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15 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1677.html)

Day 1

This match, which commenced yesterday at Lord's, exhibited the batting qualifications of Mr W G Grace in a pre-eminent manner. He received the first over from Southerton at 10 minutes past 12 o'clock, and kept possession of his wicket until 5. During this period he scored one six, four fives, 11 fours (all drives), 12 threes, 14 twos and sufficient singles to make a total of 181. Mr I D Walker also played a fine defensive innings and was eventually bowled off his body. The first five wickets realized 280 runs, and the subsequent five brought up the total to 32 . . .

Surrey began their batting with R Humphrey and Jupp. The first and second wickets fell to Wootton for 24 runs. The third advanced to 35, and at 40 stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2

Play in the above match at Lord's was resumed at ten minutes past 12 yesterday. Jupp, one of the "not outs," added 13 to his overnight score, and Pooley 27. The other contributions were not very large, and the Surrey innings closed for 128 runs. Being in a minority of 195 they had to follow on.

The second innings proved a more successful one than the first. Jupp and T Humphrey began the batting in opposition to Shaw and Wootton, as bowlers in chief. At 29 Humphrey was clean bowled by the latter, and his brother then joined Jupp. Forty-nine runs were totalled when Farrands took up the bowling up Wootton's end. Both batsmen seemed now so well set that at 69 Mr Brune relieved Shaw, and at 81 Mr Walker tried a few under-hand slows, which were severely punished. Ninety-nine runs were recorded when R Humphrey was caught at wicket.

Every effort was made by Surrey to avoid if possible a single innings defeat, but with the fall of Pooley for an insignificant score the result of the match was clearly foreseen. Jupp played a really fine and spirited innings of 85, consisting of four fours, six threes, nine twos and singles. He was at the wicket for nearly three hours. The innings closed at a quarter-past 6 o'clock for 172 runs, thus leaving Marylebone winners by an innings and 23 runs.

Although this defeat may seem to be, and in reality is, a very severe one, it ought not to be inferred that Surrey played badly, for such is not the case; the truth is that the batting of Mr Grace was of a character that overcame all the energies of the other side.

18 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1678.html)

Day 1

The annual match, at Fenner's Ground, Cambridge, commenced yesterday. As the weather was rainy and cold, the attendance was thin. Marylebone went in first and completed an innings, the score of which is affixed. Umpires - Grundy and Slinn.

Day 2

Yesterday the above match at Fenner's Ground, Cambridge, was resumed shortly before 12 o'clock. The weather during the day was rainy, but there was a very fair attendance notwithstanding. The University commenced their innings with Messrs Evans and Tobin. The scoring generally fell far short of expectation. Only two of the eleven got into double figures, and the tenth wicket realized but 86 runs.

Marylebone completed their second innings before 7 o'clock for 157 runs, or one run in advance of the first. Play will be continued to-day, and the match will in all probability be completed early.

Day 3 - no report found

18 May: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1679.html)

Days 1 and 2

A ground at West Brompton has recently been laid down for cricket, and the first county match appointed to be played began on Thursday and was continued yesterday. Middlesex went in first. The innings of Mr Pauncefote was a remarkably fine one. He gave but one chance and brought out his bat for 94. When stumps were drawn on the second day Surrey had lost six wickets for precisely the same number. Play will be resumed this day at 12 o'clock.

Day 3

Mr Gregory and Stephenson, the "not outs" on Friday evening with 11 and 8 respectively, resumed the batting at 10 minutes past 12 o'clock on Saturday, to the bowling of Mr Rutter and Howitt. Three wickets fell in quick succession, but Stephenson, after being missed at 34, effected a total of 50 runs. With the exception of this chance, his innings throughout was faultless. A wonderfully fine catch by Hearne at point, and which occasioned the dismissal of Mr Gregory, deserves mention. The tenth wicket fell at 1.45, and as Surrey were in a minority of 127 runs, they had to follow on.

The most remarkable trait in the second innings was the stubborn defence exhibited by Mr Gregory. The bowling underwent every available change. The fourth wicket fell for 64, but this number was doubled before another could be taken. Eight wickets were down when the stipulated time for drawing stumps arrived, and the match was, in consequence, left unfinished . . . Umpires, Inwood and Mortlock.

22 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1680.html)

Day 1

An unusual degree of interest always attaches itself to this match on account of the merits of the men selected to represent Yorkshire, certainly one of the most formidable cricketing counties with which Marylebone once a year undertakes to contend. Play began yesterday at Lord's at 10 minutes past 12. Mr Grace and Smith were first at the wickets. Emmett commenced the bowling from the nursery end of the ground, and Hill followed from the upper or pavilion wicket.

When 20 runs were scored Clayton relieved Hill, At 42 Smith was run out by a good piece of fielding at mid on. Mr Dale came, received nine balls, scored a single and was caught at cover point. Very soon after Mr Grace played a ball into his wicket, and Mr Brune was missed by Emmett before he had scored a run. At 70 Mr Pauncefote's wicket fell, and Mr Wilkinson was stumped from the third ball. Mr Griffith played a beautiful though not a very long innings. At 83 Hill resumed bowling in place of Emmett, and at 95 r Griffith retired. Farrands was thrown out by cover point. At 3.10 the innings closed for 116 runs . . .

Yorkshire sent in Greenwood and Lockwood. From the first 20 overs, divided between Shaw and Farrands, 11 runs were scored. In the 21st over Greenwood was bowled by a trimming ball from Farrands. When Smith came the score soon rose to 35, but at this stage Smith was stumped and Rawlinson joined Lockwood. Fine cricket all round. At 50 Wootton relieved Shaw, and three wickets fell in quick succession. Lockwood, after playing a very fine innings, was caught at short leg. His chief hits were two four's, three three's, four two's. Iddison was the only remaining player who reached double figures. When his wicket fell the innings closed, and Yorkshire was found to be in a minority of 16 runs.

Shortly after 6 o'clock Messrs Grace and Dale resumed the Marylebone batting, opposed to Clayton and Emmett. The batting was of a very free and effective character. Mr Grace cut the last ball of Emmett's eighth over down to the armoury and scored six. At 66 the first wicket (Mr Dale's) fell, 50 minutes having been occupied in obtaining the number. A sharp cold east wind prevailed all day. There was an excellent attendance. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock. Umpires, Grundy and Royston.

Day 3

Few, if any, representatives of the press were present at Lord's yesterday morning to witness the early overs in this important match, as play began nearly half an hour before the usual time. The second wicket (Smith's) fell for 72 runs Mr Pauncefote next joined Mr Grace. His stay was, however, a very brief one; bowled with the total at 79. Mr Griffiths hit hard, well and successfully during the short time he was at the wicket. On this retirement four men were declared out for 106 runs.

At this stage Hill relieved Emmett at the eastern wicket; but his bowling failed in its intended purpose. Mr Brune did not survive an over. Shaw came, and 118 runs were totalled, when a ball from Clayton shot down his wicket. With Biddulph and Mr Grace the score moved so rapidly on that at

140 the slows of Iddison were tried for the first time. Mr Grace played at one of these very enticing balls and started for a run, but before he could regain his ground the fielder at mid off threw the ball into Mr Grace's wicket, and his career closed with 98 runs, obtained in a style worthy the highest and most unqualified praise. Biddulph got stumped off a slow, and Mr Wilkinson retired in the subsequent over. At 1.40 the innings closed for 173 runs.

Yorkshire began their batting with 190 runs to win. Five wickets fell for 50 runs and six for 65. Then came a stand. Iddison and Pinder brought on the first change of bowling - viz., Shaw for Farrands at the western, or pavilion wicket. At 112 Mr Brune relieved Wootton. Neither of these changes, however, produced the desired effect. At 126 Farrands resumed, and from his second ball Iddison was stumped. Eight more runs were added when Clayton's wicket fell, and Marylebone were declared winners by 55 runs

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25 May: GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH v GENTLEMEN OF THE NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1681.html)

Day 1

Lillie-bridge Ground, West Brompton, attracted a considerable number yesterday to witness this match. North won the toss, and went in soon after 12 o'clock, and were all disposed of in less than two hours for 74 runs . . .

The South innings began at 2.15, and at 6 o'clock they had lost but two wickets for 205 runs. Mr Grace's batting was slow at the outset, but as he warmed up his accustomed "form" manifested itself. Mr Fryer also played beautiful cricket. At 6 o'clock rain stopped the further progress of the game. Umpires, Inwood and Caldecourt.

Day 2

At the close of Thursday's play the North had completed an innings for 74 runs, and two good batsmen of the South were out with the total at 205. Mr Grace added but 11 runs to his over night score, and Mr Walker contributed only eight altogether. The innings was finished at 2h 20m for 334 runs; a difference of 250 in favour of the South.

In the second innings of the North the tenth wicket fell at a quarter to 6 o'clock for 147, so that the South won the match by an innings and 113 runs. The most striking features during the second day's play were the lively batting of Mr Cobden, the defence of Messrs Beever and Winder, the bowling of Mr Stokes, the taking of three wickets from one over delivered by Mr Rutter, and an on-drive by Mr Thornton which despatched the ball on the railway line, and for which he claimed six runs.

