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THE ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN AGAINST THE UNITED ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN

Tuesday 26 May

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1278.html)

This annual match, at Lord's ground, between the two Elevens of England, for the benefit of the Cricketers' Fund, commenced yesterday. The weather was fine, but a cold north-east wind prevailed; nevertheless about 6,000 spectators attended, including a number of carriages and their occupants. About half-past 12 o'clock "Play" was called; the United Eleven winning the "toss", electing to go in first, Jackson and Willsher starting the bowling.

Carpenter was the first to make a stand, and marked 26 in his usual well-known style, in which were comprised a five and three fours. Griffith scored 13, in which were a three and three twos. Iddison is much improved as a batsman, and his 24 were well made; among his figures were three fours, a three and a two. Lockyer carried his bat out with 14, in which were two threes and two twos. The total amounted to 109, of which 20 went to "byes," the advantage being taken of the state of the ground, which was very "bumptious." Tarrant bowled for a time, relieving Willsher. The innings terminated at 20 minutes past two. . .

The betting before the game commenced was about 6 to 4 on All England. At 20 minutes to 3 o'clock All England began the batting against the bowling of Atkinson and Griffith. Hayward gained 30 in good style, in which were three fours, a three and a two. J Caesar added 15, in which were two fours and a two; Willsher being not out with 9. No change in the bowling took place till the last two wickets, when Grundy went on at Atkinson's end. The innings closed for 92 - 17 in a minority.

Both sides fielded with their usual ability, but the ground was hard and the wickets very indifferent, indeed, so much so that the wicket keepers on either side, instead of keeping near, kept away from the wicket, being intimidated by the state of the ground. The United Eleven commenced their second innings at 6 o'clock, and had lost only one wicket for 47 runs, the following being the state of the score, when the stumps were drawn for the day: . . .

The match will be resumed this morning.

For the first time, we have to record that accommodation was afforded to the press on this ground, Mr Day, the host of the St John's-wood Tavern, having courteously devoted a room overlooking the ground expressly to their use.

Wednesday 27 May

The contest between these two great elevens was resumed yesterday morning, at Lord's-ground, soon after 12 o'clock, and the result was looked forward to with much interest, there being present on the ground no less than 5,000 spectators. The United Eleven, with one wicket down and 47 runs obtained, continued their innings from the previous evening, Hearne being not out with 20 and Iddison not out with 10. Jackson and Wootton were the bowlers.

Iddison made his numbers up to 20, when he was caught by Parr off Hayward, who relieved Jackson of the ball for a short time; two wickets and 66 runs. Carpenter added 24, in which were a five (drive) and a three. Hearne played a remarkably fine innings of 44, comprising a five, two fours &c.; three wickets for 74 runs; four for 115. T Lockyer, not out (as in the first innings), contributed 24, in which were a four, a three and two twos. The batting of the United was really first class, and they seemed determined to try all they knew, in defiance of the bad state of the ground. . . The fielding could not be found fault with, but the "byes" contributed 17 towards making up the total of the innings.

With regard to "Law X" of cricket, as the Marylebone Club had issued notices to various clubs that it should be strictly enforced with regard to high bowling (especially on their ground), the match at the Surrey ground, which was to take place on Monday, was completely set aside, both the "Gentlemen of the Surrey Club and the Gentlemen of Manchester" evincing a strong desire to see how it would be carried out, Willsher being considered to be much implicated therein. With regard to that bowler, however, it must be said, he bowled really fair and well, which gave much satisfaction to his numerous friends and admirers, by whom he is much appreciated.

All England in their second innings had to go in against 167, but, although H H Stephenson, Tarrant, Hayward, Daft and Parr showed much skill, the United defeated them by 70 runs, the total only reaching 97. . . This makes the thirteenth match between the "two elevens," six being won by All England, five by the United and two drawn in favour of All England.

COUNTY OF SURREY v YORKSHIRE

Friday 5 June

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1280.html)

Notwithstanding the attractions at Ascot, upwards of 2,000 spectators visited the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, to witness this great county match. Some mistake being made as to the spot of ground where the wickets were to be pitched, they were not so good as they would have been had the piece of turf prepared for them been selected. This, however, was no fault of the umpires, as they pitched the wickets where they found the ground marked by two stumps being set up, and, as a matter of course, they concluded they were right.

Surrey won the toss, and at a quarter past 12 took possession of the wickets, Slinn and Hodgson being the bowlers. It turned out a rare run-getting innings, Mortlock making the large score of 72, including a fine hit for six, and was in for about two hours. Griffith, although suffering from an injured shoulder, contributed 61, in which also was a hit for six. Mr Dowson played well, and marked 45. The batting proved too strong for the bowling, but the latter was very far from indifferent, Slinn, Hodgson, Thewlis, Iddison (slow), Atkinson and John Berry, all good bowlers, doing their best. Mr Burbidge did not play, he having injured his finger, and Whale was substituted for him.

To describe the fine hits of several players would occupy too much of our space; but threes, fours and fives were frequently marked. The innings did not terminate till 7 o'clock, when the telegraph displayed the large number of 315 as the total. A reference to the annexed score will serve to illustrate in what manner it was made up.

The fielding was very loose at times, but that, perhaps, was owing to being fagged with so much "leather hunting." Mr Waud kept wicket at first, but afterwards turned it over to E Stephenson. Thewlis was the "long-stop" and Iddison "point." Yorkshire commenced their innings, and when "time" (half-past 7) was called, the score stood as under . . .

The match will be resumed this morning. Umpires, G Lee and Cattle.

Saturday 6 June

This match was resumed yesterday morning from the previous evening, on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval. Rain, however, soon came on and stopped the play till half-past 4, when it was again resumed. J Thewlis and John Berry were the first representatives for Yorkshire; the former (not out on Thursday evening with seven) made his number up to 17, including a five, four, three and a two; one wicket and 33 runs. John Berry was also left not out, he having marked five, but increased his figures yesterday to 35 by some good play; among his hits were a four, four threes and four twos; two wickets and thirty-five runs.

Rowbotham and E Stephenson got together, and the score was made to rise rapidly, causing the bowling to be changed two or three times, Griffith trying the "slows." Rowbotham was the first to part, being well caught by Mortlock off Sewell. His contribution of 27, however, was well got, comprising a four, three threes and four twos; three wickets and 81 runs.

E Stephenson, who seemed to be well in, was next faced by Dawson, who hit his wicket down after adding 10; four wickets and 109 runs.

Iddison next appeared, and, after scoring 10, was cleverly caught at the wicket by Lockyer; five wickets and 136 runs. Anderson was the next to face Stephenson, but the rain soon after coming down heavily (6 o'clock), play was stopped for the day. E Stephenson's batting was much applauded; among his fine hits was one to square leg, for which he scored six, the ball being struck clean out of the ground. The match will be continued this morning at 11 o'clock.

Monday 10 June

This match was continued on Saturday from the previous day, when Yorkshire concluded their innings for 257. The batting was good throughout, E Stephenson taking the "leger" with 67. The fielding of Surrey was good, and several fine catches were made, especially one by Griffith, at long square leg, which disposed of Stephenson. . .

The second innings of Surrey was a sorry contrast to their first, being all put out for a score of 60. The bowling of Hodgson and Slinn was truly excellent, and the wicket-keeping of E Stephenson was never surpassed, it frequently eliciting applause from the spectators, as did indeed the general fielding. . .

Owing to interruptions by rain, the match was not played out, but was left drawn, the score standing as under . . .

COUNTY OF KENT v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Monday 8 June

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1279.html)

This match, at Mote Park, Maidstone, was commenced on Thursday and finished on Saturday. The first innings of Cambridge amounted to 206, the batting being extremely fine. Kent followed, and made an innings of 120, being 86 in a minority. They were put in again against the runs, and by some admirable play made a total of 176. This left Cambridge 90 to go in against, and the betting was greatly in their favour that they would get them; but not so, through the admirable bowling of Bennett 74 was all they obtained. Thus, contrary to expectation, Kent proved victorious by 16 runs.

COUNTY OF SURREY v COUNTY OF SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1284.html)

Friday 12 June

The annual match between the above counties was commenced yesterday morning on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, and there was a good sprinkling of spectators. On all hands it was agreed that the wickets were first-rate, and the ground in excellent run-getting order. Surrey first took possession of the wickets, and the batting throughout was admirable. W Mortlock played in fine form and scored 106. Mr E Dowson played, as he always does, judiciously and cleverly, and marked 87; his fine career, however, was stopped by an unfortunate run out. On the part of the Surrey Club, the hon. Secretary, Mr W Burrup, in eulogistic terms, presented him with a new bat on his arrival at the Pavilion. . .

The bowling, though various on the part of Sussex, was most praiseworthy, as was also the general out-fielding. Sussex commenced their innings well, Mr Hale making a good 21, and at the drawing of the stumps for the day the score stood as under . . .

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

In the course of the afternoon Mr H Marshall (president) announced in the Pavilion that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had most graciously condescended to become patron of the club.

Saturday 13 June - no report found

Monday 15 June

On Saturday this match, at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, was resumed from the previous day, and Sussex concluded their innings for a total of 161. The batting and fielding were good, Mortlock being very lucky with the "slows." . . .

Being in a minority of 143 they followed their innings, and it was thought the match would be left drawn for want of time to play it out, especially as John Lillywhite and Wells defended their wickets so well and carefully a long while against time, in order to save the match; but it was all to no purpose, the others were quickly disposed of, and the game finished at 10 minutes past 7. Sussex being defeated in one innings with 68 runs over, their total being 75.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD v THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Tuesday 23 June

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1287.html)

One of the most brilliant and fashionable assemblages ever seen at a cricket match attended yesterday at Lord's ground. The spectators were at least 6,000, including a vast number of the fair sex. Soon after 12 o'clock the game commenced, Cambridge taking possession of the wickets, Messrs R D Walker and A S Teape being the opponents with the ball. Mr Tuck marked 7, in which was a two, and the Hon T de Grey contributed 12 very carefully by two fours and singles. Mr Marshall did not score. Mr Scott went on bowling for a short time, and succeeded in disposing of Mr Daniel for 7, in which were two threes.

