for some time.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 August, page 7)

At the close of play at Cheltenham yesterday Middlesex, with seven wickets in hand, still required 196 to win. The improvement in the visitors' prospects was due to the stand by Mr R Douglas and Mr Robertson, who put on 66 for the third wicket.

As in the first innings, there were no high figures for the home side, Mr Brown again by steady cricket heading the scores, while Mr Champain also played well. A leading feature of the day's play was the high standard of fielding on both sides.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 August, page 9)

The poor display of Middlesex during their first innings against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham placed them in great difficulty, and when two of their best wickets fell at the outset of their second innings for 26 runs they appeared to be quite without hope. A resolute stand by Mr R N Douglas and Mr Robertson slightly improved the visitors' position, and when the match was continued on Saturday there were many who thought that with a fair share of luck Middlesex might obtain the necessary runs.

Middlesex had good luck, for shortly after the start of the day's play Mr Robertson, who had only increased his overnight score by a single, was missed by Huggins at slip, while Mr Bosanquet before he had scored might have been taken at the wicket, Wrathall, who was keeping wicket in Board's absence, making no attempt to gather the ball. Twice afterwards was the old Oxonian let off, one chance, a particularly easy skier, to Mr Champain being missed owing to the fieldsman's misjudging the drop of the ball.

The partnership between this pair practically made Middlesex masters of the situation, as when Mr Bosanquet left they only required 78 runs to win and still had half their wickets in hand. Previously Hearne had rendered capital service by assisting Mr Robertson to add 52 for the fourth wicket, while, after Mr Bosanquet's departure, Mr Wells continued the good work, with the result that when he left but six runs were required.

Mr Robertson played a sound innings, taking not the slightest risk, the tempting half-volleys on the off stump and full pitches delivered by Paish being smothered forward. It was not interesting cricket to watch, but as Middlesex had the whole of the day in which to get the runs his method was justified. In the end they secured a victory by four wickets.

8 August: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5779.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5779.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 August, page 9)

The St Lawrence ground at Canterbury presented a brilliant appearance in the bright sunshine yesterday, when some 12,000 persons were present on what is known as the ladies' day of the festival. Among the company were Lord Sondes, Lord Stanhope, Lord and Lady Harris, Lord Camden, Lord Goschen, Lord Teynham, the Bishop of Calcutta, the Bishop of Dover, Sir E Chandos Leigh, Lady Rose Weigall, Major-General Hallam Parr, Sir John Howard, M.P., and the Hon Mrs Howard, and Mr Alderman Henry Hart, the mayor of Canterbury. The last-named held a reception, which was largely attended, in the corporation marquee during the afternoon.

The match was with Surrey, who, making a couple of changes in the team that fared so badly against Notts, played Holland and Lees instead of Lockwood and Hayes. On the other hand, Kent played the same eleven as against Essex.

The Kent batting was very uneven, and though they completed an innings for the total of 293 they would have had to be content with many less had the chances been held or had much of the ground fielding been smarter. Of the earlier batsmen Mr Burnup was the only one to meet with much success, for Mr Dillon, failing to repeat his success of Wednesday, was out at 23. Mr Baker left at 39 and Mr Day at 78.

Then Mr Burnup and Mr Mason by steady cricket contributed 60 in about as many minutes. The pair, who were together at luncheon, when the score was 101, were parted at 138. Mr Burnup's 63 occupied two hours and 20 minutes, and save for a one-handed chance in the slips to Holland when 28 he made no

mistake. Among his figures were ten fours. Mr Mason did not stay much longer, and though Hearne and Mr Blaker played admirably the aggregate when the last-named was run out was only 172.

From that point, however, things improved. Mr Marchant helped Hearne to score 77 in three-quarters of an hour for the seventh wicket. Towards the end there was some vigorous hitting by Huish, who, coming in when Mr Marchant was out at 249, contributed 36 out of 44 in about 20 minutes. Hearne's steady 47 occupied 80 minutes and was invaluable to the side. Kent were all out at 20 minutes past 5.

Then Surrey had about 25 minutes' batting at the close. In that space of time they did not make much progress against Mr Bradley's fast bowling, for Abel, Holland and Mr Jephson were dismissed before the drawing of stumps for 13 runs. Mr Bradley took all three at a cost of only seven runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 August, page 7)

Owing partly to their on bad fielding and partly to Mr Bradley's fast bowling, in the opening stage of the second match of the festival at Canterbury, Surrey commenced yesterday's cricket at a serious disadvantage, having lost three of their best wickets overnight for 13 runs, against Kent's complete innings of 293. Bad as this position was, it was even worse than it appeared to be, as the pitch was fiery. The weather was again fine and there was once more an excellent attendance.

At the outset Mr Bradley added to his previous successes, and with six men out for 24 at midday the Surrey prospects of making 100 looked very remote. However, Hayward and Mr Dowson batted steadily and contributed 43 in 40 minutes before Mr Dowson was caught at mid-off at 67. Lees was out to a remarkable one-handed catch in the slips at 73, and Hayward, who was affected by the sun, left at the same total. Some vigorous hitting by Stedman and Richardson resulted in 42 runs being added in a quarter of an hour before the innings ended at five minutes past 1 for 115, with Kent leading by 178 runs.

Most people thought that Mr Mason would make his opponents follow on, especially as the pitch was helping his bowlers, but the home captain preferred to make assurance doubly sure by setting Surrey a hopeless task in the fourth innings. With this end in view Mr Burnup and Mr Dillon opened Kent's second innings at 25 minutes past 1, and before luncheon scored 38 runs without loss. Subsequently, Mr Burnup was caught at mid-off at 52 and Mr Day left nine runs later. Mr Dillon obtained an admirable 51 out of 96 in an hour and three-quarters, hitting seven fours, but at half-past 4 there were five wickets down for 138.

Following an interval for tea Mr Marchant indulged in some wonderful batting, making 51 out of 64 in half an hour before he was caught in the deep-field. With his dismissal at a quarter-past 5 the innings was declared at 202 for six wickets.

Surrey were left with 381 to make, and any hope of their making a close fight of it was dispelled by their disastrous start, Mr Jephson and Abel being out in the first two overs for two runs. A third misfortune befell them at 36, when Holland was dismissed, and in all they scored 51 for the loss of three wickets in their three-quarters of an hour's batting. At the end of the day they still required 330 for victory.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 August, page 9)

On Friday evening, following the second day of the Kent and Surrey match on the St Lawrence Ground, "The Old Stagers" brought their 60th season of amateur theatricals to a successful termination at the Canterbury Theatre . . .

The cricket portion of the festival concluded on Saturday afternoon, when, as the earlier stages of the match promised, Kent gained a decisive victory over Surrey. Overnight Kent had declared their second innings at 202 for six wickets and put their opponents in to make 381 to win. On a wicket which was always fiery the visitors had in the last three-quarters of an hour on Friday lost three wickets for 51, so that they still required 330.

With Brockwell out on the first over, their prospects were further darkened, and, though Hayward and Crawford made a fine effort to pull the game round, they were only partially successful. Hayward batted beautifully, while Mr Crawford, though slightly favoured by good fortune in twice escaping

from difficult chances, hit finely, but, once the latter was out to a clever one-handed catch in the slips at 155, Surrey's defeat was only a question of time.

Mr Leveson-Gower stayed another 40 minutes to assist Hayward in adding 32 runs, but both he and Mr Dowson left before lunch. When the aggregate stood at 190 for seven wickets, Hayward, then 78, made a strong effort to reach his 100, but with Lees, Stedman and Richardson failing, he was unable to do more than carry out his bat for a magnificent 97. With the innings terminating about half-past three for 230, Kent were left victorious by 150 runs.

8 August: LANCASHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5780.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5780.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 August, page 9)

This match could not be started at Old Trafford yesterday owing to the rain . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 August, page 7)

After the loss of Thursday through rain, the Lancashire and Derbyshire match was begun yesterday at Old Trafford. Mr MacLaren won the toss, and he and Mr Garnett started the Lancashire innings successfully, Mr MacLaren scoring 35 out of 46 before being caught at the wicket.

Mr Garnett played brilliantly for 89, making no mistake and hitting a five, ten fours, six threes and five twos. At lunch time the score stood at 183 for five wickets, and Mr MacLaren decided to declare the innings closed.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 August, page 9)

Being 26 runs behind on the first innings - the result of Mr MacLaren's policy in adopting the closure on the previous day - Lancashire were in a position of some anxiety when they started their second innings at Manchester on Saturday morning.

They did not begin well, and though Tyldesley played fine cricket the team remained for a considerable time in danger of defeat. However, Sharp and Cuttell, by putting on 92 runs together for the eighth wicket, made their side so safe that with nine wickets down for 260 Mr MacLaren was able for the second time in the match to declare the innings closed. Sharp played very well and scored 96 without a mistake.

It was ten minutes past 5 when Derbyshire went in, and as the bad light caused some delay there did not appear the least chance of finishing the match. In the time available four wickets fell. Mr MacLaren caught Mr L G Wright most brilliantly in the slips, low down and wide.

8 August: LEICESTERSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5781.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5781.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 August, page 9)

At Leicester yesterday there was an even day's play. Thanks mainly to Knight, Whitehead and Dr Macdonald the home team at the close held a slight advantage. Warwickshire, who are without Kinneir and Mr Fishwick, are 207 runs in arrear.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 August, page 7)

Leicestershire gained a great advantage over Warwickshire at Leicester yesterday.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 August, page 9)

Playing very good cricket all through the game, Leicestershire gained a victory at Leicester on Saturday by 218 runs. Against a side usually so slow in scoring as Warwickshire they were quite safe from defeat on Friday evening, and having added 44 runs for the loss of one more wicket they closed the innings.

The visitors did not attempt to force a victory in the five hours remaining for play and were beaten with an hour to spare. Kinneir defended perfectly for two hours and 20 minutes, and W G Quaife was at the wickets nearly a couple of hours. He left at 136 and the last three men were quickly dismissed. Mr Odell and Geeson bowled capitally and received good support from the field.

Although giving a chance, King batted well for two hours and a half, and hit eight fours in his 79 not out. The attendances on the new ground at Leicester have been very fair this season, and 6,000 people saw Leicestershire's victory on Saturday.

8 April: LONDON COUNTY v M.C.C. AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5782.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5782.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 August, page 9)

There was a fine day's batting yesterday on the Crystal Palace ground by Dr Grace and Mr L Walker. The wickets at the London County ground have for a long while been very true and yesterday the ball came along at an easy pace the whole of the day. Marylebone had not a very strong side, but the London County Club were in almost the same predicament except that Dr W G Grace was able to play.

The champion, who was in his best form, played a beautiful innings of 132; it took him nearly four hours to get through, but his method of dealing with the short ball and his stroke in front of cover-point reminds one of his earlier years. Mr Walker, the Surrey amateur, and Dr Grace took the score from 52 to 332 in the course of three hours' play. Dr Grace was then third out, caught at short slip. Mr Walker kept up his end until the drawing of stumps, making the biggest innings he has ever played in good cricket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 August, page 7)

It was another batsman's day at the Crystal Palace yesterday. Following the splendid cricket by Dr Grace and Mr Walker on the first day there was much fine hitting by Mr Gilman, Mr Dyas and Murch. The wicket was true but the bowling was not of much account. When there was just a chance off the London County team making the highest aggregate of the year the last two wickets went quickly and they failed to do it by ten runs.

When the M.C.C. went in there was a great innings by George Hearne, who played with an easy freedom that was absent from his cricket in other days. He had not played against Dr Grace since his last match for Kent seven years ago, when at Gravesend Kent lost to Gloucestershire. With this game decided on the first innings there seems no chance for Marylebone.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 August, page 9)

According to the suggestion of Dr Grace, the match at the Crystal Palace was decided on the first innings, and the London County Club won by 132 runs. The closing stage of the cricket was remarkable for the excellence of the innings of Mr Doll, who played through the whole day. The fielding was good.

8 August: SOMERSET v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5783.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5783.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 August, page 9)

Somerset were seen to great advantage at Taunton yesterday. In two hours and 50 minutes they dismissed Sussex for 236, and in the time that remained - a trifle under two hours - Mr L C H Palairt and Lewis put on 158 runs, both being still not out when play ceased.

Mr G Brann played a fine innings and received material assistance from K S Ranjitsinhji, but otherwise the Sussex batting was extremely poor. The failure could not be attributed to the pitch, which was in excellent order, but rather to fine bowling and fielding and the capital wicket-keeping of the Rev A P Wickham, who played instead of Mr Newton.

Sussex made a poor beginning, but Brann and K S Ranjitsinhji added 94 for the fourth wicket. No other stand of note was made until Mr Newham helped Mr Brann to put on 56 for the eighth wicket. Mr Brann's fine innings of 107 lasted over two hours and included 16 fours. Braund bowled well, taking five wickets and bringing his record in first-class cricket this season up to 100.

The best batting of the day was that of Mr Palairt and Lewis in the Somerset innings. Both players made fine off-drives and no real chance was given during the whole of their stay, though Mr Palairt drove a ball hard and high to mid-on, in attempting a catch which Mr K Fry split a finger and had to leave the field.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 August, page 7)

Somerset followed up the advantage which they gained on the opening day at Taunton by some very fine cricket yesterday. For the third time this season Mr Palairt was associated in a first-wicket partnership of over 200, he and Lewis adding exactly 100 runs in 70 minutes before Lewis was dismissed at 258.

Mr Palairt, with Braund to help him, stayed rather more than an hour longer. Eighty-five runs were put on in an hour for the third wicket while Mr Phillips was in, and when Mr Woods joined Braund 84 were added in three-quarters of an hour. Braund was fourth out at 531, and after he left wickets fell rapidly. When eight men were out for 560 the innings was declared closed.

Sussex, with a balance of 324 against them, had half an hour's batting and scored 40 runs without loss.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 August, page 9)

K S Ranjitsinhji played his highest innings in first-class cricket at Taunton on Saturday. The match between Somerset and Sussex was drawn.

K S Ranjitsinhji was not out on Friday night with Vine, and they scored 174 before the professional was out. Mr Fry came in and remained with his captain until the end. They put on 292 in two hours and three-quarters.

8 August: YORKSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5784.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5784.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 August, page 9)

Yorkshire had much the better of the day's play at Harrogate yesterday. Helped by a strong cross-wind, Hirst at starting bowled with such effect that five wickets fell for 27 and, had the Yorkshiremen then taken all the chances offered, the visitors would have fared badly. However, during the one stand made before lunch three catches were dropped, Llewellyn, who hit up 23 out of 38, being missed twice, while Webb should have been caught in the slips off Hirst with his score at nine.

This mistake had serious consequences, for Webb had most to do with the making of so good a total as 204 by his side. Going in second wicket down at five, he was eighth out at 178, after batting two hours and three-quarters. Webb found his most useful partner in Mr Lee, the two batsmen adding 96 runs after lunch for the eighth wicket. Mr Lee took out his bat for a finely hit 54, which included

nine fours. Hirst, who bowled unchanged up to the interval, had then taken six wickets for 38 runs, and Rhodes, after going on at 178, finished off the innings by getting the last three for eleven runs.

When Yorkshire went in Denton scored 27 out of 53 in half an hour, and then in the last hour Brown and Mr Taylor added 58. At the close Yorkshire, with eight wickets in hand, were only 68 behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 August, page 7)

At Harrogate, yesterday, Yorkshire beat Hampshire by an innings and 81 runs, the game ending at 20 minutes past 6.

Having on Thursday scored 136 for two wickets, against a total of 204, Yorkshire yesterday completed their innings for 439. Brown and Mr Taylor were not separated until the total reached 230, their partnership having added 152 runs in two hours and ten minutes. During the three hours he was in Brown played faultless cricket, but Mr Taylor was twice missed. Mr Taylor hit a six and 20 fours, and Brown 15 fours.

On going in a second time Hampshire, on a broken wicket, failed lamentably against Rhodes, and in spite of some free hitting by Mr Robson half the side were out for 47. Webb carried out his bat after playing for an hour and three-quarters.

#### THE COUNTIES

The present position of the county championship is as follows: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	23	18	1	4	17	89.47
Middlesex	11	5	2	4	3	42.85
Lancashire	23	10	5	8	5	33.33
Sussex	18	7	4	7	3	27.27
Warwickshire	18	6	4	5	2	20.00
Hampshire	14	5	4	5	1	11.11
Surrey	20	7	6	7	1	7.69
Essex	16	3	3	10	0	0.00
Kent	15	5	6	4	-1	-9.09
Notts	16	4	5	7	-1	-11.11
Leicestershire	15	4	9	2	-5	-38.46
Worcestershire	17	4	10	3	-6	-42.85
Gloucestershire	19	3	8	5	-5	-45.45
Somerset	13	3	8	2	-5	-45.45
Derbyshire	15	0	9	6	-9	-100.00

#### THE AVERAGES

Below are the chief averages of the season: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	35	2209	244	3	68.03
K S Ranjitsinhji	32	1871	285*	4	66.62
Mr L C H Palairot	26	1634	184	1	65.36
Mr F L Fane	19	1009	105	2	59.35
W G Quaife	29	1289	177	5	53.70
Abel	52	2465	247	5	52.45
Tyldesley	45	2245	221	2	52.20
Kinneir	26	1259	215*	1	51.95
Hayward	45	1900	181	6	50.25
Mr C McGahey	33	1403	145*	5	50.10
Mr P F Warner	27	1241	197*	2	49.64



Mr A O Jones	37	1722	249	2	49.20
Mr F Mitchell	40	1664	162*	4	46.22
Mr P Perrin	31	1280	188	3	45.71
Mr R E Foster	37	1625	135	1	45.13
Capt J G Greig	26	1018	249*	3	44.26
Dr R Macdonald	19	643	147*	4	42.86
Mr G W Beldam	25	973	150*	2	42.30
Lilley	28	1049	124	3	41.96
Mr A P Lucas	20	620	83	5	41.33
Mr G L Jessop	41	1686	169	0	41.12
Hirst	35	1315	214	3	41.09
J Gunn	30	1096	91	3	40.59
W Gunn	20	751	273	1	39.62
Mr C J B Wood	45	1648	158	2	39.27
Carpenter	42	1594	136	1	38.87
Mr L G Wright	36	1235	193	0	35.69
Braund	35	1189	115*	1	34.97
Mr V F S Crawford	44	1357	159	4	34.92
J T Brown, sen.	42	1321	134*	4	34.76
Mr H G Garnett	42	1408	139	1	34.36
Mr J R Mason	38	1088	141	4	34.00
Mr T L Taylor	26	815	156	2	33.95
Mr K O Goldie	27	904	140	0	33.43
Mr H B Hayman	25	650	165	0	33.07
Mr L Walker	38	1158	222	3	33.02
Shrewsbury	28	818	167*	3	32.72
Mr S M J Woods	27	849	90	1	32.65
Mr S H Day	29	847	91*	3	32.57
Mr W P Robertson	32	951	110*	2	31.70
Mr E M Sprot	23	651	130	2	31.47
Mr E R Wilson	16	459	118	0	31.26
Mr J A Dixon	18	457	74	3	31.13
Dr W G Grace	27	833	132	0	30.85
Lord Hawke	28	705	89	5	30.85
Mr D L A Jephson	36	1010	133	3	30.60
Denton	37	1050	85	2	30.28
Mr C J Burnup	42	1261	141	0	30.02
Mr E M Dowson	34	919	105	2	28.71
Mr H G Owen	21	534	106*	1	26.70
Mr A C MacLaren	28	655	117	1	24.25
Mr C H B Marsham	16	312	100*	3	24.00
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	25	550	80*	2	23.91

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	1160	401	2566	189	14.10
Hirst	822	183	2200	128	17.18
Mead	788.5	249	1810	100	18.10
Mold	355.5	67	1034	57	18.14
Tate	829	237	2090	104	20.09
Hargreave	931.2	278	2112	103	20.50
Dr W G Grace	449.1	127	1042	50	20.84
Trott	1002.3	227	3023	142	21.28
Richardson	1015.1	212	2832	131	21.61
Roberts	716.1	198	2057	94	21.88
Lockwood	565.3	121	1630	74	22.02
Mr J R Mason	617.5	159	1661	75	22.14
Blythe	660	188	1669	71	23.50
Mr W M Bradley	604.4	197	2516	106	23.92
J Gunn	684.5	176	1703	70	24.60
J T Hearne	834.1	249	2060	81	25.43

12 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5785.html](http://www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5785.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 August, page 8)

At Cheltenham, yesterday, Kent scored 114 runs for the loss of four batsmen. This was almost entirely the work of Mr S H Day and Alec Hearne, who, coming together, when two wickets had fallen for 12, added 91 in an hour and 35 minutes.

Mr S H Day, who was missed by Langdon at second slip when 20, played a very skilful game, watching the ball very closely and scoring chiefly by clever strokes on the on side and to leg. He hit seven fours. Hearne maintained a stubborn defence for over two hours.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 August, page 8)

Rain again interfered with the match at Cheltenham yesterday, cricket being restricted to three hours and a half.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 15 August, page 10)

Only 65 minutes' cricket was possible at Cheltenham yesterday, and the match between Gloucestershire and Kent had to be left drawn. Heavy rain fell during the morning and it was not until ten minutes to 3 that a start could be made. Then in three-quarters of an hour the Gloucestershire innings was finished off, the four outstanding wickets going down for an addition of 38 runs. Mr Champain, who was last out, played excellent cricket.

In a minority of 49 runs, Kent had 20 minutes' batting before a driving rain caused the game to be abandoned, and in that time 17 runs were scored without loss.

12 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5786.html](http://www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5786.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 August, page 8)

On the private ground of the Duke of Portland, at Welbeck Abbey, the return match between Notts and Derbyshire was begun yesterday. Rain, however, sadly interfered with the cricket, which was limited to two hours.

The day's play was rendered noteworthy by reason of another fine stand for the Notts first wicket by Mr A O Jones and Iremonger, who for the fourth time in seven days sent up the hundred without being separated. On a pitch that was dead and at times difficult they scored 119 together in two hours, the way in which they forced the game under adverse conditions being admirable. Mr Jones adopted more vigorous methods than his partner and hit seven fours, but several times the ball failed to reach the boundary owing to the heavy going.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 August, page 8)

Although there was little cricket at Welbeck on Monday owing to rain, the match was very nearly played out yesterday, the Derbyshire team failing in a remarkable manner before the bowling of Wass.

The Derbyshire innings, which began at a quarter to 4, lasted only 75 minutes. Mr Wright scored 23 out of 34 before being fifth out, and then four wickets went down at 37, Wass just missing the hat-trick. Wass took his last five wickets at a cost of only one run, and dismissed eight batsmen for 17.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 15 August, page 10)

There seemed more than once at Welbeck, yesterday, a probability that Notts would be robbed of victory by the weather, but they were able to finish the game. So much rain fell that it was not until 3 o'clock that anything could be done, and before cricket had been in progress an hour there was another heavy downpour which caused a delay of more than an hour.

When play was started Derbyshire, with four wickets down in their second innings for 22, were 234 runs in arrears. Another wicket soon fell, Mr Lawton being dismissed, but Chatterton and Mr Curgenven stayed together until the rain began again, raising the score to 53. On resuming at ten minutes to 5 Mr Curgenven was out from the first ball sent down. Subsequently Hulme, assisted by two escapes, managed to hit up 18 in 20 minutes. The last wicket fell at ten minutes to 6, Notts winning by an innings and 159 runs. J Gunn took the last five wickets for only 14 runs.

Wass, however, carried off the bowling honours with the remarkable record of 13 wickets for 40 runs. Chatterton, who played a defensive game with great skill, was batting more than two hours for his 19 not out.

12 August: SURREY v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5787.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5787.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 August, page 8)

On a slow pitch at the Oval yesterday the bowlers had the better of the game. Carpenter and Mr McGahey batted well and there was some free hitting by the later members of the side. But the best thing in the cricket up to 5 o'clock was the bowling of Richardson, whose length and pace were worthy of his best days.

Surrey have made a good beginning. The weather was generally pleasant and the spectators numbered about 7,000.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 August, page 8)

On the Oval yesterday there was no relief from the dullness of the first day. Surrey certainly established a winning position, but even their cricket was dull. On a fairly easy wicket and against quite moderate bowling even Hayward was uninteresting to watch. Holland played the best innings in point of merit, and vigour was shown by Mr Dowson and Stedman.

With his score of 75 at the Oval yesterday Hayward carried his aggregate for the season to 2,035, Abel, Mr C B Fry, Tyldesley and K S Ranjitsinhji being the only other batsmen who have scored 2,000 runs this summer.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 15 August, page 10)

The match at the Oval yesterday had to be left unfinished owing to the bad weather. There was only a quarter of an hour's play early in the day. Essex were probably saved from defeat by the rain, seeing that they were 34 runs behind with four of their best wickets gone in the second innings.

12 August: SUSSEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5788.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5788.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 August, page 8)

Winning the toss at Brighton yesterday, Mr MacLaren put Sussex in. Probably he underrated the recuperative properties of the Hove wicket, for no rain had fallen since the early morning and a

brisk drying wind prevailed all day. The experiment proved costly, as Sussex kept possession of the wicket all day and scored 382 for three wickets.

Up to lunch time runs were difficult to get and Mr Fry was certainly not seen at his best. Only two wickets fell, however, and for the rest of the day K S Ranjitsinhji and Killick defied all the efforts of the bowlers. They remained at the wicket nearly four hours and put on 298 before the professional was out for his highest score of the season. He gave chances to the wicket-keeper and to Sharp at slip when 22, and made several false strokes, but in spite of this his cricket was distinctly good. His hits included 12 fours.

K S Ranjitsinhji, who had Brann for a partner during the last 15 minutes of the day, was not out after five hours' play with 200 to his credit. He gave a beautiful all-round exhibition. Up to the close of the day he had not made a single bad stroke.

It will be noticed that Lancashire are playing Hibbert and Mold for Holland and Broughton, whilst on the Sussex side Mr P H Latham and Mr A M Sullivan replace Mr K R Fry and Mr W Newham. The weather throughout was overcast and dull, but there was an excellent attendance.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 August, page 8)

Yesterday's stages of the match at Brighton were lacking in interest. This was due to the fact that from lunch onwards Lancashire were engaged in the cheerless task of playing for a draw.

Ranjitsinhji increased his innings by four and was then caught at slip. Opinions differ as to whether he gave a difficult chance at slip when six, but if he did, that was the only blemish in an innings which extended over five hours and included 29 fours.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 15 August, page 10)

The only thing Lancashire had to hope for at Brighton yesterday was a draw, for with four wickets to fall they required 111 runs to save the follow-on. As it happened rain relieved the visitors of all anxiety. Frequent showers curtailed the actual playing time to less than three hours, and the concluding 50 minutes' cricket was not taken at all seriously.

It took the Sussex bowlers exactly two hours to capture the four outstanding Lancashire wickets, and in that time the overnight score of 197 was increased by 100. Cuttell hit up 39 in 55 minutes, and Hibbert, who went in first thing in the morning, carried out his bat for a like number, while, together, the pair added 59 for the eighth wicket. Altogether the Lancashire innings lasted five hours 25 minutes, and of eight Sussex bowlers Tate was the only one to obtain more than one wicket.

Although Lancashire failed to save the follow-on by 11 runs, K S Ranjitsinhji decided to give his own team a little batting practice rather than attempt the impossible task of trying to get Lancashire out in an hour.

12 August: YORKSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5789.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5789.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 August, page 8)

At Sheffield, yesterday, the game began at the usual hour, but there was half an hour's delay before lunch, and subsequently heavy showers so saturated the already soft turf that at 5 o'clock play was abandoned for the day.

At the outset Brown and Tunnicliffe found runs difficult to get, the pitch being dead, and when he had made two Tunnicliffe was missed by Rawlin at slip. Runs were put on fast after the rain, both batsmen making some fine drives. The unfavourable weather came most unfortunately, the visit of the Middlesex team having attracted 8,000 people to the Bramall-lane ground.

Trott accompanied the Middlesex team to Sheffield and practised yesterday, but his hand had not recovered sufficiently to allow him to play, and it is feared that he will not be able to take part in the match against Notts at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 August, page 8)

After the fortune of the game had varied very considerably Yorkshire left off in a strong position at Sheffield yesterday. Denton and Mr Mitchell put on 110 runs in 80 minutes and, after the fall of the seventh wicket at 245, Mr Smith and Lord Hawke forced the game with such success as to score 100 in an hour.

Denton, who trod on his wicket in hitting Mr Wells to leg, had previously knocked a bail off in playing back at the same bowler, but continued his innings because neither umpire saw it. In scoring his 73 Denton showed fine skill and clean hitting, and his splendid play when the conditions were most favourable to the bowlers could not be over-praised.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 15 August, page 10)

The weather proved showery yesterday morning at Sheffield, and about 11 o'clock rain set in steadily, with the result that no further play was practicable in the Yorkshire and Middlesex match. The decision to abandon the match as a draw was come to before half-past 1 . . .

Tuesday 13 August, page 8: SCARBOROUGH CRICKET FESTIVAL

The Scarborough cricket festival begins on Monday, the 26th inst., and, judging by the teams chosen to take part in the three matches, which extend over nine days, the festival should be a very successful one.

M.C.C. v Yorkshire. - This is the opening match. The M.C.C. will be represented by Mr H D G Leveson-Gower (captain), Mr A O Jones, Mr G J V Weigall, Mr H J Stevenson, Mr F L Fane, Mr A J Turner, with Thompson, Carpenter, Carlin, Mead and Young. The Yorkshire team will be selected from Lord Hawke (captain), Mr F Mitchell, Mr T L Taylor, Mr E Smith, Brown, Hirst, Hunter, Tunnicliffe, Rhodes, Haigh, Wainwright, Denton and Whitehead.

Over 30 v Under 30. - This is a new feature of the festival. Over 30. - Lord Hawke (captain), Mr S M J Woods, Mr E Smith, Mr H J Stevenson, with Carpenter, Mead, Hunter, Tunnicliffe, Brown, Haigh and Wainwright. Under 30. - Mr H D G Leveson-Gower (captain), Mr A O Jones, Mr F Mitchell, Mr T L Taylor, Mr A J Turner, with Tyldesley, Denton, Braund, Thompson, Hirst and Rhodes.

Mr C I Thornton's England Eleven v Yorkshire. - In this, the concluding match of the festival, the champion county team will play Mr C I Thornton's England Eleven, which consists of Mr H D G Leveson-Gower (captain), Mr S M J Woods, Mr R E Foster, Mr V F S Crawford, Mr C Heseltine, Mr G L Jessop, Mr A O Jones, Braund, Thompson, Tyldesley and J Gunn.

THE ENGLISH TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

Mr H G Garnett has accepted an invitation to form one of Mr MacLaren's team for Australia.

Wednesday 14 August, page 8: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

At a meeting held yesterday at Sheffield the Yorkshire committee agreed to Surrey's proposal that the two counties should meet at the Oval for Lockwood's benefit on September 16, 17 and 18.

At the same meeting the Yorkshire committee considered the question of the invitation sent to Hirst by Mr MacLaren to join the team for Australia and, as in Rhodes's case two or three weeks back, expressed a wish that he should not go.

Below are the positions of the counties in the championship: -

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Warwickshire	15	6	4	5	2	20.00
Hampshire	14	5	4	5	1	11.11
Surrey	21	7	6	8	1	7.67
Notts	17	5	5	7	0	0.00
Essex	17	3	3	11	0	0.00
Kent	16	5	6	5	-1	-9.09
Leicestershire	15	4	9	2	-5	-38.46
Worcestershire	17	4	10	3	-6	-42.85
Gloucestershire	20	3	8	0	-5	-45.45
Somerset	13	3	8	2	-5	-45.45
Derbyshire	16	0	10	6	-10	-100.00

15 August: ESSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5790.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5790.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 August, page 9)

From a bowler's day, at Leyton, yesterday, Essex came out badly, and the drawing of stumps left them in a very bad case.

Hirst bowled exceedingly well with a fine length and spin. From the pavilion end during the day in the two Essex innings he took 12 wickets for only 23 runs. Rhodes also bowled with a fine length and break, and the Yorkshire fielding was without mistake. Essex, too, showed much better work in the field than usual. Mr Lucas paid the penalty for attempting a short run at a critical stage, and it was only a little good hitting by Reeves which kept Essex from being out for less than 20.

When Yorkshire went in, Mr T L Taylor, the old Cambridge captain, played fine cricket, and Mr Frank Mitchell helped him for a long time; but Mead and Reeves bowled with great success on the false pitch. There was another series of batting disasters when Essex went in again. Two delays were caused by rain.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 August, page 12)

Yorkshire beat Essex at Leyton yesterday after a wonderful match by an innings and 33 runs. Only half an hour was taken to finish the game, the balance of the Essex second innings, in which six wickets had gone for 15 runs, yielding only 26 runs.

Russell was badly hit on the hand and his damaged fingers will keep him out of cricket for some time. On a bowler's wicket Yorkshire, alike in bowling and fielding, gave a splendid demonstration of the fine skill possessed by the side this season.

15 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5791.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5791.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 August, page 9)

After winning all their three matches in Scotland, the South Africans met Gloucestershire at Clifton yesterday and accomplished the best performance of their tour. On a slow wicket they played an innings of 234 and then, in an hour, dismissed a strong eleven of the county for 40 runs. Mr Sinclair was the main cause of the downfall of the Gloucestershire batsmen, for he took seven wickets for 20.

For the South Africans Mr Shalders played a very fine innings of 90, making his runs in two hours and ten minutes, chiefly by on-drives and hits to leg. Mr Hathorn, adopting more careful methods, took an hour and a half to score 27, but all the other batsmen on the side who met with any success went in for hard hitting.

Following on, Gloucestershire in a few minutes before the time for drawing stumps made a couple of runs without loss.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 August, page 12)

On a false wicket, at Clifton, yesterday, the South Africans secured an easy victory over Gloucestershire by an innings and 105 runs. Mr Sinclair's bowling was remarkable; he took 13 wickets for 73 runs.

15 August: HAMPSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5792.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5792.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 August, page 9)

Had it not been for the two most famous batsmen of the eleven Sussex would have made a sorry show in the first innings of their return match against Hampshire yesterday at Portsmouth. Rain fell in the morning upon the already heavy pitch and as the sun came out with considerable power later the wicket was treacherous.

To Mr Fry, however, it appeared to offer few difficulties, and he made his runs in two hours and ten minutes by superb cricket without giving a chance. K S Ranjitsinhji also batted well, but the rest of the side collectively made only 32 off the bat.

When Hampshire went in Tate and Killick found the wicket so much to their liking that half the home side were out for 25 runs. At this stage Barton and Llewellyn became associated and both batsmen played a forcing game. The total was increased by 30 in less than a quarter of an hour before Llewellyn was out. When stumps were drawn for the day Sussex held a considerable advantage, as Hampshire with four wickets to fall were 104 behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 August, page 12)

Mr C B Fry played an excellent game in this match at Portsmouth. K S Ranjitsinhji had also to be reckoned with, but the rest of the Sussex team were distinct failures in both innings.

Day 3 (report from Monday 19 August, page 10)

When play ceased on Friday night at Portsmouth the home county with nine wickets in hand required 216 to win. On the rain-spoilt wicket the odds were in favour of Sussex, but, as there was a chance of Hampshire's obtaining the runs, there was considerable interest in the concluding day's play.

In the end Sussex won by 52 runs. Their success was not gained without anxious moments. With four wickets down and 150 still required Mr Sprot and Barton became partners, and so freely did they score that Hampshire looked like winning. After Mr Sprot left, however, Sussex always held the advantage, the remaining batsmen appearing scarcely to realize their position, reckless hitting generally prevailing.