25 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1682.html)

Final report

Although three days were set apart for this annual match at Oxford it was left, after all, in an unfinished state. On Thursday last rain fell so copiously that no play was attempted. On the following morning Messrs Garnier and Townshend first appeared at the wickets on behalf of the University. The first wicket fell for 10 runs, but before another could be obtained the score exceeded 100, got in less than two hours. The bowling underwent various changes, both as regards individuals and positions.

Two hours and a half elapsed before the second wicket (Mr Townshend's) was taken for 119 runs. Mr Tylecote then joined Mr Hadow, but the newcomer was soon dismissed, and the two succeeding batsmen retired without effecting a single run. Five wickets, 155. Mr Hadow, who was more than three hours at the wicket, put together 82 runs, by hits of almost every kind and degree. The innings closed for 179. Farrands and Shaw were the most successful bowlers.

Marylebone were very soon disposed of, having got but 52 runs when their tenth wicket fell. When the stumps were drawn for the day two wickets of their second innings were down for 57 runs.

On Saturday a favourable change awaited them. Mr Wallroth, a "not out" for 21, and Mr Harris, the other "not out" for 11, kept the University bowling in check. The latter gentleman was especially strong in his defence, and scored more than double the runs put together by the whole Marylebone Eleven in their first innings. The tenth wicket fell for 239. From the lateness of the hour it was quite clear that the match could not be completed, and it was accordingly left in the condition shown by the score attached: . . .

29 May: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1685.html)

Day 1

A fine holyday morning brought a greater number of visitors to Lord's yesterday than has been witnessed for many years past on a similar occasion. It is a long time since the Whit-Monday match was first promoted for the purpose of establishing a "cricketers' fund," and, although the change of circumstances has to some extent diverted the original intentions of its benefactors, the main principle of action remains unchanged. Probably no less than 6,000 people were present during the first day of the annual benefit.

The South won the toss, and at 12.15 Mr W G Grace and Jupp appeared at the wickets. J C Shaw and M'Intyre were charged with the early bowling. Only one run resulted from two overs, and the third produced six. After this the batsmen began to hit with less reserve, as in the 14th over 40 runs were registered, and only 25 minutes occupied in the task. At 51 Clayton relieved Shaw, and at 74 Wootton went on at the eastern wicket in place of M'Intyre. When the first wicket (Jupp's) fell, 78 runs were scored. Mr Green made a very brief stay, and Pooley scored a single from the first ball received, and was bowled from the second. Three wickets, 91.

Mr G F Grace joined his brother and the hitting predominated; 103 runs were totalled in 75 minutes. Before 2 o'clock Mr W G Grace's own score had exceeded 100 runs. The bowlers were changed, but the score rose rapidly notwithstanding. Mr W G Grace got 20 runs from five successive hits. After being nearly four hours at the wickets he received his dismissal. 270 runs were now recorded as a total, towards which he contributed three fives, 20 fours, nine threes, 11 twos and 37 singles.

Mr Thornton's stay was of short duration. Charlwood's defence was very tame. Lillywhite received but one ball, and that bowled him clean. Wootton went on a second time with the score at 314, and Mr G F Grace eventually fell to him for 83, after being missed at the wicket and then at short leg. This event brought the innings to a close at a quarter-past 5 o'clock for a total of 328 . . . The fielding of Smith during this long and trying innings is deserving of the highest commendation.

At the close of the day's play the North had lost two wickets for 70 runs. The bowling of Willsher was of a first-class character; thus, 23 overs (17 maiden). 13 runs, one wicket. Umpires, Grundy and Royston. Play resumed to-day.

Day 2

Lockwood and Daft, the "not outs" of Monday evening for 34 and 15 respectively, resumed batting at four minutes past 12 yesterday on the Marylebone ground. Before a parting could be effected 18 runs were added. Daft hit a ball from Willsher very hard to mid-off, where it was finely fielded by Mr W G Grace and thrown into the wicket. Three of the best batsmen were now out for 88 runs.

Carpenter came, and for full three-quarters of an hour the run-getting appeared to be, comparatively speaking, slow. At 103 Lillywhite went on in

lieu of Southerton. In the second over of the change Lockwood was deftly caught by the wicket-keeper off Willsher. His score of 58 – the largest on the North side – was compounded of three fours; three threes; eight twos; and singles.

Four wickets soon after fell in rapid succession. A Shaw made but one successful hit, and that for a very small figure. Plumb played the first ball received into his wicket and Clayton scored two singles only. Wootton, however, made a determined stand. Two change bowlers were brought forward. He was eventually caught at mid-off. J C Shaw, the last man, was evidently posed, and could make nothing of the very few balls delivered, but he brought out his bat on Cap being caught by longstop. The innings closed at 2h 20m for 166 runs, or 162 less than that of the South . . .

Smith and Lockwood continued the batting. Thirty-three runs were scored for the first wicket, and 37 for the second. Fifty-six runs resulted from the first hour's play. The third wicket (Hayward's) fell for 63. Daft came next, but retired with the total at 86. M'Intyre made one hit for three runs and was soon after caught at point. Half the wickets were down for 9 runs. A Shaw, caught from the third ball, added nothing; and although Clayton hit with great freedom at starting he failed to keep it up; c and b Lillywhite. Eighth wicket, 106; tenth, 113. Duration of innings 2h 15m . . .

The great defeat of an innings and 49 runs sustained by the North may be attributed to two causes; first, the injudicious selection of their team, but especially to the extraordinary capacities of Mr W G Grace, displayed throughout the match, and who is, to say the least of him as a cricketer, "a host in himself."

5 June: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1688.html)

Day 1

A return match, as above designated, was commenced yesterday at the Oval. Surrey won the toss and began batting at a quarter past 12. The wickets played falsely – a circumstance that excited surprise, seeing that this was the first important match of the Oval season. Jupp and R Humphrey received the early overs from Howitt and Mr Rutter.

60 runs were scored in an hour, but three wickets fell in the meantime. At 89 Jupp was caught in the slips. Mr Gregory, after being at the wickets for five-and-thirty minutes, retired at length without a single run. Seven men were out for 114 runs at luncheon time. On renewal of play the game took an unexpected turn, for 80 runs were added before the last wicket, Southerton's, fell . . .

The most remarkable feature of the Middlesex innings was the rapid scoring – viz., 100 runs in 80 minutes. When stumps were drawn five men were out for 106 runs, as may be seen from the score attached. Considering the ungenial state of the weather for cricket there was a good attendance, especially in the latter part of the day.

Day 2

When play was discontinued on Monday evening, Surrey had completed an innings for 194 runs, and five Middlesex wickets were down for 108. Mr Griffiths, one of the "not outs" for a single run, soon increased his score to 27 by masterly batting, and Mr Brune, the other "not out," added 13 to his overnight contribution. Messrs Rutter and Bisset hit hard and to profit. Each made two fours from one over off Street. At the fall of the tenth wicket there was a difference of two runs only in the respective totals. The innings closed at 1.25.

Surrey lost one of their most trustworthy batsmen, Jupp, for a somewhat dismissing score. He, however, played his innings well throughout. Mr Potter, in conjunction with R Humphrey, brought on two changes of bowling. At 75 Mr Potter was caught off Mr Brune in his first over. Just 100 runs were totalled when the fourth wicket fell. Before another hour had fully expired the remaining six wickets were disposed of for 35 runs . . .

Middlesex, who required 138 runs to win the match, sent in Messrs Bisset and Wilkinson at a quarter to 6 o'clock. The former gave two unaccepted chances to the field before he was bowled. Mr Green joined Mr Wilkinson, and the hitting grew lively until stopped by Griffith at point. These were the only wickets down when time was called. The task set for Middlesex at the Oval to-day is a very easy one – viz., 43 runs and eight men to get them.

Day 3

Half an hour sufficed yesterday to finish the above match at the Oval. Mr Green, one of the "not outs" for 31 on Tuesday, added 23 by masterly play, and was then caught by Street off his own ball. Mr Pauncefote added

nothing to the total, but Mr Griffiths, who next joined Mr Walker, made the winning hit, with six wickets to spare. Umpires, Mortlock and Thoms.

5 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1687.html)

Day 1

No fewer than four brothers of the "Grace family" were present at Lord's yesterday to take part in this annual match, and although at the outset Marylebone were generally considered to be quite unequal to their opponents, yet at the close of an innings by each party the telegraph announced "a tie." A few words will suffice to explain how this was brought about.

Marylebone went in first, and lost a wicket from the third ball bowled. The second wicket fell for 20 runs, and when a single had been added thereto A Shaw was caught at mid-off – a good catch close to the ground. A smart piece of fielding at cover point led to the dismissal of Mr Martin. The sixth wicket fell for 78 and the seventh for 99. When nine runs had been scored by Biddulph he attempted another, but which he failed to realize. Mr Coote was clean bowled with the score at 111, and Farrands, the last man, had no opportunity for getting a run, as Wootton was caught at cover point from the last ball of his over . . .