The Hon C G Lyttelton then made a good stand, but lost his companions successively to the close of the innings. Mr Booth marked 9 by some fine hits for three each, and Mr Plowden added a single. The others not scoring, the Hon C G Lyttelton carried out his bat with 19; among his figures were three threes and a two. The bowling and general fielding of Oxford were in every way excellent. The innings was over in less than two hours. The wickets fell quickly, and in the following manner . . .

After a brief interval, Oxford sent to the wickets Mr T P Garnier and Mr R D Walker against the bowling of Mr Plowden and Mr Collins. Both batsmen began to make runs immediately, which caused an impression that Oxford would gain a much larger score than Cambridge; but how far that impression was borne out will be shown in the sequel. Mr Garnier marked 8 by a four, three and a single; one wicket and 17 runs. Mr Wright came next, but did not add to the score; two wickets and 19 runs. Mr Bull then went to the vacant wicket, but soon after Mr Collins scattered the stumps of Mr Walker, after contributing 10, comprising a four and a three; three wickets and 19 runs. Messrs Plowden and Collins were bowling extremely well, and were aided by some excellent fielding.

Mr Mitchell, a very fine bat, was got rid of for 2, Mr Daniel cleverly catching him off Mr Collins; four wickets and 21 runs. Mr Bull added a single only; five wickets and 21 runs. Mr Evans next faced Mr Inge, but the latter was smartly caught out directly after by the wicket-keeper (Hon C G Lyttelton) for 5; six wickets and 43 runs. Mr Voules contributed 4; previous to which, however, Mr Evans was dismissed by Mr Plowden for a well-played innings of 25, in which were three fours and three threes; seven wickets and 56 runs.

Mr Haygarth did not alter the score, neither did Mr Teape. Mr Voules' wicket was the ninth to fall, Mr Scott carrying his bat out without scoring. Total of the innings 59 – six in a minority of their opponents. Towards the close of the innings Mr Helm relieved Mr Collins of the ball, and took a wicket. Fine fielding throughout.

Cambridge then entered on their second innings, but only two made a stand – Hon T de Grey and Mr Helm. The former went in first and ably defended his wicket, losing eight companions; his score of 24 comprised a four, a three and five twos. Mr Helm quickly put his 11 runs together, by three threes and a two. Mr Hope Grant was not out with four – a three and a single. Messrs Voules and Teape's bowling was first-class, as was also the out-fielding. Previous to the last wicket falling, Mr Scott took up the

bowling from Mr Teape, and was successful in lowering the stumps. Total of the innings, 61, leaving Oxford 68 to get to win. . .

When stumps were drawn for the day, Oxford had lost one wicket for three runs, the score standing as under: . . .

The match will resume this morning.

Wednesday 24 June

At Lord's Ground yesterday, with one wicket down for three runs, Oxford resumed their innings from the previous evening, having 68 to get to win. Mr Walker being the "not out," with a single, was joined by Mr Inge. Mr Walker marked eight singles when he gave a chance to Mr Tuck off Mr Helm; two wickets and 41 runs.

Mr Evans then went to the wicket, and such was the hitting of Mr Inge that the score was soon made to rise, and eventually the two batsmen preserved their wickets till the game was won, Mr Inge making the winning hit. Oxford thus won with eight wickets to go down. On both sides the fielding displayed was some of the finest ever witnessed, frequently eliciting loud cheers from the spectators.

GENTLEMEN AGAINST THE PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1290.html)

The annual match was commenced at Lord's Ground yesterday, and a numerous company was present. The Players went in first, and as professionals showed a great amount of ability, Hayward, with hits for twos, threes and fours, carrying out his bat for 112. The total reached 231. On the Gentlemen's side, Mr Benthall batted splendidly for 27, and was well supported by the Hon C G Lyttelton for 28. When "time" was called the score stood as under: . . .

Wednesday 1 July

At Lord's Ground yesterday this match was resumed, and the Gentlemen concluded their innings for 113, Tarrant and Jackson's bowling proving very effective. Being 118 in a minority, the Gentlemen were put in again against the runs; these they managed to obtain, but left only the small number of nine for the Players to get to win. Mr V E Walker marked 30 in good style. The Players sent in Bignall and Hearne to get the required number, but Hearne, after scoring 5, was run out. Ellis took his place; but soon after Mr Grace disposed of Bignall for a single. Tarrant came next, and gave the winning hit for two (a wide ball being previously scored). Thus the Players were victorious, with two wickets to go down.

THE GENTLEMEN v THE PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1291.html)

This exciting match was commenced at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, in the presence of about 4,000 people. The ground was in first-rate condition, and the wickets perfection. It was half-past 12 when "play" was called, and the Gentlemen were the first to handle the bat, Mr R D Walker and Mr E M Grace going to the wickets, Atkinson and Hodgson started bowling. Both Gentlemen commenced run-getting, but, after marking 13, Caesar got into Mr Grace's way. Among his figures were a five (fine hit), a four and a two; one wicket and 18 runs.

Mr Mitchell came next, and as the score began rapidly to rise, a change of bowling took place - indeed, several times, Iddison ("slows"), Griffith, Willsher and Caffyn all being tried. After a long stand Mr R D Walker was caught by Lockyer; his score was 40, most ably got, comprising a four (drive), three threes and five twos; two wickets and 96 runs. Mr Daniel did not score; three wickets and 100 runs. Mr Lyttelton run out after adding 7; four wickets and 118 runs.

The next to face Mr Mitchell was Mr V E Walker, and he very soon rattled up a score of 26, in which were a five, three threes and three twos; five wickets and 157 runs. No great stand was made after this. The sixth wicket fell for 164, and the seventh (Mr Mitchell's) for 175. Mr Mitchell's innings was a fine one; in his score of 76 were two fours, six threes and eleven twos. On his reaching the pavilion he was much applauded.

The eighth and ninth wickets fell for 181. Mr Rowley carried out his bat with 9, comprising a two and a fine drive for five. Total of the innings, 189; time, half-past 4. There was some very good fielding, and some loose, three or four chances being given that ought to have been taken.

The Players sent in Mortlock and Hearne to represent them, and this they did most ably, both hitting the ball to all parts of the ground. Mr Rowley and Mr R D Walker first handled the leather, but were in turn relieved by Mr V E Walker ("slows") and Mr Miller. Mr V E Walker at length found his way to Hearne's wicket, after a contribution of 36, in which were three fours, a three and three twos. He was much applauded; one wicket and 79 runs.

Iddison joined Mortlock, and the batting still prevailed. Mr Grace went on at Mr Miller's end, and off him Mr V E Walker succeeded in cleverly catching Mortlock, after a brilliant innings of 70; among his figures were a six, four fours, four threes and five twos. He was cheered all round the ground; two wickets and 133 runs.

Griffith did not score; three wickets and 138 runs. Caffyn added 10, in which was a three and a four; four wickets and 163 runs. Stephenson did not contribute; five wickets and 172 runs. Willsher then came, but lost the company of Iddison, who batted remarkably well for 49, comprising two fours, a three and seven twos; he was warmly applauded; six wickets and 179 runs. Willsher was left not out with 5. Two or three excellent catches were made by Mr Grace and Mr V E Walker, and the fielding in general was good.

The match will be resumed this morning, the state of the score standing as under: . . .

Saturday 4 July

The interest manifested in this match was evinced by the presence of about 5,000 spectators, yesterday, on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, to witness the resumption of the game. Willsher (the "not out" of the previous evening) was joined by Lockyer, and despite the many changes of bowling they made runs fast. Willsher played admirably and gained 77, Mr Mitchell finally disposing of him. Among his hits were a six, two fives, four fours, two threes and five twos. Seven wickets and 312 runs.

The "talent" money, as a rule, is not now given by the Surrey Club, but in this instance they thought it proper to depart from it, in order to show their appreciation of Willsher as a straight-forward and well-conducted cricketer, and consequently he received the "sovereign reward," which was followed up by a liberal subscription.

Lockyer hit in his "free-and-easy" style and carried out his bat for 76, which comprised two fours, seven threes and seven twos. The eighth wicket fell for 333 runs, ninth for 351 and tenth for 353. Lockyer was called to the pavilion and rewarded. There were many changes in the bowling, but it was not strong enough to compete with the batting, and the out fielding at times was rather loose.

The players having put 164 "on," the gentlemen began their second innings most pluckily, Mr R D Walker contributing 37, Mr E M Grace 31 and Mr Daniel 51, all finely gained. The latter gentleman scored seven fours successively, and was frequently applauded. A new bat was presented to him on behalf of the Surrey Club by the hon. secretary. Mr S Rowley's contribution of 24 was got in a very meritorious style. Willsher, Atkinson, Iddison, Hodgson, Griffith and Caffyn in turns handled the ball, and the general fielding was good. At the drawing of the stumps for the day the score stood as under: . . .

The game will be continued this morning.

Monday 6 July

On Saturday (the third day) this match, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, was brought to a conclusion, the Players winning by nine wickets. [No further details given apart from scorecard.]

KENT v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1292.html)

This match, England against 13 of Kent, was commenced at Lord's Ground yesterday. The weather was fine, there was a very fine company, and the wickets were good. England began the batting, and the bowling was started by Messrs Traill and Willsher. Mr Grace and Mortlock being in possession of the wickets tried well to defend them; but Bennett taking a turn with the ball he succeeded in catching Mortlock from his own bowling after a well got 19.

Griffith was the next to show, and both he and Mr Grace kept the scorers employed. This went on for some time, although changes were made in the bowling. Mr Grace, however, got his leg in the way of Mr Lipscombe, and he had to depart, but he left with a finely got contribution of 53 to the score, comprising seven threes and six twos.

Hayward took the vacant wicket. Runs still were got. Sewell was called on to handle the ball, and was fortunate enough to dispose of Griffith, but not until he had placed 43 to his name, in which were three fours, three threes and seven twos. Carpenter then faced Hayward, and both displayed some fine batting; the latter, however, was run out after marking 24, comprising a four, a three and four twos.