Mr Sprot and Barton each made a great effort, but both were favoured by mistakes in the field. The professional was missed by Mr Fry at long-on when he had scored 34, while Mr Sprot was let off at the wicket and at short slip - both easy chances.

15 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5793.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5793.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 August, page 9)

Cricket was curtailed at Nottingham yesterday by the rain, which set in at midday and prevented a start until after an early luncheon. Once in progress, however, the game went on without further interruption and, all things considered, a fair amount of play was got through.

Middlesex batted first and completed an innings for 167 in three hours and a quarter. Mr Warner was out at 26, but the brothers Douglas increased the total to 53. Then there was a breakdown and four men were out for 66. However, Mr Bosanquet, first with Mr Wells and then with Mr Nicholls, offered a determined resistance for nearly two hours, and, thanks to him, the side did better than might have been expected. The feature of the innings was the bowling of John Gunn, who four times hit the middle stump and took the first eight wickets that fell. Notts, late in the afternoon, scored 16 without loss.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 August, page 12)



The fortunes of the game favoured Middlesex at Nottingham yesterday, when, while the pitch was still affected by the rain, their bowlers dismissed Notts in the course of two hours for 121 - 16 of which had been scored without loss overnight - and then in the last three hours and a half their batsmen obtained 233 for six wickets in the third innings. The turf was much easier when Middlesex went in and, to add to their good luck, Wass was unable to bowl. Thus at the close the visitors, with four wickets standing, led by 279 runs.

Apart from Mr Jones and Shrewsbury, the Notts batting against Hearne and Mr Wells was not good, and subsequently, following the loss of three wickets for 43, Mr R N Douglas and Mr Bosanquet scored 98 for the fourth partnership. Mr Bosanquet made 76 of these in 74 minutes by fine hitting and Mr Douglas, who went in at 19, was not out at the close after batting over three hours for 82.

Day 3 (report from Monday 19 August, page 10)

Thanks to an extremely fine innings by Iremonger, Notts avoided defeat at Trent-bridge on Saturday, having still four wickets to fall when stumps were drawn. They were set to get 312 after their opponents had put the closure rule in force, and at the finish they wanted 90 to win.

For the fourth time in a fortnight Iremonger made over a hundred. Going in first, he resisted the Middlesex bowling for nearly four hours and a half, gave no chance and was not out at the end of the game. During his lone stay at the wickets he completed his thousand runs in first-class matches this season. Shrewsbury helped him to put on 73 runs in an hour for the second wicket, and while Dench was in with him the match was made practically safe. Still, at six o'clock six wickets were down, so that the position was not quite free from anxiety. Pepper then went in and no other wicket was lost.

Mr R N Douglas's admirable innings for Middlesex was marked by strong contrasts. He took two hours and a half to get his first 50, but afterwards added 43 to his score in less than an hour. With this match first-class cricket at Nottingham ended for the season.

15 August: SOMERSET v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5794.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5794.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 August, page 9)

Despite the previous day's heavy rain there was an excellent wicket at Taunton yesterday, and some heavy scoring resulted. Exclusive of the intervals cricket was in progress just over four hours. Kent were in for all the time and scored 435 for the loss of four batsmen.

Mr Dillon was bowled at 19, but Mr Burnup and Mr Day carried the total to 124 before the second wicket fell. This partnership was excelled by Mr Burnup and Hearne, who, during less than an hour and a half, put on 121; then Hearne and Mr Mason in the course of an hour and three-quarters subscribed 190, when Mr Mason was caught in the long field, and stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 August, page 12)

Some extraordinary cricket at Taunton yesterday terminated in a victory for Kent by an innings and 312 runs. This was mainly due to the bowling of Mr Mason, who took 12 wickets for 53 runs. The day opened with an excellent bowling performance by Braund.

Kent overnight had scored 435 for four wickets. Yesterday they had hitting orders, and the result was that the outstanding six wickets fell in half an hour for the addition of 29, Mr Daniell making three fine catches in the long field. Hearne, who went in at the fall of the second wicket, when the total was 124, was ninth out at 462. Braund's analysis for the morning read four overs, three maidens, six runs, four wickets.

Somerset's first innings lasted an hour and 20 minutes, and the second five minutes less.

15 August: SURREY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5795.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5795.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 August, page 9)

Going in first, Lancashire established a strong lead at the Oval yesterday. After Mr Garnett was out Mr MacLaren and Tyldesley added over 100 runs for the second wicket. The wicket played truly and at no time did runs seem difficult to get.

Mr MacLaren, who was in for nearly two hours, played sound cricket, and Tyldesley, though a trifle uncertain at times, scored well. Ward, who at the end of the day was not out with 86, was very slow at the beginning. His first 50 runs occupied not less than two and a half hours.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 August, page 12)

A large crowd was again present at the Oval yesterday. The cricket was painfully slow and Ward, after being at the wicket over four hours, was eventually out to a good catch by Hayward in the slips. In his innings he hit ten fours.

Surrey started against a total of 428, and some good hitting by Mr Jephson realized 86 before he was bowled by Sharp. Holland shaped well until he was caught by Mr Eccles at mid-on. Hayward played more freely than usual and Baker made a useful stand. The latter, who was not out at the end of the day, have a couple of chances in the slips; apart from these mistakes, the Lancashire fielding was exceedingly close. Cuttell bowled well, and Hallows and Sharp were both very unlucky.

Day 3 (report from Monday 19 August, page 10)

The match at the Oval was drawn on Saturday evening amid a scene which reflected discredit on the manners of the Surrey crowd. A section of the spectators took exception to Mr MacLaren's judgment in thinking of the interests of his side and, because he did not declare and put Surrey in when there was small chance of finishing the game Mr MacLaren and the Lancashire batsmen generally were subjected to unsportsmanlike behaviour from the crowd, which numbered about 10,000.

With three hours still to play, Mr MacLaren might, perhaps, have put Surrey in to get 300 odd runs; but still the decision was at his discretion and, with the wicket beautifully true, he thought there was little chance of getting out Surrey in that time. He preferred to husband his bowling with the prospect of a hard match at Lord's to-day.

The public had, however, on Saturday plenty to see for their money. Mr MacLaren and Mr Garnett gave a splendid display of fine, free hitting for the first Lancashire wicket. The other best thing of the day was the batting of Tyldesley, who made one more century and was as good as ever to watch. Mr Jephson rested his best bowlers in the last hour . . .

15 August: WARWICKSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5796.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5796.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 August, page 9)

Only a little over two hours' cricket was practicable at Birmingham yesterday in Warwickshire's last match in the county championship, the ground being so soft that the game could not be started until 20 minutes past 4.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 August, page 12)

The play at Birmingham yesterday went all in favour of Warwickshire. For the addition of 30 runs the last four Derbyshire wickets fell to Charlesworth, off whom 18 runs were hit. Then Mr Bainbridge put in the free batsmen, and runs came so fast that he was able to declare the innings closed without W G Quaife, Kinneir and Lilley, the three most accomplished batsmen on the side, going to the wickets.

With a majority of 198 runs against them Derbyshire did badly, and finished the day wanting 157 to avoid defeat in a single innings and having 7w in hand. Although still slow the pitch never became really difficult.

Devey and George, who are best known as football players in the Aston Villa team, opened the home county's innings by scoring 112, and Mr Fishwick and Santall added 123 for the fourth partnership. The first hour produced 98 runs and the second exactly a hundred. Mr Fishwick had never before scored so heavily in important cricket. He played quite faultlessly, and hit a five, 15 fours, six threes and 15 twos in his 140 not out.

Day 3 (report from Monday 19 August, page 10)

The advantage gained on Friday had left Warwickshire with a certain victory in view, and a couple of hours' cricket at Birmingham on Saturday enabled them to win by an innings and 52 runs.

Derbyshire had lost three wickets for 41 runs overnight and, after Storer and Chatterton had added 56 in rather more than an hour on a pitch made easy by rain that had delayed play, the batting broke down. Mr Curgiven helped to put on 43, but the other batsmen gave Chatterton little assistance. Chatterton played very good cricket for his 57 not out, defending strongly and hitting nine fours. On Saturday Hargreave took three wickets for 18 and Charlesworth three for 25, both bowling capitally.

Saturday 17 August, page 12: THE ENGLISH TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

John Gunn, of the Nottinghamshire eleven, yesterday accepted Mr MacLaren's invitation to join his Australian team.

Monday 19 August, page 10: THE AVERAGES

The chief averages of the season are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
K S Ranjitsinhji	35	2163	285*	4	69.77
Mr C B Fry	36	2439	244	3	69.68
Mr L C H Palaiet	28	1657	194	1	61.37
Tyldesley	48	2502	221	3	55.60
W G Quaife	29	1289	177	5	53.70
Kinneir	26	1299	215*	1	51.96
Abel	54	2527	247	5	51.57
Hayward	47	2082	181	6	50.29
Mr F L Fane	23	1016	195	2	48.38
Mr A O Jones	40	1834	249	2	48.26
Mr C McGahey	27	1489	145*	5	46.53
Mr F M Mitchell	42	1724	162*	4	46.36
Mr R E Foster	37	1625	135	1	46.13
Iremonger	31	1037	133	7	43.20
Capt J G Greig	28	1069	249*	3	42.36
Mr G W Beldam	25	973	150*	2	42.30
Lilley	28	1049	124	3	41.96
Mr P Perrin	35	1325	189	3	41.40
W Gunn	20	751	273	1	39.51
Mr C J B Wood	45	1689	156	2	39.27
Mr G L Jessop	44	1708	169	0	38.81
Hirst	37	1315	214	3	38.67
King	43	1471	143	4	37.71
J Gunn	33	1130	91	3	37.66
Mr A P Lucas	24	664	83	6	36.88
Mr J R Mason	39	1242	145	5	36.52

Carpenter	46	1620	136	1	36.00
Shrewsbury	31	951	167*	4	35.22
Mr H G Garnett	45	1518	139	1	34.60
Mr V F S Crawford	45	1397	159	4	34.07
Mr S H Day	31	953	91*	3	34.03
J T Brown	44	1257	134*	4	33.92
Mr T L Taylor	28	871	156	2	33.50
Mr K O Goldie	27	904	140	0	33.43
Braund	37	1195	115*	1	33.19
Mr H B Hayman	26	860	165	0	33.07
Mr L Walker	38	1156	222	3	33.02
Mr L G Wright	40	1319	193	0	32.97
Mr S M J Woods	27	849	90	1	32.65
Mr C J Burnup	45	1403	141	1	31.88
Hallows	37	1074	130	3	31.58
Mr E M Sprot	25	723	130	2	31.43
Mr D L A Jephson	38	1087	133	3	31.05
Denton	38	1143	86	2	30.89
Dr W G Grace	27	833	132	0	30.85
Lord Hawke	30	769	89	6	30.76
Mr E W Dillon	31	892	143	2	30.75
Chatterton	39	1005	108	5	29.58
Wrathall	41	1165	148	1	29.12
Knight	35	1001	99	0	28.60
Mr E M Dowson	35	957	105	2	28.14
Storer	47	1259	107	1	27.36
Ward	44	1120	117	3	27.31
Mr H G Owen	21	534	106*	1	26.70
Mr A C MacLaren	31	793	117	1	26.43

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	1190	407	2716	196	13.90
Hirst	848.1	200	2247	141	15.93
Mead	810.5	257	1850	106	17.45
Mold	368.5	69	1089	57	19.10
Tate	940.2	268	2313	121	19.11
Mr J R Mason	658	176	1750	89	19.65
Cranfield	725.2	162	2102	104	20.21
Hargreave	968.2	284	2173	107	20.30
Dr W G Grace	449.1	127	1042	50	20.84
Trott	1002.3	227	3023	142	21.28
J Gunn	763	117	1904	88	21.63
Roberts	768.1	222	2165	100	21.65
Richardson	1116	239	3083	140	22.02
Lockwood	565.3	121	1630	74	22.02
Sharp	708	136	2275	102	22.30
Blythe	722.5	211	1789	79	22.64
Mr W M Bradley	832.4	200	2642	109	24.23
J T Hearne	935	195	2229	89	25.04
Mr D L A Jephson	526.5	74	1477	57	25.91
Braund	846.1	144	2997	106	28.54
Mr E M Dowson	792.1	185	2296	80	28.68

#### THE COUNTIES

The present position of the county championship is as follows:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	25	19	1	5	18	90.00
Middlesex	13	5	2	6	3	42.85
Lancashire	25	10	5	10	5	33.33
Sussex	20	8	4	8	4	33.33

Warwickshire	16	7	4	5	3	27.27
Surrey	22	7	6	9	1	7.69
Hampshire	15	5	5	5	0	0.00
Notts	18	5	5	8	0	0.00
Kent	17	6	6	6	5	0.00
Essex	18	3	4	11	-1	-14.28
Leicestershire	15	4	9	2	-5	-38.46
Worcestershire	17	4	10	3	-6	-42.85
Gloucestershire	20	3	8	9	-5	-45.45
Somerset	14	3	9	2	-6	-50.00
Derbyshire	17	0	11	6	-11	-100.00

#### THE WARWICKSHIRE AVERAGES

Warwickshire finished their series of matches in the county championship on Saturday. They have had a fairly good season, but their cricket generally has been dull to watch. Below are given the averages of the side in county matches; they won seven of the 16, lost four and drew five.

[Note: Warwickshire averages follow.]

19 August: DERBYSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5797.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5797.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 20 August, page 10)

Yesterday's cricket at Derby went so completely in favour of Worcestershire that at the drawing of stumps they led by 61 runs and had all their wickets in hand. On an excellent pitch the home side did badly to be dismissed in three hours for 165. Mr Wright played well for 50 minutes and Mr Curgenven made his runs in good style, but generally the batting was poor. Wilson bowled with great effect on being tried a second time, taking six wickets for 28 runs.

After the feeble display of the home team Mr H K Foster and Bowley scored with the utmost freedom, sending up the 100 in 70 minutes, and they doubled the score in 45 minutes. Mr Foster reached his hundred at the rate of a run a minute, while Bowley got into three figures in two hours. Each should have been caught off Warren, Chatterton missing Mr Foster at slip when 28 and Needham dropping a catch when Bowley had made 40.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 August, page 9)

Worcestershire beat Derbyshire at Derby last evening by an innings and 120 runs. The success of the visiting county had been pretty well assured by the splendid performance of Mr H K Foster and Bowley, who, going in to open the Worcestershire innings on Monday afternoon, scored 226 before the drawing of stumps without being separated.

Yesterday they were not parted until the total had reached 309. Mr R E Foster batted in brilliant style, scoring 100 within the hour. He punished all the bowling with great vigour, hitting in his 111 ten fours, three threes and 18 twos. Worcestershire declared their innings closed at lunch time.

Derbyshire, on going in again, lost five wickets for 75, and though Mr Wright - who was far from well - and Needham made a good stand for the sixth partnership, putting on 84 runs, the side were all disposed of in a little over three hours for 198.

19 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5798.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5798.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 20 August, page 10)

On a slow pitch the Essex eleven at Clifton yesterday gave a moderate display, taking over five hours to put together a total of 270. At the outset runs came easily, the first 40 being obtained in as many minutes, but except that Mr Lucas and Mr McGahey added 57 in three hours for the fifth partnership, and that the last two wickets put on 37 runs quickly, there was no approach to free hitting.

Mr Perrin played the best innings of the day. With Mr McGahey he added 107 runs in two hours for the third wicket, and was in for two hours and a half before being well caught in the deep field.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 August, page 9)

The Gloucestershire eleven gave an uneven display of batting at Clifton yesterday. An excellent start was made by Mr Wright and Wrathall, who put on 113 runs for the first wicket; but the later members of the team showed little judgment in playing the slow bowling of Mr McGahey.

Wrathall made his runs without a mistake and when he left it seemed quite likely that Gloucestershire will finish up with a substantial lead. However, seven more wickets went for another 69 runs before some free hitting by Paish, Roberts and Burroughs resulted in 48 runs being added. In the last hour and a half Essex scored 89 for three wickets, and at the close were 129 runs on with seven wickets left.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 22 August, page 9)

After having victory well within their reach for most of the afternoon, Essex just failed to beat Gloucestershire at Clifton yesterday. Throughout the match was keenly contested and the finish proved most exciting, the home side having only one wicket to fall when stumps were pulled up and the game left drawn.

Mr McGahey's all-round cricket gave the play its chief feature. Scoring 91 runs in 2 hours and 50 minutes, he helped Essex through their period of anxiety and, thanks to him, Mr Lucas and Mr Tosetti, Mr Owens was able to close the innings and send Gloucestershire in for three hours' batting with 306 runs to get to win - an impossible task.

Mr McGahey followed up his capital batting by bowling his leg breaks so effectively that seven wickets fell for 64 runs in rather more than an hour. Then, when Essex looked like winning easily, Mr Rice, who had batted patiently from the start, found most useful partners in the last three men. Paish stayed for an hour, Roberts for half an hour, while Burroughs helped Mr Rice to play through the remaining 25 minutes. The excitement became intense at the finish, and Mr Rice, who maintained a perfect defence, had a most hearty reception.

In the match Mr McGahey took 12 wickets for 157 runs, and scored just as many runs as were hit from his bowling. Mr Lucas and he batted admirably when another failure might have brought disaster to the side, their partnership producing 108 runs.

19 August: KENT v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5799.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5799.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 20 August, page 10)

Mr Burnup, Mr Day and Mr Baker were conspicuous in a great batting performance on the part of Kent yesterday at Tonbridge. All these cricketers had the satisfaction of making over a hundred.

Coming together at the fall of the first wicket at 50, Mr Burnup and Mr Day, playing in brilliant style, added 210 runs in two hours and a quarter before Mr Burnup was caught at cover-point. His innings was a fine display of hard driving and, except for a chance to Mr Chignell when 41, he made no mistake of any kind. He scored his 144 in three hours, hitting 24 fours.

Mr Day, who was third out at 326, was batting two hours and 40 minutes, and his cricket was in all respects as fine as Mr Burnup's. He scored with great readiness all round the wicket, his cutting

and placing on the leg side being particularly good. He had an escape at the wicket when he had only scored a single, but after that he gave no chance. Among his hits were 17 fours, three threes and six twos.

The bowling was pretty well worn out when Mr Baker came in and scored 108 in 70 minutes, Hearne helping him to put on 142 runs for the sixth wicket. Mr Baker made no mistake until he had obtained 71, when he was badly missed by Captain Greig at long-off. His chief strokes were 18 fours. The cricket was enjoyed by a large company, in splendid weather.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 August, page 9)

With the pitch helping him at Tonbridge, yesterday, Mr Bradley accomplished a fine bowling performance and enabled Kent to secure a good prospect of victory.

Less than half an hour's cricket in the morning proved sufficient to end the Kent innings, the three outstanding wickets putting on 36 runs; and then, in two hours and a half, Hampshire were got out. Following on, 348 runs to the bad, they again fared poorly; and now, with four men remaining, they require 169 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

The start of the Hampshire innings gave promise of a good score, Mr Robson and Captain Greig putting on 54 runs in 40 minutes, but afterwards Webb was the only batsman to show any real capacity in dealing with the bowling, and in both innings he carried off the honours. Mr Bradley was difficult to play. He bowled very fast and had the splendid record of nine wickets for less than ten runs each.

In his second innings Webb gave two chances - one to Hearne at slip before he had scored, and another to Mr Burnup at cover-point, just before he got out. His play in the second innings would not compare with that in his first in point of merit; but for over two hours he again played admirably; he hit ten fours.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 22 August, page 9)

There was little interest left for the cricket at Tonbridge when play ceased on Tuesday evening, as Hampshire, with only four wickets to fall in their second innings, were 169 runs behind. Forty minutes' cricket yesterday sufficed to finish the game, Kent winning by an innings and 124 runs. In consequence of an injury to his foot, Mr W M Bradley was unable to field.

19 August: MIDDLESEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5800.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5800.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 20 August, page 10)

The weather was very hot, the wicket beautifully true and the cricket very ordinary at Lord's yesterday. Ward and Hallows, by their careful stand for the fourth partnership, which yielded 79, founded the respectability of the Lancashire score. But Ward was dull to watch, the Middlesex fielding was slack and the cricket was altogether commonplace for a match between such big sides.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 August, page 9)

There was a good day's batting at Lord's yesterday by Middlesex. Mr James Douglas was the conspicuous player of the day with an innings of 143. A finer display of correct cricket could not have been wished for. He timed the ball with admirable judgment and he hit the good Lancashire bowling hard and quick. He was three hours and a half at the wickets and was fourth out at 249, when he mistimed a leg-break from Ward.

Mr Douglas and Mr Warner made 218 for the first Middlesex wicket; but Mr Warner played rather below his form. Later in the innings there was some fine hitting by Mr Bosanquet, Rawlin and Trott. Middlesex passed the Lancashire total with six wickets in hand and they led in the end by 148.

Lancashire made rather a bad start to their second innings, and with eight wickets left they now want 120 in order to get on terms with their opponents.

Lancashire fielded well and their bowlers did their best. Mold was not, perhaps, kept on long enough, and Ward's slows were the most profitable in the afternoon. The top-dressing which has been given to the ground got loose under the powerful sun, but the wicket was not affected and the ball never rose more than half-stump high. There were 10,000 spectators present.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 22 August, page 9)

When stumps were drawn at Lord's on Tuesday the prospects of Middlesex defeating Lancashire were bright, as the latter required 120 runs to avoid an innings defeat and they had lost two wickets. Yesterday, however, a great improvement was made by the Lancashire batsmen, and on the sound pitch early in the afternoon they had secured a safe position.

This was mainly due to some brilliant batting on the part of Mr Garnett and Cuttell, who were the overnight not outs. The former made many fine strokes on the off side and reached three figures in two hours and a half. The partnership of Mr Garnett and Cuttell produced 188 runs; Mr Garnett hit 18 fours.

Tyldesley also showed to advantage, and the Middlesex bowlers were once more in difficulties. Seven were tried, but both Tyldesley and Cuttell batted in a masterly manner, especially the former, who made some excellent off boundary hits from Hearne. Cuttell was inclined to play recklessly, and as the score had passed 250 there was nothing but a draw to look forward to. Cuttell succeeded in reaching 100 and then Tyldesley was beaten. Ward did not give so much trouble as in the first innings and Cuttell, who hit 15 fours, left shortly afterwards.

When Lancashire held a lead of 211 runs the innings was declared closed, but as only an hour and a half remained for play all hope of a definite result was abandoned. Mr MacLaren took the unusual course of going on himself to bowl and had the satisfaction of getting such a batsman as Mr J Douglas caught at the wicket. As 20 minutes to 6 the match was abandoned as a draw.

19 August: SOMERSET v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5801.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5801.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 20 August, page 10)

Taunton is not a lucky ground for Surrey. Not since 1894 have they won a match there, and that which opened yesterday scarcely seems likely to result in their favour.

At the end of the day Somerset had scored 405 for the loss of nine wickets. This was practically due to two men - Mr Palaret and Lewis. The former went in first and hit so freely that he made 100 out of the first 149 runs, and altogether scored 140 out of 230 in less than three hours. He made one or two false strokes, and when he had made 11 he offered an extremely difficult chance to Mr Crawford at slip. His highly attractive innings included 13 fours.

Lewis was a trifle longer, scoring 27 runs less. He went in at the fall of the first wicket at 129 and was eighth out at 371. He offered nothing that could fairly be called a chance, and hit 13 fours. Of the others, Braund played sound cricket for his 44, whilst Mr Woods made some great drives.

Six Surrey bowlers were tried, the only two who appeared to put any sting into their work being Mr Dowson and Nice. The first-named varied his pace with excellent judgment. The Surrey fielding was anything but clean, Abel and Richardson frequently being at fault over their ground work.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 August, page 9)

Yesterday's cricket at Taunton was of a variable character, but Surrey had never anything better than a draw for which to hope. The one Somerset wicket outstanding took the Surrey men half an hour to capture. This should not have been, for Richardson missed Gill very badly at mid-off when 34 stood



to his credit. Thirty-three runs were added, all but four being obtained by Gill, who carried out his bat after scoring 56 of the 67 made while he was in. He batted 50 minutes and hit nine fours. The Somerset innings lasted five hours and a quarter.

Surrey went in at a quarter-past 12 and occupied the rest of the day in completing an innings for 330. Mr Jephson was out at 11 but Abel and Mr Leveson-Gower added 129 for the second wicket. Abel's cricket was good. In less than two hours he hit ten fours. Baker failed, and Mr Leveson-Gower was fourth out after two and a half hours. He started unsteadily and gave a distinct chance to point when 63, but, nevertheless, his innings was most meritorious. His hits included 12 fours.

Six wickets were down for 216, but Hayward and Mr Dowson gave an excellent display. Hayward was slow at the outset, but afterwards he hit with freedom, while Mr Dowson's cricket was first-class. In an hour the pair added 100, and both were caught in the long field at the same total. The last three wickets fell for 14 runs. A notable feature of the play was Mr Newton's wicket-keeping.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 22 August, page 9)

Until late in the afternoon the cricket at Taunton was highly interesting, and for a long while a victory for Somerset seemed probable. Steady batting by Abel and Hayward, however, saved Surrey and the game was drawn.

As he possessed a lead of 108 on the first innings Mr Woods yesterday put his hitters in first, with orders to force the game, with an idea to the early adoption of the closure. These tactics were not quite successful. Braund was out before a run had been scored; but Mr Palairt and Mr Woods then added 90 in three-quarters of an hour. Mr Woods, who made 57, hit eight fours. The next few batsmen came to grief in trying to run quickly, and when eight were out shortly after 1 o'clock for 141 Surrey had a distinct chance of winning. Gill and Mr Newton destroyed it, however, by stopping in for 40 minutes and adding 53. The score finally reached 220.

This left Surrey [329] to win and only two hours and 50 minutes remained for play. However, Mr Jephson had a try and, as Mr Woods had done, altered the order and sent in the hitters. Once more the manoeuvre failed, and with Brockwell, Mr Crawford and Mr Jephson out in the first 35 minutes for 31 runs, Somerset appeared to be winning easily.

It was then that Abel and Hayward became partners and they saved their side. Hayward played fine cricket and opened by scoring five fours off the first eight balls he received. He scored 50 in 55 minutes, as against the hour and 20 minutes Abel occupied. They added 155 in an hour and three-quarters before Abel was caught at point . . .

19 August: SUSSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5802.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5802.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 20 August, page 10)

At Brighton, yesterday, Yorkshire met with the unusual experience of being kept in the field the whole of the day with only one wicket falling. A great stand by Mr Fry and Killick was responsible for this and, although the rate of scoring was never particularly fast, the perfect cricket displayed by both batsmen was always attractive to watch. With Hunter indisposed Mr Taylor kept wicket, and the opportunity which occurred throughout the partnership of dismissing either batsman was a difficult chance of stumping Killick at the start of his innings.

By scoring a century in this match Mr Fry obtains his ninth this season, and accidentally equals his record made last year, while Killick obtained his aggregate of 1,000 runs. Throughout the day's play of nearly five hours the visitors' fielding never became slack, the gathering and returning of the ball being up to the highest possible standard. The attendance was good. With a continuance of fine weather Tate should have a good benefit.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 August, page 9)

Yesterday's cricket at Brighton produced much that was sensational and much that is unaccountable. In the first place, Mr Fry and Killick, continuing their innings, found run-getting such an easy matter that the total was raised to 459 before the pair were separated.

The Old Oxonian played his innings without giving a chance, and after he left Killick continued to bat finely, his 200 being his biggest score in first-class cricket. The majority of his runs were made by means of fine cuts, and whether square or late they were always hard and safe. Ranjitsinhji, too, after a slow start, was in his happiest scoring mood, getting the last 50 of his runs in less than half an hour.

The Yorkshire collapse is inexplicable. They started badly, Brown being well thrown out by Mr Sullivan with only six scored, and then three more wickets fell at the same total. The catch with Tunnicliffe was taken by Ranjitsinhji low down at long leg from a grand hit. Six batsmen were out for 21, Mr Mitchell, Hirst and Wainwright being out through exceedingly bad strokes. Mr Taylor and Mr Smith looked like improving matters, until the first-named was bowled in playing forward.

When stumps were drawn the northern county were in the unenviable position of having but two wickets to fall while requiring 391 runs to save the follow-on. Vine and Relf bowled unchanged.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 22 August, page 9)

At the close of play at Brighton on Tuesday Sussex looked to have a great chance of defeating the champions, as with eight wickets down in their first innings Yorkshire required 362 to escape following on. The two outstanding wickets, however, gave so much trouble that it was not until after 1 o'clock that the second innings was entered upon. So with only four hours left for play a draw appeared the only issue.

It so happened that Sussex did not obtain another wicket, and the failure of the Sussex bowlers makes Yorkshire's collapse on Tuesday the more unaccountable. It is true that neither Brown nor Tunnicliffe took the slightly risk, and the latter's display of defensive batting on a sound wicket would be hard to beat as an uninteresting spectacle. When, at a quarter past 5, the match was left drawn, Yorkshire were 361 behind.

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CHARITY CRICKET MATCH. - By permission of the Surrey County Cricket Club a comic cricket match will be played at Kennington Oval on Thursday, September 5, between teams captained by Mr Dan Leno and Mr T R Dowar, M.P. The proceeds of the match will be divided amongst the following institutions: - The Music-hall Benevolent Fund, the Licensed Victuallers' Schools, Kennington-lane and the New Belgrave Hospital for Children, Clapham-road.

The bands of the Irish Guards and the L Division of Police will attend, and the Licensed Victuallers' School band will also play during the day.

Wednesday 21 August: THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

The South Africans have finished their programme of matches. They have throughout played very good cricket and their fielding has been particularly good; 25 matches were played, 13 were won, nine lost and two unfinished, while one ended in a tie. The averages are given below . . .

[Note: these averages can be accessed from  
[http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Events/1/South\\_Africa\\_in\\_British\\_Isles\\_1901/Team\\_Averages.html](http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Events/1/South_Africa_in_British_Isles_1901/Team_Averages.html)]

22 August: DERBYSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketaarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5803.html](http://www.cricketaarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5803.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 August, page 9)

Going in first at Chesterfield yesterday Essex made splendid use of their opportunity, staying at the wickets the whole of the afternoon and making a score of 420 for the loss of six batsmen.

For the position in which they stood at the close Derbyshire had themselves very much to blame. Carpenter, who played the highest innings of the day, was missed when he had made a single, and again at 72, while, in addition to many other dropped catches, the ground fielding was loose. Carpenter was fifth out at 243, having been batting three hours and ten minutes. At times he hit brilliantly, and among his chief strokes were 24 fours. Mr McGahey, who was missed just after he had passed his 50, helped Carpenter to put on 143 runs in an hour and 40 minutes for the third wicket.

The brightest part of the day's cricket was during the last hour and three-quarters when Mr Douglas and Russell added 164.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 August, page 10)

After scoring 420 for six wickets at Chesterfield on Thursday Essex were all out yesterday morning for 436, half an hour's play proving sufficient to finish their innings. Russell just brought his not out score of 96 up to 100, and was then dismissed, while the last three wickets fell in Bestwick's seventh over.

Russell was only at the wickets an hour and three-quarters for his hard hit innings, his driving being very clean and powerful. He made his 100 without a mistake, hitting 18 fours. Mr Douglas, who carried out his bat, played steadily and well for three hours, helping Russell to add 168 runs for the seventh wicket.

The chief feature of Derbyshire's innings was the splendid cricket shown by Mr Wright and Storer. Storer played his best innings of this season for Derbyshire, timing the ball with all his old skill. He made his 76 in an hour and three-quarters, his score including 12 fours. As the game stands now Derbyshire with all ten wickets to fall in their second innings are 139 runs in arrear.

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 August, page 8)

Essex beat Derbyshire at Chesterfield on Saturday by nine wickets. When stumps were drawn on Friday evening Derbyshire with all ten wickets to fall required 139 to avoid an innings defeat, but so well did Young bowl that they never looked like saving the game. Chatterton and Storer, who put on 65 runs, alone offered any real resistance, and by 25 minutes past 3 the side were all out. Making full use of the assistance given him by the pitch, Young took seven wickets for only 48 runs.

Essex were set 35 to get to in, and this task was accomplished for the loss of one wicket.

22 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5804.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5804.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 August, page 9)

The Surrey batsmen had a great triumph at Bristol yesterday in the opening stage of Board's benefit match, 414 being scored in less than five hours for the loss of only four wickets. Before the luncheon interval 175 runs were put on for one wicket, which was lost at 45 through Abel's calling Mr Jephson for a short run when the ball had been hit straight to Mr Jessop at extra mid-off. Mr Leveson-Gower then joined Abel and the two batsmen were not out at lunch time with 75 and 71.

When the game was resumed Mr Leveson-Gower quickly reached his hundred after batting two hours, but in the next over, after being missed in the slips by Spry, he was caught at the wicket at the second attempt, with the total at 215. The principal features of his play were the cut and the off-drive.

After he was out the pace of the run-getting fell off. Hayward and Abel went on quietly for a long time, but after Hayward had completed 50, the game became more lively again. Hayward in one over from Mr Brown hit three fours and a six - the last ball going out of the ground, over the pavilion.

The partnership for the fourth wicket produced 129, before Abel, who had been batting for four hours and 20 minutes without a mistake, was stumped. In his 163 he hit a six, 13 fours, 12 threes and 15 twos. Hayward and Mr Dowson were together at the call of time.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 August, page 10)

Surrey at Bristol yesterday ere safe from defeat, and in finishing their innings gave an attractive display of batting. They had scored 414 for the loss of only four wickets, and in an hour and 40 minutes yesterday morning they added 165.

Neither Hayward nor Mr Dowson succeeded in reaching his hundred. Hayward was caught at slip at 421 for 95, obtained in two hours and ten minutes, and Mr Dowson was ninth to leave at 567, having made 96 in less than two hours. It was a fine return catch that got him out.

Gloucestershire started badly, losing two wickets in ten minutes before luncheon, and having four men out for 50 half an hour after the interval. Subsequently, however, matters improved owing to the patient defence of Mr Rice and the brilliant hitting of Mr Brown. After Mr Brown left at 142 Mr Champain showed capital form and remained with Mr Rice to the end.

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 August, page 8)

Board's benefit match at Bristol ended on Saturday in a draw, Gloucestershire, by dint of fine batting, avoiding defeat. Mr Rice's unwearying defence in the first innings and Mr Jessop's brilliant hitting in the second were both deserving of high praise. Counter attractions in the town affected the attendance on Saturday, and it is to be feared that the profit to Board will fall short of expectation.

With five wickets down for 240, Gloucestershire went on batting in the morning, and it was not until just after 1 o'clock that their innings ended, the total being 348. Mr Rice, who went in first on Friday, was out ninth at 347, the false shot that cost him his wicket being practically his only mistake. No one could have played better to save the match. He was at the wickets five hours and ten minutes, his 111, by the way, being the highest score he has made in first-class cricket. He and Mr Champain put on 133 runs together for the sixth wicket in two hours and 20 minutes.

Gloucestershire had to follow on against a majority of 231, and did not start in at all a promising way, Wrathall being out in the ten minutes' play before lunch. After the interval, however, things went well, and scarcely at any time did the side seem in serious danger of defeat. Mr Townsend played with much of his old skill and received such good support from Langdon and Mr Brown that the second wicket added 51 runs and the third 45.

After the third wicket had fallen at 102 Mr Jessop went in, and in about an hour he and Brown exactly doubled the score. Mr Jessop was still in when the game was given up, having scored 125. He made his first hundred in 70 minutes, but was comparatively quiet afterwards. In his fine innings he hit 17 fours, two threes and 13 twos.