The Gloucestershire batting was begun by Messrs W G and E M Grace. The early bowling was assigned to Wootton and Shaw. From the first ten overs 31 runs resulted. A change of bowling was soon after resorted to, and Farrands went on at Wootton's end. At 44 Mr E M Grace was clean bowled, and at 50 Mr Gordon was stumped. At 79 Mr W G Grace was given out leg before wicket. The remaining wickets then fell rapidly. Mr Strachan made the great hit of the day – viz., an on-drive for seven to the extreme south-west corner of the ground.

The innings closed at 5.40 with the same total as that acquired by Marylebone. It will be seen from the score that six wickets of the Marylebone second innings were down for 69 runs when play was discontinued for the day. Umpires, Royston and Grundy.

Day 2

The four wickets untaken when stumps were drawn on Monday evening fell quickly yesterday morning, with 90 runs the result of the Marylebone innings. Four bowlers were engaged, but the "windmill" delivery of Mr Strachan was by far the most perplexing. This gentleman bowled 18 overs (6 maiden), 43 runs, three wickets . . .

Messrs Filgate and E M Grace commenced the fourth and final innings of the match with great spirit; 30 runs were soon got together, of which Mr Filgate obtained 18. A change of bowling was then resorted to, West relieving Farrands. From the fourth ball of West's first over Mr Grace's wicket fell. Mr Gordon received five overs, during which time he made a single, and was clean bowled – two wickets, 41. Mr W G Grace next came; ten runs were speedily procured, and then Mr Filgate, who had played a very excellent innings, was caught in the short slip; his score included one five from Farrands, down to the entrance gate, and two fours, both off drives from Shaw – three wickets, 51.

Mr Strachan's stay was limited to five overs, which produced six runs. Mr G F Grace made no sign, bowled from the second ball - five wickets, 65. Mr Bush played the defensive game, while Mr W G Grace contrived to get the ball, and so well, in fact, was this device carried out that at 2.40 he made a straight drive for five, which included the winning hit, with five wickets to spare. Full score subjoined. The attendance at Lord's on the second day was very limited for such a match as the one in question.

8 June: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1689.html)

Day 1

The incidents in yesterday's play at the Oval were somewhat extraordinary. Jupp and R Humphrey commenced the batting. The latter scored 7 runs, the former 70; Pooley got 51 and Mr Gregory 11. The remaining seven, including extras, averaged little more than three each . . .

A splendid catch at mid on got rid of Mr W G Grace when he had scored but one run. The match, notwithstanding, was much in favour of Gloucestershire, judging from the score as it stood when stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2

Surrey has sustained a signal defeat in its encounter with Gloucestershire; one hardly anticipated on Thursday evening, when the first day's play ceased. Surrey then claimed 161 runs for a completed innings, and its opponents 183 for four wickets. Yesterday the fifth wicket brought up the total to 200 . . . In all, 315. Five bowlers were engaged, but only two with success. These were Street - unchanged throughout - and Marten.

The chief feature in Surrey's second innings was the batting of Jupp, who went in first and came out tenth. He and Mr Gregory were the only batsmen who obtained double figures . . . Gloucestershire won by an innings and 60 runs.

12 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1690.html)

Days 1 and 2

Among the extraordinary matches of modern times must be classed that which began on Monday at Lord's, and was continued up to half-past 7 o'clock last evening with a total of 825 runs for 19 wickets. At the close of the first day's play 418 runs were recorded for the completed innings of Marylebone and two wickets of Middlesex.

At 12.15 yesterday Mr Hadow, the "not out" for 41, with Mr Pauncefote, continued the batting. These gentlemen brought on several changes of bowlers, nor could they be parted till 233 runs were recorded for the third wicket. The innings of Mr Hadow lasted nearly five hours and a half. He had made just 200 runs when his first chance to any fielder occurred. Long field failed to accept a really easy catch. Subsequently 17 were added, thus making his total the nearest approach to the late Mr Ward's celebrated score about 50 years ago on the same ground. In consequence of more than one severe blow on the knee Mr I D Walker ran for him. His innings was composed of four fives (drives), 16 fours, 18 threes, 20 twos and 39 singles.

After Mr Hadow retired a great deal of free batting continued. At 6.40 no less than 400 runs were reached, when Mr Strachan was caught at short leg. A very bad light accompanied the remaining portion of the play. Notwithstanding this drawback Mr Bisset and Howitt scored very freely and could not be separated. Middlesex had still a wicket standing with a total of 485 when stumps were drawn. Eight bowlers were engaged, but four only were successful . . .

Day 3

The heavy rainfall soon after daybreak on Wednesday changed the complexion of this match to an extent quite unlooked for. It may be remembered, when stumps were drawn on Tuesday evening, Middlesex had a wicket to fall before their first innings was completed. Howitt, one of the "not outs," was bowled from the first ball delivered to him yesterday.

Nearly half an hour elapsed before Marylebone re-commenced batting with Messrs W G Grace and Yardley, opposed to Howitt and Mr Rutter as bowlers in chief. The first two overs produced 11 runs; three maidens followed, but the first ball of the sixth over Mr Grace hit up to cover point. Smith then joined Mr Yardley; five successive maiden overs were bowled. In Howitt's sixth over a single run resulted, and this broke the spell. In the 16th over Mr Yardley's off stump was driven a long way from the other two. Mr Dale made two good hits and was then caught at cover point. 27 were totalled previous to the entry of Mr Cobden. Runs came apace, and the first change of bowling occurred with the score at 51. Mr Cobden was caught at short slip. Four wickets, 54.

Shaw seemed confused, and was very soon caught at mid-off. Smith, with five more runs to the total was caught at cover point. Messrs Riddell and Filgate made a stand, and it was expected they would save the innings, but with the fall of the seventh wicket for 75 runs this idea appeared to be altogether abandoned. Mr Thornton did not present himself, and at 2.45 the

ninth wicket fell for 92 runs, thus leaving Middlesex winners by an innings and 55 runs . . . Umpires, Hearne and Wootton.

19 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1693.html)

Day 1

Yesterday a return match between the above clubs commenced at Lord's. The weather at long and frequent intervals was extremely unpropitious for cricket. Marylebone began batting at 12.30 with Mr W G Grace and Smith both adepts in the art. Mr Ward started the bowling from the western wickets.

Each batsman scored three runs during the first over. From the second ball of the second over Smith was caught at long leg; Mr Dale then came. Eight balls subsequently produced three runs. Mr Grace was then well fielded at point, a splendid left-hand catch. Two wickets, nine runs. Mr Dale's stay was also a limited one. Mr Walker and Mr Wilkinson made a more determined stand. The former began by cutting Mr Ward for three and driving Mr Bray for two. Rain stopped play for twenty minutes. With the score at 35 Mr Walker played on to his wicket. Mr Booth was badly missed at short slip. At 42 Mr Cobden relieved Mr Bray, and in his third over he bowled Mr Wilkinson clean, after having scored 13 runs, all singles.

Mr Balfour's turn came next, and before a separation could be effected one of the most terrific storms broke over the ground that has occurred for many years. The sward became in many places a swamp, and play could not be resumed till 4 o'clock, when fresh wickets were pitched. Mr Bray went on again at Mr Cobden's end, as there was no foothold for fast bowling. At 62 Mr Booth was well caught at slip, and at 82 Shaw at point. Eight wickets were disposed of for 95, when play for the day was discontinued . . .

Day 2

Two days have already been expended upon this match, and only one innings by each side has been got through. This tardiness has arisen solely from unfavourable weather. It is proposed to begin earlier than usual this day should the weather permit.

Day 3

Marylebone commenced their second innings at half-past 11 o'clock with Mr Grace and Smith; the former scored four singles and was caught at cover point. Mr Dale played well up to Smith, and the score advanced to 45 before the second wicket fell. The innings closed for 99 . . .

The University required 116 runs to win, but they were unable to get them. Marylebone therefore won the match by 70 runs . . .

19 June: KENT v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1692.html)

Day 1

This is the first match that has ever been made between these counties. It was commenced at Gravesend yesterday. Kent went in first, and seven of their team scored only ten runs, but the remaining four contributed 183 . . . Play will be resumed this day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2

Play in this county match at Gravesend was resumed yesterday at the stipulated time. It may be remembered, when stumps were drawn on Monday evening, Kent had completed an innings for 199 runs and one Lancashire wicket was down for 21. Before Ricketts and Burrows were parted on the following morning 48 runs were recorded for the second wicket. The most prominent batting which followed was that of Coward . . . Umpires, Wardle and Luck . . . Play will be resumed this day at 12 o'clock.

Day 3

This contest terminated at Gravesend yesterday in favour of Kent by five wickets.

19 June: YORKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1694.html)

Day 1 - no report found

Day 2

This match was resumed on the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, yesterday. The weather was most unfavourable, but despite something more than slight showers play was continued throughout the day.