Parr was the next to appear, and played in good form, his admirable defence calling forth much eulogy. He placed on the score 30, in which were a four (drive), two threes and five twos. Carpenter's contribution was 31, among which was a fine hit for six, and also two fours. After Carpenter's dismissal George Parr saw two or three out, but no other stand was made and the innings closed for 230. The fielding was very faulty at first, but was afterwards improved. Mr Traill, Mr Lipscombe, Baker, Bennett, Willsher and Sewell severally bowled, but the two latter most successfully. . .

Kent commenced their innings against the bowling of Tarrant and Jackson, and when "time" was called the score stood as under: . . .

The match will be continued this morning.

Wednesday 8 July

Yesterday was another fine day for cricket, and Lord's ground was again well attended. Play was resumed soon after 12 o'clock by Kent continuing their innings. Willsher (not out with 23) was faced by Mr Kelson, Jackson and Tarrant being the bowlers. Willsher added two runs to his score and was then dismissed by Jackson. His 25 was skilfully gained, and comprised three fours, a three and a two. Sewell made a good stand and batted extremely well, but unfortunately got run out after making 27, made by a four, two threes, a two and singles.

The only other double figures was reached by Wenman, who contributed 13, in which were a four and a three. Total of the innings, 121. The bowling and fielding of England was very good . . .

Being 109 in a minority, they followed their innings, but failed to put the number of runs off. Fryer batted well for 10, and Willsher again contributed 25, comprising a fine drive for five, two fours, two threes and

a two. Goodhew exhibited some good batting in his score of 21. Among his figures were three threes and two twos. Mr Barber, in his 12, made some fine hits – one for four and two for three each.

Tarrant's bowling was splendid, he gaining three wickets. Jackson and Wootton also bowled. The out-fielding was well up to the mark. . .

Thus eleven of England defeated thirteen of Kent in one innings, with five runs over. The match terminated at about half-past five o'clock.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1293.html)

Friday 10 July – no report found

Saturday 11 July

This great match was resumed yesterday (Friday) morning at the Trent-bridge Ground, near Nottingham. The weather was of the most favourable character, and the attendance of the spectators was large. The game was resumed by C Daft and Brampton (who carried out their bats on the previous evening for 31) going to the wickets, Hodgson and Slinn bowling. The score was here run up rapidly, and the bowlers were frequently changed.

C Daft was at length caught by Slinn from Berry's bowling. Bignall next went in, and Brampton was almost immediately caught by Iddison, from a ball by Hodgson. R Daft followed Brampton, and runs were made slowly and cautiously. Some time elapsed, and then Bignall made three splendid hits for three each, a four, a two and a single, when he was caught by Dawson. Three wickets for 96.

G Parr went in next, and was splendidly stumped by Stephenson for 8. Grundy was then sent to the wicket, and was caught the second ball without scoring. A Clarke followed Grundy, and soon after R Daft was fairly bowled by Iddison's slows. Clarke made a splendid drive for five. Jackson and Tinley were speedily disposed of – the former for five, the latter without scoring. When the dinner bell rang at half-past 2, eight wickets were down for 150.

After dinner play was resumed by A Clarke and Biddulph going to the wickets, to the bowling of Slinn and Hodgson. The Nottingham men was eventually got out for 162, A Clarke carrying out his bat for 20. Betting. – 4 to 1 on Yorkshire.

After a short interval Nottingham went in for their second innings, A Clarke and C Daft going to the wickets to the bowling of Slinn and Hodgson. They were both soon caught for 5, and Brampton and R Daft then went in. Many runs were here obtained, and a first-rate stand was made, the latter playing in slashing style. He was ultimately bowled by Hodgson for 25. G Parr followed, and was bowled for 7.

Monday 13 July

The game, after two days' play, was resumed on Saturday morning at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. The weather continued splendid, but the attendance was not so numerous as on Friday. Play was resumed by Jackson and Wootton (who carried out their bats last night for 12) going to the wickets, Hodgson and Slinn bowling. Jackson was soon caught by Anderson, his total score amounting to 18.

Tinley followed Jackson, and there was some very good play. Wootton, after scoring 20, was cleverly caught by Anderson, bowled by Iddison, the slow bowler. Biddulph went in next and played very well indeed; he was caught by Hall for 11. The Nottingham men were got out for 181, leaving Yorkshire 100 runs to make in their second innings. Betting, 10 to 1 on Yorkshire.

Yorkshire then went to the wickets, Rowbotham and Dawson going in to the bowling of Wootton and Jackson. Dawson was bowled by the latter in the second over for 2. Berry followed, and at dinner time four runs had been made for one wicket. At half-past 3 play was resumed. Rowbotham and Berry went in; Jackson and Wootton bowled. After some smart runs had been made, the former was bowled by Wootton for 9. Two wickets for 20.

Stephenson joined Berry. The bowling here was very good and the batting excellent. The ball was driven into all parts of the field and many runs were obtained. Betting, 20 to 1 on Yorkshire. Berry was bowled by Wootton for 18. Three wickets for 60.

A good stand was made at this part of the game, and betting increased in favour of Yorkshire. Grundy was now put on to bowl, and a great change soon took place. Thewlis, Anderson and Stephenson were got out quickly, the latter scoring 30. Six wickets for 85. Mr Walker, Iddison and Hodgson were all got out for small scores. Nine wickets for 92.

Great excitement here prevailed, as it was thought that Nottingham had a chance of winning. Slinn and Hall were the last men in, and the latter was caught by Parr from Jackson's bowling. All Yorkshire were disposed of for 94, Nottingham winning by six runs. Five wickets were taken in this innings by Grundy's bowling, and at the close of the game he received a perfect ovation.

MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND (WITH PARR AND WILLSSHER) v THE COUNTY OF
CAMBRIDGE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1295.html)

Tuesday 14 July

At Lord's Ground yesterday this match was commenced, the time nearly half-past 12 (much too late). Cambridge won the toss and elected to go in first, D Hayward and C Newman being the representatives with the bat, and Willsher and Grundy with the ball. Grundy disposed of Newman for a single, when Carpenter appeared, and runs were soon made; but Grundy was again successful, sending back D Hayward. He, however, placed to his name 22, comprising a five and three twos. First wicket for 9 runs, second for 46.

T Hayward then faced Carpenter (and here it may be said these celebrated players deny the reports of their ever refusing to play for their county), and both showed a fine style of play, causing a change of bowling, Hearne taking a turn, and was fortunate enough to get rid of T Hayward, but not till he had contributed 44, gained in his usual dashing style; among his hits were three fours and eight twos. Three wickets and 126 runs.

G Tarrant added 4, when Willsher sent him back; four wickets and 131 runs. J Smith took his place, and his style of batting was generally admired. Carpenter, who got his runs in his general well-known manner, was run out after scoring 60. Among his figures were four threes and seven twos; five wickets and 174 runs. Pryor came next, but soon lost the company of Smith. His contribution of 22, however, was admirably gained, there being among his figures a fine drive for five, a four and a three; six wickets and 175 runs.

Pryor ably defended his wicket to the last, making in his 16 (not out) a five and a four (drives), a three and two twos. The seventh wicket fell for 181, eighth for 186, ninth and tenth for 195. As well as the above named, Mr Drake and Wootton bowled. The fielding was not above mediocrity.

Marylebone commenced their innings by sending to the wickets Bignall and Hearne, Tarrant and Hayward being the bowlers. Bignall made a good stand, and saw five of his companions disposed of for nine scores. He contributed 27, which comprised some fine drives and cuts for three fours, two threes and two twos.

Mr Drake and Mr Hope Grant made runs merrily together, the former quickly putting together 17, which included a five (drive) and two threes; the latter marked 23, composed of two fours (drives), a three, two twos and singles. Biddulph carried out his bat with 4. Tarrant and Hayward bowled well throughout, and the general fielding was tolerably good. . .

Being 106 in a minority, the M.C.C. will follow their innings this morning.

The match will be continued this morning.

Wednesday 15 July

At Lord's-ground yesterday morning this match was resumed by the Marylebone Cricket Club following their innings, being 106 in a minority, and almost any odds might have been had in favour of Cambridgeshire winning, but such

was the fine play of Hearne and Grundy when they got together (Biddulph having added 10 previously) that the hopes of the Marylebone Cricket Club considerably revived, although Tarrant and Hayward did their best to get rid of them.

Bell took a turn with the ball at Tarrant's end, and he was fortunate enough to dispose of Grundy, who had put to his name 31, comprising a five, two fours and five threes. First wicket 12 runs, second 63. Bignall next added 8, and Parr did not score; third and fourth wickets, 85 and 86. Mr Benthall added a single and was bowled by Tarrant, who had resumed bowling; five wickets and 96 runs. Willsher marked 11 by a four, two twos and singles, when Tarrant disposed of him; six wickets and 120 runs.

Hearne, who still defended his wicket most ably, was next faced by Mr Hope Grant, but his time was now come, Carpenter (at point) catching him, after an admirable innings of 77, in which were a five, six fours, a three and five twos. He retired amid much cheering. Seven wickets and 189 runs.

Mr Drake appeared next and batted most spiritedly, losing the company of Mr Hope Grant for 2; eight wickets and 193 runs. Mr Drake's hitting was to all parts of the ground, and he was frequently applauded, 59 being his contribution, comprising a five, four fours, three threes and 12 twos; ninth and tenth wickets, 207.

Cambridgeshire had 101 to go in against, which it was thought they would easily gain, but it proved the contrary, and their tale is soon told, they being all put out for 57 runs, leaving the Marylebone Cricket Club the unexpected victors by 44 runs. Willsher and Grundy bowled splendidly throughout, and Mr Drake's "point" was admirable.

SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1294.html)

Tuesday 14 July

The return match between these celebrated counties was commenced yesterday on the ground of the Sussex County Club at Hove, near Brighton. There was a very large assemblage of spectators, and the ground appeared in fine run-getting order, which the score fully testified to. Surrey won the toss and took the batting first - James Lillywhite and Ellis being the bowlers.