22 August: KENT v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5805.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5805.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 August, page 9)

At one time yesterday the Yorkshiremen looked like putting together a fairly heavy total at Canterbury, where they began the return match with Kent, the last engagement of the north-countrymen in the championship.

The wicket looked hard and true, but soon after the play began it was seen that the bowlers were able to make the ball turn in a way that caused the batsmen to exercise a good deal of caution. The visitors began badly by losing Brown for three runs; but Tunncliffe and Denton played such sound and serviceable cricket that 150 were made for the loss of only two wickets. Tunncliffe, in fact, proved the mainstay of the side, for although Mr T L Taylor, Denton and Mr F Mitchell contributed

usefully to the total it was Tunnicliffe alone who played the Kent bowling with any degree of confidence.

Mr Bradley, bowling very fast, kept an excellent length until he began to tire, and except for some blunders in the slips Yorkshire might have been out for less than 200. Whereas two wickets yielded 150, the last eight wickets added no more than 101. Generally there was a lack of confidence in the defence, and an amount of indecision which brought about fatal results. It was not by any means a great display, and with Mr Mason taking the last four wickets for 17 runs the end came far sooner than was expected.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 August, page 10)

If the chief matches could only be played on a wicket no better and no worse than the one in use at Canterbury the cricket public would see the game under equitable conditions and, in place of the dreary drawn games, definite results would be more often reached. While neither very easy nor particularly difficult, the pitch on the St Lawrence ground is just of that class to bring out all the fine points of both batsman and bowler, as was proved by the way in which the play went yesterday and on Thursday.

At the close of the first day Kent had scored 33 without loss, and subsequently the game favoured each side in turn. The Yorkshiremen looked like securing a substantial advantage when in the first half-hour they dismissed three batsmen for 54. At this stage, however, the captain, Mr Mason, and Mr Burnup played in such an admirable manner that, when at 1 o'clock Kent had made 170 without further loss, the advantage was with the home team.

Just as Kent looked like securing an advantage, Rhodes, going on again after the luncheon interval, bowled with such effect that in the course of 40 balls he dismissed the last five batsmen at a cost of only six runs. In accomplishing this exceptionally fine performance Rhodes made his aggregate 200 wickets and enabled his side to take a lead of 45 runs on the first innings.

Yorkshire did none too well on batting again, losing as they did three of their best men for 79, but, thanks to some resolute play by Mr Mitchell and Hirst, they were at the close 228 runs on with five wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 August, page 8)

After keeping pretty well on terms with their opponents for nearly two days, the Kent eleven were quite outplayed by Yorkshire at Canterbury on Saturday and beaten by 247 runs. Half-way through the game the home eleven had none the worst of the play - indeed, a slight advantage rested with the southern side on Friday afternoon. All doubts as regards the issue were quickly settled on Saturday and, instead of a good day's cricket, that many anticipated, the play was limited to a little over two hours.

The Yorkshire innings was completed in 65 minutes, in which the remaining five wickets fell for the addition of 82 runs. Mr Mitchell increased his score by only three, while Mr Smith made several faulty strokes and was missed twice. Wainwright, though erratic at times, exhibited stubborn defence and some freedom in his strokes, and for an hour and a quarter he played serviceable cricket for his side. Blythe and Mr Bradley, however, bowled in a way that gave a foretaste of what was in store for the Kent batsmen, who, with four hours and a quarter left for play, were set the task of making 311 runs.

From the outset the task of the home eleven appeared hopeless. Four wickets fell in a quarter of an hour for 12 runs and, although Rhodes and Hirst bowled admirably on a wicket that gave them a great deal of assistance, more than one batsman left to quite indifferent strokes, and Yorkshire won their 20th match in the championship competition in the easiest manner possible.

22 August: LANCASHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5806.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5806.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 August, page 9)

The cricket at Manchester yesterday was of a tame character, the scoring being very light for a whole day's play in fine weather and on a hard wicket. It may have been that the excessive caution displayed during the greater part of the afternoon was due to the way the game went before lunch.

Mr Jones had no hesitation in taking first innings on winning the toss, but the side did so badly that in two hours before luncheon two good wickets were lost for 92. Such care was afterwards displayed that when Shrewsbury was seventh out at 4 o'clock the score had only reached 168. The later batsmen, however, adopted more vigorous methods, with the result that the last three wickets added 101 runs in 85 minutes.

For two hours and three-quarters Shrewsbury showed very skilful defence and his innings of 58 was only marred by a difficult chance to Mr MacLaren at slip when he had made 20. Anthony, though favoured somewhat by fortune, hit well and Pepper played in commendable style, while earlier in the innings Iremonger batted with great steadiness. The Lancashire fielding was often at fault.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 August, page 10)

At Old Trafford yesterday Tyldesley played his ninth innings of over a hundred this season, and ably assisted by Hibbert and Mr MacLaren he placed his side in virtually a winning position. Tyldesley's innings was not without fault, for he should have been caught by Iremonger at third man at 27 and at 74 by Dench in the slips. Apart from these chances and one other dangerous stroke his play was magnificent and was marked throughout by powerful driving and cutting. After passing his hundred he hit so freely that he made 50 in half an hour. Among his strokes were 23 fours.

Tyldesley had his most valuable partner in Mr MacLaren, who assisted to put on 193 in an hour and three-quarters. Mr MacLaren hit 15 fours. The Lancashire innings lasted five hours and a quarter.

Notts had an hour's batting and lost two wickets for 86, so that at the close they were still 56 runs behind, and a third wicket should have fallen, Shrewsbury when three being missed by Hallows at mid-on.

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 August, page 8)

Lancashire beat Notts at Manchester on Saturday by seven wickets - just such a result as might have been expected from the position of the game on the previous evening. With two wickets down in their second innings for 86 Notts were still 56 runs behind, and their best chance of making a good fight disappeared on Saturday morning, when, without the addition of a run, Shrewsbury was caught at slip.

Mr Herbert left at 103, but after that John Gunn and Dench played steadily together and in rather less than an hour and a half put on 71 runs. However, this form was not sustained, and at lunch time eight wickets had fallen for 210. Gunn pulled a ball on to his wicket after showing fine defence for two hours and ten minutes. Pepper and Harrison hit freely for half an hour, adding in that time 46 runs, but the innings was all over for 262.

This left Lancashire only 121 to get, a trifling task on an undamaged wicket. They lost Mr Garnett at 22, but Mr MacLaren and Tyldesley by brilliant cricket scored 80 runs. Mr MacLaren left at 102 and Ward at 113, but with Mr Eccles in the match was won without further loss. Tyldesley, it appeared on Saturday, was run out in the first innings, not stumped.

22 August: LEICESTERSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5807.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5807.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 August, page 9)

Worcestershire made excellent use of the opportunity that winning the toss on a firm, true pitch afforded them at Leicester yesterday. Staying in all the afternoon, they scored 472 runs for the loss of only half their wickets as the result of rather over five hours' play.

Mr H K Foster and Bowley - who early in the week made a great stand against the moderate Derbyshire bowling - started the Worcestershire innings. Mr Foster left when he had made 35, but Bowley stayed while 304 runs were scored, his being the fifth wicket to go down. For three hours and three-quarters he played capital cricket, but when 87 he might, perhaps, have been caught at point, and towards the end of his innings he was twice badly missed. In his 134 he hit 16 fours.

Mr R E Foster, who helped him to put on 172 runs for the third wicket in 100 minutes, hit 14 fours in his 96. After Bowley left, no other wicket fell, Pearson and W W Lowe putting on 168 runs together in the time left for cricket. Mr Lowe was 107, not out, when stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 August, page 10)

The Worcestershire innings, in which 472 had been scored on Thursday for the loss of five wickets, was concluded at Leicester yesterday for 561. Mr Lowe, who increased his not out score of 107 to 154, gave two chances - one at 69 and the other at 139. He made his 154 in two hours and a half, his hits including 21 fours. Pearson, who had helped Mr Lowe to put on 168 runs on Thursday, was quickly got rid of yesterday morning.

Leicestershire were all disposed of in four hours and a quarter for 318. The total was mainly the work of Mr Wood, who played one of his finest innings and scored at a faster rate than is usual with him. He made his 131 without a mistake in two hours and 40 minutes, hitting 13 fours and ten threes. His partnership with Whitehead for the fourth wicket produced 94 runs in an hour and ten minutes. With all ten wickets to fall in their second innings Leicestershire require 238 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 August, page 8)

At Leicester, on Saturday, Worcestershire beat Leicestershire by an innings and 90 runs. The home side were in an almost hopeless position when play began in the morning, for, though they had all ten wickets in hand in their second innings, they were still 238 behind.

During the early part of the day the pitch was in capital order, and for a time Leicestershire fared well, but later on it crumbled and the bowlers were masters of the situation. Dr MacDonald played well, but the best batting was that of Mr C J B Wood, who made no mistake during his stay of an hour and ten minutes.

After Mr Wood left - third out at 98 - wickets fell rapidly, four going down in half an hour for four runs. Whitehead was the only other batsman to offer much resistance. Wilson again bowled with great effect and made his record for the match - 11 wickets for 138 runs.

22 August: SOMERSET v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5808.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5808.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 August, page 9)

At Taunton, yesterday, Somerset accomplished another good batting feat, keeping Hampshire in the field four hours and a quarter and making 345 runs. Such a score seemed by no means probable when Mr Palairret was bowled at 13 and Lewis was out leg-before at 41. Nor were Somerset in a good position at lunch time, for although Braund and Phillips added 46 for the third wicket and Mr Woods helped Braund to add another 49, four men were out at the interval for 146.

Afterwards Braund was easily caught at slip for an excellent innings of 88, for which he was batting two hours and 20 minutes. The fifth wicket fell at 190 and Mr Daniell gave no trouble; but Gill stayed while 80 were added. Robson was ninth out at 343, having in two hours and 20 minutes scored 102 out of 197. It was his first century in county cricket this season, and despite a chance to point at 87, it was a fine display. He was out to a splendid catch in the long-field by Mr Steele. Of the seven bowlers tried Llewellyn was by far the most successful.

Hampshire went in for 35 minutes. Mr C Robson and Captain Greig scored very fast, making 50 in 25 minutes. At 72, however, a smart catch at the wicket disposed of Mr Robson, and stumps were then drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 August, page 10)

Somerset will have hard work to escape an innings defeat at Taunton to-day, as when stumps were drawn last night they were 218 behind with seven wickets to fall. Hampshire, who had scored 72 for the loss of one wicket overnight, made 642 - their biggest innings of the season - for nine wickets, and then declared in time to give their opponents an hour's batting.

The big total of Hampshire was largely contributed to by bad fielding, for at least eight catches were dropped, and chance of running out was not taken and about 20 runs were given away in overthrows. Three Hampshire batsmen exceeded the century, Mr Sprot doing so for the third time in his career, while Webb brought his aggregate for the season up to over 1,000 runs.

The feature of the cricket was the rapidity with which runs were obtained. The innings only lasted just over five hours. The first, second, fourth and fifth hundreds were each scored in an average of 45 minutes, the third was actually hit in 35 minutes. Captain Greig and Sprot contributed 148 in an hour for the second wicket, the former, who should have been caught in the slips at 71, hitting 15 fours, and the latter, who helped Webb to put on 127 for the third wicket in 50 minutes, hit 26 fours. He was, however, missed three times before reaching 30. Barton was also let off three times. A long way the best innings of the day was Llewellyn's 153 made out of 221 without a mistake. He hit a five and 28 fours.

Somerset lost Braund and Mr Palairret, both stumped, before double figures were reached, but Lewis and Mr Phillips added 60.

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 August, page 8)

Eighty-five minutes' play at Taunton on Saturday sufficed to finish off this match, Hampshire winning by an innings and 129 runs. Mr Phillips and Mr Woods, who were together overnight with the score at 69 for three wickets, carried the total to 128. Both were then out, the throwing down of Woods's wicket being the first of a series of disasters for Somerset, who only made 176. Llewellyn bowled with great success for Hampshire.

22 August: SUSSEX v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5809.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5809.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 August, page 9)

Again the honours of the Sussex batting have to be accorded to Mr Fry. At Brighton yesterday he was at the wicket a little over four hours for his faultless innings, and he has given no better display of cricket. He has now for two successive years accomplished the rare performance of getting three double-figure innings in succession, while his century yesterday is his tenth of the season. He has also made the largest aggregate of his career in first-class cricket.

K S Ranjitsinhji batted finely at the outset, runs being obtained at a great rate; he put on the first 40 in 15 minutes, but he was an additional hour completing his 74. Mr Latham also played well, his driving being hard and clean, but he gave a chance of stumping to Mr MacGregor quarter at 15, and at 84 he ought to have been caught by Mr Robertson in the long-field.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 August, page 10)

When play ceased at Brighton yesterday Middlesex left off in an extremely bad position, as, with the whole of to-day before them, they still require 212 to save a single innings defeat. Their display on the hard and true wicket was disappointing, and had all the catches been held their score would have been small. Mr Wells was especially fortunate, as, after having been missed at 17 by K S Ranjitsinhji, he was let off by Mr Latham and at the wicket.



Mr Latham played magnificent cricket, and it was chiefly due to his fine display that Sussex are in their happy position. On Thursday he had some luck, but the second part of his innings was free from blemish. It is a great feat for a side to score, even upon such wickets as at Hove, over 1,000 runs in two innings as Sussex have done this week.

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 August, page 8)

When play was resumed on Saturday at Brighton Middlesex were in a bad position, but, thanks mainly to a fine innings by Mr Warner, defeat was averted and the visitors, when stumps were drawn, had a lead of 189 with two wickets in hand.

The Middlesex batsmen made no attempt to make the draw by means of defensive tactics, the rate of scoring, except during the first half-hour's batting, in which only 21 were scored, being high throughout their innings. Mr Warner showed fine punishing powers at times, hitting four fours in one over and five in another. When he had made 56 he was badly missed by Mr Gresson at slip, but otherwise his display was worthy of his reputation. He was batting two hours and 35 minutes, and he hit 19 fours.

After he left the batsmen continued to score freely, Mr More playing a brilliant innings, while useful service was rendered by Mr Bosanquet, who was at the wickets 65 minutes, Mr Wells and Trott.

Monday 26 August, page 8: THE AVERAGES

The chief averages of the season are given below: -

BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	40	2797	244	3	76.69
K S Ranjitsinhji	37	2093	285*	5	72.69
Mr L C H Palairet	32	1857	194	1	59.90
Tyldesley	52	2771	221	4	57.72
Abel	57	2862	247	5	55.03
Hayward	50	2333	181	7	54.25
W G Quaife	29	1289	177	5	53.70
Kinneir	26	1299	215*	1	51.96
Mr C McGahey	40	1714	145*	5	48.97
Mr F L Fane	23	1016	195	2	48.33
Mr R E Foster	39	1832	135	1	48.21
Mr P F Warner	33	1478	197*	2	47.67
Mr A O Jones	42	1838	249	2	45.95
Capt J G Greig	31	1245	249*	3	44.50
Mr F Mitchell	45	1807	162*	2	44.07
Iremonger	33	1108	133	7	42.61
Lilley	28	1049	124	3	41.96
Dr R McDonald	21	710	147*	4	41.78
Mr C J B Wood	47	1868	155	2	41.53
Mr P Perrin	39	1430	189	4	40.85
Mr G L Jessop	48	1876	169	1	39.91
W Gunn	20	751	273	1	39.52
Mr G Beldam	29	1014	150*	3	39.00
Carpenter	49	1830	136	1	38.12
Mr A P Lucas	26	751	83	6	37.55
J Gunn	35	1194	91	3	37.31
Hirst	40	1377	214	3	37.21
King	45	1483	143	4	36.17
Mr J R Mason	42	1337	145	5	36.13
Shrewsbury	33	1034	167*	4	36.65
Mr S H Day	34	1083	118	3	34.93
Killick	38	1222	200	3	34.91
Mr H G Garnett	49	1671	139	1	34.81

Mr C J Burnup	48	1631	144	1	34.70
Mr E M Sprot	28	898	147	2	34.53
J T Brown	48	1446	134*	6	33.62
Mr H K Foster	17	538	152	1	33.62
Mr K O Goldie	27	904	140	0	33.48
Mr L G Wright	44	1470	193	0	33.40
Braund	41	1331	115*	1	33.27
Mr H B Hayman	26	860	165	0	33.07
Mr S M J Woods	29	925	90	1	33.07
Mr L Walker	38	1156	222	3	33.02
Mr V F S Crawford	48	1422	159	4	32.31
Mr T L Taylor	31	928	156	2	32.00
Mr J A Dixon	18	467	74	3	31.13
Dr W G Grace	27	833	132	0	30.85
Mr E M Dowson	38	1096	105	2	30.44
Denton	42	1215	86	2	30.37
Mr A C MacLaren	34	965	117	2	29.84
Mr D L A Jephson	41	1115	133	3	29.34
Mr E W Dillon	34	936	143	2	29.25
Mr W P Robertson	38	1043	110*	2	28.97
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	29	752	100	3	28.92
Lord Hawke	33	772	89	5	27.57
Knight	37	1018	99	0	27.54
Albert Ward	48	1217	117	3	27.04

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	1276.4	430	2913	207	14.07
Hirst	915.3	212	2425	150	16.16
Mead	935.1	311	2127	119	17.87
Tate	1026.4	302	2487	127	19.59
Mold	585.2	70	1158	59	19.62
Mr J R Mason	728	187	1936	96	20.16
Hargreave	858.2	234	2173	107	20.30
Dr W G Grace	449.1	127	1042	50	20.84
Haigh	417.3	87	1199	58	21.41
Cranfield	797	179	2357	110	21.51
Lockwood	585.3	121	1630	74	22.02
Trott	1106.5	247	3314	150	22.09
J Gunn	816.1	229	2046	91	22.48
Llewellyn	918.5	243	2709	120	22.67
Roberts	864.1	251	2398	105	22.62
Sharp	798.3	152	2581	113	22.65
S Webb	945.5	246	2567	112	22.81
Blythe	787.5	227	1997	87	22.96
Richardson	1175	244	3346	145	23.07
Hallam	800.2	253	1850	80	23.25
Mr W M Bradley	920.1	229	2874	123	23.38
Mr D L A Jephson	607.1	84	1711	71	24.08
J T Hearne	995	314	2385	90	25.50
Braund	897.1	149	3254	109	29.85

#### THE COUNTIES

The latest positions in the county championship are as under: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	27	20	1	6	19	90.47
Middlesex	15	5	2	8	3	42.85
Lancashire	27	11	5	11	6	37.50
Sussex	22	8	4	10	4	33.33
Warwickshire	16	7	4	5	3	27.27
Surrey	24	7	6	11	1	7.69

Kent	19	7	7	5	0	0.00
Hampshire	17	6	6	5	0	0.00
Essex	20	4	4	12	0	0.00
Notts	19	5	6	8	-1	-9.09
Worcestershire	19	6	10	3	-4	-25.00
Leicestershire	16	4	10	2	-6	-42.85
Gloucestershire	22	3	8	11	-5	-45.45
Somerset	16	3	10	3	-7	-53.84
Derbyshire	19	0	13	6	-13	-100.00

#### THE YORKSHIRE AVERAGES

No side has ever been more worthy of the championship than this year's Yorkshire team. The members of it have played brilliantly consistent cricket and have been worsted in only one match, and that a remarkable one with Somerset. Lord Hawke, who has done so much for Yorkshire cricket, is to be congratulated on the retention by Yorkshire of the county championship. They were certainly unbeaten last year, but their one loss this season was only the outcome of great cricket.

The Yorkshire eleven were a long way ahead of the other counties this summer, and this, too, though the war deprived them of the services of such a cricketer as Mr F S Jackson, and later in the season an injury robbed them of the bowling of Haigh.

Mr Frank Mitchell's batting was never so good as in this season; he has always been getting runs, as his many centuries testify. Another old Cambridge captain, Mr T L Taylor, of Uppingham, and a fine wicket-keeper capable of relieving Hunter, also batted splendidly. Lord Hawke was not always regularly in the side, but it is curious that Cambridge cricket just now should be so closely allied with Yorkshire, seeing that Lord Hawke, Mr F S Jackson, Mr Frank Mitchell and Mr T L Taylor, all Cambridge captains, are associated with the side. Mr Ernest Smith, the old Oxford Blue, did good work when the school vacations came.

Apart from the batting, Yorkshire were principally indebted to Rhodes, the left-hand bowler who has proved such a brilliant successor to Peate and Peel. He bowled rather faster perhaps than either of these men, but he has the same fine natural action; and his beautiful length and break stamp him, perhaps, as the finest bowler Yorkshire ever had. To secure such a record as he has done in a dry-wicket season speaks for itself, and the Yorkshire Committee's action in declining to allow him to accept the invitation to go to Australia and bowl himself out on the true wickets there can be readily understood.

Haigh had bad luck in straining his knee, and this kept him out of a lot of matches. But Hirst, with his left-hand fast bowling and his fine hitting never played better cricket for his county. Hirst also declined to visit Australia. Such a visit means practically three seasons running, and such a strain has ruined more than one of the great cricketers of late years.

[Note: county averages follow.]

#### THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AVERAGES

The Nottinghamshire eleven, who finished their season on Saturday, had not such a good record as was promised by their early play. But their cricket was generally good.

Mr A O Jones's batting as the great triumph for the side. Mr Jones never had a better season, and his captaincy and his actual cricket have been among the features of the summer. John Gunn has batted better and bowled with less success, perhaps, than last season; but he is a splendid all-round cricketer and a worthy representative of a great name. William Gunn was unable to give so much time as usual to the county owing to business ties, and the same cause kept Shrewsbury more than once from the team.

Hallam, who formerly played for Lancashire, did a lot of good bowling work for his native county; but one of the features of the side's cricket has been the success of Iremonger, whose steadiness has helped the team out of many difficulties.

[Note: county averages follow.]

26 August: LANCASHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5810.html](http://www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5810.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 August, page 9)

Rain interfered with cricket at Manchester yesterday in the opening stage of Lancashire's last county match, and after several interruptions play was finally given up at 25 minutes past 3.

In the time actually available Lancashire did remarkably well, 112 runs being scored for the loss of one wicket. This success was mainly due to the brilliant hitting of Mr H G Garnett, who was at the wicket only 75 minutes for his 82. He was twice missed, at deep square leg by Knight at 29 and in the slips at 80, but otherwise his batting was splendid. He hit very hard on the leg side and among his figures were 12 fours. Altogether play was limited to something under an hour and a quarter.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 August, page 9)

There was only about an hour and a quarter's cricket at Manchester on Monday, but so much progress was made yesterday that there is every prospect of the match being played out. There was a good deal of rain during the night and early morning, and before lunch the pitch was slow and easy. In these circumstances the policy of the Lancashire batsmen was to force the game, and this they did to such purpose that by lunch time the overnight score of 112 for one wicket had been raised to 328 for eight, Mr MacLaren then declaring the innings closed.

Mr MacLaren, who had on Monday taken 70 minutes to score 25, played brilliantly yesterday morning. Altogether he was batting for just over two hours and a half for his 114. He gave a chance to the wicket-keeper when he had made 11, and at 102 he was missed by Knight at cover-point, but, apart from these slips, his cricket was superb, and he hit 11 fours, five threes and 14 twos. Hard driving on the off side and clever placing to leg were the main features of his innings.

Going in on a wicket that was rapidly becoming difficult under the influence of sun, Leicestershire, between ten minutes to 3 and 6 o'clock, were got rid of by Barnes and Cuttell for 140. The only real stand in the innings was that by Dr Macdonald and Brown, who, after the fourth wicket had fallen at 31, stayed together an hour and added 44 runs. Barnes bowled with a nice action and had a fine analysis.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 August, page 5)

Little more than half an hour's cricket was possible at Manchester yesterday, owing to constant showers, and at a quarter to 4 the game was abandoned as a draw.

Leicestershire began the day 188 runs behind with an innings to play. Mr de Trafford and Mr Wood hit freely on the wet, easy pitch, and scored 54 without being parted.

26 August: LONDON COUNTY v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5811.html](http://www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5811.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 August, page 9)

. . . At Crystal Palace London County were unable to start their game against Warwickshire. Play will be started in all the matches at an early hour to-day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 August, page 9)

There was some fine batting at the Crystal Palace yesterday by Dr Grace and Mr McGahey. The wicket was easy although slow, but Dr Grace's fine hitting was wholly reminiscent of his earlier days.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 August, page 5)

With a drawn game against Warwickshire at the Crystal Palace the London County completed their list of first-class fixtures. After a blank day on Monday and the heavy rain on Tuesday at no time did it appear probable that the result would be any other than a draw.

Mr McGahey gave a careful display in his innings of 115, and Mr Sinclair hit brilliantly, sending the ball three times out of the ground. For Warwickshire Devey, after giving a chance when 20, played good cricket and made his highest score for the county this season. The wicket appeared easy throughout and the bat always held the mastery over the ball.

26 August: MIDDLESEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5812.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5812.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 August, page 9)

The weather ruined yesterday's cricket at Lord's. There was a little play before luncheon; but the rainstorm came on afterwards and stumps were pulled up early in the afternoon. Mr Burnup was soon out, and except for four dropped catches Kent would have done worse.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 August, page 9)

A brilliant innings by Mr Frank Marchant won everybody's praise at Lord's yesterday. He scored 100 out of 141 in about an hour and a quarter.

The Middlesex bowling was fairly good, and so was their fielding; but Kent outplayed Middlesex at every point and the bowling of Mr Mason, Mr Bradley and Blythe was very effective. With a wicket to fall Middlesex want 35 more runs to save the follow on.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 August, page 5)

The match at Lord's yesterday was left unfinished. With the pitch affected by the weather Middlesex had only a draw to play for, and they successfully attained their object.

The fielding and bowling were good, and the steadiness of the batting of the Middlesex men was slow to watch. Mr J Douglas and Mr Robertson batted best. Middlesex saved the match, but altogether there was a lack of life in the cricket.

26 August: SOMERSET v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5813.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5813.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 August, page 9)

Frequent showers curtailed the actual playing time at Taunton yesterday to three hours. During that period six Somerset wickets fell for 283 runs.

The day's cricket was rather colourless, the principal feature being a capital innings by Braund, who went in first and was fifth out at 180, after making 88 in two hours and a half by faultless cricket. He hit sixteen fours. Mr Bernard and Gill went in for hitting, and up to the time of play being stopped at a quarter to 6 had contributed 74 for the seventh wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 August, page 9)

Rain again curtailed the cricket at Taunton yesterday and, although fair progress was made with the match, there is every prospect of a draw. Gill, who was not out overnight, was unable to complete his innings through illness; but the Somerset total was taken from 283 for six wickets to 379, Mr Bernard carrying out his bat for 101. He hit with great power, especially on the off side. His innings included 13 fours.

Gloucestershire started well, although out of the 71 scored for the first wicket Mr Rice only made 17. Wrathall did not receive much assistance afterwards until Mr Brown joined him at the fall of the fourth wicket. The total was then 121 and, despite all the changes of the bowling, the batsmen added 138 and were still together when rain put an end to the play shortly after half-past 5. Wrathall, who played excellent cricket, had then scored 163, and the severity of his play can be judged from the fact that he hit 30 fours.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 August, page 5)

Somerset wound up their programme at Taunton yesterday with a win over Gloucester, having won three matches away and one at home. The last stages of the match were very exciting.

In 50 minutes during the morning the visitors added 68 runs. Wrathall, who as batting two and a half hours, hit 32 fours. This gave Somerset a lead of 72, and after they had scored 172 for five wickets, Mr Woods declared. Braund carried out his bat for a faultless 106, having hit a five and 17 fours.

Wanting 245 to win with two hours left for play, Gloucestershire at one time had just a chance of saving the game, for, although they lost Wrathall at 32, Mr Jessop hit up 30 in 17 minutes. Three wickets were down for 81 when Mr Brownlee and Mr Townsend came together and 80 minutes remained for play. The wicket was giving the bowlers some assistance, and with Mr Townsend bowled at 94 Somerset looked like winning. Board left at 97. With a quarter of an hour still left for play Roberts was bowled and Somerset won by 75 runs, the last five wickets falling in half an hour.

26 August: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5814.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5814.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 August, page 9)

The weather entirely spoiled the opening day's play in this match at the Oval yesterday. Heavy rain storms in the morning prevented a start from being made until 20 minutes to 1, and then cricket was only possible up to luncheon time. Rain came on during the interval and, as there were no prospects of the game being continued, stumps were pulled up shortly after 4 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 August, page 9)

There was a curious day's cricket at the Oval yesterday. There was a good drying wind, which, in the absence of sun, prevented the wicket from becoming difficult, but every now and then a ball would jump off the pitch. In the morning, although the batsmen were at times beaten in the pace of the ball, everything went in favour of Surrey.

Overnight the home side had made 73 for Mr Jephson's wicket, and when they resumed their innings, Abel, after helping Hayes to put on 75 in as many minutes for the second wicket, was bowled at 89. From this point the batsmen for a time held the upper hand. This was chiefly the result of some good forcing play by Hayes and Mr Crawford, whose partnership realized 88 in 45 minutes. Hayes made half his runs by fours. Subsequently, Mr Crawford and Hayward took the total to 249 at luncheon time, without further loss, although Hayward should have been caught at long-on, but the ball bounced out of Bean's hand and cut him above the eye.

Shortly after the interval the game took a remarkable turn. Mr Crawford, who hit one six and ten fours, was fourth out at 266, he and Hayward having added 89 for the wicket. This was the end of Surrey's success, for the last five wickets went down for 20 runs. The wonderful change was brought about by the bowling of Tate and Vine, the former having the splendid analysis after the interval of 10.1 overs, one maiden, 17 runs and five wickets.

Apart from that Tate accomplished the "hat trick," getting rid of Hayward, Baker and Holland with successive balls. Hayward was caught at mid-on and Baker in the slips off the last two balls of an over, while Holland was stumped from the first ball of the next. Vine also dismissed Mr Dowson and Lees with successive balls. With Mr Dowson's wicket Vine made his aggregate 100 for the season, and he has the distinction of being the first Sussex cricketer to make a thousand runs and take a hundred wickets in a season in first-class cricket. The Sussex fielding was good.

Sussex started their innings just before 4 o'clock, but after a couple of interruptions through rain the players were compelled to leave the field at a quarter past 5, and rain continuing no further cricket was possible.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 August, page 5)

So little progress had been made in this match at the Oval during the first two days that yesterday the game had to be left drawn. With four men out for 82 and with the wicket helping the bowlers there seemed just a possibility that Sussex might have to follow on, but a splendid stand by Mr Fry and Mr Brann at a critical time made a draw practically certain.

Mr Fry played a superb innings for his side. With the batsmen were frequently beaten by the ball Mr Fry was seldom at fault. He scored 52 out of 77 and 105 out of 158 in a little under two hours and a half. As usual he made the majority of his runs on the leg-side chiefly by driving, while he hooked anything approaching a short ball round to leg with unerring accuracy. His chief hits were one five and 14 fours.

By scoring 105, which is Mr Fry's eleventh innings of three figures this season, he accomplished a record in first-class cricket, as it was his fourth successive innings in which he had made over 100. Mr Fry's other hundreds were 106 against Hampshire, 200 against Yorkshire, 149 against Middlesex.

When Surrey went in a second time only two and a half hours were left for play, but they fared so badly against the bowling of Vine that four were out for 29, 20 of which Abel had scored. Afterwards Surrey batted with more confidence, and when stumps were pulled up at 6 o'clock they were 155 ahead with four wickets in hand.

26 August: WORCESTERSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5815.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5815.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 August, page 9)

. . . No play was possible at Worcester, where Hampshire should have met the home county . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 August, page 9)

Yesterday at Worcester the weather was again so bad that cricket was restricted to two hours and a half. Mr H K Foster hit vigorously, but after he was out at 72 - third man to leave - wickets fell so fast that at lunch time nine were down for 116. The innings was quickly finished off after the interval, and then rain set in so heavily that no further play was practicable.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 August, page 5)

The match at Worcester was left drawn last evening, a result almost inevitable after the loss of more than a day and a half through bad weather.

26 August: YORKSHIRE v M.C.C. AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5816.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5816.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 August, page 9)

A severe thunderstorm prevented any play in the opening match of the Scarborough Festival, when the Yorkshire team should have opposed the M.C.C. and Ground . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 August, page 9)

Although securing a useful advantage at Scarborough, yesterday, Yorkshire had twice during the afternoon cause for anxiety. At lunch time the eleven representing the M.C.C., by scoring 119 runs for five wickets on a pitch rendered slow by the previous day's rain, had made a good start. Again, when they had four Yorkshiremen out for 45, the M.C.C. had every reason to be satisfied.

Rhodes first turned the fortune of the game by taking the last five wickets for five runs, and later in the day Hirst, aided by Lord Hawke and Mr Ernest Smith, enabled the county to leave off 36 runs to the good with three wickets in hand.

Mr A O Jones played good cricket for an hour, scoring 35 out of 65, and Mr Weigall and Carlin by sound hitting added 49 for the fourth partnership, the turf, while remaining soft, affording the bowlers no great assistance. Subsequently Rhodes carried all before him, his length and break, varied with the utmost skill, being too much for the Marylebone batsmen.

Mead and Thompson troubled the Yorkshiremen. Brown hit hard, however, and when a collapse seemed probable Hirst played one of his most resolute innings. Defending soundly and hitting with great power on every possible occasion he scored 71 in an hour and a half, his chief strokes being ten fours, four threes and four twos. Lord Hawke helped Hirst to add 55 in rather more than half an hour, and Mr Smith and Hirst put on 67 in about the same time, their free cricket giving much enjoyment to the 4,000 spectators.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 August, page 5)

After doing fairly well on Tuesday, the visitors were completely outplayed at Scarborough yesterday, and beaten by an innings and 49 runs.

Beginning the day 36 runs to the good and having three wickets in hand, Yorkshire appeared to hold but a small advantage. Before Mr Smith and Rhodes, the not-outs, were sped, however, 161 runs had been added in the brief space of 80 minutes. Both were missed, Mr Smith when seven and Rhodes when 17; otherwise, their batting was as safe as it was brilliant. Mr Smith had the bad luck to be run out when 95 in a curious manner, a ball driven back by Rhodes glancing off Mead's hands into his wicket. Rhodes had the satisfaction of scoring his first 100 in important cricket; he hit 15 fours in his 105. Mr Smith's chief strokes were two drives out of the ground for six and nine fours.

After this free scoring the M.C.C. collapsed badly. Mr H D G Leveson-Gower played a sound, resolute game for an hour and 50 minutes, going in first and being sixth out at 106, but of the others, Burns, who hit fairly well, alone could do much with the bowling, Mr Smith and Hirst being particularly difficult, and Yorkshire won the match with 40 minutes to spare.

Wednesday 28 August, page 9: A TEAM OF IRISH CRICKETERS

The Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland desires to arrange a visit to England next year of a representative team of Irish cricketers. His Excellency has requested Sir T C O'Brien to endeavour to secure the co-operation of the best players in Ireland.

The team would be the guests of Lord Cadogan during their tour, which it is suggested should take place early in June. Among the fixtures suggested are matches with M.C.C., at Lord's, Oxford University, Cambridge University and I Zingari.