Day 3 - no report found

22 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1695.html)

Final report

After two days' play at Lord's this return match was declared "drawn." Oxford went in first, but were compelled to leave off at 2.30 on Thursday on account of rain. The score then stood at 59 for the loss of seven wickets. The remaining three wickets nearly equalled the score of the preceding seven.

The Marylebone innings was not of long duration. The sixth wicket fell for 35 runs and the tenth for 76. Much of this must be attributed to the bowling of Mr Butler, who in 39 overs and two balls (26 maidens) took eight wickets for 26 runs . . .

The chief feature in the second innings of Oxford was the batting of Mr Tylecote and the Hon G Harris, for, although the light was very bad, they got their runs, with but few exceptions, in good style . . .

26 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1699.html)

Day 1

Without doubt, this inter-University match is nowadays the most important in the Marylebone programme. It dates back 36 years, and has been played at Lord's without any break ever since the year 1851. With every year it seems to increase in popularity. Yesterday proved to be the first great gathering of the present season, as nearly 12,000 persons passed through the newly-arranged portals during the hours of 11 a.m. to 7 o'clock in the evening. The ground had not quite recovered from recent heavy rainfalls, and the ball in consequence travelled slowly. Oxford were the favourites at starting, and continued so throughout the day.

They won the toss, and sent Messrs Townshend and Law to the wickets at 11h 30m. Mr Ward started the bowling from the western wicket. Nothing came of it. Mr Cobden got hit very freely, but Mr Law was caught off him with the score at 21. Mr Ottaway then appeared, and eventually brought on a change of bowling - viz., Mr Bray for Mr Ward. By a mistake in the fielding Mr Townshend was permitted to continue an innings which ought to have closed at 18. He, in conjunction with Mr Ottaway, advanced the score to 53, when the latter was bowled by a puzzling ball. Mr Townshend retired soon after.

Seventy-eight runs were scored in 90 minutes. After this the cricket all round was far from exciting, or by any means up to University standard. The bowlers had to be frequently changed in order to part Messrs Tylecote and Pauncefote. At 160 Mr Tylecote was bowled. Mr Harris, who succeeded him, fell to the first ball. Six wickets, 163. Mr Pauncefote made the best innings of the day by five four hits, four threes, seven twos and six singles. He was caught in the long field by Price, who acted as deputy in the absence of Mr Stedman. From this stage of the innings to the close there was nothing to call for remark, save for the disposing of four wickets in a quarter of an hour; total, 179. Time, 3h 30m . . .

Messrs Tobin and Money began the Cambridge innings at 3h 45m, and a most remarkable one it turned out to be. Mr Tobin was caught at point with his score at five and the total 22 for the first wicket. Mr Fryer led off with a fluky hit for a single, but was bowled by the eighth ball presented to him. Mr Scott was bowled off his leg at 28, for three wickets; at 35 Mr Money, who showed some of his old form in getting 23, was bowled clean. Mr Yardley, once missed at cover point, was caught at short leg; five wickets, 62. Mr Thornton could not get beyond four runs; Mr Cobden was bowled from the first ball presented to him; Mr Bray the fourth, Mr Powys the fifth and Mr Ward the sixth. In other words Mr Butler, who got all the wickets, bowled the last four in six consecutive balls.

Being in a minority of 105 runs at the close of their innings, Cambridge had to follow on. Messrs Stedman and Money commenced the batting. The latter was bowled by Mr Butler in the third over; one wicket, five runs. Mr Tobin came next and played admirably. At 57 Mr Butler gave the ball to Mr Hadow, and in the fifth over of the change he lost his wicket. When time arrived for drawing stumps 64 runs were obtained without further loss . . . Play resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2

Cambridge has suffered this week at Lord's a defeat by eight wickets, an event hardly contemplated by the most sanguine supporters of the dark blue side. Before the commencement of the match Oxford were the favourites at odds, which were largely increased at the close of Monday's play, especially as the chances of Cambridge "pulling off," as they did last year, were very remote.

Messrs Thornton and Stedman, the "not outs" for seven and 22 respectively, recommenced the batting yesterday at 11.35 to the bowling of Messrs Butler and Pelham. Such was the character of the attack, especially from the western wicket, that Mr Stedman's off stump was struck out of the ground a distance of probably ten yards before a run was added to the overnight total. Mr Yardley came and Mr Thornton soon after retired, without adding his usual quota to the score, bowled by a ball that would beat the most expert defender. To save the innings was nearly all that could now be expected. Four wickets, 71 runs.

Mr Fryer was accredited with two runs previous to being finely caught at square leg. Four wickets, 76. Mr Scott joined Mr Yardley. Three byes were run, when Mr Butler made a severe and successful attack upon a wicket, which happened to be Mr Yardley's. Only 79 runs were as yet scored, 27 were still wanted to save the innings, and there were but four persons to get them. Fortunately, Messrs Cobden and Scott played the up-hill game admirably, but the latter was caught at mid-on just as he had warmed up in his work. Mr Bray came next, and two changes of bowling were had recourse to in quick succession, but neither Mr Francis nor Mr Law found the task of getting three wickets a very difficult one. Mr Cobden's, however, remained intact when the tenth man retired. His total of 32 was composed of three fours, seven twos and six singles. Duration of innings for eight wickets, one hour and 20 minutes. Total, 129 . . .

Oxford now required 25 runs in order to win the match. Messrs Law and Townshend commenced the task. Mr Powys bowled the first ball to Mr Townshend, which produced a single. Mr Law followed this up by a cut for three. In the third over Mr Law's wicket fell to Mr Powys; in a subsequent over Mr Townshend got the ball to leg for four; 15 runs were put together when Mr Cobden went on at Mr Bray's end. Mr Ottaway made a cut for four and a single from his first over. In the next over Mr Townshend was clean bowled by Mr Powys. A maiden over ensued. This was followed by one of a different kind, one in which Mr Ottaway brought the innings to a close by two hits.

The ring at once collapsed, and the company, estimated at from 6,000 to 7,000 people, surged towards the pavilion, but there was an absence of that enthusiasm which usually characterizes the closing scene in matches of this description at Lord's Ground. Out of the 37 University matches now played, Oxford have won 17, Cambridge 18, and two were left drawn. Umpires, Wootton and Hearne.

26 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1698.html)

Day 1

In this match, which commenced yesterday at the Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham, the toss was won by Yorkshire, and they completed an innings for 117. To the great astonishment of the spectators, Daft was clean bowled from the first ball received.

Day 2

The subjoined score represents the progress of the above match at Nottingham up to the time of drawing stumps yesterday. As the weather was very fine the Trent-bridge ground had a very large attendance.

Day 3 – no report found

29 June: GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH v PLAYERS OF THE SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1700.html)

Days 1 and 2

At the close of Thursday's business at the Oval the Players had completed an innings for 173 runs, and the Gentlemen had six wickets down for 187. The remaining four on Friday enlarged the total to 323 . . .

The Players commenced their second innings at 3.40. They lost two wickets for 29 runs. Jupp and Charlwood brought up the third wicket to 103, when the latter was caught at short leg. Pooley joined Jupp, and this pair was not parted till the total reached 224 for four wickets. They scored 121 runs in 80 minutes. Lillywhite came and played up to time.

Day 3

Pooley and Lillywhite, the "not outs" for 93 and 18 respectively, resumed the batting at the Oval on Saturday about 11.50. Lillywhite added 17 to his overnight total, and Pooley 32. The latter made the longest score of the match. His chief hits were three fives, nine fours, eight threes and eight twos. He went in third and was ninth out. Willsher, the last man, partnered with T Humphrey, and these two put on exactly 59 runs before a separation could be effected. No less than nine bowlers were tried . . . total, 398.

The Gentlemen required 249 to win. They made, comparatively speaking, a very indifferent start. Three wickets, 52 runs. Mr Thornton came, and with him a great change in the aspect of the game. In 38 minutes he scored 61 runs - viz., by a six hit, which sent the ball over the Pavilion into the racquet court; six fours, half of which were in succession; one three, three twos and singles. Messrs Fryer and Howell also contributed very freely to the amateur total. The latter was caught at mid off. Seven wickets, 211.

Mr Strachan joined Mr Fryer and the match became exciting, as hopes were not unreasonably entertained that the Gentlemen would pull it "out of the fire." But just at this moment Mr Fryer, who had played a superlative innings, lost his leg stump. Eight wickets, 239. Mr Turner's mid stump fell before another run was added, and Mr Absolom appeared as last man. He drove Lillywhite for four to begin with; a single from Mr Strachan followed; then another single from Mr Absolom. Four runs were yet wanting to win, but they were not to be had, for Southerton bowled the last comer clean, and the innings terminated at 6.40 in favour of the Players by four runs . . .

3 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1702.html)

Day 1

The Gentlemen won the toss, and at 12.15 play began with Messrs W G Grace and Hornby at the wickets. At 7 o'clock the score stood thus: . . .
[Gentlemen 193/4.]