Some very good scores were made, but Griffith eclipsed them all with a magnificent innings of 89, only once giving half a chance. He was rewarded at the Pavilion with the "talent" sovereign. The wickets fell in the following order . . .

The bowling of Lillywhite was good and well "on the spot." Ellis did particularly good service, he having caught and bowled four wickets, and was instrumental in the destruction of no less than eight. The cricket all round was really good.

Shortly before 5 Sussex commenced their innings, and when the stumps were drawn for the day, the telegraph displayed 115 runs for the loss on one wicket.

The match will be resumed this morning.

Wednesday 15 July

On the Sussex County ground, Hove, near Brighton, this interesting match was resumed yesterday, John Lillywhite and Mr C Smith again taking their positions at the wickets, the former having scored 70 and the latter 33. Mr Smith raised his score to 42, being then bowled by Sewell. John Lillywhite made up his figures to 91, and was rewarded with the "talent" money.

Ellis played a brilliant innings of 83, Mr Hodson a dashing 44, including two square-leg hits for six, each clean out of the ground. Wisden showed in good form, and added 43. James Lillywhite was not out with 27. Total of the innings, 369. The play throughout was of a high order of merit - batting, bowling and general fielding being equally good.

About half-past 5 Surrey commenced their second innings, and at the close of the day's play had scored 88 for the loss of four wickets. The ground was extremely well attended, upwards of 2,000 spectators being present.

The match will be continued this morning.

Thursday 16 July

The weather yesterday was again gloriously fine, and a very large company was attracted to the Sussex County-ground, Hove, to witness the resumption of this match. Surrey on the previous evening had lost four wickets for 88 runs, and the two "not outs," Mr Burbidge with 54 and Mr Dowson with 5, again took possession of the wickets. Mr Dowson did not add to his score,

but Mr Burbidge made up his figures to 101 by some brilliant hitting. On retiring he was cheered most lustily and was presented with a new bat.

Though great, the score of Mr Burbidge was far surpassed by Griffith's, who made the gigantic score of 142. As might be supposed, in this large number he gave sundry chances, and the last proved fatal, Ellis catching him off his own bowling. His performance gained for him great applause, and for the second time he was called to the Pavilion to receive the "talent" money. Other good scores were made by H Stephenson, Sewell, Caesar and Miller (not out 40), the total reaching the enormous number of 383.

Sussex commenced their second innings at 10 minutes past 5 o'clock, and it appeared evident the match would not be played out, unless Surrey by some extraordinary chances in cricket could dispose of their opponents before "time" (7 o'clock) was called. This they did not do, and this extraordinary match ended in a "draw," Sussex having marked 76 for the loss of six wickets.

From the commencement of the game to the close the cricket on both sides was of a first class order, and the number of runs perhaps greater than was ever recorded in an unfinished match, the gross total amounting to 1,062.

KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1296.html)

Friday 17 July

The return match between these rival counties was commenced yesterday at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval. The ground from the recent dry weather was hard, but the wickets, under such circumstances, were nevertheless good. A very numerous company was present, and, contrary to their usual good fortune on their own ground, Surrey lost the toss, and Kent elected to take their innings first.

Mr Kelson and Bennett began the batting well, against the bowling of Caffyn and Griffith. The defence was so good that a change of bowling took place, Mortlock going on with the "slow" at Caffyn's end, and he caused Bennett to be stumped by Lockyer. In Bennett's 22 were a five, a four and three twos. Mr Kelson played a fine and free innings of 42, comprising a five, two fours and four twos. Wenman, though rather stiff in action, hit hard, and among his 29 were a five (drive), a four, three and a two.

Fryer's batting deserves particular notice, on account of his losing the sight of one eye by an accident since last season. He marked 17 very cleverly, in which was a fine hit for four and two twos. Mr W S Norton was the sixth to go in, and by steady and good play defended his wicket to the last, carrying his bat out for 34, in which were a four, two threes and two twos. Total of the innings, 171 . . . In the fielding Pooley (for Mr Miller) caught Fryer most cleverly at square leg.

Surrey, as their representatives, sent in Mortlock and T Humphrey against the bowling of Traill and Willsher, and both batted admirably. Humphrey gained 30 by two fours, a three and three twos. Mortlock, with his usual ability, scored 55, in which were a five, three fours, two threes and seven twos. Mr Dowson most cautiously made his runs, which amounted to 17, comprising a four, a three, a two and singles. H Stephenson was left not out with 41, the score standing as under: . . .

The match will be resumed this morning.

Saturday 18 July

The return county match was resumed yesterday from the previous evening on the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, and a very large assemblage of spectators was present. Surrey went on with their innings, but H Stephenson (not out with 41) did not add to his score; among his figures were a five, a four, three threes and three twos. The others deserving of notice for making scores were - Lockyer, 11; Caesar, 32; and Jupp, 17 (not out). . . The fielding of Kent was very good, and Staines (a "colt") who kept wicket deserves great praise.

Kent commenced their second innings with 56 in a minority, and Mr Kelson, one of their first representatives, made a most admirable stand for his county; his hitting was hard, vigorous and energetic. The "drives" and "cuts" he made drew forth loud applause, and for nearly four hours he preserved his wicket, but at length succumbed to a tame slow from Mortlock, after adding 122. On reaching the pavilion he was loudly cheered, and Mr

Burru (Hon. Secretary), on behalf of the club, presented him with a new bat.

Good support followed, and Mr Wathen carried his bat out for 42. The score will show that Goodhew, Willsher and Messrs W S Norton and Traill did good service. Surrey fielded very well, and the "colt" Pooley, as wicket-keeper (in the place of Lockyer), was highly appreciated.

The match will be continued this morning.

Monday 20 July

The third day's play of this match took place at Saturday at the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval. Surrey commenced their second innings with 191 against them. Mortlock and Jupp went first to the wickets, and they began the batting in earnest against the bowling of Mr W S Norton and Willsher. Mortlock played in his usual excellent style and marked 20. When he retired the score stood at 42.

H H Stephenson took his place, and the spectators were much delighted with the batting than ensued between him and Jupp, twos, threes and fours being very common, with now and then a five. The change of bowling was various, but without effect; and such was their masterly play that they rubbed off the runs and won the match, Jupp giving the winning hit for two amidst vociferous applause.

192 for the loss of one wicket! We believe this to be the highest score ever recorded for the loss of one wicket, with the two batsmen still holding their wicket.

THE NORTH v THE SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1297.html)

A large ring of spectators assembled yesterday to witness this match at Lord's-ground. The North won the toss and took possession of the wickets (very good ones) soon after 12 o'clock. Griffith and Bennett started the bowling to the batting of Rowbotham and Tarrant. The former commenced with a drive for six, the first ball off Griffith, amid much cheering. Soon after Griffith gave the ball up to Willsher, who succeeded in disposing of Tarrant for 11, in which were two twos; one wicket and 43 runs.

Anderson went in next, and both batsmen kept increasing the score against some good bowling of Willsher and Bennett, who were never afterwards changed. Anderson made some splendid hits in his 22, which comprised two fours, a three and three twos. Rowbotham's fine contribution of 34 contained a six, a four, three threes and four twos. Hayward added 10 and Carpenter 12 . . .

At this time Jackson was playing well, when Biddulph joined him, who, however, was soon disposed of by Bennett for 5; eight wickets and 116 runs; nine wickets and 124 runs. Wootton was the last, but, after marking 2, was sent back by Willsher, having Jackson not out with 23, in which were two fives and a two. Total of the innings 145, and dinner time. There was some very fine fielding.

At about a quarter to 4 South commenced their innings with Mr Grace and T Hearne, the bowlers being Tarrant and Jackson. The batting and fielding were kept very lively for about an hour, the ball travelling to all parts of the ground, and once or twice nearly out of it. Hearne was at last cleverly caught off "point" by Carpenter off Wootton, who had taken up the bowling at Jackson's end. In Hearne's fine innings of 36 there were two fours, two threes and five twos; one wicket and 93 runs.

Willsher was the next, and had marked 7 when he hit a ball sharply, which ran up his bat and gave him a severe blow on the nose, drawing blood freely and causing him to retired for a short time; upon his return, however, he did not alter his score; two wickets and 107 runs. Bennett added 8 and H Stephenson 6; third wicket 112 and fourth 137 runs.

The next companion of Mr Grace was Mr Benthall, and a parting soon followed, Mr Grace giving Jackson a chance at "slip," which was accepted. Upon retiring he was applauded all round the ground; his innings lasted two hours and amounted to 73, composed of a five, six fours, five threes and seven twos; five wickets and 147 runs.

The game became afterwards rather slow . . . Sewell, however, put some life in the game for the short time he stayed, marking 13 by two very fine hits for five each, followed by a two and a single, when he was thrown out; nine wickets and 171 runs. Wisden contributed 6, and T Lockyer took out his bat for 8. Total 184, or 39 "on".

Although only wanting 20 minutes to 7 o'clock, the North commenced their second innings at five minutes to the hour, the time for drawing the stumps being strictly adhered to. The result was that a wicket was lost just as the clock was striking and "time" called.

The game will be resumed this morning.

Wednesday 22 July

The match was resumed yesterday at Lord's ground for a short time before dinner, when rain stopped the play till after the meal. They again took the field for a little while, but the rain coming on heavily, the play was abandoned for the day, the North having lost three wickets for 25 runs. Hayward and Carpenter were left not out with four each, the score standing as under . . .

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

Thursday 23 July

With three wickets down for 25 runs, the North went on with their second innings yesterday at Lord's Ground, Carpenter and Hayward resuming possession of the wickets, Willsher and Bennett using the bowlers. Hayward did not alter the score, Mr Traill catching him off Willsher. Carpenter made up his figures to 12. Anderson made some fine hits in his score of 52, several drives being for threes and fours, eliciting much applause. Grundy added a good 13, and Wootton made his runs remarkably well, placing to his account 19. Biddulph was not out with 5 . . .