Tuesday 29 August, page 5: THE COUNTIES

The present positions of the counties are given below: -



	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	27	20	1	6	19	90.47
Middlesex	16	5	2	9	3	42.85
Lancashire	28	11	5	12	6	37.50
Sussex	23	8	4	11	4	33.33
Warwickshire	16	7	4	5	3	27.27
Surrey	25	7	6	12	1	7.89
Kent	20	7	7	6	0	0.00
Hampshire	18	6	6	6	0	0.00
Essex	20	4	4	12	0	0.00
Notts	19	5	6	8	-1	-9.09
Worcestershire	20	6	10	4	-4	-25.00
Leicestershire	17	4	10	3	-6	-42.85
Somerset	17	4	10	3	-6	-42.85
Gloucestershire	23	3	9	11	-6	-60.00
Derbyshire	19	0	13	6	-13	-100.00

#### THE LANCASHIRE AVERAGES

Lancashire completed their championship programme yesterday. They have not had a more moderate season. The loss of Hallam, who returned to his native county of Notts, the partial withdrawal of Mold and the ill-success of Mr MacLaren were the chief causes of their failure to keep up the standard of Lancashire cricket, which has been so high in the past.

But there were some compensations for the side in the batting of Tyldesley and Mr Garnett, both of whom are going out to Australia with Mr MacLaren's team. Sharp and Webb did most of the bowling for the side, and in a dry wicket season their averages are fairly good. Briggs's absence was much felt by the side.

Lancashire won only 11 of their 28 matches, losing five and drawing 12. The batting and bowling figures are given below . . .

#### THE SOMERSET AVERAGES

The Somerset team had a varying season. They did slightly better than last year; but it is grievous to record that their fielding has shown a marked decadence. Somerset used to be the best fielding side among the counties.

But they still retain great batting capacity, and they had the distinction of beating Yorkshire. Mr Lionel Palairet, the old Oxford captain, is still as good a bat as ever, and Braund has proved himself one of the best all-round cricketers of the day. The averages are given below . . .

#### THE HAMPSHIRE AVERAGES

Hampshire played 18 matches, of which six were won, six lost and six drawn. The side played very good cricket, and Mr E I M Barrett and Captain Greig batted particularly well for them. Llewellyn, the South African, in batting and bowling met with great success; but the regret of the county was that Captain Wynyard should have found such little time for his side.

#### 29 August: LEICESTERSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5818.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5818.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 August, page 5)

Yesterday's cricket at Leicester was of a quiet, but interesting, character, and when play ceased the position was fairly even, Leicestershire with six men left being 75 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 August, page 10)

Yesterday's cricket at Leicester was rendered noteworthy by the fine display of hitting by Mr Lawton and Bagshaw, who, when Derbyshire looked to be in danger of defeat, quite turned the fortunes of the game. Bagshaw and Mr Lawton forced the game so splendidly that in 85 minutes 129 runs were added. Mr Lawton drove hard and gave no chance. Bagshaw when 87 was badly missed.

Derbyshire are 140 runs to the good with four wickets to fall, Warren being unable to bat owing to a damaged hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 September, page 8)

Rain prevented any play at Leicester on Saturday, and the game was given up as a draw. The score has been already printed in The Times. Derbyshire, with five wickets left in their second innings, were 140 runs on.

29 August: OVER 30 v UNDER 30

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5819.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5819.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 August, page 5)

A match under this title not having been played for many years, more than usual interest attached to the game, which forms the second fixture of the Scarborough festival and was begun yesterday. With all the Yorkshire player engaged fair teams were got together, the younger eleven, with Rhodes and Hirst included, being the stronger. Eight days hence Hirst would not be eligible to play for Under Thirty and it was a little curious that yesterday he should have been the hero of the day.

When there was a danger that Under Thirty might go out for a moderate score he played a remarkably fine game, scoring 163 not out. He completed his hundred in as many minutes, and then in a trifle over half an hour added 63 to his score. When 154 he should have been caught by the wicket-keeper from a lofty hit, but no other mistake marred a great performance. The vigour of his hitting may be gathered from the fact that he has already obtained 27 fours.

Mr Jones hit up 50 of the first 70 in less than an hour, and Mr Taylor played an attractive innings of 69.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 August, page 10)

No play was possible at Scarborough yesterday, and the position remains as already set out in The Times of Friday, namely - Under Thirty, 480 for eight wickets.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 September, page 8)

After an interesting finish at Scarborough, on Saturday, Under Thirty defeated their opponents by an innings and 146 runs, the result not being arrived at until 12 minutes before time. After the persistent rain which prevented a ball's being bowled on Friday, the wicket was soft and treacherous, and with the closure at once put in force against them Over Thirty had to bat under difficult conditions. They did so badly against Hirst, Rhodes and Braund as to be disposed of in their first attempt in an hour and three-quarters.

Following on they lost five wickets for 62, but afterwards a plucky effort was made to avert defeat. Ward and Cuttell put on 98 in an hour, and the former was batting for nearly two hours. At the finish Whitehead and Hunter made a praiseworthy effort, but they just failed to save the match.

29 August: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5820.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5820.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 August, page 5)

Middlesex started their innings very indifferently at the Oval yesterday, but the later batsmen gave considerable trouble and their score eventually reached good proportions. The wicket was a trifle slow, and with the Surrey bowlers keeping a good length in the early hours the cricket was rather tedious.

In fact, the slowness of the scoring was not justified under the prevailing conditions. An hour was taken to make the first 30 runs, while at lunch time the score was only 82 for the loss of Mr J Douglas and Mr Warner. The latter, who was out just before the interval, was missed at the wicket off Richardson at 17.

For some time afterwards the Middlesex batsmen were unable to get on terms with the bowling, and six men were out for 111 runs. From this point, however, the game took a turn in favour of the visitors, and the last four men succeeded in nearly trebling the total. The latter stages were just as bright as the early had been dull.

This was in a great measure due to the splendid batting of Mr Bosanquet, who, going in fourth wicket down at 95, was the last to leave to a catch at long-off. Mr Bosanquet was in about two hours and 20 minutes, and his 113 included one five and 17 fours. He gave a difficult chance before reaching double figures, while he ought to have been caught at short-leg just before the close of his innings. These were practically the only bad strokes in an excellent innings. His innings was chiefly marked by strong play on the on-side; both his driving and his placing to leg were superb.

Mr more was the first to render Mr Bosanquet much assistance, the pair putting on 64 for the seventh wicket. Trott, by some good, though rather lucky, hitting, scored 44 out of 65 for the next in half an hour, while the partnership between Mr Bosanquet and Rawlin realized the same number in 35 minutes. The fielding of Mr Jephson at mid-off was excellent.

Surrey had only a quarter of an hour's batting before the close, as stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 August, page 10)

With the turf in splendid run-getting order at the Oval yesterday Surrey did pretty well what they pleased with the Middlesex bowling. The visitors' total was passed with only three men out, and at the drawing of stumps Surrey were 115 ahead with half their wickets in hand.

Two displays stood out prominently in yesterday's cricket - the batting of Abel and Baker. When Abel started his innings he only required 57 to complete his 3,000 runs aggregate for the season. Before this summer K S Ranjitsinhji was the only cricketer to accomplish this feat, which he achieved both in 1899 and 1900. Up to the present Abel has been batting three hours and three-quarters. His form is so well known that it is sufficient to state that he showed all his usual skill.

Baker on the other hand has played so little first-class cricket that his performance is worthy of special mention. He has earned a reputation with the Surrey second eleven, and the good things expected of him were fully borne out; and judging by his cricket yesterday he is a player who should have a future before him. He has a nice easy style and was especially strong on the off-side, while he has a sound defence. He was batting three hours and 20 minutes for his 102, and was third out at 254. His chief hits were one six, one five and 12 fours.

During the day there were three stands of three figures. Baker and Hayes put on 101 for the second wicket in an hour and a quarter, Baker and Abel 105 for the third, and Abel and Hayward 127 for the fourth. Hayes, who showed good form for his 57, was much quieter than usual and his play was not marked by that recklessness which has so frequently lost him his wicket.

Hayward, on the other hand, exercised excessive caution. It was evidently to Surrey's advantage when the Middlesex total had been passed for the loss of so few wickets to force the game, but Hayward was batting just on two hours, at a time when all the sting had been taken out of the bowling. Throughout a long day the Middlesex fielding was good.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 September, page 8)

Any chance which Surrey might have had of beating Middlesex at the Oval on Saturday was ruined by the weather, and the match was left drawn, for, owing to the rain, no cricket was possible after 3 o'clock.

Overnight Surrey had made 434 for the loss of half the side, and when play was resumed the score was taken to 559 for eight wickets before Mr Jephson declared the innings closed, shortly before 1 o'clock. Abel, who still requires 12 to beat K S Ranjitsinhji's record of 1899 for the highest number of runs made in a season, was batting 5¼ hours, and his chief hits were 24 fours.

At the present time too much importance is attached to individual records. With an increase in the number of first-class matches and with the improvement in the wickets runs are bound to be more prolific in a dry season than of old. Whether Abel was studying his aggregate or not is only surmise, but on Saturday he played with greater caution than circumstances warranted. He was batting 25 minutes for his first single and 40 minutes for six runs. Afterwards he improved and, with Stedman, he helped to put on 66 in three-quarters of an hour for the eighth wicket.

Middlesex, who were 240 behind, made a good start, Mr Warner and Mr Douglas hitting up 62 without being parted at the interval. They were both out shortly afterwards and, rain then coming on, further play was impossible. When the game was abandoned Middlesex, with eight wickets to fall, required 174 to save an innings defeat.

29 August: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5821.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5821.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 August, page 5)

Kent were seen to advantage at Brighton yesterday, as, remaining at the wickets until just upon time for drawing stumps, they made 368. The chief feature was a magnificent innings by Mr Burnup, who got his runs by means of brilliant hitting all round the wicket. His rate of scoring varied considerably, for whereas his first 50 took an hour and 35 minutes to compile, the remaining 60 were made in just over an hour. At one period he was 20 minutes without scoring; but when the loose balls came along they were treated with severity.

Hearne's innings was scarcely less meritorious. He showed fine defence. Mr Mason batted with characteristic freedom, and Mr Baker at times hit out fearlessly; he scored 22 off two successive overs from Relf; but his innings was marred by several bad strokes, which, however, fell out of reach. The Sussex bowling was always up to a high standard, though the wicket gave no assistance whatever, while Butt made four catches at the wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 August, page 10)

When play ceased at Brighton, yesterday, Sussex, with only four wickets down, held a lead of 40 runs. To Kent's mistakes in the field must be attributed this position, as Mr Fry and Vine were between them missed three times during the long partnership which laid the foundation of the home side's formidable score.

Mr Fry, when he had made 45, was badly missed by Mr Mason at slip, and again at 80, when Mr Burnup failed to hold a return, while Vine at 39 was let off by Mr Dillon in the long field. These errors enabled Mr Fry to score another century, and as this is his fifth in succession he beats the record (made by himself at the Oval on Wednesday) in first-class cricket; he also secured an aggregate of 3,000 runs. Mr Fry was batting two hours and 45 minutes, while Vine occupied four hours getting his runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 September, page 8)

If proof were needed of the excellence of the Hove wickets it is supplied by the fact that in the last three matches Sussex have exceeded 500 runs in each innings. Mr C B Fry, with his successive hundreds, has been the principal contributor to these totals, and it will be recalled that on Friday

night Sussex, owing chiefly to batting, had scored 408 for four wickets against Kent's first innings of 368.

On Saturday, the score was increased for the loss of three more batsmen by 131 runs in an hour and 35 minutes, when the Sussex captain declared, leaving Kent to get 171 in order to escape a single innings defeat, and with three hours and three-quarters remaining for play. Mr Brann, who was not out 31, opened cautiously, but, realizing that the only chance his side had of winning was by dint of rapid scoring, put on runs at a great pace. After making his 50 in an hour and a half he completed his score of 109 in an additional three-quarters of an hour.

When Kent went in to bat the wicket was beginning to show signs of wear, so there was just a possibility of the home eleven's winning, and when Mr Burnup, Mr Dillon and Alec Hearne were out with only 62 upon the board Kent appeared in an awkward position. Mr Mason here came to the rescue and, receiving useful assistance from Mr Day and Mr Blaker, averted the danger. The Kent captain played fine cricket, and after his departure Mr Baker hit out with much effect. When the innings closed and the match was left drawn Sussex required 147 runs to get on terms.

29 August: WORCESTERSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5822.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5822.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 August, page 5)

On a pitch much affected by recent rains the bowlers carried all before them at Worcester yesterday, the ball beating the bat to such an extent that 21 wickets went down and only 231 runs were scored. The result of this cricket was that Worcestershire, when bad light stopped play 45 minutes before the usual time, were 73 runs ahead with one batsman out in their second innings.

Going in first, Worcestershire were all out in a little over two hours for the moderate score of 116, Mr R E Foster alone showing any capacity to make runs. He played in masterly style for an hour and five minutes and, except for a chance in the slips when 27, his cricket was faultless. Roberts, who was ably supported by Huggins, came out with the fine record of five wickets for 43 runs.

Badly as Worcestershire had done, Gloucestershire fared even worse, only four of the side getting into double figures, and the highest individual score being 16. Wilson, who was mainly responsible for their cheap dismissal, bowled with great effect. At times he was quite unplayable, and he had the splendid analysis of six wickets for 22 runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 August, page 10)

In marked contrast to Thursday's cricket at Worcester when 21 wickets went down for 231, yesterday's play produced 468 runs for the loss of eight wickets. Worcestershire increased their overnight score of 36 to 474, and then, with nine men out, declared their innings closed, setting Gloucestershire the tremendous task of making 512 to win.

For their big total the home side were mainly indebted to Mr R E Foster and Mr W H B Evans, who put on 238 for the third wicket. Mr Foster, whose 136 was his sixth hundred this season, had the satisfaction of completing his 2,000 runs. His brilliant innings was made in three hours, and included 15 fours.

Mr Evans, the Malvern captain, enjoyed the distinction of making his first hundred in county cricket. He played in good form for three hours and a half and gave only one chance, amongst his hits being 13 fours. Mr Lowe also ran into three figures, but by the time he went in the Gloucestershire bowlers were tired. He scored his first 100 runs in 70 minutes.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 September, page 8)

At Worcester, on Saturday, Worcestershire beat Gloucestershire by 342 runs, the match coming to an end before lunch time. The visiting eleven gave a poor exhibition, and after the bright batting of the previous day their display was indeed feeble.

Mr Rice and Wrathall began well by scoring 67 for the first wicket; but, with the exception of Board, the later batsmen showed no ability whatever in coping with the bowling. Burrows bowled at a great pace, and with the pitch helping him met with success. He took seven wickets for less than ten runs apiece, dismissing the last three batsmen in four balls without having a run hit off him. Worcestershire thus brought their season to a close in quite a satisfactory fashion, having won three games and drawn one game during the last fortnight.

29 August: M.C.C. AND GROUND v NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129128.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129128.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 August, page 5)

There was a dull day's cricket at Lord's yesterday, when a moderate team of the club began a two days' match against Northamptonshire. Cox batted well for his runs, and Handford and Brown added 40 for the last wicket. Mr Kingston played very quiet cricket, but Colson and Cox gave their county a useful lead before the end of the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 August, page 10)

At Lord's, yesterday, this match was drawn. Mr Smith, who increased his overnight score to 47, again played well in the second innings of Northamptonshire. Mr Houghton and Brown batted well for the club, and Mr Doll played a good innings.

Saturday 31 August, page 10: THE LONDON COUNTY AVERAGES

The London County Club had a successful season at the Crystal Palace. They won eight matches, lost three and drew two. The averages are given below . . .

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YORKSHIRE v REST OF ENGLAND (Yardley Benefit Fund). - The Rest of England team for the Yardley Benefit Fund match at Lord's on September 12, 13 and 14 will be as follows: - Dr W G Grace, Mr G L Jessop, Mr C B Fry, K S Ranjitsinhji, Mr A O Jones, Mr G W Beldam, Mr F A Phillips, Mr C J Burnup, Trott, J Gunn and another.

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	42	3042	244	3	78.00
K S Ranjitsinhji	39	2353	285*	5	65.20
Abel	60	3148	247	6	58.29
Mr L C H Palairet	34	1806	194	1	57.78
W G Quaife	30	1360	177	6	56.66
Tyldesley	54	2815	221	5	56.30
Hayward	53	2443	181	7	53.10
Kinneir	27	1354	216*	1	52.07
Mr C McGahey	41	1828	145*	5	50.80
Mr R E Foster	42	2011	136	1	49.04
Mr F L Fane	23	1018	195	2	48.38
Mr P F Warner	37	1508	197*	2	45.27
Mr A O Jones	45	1932	249	2	44.93
Mr F Mitchell	46	1807	162*	4	44.07

Capt J G Greig	33	1276	249*	4	44.00
Iremonger	33	1108	133	7	42.61
Hirst	42	1611	214	4	42.39
Lilley	28	1049	124	3	41.95
Mr C J B Wood	50	1953	156	3	41.55
Mr P Perrin	39	1430	169	4	40.85
Dr R McDonald	23	770	147*	4	40.52
W Gunn	20	751	273	1	39.52
Carpenter	49	1830	136	1	38.12
Mr G W Beldam	33	1104	160*	4	38.09
Mr J Douglas	19	722	161	0	38.00
J Gunn	38	1252	91	3	37.93
Mr G L Jessop	52	1934	158	1	37.92
Mr J R Mason	46	1503	145	5	37.55
Mr A P Lucas	26	761	83	6	37.55
Braund	44	1551	115*	2	36.92
Mr H G Garnett	50	1738	139	1	35.87
Shrewsbury	33	1074	167*	4	35.66
Mr C J Burnup	51	1780	144	1	35.60
Killick	40	1301	200	3	35.16
King	47	1496	143	4	34.79
Mr E M Sprot	29	932	147	2	34.51
Mr S H Day	37	1167	118	3	34.32
A S Webb	33	1020	68	3	34.00
Mr H K Foster	21	670	152	1	33.50
Mr K O Goldie	27	904	140	0	33.48
Mr H B Hayman	25	860	165	0	33.07
Mr L Walker	38	1156	222	3	33.02
Dr W G Grace	28	909	132	0	32.45
Mr A C MacLaren	35	1069	117	2	32.39
Mr L G Wright	46	1462	193	0	32.21
Mr T L Taylor	33	997	155	2	32.16
Mr V F S Crawford	51	1511	159	4	32.14
Hallows	41	1170	130	4	31.62
Wrathall	49	1506	176	1	31.41
Mr J A Dixon	18	467	74	3	31.13
Llewellyn	34	1025	216	1	31.06
Mr S M J Woods	35	1051	90	1	30.91
Bowley	36	1060	140	2	30.88
Mr B J T Bosanquet	39	1113	113	2	30.08
Mr E W Dillon	37	1047	143	2	29.91
Mr E W Dowson	41	1162	105	2	29.79
Denton	44	1235	86	2	29.42
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	32	848	100	3	29.24
J T Brown	51	1489	134*	5	29.19
Mr D L A Jephson	44	1163	133	4	29.05
Storer	52	1444	107	1	28.31
Mr W P Robertson	42	1098	110*	3	28.15
Vine	43	1149	94	2	28.02
Albert Ward	51	1293	117	4	27.51
Lord Hawke	36	851	89	5	27.45
Hayes	47	1190	121	3	27.04
Chatterton	45	1079	169	5	26.97
A Hearne	46	1083	162*	3	25.18
Mr H G Owen	24	576	106*	1	25.04
Tunnicliffe	51	1171	145	4	24.91
Lockwood	36	760	100*	5	24.80
Mr R E More	39	830	133	5	24.41
Rhodes	37	673	105	9	24.03
Mr C E de Trafford	29	657	89	1	23.82

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	1338.1	442	3081	219	14.06

Hirst	959.4	220	2533	161	15.75
Mead	983.1	324	2289	123	18.60
Mold	381.2	70	1142	59	19.35
Tate	1134.5	329	2769	142	19.50
Hargreave	1003.2	293	2224	110	20.21
Mr J R Mason	769	202	2091	102	20.50
Cranfield	862	197	2524	112	20.77
Dr W G Grace	456.1	128	1082	51	21.21
Haigh	417.3	87	1199	56	21.41
Lockwood	565.3	121	1630	74	22.02
Llewellyn	1013.3	260	3020	134	22.33
Sharp	753.3	150	2561	118	22.66
Roberts	968	260	2702	119	22.70
J Gunn	824.1	232	2070	91	22.74
Blythe	878.5	261	2151	93	23.12
Trott	1171.4	263	3627	163	23.20
Hallam	809.2	268	1860	80	23.25
Mr W M Bradley	904.1	243	2995	128	23.39
Richardson	1214.4	257	3447	147	23.44
Mr D L A Jephson	822.1	85	1765	72	24.52
J T Hearne	1042	328	2489	91	27.55
Paish	977.1	220	2765	100	27.65
Mr E M Dowson	888.1	203	2625	94	27.92
Vine	1145.3	309	3185	110	28.95
Braund	945.3	156	3501	118	29.65

#### THE COUNTIES

The present position of the counties in the championship is as follows: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	27	20	1	6	19	90.47
Middlesex	17	5	2	10	3	42.85
Lancashire	28	11	5	12	6	37.50
Sussex	24	8	4	12	4	33.33
Warwickshire	16	7	4	5	3	27.27
Surrey	26	7	6	13	1	7.69
Kent	21	7	7	7	0	0.00
Hampshire	18	6	6	6	0	0.00
Essex	20	4	4	12	0	0.00
Notts	19	5	6	8	-1	-9.09
Worcestershire	21	7	10	4	-3	-17.84
Leicestershire	18	4	10	4	-6	-42.85
Somerset	17	4	10	3	-6	-42.85
Gloucestershire	24	3	10	11	-7	-53.84
Derbyshire	20	0	13	7	-13	-100.00

The matches Surrey v Yorkshire, at the Oval, Essex v Leicestershire, at Leyton, Notts v Kent, at Nottingham, and Worcestershire v Somerset, at Worcester, were all abandoned without a ball being bowled.

According to the rule laid down by the M.C.C., "one point shall be reckoned for each win; one deducted for each loss; unfinished games shall not be reckoned. The county which during the season shall have, in finished games, obtained the greatest proportionate number of points shall be reckoned champion county."

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Since Yorkshire's splendid triumph in the county championship the public interest in the competition has almost evaporated. The fight for the other places is, of course, keenly fought; but the heart is now really out of county cricket this season, as may be judged from the dwindling crowds and the



tendency to sacrifice the side's interest for the individual averages and aggregates which so many cricketers, both old and young, consider the curse of the championship.

The counties are now rapidly finishing, and the averages of the five counties who finished on Saturday are printed below. Sussex finished up their season with another drawn match - their 12th - but they had a fairly good season, winning eight matches against four losses. Sussex were always a splendid side to watch at every point of the game. The records of Mr Fry and K S Ranjitsinhji are wonderful. Mr Fry never batted better than he did this year, and although only second to K S Ranjitsinhji in the averages he has the better aggregate; and he certainly has developed greatly since his Oxford days.

In the early part of the season K S Ranjitsinhji's health prevented him getting so much cricket as usual, but when he once got fit he showed that he is as brilliant a bat as ever. Mr Brann did well for the side, and Vine and Killick were the most successful professionals the county have had for many years. Vine got 100 wickets and scored 1,000 runs in all matches for the county, but in actual championship fixtures he got only 95 wickets. Tate again bowled consistently well and Butt was a good wicket-keeper. Sussex indeed seem to have reached a period of rejuvenescence that reminds one of the great days of the Lillywhites.

Kent had a variable season. The hard wickets made their fast bowlers expensive and their fielding was often at fault. Their wicket-keeper Huish showed that he has few equals just now in the game. Mr J R Mason in batting and bowling did splendidly for the side which he so ably captained; he heads both the batting and bowling averages, and his brilliant cricket has quite borne out the promise of his Winchester days.

Mr Bradley worked very hard in bowling, Mr Burnup is a fine and successful forcing batsman and Blythe's left-hand slows met with such success in a batsman's year that he has secured an invitation from Mr MacLaren to go with the English team to Australia.

Gloucestershire had rather a poor year with only three wins out of 24 matches. Mr Jessop batted as well as ever for his side. Wrathall, too, hit hard, and Roberts, now a veteran, worked zealously in bowling. But Mr Jessop was no able to bowl so much as hitherto and never at his old pace, and this, with Mr C L Townsend's inability to take part in many matches, meant a double loss to the side.

Worcestershire had a fairly good year with seven wins and ten losses. Mr R E Foster batted as brilliantly as ever, and Mr H K Foster, too, did well. There was good bowling by Bird, Burrows and Wilson, but Arnold was not able to help his side very much.

Derbyshire had a disastrous year. They did not win a match and were beaten 13 times, while the other seven games were drawn. Mr L G Wright's and Chatterton's batting stands out in a gloomy record. The averages of the five counties are given below, and the county season will be completed with the two matches in London, at Lord's and the Oval, which begin today . . .

[Note: full averages for these five counties follow.]

2 September: MIDDLESEX v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5823.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5823.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 September, page 8)

The closing match of the county season at Lord's began yesterday, being the return game between Essex and the home county. Neither side was quite at full strength, Middlesex being without Mr MacGregor and Mr C M Wells, while Essex missed Mr A P Lucas and Mr Kortright. Mr Halliwell, the South African wicket-keeper, played for Middlesex for the first time.

There was some very interesting cricket during the day. After Mr J Douglas had been beaten by Mead when he appeared well set, Mr Warner and Mr Bosanquet made a great stand. The former, who started very quietly, played in his usual polished style and was not dismissed until the score had been increased by 115, when Mead bowled him with a splendid ball.

Mr Bosanquet, who played fine free cricket, has seldom been seen to greater advantage. He was occasionally beaten by both Mead and Mr McGahey, but he never gave a chance until late in his innings. His hitting was clean, well-timed and all along the ground; in fact, the chance he offered to Mr Fane in the long field after he had made his hundred was the first occasion on which he lifted the ball. A smart catch at the second attempt by Russell off Young sent him back when he had scored 127 out of 195 during his stay at the wicket. His innings, which lasted over two hours, included 15 fours, and was quite one of the best he has ever played.

Six wickets were down for 254 when Trott joined Mr Griffin, who was batting steadily. The professional played with more patience than usual at the start, but when Rawlin came in runs were scored at a great pace, Mr McGahey being severely punished. Mead bowled extremely well, but he did not receive much support from the field, although an exception must be made in favour of Mr A J Turner.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 September, page 9)

The second day's play at Lord's went all in favour of Middlesex. They had made 391 overnight for eight wickets, and increased this score to 446 before they were all out.

Trott and Rawlin, the not outs with their scores at 75 and 29, scored at a great pace when the game was resumed. The former had the satisfaction of reaching three figures for the first time this season. With his score at 112, however, he was cleverly stumped off Reeves. He had batted for rather less than two hours, and in the early part of his innings showed unwonted patience, but when he was thoroughly set his hitting was vigorous in the extreme. Twelve fours were included in his score. Rawlin was left not out with a hard hit 46.

Essex started poorly, Mr Fane being out in the second over. Matters went badly until Mr Owen and Russell came together with six wickets down for 62. An invaluable stand was made and the total was more than doubled before the professional got in front of a straight one from Mr Bosanquet. He and Mr Owen left at the same figure and scored an equal number of runs. The end soon came, Mead being finely caught in the deep field by Mr J Douglas. Trott bowled throughout.

At the second attempt Essex, after Carpenter had been caught in the slips, did a little better, Mr Fane and Mr Perrin sending up 50 in half an hour before the latter was smartly caught by Mr Halliwell, who was in splendid form behind the wicket. Mr McGahey was out in the same over, and when Mr Fane was beaten by Trott a little later it looked as if the match would be over before 6 o'clock. Mr Owen and Reeves saved the situation and were together when stumps were drawn, Essex still wanting 128 to avoid an innings defeat.

It should be mentioned that Rawlin, after bowling ten overs, had a small bone in his little finger broken in stopping a ball. His place in the field was taken by the younger Trott.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 September, page 9)

At Lord's, yesterday, Middlesex took ample revenge for the defeat they sustained at Leyton a month ago, beating Essex by an innings and 72 runs. When play was resumed yesterday Essex were in a bad way, as they had lost six wickets and required 128 runs to save the innings defeat.

Mr Owen and Reeves continued the batting, but only five were added before the professional was well caught for 46. The wicket had increased the score by 83 and the outgoing batsman had played fine cricket. Another good stand was made when Russell came in, but, with the score at 220, Hearne, who had crossed over to the pavilion end, held a hot return from Russell with his left hand.

Then end soon came when Hearne bowled Mr Owen and Mead. The Essex captain, who was batting for over two hours, again played a valuable innings. Hearne came out with the good analysis of seven wickets for 55 runs, and in the match Trott took 11 wickets for 138. The Middlesex fielding was close, and Mr Halliwell again proved himself to be an excellent wicket-keeper.

2 September: SURREY v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5824.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5824.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 September, page 8)

In the last match of the season at the Oval in the county championship, Surrey yesterday absorbed nearly all the excellence of the cricket. They kept Leicestershire in the field for the whole of the day, and at the drawing of stumps they had still two wickets to fall.

Their fine score was chiefly the work of two men - Mr Jephson and Hayes, who made 282 out of 379 from the bat. Abel was out to a catch at mid-on at seven, and then Hayes and Mr Jephson put on 168 in an hour and 50 minutes for the second wicket, of which Hayes scored all but 60. Hayes has played some good innings for Surrey this season, but he has not done anything better than his feat of yesterday. The brilliancy of his play can best be understood when it is stated that he made 51 out of 69 in just under 40 minutes. He scarcely made a bad stroke and his best hits were one five and 15 fours.

Mr Jephson's play was chiefly marked by its steadiness. With Hayes scoring so quickly there was nothing to be gained by forcing matters, but after the partnership was broken up there was no appreciable difference in his rate of scoring. Mr Jephson was batting about five hours without giving a chance. After Hayes left he found a useful partner in Mr Longman, who was making his first appearance for Surrey, 81 being added for the third wicket.

With 300 on the board and only four men out there appeared every prospect of Surrey making a large total. But with the exception of Mr Walker, who scored his 24 out of 27, the remainder did little. The Leicestershire fielding was good, Knight at cover-point and Brown at deep square-leg especially being prominent.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 September, page 9)

An excellent day's cricket at the Oval yesterday left Surrey in the better position, for at the close of play Leicestershire were 32 runs behind with eight wickets in hand. Overnight Surrey had made 393 with two men left, and when the resumed the innings was quickly finished off for another 30 runs. These were put on by Richardson and Smith in 10 minutes. Mr Jephson was out yesterday morning to the first ball he received. His 174 included one five and 16 fours.

On the slow turf Leicestershire made a disastrous start against the bowling of Richardson and Mr Jephson, and half the side were out for 44. King, who went in second wicket down at 24, however, found useful partners in Whitehead and Geeson, and these two stands enabled the total to reach respectable dimensions. Whitehead helped King to add 53 for the seventh wicket and Geeson 69 for the eighth. King, who was batting about three hours, played a good innings for his side. He hit three fives and eight fours.

Leicestershire had to follow on 199 behind, and in their second innings they gave a much better display. The wicket rolled out nice and easy, and Mr De Trafford and Mr Wood made full use of their opportunities. They put on 120 runs before being parted, in an hour and a quarter. Mr De Trafford played in his well-known vigorous style, but he had more than his fair share of luck as he was several times missed, his first chance being when only 15. During the afternoon Mr Wood completed his 2,000 runs aggregate for the season.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 September, page 9)

In the last of the county championship matches Surrey and Leicestershire played a drawn game at the Oval yesterday. The position at the close reflected great credit on Leicestershire, who several times looked like a beaten side. Some skilful batting at a critical period, and some good bowling, backed up by excellent fielding, however, enabled them to have little the worse of the cricket at the finish.

When Leicestershire resumed their second innings things went so badly for them for a time that half the side were out before the arrears were hit off, while, with seven men out, they were only 42 runs ahead. Then Geeson and Whitehead batted so well that 89 were added for the next wicket. Whitehead deserved great praise for his plucky cricket. He was ninth out at 385, and his 74 included one six and eight fours.

When Surrey went in a second time there were only two hours and a quarter left for play in which to get 187 to win. It soon became apparent that the task was beyond their power. They fared badly, and Abel, Hayes and Mr Walker were out for nine. Afterwards no attempt was made to force matters and the cricket was dull in consequence. When stumps were drawn Surrey, with half their wickets in hand, were still 83 runs behind. A feature of the match was the good fielding of Leicestershire.

2 September: YORKSHIRE v MR C I THORNTON'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5825.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5825.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 September, page 8)

Chiefly owing to a brilliantly hit innings by Mr A O Jones, Mr Thornton's eleven had rather the better of the afternoon's play yesterday in the concerning fixture of the Scarborough Festival.

With Braund and Tyldesley out in the first over and four wickets down for 69 in less than an hour, the England eleven appeared to have thrown away all the advantage gained by batting first; but then Mr Jones, who during these misfortune had been batting finely, found a useful partner in John Gunn, and they turned the fortunes of the game. Hitting with more vigour than ever, Mr Jones scored 50 out of the first 77 in an hour, and together they added 60 runs in three-quarters of an hour.

Then after Mr Woods left, Mr Leveson-Gower stayed while 86 were put on before Mr Jones was seventh out at 240. Of these he had scored 146 in less than three hours. At 77 he was missed by Wainwright in the slips, and at 115 he was let off by Rhodes; but these were the only mistakes in a superb display, which contained 20 fours. Oates, favoured by luck, helped to score 61 in half an hour for the last wicket. Mr Leveson-Gower took out his bat for a faultless 79, which included seven fours.

Like their opponents, Yorkshire began badly by losing Brown first ball, but then Denton - missed quite early - hit well, and when play ceased Yorkshire, with eight wickets in hand, were 264 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 September, page 9)

Although at the finish they held the useful lead of 119 runs and still had eight wickets in hand, Mr Thornton's Eleven at Scarborough yesterday would undoubtedly have secured an overwhelming advantage over their opponents had all the catches been held. In this respect the day's cricket was remarkable, Denton being let off four or five times, while both Mr Smith and Rhodes gave chances.

With some rain falling in the morning the Yorkshiremen, who had made 57 overnight for two wickets, must have felt some apprehension as to how the wicket would play, but runs came easily enough before luncheon. During this time Denton had extraordinary luck. On Monday he had been missed at 12, and yesterday he was twice let off from consecutive balls at 48. Then at 78 there was another dropped catch and, after passing his hundred, he had two more escapes, three of the blunders being made by the wicket-keeper.

It must be allowed, however, that Denton played very attractive cricket, his hitting at times being splendid. Hunter helped him to put on 90 runs in 75 minutes, and Taylor stayed while 63 were added before Denton was out just on the stroke of 2 o'clock. He made his runs out of 192, and was at the

wickets two hours and 35 minutes, hitting a six, a five (four from an overthrow) and 16 fours. His innings yesterday was the first of three-figure he has played this season. After lunch there was a breakdown and, despite some free hitting by Mr Smith, eight men were out for 237, before Whitehead and Rhodes lent useful assistance.

With a lead of 18 runs Mr Thornton's Eleven did well at their second attempt, and in 75 minutes scored 100 for the loss of only two wickets. Braund and Mr Jones played splendidly at the start and put on 60 runs in something over half an hour.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 September, page 9)

After a most spirited and exciting struggle the last match of the Festival was drawn at Scarborough yesterday, Yorkshire just managing to avert defeat.

Mr R E Foster hit so freely early in the day that Mr Thornton's team increased their score of 100 for two wickets by 203 runs in an hour and three-quarters. The Old Oxonian, who had made 12 overnight, played faultlessly, despite the rate at which he scored. In his hour's [?] innings he hit 16 fours, four threes and four twos. Tyldesley and Mr Jessop each stayed with him 40 minutes and added 53 and 81 respectively. Mr Foster and John Gunn hit up 60 in half an hour, and with Mr Woods in 30 runs came in ten minutes. This free cricket enabled Mr Leveson-Gower to close the innings before 1 o'clock and, with stumps to be drawn at 5 o'clock, three hours remained for play.