Day 2

Lord's Ground yesterday was a melancholy aspect, on account of drenching showers, and play was, in fact, carried on at times with difficulty. Rain fell, indeed, so heavily at 6.20 that it was deemed prudent to draw stumps.

Day 3

After a contest of three days' duration, the most important match in the Marylebone programme ended yesterday in a draw. Umpires, Grundy and Biddulph.

6 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1703.html)

Day 1

The 14th annual match between the above at the Oval began yesterday at 12.25. The Gentlemen won the toss and went in. Five wickets were lost in two hours for 77 runs. Mr Grace was three-quarters of an hour in getting five of them. But the prominent features of the day were the batting of Messrs Hadow and Walker and the bowling of A Shaw.

Day 2

At the close of Thursday's play in this match at the Oval seven Gentlemen were out for 258 runs. The remaining four retired yesterday for 41, thus making a total of 299 . . .

At 2 o'clock the Players began their innings. They lost five wickets in 10 minutes for 33 runs. Pooley and Carpenter brought up the score to 68. Lillywhite came and the fielding went off so surprisingly that the sixth wicket realized 130. In Carpenter's not out innings of 72 three chances were given. The tenth wicket fell at 5.40 with a total of 182 . . . As the Players were 117 in arrear they had to follow on.

Day 3

At this match at the Oval approached its close the most lively interest was manifest. Play was resumed on Saturday at 12.10 with the Players at the wickets, the second of which fell for 134 runs. The fourth added 16. The most conspicuous and successful batting of the innings was that of Jupp and Daft, the latter "not out" at 4.40, when the tenth man retired. Total, 260. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

The Gentlemen required 144 runs to win, and at 5.10 Messrs W G Grace and Walker went in. The latter retired with the score at 46, stumped off a slow. Mr Green then appeared, and the hitting at both ends was so rapid that in the course of the first hour of the innings 90 runs were placed on the telegraph. Mr Grace, soon after the accomplishment of this number, towards which he contributed liberally, was caught at mid on. Mr Hornby joined Mr Green, but he received one ball only, and Mr Tylecote scored but six, when he was badly run out. Four wickets, 103.

As it was resolved to draw stumps at 7 o'clock precisely, and there were only 27 minutes to acquire upwards of 40 runs, the excitement increased with every over, maiden or otherwise. Mr Pauncefote made one big hit, but was soon after caught by J C Shaw off his own ball. At 123 Mr G F Grace became the partner of Mr Green, who gave promise of making speedily the last necessary hit, as, indeed, he did within five minutes of the prescribed time, and thus this annual match of three days' duration was won by the Gentlemen with five minutes to spare . . . Umpires, H H Stephenson and Mortlock.

17 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1706.html)

Day 1

Yesterday the above match was commenced at Lord's soon after 12 o'clock. Marylebone having won the toss sent Messrs Grace and Dale to the wickets. Both scored so fully from Mr Lipscomb and Willsher that at 43 Mr Thornton went on at Willsher's end and at 59 Bennett relieved Mr Lipscomb. The first wicket realized 92 runs . . . tenth, 183. Mr Lipscomb got nine wickets out of the ten. Time 4h 15m.

Kent stayed in just two hours, and as they scored but 77 runs meantime they had to "follow on." 15 runs were added without loss of wicket at 7 o'clock, when play for the day ceased.

Day 2

When stumps were drawn at Lord's on Monday evening, each side had completed an innings. Mr Thornton and Remnant, the "not outs" in Kent's second innings for 13 and 3 respectively, recommenced batting shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday. The wickets fell fast. Messrs Thornton, Hilton and Kelson were the only batsmen who evinced any form. The latter made to good hits (leg and on-drive) for five each. Half the wickets realized but 51 runs, and the remainder brought up the total to 97. Three bowlers were engaged . . . It will be seen from the full score annexed that Kent were beaten by an innings and nine runs.

20 July: SURREY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1710.html)

Day 1

This return match commenced yesterday at the Oval, and at the close of the day 335 runs were scored for eight wickets.

Day 2

It may be remembered that Surrey lost eight wickets on Thursday evening for 335 runs. Yesterday Pooley, the "not out" for 82, was joined by Marten. The latter soon gave way to Farrands, and Street appeared as last man. At 1.35 the innings closed for 352. Pooley, although suffering from a damaged hand, made the longest score of his side, without giving a chance. The bowling was unusually diversified . . .

Marylebone began well; 159 runs were scored for three wickets, but the next three added 47. Mr Grace was caught with the total at 218 for seven wickets. His batting occupied three hours and a half, and produced 146 runs. The eighth, ninth and tenth wickets fell with the total at 248 shortly before 6 o'clock . . . In the second innings of Marylebone Mr Thornton made 33 runs in 17 minutes.

Day 3

929 runs were scored in this match, which Surrey eventually won by one wicket. The third and concluding day's play, on Saturday, began soon after 12, with Messrs Dale and Wilkinson the "not outs." The Oval was very fully attended during the three days of the match.

24 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1711.html)

Day 1

The progress of this match at Lord's yesterday was much retarded in consequence of heavy showers. Play commenced at 12.15 with H Phillips and Humphreys at the wicket. Marylebone charged Shaw and Farrands with the early bowling. At 48 Mr Grace relieved the latter, and at 95 Mr Brune commenced a few overs at Shaw's end. Charlwood made by far the best score for Sussex. In his total were one drive forward for four, five threes (chiefly cuts), six twos &c; Reed also played with spirit and judgment.

At 4 o'clock Messrs Grace and Wilkinson began the Marylebone batting; 40 runs were got together in 20 minutes. At 81 Mr Wilkinson was bowled, and in the next over Mr Grace was adroitly stumped by Phillips. The third wicket (Mr Brune's) fell for 101 . . . Price was bowled from the first ball delivered to him, but Messrs Sutton and Udall gave Sussex a great deal of trouble. Mr Renshaw had but one ball - caught at point. At 7 o'clock precisely Farrands was bowled by a slow, and the innings closed for 201 . . . The wicket-keeping on both sides was unusually good.

Day 2

At the close of Monday's play in this match at Lord's each side had completed an innings. Sussex re-commenced their batting yesterday at five minutes past 12 o'clock with Phillips and Humphreys - in fact, the same order of going in was observed throughout the second innings as on the first. Farrands and Shaw were the bowlers at starting.

The first wicket (Humphreys') fell for eight runs. Mr Mare joined Phillips and opened his score by a hit from Farrands to leg. In the next three consecutive overs from the same bowler's wicket, Phillips and Lillywhite were got rid of, both at point, and Charlwood at mid-on. Four wickets, 24 runs. At 29 Mr Mare ran himself out, and at 33 Mr Reed was caught by Farrands off his own ball. Davy played the up-hill game admirably. The first change of bowling occurred at 92, when Mr Brune tried a few overs with so much success that the innings was soon brought to a conclusion for 102 runs . . .

Marylebone now required 32 runs to win. Mr Bisset and Price were sent in to get them. A long and lofty hit from Mr Bisset's first ball resulted in a well-judged catch. Mr Udall came and was soon caught at mid-off. Smith then joined Price, and the winning figures were soon obtained, with eight wickets to spare.

24 July: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1712.html)

Day 1

The fifth match of the Kent county programme commenced yesterday at the Oval. Surrey won the toss and went to the wickets forthwith. On this occasion Mr Hoare made his first appearance in public, and obtained the largest score of his side – nearly one-fourth of the total . . .

Kent scored rapidly; 100 runs were effected in 80 minutes. Mr Harris batted in capital style and was not out at 7 o'clock, when play for the day ceased.

Day 2

Yesterday, the above match at the Oval was resumed within a few minutes of the stipulated time by Messrs Harris and Hilton, the "not outs" for 37 and 13 respectively. Street and Marten were the bowlers at the outset. The hitting was of a very free and effective character; thus in 45 minutes 81 runs resulted from 27 overs. Mr Hilton, however, gave three fair chances to the field during his innings of 74. His chief hits were two on drives for five, three fours and five threes. The seventh wicket fell for 230 . . . tenth 254.

Surrey were 109 behind. They lost three wickets for 15 runs, and five for 48, including Mr Hoare, who again played a masterly innings, so far as it proceeded. Messrs Gregory and Hanbury brought up the sixth wicket to 71, when the latter was stumped. Carter supported Mr Gregory admirably. The innings closed for 117. Pooley was unable to play. Kent required but nine runs to win, and this number was obtained without loss of wicket.

27 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1713.html)

Final report

The above match commenced at Trent Bridge Ground on Thursday; Notts won the toss and went to the wickets forthwith. The innings lasted four hours for 168 runs. Daft's batting and Southerton's bowling excited a large share of attention. It will be seen from the score that the former was not out and the latter took eight wickets out of the ten. At the close of the day two Surrey wickets were down for 19 runs.

Yesterday play was resumed at 12.15, and in little more than an hour after the innings closed for 48 runs. Being in a minority of 190, Surrey had to follow on. Jupp got nearly half the total obtained in the second innings, which was very barren of interest. The character of the Notts fielding may be to some extent arrived at from the fact that no "extra" occurred in each innings of Surrey. Eventually this match was declared in favour of Notts by an innings and 57 runs.