Griffith kept wicket, and Mr Grace and Wisden took up the bowling for a short time from Bennett and Willsher, but the two latter went on again, and continued throughout.

South had to go in against 107, and the betting was much in favour of their getting them. The previous rain, however, had rendered the ground heavy, and was not very favourable for run-getting, for an hour and a-half sufficed to dispose of the whole for 78 runs only, leaving the North the victory with 29 runs over.

Bennett deserves great praise for his 22, which comprised a four, a three and five twos. Grundy and Tarrant bowled well throughout. . .

MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1300.html)

Tuesday 28 July

This interesting match was commenced yesterday at Lord's Ground. The Marylebone Cricket Club went in first and took possession of the wickets, and, as every care and attention were paid to the ground, they were really good. Mr Tredcroft and Bignall began the batting against the bowling of Mr Walker and Wisden. Mr Tredcroft was stumped by Mr Nicholson, off Mr Walker, for one; one wicket and three runs.

Grundy came next, and the batting predominated, causing a change in the bowling, T Hearne taking Wisden's place. Runs were still obtained for a time, but T Hearne succeeded in dismissing Bignall after a contribution of 32, in which were a five, a four, a three and six twos; two wickets and 61 runs. Mr Drake then added 10, comprising a four and a three; three wickets and 76 runs. Biddulph marked 4 by a three and a single, and Mr C A Leigh 10, by a four, two twos and singles; four wickets and 100 runs; five and 115 runs.

Grundy's general play is always appreciated, and in this instance it was deservedly so, his fine innings of 65 gaining him much applause; it comprised two fours, nine threes and 11 twos. Mr Fitzgerald threw a deal of life into the game, getting his runs in a lively and rattling style; sometimes he drove, sometimes he cut and sometimes he "skied," but he was safe in all of these till T Hearne found his way to the wicket. Among Mr Fitzgerald's figures were four fours, five threes and two twos.

Mr Broughton, a most judicious cricketer, played well for 18, in which were a four, two threes and two twos; the others were single figures; but the total reached 217. We will not find fault with the fielding, but it might have been better . . . time four o'clock.

After the usual lapse of time, Middlesex took the batting, Mr Nicholson and T Hearne commencing against the bowling of Grundy and Wootton. Hearne seemed desirous of doing something for his county, but, after marking a single, he was most unfortunately run out; one wicket and seven runs. Mr Maturin added three; two wickets and 17 runs. J Wisden delighted the spectators with some hitting in his old style, and made a contribution of 26, comprising two fours, a three and two twos. Mr Turner played well for 19; among his hits were two fours and two twos.

Mr Drake, Mr Fellowes and Bignall took a turn at bowling; but with all the changes G Hearne defended his wicket well. It is not often we see him enrolled in matches, but when he does come out his style of play is always worth witnessing; in this instance he is not out with 65, gained by a six (two overthrow), a five (drive), a four, seven threes and seven twos . . .

At the commencement of the innings it appeared rather adverse for Middlesex, but it stands now a very good match, as the following score will show: . . .

The game will be resumed this morning.

Wednesday 29 July

Upon the conclusion of the day's play on Monday evening at Lord's Ground there were some hopes that Middlesex would make a very good match of it, having scored 158, with two wickets to go down. On the resumption of the game yesterday, however, these hopes were soon dispelled, for the last two wickets only added four more runs, making a total of 162. The fielding was good.

Marylebone shortly afterwards entered on their second innings, and Mr Drake, in a very free manner, placed to his account 29, comprising a five, a four, three threes and two twos. Biddulph made a good 16, which included a four and a three. Mr Fitzgerald again showed his lively style of hitting, and headed the score with 51, in which were a five, three fours, six threes and six twos. Mr Tredcroft, though he did not go in till rather late, made his runs quick and well, and carried out his bat with 44 . . . The fielding was far from being good.

Middlesex had now opposed to them 238 runs, but with the admirable bowling of Grundy and Wootton they could not hit the ball away, and what runs were made were gained very slowly. Only two reached double figures - Wells and J Parsons, who marked 14 each. The latter is a "colt," and batted very well. Among his figures were a four, two threes and a two. The wickets were disposed of thus: . . . thus losing the match by 165 runs.

The fielding was very good. Wootton obtained seven wickets and Grundy three. Only one catch was made, and that was by Biddulph at the wicket, who kept it in a first-class manner.

COUNTY OF SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1301.html)

This return match was commenced on Monday at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield. Surrey were the first to handle the bat against the bowling of Slinn and Iddison. Caffyn played a fine innings of 43; Mortlock added 21, Humphrey 31, H Stephenson 15, Jupp 17, Gunn 11, Pooley 16; and T Lockyer was not out with 30 – total 201. The bowling and general out-fielding were excellent. Yorkshire commenced their innings, and at the close of the day's play the score stood as under . . .

Thursday 30 July

At the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, on Tuesday, this match was resumed, amid a very large assemblage of spectators, among whom was a number of well-dressed ladies. The weather was beautiful, the ground in good order and the cricket was admirable. Yorkshire, with two wickets down for 34 runs, went on with their innings and made a total of 172, Iddison gaining the "leger" with 51, and receiving the "talent" reward. He was vociferously cheered. Surrey, with 29 "on," commenced their second innings, and Caffyn and T Humphrey again made good scores.

The match was to be resumed yesterday morning.

Friday 31 July – no report found

Saturday 1 August

On Wednesday, at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, this match was resumed, Jupp and Caesar (being not out) on the part of Surrey again taking possession of the wickets. Jupp, with a good defence, preserved his wicket till the close of the innings, carrying out his bat with 33. The total amounted to 144 – leaving Yorkshire 174 to get to win.

By the fine batting of Rowbotham (65), Iddison (53), Anderson (not out, 26) &c., the runs were obtained by Yorkshire with three wickets to go down. It was a very fine match, good playing being exhibited on both sides, and much enthusiasm was evinced by a large number of spectators.

SURREY v NORTH OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1303.html)

At Kennington-oval yesterday about 2,000 spectators attended the ground to witness the commencement of this match. Contrary to the usual fortune of Surrey they lost the toss, and the North went in first – time, 20 minutes past 12. Brampton and Diver began the batting against the bowling of Caffyn and Sewell.

The first three wickets were disposed of for 25, when Greenwood made a stand for a while, marking 15, comprising a five and two twos; four wickets and 29 runs. When Iddison and Mr Blackstock became companions it was thought by many that the latter, from his tame beginning, was not worth many runs; he, however, soon dispelled the idea, and made some fine hitting, causing the North to rise in their spirits, which previously were rather low.

Changes of bowling were tried, but no separation took place till 100 more was added to the score, when Iddison was bowled by Mr Miller, after a well-played innings of 58, in which were a four, three threes and nine twos. Mr Wright was the next to make a stand, and a good one, too, it was. Mr Blackstock took a liberty and was stumped by Lockyer. In his score of 47 were two fives, a four, four threes and three twos; six wickets and 143 runs. Atkinson contributed 13; seven wickets and 177 runs.

Mr Wright's innings of 41 was gained in good cricket style, and comprised a five, two fours, three threes and two twos; eight wickets and 197 runs. M'Intire quickly gained 12, in which were a four and two twos. Nichols was not out with four; nine wickets and 202 runs; 10 wickets and 211. Sewell's bowling was the most effective, but the general fielding was not up to the mark.

After the usual lapse of time Surrey sent to the wickets Humphrey and Jupp against the bowling of Hodgson and Atkinson. Humphrey was caught and bowled by Atkinson for 5; one wicket and 13 runs. H Stephenson was the next, and made some fine hits in his score of 27, a four, a three and two twos being among the number; two wickets and 55 runs.

Caffyn took the vacant wicket, and Brampton and Iddison (slows) were the bowlers, but the latter was changed soon after for M'Intire, who succeeded in bowling Jupp for 35, gained by a four, four threes, four twos &c. Jupp (lately a Surrey "colt") is a very promising player and is likely to prove a very great acquisition to his county; three wickets and 84 runs. Mortlock was the next to show, and he and Caffyn defended their wickets till "time" was called, the score standing as under: . . .

The match will be continued this morning.

Wednesday 5 August

Yesterday, at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, this match was resumed, the two "not outs" (Caffyn and Mortlock), on the part of Surrey, again taking their positions at the wickets. Hodgson and M'Intire were the bowlers. Caffyn added a single, which made his total 16, when he was bowled by M'Intire; four wickets and 93 runs. Mr Dowson showed next and

hit very freely, gaining 30, comprising a five (drive), four fours, a three and two twos; five wickets and 148 runs.

Iddison had taken up the bowling at M'Intire's end, and Atkinson took a turn afterwards. Mr Burbidge began well, and appeared to be well in, when Mr Wright (an excellent field) got in his way, after a contribution of 15, composed of a four, a three, a two and six singles; six wickets and 168 runs. Nichols now handled the ball at Atkinson's end, and Griffith was both caught and bowled by him for a single; seven wickets and 173 runs.

Mortlock's was the eighth wicket to fall, and the telegraph showed 192 runs. Mortlock is a fine batsman, and played in his usual good style, adding 54 to the score, gained by three fours, three threes, three twos &c. No further stand was made. The ninth wicket fell for 197 and the tenth for 198. Brampton bowled for a short time previous to the conclusion of the innings. The fielding would bear improvement.

The North soon after entered on their second innings, Caffyn and Sewell starting the bowling. Brampton's batting was cricket-like, and a good score he made, 36 being his number, among which were a five, a four, four threes and two twos. Iddison again batted well, but Mr Miller's dodging bowling caused him to succumb for 18, in which were three threes and a two. Mr Blackstock showed that he could wield the "willow," and opened his shoulders to some loose balls, marking in his 27 four fours and two twos, being then cleverly caught by Humphrey at long-leg.

Diver, who has not played much of late, showed somewhat of his old form, and placed to his account 14, when Humphrey, by another fine catch (off Lockyer), caused him to retire. Mr Wright contributed 10, when Mr Miller sent him back. We much not omit to notice Nichols (whom we have not seen in the South before); he played with care and judgment, scoring 14, by a five, a three, a two and singles.