Yorkshire could scarcely hope to obtain the 323 runs necessary for victory, and when they lost four wickets for 80 runs they were in danger of defeat. Mr Taylor and Hirst, however, played with determination and added 105 runs in 50 minutes, the professional making his 67 off 21 strokes. After this the batting again broke down, but Mr Taylor, aided by Rhodes, saved the side, though at the close Yorkshire had only two wickets in hand.

To Mr Taylor, the last man dismissed, the county were mainly indebted. For two hours and 20 minutes he defended with skill and accuracy, and scored his 77 without a mistake. Mr Heseltine bowled with great effect, his pace causing chief trouble to the Yorkshiremen. About 4,000 watched the cricket in beautiful weather.

Thursday 5 September, page 9: THE END OF THE COUNTY SEASON

With the finish of the matches at Lord's and the Oval yesterday the county season came to an end. Yorkshire's position as the best side of the year was long ago established, and there was only a lingering interest in the results of the counties whose programmes occupied them into September - the month of mists and slow wickets.

There is really little to add to the criticisms we have already printed of the counties. Middlesex managed to finish second to Yorkshire; but theirs is a sorry story when one thinks of the days when Mr Stoddart, Mr MacGregor, Sir T C O'Brien and J T Hearne were at their best. Eighteen matches were played, and of these only six were won, while two were lost and ten were left unfinished. Mr Warner was the best batsman on the side, of which he was captain when Mr MacGregor did not turn out; but the great useful man of the team was found in Mr Bosanquet, whose fine hitting bore out the promise of his Eton days, but he rather forsook his fast bowling for slow leg-breaks. These occasionally paid, but he was a good fast bowler from a schoolboy at Eton and during his Oxford days, and it were better had he stuck to his old style. This is the judgment of a large circle of cricketers.

Mr R E More, the old Westminster, did a lot of good work for Middlesex with the bat and the ball, and Mr James Douglas played many splendid innings in the matches when the schools were up. Mr Wells, whose duties at Eton prevent his giving much aid to Middlesex, did not meet with much success in bowling, but he batted and fielded in quite his old form. Mr F G J Ford was still an absentee from the county, and it would be gratifying to know that he had better health. He was one of Middlesex's most brilliant cricketers and everybody wishes for his recovery. Trott bowled and batted in his inimitable breezy manner, and a secret of his popularity may be found in the fact that he plays "for his side" at every point.

Surrey had plenty of batting capacity and got plenty of runs, but their cricket lacked the brilliancy that marked the side in some other years. Hayward and Abel each got over 2,000 runs, but their play

was constantly dull. The fielding was only moderate. The secret of the failure to get a better position was to be found in the bowling; Lockwood was something of a failure, although he had periods of brilliancy. Richardson worked very hard, but his pace and break are only a semblance of a light of other days, for, although he took 115 wickets, it was largely because Surrey had no one else to bowl with consistency.

Mr Jephson captained the side well and worked as hard as anybody in batting and bowling, and his lobs are about the best to be found in good cricket. Mr V F S Crawford and Mr E M Dowson both played well, and the former's hitting on one or two occasions was particularly good.

Essex were a disappointing side. Three of their batsmen came out well - Mr Perrin, Mr McGahey and Carpenter; but, while the side got runs, the dullness of their methods was such as to reduce the interest and the attendances on the Leyton ground. Only nine of the 21 matches were finished. There was some improvement in their fielding and Mr A P Lucas was always a delightful bat, as ever he was at Uppingham and Cambridge, to watch. Mead bore the brunt of the bowling and was good; Mr Kortright has lost his pace and break, and Young proved a disappointment, although his record was better than last year.

Leicestershire had a good batting side and Mr Wood and King did particularly well. But there their excellence almost ceased.

[Note: averages for these four county teams follow.]

The following is the final position: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Yorkshire	27	20	1	6	19	90.47
Middlesex	18	6	2	10	4	50.00
Lancashire	28	11	5	12	6	37.50
Sussex	24	8	4	12	4	33.33
Warwickshire	16	7	4	5	3	27.27
Surrey	27	7	6	14	1	7.69
Kent	21	7	7	7	0	0.00
Hampshire	18	6	6	6	0	0.00
Notts	19	5	6	8	-1	-9.09
Essex	21	4	5	12	-1	-9.09
Worcestershire	21	7	10	4	-3	-17.84
Leicestershire	19	4	10	5	-6	-42.85
Somerset	17	4	10	3	-6	-42.85
Gloucestershire	24	3	10	11	-7	-53.84
Derbyshire	20	0	13	7	-13	-100.00

The matches Surrey v Yorkshire, at the Oval, Essex v Leicestershire, at Leyton, Notts v Kent, at Nottingham, and Worcestershire v Somerset, at Worcester, were all abandoned without a ball being bowled, and are therefore not included in the above list.

According to the rule laid down by the M.C.C., "one point shall be reckoned for each win; one deducted for each loss; unfinished games shall not be reckoned. The county which during the season shall have, in finished games, obtained the greatest proportionate number of points shall be reckoned champion county."

#### MR BOSANQUET'S TEAM FOR AMERICA

The team of English cricketers for the States left Southampton last evening for New York in the American liner Haverford. The party consists of Messrs B J T Bosanquet, F Mitchell, E M Dowson, R E More, P R Johnson, R O Schwarz, V F S Crawford, W E Harrison, L V Parker, A Priestley, E R Wilson and A M Hollins.

The opening match will be at Wissahickon against 18 colts, and two matches will be played against Philadelphia at Mannheim and Haverford respectively. Arrangements are being made for matches at

Baltimore and New York and in Canada. The team will, according to present arrangements, return either on the 2nd or 7th of October.

Sir Thomas Lipton has invited the team to witness the America Cup races, and they are also looking forward to seeing the athletic meeting between Oxford and Cambridge and Yale and Harvard.

5 September: AN ENGLAND XI v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5826.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5826.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 September, page 10)

The brilliant success gained this season by Yorkshire enabled the Hastings authorities to arrange for the opening of their festival a far more interesting match than the one originally fixed. The first idea was that Yorkshire and Lancashire combined should play England; but as the season advanced and Yorkshire did such great things, it was decided, of course with Lord Hawke's permission and approval, that Yorkshire should play single-handed.

The change was in every way an improvement, and the first stage of the match yesterday, favoured as it was by beautiful weather, proved very attractive to the Hastings public. The only misfortune was that Yorkshire had to take the field without Mr Mitchell who sailed on Wednesday with Mr Bosanquet's team for America.

The England eleven selected to oppose the champion county would have been greatly strengthened by the presence of another first-class bowler, but otherwise it was an excellent side. Abel found a place almost at the last moment, Mr Fry being unable to play.

Yorkshire won the toss, but were all out before half-past 4 for 214. Through J T Brown's fine hitting 42 runs were scored in the first half-hour, but four men were out for only 48. Mr T L Taylor left at 74, but after this Hirst and Wainwright batted well, carrying the score to 146 before Hirst was leg-before-wicket. His vigorous innings included eight fours. Wainwright was bowled at 170, and after Rhodes and Lord Hawke had sent up 200 the innings was quickly finished off. Mr Mason bowled well and Field kept up a great pace.

The England eleven started very badly, Abel being bowled and Mr A O Jones cleverly caught at slip with the score at eight. Just after this, as the light was becoming defective, stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 September, page 11)

If the Yorkshire eleven at Hastings, yesterday, had not allowed two chances of getting K S Ranjitsinhji out to escape them it is likely they would have left off at the drawing of stumps in quite an even position.

As it happened, however, the great batsman was missed being caught and bowled at 26, and he ought to have been stumped at 29. For these blunders he made the Yorkshiremen pay a heavy price, playing afterwards in his finest form and carrying his score to 115. He was batting two hours and a half, and hit one five and 14 fours, his driving being brilliant to a degree. As on Thursday, the weather was fine and the attendance numbered fully 5,000.

Up to a certain point the cricket went in Yorkshire's favour, Rhodes and Hirst bowling so finely that in carrying their overnight score of 10 for two wickets to 42 the England team lost Tyldesley and Mr Mason. Hayward, who from the start had been playing a defensive game, was then joined by K S Ranjitsinhji, and the partnership of these two batsmen quite turned the fortunes of the match. The score was increased to 140 before luncheon, and it had reached 158 when a catch in the long field closed Hayward's innings. Altogether 116 runs were added for the fifth wicket in an hour and a half, but if Brown had caught and bowled K S Ranjitsinhji there would have been five wickets down for 77 instead of for 158.

Hayward played with extreme patience and, except for the stroke from which he was out, rarely ventured to run the least risk. After he left K S Ranjitsinhji and Mr Jessop punished the bowling severely, taking the total in three-quarters of an hour to 247. Mr Jessop was then out, and at 256 K S Ranjitsinhji was caught low down at extra mid-off. Lilley did little, but Dr Grace and vine stayed

together for 40 minutes, and in the end the England score was 306. Rhodes took five wickets, and though 92 runs were hit from him, he bowled very finely.

Going in against a balance of 92, Yorkshire had 20 minutes' batting before stumps were drawn, and scored half a dozen runs without loss.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 September, page 9)

At one time at Hastings on Saturday, with Yorkshire struggling hard to avert an impending defeat, the cricket at the concluding stage of the first match of the festival was intensely interesting, for the county, with four wickets down in the second innings for 78 runs were still 14 behind.

However, at that hour, Taylor and Hirst became partners. The former, at 12, was missed by Tyldesley at cover point, and the professional at eight by Dr Grace at point. These blunders practically destroyed the scratch team's chance of winning, for both the batsmen played superbly and added no fewer than 157 before they were separated. Mr Taylor continued to hit until, with his score at 135 not out, Lord Hawke declared the innings closed at 303 for six wickets. Mr Taylor was batting two hours and three-quarters and made 20 fours, while Hirst hit 12 fours in his 72 and was at the wicket an hour and 35 minutes.

With only 80 minutes left and 212 runs required the England eleven had no opportunity of anything but a draw, and the remaining cricket was not very serious, though it enabled Abel to beat the season's record, established in 1899 by K S Ranjitsinhji.

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	42	3042	244	3	78.00
K S Ranjitsinhji	40	2468	285*	5	70.71
Mr L C H Palairret	34	1806	194	1	57.78
W G Quaife	30	1360	177	6	56.66
Abel	64	3224	247	7	56.56
Tyldesley	58	2905	221	4	53.79
Hayward	54	2499	181	7	53.17
Kinneir	27	1354	216*	1	52.07
Mr R E Foster	44	2128	136	2	50.66
Mr C McGahey	43	1838	145*	5	48.38
Mr A O Jones	48	2111	249	2	45.89
Mr P F Warner	38	1651	197*	2	45.96
Mr F L Fane	25	1048	195	2	45.56
Mr F Mitchell	45	1807	162*	4	44.07
Capt J G Greig	33	1276	249*	4	44.00
Hirst	45	1812	214	4	43.14
Iremonger	33	1108	133	7	42.61
Mr C J B Wood	52	2033	156	3	41.48
Dr R McDonald	23	770	147*	4	40.52
Lilley	29	1053	124	3	40.50
Mr P Perrin	41	1468	189	4	39.67
W Gunn	20	751	273	1	39.52
Mr G W Beldam	33	1104	160*	4	38.06
Mr G L Jessop	55	2039	169	1	37.75
Mr J Douglas	20	746	161	0	37.30
Mr T L Taylor	37	1253	156	3	37.14
Mr A P Lucas	26	742	83	6	37.10
King	48	1630	143	5	37.04
Carpenter	51	1852	144	1	37.04
J Gunn	38	1296	91	3	37.02
Mr J R Mason	46	1503	145	5	36.65



Braund	46	1587	115*	2	36.06
Mr H G Garnett	50	1758	139	1	35.87
Shrewsbury	33	1034	167*	4	35.65
Mr C J Burnup	51	1780	144	1	35.60
Killick	40	1301	200	3	35.16
Mr T S Fishwick	22	643	140*	3	34.89
Mr E M Sprot	29	932	147	2	34.51
Mr S H Day	37	1167	118	3	34.32
A S Webb	33	1020	68	3	34.00
Mr D L A Jephson	46	1375	174	5	33.53
Mr H K Foster	21	670	152	1	33.50
Mr K O Goldie	27	904	140	0	33.48
Mr H B Hayman	26	860	165	0	33.07
Mr B J T Bosanquet	40	1240	127	2	32.63
Mr L G Wright	46	1482	193	0	32.21
Mr V F S Crawford	51	1511	159	4	32.14
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	33	927	100	4	31.96
Dr W G Grace	30	953	132	0	31.76
J T Brown, sen.	55	1583	134*	5	31.66
Hallows	41	1170	130	4	31.62
Mr A C MacLaren	36	1069	117	2	31.44
Wrathall	49	1506	178	1	31.41
Mr S M J Woods	37	1090	90	2	31.14
Mr J A Dixon	18	467	74	3	31.13
Llewellyn	34	1026	216	1	31.06
Devey	29	900	155	0	31.03
Mr L Walker	40	1180	222	3	30.89
Bowley	36	1050	140	2	30.88
Denton	48	1390	132	2	30.21
Mr E W Dillon	37	1047	143	2	29.91
Mr E W Dowson	41	1182	106	2	29.79
Vine	44	1174	94	2	28.83
Mr P C Baker	31	850	108	1	28.33
Storer	52	1444	107	1	28.31
Hayes	49	1302	121	3	28.30
Lewis	34	838	120	4	27.93
Mr W P Robertson	43	1102	110*	3	27.88
Ward	51	1293	117	4	27.51
Chatterton	45	1079	169	5	26.97
Mr W S A Brown	30	751	85	2	26.32
Barton	34	883	126*	1	26.75
Knight	41	1086	90	0	26.48
Mr H G Owen	26	666	106*	1	26.40
Arnold	32	781	83	2	26.03
Holland	27	676	129	1	26.00
Lord Hawke	38	873	80	5	25.67
Rhodes	41	768	106	11	25.53
Mr C R Hartley	27	631	112	2	25.24
Mr C E de Trafford	31	748	89	1	24.93
Mr A Eccles	38	872	125	4	24.91
Lockwood	36	767	100*	5	24.80
A Hearne	47	1090	162*	3	24.77
Mr R E More	39	830	133	5	24.41
Tunnicliffe	56	1233	145	4	24.17
Sharp	40	884	96	3	23.09
Board	42	934	161	2	23.35
Wainwright	46	1023	116	1	22.73
Mr A E Lawton	49	1054	91	2	22.83

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rhodes	1415.1	483	3339	229	14.28
Hirst	1038.3	241	2728	169	16.14
Bird	398.2	106	872	48	18.16

Mead	1049.1	385	2407	129	18.65
Mr E E Steel	313.1	86	849	44	19.20
Mold	361.2	70	1142	59	19.35
Tate	1134.5	329	2769	142	19.60
Mr J R Mason	855	218	2449	111	20.28
Cranfield	862	197	2524	122	20.77
Burrows	656.4	127	2080	96	21.04
Hargreave	1003.2	295	2324	110	21.12
Haigh	417.3	87	1199	56	21.41
Dr W G Grace	459.1	128	1111	51	21.78
Lockwood	565.3	121	1630	74	22.02
G A Wilson	828.1	138	2661	119	22.38
Trott	1231.3	277	3665	163	22.48
Barton	615.4	254	1149	51	32.52
Llewellyn	1013.3	260	3020	134	22.33
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Gill	580	108	1757	66	26.63
Geeson	832.4	94	3330	125	26.64
Lees	733.2	203	1867	70	26.95
Reeves	523.2	121	1673	62	26.98
Santall	609.4	211	1381	51	27.07
H Young	804.5	174	2843	82	27.25
Paish	977.1	220	2765	100	27.65
Relf	679.2	206	1827	66	27.68
Mr E M Dowson	880.1	203	2625	94	27.92
Mr A O Jones	440.2	74	1518	54	28.11
Mr C McGahey	558	126	1482	52	28.50
Bestwick	776.1	185	2174	75	29.08
J T Brown, sen.	458.5	65	1667	57	29.24
Vine	1168.3	316	3260	110	29.54
Wass	558.3	120	1724	58	29.74
Pearson	460.1	71	1543	51	30.37
Mr R E More	714.5	187	2050	67	30.58
Braund	988.3	161	3678	120	30.62
Huggins	720.3	207	2054	63	32.80
Hulme	938.1	225	2622	65	40.33

9 September: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5827.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5827.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 10 September, page 5)

There was a fine day's batting at Hastings yesterday by the Gentlemen, who made an innings of 406. Such a score seemed out of the question after the heavy rain of Sunday night, but after a bad first hour, when Rhodes and Hirst were much aided by the condition of the ground, the wicket rapidly recovered and the big crowd duly appreciated this splendid innings by the Gentlemen.

Dr Grace and Mr Jones bore the brunt of the skilful Yorkshire bowlers when the pitch was at its worst. They put on 119 in the 90 minutes' play before luncheon. Hirst had Dr Grace in difficulties

in the first over; he twice nearly bowled him, and Rhodes, too, at the other end, was very difficult to play. The batsmen had to struggle hard for their runs, but they forced the game well, the pulling and driving being very good. Dr Grace has rarely given a finer display. A break back from Hayward beat him just before luncheon, but by this time he had completed his 1,000 aggregate for the season.

Subsequently Mr Jones with Mr Mason continued his fine hitting in front of the wicket. He made 105 out of 212 in two hours, and he hit 14 fours. Mr Mason, Mr Taylor and Mr Jessop played with wonderful freedom. The fielding and bowling were excellent. The best thing towards the close of the innings was the batting of Mr Goldie, who made 40 in 15 minutes. The Gentlemen's innings occupied the whole of the hours of cricket.

It was the grand work of Dr Grace and Mr Jones while the wicket was difficult that laid the foundation of their score, and which will in all probability exempt them from defeat. After luncheon the ball came along pretty easily, but in spite of the fine forcing of the Gentlemen the bowlers never lost their length. Rhodes did very excellent work and his six wickets for 132 runs was, in the circumstances, a fine performance. Lilley kept wicket excellently, and the catches in the deep field by Tyldesley, Hayward and Brown could not have been excelled.

The weather was a little dull, but the big attendance bore testimonial to the popularity of the festival. Play will begin to-day at a quarter past 11.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 September, page 5)

It was a bowler's day at Hastings yesterday, and the small scoring showed how good had been the performance of the Gentlemen on the first day. The pitch had not recovered from the rain of Sunday night and the bowlers did well. In the two innings played through yesterday they were unchanged. Mr Mason has always been a somewhat underrated bowler, but his length, pace and spin yesterday should destroy that idea.

When the Gentlemen went in again Rhodes and Hirst bowled excellently. Mr Jephson was unable to bat owing to an injured hand. The Players fielded beautifully.

In the first innings of the day Brown made some fine cuts and drives. The best batting of the day was that by Tyldesley, whose wonderful resource of fine strokes was splendidly demonstrated. He went in third wicket down and was last out, having made 96 in about as many minutes. With this score he made his aggregate 3,000 for the season.

With the wicket false, Dr Grace decided to take the third innings, and with a lead of 168 the Gentlemen seemed to be in a position for victory. But to the astonishment of everybody the fine array of batsmen absolutely failed, and the Gentlemen were out in 80 minutes for 59 runs. The Players had to get 228 to win, and of these they made 25 without loss. There was a large crowd on the Recreation Ground and the weather was again fine.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 12 September, page 5)

It is seldom that rain interferes with the progress of the matches in the Hastings Cricket Week, but yesterday their customary good fortune deserted the executive, only two hours' play being practicable. Overnight the Players had been set to get 228 to win, and out of this number Brown and Tunnicliffe had obtained 20 when stumps were drawn.

Continuing yesterday Tunnicliffe was soon out from a catch at the wicket, but afterwards the batsmen were always masters of the situation, and there is not doubt that the interruptions through rain robbed them of a decisive victory. With Abel and Brown together runs accrued at such a great pace that an early result appeared probable. But after the pair had added 62 in 35 minutes, rain caused a cessation for nearly an hour, while the resumption only saw a couple of overs sent down.

It was not until half-past 3 that another start was possible, and then Abel, after batting 40 minutes, was caught by Denton, who was fielding as substitute at short leg. The partnership had added 74. Brown was out shortly afterwards; his capital innings, made in an hour and a half without a chance, containing no fewer than ten fours.

With Hayward and Tyldesley together, rain caused an adjournment, so when the batsmen once more returned to the wickets the Players still required 92, with about an hour in which to obtain them.

Any chance they had of getting the runs was spoiled by the defensive tactics adopted by Hayward, who was batting no less than 50 minutes for his 11. Tyldesley have a display of sound yet vigorous hitting, his 40 actually being hit out of a total of 47 in 35 minutes.

Just before 5 o'clock, with the light bad and further cricket purposeless, the match was abandoned. Neither Dr Grace nor Mr Jephson was able to field, in consequence of injuries to their hands.

Wednesday 11 September, page 5: CRICKET REFORM

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - Three-eighths of the matches played in the county championship of 1901 have ended in drawn games, to the vexation of all who love a fight to the finish, even though their own colours be lowered. And it is more obvious than ever that something must be done to safeguard the interests of the king of games, and that that something must ensure the cricket matches of the future being brought to some definite issue.

This thorny question is not new. Experts have long agitated it, and have suggested such radical remedies as a change in Law 24, relating to l-b-w, the widening or heightening of the wickets, the narrowing of the bat or the deciding the match on the first innings. Other experts, equally good sportsmen and cricketers, have fought tooth and nail against such reforms. It would be an impertinence for a mere outsider to pronounce judgment where "doctors disagree." Let us by all means leave it to the experts to solve these knotty points.

I write, not as a cricketer, but simply as a cricket lover, a member of the keen British public who, by flocking in their tens of thousands to see good cricket, provide our county clubs with the sinews of war; and I am convinced that a simple change such as I am about to submit to you, Sir, would prove most popular and, while ensuring a definite result in practically every match, has the recommendation of modifying no essential principle of the noble game we all love so well.

Possibly my suggestion has not even the merit of originality, though I do not recollect every having seen it put forward in any form. My proposal, stated briefly, is that the side winning the toss should have choice of innings as at present, but that the innings - to use an Irishism - should be but a half-innings - i.e., when the fifth wicket had fallen the rival team should go in. In other words, every completed match would consist of four half-innings (of five wickets each) for each side, instead of two whole innings of ten wickets each.

With regard to points I would propose that every match for the championship in which at the end of the allotted three days only one half-innings (of five wickets) had been completed by each side should count by one point to the victor; every match with two completed half-innings on each side would count two points to the team who had scored the highest total for the said two half-innings; and so on, up to four points for a finished match. Thus one side might lead for the first three parts of the game and yet, were the match played out, might still lose on aggregate to whole four points. The follow-on rule not to be put in force till each side had completed two half-innings - i.e., until all the 11 players on each side had batted or the captain of one side had "declared."

Drawbacks to this suggestion there may be, but the following advantages of the change will be self-evident to all: -

1. Practically every match in the county championship would count for something (one, two, three or four points).
2. Interest in matches would be sustained to the end, for the side who won the first half-innings might lose the lead on the second, regain it on the third and have still a further point to fight for - or four points to lose.
3. The accidental advantage gained by winning the toss would be greatly reduced.
4. Players would more rarely have such a long "doing" in the field as to be too tired to do themselves justice when their turn came to bat.

5. The many thousands of splendid cricket crowds who can only afford one day at a match would have a fair chance of seeing the quality of the batting, as well as of the bowling and fielding, of both sides - and this would help "gates."

I admit that if the M.C.C. Committee could be legislation cause dropped catches to be held no change would be needed, but even their wide powers are not equal to this task, and so I venture to ask your indulgence to publish this letter.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

Hove, Sept. 9.

WALTER F MIEVILLE.

12 September: REST OF ENGLAND v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5829.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5829.html))

Tuesday 10 September, page 5

The England team at Lord's, on Thursday, in the match for the benefit of the late Mr William Yardley's widow and children, has now been finally settled, and will consist of Dr W G Grace, Mr G L Jessop, Mr A O Jones, Mr C B Fry, Mr G W Beldam, Mr P F Warner, Mr R B Brooks, K S Ranjitsinhji, Trott, John Gunn and Wilson.

Play will begin at 11.30 on Thursday and at 11 o'clock on Friday and Saturday, stumps to be drawn each evening at a quarter to 6.

Thursday 12 September, page 5

The only change in the Rest of England's side for the Yardley benefit fund is the substitution of Mr H D G Leveson-Gower for K S Ranjitsinhji. Play will begin at Lord's to-day at 11.30.

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 September, page 10)

In the last match of the season at Lord's, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the fund for the widow and children of the late Mr W Yardley, the old Cambridge and Kent cricketer, the play was full of interest from start to finish. For those who are keen on heavy scoring the cricket yesterday must have been particularly gratifying, for it proved a complete batting triumph for the Rest of England. The turf was protected on Wednesday, before the rain came on, by a double layer of canvas sheeting, which was not removed until yesterday morning. And in this lay the secret of the excellence of the pitch.

During the five hours' play runs averaged over 90 an hour. Mr Jones laid the foundation of the Rest of England score by hitting up 63 out of 89 for the first wicket; but the batting honours were carried off by Mr Fry and Mr Jessop. Mr Fry, who went in second wicket down at 107, was fourth out at 405 to a catch at cover-point. His hundred enabled him to establish two records. It was his 13th score of three-figure this season, which beats Abel's 12 of last year. A much more remarkable feat, however, was that it was his sixth successive innings of over a hundred.

His last half-dozen scores are 106 against Hampshire, 209 against Yorkshire, 149 against Middlesex, 105 against Surrey, 140 against Kent, and now his 105 against Yorkshire, a truly creditable record. He was batting some three hours without giving a chance and his cricket was marked by all his well-known skill. As usual with him, he made the majority of his runs on the leg-side, and his innings included 10 fours.

When Mr Fry and Mr Jessop were together 204 runs were put on for the fourth wicket in an hour and a half. Mr Jessop is always a popular player with the spectators, and yesterday those who were fortunate enough to be at Lord's saw him in one of his happiest moods. He was exceptionally quiet at the beginning, but when once he had got a good sight of the ball his hitting was splendid. Scoring at such a fast rate - he was only in two hours for his 176 not out - he naturally ran some risks. He ought to have been caught at slip by Wainwright at 81, and Tunnicliffe missed him at 155 from an easy chance. Otherwise the ball seldom pitched anywhere near the fieldsmen.

Me Beldam also batted well. Apart from the chances referred to the Yorkshire fielding was very good, Hirst at mid-off and Denton at deep third man and in the long field especially were prominent, while Tunnicliffe at slip brought off two good catches. He caught Mr Jones, high and wide with his right hand, and Mr Beldam low down with his left. Provided the weather keeps fine there is every probability of three days' full cricket. Yesterday 3,712 people paid for admission.

In a season of records it might not be out of place to state that two records are still under the late Mr Yardley's name. He was the first cricketer to make 100 in a University match, while his two scores of a hundred have never been equalled. He made 100 in 1870 and 130 in 1872. In the former year Cambridge won a sensational match by two runs, Mr F C Cobden doing the "hat trick." Mr Yardley's cricket career opened in the late sixties and closed in the late seventies. During this period he was considered by many good judges only second to Dr Grace.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 14 September, page 12)

With the exception of some more brilliant hitting by Mr Jessop, the cricket at Lord's yesterday was dull by comparison with that of Thursday, although there were several interesting items. On the first day five wickets fell for 460, while yesterday 16 yielded 150 runs less.

When the Rest of England resumed their innings a startling change took place, for the five outstanding wickets fell for another 66 in 35 minutes. This sudden collapse was owing to the fine bowling of Hirst. There was little in the wicket to help him, although the turf had probably not quite recovered from the heavy due, as the pitch had not been protected by canvas as on the preceding day; but, bowling with splendid pace and length, he carried everything before him, while Rhodes at the opposite end was being severely punished. At times he swerved in the air considerably and the batsmen were quite at sea in timing him. His figures yesterday morning were 4.3 overs, one maiden, 19 runs and five wickets, all of which were bowled.

Mr Jessop by his wonderful hitting eclipsed everything he had previously done. His highest innings before yesterday in first-class cricket was 179 last year against Sussex, at Brighton. When Mr Jessop is well set all kinds of bowling appear to be the same to him, and the manner in which he pulled Rhodes round to leg made him appear quite easy to deal with. It must be a long time since Rhodes was so severely treated. Mr Jessop, who went in third wicket down overnight at 201, was ninth out at 519. He was only batting two hours and a half for his 233, and his chief hits were two fives and 33 fours.

When Yorkshire went in another collapse seemed probable, Brown, Tunnicliffe, Mr Taylor and Denton being out with only 57 on the board. Then, however, Lord Hawke and Hirst, who scored 17 off an over from Mr Jones, put on 55 in 25 minutes for the fifth wicket, while Mr Smith and Hirst added 58 for the next. With the later batsmen giving some trouble, the total eventually reached respectable dimensions. Wainwright was unable to go in owing to an injury to his hand, caused on Thursday in attempting to bring off a catch in the slips. The Rest of England's fielding was good, while Mr Brooks kept wicket excellently, and it is a pity that he is not more frequently seen in first-class cricket.

Yorkshire followed on 297 behind at half-past 4, and again made an indifferent start. After, however, two wickets had fallen for 15, the light was defective and there was no play after 5 o'clock. There was again a good attendance, 4,506 persons paying at the gates, so that the sum for the Yardley Benefit Fund should reach fair proportions. A start will be made to-day at 11 o'clock.

Day 3 (report from Monday 16 September, page 8)

The first-class cricket season at Lord's was brought to a close on Saturday, when the Rest of England beat Yorkshire by an innings and 115 runs. Although the match produced many interesting features, the result must not be taken too seriously as representing the strengths of the two sides. Cricket has always been a game of varying fortunes, and Yorkshire v Rest of England was a typical instance in which all the luck was on one side.

The first half-hour's cricket gave promise of an early finish, for three wickets fell for another 16 runs, and half the side were out for 31. Subsequently Brown, Mr Smith and Wainwright offered some resistance to the bowling, but the match was over at 20 minutes to 3. The Yorkshire total, however,

should have been considerably reduced, for Mr Smith, when five, was badly missed by J Gunn at long-on off Mr Sinclair. Mr Smith afterwards played splendid cricket and his 59 included 11 fours.

Trott bowled with excellent judgment. His analysis would have been much better but for the dropped catch referred to, as Mr Smith was rather severe on him. In the match he took 13 wickets for just over 13 runs apiece.

Saturday 14 September, page 12

MEETING OF THE FIRST-CLASS COUNTY CAPTAINS. - Owing to the departure of several of the first-class county captains for Australia, the captain's meeting, usually held in December, to appoint umpires &c., will take place at Lord's on Tuesday, September 24, at 3.

Friday 13 September, page 5: CRICKET REFORM

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

The concluding paragraph of the letter from Sir Walter F Mievile, in your issue of to-day, goes to the root of the matter. He says: -

"It admit that if the M.C.C. committee could by legislation cause dropped catches to be held no change would be needed, but even their wide powers are not equal to this task, and so I venture to ask your indulgence to publish this letter."

Those who carefully watch the play, or the records of it, in first-class matches in recent years will, I think, agree that until more attention is paid to the fielding - that is, catching balls which are really to be caught and not miracles if held, stopping and gathering balls (with the hands in preference to the feet), throwing in accurately from the long field, faster running than one usually sees and, generally, greater smartness by the first-class elevens - the present complaints of the inordinate number of drawn games will continue.

There are, of course, brilliant exceptions; but, speaking generally, I believe fielding was never so slack as it has been during recent years; and the number of dropped catches has increased alarmingly.

No doubt the ball travels fast and with a terrible "spin" on it at times; but if a man is to catch only balls which come slow and steady we had better relegate cricket to the nursery and be done with it.

I am, Sir, your faithful servant,

September 11.

R.V.T.

Saturday 14 September, page 12: CRICKET REFORM

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - Can you find room for an unfashionable view on this subject? I have no claim to speak with authority, except that I have played all kinds of cricket, have been found out on country wickets and captained a county side. The game is a pretty good one as it stands; cannot we leave it alone for a while? A good many of us find the stumps quite high enough and quite wide enough; we do not want to be kicked out of the game because about 20 men in England can't be bowled.

The critics find fault with drawn games. Why are matches drawn? (1) Because a few eminent professionals cannot alter their methods of batting when the state of the game demands it. The remedy is for the captain to change the order of going in - that might win some matches; it would certainly lose some. And it is of no use to tell me that the spectators, generally speaking, would prefer a match to be played out even if their own team lost. I am a member of a county committee and we pay for lost games.

(2) Games are drawn because the wickets are so good. Good wickets are excellent for the young and middle-aged, especially the latter. If our players are to play every day in the summer, they must be preserved from injury. Do not take all the life out of the wickets, but make them as good as you can.

(3) Bad catching is, no doubt, a very distinct cause of drawn games. A higher standard of fielding should be reached by the county teams. But a man may be a good catch and a keen field and yet make bad mistakes. Continuous travelling, noisy hotels and restless nights, a poor light or a strange ground have all something to do with dropped catches. I do not offer any excuse for idleness in the field; there can be none.

(4) Poor bowling means long scores and our bowling at present is poor. But we may hope that this is only for a time. The remedy, at any rate, is not to put difficulties in the way of the batsmen, but to encourage the bowlers. In one respect something might be done - the bowler who takes three or four wickets might have his success recognized in a more substantial way than is the custom amongst the counties at present. Three wickets are often as good as 50 runs nowadays, but the bowler is not made to feel that this is so.

Apart from these considerations I would urge that the drawn game is often an excellent result. Take the case of a match between a strong and a weak county, the latter taking the field first. The captain of the stronger team has the advantage in every way and has three days given him for the match. The problem is how to win in three days. He ought to solve that. And I respectfully submit that if the weaker county can save the game a draw is a highly proper finish. There have been several drawn games this season - notably one in which Gloucestershire successfully saved the game - which gave far more satisfaction to lovers of the game than many of the decisive victories.

How many matches have been drawn during the past season through excessive run-getting? Not a great number. The bulk of the drawn games have been the result of bad weather or a fine struggle, and we may well be content. If not, let us decide on the first innings wherever necessary. But I am afraid there would be poor doings on the third day if once this rule became general.

I am yours obediently,

September 10.