31 July: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1714.html)

Day 1

The above match, promoted for the benefit of Stephenson, a Surrey professional of twenty years' standing, commenced at the Oval yesterday. From recent heavy rains the ground played slow. The South won the toss and sent Mr W G Grace and Jupp to the wickets.

Day 2

At the close of an innings each yesterday, at the Oval, there was a difference of 19 runs in favour of the South. Mr W G Grace commenced his second innings at 20 minutes to 5 o'clock, and was not out when stumps were drawn. Six bowlers were brought against him, but without effect.

Day 3

The third day's play in this match at the Oval began yesterday at ten minutes past 12 o'clock. Mr W G Grace, one of the "not outs," was not disposed of till the South score reached 426, towards which he contributed 268 in six hours. This is the largest score ever made by Mr Grace. It consisted of three fives, 28 fours, 15 threes, 15 twos and 65 singles.

The chief features of the second innings of the North were the brilliant batting of Lockwood and the rapid manner in which Smith got his runs. Four wickets only were lost at 7 o'clock, when the match was declared drawn.

7 August: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1717.html)

Day 1

Yesterday the business of this memorable week commenced with a match entitled "North v South," and although it was pronounced to be a "return" to that played at Lord's on the 29th of May last, it differed materially in respect to the sides chosen to take part in it. Never was a first day's attendance at the St Lawrence ground so large. The weather was all that could be desired, and no difficulty stood in the way of pitching good and true wickets. Play began late in consequence of several important players not presenting themselves at the stipulated time.

South won the toss, and sent in Messrs G F Grace and Thornton. The bowler selected to start was J C Shaw, from the city end. Carpenter stationed himself at point, Lockwood longstop, Mr Mitchell mid-off and Mr Dale long field. Farrands at first took slip and A Shaw cover point.

At starting the hitting was slow, but in the sixth over Mr Thornton, disdaining small figures, adopted his old "form," and in less than 20 minutes 40 runs were telegraphed. Mr Grace could not keep pace with his partner, and Mr Hadow was bowled from the second ball received. Pooley came, and at 69 Mr Thornton made a daring attempt to meet Farrands halfway, but missing the ball fell easily to Biddulph. His hits were eight fours, one three, four twos &c.

Mr W G Grace next appeared, and very soon added upwards of 30. At 106 J C Shaw returned to his wicket, and Mr Grace was stumped off him. Jupp received but two balls and contributed nothing; five wickets, 119. Mr Lubbock met with a fate still worse. Pooley was well "set" when Mr I D walker joined him. Before these batsmen could be parted the bowling underwent several changes, and for a full hour the play lapsed into tediousness.

At length Mr Rose, generally speaking an effective change, went on at Shaw's end, and he speedily got four wickets; thus, from his first ball Mr Walker's off stump fell, and from the third Pooley was caught. The innings appeared now to be virtually ended, but Lillywhite made a stand and brought out his bat. The innings of Pooley was a very fine one; it contained 13 fours, three threes, five two's and singles. At 5 o'clock the tenth wicket fell for just 250 runs . . .

The innings of the North commenced auspiciously, notwithstanding the remarkable bowling of Willsher. He bowled 18 maiden overs in succession; but Southerton got hit, as 40 runs were made off 16 overs. The first and only wicket (Lockwood's) fell for 91 runs. Five bowlers were engaged before the day's play ceased . . .

Day 2

When Monday's play ceased, only a small portion of the "North v South" match had been got through - that is, a complete innings of the latter for 250 runs, and one wicket of the former was down for 110 runs. Mr Dale, one of the "not outs" for 52, and Smith, for 4, recommenced batting yesterday at 11.25 a.m. Willsher and Southerton had charge of the early bowling.

The score moved briskly forward till it reached 129, when Smith was caught at long leg. Carpenter joined Mr Dale, and from Southerton's third ball he fell a victim to Jupp, who officiated for Pooley as wicket keeper. Mr Mitchell next appeared, and at 143 Mr Dale's innings was brought to a close by Willsher, who caught him off his own ball. Among the hits of the retiring batsman, who effected the largest score on the Northern side, were 10 fours (chiefly cuts and drives), one three, three twos &c. M'Intyre at the outset appeared cautious, but Mr Mitchell cut both bowlers right and left, until dismissed by Jupp for getting outside the limits of the popping crease - five wickets, 169.

Mr Rose, who played such an important part in Monday's bowling, contributed materially in raising the sixth wicket to 181. He ultimately ran himself out in a way not expected from so practised a player. The remaining portion of the innings claims but little comment, and at 1.20 it was concluded, with a difference of 47 runs in favour of the South. Some idea of the bowling and its changes may be arrived at from the analysis . . .

Mr W G Grace and Jupp recommenced the South batting at 1.35, with Mr Rose and M'Intyre against them as bowlers. From the 21st ball Jupp was caught by Mr Rose for a very diminutive contribution. Mr Hadow had a narrow escape when he had scored but a single. The let off permitted him to get together fifteen, after which Mr Rose again succeeded in making a catch from his own ball. Mr Lubbock's star was not in the ascendant on Tuesday any more than on the day preceding - caught from the third ball received, a beautiful piece of left-handed fielding by Carpenter. Three wickets, 47 runs. Pooley was also similarly caught before he had time to reach double figures.

The innings of Mr W G Grace, or rather the termination, was accompanied with signs of dissatisfaction at the decree of the umpire. His chief hits were two fours, six twos &c. Mr Thornton began as usual, that is, vigorously, but his total of 26 would have been stooped half way had Mr Mitchell, at long field on, handled the ball instead of dandling and dropping it. Mr Thornton's career was arrested at point, notwithstanding some over-anxiety and consequent danger attending two or three persons contending for the post, which, generally speaking, can only be properly discharged by one . . .

The second innings of the North commenced with Mr Dale and Lockwood, and its order of the previous day was followed out to the discontinuance of yesterday's play. The wickets fell with unexpected rapidity - Lockwood caught at point with the total at 14, Smith left at 29, Mr Dale at 41 and Mr Mitchell at 54. Only two were added when M'Intyre was caught at point, and with no advance Mr Rose was bowled. A catch at point dismissed A Shaw with the total at 60 when stumps were drawn.

The attendance was unusually large, but considerable danger was apprehended from the groups of practice hitters while the ground was promenaded by visitors during the usual time appropriated for refreshment. Umpires, Royston and Fryer.

Day 3

The three outstanding wickets belong to the "North v South" match were disposed of yesterday in 28 minutes, and 30 runs were added to the Tuesday evening total. The South obtained 393 runs in their double innings, and

the North 293, or just 100 runs less than their opponents. Fresh wickets were soon pitched, and the second match in the programme was at once proceeded with, viz.: —

9 August: KENT v GENTLEMEN OF M.C.C.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1718.html)

Day 1

Kent won the toss and sent in Messrs A Lubbock and Penn, against the bowling of Messrs Rose and W G Grace. Six runs resulted from the first over and nine from the second. Mr Dale then relieved Mr Rose, and from the second ball of the change Mr Lubbock's wicket fell. Mr Thornton began with a single; he afterwards sent Mr Grace to the on for four, then to square leg for four. The hitting at both wickets was very productive, one over alone yielded 13 runs.

When 61 runs were got together Mr Rose resumed bowling, and Mr Thornton's wicket fell. Mr Kelson was also clean bowled when ten runs were added. Mr E Lubbock was caught at mid on and Mr Hilton at mid off; the catches in each case from Mr Grace's bowling. Five wickets, 89. At 110 Mr Penn, after playing an excellent innings, was stumped off a slow. Mr Morris, missed at point by Mr Hadow, was caught in the following over. Seven wickets, 114. Lord Clifton received five balls and scored a single. With the total 118 Mr Sutherland was caught at short slip and Mr Willsher at mid on. The innings closed at 3.52.

Messrs W G Grace and Dale commenced the Marylebone innings at 4.15, their opponents being Mr Lipscomb and Willsher. When Mr Dale had obtained 20 Willsher missed him off his own ball. Several changes of bowling were then resorted to, but no separation could be effected until the score reached 107, when he was caught at wicket. Hr Hadow then became the partner of Mr Grace, and continued so to bat till he had scored 29, when he was stumped just previous to the appointed time for discontinuing the day's play.

Day 2

The 10th of August is remarkable in the annals of Canterbury as being St Lawrence Day, but it happened yesterday to be more noteworthy than usual as coinciding with "the Ladies' Day" on the St Lawrence-ground. Such a gay and brilliant scene was never before presented at Canterbury, and but rarely elsewhere. The heat was very great, but it was tempered by a breeze which swept across the ground during the seven hours occupied in play.