Soon after 6 o'clock rain put a stop to the play for the day, Atkinson and M'Intire being not out, the former with five and the latter with nine.

The match will be resumed this morning.

Thursday 6 August

Yesterday was the third day of this match at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, and the spectators mustered very numerously. The North, with three wickets to go down, concluded their second innings for 179. . .

Surrey had 193 to get to win, but from the excellent bowling of Atkinson and Hodgson, few runs were obtained, the first wicket falling for 9. . . sixth for 56. The odds were now in favour of the North, but such was the liveliness infused into the game by Mr Burbidge's and Griffith's batting that the score was made to rise rapidly despite changes in the bowling. When a separation of the batsmen took place, 100 were added to the score, Mr Burbidge then giving a chance to Greenwood, off the "slows" of Iddison. Beautiful batting was that of Mr Burbidge; in his innings of 42 were a five, a four, four threes and three twos.

Doubts were yet entertained that Surrey would "pull through" as Lockyer joined Griffith, but the batting predominated. At this period a serious accident happened to Atkinson, who had been bowling admirably; in fielding a ball from his own bowling he was rather hasty in throwing it in, but

before he could do so it slipped from his hand, and he suddenly fell, displacing his kneecap, and he was borne from the field amid much regret.

Two of the North were thus placed *hors de combat*, Greenwood having previously received an injury to his thumb. Atkinson had one more ball to bowl to finish his over, but the umpire (T Sewell) very properly concluded it by calling "over" just as Brampton was taking Atkinson's place. Hodgson, who was bowling at the other end, of course, commenced a fresh "over."

Griffith and Lockyer caused a deal of "leather hunting," preserving their wickets till the match was won, leaving three wickets to go down. Griffith was not out with 56, comprising 2 fives, 2 fours, 4 threes and 3 twos. In Lockyer's not out innings of 36 were 3 fours, a three and 5 twos.

It was a very fine match and Surrey literally [!] pulled it out of the fire. The North of England team was really not the true strength of the North, but the eleven were capital representatives. Atkinson is reported to be going on favourably.

KENT v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1304.html)

Tuesday 11 August

Yesterday the weather was beautifully fine, and the company attracted to the St Lawrence Ground was numerous and fashionable. About 3 o'clock the fifth and sixth companies of the Canterbury Volunteers' Band attended and played some excellent music during the afternoon. The [wickets] were well prepared, but the late dry weather made them play lively.

The toss for choice of innings was won by England, and they elected to go in first; time 20 minutes past 12. Mr E M Grace and Mr Nicholson commenced the batting, and Willsher and G Bennett started the bowling. J Bennett was the wicket-keeper and ably filled the position. Willsher took "point" at his own end and Mr Kelson at the other; Goodhew being the longstop. Mr Nicholson marked a single and a four to the leg, when he was caught by Willsher off Bennett; one wicket and eight runs.

Grundy showed next, and some steady play ensued, causing a change of bowling, Sewell going on at Bennett's end. Grundy was the first to part, with a score of 21, comprising two fours (cut and a drive) and three twos; two wickets and 38 runs. Carpenter followed, and, the bowling being good, but few runs were obtained, the game being rather slow. Sewell was fortunate to dispose of Mr Grace after an innings of 15, gained by a four, two twos and singles; three wickets and 43 runs. Hayward joined Carpenter, but did not score; four wickets and the score unaltered. Hearne and Mr Fitzgerald were disposed of for one each by Sewell. Fifth wicket, 45 runs; sixth, 47. Mortlock contributed five, including a two; seven wickets and 52 runs. The betting at the commencement was 2 to 1 on England; it now became even.

Griffith became the companion of Carpenter, and the batting was improved upon, and another change in the bowling took place, Fryer taking the ball from Willsher. Griffith's score amounted to 23, when Sewell dismissed him. Among his figures were a four and two twos; eight wickets and 126 runs. Tarrant was the next, and Willsher had exchanged ends with the bowling. Carpenter had to succumb to Sewell, after a well-played innings of 36, comprising four fours (drives) and a three; nine wickets and 129 runs. Lockyer did not score, and Tarrant carried out his bat with three singles. Total of the innings, 131. The general fielding was good, and the bowling of Sewell was both admirable and successful, for which he received a reward of merit. Time, half-past 4.

After the usual lapse of time, Kent went to the wickets, Mr Kelson and G Bennett to the bowling of Grundy and Tarrant. Runs were quickly made, Mr Kelson batting in fine form, and soon placed to his account 26, containing three fours and two threes; one wicket and 48 runs. Wenman did not alter the score, and Willsher took his place.

Mr Grace relieved Tarrant of the ball for a short time when the latter resumed. The batting still prevailed, and Hayward was called on to bowl at Grundy's end, and, as the batsmen could not be parted, Mr Fitzgerald took the ball from Tarrant, but the score still kept rising. G Bennett, after an excellent stand for 39, was very smartly caught at point by Carpenter. Among his hits were four fours and five twos; three wickets and 100 runs.

The next to appear was Mr Wathen, but he soon lost the company of Willsher, who, however, had gone good service, his contribution of 19 being got in good style, composed of two fours, two twos and singles; four wickets and 103 runs. Mr Lubbock filled the vacant wicket, but directly afterwards Mr Wathen was caught at the wicket by Lockyer, off Mr Fitzgerald; five wickets and 104 runs. Captain Denne filled the vacancy, but soon after "time" was called, and play stopped for the day.

The match will be con this morning, the score standing as under: . . .

Wednesday 12 August: Tuesday evening

Another beautiful day, and a splendid company, a vast number of elegantly dressed ladies gracing the ground with their presence. The game was resumed soon after 11 o'clock by Kent continuing their innings, Captain Denne and Mr Lubbock again taking possession of the wickets, the latter being not out with two, Mr Fitzgerald and Tarrant being the bowlers. The former, however, soon retired, and Grundy took his place. Mr Lubbock added three more, and was then run out; six wickets and 123 runs. Sewell contributed eight by three twos and two singles; seven wickets and 147 runs. Mr Barber marked 5 by a two and three singles; eight wickets and 147 runs.

Fryer then joined Captain Denne, who had been batting extremely well, but now gave way to Tarrant for a score of 24, comprising a four (leg-hit), two threes and a two; nine wickets and 149 runs. Goodhew next appeared, and, being lame, G Bennett was allowed to run for him. Some good batting ensued, and continued for some time; but Mortlock, who was doing the "slows" (having taken the ball from Grundy) caused Goodhew to give a chance, which was accepted by Lockyer at the wicket; ten wickets and 181 runs.

The next man was J Bennett, but he did not score; 11 wickets and 184 runs. The last to appear was Mr Lipscombe, but, after marking a two and a single, he hit his wicket from Mortlock, and the innings closed for 191, being just 60 "on." Time, half-past 1. Some very good fielding was exhibited, though "byes" showed rather conspicuously; but it must be stated that seven was made at one time - three being run when an overthrow occurred, and four more were added. About this time the Cavalry Depot band came on the ground and played during the afternoon.

England commenced their second innings by sending in Mr Grace and Tarrant to the bowling of Willsher and Sewell. Mr Grace retired for 7, giving a chance to Wenman off Willsher; one wicket and 23 runs. Mr Nicholson began very steadily, but Tarrant parted from him soon after with a score of 14, in which were two fours and a two; two wickets and 23 runs. Grundy added four singles; three wickets and 35 runs. Carpenter followed, and a change of bowling took place, Mr Lipscombe taking Sewell's place. Mr Nicholson got his leg before wicket and retired for 25, comprising two fours (drives), a three and three twos; four wickets and 63 runs.

Hayward then faced Carpenter, and some lively hitting followed, Fryer, who had been keeping wicket, being called on to relieved Mr Lipscombe of the ball, J Bennett taking the wicket. Carpenter played a fine innings of 34, comprising five fours, a three and two twos; five wickets and 106 runs. Hearne showed next and batted well, gaining 17, in which were two fours (drives) and a three; six wickets and 128 runs. G Bennett took a turn with the ball and succeeded in disposing of Hayward for 16, including a four, a

three and a two. No further stand was made and the innings finished for 150. . . Willsher bowled well throughout. Time, quarter-past 5.

After a brief interval, Kent began their second innings, having 91 to get to win. Mr Kelson and G Bennett went to the wickets against the bowling of Tarrant and Grundy. The first to make a stand was Wenman, who contributed 14, among which were a six (overthrow), a three and a two. Three wickets fell without scoring. Willsher, when "time" was called, was not out with 12.

The game will be continued this morning, the score standing as under: . . .

Thursday 13 August: Wednesday Evening

The fine weather still continued, and again a fine company was present on the ground. Kent, with seven wickets down for 29 runs, went on with their innings. Willsher, being not out with 12, resumed his position at the wicket, faced by Fryer. Willsher contributed no more; among his figures, however, were a four, a three and a two. Goodhew was lame, and was allowed some one to run for him, Grundy and Tarrant still bowling. Fryer was also a "cripple," but marked a good nine by a four, a two and singles; nine wickets and 43 runs.

J Bennett next came forward, and the game appeared for a time more favourable for Kent, both men adding to the score. A change of bowling was tried, Mortlock being substituted for Tarrant. This change had an effect, Bennett being caught by Mr Nicholson off Mortlock, after some good play, for nine, containing a four and a three; 10 wickets and 62 runs. Mr Lipscombe followed, Griffith having relieved Grundy of the ball. Goodhew got his runs well, and with his departure, for a score of 14, the fate of Kent was decided. Among his hits were two fours and a two; 11 wickets and 65 runs.

Mr Lipscombe did not add, and Captain Denne (with an injured hand) carried out his bat without scoring, the total standing at 65. Thus the Thirteen of Kent were beaten by the Eleven of England by 25 runs; time, a quarter to 1. It was a very good match. Tarrant received the talent money for good bowling.