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Monday 16 September, page 8: THE AVERAGES

Below are the chief averages of the season: -

BATTING

	Innings	Total runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	43	3147	244	3	78.57
K S Ranjitsinhji	40	2468	285*	5	70.51
Mr L C H Palaret	34	1806	194	1	57.75
W G Quaife	30	1360	177	6	56.66
Tyldesley	60	3041	221	5	55.29
Abel	66	3281	247	5	53.78
Hayward	56	2610	181	8	52.29
Kinneir	27	1354	215*	1	52.07
Mr R E Foster	44	2128	136	2	50.65
Mr C McGahey	43	1838	145*	5	48.38
Mr A O Jones	51	2292	249	2	46.77
Mr F L Fane	25	1048	196	2	45.56
Mr P F Warner	39	1680	197*	2	45.40
Mr F Mitchell	45	1807	162*	4	44.07
Iremonger	33	1108	133	7	42.61
Hirst	49	1864	214	4	41.86
Mr C J B Wood	52	2033	156	3	41.48
Capt J G Greig	35	1277	249*	4	41.19
Mr G L Jessop	58	2323	233	1	40.78
Dr R McDonald	23	770	147*	4	40.52
Mr P Perrin	41	1458	189	4	39.67



W Gunn	20	751	273	1	39.52
Lilley	30	1064	124	3	39.03
Mr G W Beldam	34	1158	150*	4	38.80
Mr J Douglas	20	748	161	0	37.30
Mr A P Lucas	26	742	83	6	37.10
King	49	1630	143	5	37.04
Carpenter	51	1852	144	1	37.04
J Gunn	38	1317	91	3	36.58
Braund	46	1587	115*	2	36.06
Mr H G Garnett	50	1758	139	1	35.87
Shrewsbury	33	1034	167*	4	35.65
Mr C J Burnup	51	1780	144	1	35.60
Mr E M Sprot	29	932	147	2	34.51
Mr S H Day	37	1167	118	3	34.32
Killick	41	1303	200	3	34.20
Mr T L Taylor	41	1301	156	3	34.23
Mr D L A Jephson	47	1400	174	6	34.14
A Webb	33	1020	89	3	34.00
Mr H K Foster	21	670	152	1	33.50
Mr H B Hayman	26	860	165	0	33.07
Mr K O Goldie	29	950	140	0	32.75
Mr B J T Bosanquet	40	1240	127	2	32.63
Dr W G Grace	33	1077	132	1	32.48
Mr L G Wright	46	1482	193	0	32.21
Mr V F S Crawford	51	1511	158	4	32.14
J T Brown	59	1732	134*	5	32.07
Mr L Walker	40	1180	222	3	31.89
Hallows	41	1170	130	4	31.62
Mr A C MacLaren	36	1069	117	2	31.44
Wrathall	49	1506	178	1	31.41
Mr S M J Woods	37	1090	90	2	31.14
Mr J A Dixon	18	467	74	3	31.13
Llewellyn	34	1025	216	1	31.06
Devey	29	900	155	0	31.03
Mr H D G Leveson-Gower	34	927	100	4	30.90
Bowley	36	1050	140	2	30.88
Mr E W Dillon	37	1047	143	2	29.91
Mr E W Dowson	41	1162	106	2	29.79
Denton	51	1407	132	2	28.71
Vine	45	1192	94	3	28.33
Mr P C Baker	31	850	108	1	28.33
Storer	52	1444	107	1	28.31
Hayes	49	1302	121	3	28.30
Mr E Smith	21	472	85	4	27.76
Mr W P Robertson	43	1102	110*	3	27.65
Albert Ward	51	1293	117	4	27.61
Chatterton	45	1079	169	5	26.97
Knight	41	1086	99	0	26.48
Mr H G Owen	26	666	106*	1	26.40
Rhodes	44	813	105	12	25.40
Lord Hawke	41	902	89	5	25.05
Mr C E de Trafford	31	748	89	1	24.93
Mr A Eccles	38	872	125	4	24.91
Lockwood	36	769	100*	5	24.20
A Hearne	47	1090	152*	3	24.77
Mr R E More	39	830	133	5	24.41
Tunnicliffe	59	1321	145	4	24.01
Wainwright	47	1053	116	1	23.89
Mr A E Lawton	49	1064	91	2	22.63
Brockwell	39	798	101	3	22.16

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Cranfield	852	197	2534	122	20.77
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A Hearne	475	134	1342	57	23.64
Field	548.4	124	1660	70	23.71
Mr D L A Jephson	661.2	91	1886	77	24.49
J T Hearne	1078	345	2563	99	25.88
King	833.2	239	2081	80	26.01
Geeson	880.4	94	3330	125	26.64
Paish	977.1	220	2765	100	27.65
Mr E M Dowson	886.1	203	2625	94	27.92
Mr C McGahey	558	126	1482	52	28.50
Vine	1192.3	317	3359	113	29.72
Mr R E More	714.5	187	2050	67	30.59
Braund	988.3	161	3675	120	30.62

16 September: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5830.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5830.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 September, page 9)

The last of the show cricket matches which are common at the fag end of most seasons was begun yesterday on Kennington-oval, when Yorkshire and Surrey generously devoted an extra fixture for the benefit of William Lockwood, who had been deprived by the weather of any play in the original match set apart for him.

Mid-September, with its dews and shortening hours of daylight, is rather unfit for cricket of importance, and the covering of the pitch is against every tenet of real cricket. However, looking upon Yorkshire's two last matches in the light of charity, it is well to forsake severity for sentiment in forming a judgment.

Yesterday the crowd of 12,000 people saw much that was best in cricket. The batting, the fielding and the bowling were excellent, and the large company showed a thorough going discrimination in regard to the merits of the game. It was, of course, a short cricket day, and between a quarter to 12 and a quarter past 5 Surrey completed an innings.

Except for a couple of dropped catches the Yorkshire fielding was admirable; nothing could have been better than Denton's three catches in the long field. He has a very safe pair of hands and has, perhaps, no contemporary so sure as he in the long field. Lord Hawke made a blunder at deep square leg off Brown's slows, and Hunter missed Hayes, who had then scored only five, off Hirst.

It was Hayes who laid the foundation of the fine Surrey score, for going in first wicket down at one, he was fifth out at 170; he played good cricket against much good bowling, and when within a couple of the century was beaten by the flight of a very slow ball from Rhodes. Hirst and Rhodes both bowled well, and with six wickets down for 170 the Surrey innings seemed likely to be very ordinary. But Brockwell, Mr Jephson and Richardson all hit splendidly and the last four wickets yielded 139 runs.

Rhodes had a long turn at bowling at both ends and, although freely hit towards the close, he never lost his length. The game will be renewed to-day at 11.30.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 September, page 8)

Lockwood's ill-fortune in his benefit still pursues him. The break up of the weather prevented any cricket on the Oval yesterday, and the score remains as already set out in The Times. Surrey have completed an innings for 309.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 September, page 5)

The last match of the first-class season was left unfinished at the Oval yesterday, when Yorkshire, after fighting an uphill game, were in the better position, for Surrey with four wickets down in the second innings were only 72 runs on. Lockwood's benefit fund will materially profit by yesterday's big attendance on the Oval and the collection round the ground, so that in spite of the blank second day he will secure a fair amount, considering his great services for the county club.

Yorkshire's first innings yesterday occupied most of the hours of cricket. The rain had found its way underneath the tarpaulin by which the turf had been covered and the ball came along at all sorts of paces. Thus Yorkshire had a severe task.

They began badly with the loss of Brown and Denton for 19 runs; but afterwards the fine hitting of Mr Taylor and Tunnicliffe and, at a later stage, the hard hitting of Hirst and the steadiness of Wainwright easily brought the side on terms with Surrey. Rhodes scored very freely in the last half-hour. Surrey bowled and fielded well; the catches by Hayes, Brockwell and Holland were particularly good . . .

#### THE AVERAGES

[Note: the complete first-class averages for the 1901 season can be found at [http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/ENG/1901\\_ENG\\_County\\_Championship\\_1901.html](http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/ENG/1901_ENG_County_Championship_1901.html)]

Thursday 19 September, page 5: THE CRICKET AVERAGES

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - The cricket averages for 1901, as given in your issue to-day, make a striking contribution as to the relative superiority of batting and bowling in the promotion of success. The wonderful career of Yorkshire would lead one to expect that some of her batsmen would fill the top places in the list. On the contrary, the first 13 names include no Yorkshire cricketer. Mr F Mitchell is 14th and Hirst is 16th. Then, after a very long string of names, we come to J T Brown.

Turning, however, to the bowling averages, we find a very different story. The two names at the head of the long list are the names of two of the great Yorkshire team - Rhodes and Hirst.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS PRIESTLEY

Albrighton Vicarage, Wolverhampton, Sept. 16.

(From an old Cambridge Blue)

The cricket season of 1901, which ended yesterday, in many respects closely resembled that of 1900. It both years dry and hot weather for the most part prevailed, and brought in its train fast and easy wickets and gigantic scoring.

No Australian eleven was in England to divert the attention of the public from county cricket, which seems to absorb most of the interest of spectators; there was still the unhealthy number of drawn games; and for the third consecutive year the University match was left unfinished, though the hours of play were prolonged and the game was not interrupted by any delay caused by rain or the slackness of the players.

For the second year in succession Yorkshire most emphatically proved itself the champion county and the superiority of the professional bowling again enabled the players of England to defeat the amateurs, strong though the latter undoubtedly were in batting and fielding. Complaints again were general with respect to the number of dropped catches, though the grumblers on this score are apt to forget that the longer fielding hours and consequent fatigue of both bowlers and field must tend on the whole to increase the number of dropped chances.

The frequently discussed question of cricket reform will be alluded to later on. But it may here be remarked that the arguments of those who urge that no reform is necessary, because the inevitable wet season sooner or later must come, seem likely to be refuted by inexorable fate; for the seasons have on the whole been dry and the wickets fast and easy ever since 1899 [Note: just wait until 1902!], in which year, as in 1888, fortunately for the Australians, the soft wickets made it possible for a touring eleven to go through the season more or less successfully with only two bowlers.

The leading match of the season, as is always the case when Australian matches are not in the way, was the time-honoured match between Gentlemen and Players at Lord's. With the University bowling rather below par, the authorities relied upon the Kent amateurs, Messrs Mason and Bradley, assisted by Mr Jessop in his novel capacity of a slow medium pace bowler, Mr Wells, unfortunately injured so as to be of little use, and Mr Jephson. This was not nearly sufficient on a perfect wicket to enable them to make a good match, and the Players won easily.

The match, however, in many ways presented interesting features. In the first place there was seen the unusual spectacle in these days of great batsmen completely defeated by the bowling on perfect easy wickets, notwithstanding the fact that when the rot began the bowling was apparently mastered and the score about 150 for two wickets. Hirst and Lockwood then suddenly became invincible, and the whole of a strong batting side were disposed of for what in these days is regarded as a trifling score. While there is no doubt that the bowling is exceedingly good, it was, nevertheless, the opinion of many good judges that an unaccountable paralysis seized the batsmen, nearly all of whom made a feeble show in the second innings against Trott and the leg breaks of Braund. That there was nothing in the state of the wicket to account for the breakdown of the amateur batting seems proved by the fact that Rhodes, who on anything like a broken pitch is now the deadliest bowler in England, did not succeed in getting a single wicket.

It is generally remarked that University bowling is weak; and, if the statement is based upon a comparison with the best professional bowling, this is correct. It is very doubtful, however, if University bowling is any worse than it was 30 years ago; the wickets are not the same, but if the fast bowling is inferior, it is probably true that the slow and medium pace bowlers are superior. But when so many counties with far better bowlers are unable to finish matches in three days, it cannot be a matter of surprise that in dry seasons the Universities seldom win trial matches and score so largely in the great match that a draw seems inevitable from the beginning.

In this year's match the general opinion was probably in favour of Cambridge, because it was thought that in Mr Dowson they had the best bowler of the two elevens. But on such a wicket either University was quite capable of scoring 300 runs against even Yorkshire or Lancashire, so nobody was surprised at the glut of runs or at the result being a draw. At one moment, however, in the last innings of the match Oxford was in the greatest jeopardy, and it was only the steady play of Mr Marsham that averted defeat; and Cambridge had without doubt a great deal the best of the draw. The Oxford fielding and wicket-keeping was superior to that of Cambridge, and that they were not defeated was chiefly due to their not dropping a single catch.

The county cricket of the year was full of interest to the public; and in a somewhat dull and uneventful season it is pleasant to be able to write with enthusiasm on the performances of the champion county. From whatever point of view the year's record of Yorkshire may be regarded, what chiefly strikes the mind of anybody who studies these records is the large number of absolute victories gained. One has only to look at the deplorable proportion of drawn games that seem to be the inevitable result of other county matches and then consider the feat performed by Yorkshire of winning 20 out of 27 matches, and enthusiasm may well be excused.

Lord Hawke may be a little past his prime, though he is still a useful batsman; but in estimating his value to his side these 20 victories ought to be considered first and not his aggregate of runs or average per innings. Yorkshire must, indeed, be a fine eleven; but to be so extraordinarily successful proves not only that Lord Hawke as captain has a great knowledge of the game, but that he possesses also the moral qualities are influence that can extract the best out of each member of his eleven.

It is pleasant in these days to be able to point to two bowlers to whose individual efforts so much of the success of Yorkshire is due. In 1900 it was Rhodes and Haigh, in 1901 it was Rhodes and Hirst that the Yorkshire eleven relied upon; and splendidly did these two professionals carry out what was required of them. Rhodes bowled always with good judgment and length, but he seems to require some assistance from the wicket to be really deadly; Hirst, on the other hand, on some occasions possessed the gift of making the ball swerve in the air, which is equally fatal on a true, fast wicket and on a difficult one. Haigh was handicapped by an injured knee, but was still a good bowler; and the fielding, probably owing to the fact that the same eleven so frequently were able to turn out for the county, was first-rate all through the season.

The batting was not so striking a feature as the bowling, Mr Mitchell being the mainstay of the side in this department; but the eleven seemed always to be able to produce a batsman to get runs when they were urgently wanted. On reason of the large number of victories gained was the Lord Hawke trusted his side, and on several occasions played for a win when other elevens would have been content with a draw.

Middlesex seem to have been, on the whole, the second best county eleven, the bowling of Trott and the batting of Mr Warner, Mr Bosanquet and, in the later matches, of Mr J Douglas having been leading features. Trott as a bowler is somewhat expensive, but he has a greater command of variety than any bowler that has been seen. He can bowl fast, or slow, or medium, with a high or low action, on either side of the wicket, and sometimes with a curl from leg and sometimes with a break from the off; and it is because of the variety and the many experiments he tries that he is so expensive, but he gets wickets.

It is difficult to account for such a large proportion of drawn games in the Middlesex programme; but out of 18 games no fewer than 10 were left unfinished. The batting of the eleven is not, as a rule, slow, and Trott as a bowler does not in a marked degree keep batsmen on the defence like Alfred Shaw and Attewell in former days; but such a number of drawn games would seem to indicate a lack of courage in the captaincy, and there was one notable instance of this in the Gloucestershire match at Lord's, which provoked criticism from more than one influential quarter.

Lancashire, with its large gates and unlimited resources, always get together a good side; but this year the illness of Briggs, the advancing years of Mold and the loss of form of Mr MacLaren and Ward made a combination of causes which in a county of fewer resources would have been more fatal. Sharp is a good fast bowler, though not of the same class as Mold, and in Mr Garnett and Tyldesley Lancashire had two excellent batsmen. Tyldesley, in fact, is very likely the best professional batsman of the year, with, moreover a very attractive style.

With the exception of Yorkshire, Lancashire have won more county matches than any other county; and it speaks well for the pluck and [morale] of the eleven that they were not more demoralized by Mr MacLaren's indifferent display until August.

In recent years there has been a deadly monotony about Sussex cricket. The Brighton ground may be classed with several others, notably Leyton, the Oval, Bradford and Birmingham, as one which is making cricket impossible. With less than the average rainfall the wickets are nearly all true, fast and easy; and the consequence is that the batting of Messrs Fry and Ranjitsinhji makes Sussex nearly invincible on their own ground, though most of the Brighton matches are left unfinished. Sussex, however, proved themselves possessed of a stronger eleven than has been the case for many years; for in addition to the two great amateurs, in Vine and Killick two first-rate all-round professionals were found.

It is the modern fashion to indulge in language almost hysterical when talking of the feats of Messrs Fry and Ranjitsinhji; but, grand bats though they undoubtedly are, great sympathy may be felt for those older critics who find in the far too frequent catalogue of centuries of such players a dull monotony and a reason and explanation of drawn matches. Twenty years ago when Dr Grace used to get his hundreds, his batting secured victories for Gloucestershire and the elevens he represented. In these days Messrs Fry and Ranjitsinhji, Abel and Tyldesley score hundreds not with the result so much of gaining victories for their side as of averting defeat and piling up the number of drawn games.

Surrey, for so many years on the crest of the wave, have had for a county of such resources an indifferent record. Abel and Hayward, as far as run-getting is concerned, are only surpassed by the two great Sussex batsmen; and in Mr Crawford may be seen one of the most beautiful hitters of the day, while Messrs Jephson, Dowson and Leveson-Gower, and Baker, Hayes, Holland and Lockwood are all good and useful bats. The side, however, cannot win matches; and the striking fact of Surrey's season was that their powerful batting enabled the eleven to draw more than 50 per cent of their matches.

It is the old story over again, modern wickets in general and Kennington Oval in particular have broken the back of Surrey bowling. Lohmann from Middlesex, Richardson from Surrey, Lockwood and Sharpe from Nottingham and Beaumont from Yorkshire have found no successors, except the second edition of Richardson, a very pale shadow of the first. Richardson, the grandest fast bowler of the century, is more or less worn out; but, worn out though he is, he is the best bowler the county possesses. Lockwood is apparently not sound enough in health and limb to enable him to go through the fatigues of a season's cricket, and no other bowler possesses the skill and resource to triumph over the modern easy wickets.

Kent, like Somerset, proved themselves to be a county about which it was hopeless to prophesy. In one match they played in a style that compelled Yorkshire to exert itself to the uttermost, while in another they would almost sink to the lowest level. In bowling Kent were strong, if this term can be used about any bowling in the present day. Mr MacLaren, who must be in a good position for judging, has thought Mr Bradley and Blythe the best men to take the places of Rhodes and Hirst; and Mr Mason is undoubtedly to be bracketed with Hirst and Mr Jones as one of the best all-round men of the year, and Huish as a wicket-keeper is good enough for any side.

Notts began the season in a style that raised the highest hopes; but the great falling off of Wass, the only fast bowler the county possessed, was the chief reason of the somewhat low position Notts ultimately filled. At the same time there are not wanting signs of improvement, and the committee will be wise in giving Wass another year's trial, as occasionally he showed that he could bowl a most difficult ball.

W Gunn was, unfortunately, owing to disablement, unable to play in the later matches; but his nephew John Gunn has established his position as playing the best all-round man Notts has ever turned out. This may seem too high praise when the splendid list of county cricketers is considered; but the greatest bowlers like Jackson, Grundy, Wootton, the Shaws, Morley, Attewell and several others were as batsmen not nearly so good as John Gunn, and he and Hallam had to bear the chief burden of the bowling. Mr Jones is a splendid all-round cricketer, and Iremonger has developed into one of the soundest bats of the county, while Shrewsbury cannot be left out yet, and would be even more valuable if a wet season were to come round again.

Essex are being ruined, like Surrey, by the quality of the Leyton wickets. Twelve out of 21 matches were drawn, and only four victories won. It is only bowlers of the highest class that can get a side out for a reasonable total on such wickets as those at Leyton, and such bowlers have not been found as yet in Essex. Mr Kortright has succumbed to the strain and Young has not come on as it was hoped he would do; and if it had not been for Mr McGahey's leg breaks their position would have been even worse.

Somerset have shown extraordinary vicissitudes of play and form. Taken by themselves, their two matches against Yorkshire were the two most remarkable events of the whole country's cricket; and if only their regular wicket-keeper had been playing at Taunton in the first match, it is certain that they would have defeated the leading county twice. When these two matches are considered and the frequent excellent displays they have shown during the last ten years against Surrey, it would seem to prove that the hearts of the players are in the right place, and the greater the occasion the greater their deeds.

As long as Mr Palairet can play for Somerset so long ought the support of the public to be cheerfully given, for his batting is the most beautiful spectacle of present day cricket. The figures show the effectiveness of his batting; but if there had been half the number of runs there would have been to those who appreciate style ample compensation in the power, freedom and grace of every movement of this splendid batsman. As a slow left-hand bowler Cranfield is worthy to be classed with Rhodes, Blythe and Llewellyn; and Braund, in the same way, may be included in the list of leading all-round men of the year.

Not even the hitting of Mr Jessop and, in a lesser degree, Mr Wrathall, and the hard work of Roberts and Paish, could compensate Gloucestershire for the loss, for nearly every match, of Mr Townsend. Mr Jessop himself was unable to bowl fast, and this was a great blow to the side, though all must admire the pluck and hard work of such a veteran as Roberts for his bowling all through the season.

The doings of Warwickshire, Hants, Worcestershire and Leicestershire do not call for any particular comment. Derbyshire have had a most depressing season, and to go on playing a series of matches without one solitary success must dampen the enthusiasm of the players as well as of their supporters. Especially must their feebleness be regretted by those whose sympathies are with the county, which, alone with Yorkshire and Notts, relies solely on home-bred players.

In considering the whole year's play in connection with the position of cricket as a game, it is quite impossible to avoid the conclusion that, taken as a whole and regarded from a proper point of view, the season's cricket has been dull and uninteresting to the spectators and unsatisfactory when the interests of the game are considered.

There are bright spots in the picture, such as the wonderful record for the second day in succession of Yorkshire and the excellence and the number of first-rate all-round men. At no previous period of the game have better players been found than Messrs Mason and Jones, and Hirst, Braund, Trott, Vine, Lockwood, Llewellyn, J Gunn and King.

The true and enlightened critic has, however, to point to one fact only, and that is that in a fine summer, when rain really stopped play on comparatively few occasions, in county cricket alone, out of a total of 320 matches 122, or more than a third, were unfinished. This may be taken in connection with the five test matches played in England against the last Australian eleven, when four were drawn.

Neither is it probable that bowling is worse now than it was. There is not a Richardson amongst fast bowlers of the same class as the Richardson of yore; but in their different styles Rhodes, Hirst, Trott and Cranfield are worthy of comparison with Peate, Morley, Lohmann and Alfred Shaw; while, as has been said before, the all-round cricketers of the present day have never been surpassed.

The smoothness of the wickets is the sole cause of the present state of things. It has been said that the spirit of money is in the air, and though not openly expressed it nevertheless governs minds and determines votes on the question of reforms. Whether it is true or not need not here be discussed; but if it is the case, the fact that gate-money is in danger of decrease as it is may have an important influence in determining the future of the game.

Besides the evil of drawn matches arising from it, there is the nuisance of the breaking of records. It is notorious that the Brighton and Oval public, especially in the last month of the season, go and watch a match not with the expectation of seeing a definite result - that is a contingency far too remote to be in the mind at all - but to see if Mr Fry or K S Ranjitsinhji can make their fourth or fifth consecutive century or surpass Abel's record in scoring 3,000 runs.

There is another aspect of the question that strikes an impartial observer, and that is that so many runs are scored by batsmen who are not really sound first-rate batsmen. It is interesting to call to mind that the late Richard Daft in the whole course of his career in first-class cricket only scored on five occasions an innings of over 100 runs, while several inferior batsmen of to-day make as many hundreds in a month. Nobody, however, who understands anything of the game can doubt that Daft was in his prime as free as most of the present-day bats, and far more correct than the majority.

To play with an absolutely straight bat, as Daft did, is one of the essential lessons that everybody who wants to be considered and to be a first-rate bat must learn. But in one of the largest scorers of the day - namely, Abel - we see a batsman who generally plays with a crooked bat. He has great merits, he has much patience, a wonderfully good eye and is a splendid judge of length; but it is a fair assumption that run-getting on the modern wickets is far too easy of so many runs can be scored by a batsman who plays so crooked, and such a thing ought to be an impossibility.

The subject of reform has been discussed to an almost wearisome extent; but cricket, with all its shortcomings, is such a grand game that no apology is needed for again going over some points that have been raised. A letter published in The Times of September 13, signed "R.V.T.," calls attention to the number of catches that are dropped, and to the slackness and indifferent throwing and general shortcomings of the fielding. "R.V.T." thinks that fielding never was so slack as it has been in recent years, and that the number of dropped catches has increased alarmingly.

Is this statement accurate or not? So far from its being true, it is probable that more catches were dropped 30 years ago than now; and this is owing to the superiority of the wicket-keeping. It is not necessary to argue to point as to whether Tom Lockyer or Box were as good as or better than Hunter or Lilley; but there is no doubt that there are far more good wicket-keepers now than in the sixties, and this is most true in the case of amateurs.

Nobody who has watched the University cricket match for many years can doubt of the superiority of the present race of University wicket-keepers as compared with those of the sixties, and it is a fact that the amateurs are nearly as good as the professionals. Neither Lilley, Storer nor Hunter can give away a point to Messrs Newton, MacGregor or Martyn. It is also the custom in these days for the wicket-keeper to stand back to fast bowling, and the number of catches that are taken by men like Huish off Mr Bradley or Russell a few years ago off Mr Kortright is astonishing. No doubt the true and easy nature of the wicket makes it far less difficult work for wicket-keepers; but the fact remains that far more chances go to the wicket-keeper than to any other fieldsman, and as the keeping is better so many more catches are made now than formerly.

Everybody wishes to see fewer catches dropped, and a closer attention and more systematic practice would work an improvement in this respect and ought to be cheerfully given; but catches have always been missed, and it is to be feared they always will be. All our finest fields miss them sometimes, and it is a counsel of perfection to urge that no feasible catches ought to be dropped; but no doubt far too many chances are missed.

In the spring the M.C.C. were unable to alter the rule of leg-before-wicket because the majority in favour of the change was not large enough. There are not wanting signs, however, that the arguments in favour of reform on this question are bearing fruit, and that before long the much-needed reform will be passed. It cannot be too clearly pointed out that under the proposed new rule the legs, or one of them, must be in what may be called the bowler's territory between wicket and wicket; and, assuming that the reform is passed, if the batsman does not want to be given out leg-before to the leg-break bowler, which apparently is what he dreads, all he has to do is keep his right foot firm (unless he jumps out to meet the ball) and swing his left leg straight out and not across.

Cricketers, and especially batsmen, seem so very nervous about any changes in the rules that it probably behoves reformers to move slowly; and it is perhaps wise to be content with changing the leg-before-wicket rule first. It is probable, however, that this alteration taken by itself will not be enough to check the inordinate run-getting. Some great authorities - Mr R A H Mitchell being one - want to see the hits run out. By all means let this be tried in the proper way, not as was attempted a year or so ago; but it seems doubtful whether the field will not tire more than the batsmen. The batsman can always wait till he has recovered his breath; and, if he does this, great waste of time will be the result.

The proposal, strongly advocated by "An Old Blue" in The Times a year ago, of narrowing the bat has a great deal to recommend it, and by not baulking the wicket-keeper would probably be more efficacious than raising the wicket; and a small extension may be made in the length of the bowling crease. The best of all reforms, if it were practicable, which it is to be feared it is not, would be to abolish the mowing machine and the top dressing of the wicket, and perhaps even the heavy roller, and make the wicket less easy, and leave the rules as they are.

Whatever may be done, and that something must be done in the way of reform seems even more clear at the end of the season of 1901 than it did at the beginning, ought to be done before the opening of a new season. The public are dissatisfied, bowlers are worn out and - worst of all - the matches are unfinished.

The county captains have taken several steps in their deliberations, but they cannot be said to have advanced the question to any great extent. Is it too much to ask them to hold a meeting and definitely take up one of two positions? Either they must hold the opinion that the game as played now is played as it should be played and that no reform is necessary, or, if they do not hold this opinion - and it is scarcely conceivable that they can - they should come forward with some definite



proposals of reform that, in their opinion, are necessary for the improvement of the game. If the captains came to some definite conclusion and brought forward some proposals for alterations in the rules and conditions that would check the run-getting, they would strengthen the hands of the M.C.C. and help greatly to solve this difficult question.

Monday 23 September, page 10: CRICKET REFORM

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - It is 16 years - June, 1885 - since I addressed a letter to you on the subject of doubtful bowling actions, which you thought worthy of insertion and of editorial notice. History repeats itself, and perhaps you will permit me once more, probably for the last time, to enter the arena; if so I am obliged for the favour.

The position at the moment is as follows: - At their annual meeting last year the county captains condemned the actions of certain bowlers, and expressed a very decided opinion that they should not be played in their county elevens this year. In April, 1901, the committee of the M.C.C. resolved: -

"That this committee approve of the principle and the action taken by the county captains, but are of opinion that it would be expedient to postpone the actual suspension of any bowler during the coming season in the hope that this course may strengthen the hands of the umpires without being unnecessarily drastic."

Have the umpires regarded the action of the county captains as strengthening their hands? Surely not - the Phillips-Mold incident is, I suggest, merely the exception which proves that as a body they are not more resolute now than they have been for the last 20 years.

Are we likely to expect any more decided action from the umpires in the future? I think not. I look back to the early eighties when I conducted a campaign against doubtful actions; and I cannot forget what Robert Thoms said to me when I asked him to watch an action I thought doubtful - and be it remembered that Thoms was a masterful umpire in his day - "My Lord," he said, "we are going to do nothing, it is you gentlemen who have got to do it"; and, therefore, my friends the umpires will excuse me if I express a very strong doubt of their being more determined to suppress doubtful actions in the future than they have been in the past.

If that be so what is to happen? Is this or that county to be able to ignore the umpire's opinion and to put to the test the endurance of the bowler in bowling no-balls and the umpire in calling them, with the risk of the spectators' interfering vocally, or even practically, with the match and producing a scene altogether unworthy of the game? If the umpires are not prepared to endorse the opinion expressed by a body so competent to judge, as is one composed of the county captains, then what remedy have those counties which do not include in their teams bowlers condemned by the county captains against those counties which, despite the opinion of the county captains, might deliberately include bowlers so condemned?

Is responsibility to be confined solely to the umpire, and not to be distributable? I venture to think it ought to be; and at any rate I can claim that the course I adopted in the early eighties was consistent with that opinion. I declined to play one year for Gentlemen v Players at Lord's because I considered Mr A H Evans's action was not above suspicion; I declined to play with and captain England v The Australians at Old Trafford unless Crossland as omitted from the England Eleven for the same reason; and I dropped two bowlers out of the Kent Eleven, C Collins and Captain Hedley, because doubts were expressed as to the fairness of their deliveries. The remedy I had to resort to in my dispute with the Lancashire committee in 1885, about their bowlers, was a very strong one; and it would be preferable if some remedy - other than exclusion - could be devised.

Now, Sir, let us assume that the umpires are not to be depended upon in this particular matter, and that some counties are not prepared to abide by the expressed opinion of the county captains, unless it be supported by the consideration of some properly constituted body. Can we find some arrangement which will give confidence to the counties? I think so, and I suggest that the body to which the county captains should report is the committee of the M.C.C. I am not on the committee now, but I have been on it for many years, and I claim for it that it has won and holds allegiance from all the cricketers of the world, and it could not have secured this unless its conduct had been wise.

The committee of the M.C.C., however, is not a body well qualified to decide of its own knowledge questions of this kind - i.e., is this, or that, or the other bowler's action doubtful or above suspicion? - it cannot move about and constantly watch this or that action; it could only, if it accepted such a responsibility, be guided by a sub-committee of experts; and I submit that it would be impossible to find a committee more expert than the captains of first-class counties.

The M.C.C. has always been reluctant to set itself up as a referee of points which, by the laws of the game, are left to the sole judgment of the umpires. But I can conceive the committee consenting to accept the post of arbiter on this particular point, if assisted by such an expert body as the county captains, and if there was a fairly general agreement amongst the county committees that the umpires by their notorious abnegation - for the exception in the Phillips-Mold case proves the rule - of their responsibility in this particular matter should be relieved of it.

The representatives of the first-class counties will meet, as usual, in November or December, to fix the dates for next year's matches; and if they were authorized by their committees to discuss some such suggestion as this, and to vote upon it, it would be possible for the counties, collectively, to approach the M.C.C. before next season.

It is with extreme reluctance that I suggest a remedy which interferes with the legal position of the cricket umpires; and I do so only because, after many years' observation of this doubtful action question, I can see none other that would give as much confidence of impartial judgment to the bodies and individuals affected.

I remain yours faithfully,

Belmont, Faversham, Sept. 20.

HARRIS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - The whole tenor of "An Old Cambridge Blue's" very able summary of the cricket season published in your issue of September 19 is, I am glad to see, in favour of a thorough reform in the conditions of the game. Almost all the best authorities are of the same opinion - namely, that some alteration in these conditions is absolutely necessary to rescue the noble game from what Mr R H Lyttelton in the new volume called "Cricket and Golf" terms "an intolerable state of things."

Altering the present law of leg-before-wicket, which enabled the batsman to defend his wicket with his legs, will in all probability be one reform to be attained; but it is questionable whether this alone will be sufficient. Other proposals will no doubt be brought forward; and my chief object in writing to you is to point out the necessity of the M.C.C. general meeting that will be required to discuss them being held during the winter, or at all events in the early spring, instead of putting it off (as was the case this year) to the first day of the cricket season.

Two proposals that may come under discussion are those of increasing the height of the wicket and decreasing the width of the bat; and, if either of these should be adopted, it is obvious that the makers of cricket implements would require several weeks before the commencement of the season to carry out the new requirements.

Yours faithfully,  
A MEMBER OF THE M.C.C.

Tuesday 24 September, page 9

LORD ALVERSTONE ON CRICKET REFORM. - Speaking at the annual cricket club dinner at Cranleigh last night, Lord Alverstone said that as a careful observer of cricket for the best part of 45 years he was satisfied there had been a great deal too much playing for averages and individual positions, which had been at the bottom of many matches being lost in county cricket during the last few seasons. He was satisfied that they did not get the best talent developed in their country villages, and in bowling he believe a great deal more could be done by practice almost throughout the year.

Friday 27 September, page 5: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

The members of Mr MacLaren's Australian team leave England to-day in the Orient liner Omrah. There is a special train for Tilbury from St Pancras at 10.50.

Tuesday 1 October, page 8: CRICKET REFORM

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - I think that many of your readers on perusing Lord Harris's letter headed as above must have experienced the same disappointment that I did. I fondly hoped that it would have propounded some scheme for reducing the number of drawn games resulting from the prevalent abnormal scoring. Some light or advice upon this point from so eminent an authority would have been truly welcome, but instead of that we find in his lordship's letter an elaborate plan for riveting the chains still more firmly on the unfortunate bowler, and by consequence for making things still easier for the already triumphant batsman.

It will of course be said that law 48 is imperative, and that under it doubtful bowling must be disallowed with the stringency which applies to the other rules of the game. But why not rescind that provision altogether and let the benefit of the doubt be given to the attack, which sorely needs it, rather than to the defence, which is already too strong? This seems to be equitable and to the interest of cricket in its present peculiar conditions. In the case of flagrant and unmistakable throwing the umpires may surely be trusted to do their duty irrespective of committees and of captains' meetings.

E.L.B.

Monday 7 October: THE CHOICE OF INNINGS AT CRICKET

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - About this time last year I advocated what I consider a necessary reform on the above subject in a letter to the public Press, and I again refer to it, if I may, through the medium of your columns, as I consider it has not received the attention it deserves.

At present the choice of innings is entirely dependent on the toss of a coin - a primitive and puerile proceeding. In this country, where "varied samples" of weather prevail, this important point of cricket ought, I consider, be governed by certain defined rules and not be dependent on sheer luck.

I suggested last year, and now do so again, that the visiting team should always bat first, no matter what conditions prevail. In return matches both sides would ultimately have similar chances.

Further, and this is an important consideration, the existence of this rule would be a great boon to the general public, and also to the visiting team, especially to those who have to travel any distance.

On the other hand, I cannot conceive any possible objections to the adoption of such a rule, which, I sincerely hope, will, before the next season, receive the consideration it deserves, in the interests of county cricket and important matches, and also of the ever-increasing enthusiasts of the national game.

Yours faithfully,  
ALEX. FAULKNER (Major, late I.M.S.)

Wednesday 9 October, page 9: THE CHOICE OF INNINGS AT CRICKET

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - I was pleased to read the letter addressed to you by Major Faulkner on this subject; but, as the side batting first are sometimes placed at a disadvantage owing to the state of the ground, I

feel the alteration in the rule should be - "That the visiting team have 'choice' of innings." If this were done, it would certainly take away from the game a great element of luck, and would, I feel sure, be welcomed by the majority of cricketers. I have advocated this alteration for many years past.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,  
G. M. ROYLE, member of Notts C.C. Committee.  
Nottingham, Oct. 7.