Mr W G Grace, the not out for 97 on Wednesday evening, was joined by Mr Akroyd when yesterday's batting commenced. The latter only survived six overs. Three wickets, 199. Mr I D Walker next appeared, and entered upon a long, successful and masterly innings. The score advanced to 219 when Mr Grace was caught at point for a score of 117 which included 17 fours, three threes and eight twos. The largest hits were not, however, the most valuable ones, if viewed apart from the rewards attached to them. Mr Mitchell received but two balls – caught at point. Mr Tennent produced but one sensational hit, and that was fatal to him – caught at mid off. Six wickets, 239.

Mr Cobden made a cut for four, before Mr Lipscomb completely riddled his wicket. Mr Turner came and with him a rapid enlargement of the score. Mr E Lubbock relieved Mr Lipscomb, and in the subsequent over Willsher gave place to Mr Sutherland. From the third ball of the change, Mr Turner's mid stump fell. Then came Mr Tritton, who made no stay – bowled by Mr A

Lubbock's first ball. The next helpmate sent to Mr Walker was Mr Ponsonby. Here, again, the stay was a very brief one. The eleventh wicket (Mr Walker's) fell at 3.40 with a total of 317. The bowling underwent a much greater variety of change than has been as yet referred to . . .

Kent, with 197 in arrear, commenced their second innings at 4 o'clock, with Messrs Lubbock and Penn opposed to Messrs Grace and Rose as bowlers. The first wicket (Mr Penn's) fell for five runs and the second (Mr A Lubbock's) for 15. Messrs Kelson and E Lubbock made a stand. The former hit hard and rapidly, and assisted materially in bringing up the third wicket to 53, when he was beaten by a simple ball. Mr Thornton made one six, three fours and a single from six balls. Mr Hilton's stay was long but not very productive. Mr E Lubbock was caught by the bowler with the score at 131, after a spirited and well-played innings.

The remaining portion of the play may be briefly dismissed. Seventh wicket, 145 . . . eleventh, 150. Time, 6 hours 20 minutes . . . Marylebone won by an innings and 47 runs.

14 August: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1720.html)

Day 1

A very important match under this designation commenced yesterday at Brighton. Both sides contained first-class players. The weather was severely searching, seeing that the ground, unlike that at Canterbury, has neither sheltering nooks nor trees. A large company attended the match.

The Gentlemen commenced their batting with Messrs W G Grace and Dale, and, to the astonishment of everybody, J C Shaw got Mr Grace's wicket from the first ball delivered. Mr Mitchell played a really fine innings of 50 runs; so also did Mr Walker, of 37. Shaw was in rare form throughout and bowled seven wickets clean. The tenth wicket fell for 159.

The Players began indifferently. They lost five wickets for 49 runs, but when Charlwood and Carpenter got well set, the score travelled rapidly. At the close of the day 132 runs were obtained in the manner set forth by the accompanying score: . . .

Day 2

Judging from the play of yesterday this match promises extraordinary results. When stumps were drawn on Monday, the Gentlemen had completed an innings for 159 runs, and five wickets on the other side were down for 122. Carpenter, one of the "not outs," added 28 to the first day's total, and Charlwood a single. It occupied an hour and three-quarters in getting the five wickets. Total, 192.

Mr W G Grace proved very effective in the bowling department. He secured five wickets from 46 overs (17 maiden) for 72 runs. Mr Appleby was still more successful - viz., four wickets from 54 overs (35 maiden), 53 runs. Messrs G F Grace, Strachan and Thornton tried a few overs, but without success.

Mr W G Grace and Dale commenced the second innings of the Gentlemen at 2.30. Mr Dale was clean bowled by Shaw, with the total at 35, towards which he contributed but eight. Mr G F Grace then joined his brother, and in two hours and a half they put on 240 runs. It ought to be mentioned that Mr W G Grace gave a chance to Daft at mid on when he had made but 26. Mr Mitchell played superbly.

The attendance was much larger than is usually seen on the Sussex County Ground. As the match at present stands it is doubtful whether there will be sufficient time to-day to play it out. Under any circumstances, it cannot fail to be interesting.

Day 3

In this extraordinary match, which commenced on Monday at Brighton for the benefit of John Lillywhite, no less than 994 runs were scored up to yesterday evening, when the second innings of the Players was only half completed, and the match of necessity declared drawn. It may be remembered

that at the close of Tuesday's play that Mr W G Grace was "not out" for 200 runs, and Mr Mitchell also not out for 37.

The latter added nothing on Wednesday to his overnight score, but Mr Grace put on 17 previous to being caught by the wicket-keeper at short-leg. Among his hits were one drive for six, 31 fours, four threes, 14 twos &c. He was at the wickets four hours and a half. Messrs A Lubbock and Strachan batted remarkably well and gave no chances. The free style usually adopted by Mr Thornton served his purpose well on this occasion. He scored 34 runs from eight hits. It ought, however, to be mentioned that Phillips missed stumping him at a very early stage of his batting career. The innings closed at 3h 15m for 496 runs; duration, six hours and a quarter.

The Players entered on their second innings at 3h 30m, and they lost four wickets for 67 runs. Carpenter and Hayward then made a stand and brought up the fifth wicket to 135, when Carpenter misjudged a run and had to retire in consequence. Lillywhite joined Hayward and played up to time, when, as before observed, the match was left drawn.

21 August: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1724.html)

Day 1

The return match between the above counties commenced yesterday at the Oval. The choice of innings fell to the lot of Surrey, and they sent Jupp and R Humphrey to the wickets. During the first half hour the batsmen showed a bold front to the severely sharp attacks of Emmett and Hill, who were not taken off throughout the innings. 34 runs were scored for the first wicket. The defensive powers of Surrey soon after sensibly declined, for the fifth wicket realized but 72. Mr Gregory made a determined stand, and every run he obtained was hard-earned. On his retirement 89 were recorded for nine wickets. Southerton and Marten put on 22, and the innings closed for 111 runs.

Yorkshire began their batting with Greenwood and A Smith. The first two wickets fell for 14 runs and the third for 19. Lockwood, in trying to make capital out of a bye, was out-generalled by Jupp, fielding long stop, who threw the ball with such a sure aim that Pooley made way for its passage to the wicket. Between Iddison and Rowbotham the score moved on apace; the latter was, however, checked by a very difficult ball to play. Six wickets were down for 53 runs. Hill pulled up well and assisted materially towards the 95 claimed for the ninth wicket. At 5.15 the Yorkshire innings closed for 100.

At the close of the day's play Surrey had lost five wickets for 46 runs. It must, however, be confessed that the second innings of Surrey was played under the disadvantages attendant upon a bad light.

Day 2

Play in this match at the Oval was resumed yesterday soon after 12 o'clock. R Humphrey, the "not out" for 21, had Mr Game for his fifth companion. Two balls were wanting to complete the over when Monday's play ceased. These Mr Game received without turning them to account. Great expectations were formed of this gentleman from recent large scores made by him in the provinces. It was soon seen, however, that such an aggressive team as that of Yorkshire required a skill and experience far beyond Mr Game's. In the fourth over he was clean bowled.

Anstead next appeared, made a cut for two and retired, caught at wicket. Only 63 runs were as yet totalled, and seven men out. Southerton joined Humphrey; a hit to leg for four was accredited to Southerton, and in the following over Humphrey's wicket fell. He went in first and came out eighth, with the largest individual score obtained during both innings. His hits were one five (off drive), three fours, two threes, two twos &c. Freeman came and Southerton retired, evidently posed by a ball that shook his frail wicket to pieces. Marten, the last man, survived one over and scored one run.

The innings closed for 72 runs . . . Hill six wickets, all clean bowled . . . The peculiarity of the latter's bowling and its destructive results lie in the deceptive break which accompanies three balls out of four, and over which the bowler possesses extraordinary control.

At 1.30 Yorkshire sent in Greenwood and Rowbotham to get 84 runs. This number was obtained in 57 minutes without loss of a wicket, and Yorkshire were accordingly proclaimed winners of the "return" match by ten wickets.

21 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1723.html)

Day 1

A match was played on the 3rd inst. at Clifton, in which neither of these counties was enabled to claim a victory. The "return" came off yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, and, as the weather proved to be fine, a large number of persons were attracted to the scene of action. Notts won the toss and sent Bignall and Wild to the wickets. Messrs E M Grace and Miles were appointed to the early bowling, and in the twelfth over Wild was finely thrown out by a substitute at mid-off, with the total at 14.

Mr Royle then joined Mr Bignall, and so well did both play that no less than six bowlers were tried before a parting could be effected; 120 runs were obtained in an hour and a half. When Daft joined Bignall the scoring became slower, but the runs were well got notwithstanding. At 176 Bignall was caught at long leg. Daft had been at the wickets for three hours and a half when time was called. Bignall's score of 96 was composed of nine fours, six threes, nine twos and singles; but he ought to have been caught at wicket before he had scored a fortieth part of this number. Play will be resumed to-day at 11.30.

Day 2

At the close of Monday's play 256 runs were recorded by Notts for five wickets. Daft, one of the "not outs," added 32 yesterday to his overnight score, and Mr Tolley 40. The innings occupied six hours and a half for a total of 364.