THE GENTLEMEN OF KENT v THE MARYLEBONE CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1305.html)

Thursday 13 August

Previous to the commencement of this match, the Cavalry Depot Band came on the ground and played during the match. At half-past 1 o'clock the umpires called "play," and the M.C.C., winning the toss for choice of innings, availed themselves of going in first, there being twelve of a side. Mr Grace and Colonel Marshall were the representatives with the bat and Messrs Kelson and Hemsted with the ball.

Colonel Marshall received a severe blow on the thumb from a ball bowled by Mr Kelson. The injury was very severe, completely splitting the thumb-nail. Although suffering great pain, the Colonel made a fine drive for five, followed by a four; he also marked a two, and his total was 11. Major Milman played admirably (having the use of one hand only), and added 31, comprising six fours and a three. Mr Grace excited much admiration by his style of batting, and so successful was he against various bowlers that before he was disposed of he had placed to his account 75, gained by ten fours, a three and six twos.

Captain H Marshall hit very freely, and soon marked 14, by a four, a three and two twos. Mr Mordaunt's score of 24 (not out) contained a four, two threes and a two. The innings closed at half-past 5; the wickets falling thus . . . The changes in bowling were Messrs W A Wathen, Lipscombe and Robertson, aided by some very good out-fielding. The ground played extremely lively.

The Gentlemen of Kent were not long in taking possession of the wickets, Messrs Inge and Hemsted being the first to go in against the bowling of Major Milman and Mr Arkwright. The following is the state of the score when the stumps were drawn for the day: . . .

The match will be continued this morning.

Friday 14 August: Thursday evening

Splendid wicket weather, and a brilliant company in the afternoon, numbering about 6,000, combining beauty, rank and fashion. The Cavalry Depot band again attended and played some admirable music till the play was over. The game was resumed soon after 12 o'clock, and Kent continued their innings, but no great stand was made, Mr Robertson alone getting double figures. Mr Arkwright and Major Milman bowled admirably throughout. . .

This left them just 100 in the minority of the M.C.C., consequently they were put in again against the runs. Kent commenced their second innings about half-past 1 o'clock, and a very good beginning they made, Messrs Lubbock and W A Wathen batting finely against the bowling of Major Milman and Mr Arkwright. Mr W A Wathen gained 38, composed of three fours, a three and six twos; he was well caught by Mr Arkwright off Major Milman, and the score stood at 54 for the loss on one wicket.

Mr Kelson then took in his bat, and began to hit in a very determined manner; he, however, lost the company of Mr Lubbock, who had been playing

cautiously and steadily, for 21, in which were a three, three twos and the rest singles; two wickets and 72 runs. Mr A C Wathen became the companion of Mr Kelson, and the game went on merrily for a time, till Mr Nicholson caught the last at the wicket (which he was keeping exceedingly well). Mr Kelson was not long in making his 12, a four, a three and two twos being among the number; three wickets and 74 runs. Mr Hemsted, a very young player, and a good one, next added 10 in admirable style, comprising a three and a two; four wickets and 96 runs.

The game now became rather slow. Mr Grace bowled at Mr Arkwright's end for a short time, when the latter again resumed. The score did not rise very rapidly, the fifth wicket falling for 105 . . . A fine stand was made when Mr Troughton and Mr Dyke got together, and the hopes of Kent revived. Two or three changes were made in the bowling, but the batting prevailed over it for some time, causing the score to rise rapidly. At length Mr Dyke was had at the wicket by Mr Nicholson, after a finely got innings of 33, in which were three fours, a three and six twos; ten wickets and 207 runs. "Time" was now called, and the play ceased for the day, Mr Troughton being left not out with 37.

The game will be resumed this (Friday) morning.

Saturday 15 August: Friday evening

About a quarter before 12 o'clock this morning the game was resumed, the weather still being beautifully fine. Kent had one wicket to fall, with the score standing at 207. Mr Troughton, being not out with 37, was faced by Mr Lipscombe (the last man), but the score remained unaltered, the latter gentleman soon giving a chance, which was accepted by Mr Fellows off Mr Arkwright.

Mr Troughton made some fine hits, there being among his figures three fours, a three and three twos. Mr Nicholson kept wicket most ably, and the long-stopping of Captain H Marshall was a fine performance. Mr Isaak was the substitute in the field for Colonel Marshall.

At half-past 12 o'clock the M.C.C. entered on their second innings, having 108 to get to win. Mr Grace and Mr Mordaunt were the batsmen, and Mr Lipscombe and Mr Kelson the bowlers. Mr Grace was the first to part, being well caught by Mr Robinson off Mr Lipscombe, after making 9, in which were two fours; one wicket and 16 runs. Mr Nicholson took the vacant wicket, but shortly after had to leave, he being both c and b Kelson. His score was also 9, comprising a three and two twos; two wickets and 22 runs.

Major Milman became the *vis-à-vis* of Mr Nicholson, and as both gentlemen were causing the score to rise, Mr Hemsted went in for a change at Mr Kelson's end. Major Milman's score was 9, in which was a hit for three; three wickets and 39 runs. Mr Fitzgerald was the next to appear, and to part the batsmen another change of bowling was tried, Mr W Wathen relieving Mr Hemsted of the ball. The efficacy of this change was soon made apparent, for the first ball from Mr W Wathen lowered Mr Nicholson's stumps after a somewhat lucky innings of 21, gained by a four, three twos and singles; four wickets and 73 runs.

Captain Parnell followed, and Mr Lipscombe was fortunate enough to deprive him of the company of Mr Fitzgerald, which appeared to be a good riddance for Kent, he seeming to be well in at the time. In Mr Fitzgerald's 21 were a four, three twos and the rest singles; five wickets and 79 runs. Mr R

Marsham then added a three, but was both caught and bowled by Mr Lipscombe; six wickets and 85 runs. Mr A Burly came next, but Captain Parnell had to leave shortly after; he had marked a four and a single, but the sum total of the score remained unaltered.

The game now became very exciting, as in reality there were but three wickets to go down, and 23 runs to be obtained to win, Colonel Marshall, although his bruised thumb was better, being unable to handle the bat. Captain H Marshall then occupied the vacant wicket, and batted very cautiously. Mr Kelson again handled the ball, and Mr Burly was caught off him by Mr Inge, after adding a four; eight wickets and 97 runs.

Much interest was now manifested; 11 runs yet required to win. Mr Fellows was the next, and he commenced with a fine square leg hit for four, amidst much applause. Directly after, however, Captain H Marshall had to give way to Mr Lipscombe, after a well-got 6, in which were two twos; nine wickets and 103 runs. Mr Arkwright was the next to go in; and the runs were rubbed off, a "no-ball" making the winning run. It was an exceedingly good match, and the M.C.C. gained a victory with two wickets to go down.

At this time (4 o'clock) the ground presented a most animated appearance, a fine company being present, and the music of the 5th and 6th companies of the Kent Volunteers added much to its enjoyment.

COUNTY OF SURREY v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1306.html)

Tuesday 18 August

In the midst of a large ring of spectators this great match was commenced on the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, at half-past 12 o'clock. Surrey, being fortunate in winning the toss for choice of innings, took the batting first, the bowlers being Mr V E Walker and Willsher.

Mortlock and Humphrey were the first to begin the batting, which they did with good effect, for before a parting took place 45 was shown on the telegraph board, when Humphrey was caught by Willsher off Atkinson, who had taken up the bowling at Mr Walker's end. Humphrey had placed to his account 18, comprising a four, a three and three twos. H H Stephenson appeared next, and the batting seemed to have a complete mastery over the bowling. Hodgson took a turn at Willsher's end for a time, but runs were still obtained, so Bennett became the change, and a very fortunate one it proved to be. Just at this period, however, the dinner bell rang, the score being 142.

After the repast only one run was obtained before Stephenson had to retire, being stumped by Biddulph, who was rather at fault at first, but was now more on the alert. Stephenson marked 48 in fine style, composed of two fours, five threes and five twos. A rare occurrence followed: Caffyn, Mr Dowson and Griffith (with Stephenson, above mentioned) were disposed of for one run in one over (Bennett's), the second, third, fourth and fifth wickets falling for 143.

Mr Burbidge then faced Mortlock, who kept his wicket well from the commencement and showed first-class play; the wicket-keeper, however, caught him taking a liberty and he had to walk off the ground altogether, but it was amid much applause, 81 being attached to his name. Among his hits were two fives, four fours, five threes and six twos; six wickets and 152 runs. Lockyer added a two; seven wickets and 158 runs.

Caesar went to the vacant wicket, when soon after Mr Burbidge gave a "popper," and the ball fell into Mr Grace's hands at short slip. Mr Burbidge's score of 16 comprised three fours; eight wickets and 177 runs. Sewell followed, but Caesar, having marked 11, in which were two twos and a four, had to retire, and the innings closed at a quarter before 6 for a total of 184. Bennett and Anderson bowled well, the former having a greater amount of success. The outfielding was very praiseworthy. Play was interrupted by rain for a short time about 5 o'clock.

The usual allowance of time having elapsed, England sent to the wickets Messrs Grace and Kelson, against the bowling of Sewell and Caffyn. Mr Grace contributed 5, when he was caught by H Stephenson off Caffyn; one wicket and 15 runs. Willsher joined Mr Kelson, and they kept their wickets up till time was called.

The game will be resumed this morning at 11 o'clock, the state of the score being as under: . . .

Wednesday 19 August

Faith with the public should always be kept. 11 o'clock was announced for the resumption of this match yesterday, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington Oval, but it was just upon 12 before play was called – much too late an hour, especially at this period of the season, when of necessity stumps must be drawn earlier. England, with one wicket down for 15 runs, went on with their innings, and a very large assemblage was present.

Mr Kelson and Willsher, being not out on the previous evening, again took the possession of the wickets against the bowling of Sewell and Caffyn. Willsher marked seven singles, when he was caught by Lockyer off Caffyn; two wickets and 43 runs. Bennett added three singles, when he lost the company of Mr Kelson, a very fine batsman, of whom the county of Kent may be proud. He scored 29, comprising two fours, a three and three twos; three wickets and 43 runs.