Wednesday 16 October: THE NEXT AUSTRALIAN TEAM

There is little doubt that a team of Australian cricketers will visit this country next summer, the majority of first-class counties having welcomed the proposal. Mr C W Alcock, the Surrey secretary, who has arranged the preliminaries for several previous colonial elevens, will have charge of the fixtures.

The Marylebone Club, in response to a generally expressed wish, will appoint a board as they did in 1899 to choose the England elevens for the test matches and to settle any questions which may arise in connexion with the five great contests.

Tuesday 5 November, page 10: KENT COUNTY CLUB

The committee of the Kent County Club met yesterday afternoon at the Golden Cross Hotel, Charing-cross. Mr George Marsham was in the chair, and among those present were Lord Harris, Lord Camden, Colonel Isacke, Major Spens, Mr J R Mason, Mr Frank Marchant, Mr F S W Cornwallis, Mr F A Mackinnon, Mr Stanley Christopherson, Mr Walter B Pattison, Captain McCanlis, Mr Martin Tomson and Mr F W Furley, the treasurer.

In their draft report to the members the committee stated that, although the eleven were not so successful as in 1900, the position continued satisfactorily. Out of 24 matches nine were won, seven lost, seven drawn and one abandoned, only one match being lost during the months of July and August, when the full strength of the county was available.

The committee desired again to congratulate Mr J R Mason on his heading both the batting and bowling averages, and also expressed their keen appreciation of his services as captain of the eleven.

The income of the club for the past season showed an increase above the average of the three previous years. It has thus been possible to reduce the balance owing on a loan for building the new pavilion at Canterbury from £2,000 to £1,300, and the balance to be carried forward amounts to £498.

Next year Kent will play out and home matches with all the first-class counties except Warwickshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, and will also meet the Australians, Oxford University and the M.C.C. The match with the Australians is to be played at Canterbury, but for the first time it will be decided out of the cricket week, the date being August 21. The fixture with Oxford University, arranged out of compliment to the fact that Mr C H B Marsham, a Kent man, is the new captain of the University eleven, will be played at Oxford on June 5.

Of the home county matches two - those with Essex and Surrey - will be played during the Canterbury Week; three at Tonbridge - the counties that appear in the week there being Lancashire and Gloucestershire; two at [Tunbridge]-wells; two at Catford; one at Maidstone; and one at Gravesend. There will be a cricket week at Tunbridge-wells, beginning probably on July 14.

So far as is known at present all the cricketers who helped the county this year will play again next under Mr Mason's captaincy. Walter Wright's benefit match resulted in that player receiving £420 18s.

THE ENGLISH CRICKETERS IN AUSTRALIA

Adelaide, Nov. 4.

Mr MacLaren's cricket team has arrived here, all well. - Reuter.

Day 1 (report from Monday 11 November, page 11)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA v A C MACLAREN'S XI

Mr MacLaren's eleven began the first match of their tour to-day against South Australia. The Englishmen left out Robson, McGahey and Garnett.

The Australians won the toss and sent in Jarvis and Hack. The former was dismissed without scoring, while Hack was bowled after making a couple of runs. With the score at 15 Giffen was clean bowled by Gunn for 7, and shortly afterwards Reedman was easily caught at mid-off, four wickets being down for 20 runs.

Hill and Leak then came together and made a stand. The score was advanced to 111 before a separation was effected, Leak then being brilliantly stumped by Lilley off Blythe. Bailey then went in, but was caught at 139 by Jessop, and at 152 Matthews was dismissed. At the tea interval the score stood at 169 for seven wickets, the not-outs being Hill, 80, and Mackenzie, 9.

After tea an unfavourable change in the weather occurred and rain interrupted play. At 222 Hill was bowled by Barnes for 107, and two runs later Jones was caught by Lilley. Travers followed, but failed to add to the score, the innings closing for 230.

The Englishmen then began their first innings with Braund and J Gunn, and when stumps were drawn the former had seven and the latter nil.

Day 2 (report from Tuesday 12 November, page 5)

The weather was superb at the time for resuming play to-day, and the attendance large. Unfortunately, the wicket, which caused anxiety on Saturday, had clearly crumbled. Mr MacLaren said it was the worst dry wicket he had ever seen in Australia.

With the score at seven and no one out, the Englishmen went on batting, Braund and John Gunn facing Jones and Travers. Three runs having been added, Braund was clean bowled. MacLaren, who was cheered as he went in, only made three and then played a ball from Jones on to his wicket. Two for 20.

Gunn and Quaife stayed together, but with Jones and Travers bowling very well the score rose slowly. When Quaife had made two he gave a chance to the wicket-keeper off Jones. At 37 Giffen displaced Jones, and at 43 Gunn was caught at mid-off. Hayward was soon bowled, the fourth wicket falling at 45, and at 49 a ball popped up and went off the shoulder of Tyldesley's bat into slip's hands.

Jessop played a vigorous game and was much applauded, but he ought to have been caught at slip off Giffen after making 24. Quaife, with his score at 20, was again missed at the wicket, this time off Giffen. At 107 Jessop was clean bowled, having hit up 38 in three-quarters of an hour. With a single run added Quaife, in trying to pull a ball from Giffen, was caught at fine leg. Seven for 109.

A O Jones was bowled at 109 and Lilley caught at long-on at 114. Blythe was bowled without scoring, the innings, which had lasted two hours and 40 minutes, ending for 118. Giffen took seven wickets for 46 runs, Jones two for 41 and Travers one wicket for 25.

Hack and Jarvis opened the second innings of South Australia to the bowling of Braund and Barnes. Both batsmen began cautiously and the score was only 13 when Jarvis left. Hill followed in, and runs were steadily put on. The bowling was frequently changed, but without success, and the fielding was only moderate. When Hill had made 62 he gave a chance of stumping off Jones. The score reached 125 before the second wicket fell, Hill being then brilliantly caught at point with the left hand.

Hack was run out at 141 through a smart return by Quaife from cover point, and Leak was foolishly run out at the same total. Reedman and Giffen played out time, the final score being 170 for four wickets. In one over from Braund Reedman made 16 runs.

At the end of the afternoon the weather was dull. Eight thousand people were present.

Day 3 (report from Wednesday 13 September, page 7)

Owing to heavy rain this morning the match was not resumed till after luncheon. The condition of the wicket made an earlier start impossible. When South Australia went on with their second innings the weather was dull, the attendance poor and the pitch still wet. Reedman and Giffen, the not-outs, faced Blythe and Gunn, the score standing at 170 for four wickets.

Runs came slowly, and at 186 Reedman was caught in the slips. Bailey had a very brief innings, being caught at forward cover-point at 188. So far Blythe had taken two wickets for eight runs. Mackenzie came in, and Giffen, with his score at 18, gave a chance in the slips off Blythe. In the next over from that bowler, however, Giffen was cleverly caught at the wicket. He was batting an hour and a half for his 19 - a cautious and finished innings.

Two other wickets quickly fell, Mackenzie being caught at mid-off and Jones smartly taken in the same position at the opposite end. Eight and nine for 198. Matthews was caught in the slips, the innings, which lasted four hours and 20 minutes, ending for 207. Blythe took five wickets for 45 runs . . .

The Englishmen wanted 320 to win. MacLaren went in himself with Jones, the bowling being shared by Travers and Giffen. Jones had made only a single when he gave a chance of stumping. The bowling was very good and both batsmen seemed uneasy. MacLaren, jumping in to drive a ball from Travers, was stumped, and Jones from a false hit was caught at cover-point.

Off Travers Tyldesley got a four to leg, this being the first four hit in the day. Tyldesley was clean bowled at 27, and at 43 Quaife was easily caught at cover-point. Hayward attempted to lift a ball from Giffen, but missed it and was bowled. Five for 47. Jessop was caught at short slip, Gunn caught from a skier and Braund taken at mid-off, eight wickets being down for 59. Barnes was smartly stumped at 66, but Lilley hit with some freedom before being out to an easy catch at short-leg. The innings ended for 86, South Australia winning the match by 233 runs.

Giffen and Travers bowled unchanged, Giffen taking six wickets for 47 runs and Travers four for 37. Three thousand spectators were on the ground at the finish, and the victory of South Australia aroused great enthusiasm.

Tuesday 12 November, page 5: THE YORKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The report and balance-sheet, which will be submitted to the annual general meeting of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club to be held at Sheffield on the 27th inst., was issued yesterday. In their report the committee point out that the success of the eleven during the past season had been phenomenal, the excess of income over expenditure gratifying, that the membership of the club had been fully maintained and that the amount now in hand is £11,186 10s 5d.

The report also mentions that J T Brown's benefit match realized in gate and ticket receipts £2,465, but that the subscription lists and accounts are not yet complete. The revenue account of the club for the season 1901 shows the total income to have been £10,234 19s 8d and the expenditure £8,420 11s 9d, leaving a favourable balance of £1,814 7s 6d. The amount of income derived from members' subscriptions during the past season was £2,644 4s 6d.

Thursday 14 November, page 7: MR MACLAREN'S ELEVEN

Melbourne, Nov. 13

The team to represent Victoria in the match to be played here on the 15th inst. against Mr MacLaren's Eleven will be selected from the following: - Messrs Armstrong, Collins, Fry, Graham, Laver, McAlister, McLeod, McMichael, Saunders, Stuckey, Worrall and W Carlton. - Reuter.

15 November: VICTORIA v A C MACLAREN'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5836.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5836.html))

Day 1 (report from Saturday 16 November, page 14)

Mr MacLaren's eleven today began a match against Victoria. An attack of rheumatism prevented Mr MacLaren from playing. When stumps were drawn for the day the score was left as follows . . .

Day 2 (report from Monday 18 November, page 5)

At the time for resuming the match to-day the weather was cloudy but warm and the attendance moderate. The wicket was bumpy, naturally helping the bowlers, but it improved as the afternoon wore on. The long grass in the outfield had been mown.

With a total of 166 to face, Victoria began with McLeod and Worrall, Barnes and Blythe being the bowlers. From the last ball of Barnes's first over Worrall was easily caught in the slips, only one run having been scored. Graham went in and runs were slowly put on. The fielding was very good. When McLeod had made ten his wicket was shattered by a no-ball from Barnes. The first change of bowling was tried at 46, Braund displacing Blythe, who had sent down 11 overs for 16 runs. Graham was bowled at 50 and McLeod at 65 - both by Barnes, who had now taken three wickets for 27 runs. Graham's batting was very uneven, but McLeod played a good attractive game for 70 minutes. At lunch time the total was 83 for three wickets, Armstrong being not out six and McMichael not out 14.

In Barnes's first over after lunch McMichael was leg before wicket, with the score still at 83. Two other wickets soon fell, Armstrong being caught and bowled at 87 and Stuckey caught in the slips at 96. With McAlister and Laver batting the hundred went up, the innings having been in progress exactly 100 minutes.

The pitch was improving, but the batsmen played a slow, pottering game. At 122 Braund went on for Barnes, who up to this point had bowled unchanged. McAlister skied Braund's fourth ball and was caught at short leg, the seventh wicket going down at 124. One run having been added, Laver was splendidly caught and bowled, and then the end soon came, Collins being bowled at 126 and Saunders at 133. Barnes took five wickets for 61 runs . . .

Hayward and McGahey opened the second innings of the English team to the bowling of Saunders and McLeod. When McGahey had made two he was missed at mid-on, and Hayward, when four, was let off in the same place, the fieldsman being "barracked" by the crowd. Both chances were given off McLeod's bowling. For a time the cricket was tame, McGahey scoring the faster. Before very long, however, the game livened up, McGahey playing in vigorous and attractive style.

The first change was at 56, Collins being tried in place of McLeod, and at 58 Armstrong Leveson-Gower Saunders. Each batsman was again favoured by luck, Hayward with his score at 18 being missed off Collins at mid-on and McGahey, when he had made 46, giving a chance to Armstrong at short slip. Apart from these escapes, however, the batting about this time was so good as to provoke frequent applause.

Then, at 95, McGahey was well caught at mid-on. He was at the wickets an hour and 42 minutes for his 57 and hit three fours. Braund joined Hayward and, without further loss, the score was carried to 107 before stumps were drawn. There were 16,000 people on the ground.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 19 November, page 11)

Mr MacLaren's team beat Victoria to-day by 118 runs.

Rain fell heavily yesterday and play was not resumed to-day till 20 minutes past 12. The wicket was then quite sodden and the weather still unsettled. There was only a small attendance at the start, but the company included the Governor-General.

Hayward and Braund, the not outs, went on with the second innings of the Englishmen, the score standing at 107 for one wicket. Collins and McLeod shared the bowling. Without a run having been added Hayward was easily caught in the slips in McLeod's first over, and the next ball bowled Jessop. With Braund and Tyldesley together runs came very slowly, only seven being scored in half an hour.

Then at 120 Tyldesley from a good hit was caught at long-off. From the last ball of the same over Braund at 122 was caught in the slips, and at 133 Garnett was caught at long-on. Luncheon was then taken, six wickets being down. Quaife was not out five. So far Collins had obtained three wickets for 12.

When the game was continued the ground was obviously very difficult. Lilley went in and after a time hit in dashing style. Quaife played a ball on to his wicket at 147, and at 161 Lilley was beautifully caught at deep square leg. The two remaining wickets soon fell, Jones being out l-b-w and Barnes caught, the innings, which had lasted just over three hours and a half, ending for 174. Collins took five wickets for 58 runs and McLeod five for 57, both bowling unchanged to-day.

Wanting 208 runs to win, Victoria began with McLeod and Worrall to the bowling of Barnes and Blythe. The attendance had increased considerably. A wicket fell to the first ball in the innings, McLeod being caught in the slips. Graham then went in and did most of the scoring till at 30 Worrall was bowled by a "yorker." Armstrong left at 38, Barnes having so far taken three wickets for 15 runs.

McMichael was caught at long-off at 44 and, with one run added, Graham was bowled. McAlister was also bowled, the sixth wicket falling at 61. Graham played a very stylish innings and forced the game with great skill on the treacherous pitch. He was batting for 53 minutes.

Stuckey and Laver stayed together, but the former with his score at eight was missed at the wicket off Barnes. A change was tried quarter to 62, Hayward displacing Blythe. At 73 Laver was out to a magnificent catch at long-on for which Garnett was warmly cheered. Stuckey was caught at the wicket at 78, and after that the end soon came, Collins and Fry being both bowled. The innings, which lasted an hour and 48 minutes, was over for 89, MacLaren's team winning the match by 118 runs.

Bowling unchanged throughout, Barnes took seven wickets for 38 runs . . . Barnes bowled admirably. He made the ball get up a good deal and completely nonplussed the batsmen, who failed again and again in their efforts to play him.

The eleven chosen to represent New South Wales at Sydney on the 22nd inst. in the match with Mr MacLaren's team will be selected from the following 12 players: - F A Iredale, Clarke, R Duff, A J Hopkins, W Howell, L Poidevin, C Gregory, S E Gregory, M A Noble, V Trumper, J J Kelly and W Farquhar.

As the result of a strong protest on the part of the English captain, the New South Wales Cricket Association last night rescinded its recent resolution to the effect that the association would appoint both umpires for the forthcoming match, and agreed to a motion conceding Mr MacLaren's demand to nominate one umpire. - Reuter.

#### THE TEST MATCHES NEXT SEASON

The meeting of the Cricket Sub-Committee of the M.C.C. to appoint the Board of Control for the management of the test matches next season between England and Australia will be held at Lord's on Friday, December 6, at 4.30, not on November 28, as previously announced.

Saturday 16 November, page 14: INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

Philadelphia, Nov. 15

It is announced that, in view of the proposed visit of an Australian cricket team to England in 1902, the Associated Cricket Club of Philadelphia will probably abandon the projected tour of a Philadelphian team in England next year.

Friday 22 November, page 10: THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Club was held yesterday afternoon, at the Charing-cross Hotel, Mr V E Walker (president) being in the chair.



The accounts showed the club to be in a most prosperous condition, this year's matches having yielded a balance of receipts over expenditure of £911 2s 2d. Apart from a sum of £4,500 invested in Consols, the amount of money in hand is now £777 16s. Of this sum it was resolved to place £500 in the bank on deposit.

Mr V E Walker was re-elected president, Lord George Hamilton vice-president and Mr A J Webbe hon. secretary.

Middlesex will meet the Australians next season, and they hope to play the same nine counties as in the present year - Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Essex, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Yorkshire, Notts and Lancashire. Mr MacGregor will still be captain.

22 November: NEW SOUTH WALES v A C MACLAREN'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5837.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5837.html))

Day 1 (report from Saturday 23 November, page 14)

Mr MacLaren's team began here to-day the third match of their tour. Mr Garnett, Mr Robson and Blythe were left out, and of the 12 players from whom the New South Wales side was to be chosen Farquhar had to stand down. When play began the weather was beautiful, the attendance large and the wicket in good condition.

Sydney Gregory won the toss for New South Wales and sent in Trumper and Noble. The Englishmen were warmly cheered on taking the field. John Gunn and Barnes started the bowling, and in the former's first over Trumper made two fours, both cuts. Barnes bowled well and was applauded, and the fielding all round in the early part of the game was excellent. The first change was tried at 34, Braund going on for Gunn. Ten runs were scored in Braund's first over, Trumper making nine of them. About this time Jessop was cheered for some brilliant work in the long field.

Noble, with his score at 17, gave a chance of stumping off Braund, and soon afterwards 70 went up. Trumper's share of this number was 45. At 73 Jessop displaced Barnes, and in his second over Trumper, when 56, was missed by Braund in the slips. Then, with the total at 85, Noble, who had played in very finished and attractive style for 55 minutes, was bowled. Charles Gregory was l-b-w to the first ball he received, the second wicket falling at 87. Both wickets were taken by Braund, who seemed to puzzle the batsmen a good deal.

Sydney Gregory came in next, and when the innings had been in progress an hour and a quarter the total reached 100. At this point Barnes bowled again in place of Jessop. Then at 101 Trumper jumped out to drive a ball from Braund, missed it and was bowled. Trumper was at the wickets 80 minutes for his 68, playing in a most graceful style and hitting nine fours. So far Braund had taken all three wickets and only 26 runs had been hit from him. At lunch time the total was 107 for three wickets, Sydney Gregory and Hopkins being the not-outs.

The attendance increased considerably during the interval. With five runs added after resuming play Gregory was easily caught in the slips. Iredale joined Hopkins, and for some little time the scoring was slower than before lunch, both batsmen playing cautiously. At last, however, Hopkins cut Barnes twice in succession for four. At 145 Iredale was caught at the wicket, and at 146 Duff was smartly taken in the slips. Poidevin came in and the batting improved. Jessop was again conspicuous in the deep field, his accurate returns being much applauded. At 164 Barnes, whose two wickets had cost 60 runs, gave way to Jessop. The change proved successful, as Hopkins, after driving Jessop for five - a very fine hit - was caught off him at the wicket. Finally the innings closed for 288.

The English team started their innings with A C MacLaren and C McGahey, and at the close of the day they had scored 25 without loss.

Day 2 (report from Monday 25 November, page 12)

The weather was very pleasant and the attendance large at the time the match was resumed to-day, and the wicket seemed in perfect condition. MacLaren and McGahey went on with the English innings to the bowling of Clarke and Noble, the score standing at 25 with no one out.

Without a run having been added McGahey was caught and bowled in Clarke's second over, and at 26 Hayward was out leg-before-wicket. Quaife joined MacLaren, and at 28 Howell displaced Noble, who had taken one wicket for 14 runs. For a time both batsmen were cautious and runs came very slowly, Clarke bowling four maidens in succession. At last, however, MacLaren sent Clarke twice to leg for four in one over, both hits being warmly cheered. The total having reached 50, Quaife was out l-b-w. Tyldesley helped to put on 25 runs, and then from a hard hit he was well caught at cover-point. Four for 75.

With A O Jones in, Howell at 83 gave way to Trumper. Jones began rather badly, and ought, when he had scored 13, to have been stumped off Trumper. On the other hand, MacLaren was at his best, his finished and effective play being frequently applauded. At lunch time the total was 96 for four wickets, MacLaren having made 53 and Jones 14.

On starting afresh Jones improved, hitting two fours from Clarke, with whose bowling the Englishmen were much impressed. During the interval the attendance had largely increased. When the hundred went up the innings had lasted exactly two hours. Surprise was felt at Noble not bowling, the explanation being that he was suffering from a slight strain. Despite excellent fielding Jones scored rapidly and the spectators were delighted with his batting. Soon after this, with the total at 141, Jones was completely beaten by a ball from Clarke and clean bowled. He hit four fours and was only at the wickets 35 minutes.

Jessop, on going into bat, had a great reception. He began vigorously, hitting Clarke for three and then, amid enthusiastic cheers, for five. However, at 160 he jumped in to drive a ball from Clarke, missed it and was bowled. Though he excited the crowd, his style of play was adversely criticized. So far Clarke had taken four wickets for 73 runs.

With six wickets down Lilley joined MacLaren, and Hopkins at once bowled in place of Trumper. The state of the score had some effect on MacLaren, who was now playing a very careful and correct game. Lilley, among other hits, drove Clarke beautifully to the on for 4. The total reached 200 when the innings had been in progress three hours and five minutes. At this point Noble bowled for Howell, and was much cheered.

There was a great demonstration when, with a splendid drive for four from Noble, MacLaren completed his hundred. After bowling one over Noble at 111 gave up the ball to Hopkins, and at 215 Trumper relieved Clarke, from whom 95 runs had now been hit. In Hopkins's first over Lilley, with his score at 22, gave a difficult chance of stumping. The ground fielding all this time was superb. Lilley was bowled at 233. He scored his 34 in 39 minutes, playing very stylish cricket and hitting six fours. He was loudly applauded. John Gunn came next, and at the tea interval the total had been raised to 259.

When the game was continued the crowd had still further increased, and the ground presented a beautiful sight in the sunshine. The Englishmen new to Australia were surprised and charmed. MacLaren scored faster than before, and the crowd shouted for Trumper to be taken off. That bowler, who had met with no success and had 68 runs scored from him, was displaced next over by Howell. The total was then 282, of which number MacLaren had scored 141.

The change got rid of Gunn, who was bowled at 298. He was batting for 70 minutes, his hits including six fours. With the total unchanged MacLaren was caught at long-on. His magnificent innings of 145 had lasted four hours and ten minutes. He hit 22 fours and did not give a chance. The crowd cheered him tremendously.

Braund and Barnes made a stand for the last wicket, and at 323 Clarke relieved Howell. Farquhar was fielding as substitute for Noble. Braund, playing a vigorous game, lifted a ball from Hopkins for five. This brought on Trumper, and off his second ball Barnes was stumped, the innings closing for 332. It had occupied four hours and three-quarters. Clarke took four wickets for 98 runs . . .

New South Wales opened their second innings with Howell and Kelly to the bowling of Jessop and Barnes. Howell hit freely, and at the close 18 runs had been scored without loss. The weather was gloriously fine all day and the attendance numbered 28,000.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 26 November, page 7)

There was only a moderate attendance at the time for resuming play to-day. The weather was warm and the wicket still in excellent condition.

Kelly and Howell went on with the second innings of New South Wales to the bowling of Barnes and Jessop, the score being 18 for no wicket. Howell hit vigorously, till at 35 he played a ball from Barnes on to his wicket. Trumper went in, and at 38 Braund displaced Barnes, who crossed over to Jessop's end and bowled with the wind to help him. When Trumper had made four he ought to have been caught and bowled by Braund. The bowling was good and both batsmen had to be cautious.

The score reached 63, and then Trumper was bowled. Hopkins, who followed in, was soon caught at long-on, the third wicket falling at 69. With Kelly and Sidney Gregory together runs came slowly, Kelly being frequently baffled by Braund's leg breaks. At 83 Jessop bowled again in place of Barnes. The fielding generally was good, but when Gregory had scored 16 Jessop at mid-off missed a difficult chance of catching him off Braund. Barnes resumed for Jessop at 95, and just after this luncheon was taken, the total being 98 for three wickets. Kelly had made 25 and Gregory 23.

When the game was continued, Kelly at 101 was magnificently caught at short leg. He had maintained a stolid defence for an hour and 40 minutes. Things now went very badly for New South Wales. At 106 Sidney Gregory was bowled, and at 115 Charles Gregory was out leg-before-wicket and Duff caught and bowled. When Duff left Braund had taken five wickets for 22 runs.

With seven wickets down Noble, who had gone in at 101, was joined by Poidevin. By this time the attendance had greatly increased. Noble tried to drive, but the splendid fielding prevented his getting the ball away, and when he had been batting three-quarters of an hour his score was only ten. Jessop was repeatedly cheered for his smartness at mid-off. At 131 Jessop bowled for Barnes, who had taken two wickets for 65 runs. Brisker play followed the change, both batsmen scoring freely from Jessop, while treating Braund with respect. At 161 Jones relieved Jessop, and at 179 Barnes resumed bowling in place of Braund. On going off Braund was warmly cheered. His five wickets had now cost him 44 runs.

With the total still at 179 the game was adjourned for tea. On starting afresh Gunn bowled in place of Jones. Garnett fielded substitute for Tyldesley, who had strained the muscles of his leg - happily not to any serious extent. Eight runs were scored from Gunn's first over. When 200 went up the innings had lasted three hours and 50 minutes. At 205 a double change was tried, Braund going on for Barnes and Hayward for Gunn. Gunn had been no-balled by Crockett six times in as many overs for getting over the crease.

Having scored 42 Poidevin was missed at slip off Hayward. The scoring was now faster than it had been before, and the batting was so attractive in character as to call forth frequent applause. At 238 Jessop resumed bowling at Hayward's end. Then at 256 Braund gave way to McGahey and Barnes relieved Jessop. This last change separated the batsmen, Noble being bowled at 264. A splendid partnership for the eighth wicket had produced 149 runs. Noble played an admirable innings - patient and watchful to a degree. He was batting for two hours and 50 minutes and hit nine fours.

With Iredale in Braund was at once put on again in place of McGahey. This time, however, he proved expensive, Poidevin scoring 13 runs from him in one over. Hayward at 285 bowled for Barnes, but in his first over Iredale twice got him away to leg for four. At 294 Braund gave place to McGahey. With his score at 90 Poidevin for the second time was missed in the slips off Hayward's bowling. Braund was tried once more at 300, but without success, and at the drawing of stumps the total stood at 310 for eight wickets. Poidevin was much cheered. The weather remained fine all day and the crowd numbered 12,000.

Day 4 (report from Wednesday 27 November, page 11)

Play was resumed yesterday in hot weather, the attendance at the start being moderate. The wicket was still in good condition. With eight wickets down for 310, New South Wales went on with their second innings, Poidevin and Iredale, the not-outs, facing the bowling of Jones and Barnes. Garnett again fielded as substitute for Tyldesley.

Two runs having been added to the score, Braund bowled in place of Jones. Poidevin completed his hundred after batting for two hours and 50 minutes, and continued to play a sound, attractive game, his off-driving being very powerful. The English fielding all round was smart. Hayward bowled for Barnes at 335, but gave way to Quaife at 355. Iredale played Braund skilfully and off him made some pretty cuts. Jessop, who had been cheered for his brilliant work in the outfield, took the ball from Quaife at 372, but the score still rose steadily.

By this time the heat had become sweltering. At 380 a double change was tried, Barnes going on for Jessop and Gunn for Braund. Since the fall of the seventh wicket yesterday at 115 Braund's average had changed from five wickets for 22 runs to five for 117. The bowling, which looked weak, was now fairly mastered, but the fielding was superb. Poidevin and Iredale were now batting beautifully. At 395 Jones and McGahey took up the bowling, and off McGahey Poidevin, with his score at 138, was missed at the wicket. The total at lunch time was 399, Poidevin being 138 and Iredale 67.

The air was cooler after the interval and the attendance large. With the score unaltered Iredale was smartly caught with one hand at short leg. His fine innings lasted an hour and three-quarters and included six fours. The ninth wicket had added 135 runs. Clarke came in, and Poidevin was much cheered when with a big hit off Jones he passed MacLaren's score. In running he strained his leg. The innings, which was in progress for six hours and 50 minutes, ended for 422, Clarke being out leg before wicket.

Poidevin had a great reception. He was at the wickets for four hours and 20 minutes, playing attractive cricket all the time, and hit 19 fours. Braund took six wickets for 130 runs . . .

The Englishmen wanted 379 to win. MacLaren and McGahey opened the innings to the bowling of Howell and Clarke. In Howell's first over MacLaren scored six runs. McGahey was missed at mid-on in Clarke's first over, but he spooned the next ball softly into point's hands. One wicket for eight. With Hayward in runs came slowly, the bowling being treated with great respect. Clarke bowled four maidens in succession. The fielding was excellent. The game went on in a dull way, and MacLaren when he had made 25 was missed at mid-off from Clarke's bowling. Hopkins displaced Clarke at 53, but the batsmen could not be tempted from their patient, cautious methods.

Another change was tried at 69, Trumper going on for Howell. The fielding continued to be very good, and MacLaren when 43 had a narrow escape of being run out. After this the scoring quickened, MacLaren, among other hits, making a beautiful cut for four off Trumper which sent up the hundred. So far the innings had last an hour and 40 minutes. Clarke bowled again at 102 for Hopkins and the cricket at once became slower. At 116 a ball from Clarke completely beat Hayward and bowled him. Hayward had played a cautious game for two hours. His innings included six fours.

Quaife came in, and at 116 Howell relieved Trumper. Quaife was puzzled by Clarke's bowling, and before he had scored there was an appeal for stumping against him. Crockett decided in the batsman's favour, and there was a little demonstration, some sections of the crowd jeering and others applauding. The light was now bad and Quaife played so carefully that he had been in 23 minutes when he at last made a run. Then at 127 he was caught at the wicket.

Tyldesley, hampered by his strained leg, had Braund to run for him. The score having by very slow degrees reached 141, MacLaren was smartly caught and bowled. His splendid innings, which included nine fours, lasted 2 hours and 40 minutes. He was warmly cheered. Up to this point Clarke had taken three wickets for 50 runs.

With Tyldesley and Jones together, Hopkins bowled at 156 in place of Clarke, but the batsmen stayed in till the close, the score being then 160 for four wickets. At the drawing of stumps a thunderstorm seemed to be impending. The crowd numbered 8,000 and the wicket remained good all day.

Day 5 (report from Thursday 28 November, page 11)

This match ended to-day in a victory for New South Wales by 53 runs.

The weather was cool and the attendance small at the time of resuming play. On a wicket that was still good MacLaren's team went on with their second innings, Tyldesley and Jones, the not outs, facing Howell and Clarke. The score stood at 160 for four wickets, 219 being wanted to win.

In Clarke's second over, with only four runs added, Jones was out l-b-w. Jessop came in, the field deepening and the spectators being expectant. He was out at once, making a false hit and skying the first ball he received above the wicket-keeper's head. Six wickets for 164.

Lilley began freely and was cheered for getting 12 runs in one over from Clarke. Tyldesley, meanwhile, played an attractive game and scored steadily. A double change was tried when the total had been increased to 248, Hopkins going on for Howell and Trumper for Clarke. When Lilley had made 41 he gave a difficult chance to mid-on off Hopkins, and Tyldesley, with his score at 43, was missed

in the slips off Trumper. Both batsmen played lively cricket, and at 253 Howell and Clarke took up the bowling again.

Then from a weak stroke Tyldesley was caught at mid-on, the seventh wicket falling at 253. The partnership had produced 69 runs in an hour. In his 57 Tyldesley hit nine fours. At lunch time the score was 256 for seven wickets, Lilley being not out 55 and Braund not out 0.

When the game was resumed the attendance was still moderate. Before he had made another run Lilley was missed at mid-on, and Braund, when only four, gave a chance at mid-off. In both cases Clarke was the bowler. At 296 Clarke was displaced by Trumper. The change was successful, as, with a single run added, Lilley played a ball back gently into Trumper's hands. Lilley was at the wickets an hour and three-quarters, his batting being stylish, vigorous and effective. Among his hits were 11 fours. He was much applauded.

Gunn did nothing and was bowled at 298. Barnes, the last man, then joined Braund, who, when 16, gave a chance of stumping off Trumper. The bowling about this time was excellent; but a change was thought necessary, and at 311 Trumper gave way to Clarke. Twenty-seven having been put on for the wicket, Barnes was bowled, the innings, which lasted five hours and a half, ending for 325. Braund's hitting was crisp and his play attractive. Clarke took six wickets for 133 runs . . .

Monday 25 November, page 12: SOMERSET COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

The annual meeting of the Somerset County Cricket Club was held on Saturday at Taunton. Mr Gerald Fowler presented the financial statement, which showed that a deficit of £274 will have to be made up by the guarantors, against £426 last year.

There was a large increase in subscriptions and gate money, and this, Mr Fowler said, was to a large extent accounted for by the eminently satisfactory response made by Bath to the appeal of the committee. The amount of members' subscriptions - nearly £1,100 - constituted a record.

Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane was re-elected president, Mr S M J Woods captain, Mr Woods and Mr Murray-Anderdon secretaries and Mr Gerald Fowler treasurer.

It was stated that Mr Woods was at present in Australia, owing to the ill-health of his mother, but he was expected to return to England. Major Simpson, of Bath, pressed the claims of that city to a share in the home matches, and it was decided to allot the Lancashire, Hampshire and Gloucestershire matches to Bath.

Reference was made to the loss of Sir Greville Smyth, of Ashton Court, Bristol, and Captain MacLean, of Wells, the latter of whom was killed in South Africa. Mr Lionel Palairot, Mr E E Phillips (the mayor of Bath) and Major Simpson were added to the list of vice-presidents.

Tuesday 26 November, page 7: WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire County Cricket Club was held yesterday at Worcester. A letter was received from Mr R E Foster resigning the captaincy of the eleven, but promising to play as often as he could. Mr H K Foster was elected captain in place of his brother.

The deficit on the year's working was £861, as against £1,055 the previous year. The total deficit against the club now stands at £2,292. It was suggested that a guarantee fund should be formed as in Somerset. By pooling the gates with Warwickshire £100 was gained.

It was announced that the Australians would visit Worcester next season. Mr P H Foley was re-elected hon. secretary.

Thursday 28 November, page 11: YORKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club was held at Sheffield yesterday. Lord Hawke, the president, in moving the adoption of the report and the financial statement, said he rejoiced at the success of the county on the cricket field and also at the record revenue.

The receipts for the past year were £10,234, or £1,572 more than in the previous year, and if the receipts at Brown's benefit match were added there was the splendid total of £12,690. They had a balance in their favour of £1,814 7s 6d, which he regarded as satisfactory. There had been a loss of about £800 in connexion with the colts' and second eleven matches, but this he considered money spent in the right direction.

The committee would consider the advisability of allowing in the future to clubs upon whose grounds county matches were played 30 or 35 per cent of the takings for the use of the grounds instead of 25 per cent as at present.

Owing to the visit of the Australians next summer Yorkshire had been unable to arrange county fixtures with Hampshire and Worcestershire.

Major Shepherd, of Bradford, seconded the adoption of the report, which was passed.

Lord Hawke was unanimously re-elected president of the club, Messrs M J Dodworth and J R Bower and Major Shepherd as vice-presidents and Mr C Stokes as treasurer.

An interesting feature of the meeting was a presentation to the players in commemoration of their again winning the championship last season. This was made by Major Shepherd and took the form of a silver cup value £10 to the following nine [?] professionals: - Brown, Tunnicliffe, Denton, Hunter, Hirst, Haigh, Rhodes and Whitehead, who, in addition, will receive a cheque for £20. Lord Hawke and Mr Taylor will receive silver cups later, and Mr Mitchell will be presented with a gold chain, for which he had expressed a preference to carry with him as a memento in South Africa.