Gloucestershire commenced their batting at 2.50 with Messrs Matthews and E M Grace. The wickets fell with unexpected rapidity - in fact, the only stand worth mentioning was that of the Messrs W G and G F Grace. The whole eleven of Gloucestershire were disposed of in three hours for 147 runs . . . Gloucestershire, being in a minority of 217, had to follow on. When play for the day was discontinued, one wicket of the second innings was down . . .

Day 3

The third day's play in this match was resumed in 12 o'clock yesterday. It may be remembered that one wicket of the second innings of Gloucestershire was down for four runs when stumps were drawn on Tuesday evening.

A similar run of ill luck befell them during the first hands of yesterday, for they lost four wickets at an average of ten runs to each. Messrs W G Grace and Townsend then got well set, and brought up the total to 101 at luncheon time. Mr Townsend eventually fell to a trimming ball delivered by Wild; six wickets, 150. Mr Grace kept the ball away for fully three hours. He went in with the total at 19 for three wickets, and left it at 182 for eight wickets. His chief hits were ten fours, 12 threes and 12 twos. Messrs Bush and Pontifex added 30, when the former played "on," and the innings terminated at 5h 15m for 217, leaving Notts a run to get - a task easily accomplished . . .

24 August: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1725.html)

Day 1

The return match between these counties commenced yesterday on the St Lawrence ground, Canterbury. Fourteen years have elapsed since a similar meeting occurred. Play began late, in a great measure owing to non-arrivals. A very strong wind blew across the ground all day. It tore one of the tents from its moorings, and at one time threatened serious damage to other erections of a like character.

At 1 o'clock Street bowled the first ball to Willis, who ran himself out from it. Mr Penn joined Mr White, and before these Kentish batsmen could be separated 36 runs were totalled, when the latter retired, caught mid-on. After this the scoring increased in its rapidity until Mr Thornton was disposed of. The slow bowling and the wind just suited Mr Thornton; he got 16 runs all in the same direction from one over.

No change of bowling was attempted till 140 were obtained for four wickets. Street then went on at Southerton's end, and his third ball got rid of a very free hitter. Messrs Morris and Crawford played well for their respective scores, and in fact the chances throughout the innings were singularly few . . .

At 5 o'clock Surrey began their innings with Jupp and R Humphrey, and at the close of the day's play two wickets were lost for 49 runs. Umpires, Griffiths and Shaw.

Day 2

Play in this match at Canterbury was resumed yesterday at 11.45, and as the weather was more favourable than on Thursday the attendance was larger. T Humphrey, not out for 15, added 19 to his overnight score, Pooley only one. The fourth wicket fell for 71, the fifth and sixth for 88. Mr Gregory and Carter brought up the seventh to 101. On the retirement of the latter Southerton came. Several changes in the bowling were tried. With the fall of Southerton's wicket to an underhand slow the telegraph announced 151 for eight wickets. The innings closed at 2.15.

The second innings of Kent began with Mr White and Willis, who were together two hours and scored upwards of 100 runs. Mr Thornton was not out with a large score when stumps were drawn. Play resumed this day at 12 o'clock.

Day 3

The chief points of interest connected with this three-day match at Canterbury may be compressed into a small space. At the close of Thursday's play Kent had completed their first innings for 178 runs, and two Surrey wickets had fallen for 49. For a county match the attendance was very thin; attributed in some measure to the tempestuous character of the weather.

At a quarter past 2 on Friday the tenth Surrey wicket fell for 187 runs, or nine in advance of the other side. The closeness of the first results imparted fresh vigour to the whole proceedings. The remainder of the day was occupied in disposing of three Kent wickets . . . Mr Thornton, one of the not outs, obtained 30 runs from three successive overs, and 64 in all, when stumps were drawn. Mr Morris 12. Total 203.

Saturday's play commenced somewhat earlier than usual, with the hope of bringing the match to a definite issue, but from the free style of batting adopted on both sides the object was frustrated. Mr Thornton added 47 to his overnight score. During his long innings he got 18 fours, one three, 14 twos &c. Fifth wicket, 270; sixth (Mr Hodgson), 284; seventh (Mr Crawford) 298; eighth (Willsher), 329; tenth (Mr Lipscomb) 336. Time 1h 30m.

R Humphrey and Jupp again started the batting for Surrey, opposed to Mr Thornton and Willsher. Seventy-nine runs were scored before Jupp was parted from Humphrey. The second wicket reached 83. Pooley came, and by four fours (chiefly cuts), four threes &c., soon put together 35. Messrs Gregory and Game were the only remaining batsmen who reached double figures. At 6 o'clock stumps were drawn, and the match was, in consequence, left undecided. The double innings of Kent realized 514 runs; Surrey, 462, with Humphrey well in and three other wickets to fall.

28 August: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1726.html)

Day 1

Five weeks since a match between the above counties was played at Brighton, which Sussex won easily. The "return" commenced yesterday at the Oval. Mr Mare and Humphrey were first at the wickets. Mr Bray and Marten bowled the first 12 overs for 15 runs and one wicket. Dean made a single and retired.

Charlwood then joined Humphreys, and before they could be parted 100 runs were registered on the score sheet. Several changes of bowling were had recourse to: thus, at 44 Street went on at Mr Bray's end (the Pavilion), and at 65 Mr Hearsam at Marten's. At 96 Marten went over to the Pavilion wicket, and at 108 Mr Bray resumed. From the fourth ball of the last change Humphreys was caught between mid-on and short-leg. In the fifth subsequent over Charlwood was caught in precisely the same position of the field by the same fielder. These two batsmen were together at the wickets for upwards of an hour and a half, during which time Humphreys scored 23 and Charlwood 82. The chief hits of the latter were one five, seven fours, six threes &c. Four wickets, 124. After this only one score of consequence resulted.

At 4.25 Jupp and R Humphrey commenced the Surrey batting. In Southerton's fifth over Humphrey was clean bowled. T Humphrey came, scored two singles and retired. Pooley next appeared, and at 33 Jupp was well thrown out by Dean. The stay of Mr Gregory was unexpectedly brief. Pooley left with the total at 37, and Mr Bray at 39. Stephenson and Mr Hearsam made a stand and brought up the score to 57, when the latter was bowled by a very seductive slow. Stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock . . .

Day 2

With this county the London season may be regarded as wound up. At the close of Monday's play Sussex had completed an innings, while only seven wickets of the other side were taken. The remaining three, however, fell in quick succession yesterday. Mr Hanbury was caught at wicket in the seventh over of the morning. Marten survived the eighth, but was clean bowled from the first ball delivered immediately after by Southerton, and Street from the next. Stephenson brought out his bat for a dozen singles - total, 63, the smallest number on record during the Oval season. Time, 12.10.

As Surrey were in a minority of 102 runs they had to follow on. This mortifying task was commenced with lingering steps and slow. At length Jupp and R Humphrey were seen at the wickets. Twenty-two runs resulted from the first half-hour's play, including a wicket, got from a catch by Mr Mare at short leg. T Humphrey then joined Jupp; the new comer began with a single and followed it up with a drive for five. A very simple ball bowled him soon after.

Pooley pushed the score up to 49. in the second subsequent over he was finely caught at long on. Stephenson in conjunction with Jupp advanced the score to 85 when Stephenson was presented with a slow which beat him. The most lively batting of the innings was that displayed by Mr Hearsam. He made a hit for six, and this wiped out the arrears. He got together 24

runs against his partner's two. Jupp played a very slow game throughout; for instance, two hours and a half for 26 runs. The seventh wicket realized 127 . . tenth, 136.

Sussex required 34 to win. This number cost one wicket, as will be seen from the full score attached: . . .

28 August: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1727.html)

Day 1

This return match was commenced on the Bramall-lane ground, Sheffield, yesterday. There was a very large attendance.

Day 2 - scorecard but no report.

Day 3

Play in this match was resumed on the Bramall-lane ground, Sheffield, yesterday, in the presence of a large number of spectators. On the previous evening Yorkshire's score in the second innings stood at 106 for seven wickets, the "not outs," West and Emmett, having contributed 11 and 9 respectively. After some very fine play Yorkshire was disposed of for 199, thus leaving Notts 218 to get to win.

In their efforts to get this number they were particularly unfortunate, as nine of their wickets fell for 55 runs in one hour and 40 minutes. The two last men, Farrands and J C Shaw, made a good stand and ran the score up to 77, when the latter was clean bowled by Emmett . . .

21 September: KENT v MR W G GRACE'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1728.html)

(Reported in The Times as Kent v Gloucestershire)

Day 1

This the last great match of the season commenced yesterday at Mote-park, Maidstone. As it was the first appearance of the Brothers Grace in Mid-Kent, a large company was attracted to the spot. Kent went in first and completed their innings shortly before 4 o'clock for 157 runs . . .

Gloucestershire lost their first and second wickets for 40 runs . . sixth, 79. At this stage of the game, play for the day was discontinued.

Days 2 and 3 - no reports found