Bennett's (the fourth) wicket fell for 57 runs, Iddison being his companion. Mr Mitchell next put in an appearance. Iddison, however, soon gave a chance, which was taken by Lockyer at the wicket, and he retired for 13, in which were two twos. Iddison has much improved since his return from Australia, and is a good player all round. Five wickets and 61 runs. Mr Wright added a four; six wickets and 67 runs.

At this period it looked all in favour of Surrey, but upon V E Walker's appearance, with the company of Mr Mitchell, the phase of matters was soon changed. These gentlemen completely "collared" the bowling, Griffith went in at Sewell's end, and Mr Miller (soon after) at Caffyn's. The scorers were kept employed, and as the batsmen could not be parted, Sewell had another try, and was this time successful in disposing of Mr Walker, but not till he had placed to his name 32, cleverly gained by two fours, a three and four twos; seven wickets and 162 runs.

Biddulph followed, and with great adroitness soon contributed 26, in an easy and "at home" style; among his figures were two fours, two threes and two twos; eight wickets and 216 runs. Atkinson did not contribute; two wickets and 217 runs. Hodgson (the last man) marked a single, and was then bowled by Sewell. Total of the innings, 218 – 34 "on."

A finer display of batting than that of Mr Mitchell could not be witnessed. He carried out his bat for 89, comprising two fives (cut and leg hit), two fours, five threes and nine twos. Loud cheers greeted him at the Pavilion, and Mr Burrup (the secretary), on behalf of the Surrey club, presented him with a new bat (silver mounted). The fielding was extremely good and lively.

Soon after 5 o'clock Surrey commenced their second innings, Mr Dowson and Griffith going to the wickets against the bowling of Atkinson and Bennett. Griffith had to retire for three; one wicket and seven runs. Caffyn was the next, and showed his usual good style of hitting, but eleven was his sum total, when caught by Willsher; two wickets in 30 runs. Mr Dowson, playing very steadily, was now joined by H H Stephenson, and runs being made a change of bowling was made, Willsher and Mr Grace handling the ball. The batsmen, however, kept up their wickets till play was stopped for the day.

The match will be continued this day, the score standing as under: . . .

Thursday 20 August

Yesterday was the third day of this match at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, but, owing to the fine play on both sides, it did not suffice to bring the match to a satisfactory conclusion, rain interrupting the play for some time, and, perhaps, preventing it being played out.

Mr Dowson and H H Stephenson resumed the batting on the part of Surrey, and right well did they play on its behalf, for before a parting took place they had increased the score from 30 to 128, when Mr Dowson's (third wicket) innings closed for 61. The batting of Mr Dowson is always appreciated, it being really good. Upon retiring he was cheered all round the ground, and a warm reception was given to him at the pavilion, where Mr Burrup, the hon. secretary of the Surrey Club, presented him with a new bat. Among his hits were two fours, four threes and eight twos.

H H Stephenson's batting was much applauded, he contributing 56, in which were two fours, three threes and nine twos; four wickets and 145 runs. The fifth wicket (Mortlock's) fell for 146 runs, and the sixth (Mr Burbidge's) for 154 runs. T Humphrey (a rising young player) showed great judgment in obtaining his 21, which comprised two threes and three twos; seven wickets and 179 runs. Lockyer soon marked 13, made up by a five (drive), a four, a three and a single. Willsher then sent him back; eight wickets and 179 runs.

Sewell came next, and in a most lively manner marked 11, by a four (drive), a three and a two; nine wickets and 195 runs. Mr Miller commenced with a fine drive for four, Caesar being his companion, who being lame Humphrey was allowed to run for him. Mr Miller marked six in all, when Bennett caught him, and so the tenth wicket fell for 198, Caesar being not out with two. Mr V E Walker and Bennett started bowling, and the change was Willsher and Hodgson, who continued till the innings closed. All points in the field were well represented.

England, at half-past 5 o'clock, commenced their second innings with 165 to get to win, but with no chance of getting them on account of time. Mr Kelson marked 6 and Mr Wright 19, comprising a four (drive), a three and two twos. Mr Wright is a good cricketer and got his runs well. Mr Grace, in his own peculiar style, scored 39 (not out), comprised of a five, a four, two threes, three twos &c., and Iddison (not out) one.

"Time" was then called, and this very excellent match was left drawn, the score standing as under: . . .

COUNTY OF SUSSEX v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1307.html)

Tuesday 18 August – no report found.

Wednesday 19 August

Yesterday this match, at the Sussex County ground, Brighton, was resumed from the previous evening. The match was a most exciting one, the last two wickets of the M.C.C. adding 104 to the score. Sussex, although much in the rear, began their second innings well, and rubbed off the runs, having put eight "on," with two wickets down, when the stumps were drawn for the day.

The match will be resumed this morning.

Thursday 20 August – no report found.

COUNTY OF SURREY v THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1308.html)

Thursday 20 August

Surrey, although they only left off playing their match yesterday evening at Kennington-oval, with great spirit and energy, muster this morning at the Broughton Ground, Manchester, to contend against the North of England.

Monday 24 August

This contest lasted three days, commencing on Thursday, at the Broughton Ground, Manchester, and terminating on Saturday, when Surrey met with defeat. The following is the score: . . .

COUNTY OF SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1309.html)

Saturday 22 August

This, the last great match of the season at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, will be commenced on Monday, and will be played for the benefit of the veteran T Sewell, the much-respected county umpire. The following is a list of the sides: . . .

Tuesday 25 August

This match, commenced yesterday on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, was for the benefit of T Sewell, sen., the well-known player and umpire. The weather proved fine, and a large number of spectators were present. Surrey won the toss and took possession of the wickets, sending in Mortlock and Jupp as their representatives; time, 12 o'clock.

Jupp marked two only, when he was caught by Mr John Walker off his brother, Mr V E Walker. T Hearne was the bowler at the other end; one wicket and 5 runs. H Stephenson then added 7; two wickets and 27 runs. W Mortlock, who had been batting well, had next for his companion Griffith, but T Hearne caused him to depart for 7; three wickets and 41 runs. Caffyn was the next; and an unfortunate run out followed, Mortlock having to retire after scoring 26 in an able manner, in which were three threes and three twos; four wickets and 43 runs. Mr Dowson then appeared, but Caffyn soon after parted without altering the score.

T Humphrey joined Mr Dowson and some lively hitting took place; Humphrey marked three fours and two twos in his score of 19, when T Hearne got in his way; six wickets and 85 runs. Sewell occupied the vacant wicket, but Mr Dowson directly afterwards gave a chance, which was accepted by Mr I D Walker. His score of 27 was got in good style, composed of two fours and two threes and three twos; seven wickets and 91 runs. After Mr Dowson's departure no further stand was made. The eighth wicket fell at 92, the ninth and tenth for 95. Mr V E Walker ("slows") and T Hearne bowled effectively throughout. The innings closed at half-past 2.

After a brief interval Middlesex sent in Mr J J Sewell and G Wells to the bowling of Caffyn and T Sewell. Mr Sewell scored four, and then succumbed to his namesake; one wicket, 7 runs. At this time the bell rang for dinner.

After the repast, T Hearne took in his bat and soon began scoring, but Sewell caused Wells to leave his company for 9, in which were a three and a five; two wickets and 16 runs. The next batsman was Mr Lee, and runs being rapidly obtained a change of bowling was tried, Griffith going to Sewell's end. The change proved effective, for the second ball from Griffith took Hearne's bail off; but he had done good service, 34 being his contribution, among which were a five (on drive), four fours and two twos; three wickets and 75 runs.

Mr I D Walker made no alteration in the score. Mr Cooper followed, and runs were still made till Mr Lee gave a chance to Lockyer at the wicket, after scoring 24, admirably gained, there being among his figures a five (on drive), two fours and a three; five wickets and 78 runs. Mr V E Walker

next appeared and soon began adding to the score, aided by Mr Cooper; the latter, however, was caught by Lockyer, after playing very well for 17, in which were two threes and a two; six wickets and 119 runs.

When joined by Mr Bayford, Mr V E Walker marked no more, leaving his score at 24 (finely got), composed of a four, a three and two twos; seven wickets and the score unaltered. Mr John Walker was the next to show and began batting very steadily. Mortlock, who had taken up the bowling at Caffyn's end with the "slows," succeeded in catching Mr Bayford from his own bowling; eight wickets and 145 runs.

G Hearne was c and b Griffith for 7; nine wickets and 149 runs. Mr John Walker's 18 were judiciously gained, comprising two fours and two twos. John Lillywhite was not out, but did not score. Total of the innings, 152 - 57 ahead of Surrey. This closed the day's play.

The match will be resumed this morning, the following being the state of the score: . . .

Wednesday 26 August

At the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday this match was resumed, at about 12 o'clock. Surrey, with 57 to the bad, commenced their second innings by sending in Mortlock and Jupp to the bowling of Mr V E Walker and T Hearne. Jupp's contribution was 7. Mortlock, with his usual ability, obtained 24, in which were a four and six twos. Caffyn added 20, luckily obtained, being two or three times missed; among his figures were a four, a three and five twos.

A finer innings than that of Griffith we have seldom witnessed. He began with a hit for 6, the ball being driven right over the fence, for which he was much applauded. He made a total of 74, comprising (besides the 6 above-mentioned) a five, five fours, three threes and six twos. Mr John Walker (who had been keeping wicket) took up the bowling at his brother's end, and Wells at T Hearne's, Mr Cooper taking the position of wicketkeeper, and his first performance was the stumping of Mortlock.

After a short time Mr V E Walker and T Hearne again resumed bowling, but runs being got, Mr V E Walker resigned in favour of Mr Lee, who succeeded very cleverly in catching Mr Dowson off his own bowling. Mr Dowson's score was 22, in which were two fours, a three and two twos. Humphrey played well and marked 24, but was run out; among his figures were a four and six twos. H Stephenson was left "not out" with nine, and Sewell had no chance of scoring, as directly he went in the rain descended in torrents, putting a stop to the day's play. Two or three times heavy showers interrupted the play. The game will be continued this morning.

Thursday 27 August - no report found.