Lord Hawke, in replying, compared the bowling of Rhodes and Hirst to Peate and Mr Spofforth. Personally he was glad they had not gone with Mr MacLaren's team to Australia. In Yorkshire's interests and in England's, as an Australian team were coming here next summer, they were better off at home.

At a committee meeting of the club it was decided that the second eleven should compete in the second-class county championship, and fixtures would be arranged with Durham, Northumberland, Surrey and either Northamptonshire or Cambridgeshire.

#### LANCASHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The report which has been issued by Mr S H Swire, the secretary, in connexion with last year's workings of the Lancashire County Club, state that the receipts added to £9,612 16s 5d, and there was a profit on the year of \$889 2s 2d. Subscriptions reached nearly £4,000 and gate money £5,031.

The report points out the prominent position gained by Lancashire in the county championship, but the committee consider the placings are rather misleading when there is taken into consideration the number of matches played by Middlesex, who appear second to Yorkshire, as compared with those of Lancashire.

Reference is made in the report to the no-balling of Mold by J Phillips. The fast bowler, it is claimed, must derive some consolation from that fact that in Lancashire and the North his delivery was unquestioned.

The resignation of Mr A C MacLaren as captain and, of course, assistant secretary, came as a great surprise, but the committee had pleasure in confirming the acceptance of the office of captain by the old Oxonian, Mr A Eccles.

It was stated that the membership of the club now numbers 3,120.

## THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Hampshire County Cricket Club was held at Southampton, yesterday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr Moberley.

In moving the adoption of the report the chairman congratulated the members on the improved financial position of the club, and the fact that Mr A C MacLaren would assist the county next season. He said that an impression seemed to have got abroad that the Hampshire executive had not behaved kindly to Lancashire in the matter, but it was entirely Mr MacLaren's own proposal to play for them.

Hampshire had been unable to find suitable professionals to qualify for the county, while they had tried good men amongst their amateurs who could not afford to devote four months to cricket. The executive proposed to give Mr MacLaren the post of assistant treasurer, feeling sure that the county would greatly benefit by his help. A member regretted that they had found it necessary to have paid amateurs, and said he would rather see Hampshire at the bottom of the championship table with \*bona fide\* players than at the top with the assistance of paid amateurs.

The report and balance-sheet, the latter showing a profit on the year's working of £283, were adopted. Sir George Meyrick was re-elected president, Mr C Robson captain and Dr Russell Bencraft hon. secretary.

The counties to be met next season are Surrey, Derbyshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Somerset, Sussex, Worcestershire and Warwickshire. Yorkshire and Lancashire have dropped out of the fixture list, owing to the visit of the Australians, who will oppose Hampshire.

It was decided to give Barton a benefit and Llewellyn was granted a gratuity for his services last season.

Saturday 30 November, page 13: THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The proposed dates for the five test matches next season are May 29, June 16, July 3 and 24, and August 11.

Monday 2 December, page 7: Mr MACLAREN'S TEAM IN AUSTRALIA

West Maitland, Nov. 30.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135103.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135103.html))

When play was resumed this morning the weather was hotter than ever and bush fires were raging in the country round. During the day an extraordinary change was produced by a thunderstorm. Rain fell and the atmosphere became quite cool. The wicket was good.

With the score at 558 the home team declared their innings closed, Capp being not out 114. Quaife took six wickets for 122, Blythe five for 104, Gunn four for 53 and Jones one for 109. The light was bad when the Englishmen went in and the match ended in a draw.

The score was: - Garnett, 4; Hayward, 66; Jessop, 48; Quaife, not out, 55; McGahey, 1; Robson, 25; Jones, not out, 18; extras, 4 - total, 221 for five wickets. - Reuter.

Melbourne, Dec. 1

Lord Hopetoun, the Governor-General of Australia, will attend the test match between Mr MacLaren's team and the Australian Eleven at Sydney.

Tuesday 3 December, page 7: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Glen Innes (N.S.W.), Dec. 2.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135104.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135104.html))

Mr MacLaren's team to-day played 18 of the Northern District C.C. The weather was most extraordinary, being fine in the morning and ending with a thunderstorm, which put a stop to play. The wicket was matting over concrete. Some 1,500 spectators were present.

Messrs MacLaren, Jessop and Tyldesley stood down from the British eleven, which was captained by Mr Robson. The home team, on winning the toss, elected to bat and were dismissed for 141. Blythe took ten wickets for 61 runs and Quaife seven for 79. Both men bowled unchanged throughout the innings. The Englishmen had made the following score when play was stopped: -

[Mr Robson 25, Hayward not out 61, Lilley 3, Braund 19, Mr Garnett 10, Extras 8; Total (for 4 wkts) 126.

Wednesday 4 December, page 11: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Glen Innes (N.S.W.), Dec. 3.

When play was resumed to-day, in the match between Mr MacLaren's team and an eighteen of the Northern District Cricket Club, the weather was pleasant, but later in the day a thunderstorm broke over the ground. There were about 600 spectators.

Having raised the overnight score to 356 runs with seven wickets down, the Englishmen declared their innings closed. On going in a second time the home team made only 79. The Englishmen thus won by an innings and 136 runs. Gunn took nine wickets for 37 runs and Blythe seven for 40 . . .

Thursday 5 December, page 7: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Armidale (N.S.W.), Dec. 4.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135105.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135105.html))

The match between Mr MacLaren's eleven and a local team was begun to-day in oppressively hot weather. About 2,000 spectators were present. A matting wicket was laid down. Mr Jones, Tyldesley and Quaife stood out and the home team put 13 in the field.

On going in first, the Englishmen made 254, of which Gunn contributed 119. At the close of play the Australians had lost seven wickets for 36, Barnes having taken four wickets for 14 . . .

Saturday 7 December, page 12: THE TEST MATCHES NEXT SEASON

The cricket sub-committee of the M.C.C. held a meeting at Lord's, yesterday afternoon, at which various matters connected with the test matches next season between England and Australia were privately discussed.

Among those present were the Hon Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, Mr V E Walker, the Hon Alfred Lyttelton, M.P., Mr A G Steel, K.C., Mr W N Denison, Mr Gregor MacGregor and Mr A J Webbe. The board of control to manage the test matches will probably be appointed at a meeting of the M.C.C. committee on Monday, the 16th inst., and will in all likelihood consist, as in 1899, of six members of the M.C.C. sub-committee and the six captains of the counties standing at the head of the championship list. The board of control will afterwards appoint a sub-committee from their own body to pick the England eleven for the five matches.

The dates suggested for the matches are May 29, June 16, July 3, July 24 and August 11. It is thought likely that one of the matches will be played at Birmingham, the others being Sheffield, Lord's, Manchester and the Oval. The match in June will be the one at Lord's, but it is hoped, so as to avoid clashing with Ascot, that it may be possible to fix it for Thursday, the 12th, instead of Monday the 16th. Subject to confirmation by the board of control, the dates for the five matches will be settled at the annual meeting of county secretaries at Lord's next Tuesday, December 10.



Monday 9 December, page 7: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Newcastle (N.S.W.), Dec. 7.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135106.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135106.html))

In the match which began here to-day an a 18 of this district Mr Robson acted as captain, Mr MacLaren standing out with Blythe and Hayward. The weather was fine, the wicket was perfect and 3,000 spectators were present.

Robson won the toss and, going in first, the Englishmen made 315. The home team had scored 86 for the loss of four wickets when stumps were drawn. The Englishmen's fielding was extremely good.

Tuesday 10 December, page 7: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM IN AUSTRALIA

Newcastle (N.S.W.), Dec. 9.

Play was resumed to-day in the match between the English eleven and a local team in warm weather, some 1,500 spectators being present. The wicket was in good condition. The home team were all out in their first innings for 241, to which McKay contributed 68. Braund took six wickets for 96 . . .

On going in a second time the visitors made 216. Jessop knocked up 85 in brilliant style, hitting four sixes. The Australians had made 73 without loss when play closed and the game was left drawn.

Monday 9 December, page 7

Sydney, Dec. 8

The Australian team for the first test match with Mr MacLaren's eleven will be composed as follows: - Darling, Hill, Jones, Trumble, McLeod, Laver, Noble, Sydney Gregory, Trumper, Howell and Kelly, with Poidevin as reserve man. - Reuter.

Tuesday 10 December, page 7: THE SECOND-CLASS COUNTIES

A number of representatives of the second-class counties met at Lord's yesterday afternoon to appoint umpires for the second-class county matches next season, and also to consider two proposals that will be brought before the full meeting of the second-class counties at Lord's this morning, preparatory to the meeting of secretaries at which next season's programme will be arranged.

One proposal is that instead of continuing to adopt the method of scoring in vogue in the competition among the first-class counties, two points shall be scored for a win in a completed match, but that should a match not be completed the side leading on the first innings shall score one point. Should one innings not be completed by both sides no point shall be scored.

To this proposal an amendment to the effect that a win outright shall score three points instead of two was unanimously approved of at yesterday's meeting and will be voted on to-day. In the event of this being carried the championship of the second division of the counties will in future be decided by the greatest proportionate number of points obtained during the season's play instead of in finished matches as heretofore.

The second proposal concerns the rules of the game, and is as follows: - "The minor counties being of opinion that there is considerable difficulty in making any alterations in the laws of cricket with the object of reducing the number of drawn matches without having any proposed alternatives tried over a series of games, now express their willingness to give a trial in their second division competition matches during the season of 1902 to any experiment recommended by the M.C.C. committee."

This was also agreed to provisionally at yesterday's meeting, and will also be formally voted on this morning. A guarantee was, however, given yesterday that the second-class counties should not be asked to try and experiment without being further approached by the M.C.C. on the matter.

The gentlemen present at yesterday's meeting were Messrs P J de Paravicini, Bucks; F G H Clayton, Northumberland; A M Miller, Wiltshire; E G Buxton, Norfolk; R W Frank, Yorkshire second eleven; T Horton, Northamptonshire; W H Moundford, Dorset; R H Mallett, Durham; J H Brain, Glamorganshire; H

Orr, Bedfordshire; C D Parsonage, Herts; A R Butler, Monmouthshire; J S Wheble, Berkshire; and the Rev P Mainwaring, Staffordshire. Mr F E Lacey (secretary to the M.C.C.) was in the chair.

Wednesday 11 December, page 12: THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY SECRETARIES

Tuesday in Cattle Show week has long been a festival for cricket secretaries. Yesterday, at Lord's, they partook of the hospitality of the Marylebone Club, and also mapped out the programme for next season, so far as it was possible.

There is little to say about the programme. The counties have run their cards on much the same lines as in other years, and the Australian list has been fitted in with that businesslike spirit that has generally marked the Australian cricket tours. But even Mr C W Alcock, the Oval secretary, who has the preliminary work of the tour in hand, was unable to state definitely what the actual dates of the test matches would be, for this part of the programme is in the hands of the board of control sanctioned by the M.C.C. Lord's, the Oval, Manchester, Sheffield and Nottingham are the fortunate possessors to the test matches; but there is an outcry from the West country for one of the games.

Mr F E Lacey presided at the meeting and formally moved that the playing hours in county matches should be from 12 to 6.30 on the first day and 11.30 to 6.30 on subsequent days. In the event of stumps being drawn earlier, the time shall be made up by a correspondingly earlier start in the morning. This was agreed to, and the counties then proceeded to arrange the fixtures.

We give below the list of the first-class matches only. There was the usual gathering of secretaries and others interested in the management of county cricket.

[Note: the full first-class fixture list for 1902 can be found at:  
[http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/Seasonal\\_Averages/ENG/1902\\_f\\_Match\\_List.html](http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/Seasonal_Averages/ENG/1902_f_Match_List.html)]

#### THE MINOR COUNTIES

Yesterday morning, before the great meeting at Lord's, there was a gathering of the representatives of the second-class, or minor, counties. Colonel Fellowes, Devon, presided. The following resolutions were carried: -

"Three points shall be scored for a win in a completed match. Should the match not be completed the side leading on the first innings shall score one point. Should a result on the first innings not be arrived at no point shall be scored. In the event of a tie in a completed match, or in a match decided on the first innings, the points shall be divided.

"The minor counties being of opinion that there is considerable difficulty in making any alterations in the laws of cricket with the object of reducing the number of drawn matches without having any proposed alternatives tried over a series of games, now express their willingness to give a trial in their second division competition matches during the season of 1902 to any experiment recommended by the M.C.C. committee."

#### A WEST INDIAN TOUR

Mr H D G Leveson-Gower, the old Winchester and Oxford captain, has arranged to get a team together to tour in the West Indies shortly. He will not accompany the side, but the players who have promised are a strong lot. They sail on January 8, and are due back about mid-April. They have in prospect a fine list of matches, visits being paid to Barbados, Jamaica, Grenada, Demerara and other of the islands.

13 December: AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND (First Test Match)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5840.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/5/5840.html))

Friday 13 December, page 5: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM v AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Dec. 12

In the first test match, which begins tomorrow, Messrs Garnett, Robson and McGahey will be omitted from the English team. The Australian eleven will be as selected, Poidevin being left out. The weather is fine. - Reuter.

Day 1 (report from Saturday 14 December, page 13)

Sydney, Dec. 13

The first of the test matches began here to-day in dull weather. There was a large attendance at the start and the wicket looked to be in perfect condition. Darling captained the Australian eleven.

MacLaren won the toss and opened the English batting with Hayward, both men being warmly cheered as they left the pavilion. Jones and Noble shared the bowling. MacLaren cut Jones's fifth ball beautifully, but the hit was fielded for a single. He then hit Noble's first ball to square leg for four and sent the next in the same place for two.

Hayward, on the other hand, began very cautiously and was at the wickets a quarter of an hour before he scored. MacLaren played a very attractive game and made runs rapidly all round the wicket, mostly off Noble. The first change was tried at 33, Howell displacing Jones, who had bowled five overs for 11 runs. Hayward made a cut for four in Howell's first over, and MacLaren was cheered on getting Noble round to leg to the boundary. At 46 McLeod relieved Noble, off whom 25 runs had been hit. The fielding was excellent.

Following the changes of bowling the pace of the run-getting soon slackened. The attendance had already increased considerably and the Governor-General was present. Both batsmen played stylish cricket and at the end of the first hour the total was 62. At 70 Jones bowled again for Howell, off whom 17 runs had been hit. Hayward banged Jones's first ball to leg for four and snicked the next for another four. When MacLaren had made 46 he was missed at slip by Howell off Jones's bowling. At lunch time the score was 85 for no wicket, MacLaren being 47 and Hayward 34.

There were 12,000 people on the ground when the game was resumed. The Englishmen were much impressed by the celerity with which the fieldsmen took up their positions after each over. The bowling was very good and difficult to score from, but at last Hayward cut Jones brilliantly for four, sending up the 100 when the innings had been in progress an hour and 38 minutes.

At 103 McLeod gave way to Noble. Runs then came steadily, Hayward playing a freer game than before and making some splendid off-drives. There was some cheering when at 115 Trumble was tried for the first time in place of Jones. Hayward completed his 50 after having been at the wickets a little over two hours, and MacLaren roused the crowd to enthusiasm by hitting Noble twice in succession to leg for four.

The batting just now was magnificent, and with the score rising fast Laver was put on for Noble at 139. Fifteen runs were added and then, from Trumble's bowling, Hayward was caught at long-off. He had played a sound, patient innings, batting for two hours and 40 minutes without giving a chance. His hits included 11 fours. So far, MacLaren had scored 81. Tyldesley did not stay long, being caught at cover-point at 162. At the interval for tea the total was 165 for two wickets, MacLaren being not out 88 and Quaife not out 3.

On starting afresh MacLaren was aggressive, hitting Laver for two fours - the first to leg and the second a straight drive. He reached his 100 after batting in superb form for three hours and seven minutes, the crowd cheering him warmly. Doing all the scoring, MacLaren then drove Laver twice in succession to the off boundary, and at 185 McLeod took the ball. In the new bowler's first over MacLaren scored eight runs on the on-side.

Quaife all this time was playing such a purely "stonewalling" game that some of the spectators jeered him and others applauded ironically. With the score at 193 MacLaren was out leg-before-wicket. His brilliant innings included 20 fours, and he had a great reception at the pavilion.

Jessop was cheered upon going in, and the field, of course, deepened, three men being stationed on the boundary. He began by hitting Trumble to leg for four. When 200 went up the innings had lasted three hours and 40 minutes. Jessop drove Trumble for four, cut him for the same number next ball, and then drove McLeod twice in succession for four, but, having scored 24 runs in a quarter of an hour, he was bowled at 220 by a yorker.

A O Jones joined Quaife, who had carried caution to an extreme, being at the wickets at one time for 42 minutes without scoring. At 228 Jones displaced Trumble, whose one wicket had cost 47 runs. Another change was tried at 236, McLeod, who had taken two wickets for 48, giving way to Noble. This met with immediate success, Jones being caught at the wicket off Noble's second ball. Five for 236.

With Quaife and Lilley together Darling tried further changes, putting on Howell and Laver at 257. The batsmen played a defensive game in the hope of staying in till the drawing of stumps; but the last ball of the day bowled Quaife, the score standing at 272 for six wickets. At the end of the afternoon the weather looked uncertain. The wicket remained perfect and the attendance numbered 14,000.

Day 2 (report from Monday 16 December, page 7)

Sydney, Dec. 14

At the time for resuming play to-day the weather was gloriously fine and the attendance large. The wicket remained perfect. With six men out for 272 MacLaren's team went on batting, Lilley being joined by Braund. Noble and Jones shared the bowling.

Braund began in lively style, cutting Jones for four and getting him away to leg for the same number. After this, however, runs came slowly. The bowling was good and the fielding capital, Laver at point being conspicuously brilliant. Noble, making the ball swerve in the air, bowled five maidens in succession. A change was tried at 298, Howell going on for Jones. When 300 went up the innings had been in progress five hours and ten minutes.

The score now rose steadily, both batsmen playing an attractive game and running smartly between the wickets. Neat cutting was perhaps the best feature of their cricket. Lilley completed his 50 after a stay of rather more than an hour and twenty minutes. The total having reached 327 McLeod relieved Noble. Twelve runs were added and then Darling tried a double change, putting on Trumble for Howell and Laver for McLeod. The batsmen, however, maintained a solid defence, both playing admirably. The cricket all round was most interesting, the fielding being activity itself. There was cheering when at 351 Trumper - going on for the first time in the innings - displaced Trumble. Without a run having been added the players went in to lunch, Lilley being not out 63 and Braund not out 35.

When the game was resumed the attendance had increased to 25,000, and the ground presented a brilliant spectacle in the sunshine. The Englishmen were much impressed by the sight. Noble bowled for Laver and Trumble resumed at the other end. In Noble's first over Braund drove and cut successive balls for four and was much cheered. A little later he made two fours to leg off the same bowler - both magnificent hits. He had been batting 07 minutes when he reached his 50.

The cricket was much livelier than it had been before lunch, and Lilley roused the crowd to enthusiasm by a big leg hit off Trumble for four. At 392 McLeod displaced Noble and this change separated the batsmen, Lilley, after making a beautiful late cut to the boundary, being caught at cover point. Seven wickets for 396. The partnership had added 124 runs. Lilley's sound and in every way splendid innings included 13 fours and lasted just over two hours and 20 minutes.

John Gunn followed in and 400 went up, the innings having so far occupied six hours and 37 minutes. Gunn began vigorously, hitting Trumble twice to leg for four in one over, this punishment bringing on Jones at 405. Before another run had been scored the eighth wicket fell, Braund being caught with one hand at mid-off. Braund was batting exactly two hours and gave no chance. He played in most finished style and hit ten fours.

Barnes came in, and Gunn, with his score at 15, was missed by Howell in the slips off Jones. However, no great harm was done, as at 425 Gunn was caught and bowled. He hit four fours and played good cricket for over half an hour.

When Barnes had made eight he gave a hard chance at the wicket on the leg side off McLeod's bowling. He and Blythe caused some trouble, and at 440 Howell bowled for Jones and Laver for McLeod. At last Blythe was cleverly caught with one hand at slip, the innings, which had lasted 7 hours and 37 minutes, coming to an end for 464. Barnes played in vigorous style for his 26 not out. McLeod took four wickets for 84 runs . . .

The Englishmen were much gratified at making such a big score, and were greatly impressed by their opponents' bowling, especially that of McLeod and Laver, both of whom, while keeping a good length, made the ball swerve in the air.

Gregory and Trumper opened the Australian innings to the bowling of Barnes and Braund. After having made a single Gregory gave a difficult chance to Jones in the slips off Barnes. Only three runs had been scored when Trumper was caught and bowled.

Hill began in merry style, cutting both bowlers cleverly and making some powerful on-drives. The fielding was so smart as to be frequently cheered. Hill knocked Braund off, Gunn taking the ball at 49. Gregory, who had started in rather an uncertain way, improved as he went on, his late cutting being very pretty. In Gunn's first over he made seven runs. Hill's play was at once sound and attractive. At 80 Blythe relieved Gunn, off whom 27 had been quickly scored. The change proved successful, Gregory being caught in the slips at 89. He had taken 83 minutes to get his 48, among his shots being six fours.

Noble, on going in, seemed uneasy, and some of the spectators cheered ironically when he made his first run. At 83 Braund relieved Blythe, who had taken a wicket at a cost of only six runs. Again a change proved effective, Noble jumping out at Braund and being stumped. Three wickets for 97.

Hill and Howell then played out time, the score at the close being 103. The 100 was obtained in an hour and three-quarters. The weather remained fine all day and the crowd numbered 38,000. The wicket is still good.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 17 December, page 12)

#### RESULT OF THE FIRST TEST MATCH

Sydney, Dec. 16

The first test match here came to a surprising conclusion yesterday, the English team winning by an innings and 124 runs. At the time play began the weather was pleasant, the attendance large and the wicket still in good condition.

With three wickets down for 103 the Australians continued their first innings, Hill and Howell, the not outs, facing the bowling of Barnes and Blythe. Nine runs having been added, Hill played a ball from Barnes on to his wicket. His careful and attractive innings lasted nearly an hour and three-quarters, and included three fours. With the score still at 112 three other wickets fell, Howell being caught in the slips, McLeod bowled by a beautiful ball and Kelly also bowled. Up to this point Blythe had taken three wickets for 14 runs and Barnes three for 38.

The sensational collapse naturally astonished the spectators. Darling, who had been cheered on going in, was joined by Laver, and for a time the bowling was successfully resisted. Barnes had from the first kept an excellent length and Darling played him very cautiously. The spectators applauded when at last Darling drove Barnes for two, this being the first addition to the score for 20 minutes. Laver began unsteadily and was not comfortable with either bowler. Blythe bowled splendidly, sending down at one time six maiden overs for two wickets.

At the end of an hour's play only 21 runs had been put on, but after this the pace improved, and in one over Blythe was punished for two fours - leg hit and drive. At 138 a change was tried, Braund going on in Blythe's place. Darling seemed uneasy in playing Braund's first over, and Laver, skying the first ball he received from him, was out at 142 to a simple catch at leg.

Trumble came in next, and Darling made two fours - off-drive and cut - from Barnes. This hitting brought on Jessop at 152, Barnes being taken off for the first time in the innings. He had bowled 32 overs and was much cheered. When 150 went up the innings had lasted three hours and four minutes. At lunch time the total was 156 for eight wickets, Darling being not out 34 and Trumble not out four.

When the game was resumed the crowd numbered 11,000. Barnes bowled again in place of Jessop. Seven runs having been scored, Darling was caught at cover-point. He hit four fours and stayed in for nearly an hour and 40 minutes, but was not up to his old form. Jones was well caught at long-off, the innings, which had occupied just upon three hours and a half, coming to an end for 168. Barnes took five wickets for 65 runs . . . The collapse was unaccountable, the wicket being perfect. Barnes, Blythe and Braund, however, bowled exceptionally well, Barnes keeping a wonderful length.

As the Australians were 296 behind, MacLaren naturally made them follow on. Darling opened the second innings himself with Trumper, the bowling being shared by Barnes and Braund. Twelve runs having been scored, Darling was out to a magnificent one-handed catch by Jessop at square-leg. Hill came in, but with the total unaltered he jumped at Braund, missed the ball and was bowled, the crowd roaring with surprise. So far, Braund had taken two wickets for two runs.

Trumper and Noble stayed together and the batting improved, but Trumper was frequently puzzled by Braund. Encouraged by success, the Englishmen fielded superbly and were much applauded. After a time Trumper - now playing in capital form - scored freely from Barnes, so at 44 Blythe went on. The change met with startling success, Trumper being caught at the wicket in Blythe's second over at 52 and Noble out in the same way at 59. Blythe took the two wickets for two runs. Lilley was cheered for his catches. Gregory and McLeod now came together, but the latter was bowled without scoring. This made Blythe's record 3w for two runs.

With five wickets down for 59, Kelly joined Gregory and things went better, but each batsman had an escape. Gregory, when six, was missed by Jones in the slips off Blythe, and Kelly, also with his score at six, gave an easy chance off Braund to Hayward on the leg boundary. Braund's bowling puzzled Kelly repeatedly. Gregory was let off again when he had made 19, Braund missing his at slip. Blythe bowled splendidly, and when at 89 he got Kelly caught at point his average was four wickets for 14 runs.

Trumble came in, and Gregory, having scored 23, had a third piece of luck, Lilley missing him at the wicket off Braund. When the 100 went up the innings had been in progress an hour and three-quarters. At 107 Barnes bowled in place of Blythe. Both batsmen were uncomfortable when playing Braund. Trumble was caught at the wicket at 129 and at 136 Laver was stumped. Then at 147 a catch at mid-on ended Gregory's lucky innings. He hit four fours and was batting for an hour and 35 minutes.

On being joined by Jones, the last man, Howell hit away vigorously, scoring 16 from Barnes in one over. Altogether, he made 31 in a quarter of an hour, his hits including six fours. At 172 Jones fell to a catch in the long-field and the match was over. The Englishmen were warmly cheered and congratulated on their brilliant victory. Braund took five wickets for 61 runs . . . There were 15,000 people on the ground.

#### THE MARYLEBONE CLUB

Earl Howe, the president of the M.C.C., presided at a meeting of the committee yesterday. Among those present were the Earl of Lichfield, Earl Darnley, Major Hardy, Mr E L Bateman, Mr V E Walker, Mr A J Webbe, Mr W H Patterson, Mr J Shuter, Mr A G Steel and Mr F E Lacey, secretary.

The most important business of the meeting was to select the board of control to govern the test matches to be played in England next season between England and Australia. It was decided to follow the plan adopted three years ago, when, it will be remembered, the following resolution was passed: -

"That such board be composed of the president of the M.C.C., five of this club committee and one representative from six of the first-class counties selected by the M.C.C. to send a representative, the president of the M.C.C. to have a casting vote."

The following gentlemen were, therefore, nominated by the M.C.C.: - Lord Howe, Lord Lichfield, Mr W H Patterson, the Hon A Lyttelton, Mr V E Walker and Mr A G Steel, and it was decided to ask Yorkshire, Middlesex, Lancashire, Sussex, Warwickshire and Surrey - the first six counties last season - [each to] nominate a representative to serve on the board.

The committee approved of the suggestion made by the county captains that the bowling-crease should be extended one foot each way.

Other matters which were discussed will be embodied in a circular to be sent out to the counties. These deal with illegal bowling and the question of artificially prepared wickets. Concerning this last, the captains have passed a resolution to the effect that in their opinion "It is undesirable in the interests of cricket that wickets should be prepared artificially, other than by the use of water and rolling."

The committee had no objection to the proposal of the minor counties to adopt a new system of scoring points, and they propose to ask the minor counties if they (the minor counties) can try the suggested

alterations in Law 24 (leg-before-wicket) in their contests. It was decided that the matches played by the All Ireland Eleven in this country next year with first-class elevens should rank as first-class matches.

#### THE WEST INDIAN TOUR

The following letter has been addressed by Lord Hawke as chairman of the Sports Committee, West India Club, to the cricket clubs in the West Indies, with reference to the approaching visit of an English cricket team to the West Indies: -

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your last letter. My committee note with satisfaction that you agree to their proposal with regard to the gate money. I now beg to inform you that the team for the West Indies will leave England on January 8, arriving at Barbados on January 19, when the team will play a match against Barbados and against a West Indian eleven. They will leave on February 3 for Jamaica, arriving on February 7. The team will play a match there against Jamaica and, if possible, against the 'West Indies' also.

"They will leave Jamaica on February 25, arriving at Grenada on March 4, where a match versus Granada will be played, and the team will leave for Trinidad on or about March 7. At Trinidad there will be two matches, one versus Trinidad and one against the 'West Indies.' The team will leave for Demerara by the first direct opportunity after March 20, and will play there two matches, one against Demerara and one against a West Indian eleven, and will leave for England by the mail of April 6, arriving at Plymouth on April 20.

"My committee hope these arrangements will prove satisfactory to you and that you will endeavour to arrange matches so that the team which will represent the 'West Indies' will be as representative as possible."

Mr H D G Leveson-Gower's team, which will sail in the Atrato on January 8 next, will be composed as follows: -

Mr A E Archer, Mr R A Bennett, Mr A D Whatman, Mr F L Fane, Mr E M Dowson, Mr R N Blaker, Mr E R Wilson, Mr F H Hollins, Mr E W Dillon, Mr B J T Bosanquet, Mr P H K Dashwood, Mr E C Lee.

Thursday 19 December, page 11: THE MARYLEBONE CLUB

Mr F E Lacey, the secretary of the Marylebone Club, has issued the following circular to the county secretaries: -

"Lord's Cricket-ground, St John's-wood, N.W., December, 1901. Dear Sir, - I am directed to inform you that the captains of the first-class counties met on September 24, 1901, and agreed to refer such resolutions and recommendations as were passed then, or may be passed at future meetings, to the M.C.C. committee for confirmation. In pursuance of this agreement the following proposals have been approved: -

(a) 'That the bowling crease shall be widened 1 ft each way.'

(b) 'That it is undesirable, in the interests of cricket, that the wickets should be prepared artificially (i.e., in any way other than by water and the roller, except when patching is necessary).

[\*(a) In accordance with the rules of the M.C.C. this proposal will be brought before a special general meeting on May 7, 1902.]

Illegal bowling. - The M.C.C. Committee have given further careful consideration to the question of illegal bowling, and are of opinion that the decision of the captains in 1900 has done so much good in discouraging this practice that it is unnecessary to suggest any drastic measure at present. They hope that the county cricket executives will, in future, decline to play bowlers with doubtful deliveries, and thus remove the probability of any further infringement of Law 48.

Should an occasion arise when an umpire by no-balling a bowler makes it clear that he is protesting against his deliveries, they think the only course open to the captain is to take such bowler off, otherwise the proper spirit of the game cannot be preserved. To meet the contingency of any flagrant case of illegal bowling arising, in the future, the following proposal has been made, and the counties are invited to express an opinion thereon: -

'The counties shall authorize their captains to deal with the question, and if at any meeting convened, with notice that it will be brought up, the captains shall decide by a majority of two to one that any bowler has been guilty of illegal bowling, they shall "name" him and recommend his suspension for at least a season, and refer it to the M.C.C. Committee for confirmation.' Yours faithfully, F E LACEY, Sec., M.C.C."

Friday 20 December, page 9: THE YORKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

Lord Hawke yesterday presided over a committee meeting of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, at Leeds, when it was agreed that Yorkshire should play the match against the M.C.C. and Ground at Lord's under the suggested new rules as to leg-before-wicket.

Lord Hawke was appointed to represent the Yorkshire Club on the board of control for the test matches next season, and it was decided to support the last paragraph of the circular issued by the M.C.C. with regard to the captains' acting on a two-to-one majority in the cases of illegal bowling. The home engagements of the Yorkshire eleven were allotted to the following grounds: -

MAY

- 12. - At Leeds, v Sussex.
- 15. - At Huddersfield, v Leicestershire.
- 19. - At Sheffield, v Lancashire.
- 26. - At Bradford, v Kent.
- 29. - At Dewsbury, v Derbyshire.

JUNE

- 2. - At Leeds, v Australians.
- 9. - At Bradford, v Middlesex.
- 16. - At Sheffield, v Somerset.
- 23. - At Bradford, v Australians.
- 26. - At Hull, v Notts.
- 30. - At Leeds, v Surrey.

JULY

- 14. - At Bradford, v Essex.
- 21. - At Leeds, v Gloucestershire.
- 28. - At Sheffield, v Warwickshire.

It was decided to increase the list of next season's fixtures with matches against Worcestershire, on July 24, at Worcester, and August 11, at Harrogate.

Saturday 21 December, page 13: Mr MACLAREN'S TEAM v EIGHTEEN OF GOULBURN

Goulburn, Dec. 20.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135107.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135107.html))

Mr MacLaren's team to-day began a two days' match here against a local eighteen in pleasant weather and before an attendance numbering about 1,500. Jessop, Blythe and Barnes were omitted from the English team. Blythe, having injured his bowling hand which practising, is carrying it in a sling. The match was played on matting and the outfielding was rather rough.

The home team went in first and were all out for 190. Mr Jones took ten wickets for 49 . . . At the close of play the Englishmen had made 134 for six wickets. Thirteen men fielded for the home team.

Day 2 (report from Monday 23 December, page 5)



Goulburn, Dec. 21

The match between Mr MacLaren's team and eighteen of Goulburn was concluded here to-day in fine weather. The wicket was bumpy and dangerous. The Englishmen, who overnight had scored 134 for six wickets, raised their total to 192 for nine wickets, and then declared their innings.

Going in a second time in a minority of two runs, the home team hit up 165 for 16 wickets, to which Newton contributed 52, and then declared. The visitors, however, by free hitting, succeeded in knocking off the 164 runs required for the loss of four wickets. In the second innings of the local eighteen Robson took six wickets for 41 runs . . .

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Wellington, Dec. 23.

A proposal has been mooted that an English amateur cricket team should make a tour in New Zealand, and it is suggested that Lord Hawke should arrange it. - Our Correspondent.

Friday 27 December, page 9: MR MACLAREN'S TEAM

Bendigo, Victoria, Dec. 26.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135108.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135108.html))

The English cricketers to-day began a two-days' match with eighteen of Bendigo United. The weather was hot and the attendance numbered 3,000. Braund, Lilley, Blythe and Mr MacLaren stood down from the English team, the captain being indisposed, and to complete the side Mr C E Green, the old Essex cricketer, was included. Mr Robson acted as captain.

The Englishmen went in first on a good wicket and, staying in all the afternoon, ran up a total of 306 for seven wickets. Thirteen men fielded . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 December, page 9)

Bendigo (Victoria), Dec. 27.

In intensely hot weather the match between Mr MacLaren's team and an Eighteen of the Bendigo United Cricket Club was resumed this morning before an attendance of 1,500. The wicket was in excellent condition and match ended in a draw.

The Englishmen's total for their first innings was 341, Quaife carrying out his bat for 73. When stumps were drawn, the local players had scored 199 runs for the loss of ten wickets, Ellis being top scorer with 68.

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 December, page 10)

Bendigo, Dec. 28.

The game between Mr MacLaren's Team and an Eighteen of the Bendigo United Cricket Club was resumed to-day. The local team, which had scored 199 runs for ten wickets, was dismissed for 295. Quaife took four wickets for 53 runs . . . At the end of the day the visitors had made 203 with five wickets down and the match was thus drawn.

Reuter's Agency states that the above match as erroneously described as having ended in a draw on Saturday, the correspondent being under the impression that this, like the previous local matches, was limited to two days' play.